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GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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## Teeing off for P&R

The Friends of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Foundation will host its 2nd annual Captain's Choice fund-raising golf tournament on Friday, September 18, at Bryan Park. Proceeds benefit the City's Parks and Recreation Department programs and facilities.

Shotgun start is at 1 pm on the Champions Course. Entry fee is \$90 per player, which includes golf, lunch and great prizes. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information or to register, call 373-2574.

## Holiday trash/recycling schedule

City of Greensboro offices, buildings and facilities will be closed on Monday, September 7, in recognition of Labor Day.

Also, there will be no trash or recycling collection that Monday. Instead, Monday's collection will take

place on Tuesday, September 8, and Tuesday's collection will take place on Wednesday, September 9.

Questions? Call the City's Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).



## September City Council meetings

Greensboro City Council meets on Tuesdays, September 1 and 15, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber, Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St.

Council meetings are open to the public and are aired live on Channel 13 and through videostreaming online at [greensboro-nc.gov](http://greensboro-nc.gov).

## City Manager search on schedule

Finalists for Greensboro's City Manager post are expected to be interviewed during August. City Council narrowed the field of applicants after the recruiting firm working on the search, Colin Baenziger & Associates, evaluated the applications.

Originally, the City received about 135 applications for the job from across the United States and about 80 of those met the minimum qualifications. Applicants were from small and large communities, and many currently or previously held the top administrative position in a local government for at least 10 years.

North Carolina law requires the names of candidates be kept confidential until the City receives permission to release them.

## Downtown parking decks see changes

Hourly customers who use the Bellemeade Street Parking Deck in Greensboro can now use cash or credit/debit cards to exit without going through the parking attendant booth, thanks to a new Pay-in-Lane device put in effect July 1. Customers who have a parking ticket validated by a downtown merchant, however, will still need to give their ticket to the attendant at the exit gate.

Also, on August 1, a Ticket Retrieval System was installed at all downtown parking decks. Customers enter for free, but first have to take a ticket from the ticket dispenser before the gate raises. When they exit, customers deposit the ticket into the Ticket Retrieval System at the main exit. Lost tickets require a \$1 deposit into the Ticket Retrieval System to exit.

The new system allows the City to keep an accurate count of customer usage during the evenings and on weekends.

## 'Urban Loop Locator' now online

The City has created an online mapping tool for current and future area residents to use to see if their property of interest is near sections of North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) planned bypass highway around the city.

Access the "Urban Loop Locator" from the City's Department of Transportation's (GDOT) home page at [greensboro-nc.gov/departments/GDOT](http://greensboro-nc.gov/departments/GDOT).

## Plastic bottles banned from landfills

Beginning October 1, North Carolina law requires that plastic bottles be banned from landfills throughout the state. People should already be recycling all their plastic bottles, but it will be mandatory as of October 1.

Put plastic bottles in the brown residential recycling containers or any of the City's 17 drop-off locations throughout the city. Go to [greensboro-nc.gov/recyclingsites](http://greensboro-nc.gov/recyclingsites) for locations.

## New fiscal year budget in effect

The City's 2009-2010 fiscal year began July 1 and its new budget is now in effect. In June, City Council adopted the \$421,948,889 budget, which includes no increases in tax rates or fees. View the budget in its entirety or by section at [greensboro-nc.gov/2009-2010Budget](http://greensboro-nc.gov/2009-2010Budget).

## City Web site lists small businesses

In an effort to support the economic growth of Greensboro's small businesses -- defined as those with 100 or fewer employees -- City Council has authorized the City to publish a listing of small businesses on its Web site at [greensboro-nc.gov/businesses/small](http://greensboro-nc.gov/businesses/small).

To be included on this online list, which will be updated the first business day of every month, small business owners are required to purchase a City Business Privilege License and renew it annually.

## City named top 'playful' community

The City has been named a "Playful City USA" by the nonprofit organization KaBOOM! for being one of the nation's top 93 communities taking innovative approaches to making play a priority for the health and well-being of its children.

KaBOOM! selected Greensboro because of a number of Parks and Recreation Department initiatives, such as Adopt-A-Park and Park Watch. Learn more about these programs at [greensboro-nc.gov/regionalparks](http://greensboro-nc.gov/regionalparks).

## City given public art projects

It has been an art-filled summer for Greensboro. In fact, Mayor Yvonne Johnson declared June Public Art Month.

In June, the City was presented a community-based public art project by the United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro, designed to celebrate Greensboro's unique history and role in advancing the American civil rights movement.

Called Coffee Cup Collaborative, the project is unique because each of its eight bronze cups was crafted by a different artist and is located in different locations throughout the city in honor of Greensboro's 1960 lunch counter sit-in.

Also, the Cemala Foundation, in partnership with the United Arts Council, brings art to the Greene Street Parking Deck with a project called "Moving Forward." The project, officially presented to the City on August 21, highlights transportation throughout the centuries.



The project features multi-colored polycarbonate wheels in vertical fixtures that light up at night along the deck's three visible corners, a frieze of multicolored Plexiglas panels along the top of the deck and a timeline of ceramic models of vehicles on top of the deck's pedestrian wall on Greene Street.



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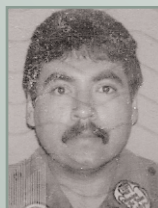
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## Greensboro's 'cold cases'

The Greensboro Police Department continues to try to solve old cases, so-called "cold cases." Each month on its Web page -- [greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Police/coldcases](http://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.



At 9:30 pm on July 3, 1999, police were called to 1501 Textile Dr. There they found Jose Castro, the victim of a fatal gunshot wound, inside a vehicle. Crime Stoppers has offered a cash reward of 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. Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible. All calls to Crime Stoppers are confidential. No names are used and no calls are taped or traced.