

AT YOUR SERVICE

GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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Holiday trash/recycling schedule

City of Greensboro offices, buildings and facilities will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, in observance of Thanksgiving. Also, there will be no trash or recycling collection on that Thursday. Instead, Thursday's collection will take place on Wednesday, November 25. Friday's collection remains the same. Questions? Call the City's Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).

Fall Pottery Festival

Experience the richness of local pottery when the Greensboro Farmers' Curb Market hosts its annual Fall Pottery Festival on Sunday, October 25, from 11 am to 5 pm at the Market, 501 Yanceyville St. More than local 70 potters will exhibit their unique work. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 373-2402.

Housing Forum on RUCO Law

Did you know landlords and tenants can be fined under the new Rental Unit Certificate of Occupancy (RUCO) ordinance, which requires all residential rental property in Greensboro—occupied and vacant—to be inspected prior to leasing? To learn more information about your rights and responsibilities under the RUCO law, join local housing experts on Thursday, November 12, from 6-8 pm at the Trotter Recreation Center, 3906 Betula St.

November City Council Meetings

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesday, November 10 and 17, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St. Council meetings are open to the public and aired live on Channel 13 and online at greensboro-nc.gov. *Note: Thirty minutes are allotted for speakers on the floor at the beginning of the meeting and as time allows at the end.*

New City Manager On Board



Rashad Young has been appointed City Manager for the City of Greensboro. He assumes his duties on October 16.

Young, who most recently served as City Manager of the City of Dayton, Ohio, brings more than 10 years experience working in local government to his new role. Previous work experience includes several executive positions for the City of Dayton including Assistant City Manager, Director of Human Resources and Deputy Director of Information and Technology Services. He also served as Assistant City Manager of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio.

"I consider it an honor and I look forward to immersing myself and my family in this community," said Young. "I want residents to know they'll see a lot of me and that their City Manager is working hard for them."

Young's annual base salary will be \$179,500.

Bob Morgan, who has been Interim City Manager for the past several months, will return to his post as Deputy City Manager.

Flood Insurance

Did you know flood damage is not covered by standard property or renters' insurance? It must be purchased separately. While it may be tempting to skip the extra insurance to save money, there are several reasons why you should get and keep flood insurance including:

- Flooding is the #1 natural disaster.
- Disaster assistance is typically a loan you must repay with interest.
- Twenty-five percent of flood claims are filed by people living in low-to-moderate risk areas. Call 373-2055 to find out if your home is located in a flood area. Learn more at floodsmart.gov.

Know Your District

The 2009 Municipal Election will be held November 3. As a reminder, Greensboro City Council districts were changed in 2008. See which district you live in by visiting greensboro-nc.gov or calling 373-CITY (2489).

Housing Boards Seek New Members

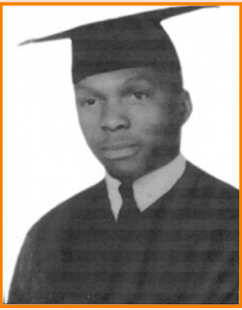
Applications are now being accepted for membership on the Greensboro Historic Preservation Commission and the Design Review Committee. Interested applicants should fill out an interest form and mail it, along with a resume or bio, to the City Clerk's Office, PO Box 3136, Greensboro, NC 27402-3136. The form can be found at greensboro-nc.gov/citygovernment. Click on "Boards and Commissions," then select "Serving on a Board or Commission." For more information, call 373-2349.

Apply for Neighborhood Grants

Applications are now being accepted for Greensboro Beautiful's Neighborhood Initiative Grants Program. The purpose of the program is to provide funding assistance to neighborhood groups initiating beautification and ecology projects that further enhance and/or restore City property. The application deadline is October 30. Learn more by visiting greensborobeautiful.org.

Greensboro's 'cold cases'

The Greensboro Police Department continues to try to solve old cases, called "cold cases." Each month on its Web page -- greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Police/coldcases -- previously unsolved cases like the one below are randomly highlighted. The police ask for information and assistance in apprehending those responsible for these crimes.



On May 22, 1969, Willie Grimes was found shot to death on the campus of NC Agricultural & Technical State University. Crime Stoppers has offered a cash reward up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible. If you have information on this or any other unsolved case, call Crime

Stoppers at 373-1000. All calls are confidential.

NeighborWoods Event Planned in Fisher Park Community

The City of Greensboro, in collaboration with Greensboro Beautiful and the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, will hold the 2009 NeighborWoods Tree Planting event on Saturday, November 7, at 9 am in the Fisher Park neighborhood.

The purpose of the program is to educate the community on the importance of trees and the role they play in improving air/water quality, reducing energy costs, increasing real estate values, providing wildlife habitat, and creating opportunities for residents to relax and enjoy nature.

If you're interested in volunteering, call Mary Sertell, Urban Designer for the City, at 373-4769.



City Issues New Population Estimate

The annual estimate for Greensboro's official population as of July 1, 2009 is 257,997. This represents a very slight decrease, 0.26 percent, from last year's estimate of 258,671, reflecting reduced population in group quarters (dorms, nursing care facilities, etc.) and adjusted home vacancy rates.

This year's estimate was influenced by several factors, including:

- A reduction in people living in group quarters. The estimate was reduced after it was found that several facilities, which were counted in last year's estimate, were actually located outside Greensboro city limits. Also, several other facilities were closed.
- First time use of data from the American Community Survey at the Greensboro level (instead of Guilford County level) to determine housing vacancy rates and average household size.
- Fewer people were annexed into the city this year versus last year.

Additional statistics for the City of Greensboro can be found at greensboro-nc.gov/planning/statistics/cityfactsheet.htm.

Share Your Thoughts on City Services with Council

Greensboro City Council wants to know your thoughts on the services the City provides. Let Council know what services you like, which ones you think need improvement, and what you think could make services better. Please take a moment to share your opinions.

Please send us your comments by putting this completed form in your water bill payment envelope. Thank you for your input and time.