



Trinity Hairston, 10, front, and Zakaiya Harvey, 10, work on becoming better dancers as they leap during the first practice at the new location for Positive Image Performing Arts LLC, located at 1243 N. Patterson Avenue near downtown Winston-Salem on Tuesday, May 26.

## Positive Image gets dancing in new home

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Positive Image Performing Arts LLC has moved from its home at the YMCA Winston Lake building. The award-winning business that trains girls to dance has moved into the former Samaritan Ministries building at 1243 N. Patterson Ave. near downtown Winston-Salem. Owner Courtney Omega Taylor-Porter held her first class in the building on Tuesday, May 26. "Saturday we will have an open house and registration from noon to 2 p.m. and we will have another one next Monday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.," she said.



Photos by Erin Mizelle for the Winston-Salem Chronicle.

Courtney Omega Taylor-Porter, back right, owner of Positive Image Performing Arts LLC, takes a moment with a group of young dancers after their first night of practice in the new studio at 1243 N. Patterson Ave. near downtown Winston-Salem on Tuesday, May 26.

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**  
Estate Planning for Families  
2 to 3 pm  
Wake Forest Baptist Health Medical Plaza-Country Club, 4610 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem

Smart Snacking from the Grocery Store \ 4 to 5 pm  
Lowes Foods, 2501 Lewisville-Clemmons Road, Clemmons

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4**  
Smart Snacking from the Grocery Store \ 11 am to Noon  
Lowes Foods, 3372 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5**  
Mind over Matter: The Impact of Our Thoughts \ Noon to 1 pm  
Wake Forest Baptist Health Medical Plaza-Country Club, 4610 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem

**MONDAY, JUNE 8**  
Healthy Main Dish Salads  
5:30 to 7 pm  
Wake Forest Baptist Health Medical Plaza-Country Club, 4610 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**  
Bunions and Hammertoes  
11 am to Noon  
Wake Forest Baptist Health Davie Medical Center, Plaza 1, 4th floor, conference rooms 1 & 2, Hwy 801 N, I-40 (Exit 180), Bermuda Run

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11**  
Lunch & Learn: Stroke Awareness and Prevention \ Noon to 1:30 pm  
Wake Forest Baptist Health Medical Plaza-Country Club, 4610 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**  
Boot Camp: Fitness \ 9 to 10 am  
Jerry Long Family YMCA, 1150 S. Peace Haven Road, Clemmons

**MONDAY, JUNE 15**  
Greek-style Line Dancing  
4:30 to 5:30 pm  
Wake Forest Baptist Health-Piedmont Plaza 1, Kitty Hawk Room, 1920 W. First St., Winston-Salem

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**  
Osteoarthritis of the Knee  
2 to 3 pm  
Wake Forest Baptist Health Davie Medical Center, Plaza 1, Cardiac Classroom, Highway 801 N, I-40 (Exit 180), Bermuda Run

**MONDAY, JUNE 22**  
Atrial Fibrillation: Causes and Effects \ 4 to 5 pm  
Wake Forest Baptist Health Medical Plaza-Country Club, 4610 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**  
Advance Directives \ 2 to 4 pm  
Wake Forest Baptist Health Medical Plaza-Country Club, 4610 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**  
Boot Camp: Fitness \ 9 to 10 am  
Jerry Long Family YMCA, 1150 S. Peace Haven Road, Clemmons

### What's Happening NOW in City Government

# CityNOW

## \$414.7 Million Budget Proposed for 2015-2016

Some city services would be enhanced and the city property-tax rate would increase 2.5 cents to pay for the bond projects that voters approved last November under the \$414.7 million budget that City Manager Lee Garrity has recommended to Mayor Allen Joines and the City Council.

The proposed budget allocates \$311.1 million for operations, \$24.6 million for debt service, and \$79 million for capital improvements. The property tax rate would be 56.5 cents for every \$100 of value.

The state-mandated repeal of business privilege-license taxes, which takes effect July 1, will reduce city revenue by \$2.3 million. However, this has been offset by a 1.5 percent increase in the tax base and greater-than-expected revenue from sales taxes and the utilities franchise fee.

The proposed 2.5-cent increase in the property tax-rate to pay for bond projects is in keeping with the increase the city projected before the bond referendum in November. Voters approved \$139.2 million

worth of projects in the areas of public safety, recreation and parks, streets and sidewalks, economic development and housing. Garrity noted that even with the increase, "Based on the current tax rates of the other large cities in North Carolina, Winston-Salem's rate would remain in the middle of the group."

The City Council's Finance Committee will begin reviewing the budget May 28. The council is scheduled to hold a public hearing and vote on the budget on June 15. By state law, the council must adopt a budget for 2015-2016 by June 30. The budget would take effect July 1.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET:

- City services to developers and real-estate companies would be enhanced with a new electronic-based plans review system that would eliminate the need to submit plans on paper; and by a new online database for researching zoning history and other useful development information.
- Four city positions would be eliminated and 11 positions added, for a net payroll addition of seven jobs.
- Most user fees the same; a 5 percent increase in sewer rates, a \$1.85 increase in bimonthly water and sewer base charges and a 9 percent increase in water rates for high-volume users approved by the Utility Commission; and a 9 percent increase in the dead animal collection fee charged to veterinary hospitals and fish markets.
- \$504,370 for downtown improvements, provided by the 9 cent levy recommended by the Downtown Winston-Salem Business Improvement District Advisory Committee.
- One percent market pay raise for city employees. City employees also eligible for merit-based pay increase of 1.5 to 3 percent based on their performance.
- \$79 million for capital improvements, including \$53 million for water, sewer and stormwater projects and \$5.7 million for streets and sidewalks.

#### WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

Charges for services:	\$137.2 million
Property taxes:	\$115.5 million
Intergovernmental resources:	\$59.5 million
Sales taxes:	\$35.8 million
Bond proceeds:	\$33.8 million
Civil penalties, other:	\$21.7 million
Licenses & permits:	\$6.8 million
Investment income:	\$3.3 million
Reserve:	\$1.3 million
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$414.7 million</b>

#### WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Environmental health:	\$172.3 million
Public safety:	\$93.0 million
Transportation:	\$44.0 million
Debt management:	\$33.4 million
Community & economic development:	\$21.3 million
Recreation & culture:	\$19.3 million
Human resources:	\$12.2 million
Interdepartmental services:	\$10.8 million
General government:	\$6.4 million
Fiscal management:	\$2.0 million
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$414.7 million</b>

## How to Participate...

Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at public libraries, all city recreation centers and City Hall, 101 N. Main St. Suite 30. Copies of the budget are also available online at [www.CityofWS.org](http://www.CityofWS.org).

- Finance Committee Budget workshops  
May 28, June 2 at 4 p.m.; June 8, 4:30 p.m.; all in City Hall, Room 239.
- Finance Committee Public Hearing,  
7 p.m. June 4, City Hall Council Chamber (Room 230).
- Public Safety Committee review,  
6 p.m. June 8, City Hall, Room 239.
- City Council Public Hearing, 7 p.m.  
June 15, City Hall Council Chamber.

2015-2016  
ANNUAL BUDGET

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