

Unwanted computers wanted for free recycling event

Dell's second local Community Green Day is July 26

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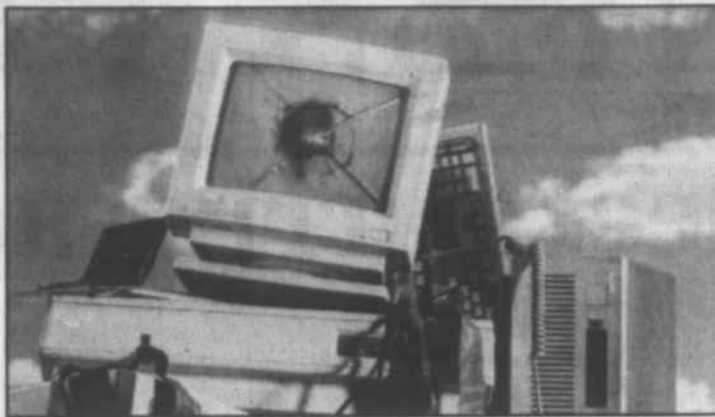
Computer giant Dell, which has a Winston-Salem production plant, will hold its second local Community Green Day next week, giving residents a chance to responsibly dispose of their computers and computer equipment.

The collection site for the free Saturday, July 26 recycling event will be the parking lot of the Lawrence Joel Veterans

Memorial Coliseum (the section adjacent to Goodwill). In the event of rain on July 26, the event will be held Aug. 2.

Residents are being encouraged to bring their unwanted computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, laptops and mice between the hours of 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. All brands of computers and equipment will be accepted. The first 500 people to do drop offs will receive special perks, including a certificate that will entitle them to a discount on the purchase of a future Dell computer.

Dell held its Community Green Day in 2003. That successful event collected more



than 40 tons of computers and equipment, which could have very easily ended up in local landfills. Dell has hosted more than 50 recycling events around

the country and the world, which have collected more than 2,500 tons of old computers. The campaign is part of the company's mission to be good

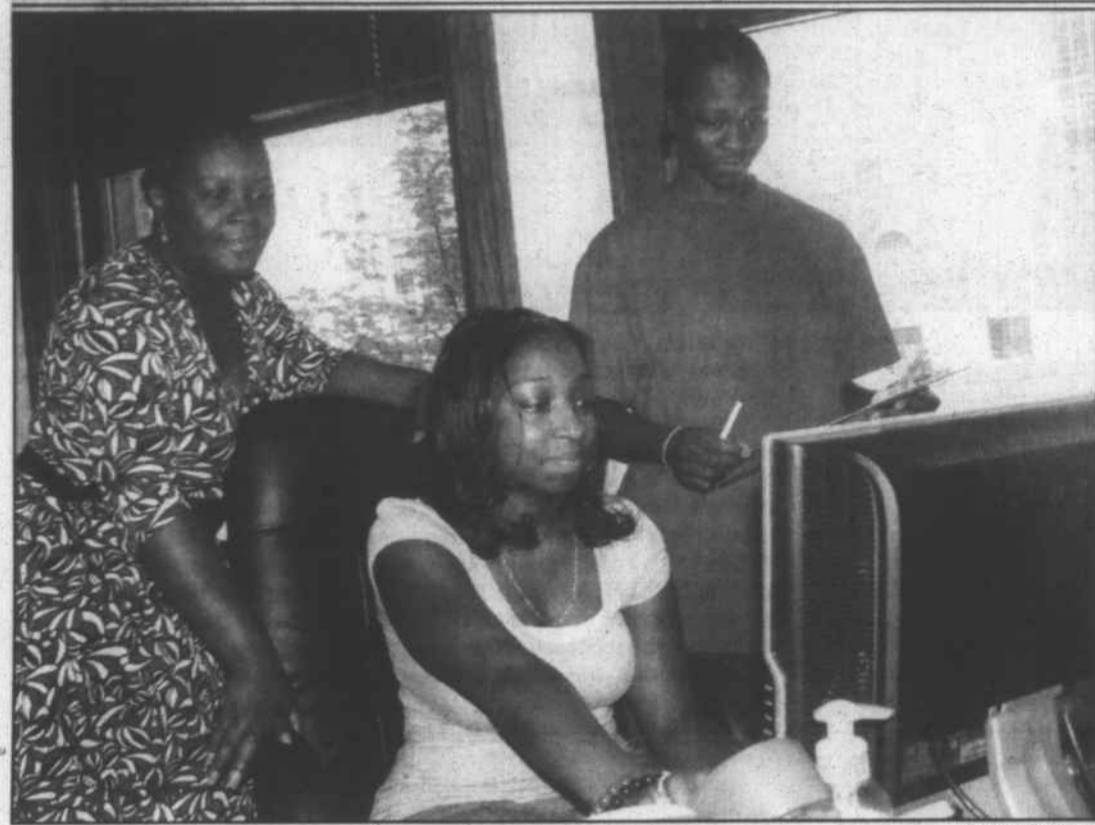
environmental stewards.

The company also offers its customers (those buying new Dell computers) the free option of having their old machines shipped off for recycling. Dell also has a program that offers schools and businesses an affordable way to dispose of their IT equipment. The July 26 event is primarily designed for individual consumers and not companies and schools.

The computers collected locally will be recycled, in conjunction with Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina, into reusable raw materials such as glass, plastic and metal. Computers that are

still operational will likely find new life as parts for other electronic products.

Residents who are unable to make the recycling event, can always drop their old computers and equipment at any Goodwill location. Other Community Green Day partners include the City of Winston-Salem, Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful, Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, Winston-Salem State University, Duke Energy, Whole Foods, Atkins Technical and Academic High School, The Chronicle, Carolina Handling, Wackenhut, SciWorks and WXII.



Montaye Pearson monitors teen workers Jade Jackson and Darnell Perry.

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gram. The Winston-Salem YWCA has a summer jobs program for teens as well. The Y is using a grant to put two dozen Carver High School students to work this summer at various local companies and agencies.

Employers who have signed up to take on a teen this summer include city government agencies, non-profits organizations and local companies. Teens chose from a variety of labor, including outdoor, office and warehouse work and even working with animals.

Sixteen-year-old Amber Canty is working in the office of Mayor Allen Joines. She met the mayor's assistant, Linda Jackson-Barnes, when Amber was selected to interview Jackson-Barnes during the program's training period. The teen left such an impression that Jackson-Barnes requested the young lady be placed at the Mayor's Office.

Since then, Amber has been creating city proclamations, answering phones, inputting applications and various other

duties. She recently learned about city government in her high school civics class; her job, she says, has given her an inside look. She's already been offered a part-time job at the mayor's office after the program ends.

"It's given me an opportunity that most teenagers my age don't have like to see what the mayor does," Amber said.

Amber, who wants to study architecture or visual arts in college, said when she was younger she wanted to be the president of the United States. She's not sure about that anymore, but she definitely wants to be a mayor.

The Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice is getting help this summer from Jade Jackson and Darnell Perry, both 15-years-old. The two have been answering phones, greeting clients, filing and doing database work at the non-profit.

Jade said she heard of Darryl Hunt, who spent more than 19 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit, but hadn't heard of his non-profit, which helps ex-offenders find work and advocates for judicial reform.

"It's all new and you learn through different people and see how real life is," said Jade.

Montaye Pearson, who supervises Jade and Darnell, said all the Hurft Project's interns had been college students until the two teens came along.

"They've been a delight," said Pearson. "They're helpful and hard workers and they're just really good helpers. They've just been a joy to work with."

Winston-Salem is fortunate to still have a summer jobs program for teens. Cities across the nation have had to scrap such programs due to budgetary cutbacks. The National Urban League and members of the Congressional Black Caucus have been urging President Bush and whomever is the next president to breathe new life into the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program. For more than 30 years, the federal program provided young people with employment opportunities during their summer breaks from schools. But since 2000, funding for the program has been cut severely.

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Committee Meeting was well attended. At the meeting, which was moved to City Council Chambers to accommodate the crowd, Council members discussed the proposal for the renovation of Davis Garage, which sits across from Winston-Salem State University on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

The garage was originally Union (train) Station, but was converted to a garage in the early 1970's. The city has proposed reopening the historic 1926 structure as a multi-modal transportation hub that would house buses, PART vans and, eventually, passenger trains.

"The intent of the project is to bring it back and to provide transportation services including train service again," said Assistant City Manager Greg Turner.

Many who spoke at the

meeting were not convinced that a transportation hub was the best use of the historic building.

Phillip Carter read a letter from Fleming El-Amin (president of the Forsyth County Democratic Party), who was unable to attend.



Turner

"I am greatly concerned, as a citizen and community activist, that you are contemplating using this historical facility for that purpose," El-Amin wrote.

"The town and that specific community would be better served if you would consider making that historic location a museum, coupled with an invitation to Amtrak to re-establish a train station on the site."

Maurice Pitts Johnson remembers the old station fondly.

"I traveled from this station the first time I left home, going away to a private high school in South Carolina," she told committee members. "I recall

distinct features of the train depot - the beautiful, high ceilings and the long benches in the waiting room and the very long set of steps to get down to the train."

Developers plan to preserve much of the building's existing architecture, even repainting the interior in the original color scheme, says Project Planner Pam Barth of Kimberley Horn & Associates.

Not everyone present opposed the new hub.

"We must have it! We have missed this boat in the past," declared Jeff Miller, citing instances where the city shied from opportunities to bid on such projects as the Greensboro-based Piedmont Triad International Airport. "We don't want to miss the train again for the next century by not rehabbing this depot and making it a rail transportation center."

For more information about the project, contact City Department of Transportation Director Stan Polanis at (336) 727-2708.

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