



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Board of Commissioners

FROM: W. David McNeill, County Manager

DATE: August 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Commissioners Update 08/01/08

Guilford County's

Mission: *to provide effective, responsive government that meets the public's needs and improves our community.*

Guilford County's

Vision: *to create prosperity and educational opportunity for all citizens, to view diversity as a strength and strive for equality, to provide freedom through safe and healthy neighborhoods, and to value economic growth, producing a rich quality of life.*

1. Chairman Perkins spoke about Guilford County's accomplishments at the High Point Chamber of Commerce's 2008 State of the Community Luncheon on Wednesday. Commissioners Cashion, Davis, Alston, and Gibson joined Ben Brown, Sharron Kurtz, Melissa Johnson and me at this event.
2. Action Greensboro is inviting the Board of Commissioners and City Council to meet with their Operating Group on Tuesday, August 26th at the O'Henry Hotel from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Action Greensboro Phase II recommendations and plans for increased collaboration in economic development will be discussed. Your suggestions of additional topics or agenda items are invited.
3. On Monday, eCivis Grant Network Training was provided to staff representing 21 nonprofit organizations and County departments at the Cooperative Extension Center. Regional eCivis Consultant Amy Driver demonstrated this web-based research system that includes specifics about state, federal and foundation grants. Guilford County offer gratis access to all nonprofits based in Guilford County. Contact Beverly Williams to obtain a User ID and password.
4. Guilford County's Strategic Alliance's Providing Educational Opportunity Subcommittee convened on July 14th and 28th and featured guest speakers Ellen Whitlock, Senior Resources of Guilford, Margaret Arbuckle, Guilford Education Alliance, respectively. Under the leadership of Jeff Thigpen and Brenda Morris, the group is examining trends and developing strategies to further the goal of promoting and supporting lifelong opportunities for all residents through formal education, workforce preparedness, and personal enrichment.
5. The Greensboro Zoning Commission approved the county's request for a Special Use Permit for a Correctional Institution for the property located east of South Edgeworth St, west of Blandwood Ave., and south of W. Sycamore St. during their July 14th meeting.
6. The Health Department's remote clinic at the Benbow Professional Park inoculated 44 rising sixth graders with the Tdap vaccine and provided 31 dental screenings on July 22nd. Also, the 15th case of rabies was reported: a bat from a Greensboro residence.

7. Yesterday, a congressional hearing was held that highlighted the accomplishment of the Department of Social Services in addressing the problem of disproportionality in foster care. Since becoming a partner with the Casey Family Foundation, the department has embraced strategies to improve outcomes for children and families involved in the child welfare system. In June 2008, 400 youths were in foster care, with 54% of them being children of color; however, between the years of 1997-2000 there were 900 youths in foster care with 72% of them being children of color.
8. As of Monday, the Guilford County Substance Abuse Treatment Center reported that 38 of the 40 residential beds (95% of total capacity) were occupied by 24 males (100% of beds available in male wing) and 14 females (87.5% of available beds in female wing). In addition, 35 individuals were receiving outpatient services. Twelve assessments were completed with 9 admissions to inpatient and outpatient services and 3 referrals to other providers. Two discharges were recorded.
9. On April 15, 2007, the Board approved a 30-year lease with Northwest Tennis Club LLC at Bur-Mil Park to build the Northwest Tennis Center. Due to many issues, the project has not progressed as desired. The cost of building the facility has increased significantly and the project is once again out to competitive bid. The organization remains committed to moving the project forward.
10. Congratulations and Accolades to County Staff and Allied Departments:
 - Bridgett Lindsay, Information Services, graduated from the School of Government's Certified Government CIO Program.

*Celebrating the Greensboro Bicentennial Celebration
A Look Back at this week in 1967.*

Urban Ministry founded at Grace United Methodist.

Events and Functions Schedule for Board of Commissioners Effective 08/01/08

- 08/12:** Board of Commissioners Work Session, 2:00 p.m. in the Blue Room.
- 08/21-24:** NCACC 101st Annual Conference, Riverfront Convention Center, New Bern, NC.
- 08/28:** Board of Commissioners Meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 2nd floor.
- 09/09:** Board of Commissioners Work Session, 2:00 p.m. in the Blue Room.
- Note:** Citizen Performance Report Focus Groups, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
8/5: Macedonia Family Resource Center, 401 Lake Rd., High Point
8/6: Oak Ridge Town Hall, 8315 Linville Rd.
8/12: Greensboro Library, 219 N. Church St.
8/13: Cooperative Extension Service (Barn Kitchen), 3309 Burlington Rd.

Community Events

- 08/02:** Women's Resource Center "Men Can Cook" Fundraiser, 6:00 p.m. at the Special Events Center.
- 08/02:** Eastern Music Festival Concert, 8:00 p.m. at Guilford College. Reception at 7:00 in the Alumni House.
- 08/05:** County Employee Night at the Grasshoppers Game, 7:00 p.m.
- 08/06:** Greensboro District Junior Dairy Show, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Center, 3309 Burlington Rd.
- 08/07:** Piedmont Triad Water Authority Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Regional Water Treatment Plant, 10:00 a.m. at 7297 Adams Farm Rd. in Randleman.
- 08/14-17:** Wyndham Championship, Sedgefield Country Club. For more information, contact Beverly Williams (641-6829).
- 08/15:** Pennybyrn at Maryfield Mass (10:00 a.m.) and Dedication (11:30 a.m.), 109 Penny Rd. in High Point.
- 08/16:** Clean Sweep Yard Sale, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the VFW (2605 S. Elm Eugene St.) to benefit Stand Down for Homeless Veterans.
- 08/26:** Joint Dinner Meeting with Greensboro City Council, County Commissioners and the Action Greensboro Operating Group, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the O'Henry Hotel. **RSVP due 8/15.**
- 08/27:** State of the Community Luncheon (Greensboro), 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. at Koury Convention Center. **RSVP due 8/20.**
- 08/28:** Pleasant Garden Town Hall Meeting on water quality, 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Garden Town Hall (4920 Alliance Church Rd.).

**Events and Functions Schedule for
Board of Commissioners (Continued)
Effective 08/01/08**

- 09/26:** Stand Down for Homeless Veterans, 8:00 a.m. at the NC National Guard Armory (110 Franklin Boulevard).
- 09/04:** **Meet and Greet with synerG Young Professionals, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Green Bean (341 S. Elm St.) *RSVP due 8/28.***
- 10/20-26:** Fall Furniture Market.
- 04/25-30:** Spring Furniture Market (New date for 2009).

*** New Listings are in bold type.**