



In the photo above, Sonja Kurosky, executive director of Samaritan Ministries, right, scans the crowd right after saying a prayer at the end of a special ceremony during the organization's open house on Sunday, April 12. At top right, a type of oven is used to heat clothes when homeless men come in to Samaritan Ministries. This is to kill bed bugs. At left, the John 3:16 room provides a place for the "guests" at Samaritan Ministries to have quiet time alone or with family members.

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Samaritan Ministries shows new building to community

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All was bright as Samaritan Ministries opened its new building to the public on Sunday, April 12. The nonprofit that helps homeless men and hungry people has been operating out of the building since December.

"What a great place," one visitor remarked. "It's open and airy," with plenty of windows.

The \$4.1 million, 20,000-square-foot building at 414 E. Northwest Blvd. houses an 80-bed shelter and special features like a "healing room" for sick homeless clients, a computer lab where residents can look for jobs, a larger kitchen with more room to store and prepare food, space that allows employees, and business partners who treat and work with the homeless men who live there, to have their own offices, and a

staff break room. The larger soup kitchen serves between 350 to 450 lunches to hungry people in the community each day.

The new dining area has 96 seats, compared with 47 seats in the old dining room.

The building also has weapons to fight bed bugs.

"A lot of places don't prepare for that," said tour guide Willis Miller, assistant director. He said the nonprofit has several ways to kill the bed bugs, which he said have been a problem in the city.

Men who live at Samaritan Ministries must have their clothes treated when they initially come into the building. They must be heated on trays at 120 to 125 degrees for 20 minutes to kill any bugs that might be lingering on clothes.

Also, the facility has dryers to treat the clothes if the trays are being used.



Miller

If treatment is needed in the bedroom area, large outlets have been installed to handle a heating appliance to heat the beds, which have seamless mattresses and metal frames.

"The great things about adding these features is the preventative nature of them," Miller said.

Also new are the dorm rooms for people in the Project Cornerstone program, which is designed to help men break free of addiction issues and start new lives outside Samaritan Ministries. Two

bedrooms are designated for those men, who attend classes and gain tools needed to be free of addictions.

"We're very proud of this program," Miller said. "It has about a 75-percent success rate. ... We don't let them go until they're ready."

Miller spoke of the expanded space in the building to offer more meeting space and the increase in the number of televisions, which allow people greater access to TV viewing, including in meeting rooms.

Another new feature is a room for the homeless men to use to meditate. They also can meet with family members there.

It's called the John 3:16 room, named after the John 3:16 Scripture in the Bible. This is "where they can go in and have peace and quiet," Miller said.

Learn more at samaritanforsyth.org.

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*Second Vice Chair, Phillip Carter, employed by Forsyth Technical Community College in the Learning Technology Division and by the Salvation Army as Outreach Specialist for Homeless Veterans.

*Third Vice Chair, Trent Harmon, who graduates in May from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a B.A. in History and Political Science.

*Secretary, Cam Choiniere, a self-employed graphic designer.

*Treasurer: Donald Dunn, a sales consultant with a large pharmaceutical company.

Each officer was elected to a two-year term.

In addition, the record crowd of Democratic delegates to the convention also elected new members to the Democratic Party State Executive Committee and Congressional District Executive Committee.

Ellison said in an earlier news release: "Making sure that each Forsyth County citizen's right to vote is protected is our first and foremost agenda item. Further, we look forward to building a record voter turnout in the 2016 presidential election cycle. We fully expect Forsyth County to continue its trajectory towards becoming a Democratic stronghold in the State of North Carolina."

For more information about the voter ID law, please contact Eric S Ellison at 336-918-4368 or email at ellisonlaw@earthlink.net. The Democratic Party's website is <http://forsythdemocrats.org/fd/>.



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City holds inaugural College Summit to promote Winston-Salem

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On Saturday, April 11, college students from Winston-Salem State University, Salem College, Wake Forest University and Forsyth Technical Community College participated in the inaugural "College Summit" in the Biotech Place in the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter.

The event was designed to expose college students to career and community leadership opportunities in Winston-Salem, with the goal of influencing them to stay in Winston-Salem after they graduate.

The summit was organized by the College Advisory Board and the Human Relations Commission, both of which are advisory boards to the City Council and administered by the Human Relations Department. The Summit included an opening session, guided tours of downtown with information about restaurants,



The College Summit attendees take a break.

recreation opportunities, and other quality-of-life attractions, and a networking luncheon where students networked with representatives of businesses, community nonprofits and government agencies that offer internships and entry-level jobs.

Participating community agencies included Forsyth Technical Community College, the Winston-Salem Urban League, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem (HAWs) and the

Winston-Salem Jaycees. Participants included Council Members James Taylor and Derwin Montgomery. Jason Thiel, president of the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, also addressed the students.

The College Summit was sponsored by Forsyth Technical Community College, Triad Intrapreneur and Winston-Salem Transit Authority. Food sponsors were Bib's Downtown, Krispy Kreme, and District Rooftop Bar & Grille.

2nd Annual Feast of St. Benedict the Moor Festival

Dear Neighbors,

Saint Benedict the Moor Catholic Church has had a presence in the East Winston Community for nearly 75 years. Founded in 1940 as an African American parish, we are a diverse, multinational, and inter-cultural church where all are welcome.

On April 18, 2015, St. Benedict the Moor Church will celebrate our Patron Saint with a special Mass at 9am, followed by a festival and gospel show from 10:30am until 5 pm. There will be games, vendors from all over our area with items for sale and consumption including a fish or sausage dinner for only \$7.00. All proceeds benefit the Church. We hope you will consider joining the fun.



Special service 9am - 10 am, Festival begins at 10:30 am

Music by "Sounds of DJ Rudd"
Caribbean and Mexican Food Vans
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Lots of Kids Activities

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Gospel group Willie Mason and Friends
Christian Rapper "Quiet Storm"

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