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ArtsGreensboro/City Partner on Winning Grant for Music Series

Greensboro is one of 15 American towns and cities to win a Levitt AMP Grant of \$25,000 to present a series of 10 free concerts this summer. The concerts will be held at Barber Park.



In July 2015, the Levitt Foundation invited nonprofits, and municipalities partnering with a nonprofit, to submit proposals that would reflect the goals of the Levitt AMP awards.

ArtsGreensboro and the City of Greensboro joined forces to apply for the grant, as did 39 other nonprofits and cities. The public voted on the submitted proposals throughout the month of November, selecting their favorite projects online.

GPD Kicks Off Relationship-Building Campaign

The Greensboro Police Department (GPD) has kicked off a 12-month campaign called "Building Bridges," which is designed to highlight ways members of GPD and the community can connect with each other.

The campaign features an in-depth look at the 100th Police Academy, a monthly show on Greensboro Television Network, increased opportunities for police and the public to learn about each other,



and social media involvement. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Bridges to learn more.

Greensboro Ranks 3rd Among Large NC Cities in Affordability

According to the Budget Department's annual Property Tax and User Fee Report, Greensboro ranks third among the five largest cities in NC for homeowner costs when combining county and city property taxes and fees.

The report compares total household costs of government, including municipal taxes, water and sewer charges, stormwater charges and other user fees. Read more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Affordability.

New Process Initiated for Outside Agency Funding

The City has launched a new process through which community nonprofit groups and organizations can request funding. The process will be used to determine outside agency funding for the City's 2016-17 fiscal year budget.

In June 2015, City Council adopted a resolution creating a Community Partners Board to review agency funding requests and develop recommendations for the city manager to include in the budget planning process each year by March.

City Growth and Development Report Released

Signs are pointing to an improving Greensboro economy, according to the Planning Department's annual

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Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on February 2 and 16, March 1 and 15, and April 5 and 19. Meetings are open to the public and air live on Greensboro Television Network. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck. Review council's full meeting schedule at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings.

Parks & Rec Registration Now Open for Spring Sports



Registration is open for Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department's Bitty Ball, Coach Pitch and Youth baseball leagues, as well as co-ed adult kickball and adult softball leagues. Registration for all these groups closes February 26 and takes place from 9 am to 4:30 pm Mondays through Fridays at the Cone Building, 1001 Fourth St. Parents must show their child's original birth certificate and PAYS card when registering.

Library Hosts Black History Month Programs

The Greensboro Public Library is offering a full range of programs honoring Black History Month this month. Events are scheduled for adults and children. Visit the

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Growth and Development Trends report.

Average wages and development plan submissions are up. Conversely, unemployment and poverty rates are declining. Data related to the city's population, workforce and tax base is also included in the report.

In addition to the report, the Planning Department has created an interactive map that displays poverty rates across the city by census tract. Also included with the map are data-related factors that impact poverty such as educational attainment and median earnings.

A link to the interactive map and annual report can be accessed at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Statistics.

Greensboro's Municipal Equality Index Highest in Carolinas

The City scored an 85 out of 100 possible points in the latest listing of the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index (MEI). The score ranks Greensboro first among all other cities in North Carolina and South Carolina.

MEI examines the laws, policies and services of municipalities and rates them on the basis of their inclusivity of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people who live and work in the city. Among the categories in which the City scored highest were municipal services, law enforcement, and the City's relationship with the LGBT community.

Water Utility Earns State Disaster Preparedness Award

The Water Resources Department is the 2015 recipient of the NC American Water Works Association-

Water Environment Federation's (NC AWWA-WEA) Large Utility Disaster Preparedness Award.

The state-wide recognition is presented to utilities whose advanced disaster preparedness initiatives prepare for and respond to the effects of natural and man-made disasters, and acts of aggression, as well as outline how to recover from and mitigate those effects.

City Reminds Residents About Yard Maintenance

Did you know that under Chapter 17 of the City's Code of Ordinances, nuisance conditions such as overgrown yards are prohibited?

To avoid violating a City code, remember to keep your yard mowed and clear of:



- Grass, vines and/or weeds growing taller than 12 inches
- Piles of brush, tree limbs, yard waste, which can attract rodents and/or snakes
- Overflowing garbage and trash
- Appliances, auto parts, tires, building materials, and furniture or other household items.

For more information or to report a violation, contact the City's Code Compliance Division at 336-373-2111 or e-mail loe@greensboro-nc.gov. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/NeighborhoodIssues.

library's website at www.GreensboroLibrary.org for more information.

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 13

On Sunday, March 13, turn your clocks



forward one hour to begin Daylight Saving Time. Also, change your smoke alarm batteries if they are more than one year old. Don't have working smoke alarms? Contact the Greensboro Fire Department at 336-574-4088 for free equipment and installation.

Senior Games Begin April 5

The Greater Greensboro Senior Games and SilverArts kick off April 5 and run through May 13. Designed to promote healthy lifestyles, the competition features a variety of events for all abilities. For more information, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/SeniorGames.

Earth Day is April 9

Spend a day caring for and celebrating the planet Earth on April 9 with these two events: Greensboro Beautiful's Great American Cleanup, a city-wide litter initiative, from 9 am to 12 noon throughout the city and Earth Day Celebration from 1-5 pm at Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Library, 1420 Price Park Dr. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/EarthDay.

Dates Set for 2016 National Folk Festival

Make plans now to attend the National Folk Festival -- one of America's largest, most prestigious, and longest-running celebrations of



arts, culture, and heritage. The three-day event, which takes place in downtown Greensboro, is set for September 9-11. Visit www.NationalFolkFestival.com frequently to find out who will be performing this year.



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