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Natasha Smith (right) gave host Carrie Sizemore a quick skating lesson during February's "O! Winston-Salem"

"O! Winston-Salem" debuts on TV13

"O! Winston-Salem," a new half-hour television program about current events in city government, is now showing on TV 13 - the Government Channel on TimeWarner Cable in Forsyth County.

This month's edition features stories about the city vehicles that run on natural gas, the Downtown Winston-Salem awards, graduation ceremonies for new firefighters and the traffic cameras that help commuters check road conditions.

Carrie Sizemore, the city's director of marketing and communications, serves as the show's host. "We want this show to give city residents a window into city government," she said. "We will use it to call attention to services that the city offers, highlight various city departments in the news, and give residents a look at some of the outside organizations that the city supports."

"O! Winston-Salem" is usually broadcast daily at various times. Consult the TV13 schedule in the newspaper's TV section for specific times.

Bulky Item Pickup Canceled

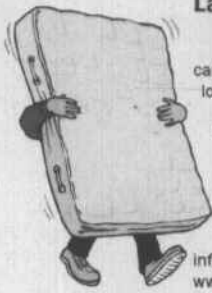
Landfill permits available for all city property owners

The annual bulky item pickup for households in Winston-Salem has been canceled for 2002 as a result of the state's decision earlier this year to withhold local government revenues.

However, all city property owners are eligible to receive a permit good for two trips to the Hanes Mill Road Landfill each year to dispose of bulky items.

The landfill accepts such bulky items as old furniture, mattresses, grills (no propane tanks) carpet and toys. Building and demolition materials must be taken to the Old Salisbury Road Demolition Landfill.

To receive your permit, call Sandra Jessup at 661-4900 or send an e-mail to sandraj@cityofws.org to have a permit mailed to you. For more information, call the landfill at 661-4900 or visit the city's website at www.cityofws.org/utilities/solidwaste.



Winston-Salem City Page

Winston-Salem CITYSCAPE

Be ready for severe weather!



Do you know the difference between a severe weather watch and a severe weather warning?

Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 10 - 16, is the perfect time to teach this to everyone in your family.

A watch is issued when weather conditions are favorable for severe weather. A warning is issued when severe weather is in progress. When a severe weather warning is issued you need to immediately go to a safe place.

To be even better prepared, participate in the statewide tornado drill at 9:20 a.m. on March 13. Call Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emergency Management at 767-6161 for more information.

web watch
Create customized city and county maps with GIS data

Map information now available on-line

Data compiled by Winston-Salem and Forsyth County for their Geographic Information System is now available on-line through the city's website, giving business people, developers, residents and other interested parties access to sophisticated new tools to help in their planning and decision making.

Data stored in the GIS system can be used to create customized maps. For example, a developer can combine information about flood plains with information about tax parcels and zoning information to create a map that shows what portion of a low-lying tract can be developed, and what type of zoning that tract carries.

"The beauty of GIS is that it allow users to visually combine different sets of information to see, literally, the big picture," said Dennis Newman, the chief information officer for the city.

The GIS information is available in a self-contained website within the city's website (www.cityofws.org). To get to it, click on the button labeled "GIS Maps" on the lower right side of the home page, or go straight to www.cityofws.org/GIS.

The GIS website gives users access to downloadable sets of data, including information about tax parcels, street centerlines, ward lines, schools, zoning, police patrol districts, and color aerial photos of the county.

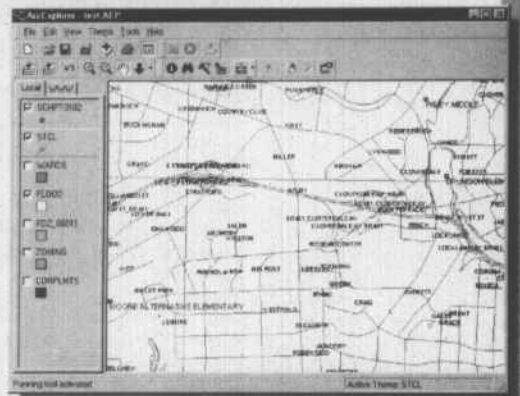
Viewing and manipulating the

information in map form requires special GIS software, called ArcExplorer, that can be downloaded for free. The site also includes several maps that can be downloaded and viewed with Acrobat Reader. This program, too, can be downloaded for free. Viewing color aerial photos requires a third form of software, called MrSid GeoViewer, that also can be downloaded for free.

All of these sets of data can be displayed in any combination once the data is downloaded and added to one of the specified software viewers. Users can display information, such as street names or names of schools, or remove it, as needed. In addition, users can customize the presentation of the information by changing colors and fonts. Users can also "zoom in" as necessary, can pan the image in any direction, and can measure distances.

Links to download ArcExplorer and the other programs are included on the site's Help page.

The GIS site has been set up to allow users to request customized sets of data. There is a fee for creating customized data sets, reports, or maps. Users who are working with the city or



county on a project can use the website to upload data needed, for example, to compile a GIS data set.

The site also has links to Forsyth County's GeoData Explorer website, which contains information about tax parcels in Forsyth County. There also are links to a number of GIS-related websites that can expand users' knowledge of the GIS system and how it can be used.

The GIS website requires use of a standard personal computer with a web browser. The free software may require additional RAM and a faster processor.

For more information about the new GIS website, contact the City's Information Systems Department at 727-2846.



The Harlem Globetrotters bring their own brand of zany basketball to the LJV Coliseum on March 24.

March Highlights

Benton Convention Center | 727-2976

- 5-6 NC Association of Insurance Financial Advisors
- 7-9 NC Association of Educators
- 13-16 Christian Cheerleaders of America
- 22-24 Beyond the Garden Gates
- 28 YWCA Annual Luncheon

Black-Phillips-Smith Government Center | 727-2975

- 5, 12, 19, 26 Free tax assistance and preparation
 - 5 4H plant sale
 - 7 Childcare funding is available
 - 12 Shade Gardening for the spring
 - 12 How Neighborhood Watch makes a difference
 - 19 Opening a business or buying a home? The city has a deal for you! (Call 727-2975 for an appointment)
 - 25 Get involved with improving your community
 - 25 Exploring your health and heritage
- Keith Kelly of the office of Congressman Mel Watt is available at BPS every Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Board of Aldermen | 727-2224

(5th Floor, City Hall South, 100 E. First St.) Watch these meetings LIVE on cable channel 13

4, 25 Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 530

Fairgrounds | 727-2236 | www.dcfair.com

- 15-17 Rabbit show
- 16-17 Peak Auction
- 22-23 Carolina Classic Holstein Sale
- 30 Poultry Show

LJV Coliseum | 725-5635 | www.ljvm.com

- 9 Children's Sample Sale (Lobby)
- 16 Winston-Salem Energy vs. Ohio Valley
- 21-23 Joyce Meyer Ministries
- 24 Harlem Globetrotters
- 30 Winston-Salem Energy vs. Ohio Valley
- 31 Generals vs. Charlotte Checkers (Annex)

Recreation and Parks | 727-2063

- 4-5 55Alive Mature Driving Course
- 8 Special Olympics Forsyth County Swim Meet
- 10-11 Celtic Music Festival, Bethabara Park
- 15 Citywide Spelling Bee
- 20 Citywide birdhouse and model car contest
- 28 Easter Egg hunts, all recreation centers
- 30 Citywide Easter Egg Hunt, Fairgrounds

Get your free leaf mulch

The city is offering free leaf mulch during March for as long as supplies last. The city will load the mulch in pick-up trucks and trailers between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on March 9, 16, 23, 29 and 30 behind the Reynolds Park Recreation Center at 2450 Reynolds Park Road. For more information call 727-8418.

Community Roots Day scheduled for April 6

Make plans now to participate in the 10th annual Community Roots Day, scheduled for April 6.

This year Roots Day volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of the old Best Products store on South Stratford Road and spend the morning planting trees and shrubs to beautify South Stratford Road. All volunteers get a free lunch and the first 300 will get free hats, T-shirts and seedlings to plant at home.

Community Roots Day is sponsored by Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful. To sign up or for more information, call Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful at 727-8013.



Time to give the city its spring cleaning!

The Great Winston-Salem Clean-up is coming up on April 20. It's time to collect all the trash and litter that accumulated during the winter and spruce up the city. The Great Winston-Salem Clean-Up is a terrific activity for school and church groups and service clubs.

Need more convincing? All volunteers get a free lunch! This year's Great Winston-Salem Clean Up will be held from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful will provide supplies (and the lunch!). For more information or to sign up, call Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful at 727-8013.

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Question or concern about city-government services? Call Citizens Service 727-8000.

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Holiday Collection Schedule for 2002



Garbage Collection

Normal Schedule

- Mon OFF
- Tue Area 1
- Wed Area 2
- Thu Area 3
- Fri Area 4

Easter Observed March 29

- Area 1: Monday, March 25
- Area 2: Tuesday, March 26
- Area 3: Wednesday, March 27
- Area 4: Thursday, March 28

Memorial Day Observed May 27

Normal schedule

Independence Day Observed July 4

- Area 1: Monday, July 1
- Area 2: Tuesday, July 2
- Area 3: Wednesday, July 3
- Area 4: Friday, July 5

Labor Day Observed Sept. 2

Normal Schedule

Columbus Day - Not Observed

Normal schedule

Thanksgiving Day Observed Nov. 28 & 29

- Area 1: Monday, Nov. 25
- Area 2: Tuesday, Nov. 26
- Area 3: Wednesday, Nov. 27
- Area 4: Monday, Dec. 2

Christmas Observed Dec. 25

- Area 1: Monday, Dec. 23
- Area 2: Tuesday, Dec. 24
- Area 3: Thursday, Dec. 26
- Area 4: Friday, Dec. 27

Curbside Recycling

- Easter Normal schedule
- Memorial Day Normal schedule
- Independence Day Normal schedule
- Labor Day Normal Schedule
- Columbus Day Normal schedule

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday collected on Friday, Nov. 29
Friday collected on Saturday, Nov. 30

Christmas

Tuesday: Normal Schedule
Wednesday collected on Thursday, Dec. 26
Thursday collected on Friday, Dec. 27
Friday collected on Saturday, Dec. 28

Yard-waste Cart Collection (Feb. 4 - Dec. 5)

Memorial Day
Monday collected on Tuesday, May 28
Tuesday collected on Wednesday, May 29
Wednesday collected on Thursday, May 30
Thursday collected on Friday, May 31

Independence Day

Monday: Normal Schedule
Tuesday: Normal schedule
Wednesday: Normal Schedule
Thursday collected on Friday, July 5

Labor Day

Monday collected on Tuesday, Sept. 3
Tuesday collected on Wednesday, Sept. 4
Wednesday collected on Thursday, Sept. 5
Thursday collected on Friday, Sept. 6

Columbus Day

Normal Schedule

Thanksgiving Day

No collection Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29

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