

Community Briefs

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

The city will collect Christmas trees and put them to good use as mulch for its parks and roadsides. Residents in singlefamily homes inside the city limits can put their Christmas trees at the curb for pick-up during the regular city brush collection. All lights, decorations, stands and nails must be removed from trees. Please be aware that it may take several weeks to collect all the trees.

People who live in apartments, who live outside the city limits, or who want to dispose of their trees quickly can take them to the following recreation centers for recycling through Jan. 31:

- *Crawford Park, 4226 Oak Ridge Drive.
 - *Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center, 501 Reynolds Blvd.
 - *Hanes Park (tennis court parking lot), 625 West End Blvd.
 - *Little Creek Recreation Center, 610 Foxcroft Drive.
 - *Old Town Recreation Center (tennis court parking lot), 4550 Shattalon Drive.
 - *Parkland Park (tennis courts), 1660 Brewer Road.
 - *Polo Park (swimming pool parking lot), 1850 Polo Road.
 - *Salem Lake (at the gate), 1001 Salem Lake Road.
 - *Sprague Street Recreation Center, 1350 E. Sprague St.
 - *Winston Lake Park, 3535 Winston Lake Road.
- For more information, call CityLink 311.

Reynita McMillan graduates from N.C. A&T

Reynita Marcia McMillan, the daughter of Felecia Piggott-Long, Ph. D. and Reynard E. McMillan, graduated from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Greensboro Coliseum. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Women's Studies. She was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society with a 3.5 GPA. While at A&T, she participated in the National Council of Negro Women, the NAACP, and the Bombshells in Business.

McMillan said she is grateful to God for sustaining her as she completed her undergraduate degree.

"Studying at A&T has helped prepare me to go to the next level. I would like to work some and get ready to pursue my graduate degree," said McMillan.

In addition, she earned her Waste Management Certificate from the Waste Management Institute on the Campus of N. C. A & T State University.

In the local community, McMillan helped to direct the Kijana Youth Church at Emmanuel Baptist Church, participated with the College Ministry, the Social Action Committee, and performed with the Imani Players at Emmanuel Baptist Church. She also won the Young Dreamers Award from the Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission for the play she wrote on the sit-in movement in Winston-Salem. She is currently performing with the Imani Players in the play "When Courage Becomes Contagious: Our Selma," a drama about voter suppression.

McMillan began her college career at Salem College to earn a degree in Birth to Kindergarten Education. However, after Salem College let go of this major, McMillan completed her associates degree at Forsyth Technical Community College.

Taylor becomes managing editor of Carolina Public Press

Frank Taylor has joined the staff of Carolina Public Press as the first full-time managing editor of the online nonprofit news organization focused on in-depth and investigative news for Western North Carolina. He and a colleague won the 2012 N.C. Press Association Freedom of Information Award for their investigation of an improperly closed session of the Lincolnton City Council in which the city manager sought financial backing as he threatened to sue an independent journalist. Taylor received his master's degree from the UNC Chapel Hill's School of Journalism and Mass Communication in 2014 and a bachelor's degree from

Wheaton College of Illinois in 1991. Based in Asheville, Taylor assumes responsibility for the news operations of Carolina Public Press, including managing its in-depth and investigative news projects and public interest news from its bureau in Raleigh.

Silvia Ramos joins the Winston-Salem Foundation

Silvia Ramos has joined the Winston-Salem Foundation Committee, the Foundation's primary governing body. Ramos serves as the Chief Diversity Officer and Title IX Coordinator at Winston-Salem State University. Her service commitments include serving on the board of The Women's Fund of Winston-Salem, as well as working with The National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education, the North Carolina Coalition against Sexual Assault, and Women AdvANCe. Past involvements include serving as a founding board member of Interfaith Winston-Salem, providing medical translation services for providers and patients at the Community Care Clinic, and volunteering at The Children's Home. Ramos received her B.A. from Florida Gulf Coast University and her M.S. in Counseling and Human Development from Radford University. New Foundation Committee officers are Stan Kelly, chairman; Tommy Hickman, vice chairman; Randall Tuttle, treasurer; and, Linda Garrou, secretary.



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Community Calendar

Change of meeting location

Forsyth County Senior Democrats will meet today, Jan. 7, 8:30 a.m., at the Golden Corral, 180 Hanes Mall Circle (a change from the University Parkway location). Chris Rey, mayor of Spring Lake and a candidate for the U.S. Senate, will be the presenter. Rey, a Bronze Star recipient, holds the degree of Juris Doctor from William & Mary School of Law. The breakfast buffet begins at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. For more information, contact FCSO President Fred Terry at 336-391-2381.

Forsyth County 4-H club forming

Forsyth County 4-H is forming a new 4-H club for youth ages 8-11. Meetings will be held the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. beginning today, Jan. 7, at the Forsyth County Extension Center at 1450 Fairchild Road. Call Tara Cuello, 4-H Leader, at 336-934-7468 or email her at tcuello@yahoo.com for more information.

Sincere T. Kirabo to speak at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

"More than Words: Expanding the Scope of Humanism" will be presented today, Thursday, Jan. 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4055 Robinhood Rd. Author and social critic Sincere T. Kirabo will discuss ways humanist circles can more directly address racial justice and achieve better inclusion. Kirabo writes about social justice, atheism, culture and politics from an intersectional approach. He is a regional director with American Atheists. This is sponsored by Humanism with Heart, a discussion and service group at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. For more information, contact the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 336-659-0331 or humanism@uufws.org.



Kirabo

City holding Small Business Plan Contest

The city is holding its Small Business Plan Contest in 2016 and will hold an information meeting today, Jan. 7, for entrepreneurs interested in participating. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in Room 530 of the Stuart Municipal Building, 100 E. First St., Winston-Salem. The Community and Business Development Department is sponsoring the contest to promote small business and job creation by helping entrepreneurs develop sound business plans. The two winning business plans will each receive a \$5,000 grant for start-up costs and up to \$5,000 in a potential matching micro-loan. More information is available at CityofWS.org/CBD, or call Ken Millett at 336-747-7472.

Nathan Ross Freeman to hold writers workshop

Winston-Salem Writers has partnered with Nathan Ross Freeman for a workshop to discover the signature voice of a writer's work and how to engage your audience in character and exercise the essential, impacting difference between performing and engaging. The workshop will be held on two consecutive days, Jan. 16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with a presentation by participants on Saturday evening from 7-9 p.m., and on Sunday, Jan. 17, from 1-4 p.m. The deadline for registration is Jan. 8. The workshop will be held at Authoring Action, 630 W. Sixth St. The cost is \$175 for members of Winston-Salem Writers and \$200 for nonmembers. To register, go to www.wswriters.org and click on Programs.

Community ID Drive

Do you need a photo ID card? A community ID drive will be hosted by FaithAction on Friday, Jan. 8 at Southeast Plaza Shopping Center, 3065 Woughtown Street (in the corner by the courtyard). Doors open at 9 a.m. and participants MUST attend a mandatory orientation at either 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Once the orientation begins, the doors will be closed. The cost is \$10 in cash. The FaithAction ID is for any resident who may have limited access to government-issued forms of identification, and for those who support the mission of FaithAction. It is not a government-issued form of identification or a driver's license, but it is a verifiable form of identification that says you are a part of our community. To receive ID, participants MUST also provide a photo ID from one of the following: Passport, Foreign National ID card, current or expired driver's license, or Matricula Consular AND proof of current address from a utility bill, bank statement, current rental agreement or medical record. For more information, call Enrique Catana, 336-618-1734 or Rev. Francis Rivers Meza, 336-716-4745. Please remember that FaithAction ID cards expire after one year, so if your card is expired, please be sure to come to our next FaithAction ID drive and renew it.

Magnet school fair will be at Benton Convention Center

The annual magnet school fair is on Saturday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the lower level of the Benton Convention Center. The fair will feature student performances, exhibits and more.

Families can now begin applying to magnet schools in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools for the 2016-17 school year. Applications are available online at www.wsfcsmagnets.net. The deadline to apply to magnet schools is 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 25. WS/FCS offers 20 magnet schools. Speas Global Elementary School, a Global Schools Network 2015 Award winner, is the district's newest magnet school and offers a dual-language immersion program in English and Spanish.

Share the Health Fair to offer free screenings

Free screenings and other health-related services will be available to the public on Saturday, Jan. 9, at the 17th annual Share the Health Fair. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Downtown Health Plaza, 1200 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Registration closes at 3 p.m. It is sponsored by Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Wake Forest School of Medicine and the Northwest Area Health Education Center. Family-medicine physicians and specialists will be present as well as Spanish-language interpreters. A variety of screenings will be offered, including blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, diabetes, vision, glaucoma, hearing, HIV/STI, asthma, osteoporosis and mental health. Individuals who are found to have health issues that require further attention will be given referrals and information about what steps to take. The fair is open to adults regardless of age, insurance coverage, income level and/or immigration status. Childcare will be provided. For additional information, attendees can email info@sharethehealthfair.org.

Affordable health coverage enrollment event

Attend this enrollment event for a free appointment

and enrollment help with an expert. The event will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, 450 Metropolitan Dr. Call 855-733-3711 to schedule a free appointment visit www.GCACconnector.org.

It's Our Vote - It's Our Time training workshop

Democracy North Carolina is partnering with the N.C. NAACP and other allies to launch a massive voter education, registration, protection, and mobilization campaign for 2016. One of the first sessions will be held in Winston-Salem on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 3:15 to 6 p.m. at Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, 620 N. Patterson Ave. The event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register, call Democracy North Carolina at 919-286-600 or email: info@democracy-nc.org. This unified, statewide campaign is called "It's Our Time, It's Our Vote." Democracy N.C. is looking to involve thousands of volunteers and local leaders.

A series of strategy and training sessions will be held to describe the campaign and the many ways people can be active through their faith centers and churches, schools and communities.

150th anniversary of 'Alice in Wonderland' honored

Gary Taylor's "Fairy Tale Series" returns Jan. 9 to Winston-Salem Festival Ballet for a 150th anniversary celebration of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland." This year Alice joins her fairytale friends the Tortoise & the Hare and the Ugly Duckling in a one-act production designed specifically for the delight of young people. The show is on Jan. 9 at the Hanesbrands Theatre, 209 N. Spruce St., with performances at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Doors open at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively, so audience members can take part in themed activities such as face painting, meeting the dancers in costume, and photo and autograph opportunities. Tickets can be purchased through the Hanesbrands Theatre Box office at 336-747-1414, or online at www.rhodesartscenter.tix.com. Tickets range from \$27.25 - \$30.50. For further information visit www.winstonsalemfestivalballet.org or contact Brittany Petruzzi at 336-403-0232 or email bpetruzzi@winston-salemfestivalballet.org.

Free distribution of wood shavings for outdoor animals

With temperatures dipping below freezing, outdoor animals are at risk of freezing to death if they do not have adequate shelter and bedding. To help address this risk, Fur Ever Friends of North Carolina is sponsoring a wood shavings distribution event, "Spread the Warmth." Each bag of shavings will fill two to three doghouses and should be spread throughout the doghouse to provide extra warmth.

Distribution will be held on Sunday, Jan. 10, from 1-3 p.m. in the parking lot at the corner of Ivy Avenue and Liberty Street across from the downtown health center. Look for signs to help locate the event.

Pet owners with outside animals are encouraged to pick up these wood shavings during this event. There will be a limit of one bag per household.

For more information, visit www.fureverfriendsonc.org. Many thanks to Freeman Wood Crafters for their donation of the wood shavings for this event.

Shepherd's Center to offer classes

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem will hold the following classes and workshops at Peace Haven Baptist Church, 3384 York Road, starting in January:

- *Writing Stories From Your Life, Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. Must pre-register. Call Diana at 336-768-6168.
- *Beginning yoga, Mondays, 4 p.m. \$2 donation per class. Call 336-748-0127 to register.
- *A Matter of Balance: Fall Prevention. Eight-week class at no charge. Information session will be held on Monday, Jan. 11, 1 p.m. Class begins Jan. 18, 1 - 3:30 p.m., through March 7. Must pre-register as class is limited to 16. Call 336-748-0217 to register.
- *First Thursday Craft Club with Joyce Treadway. \$5 supply fee. Class limited to 20. To register, call 336-748-0217.
- *Living Healthy with Chronic Disease, Feb. 25 - March 31, 1 - 3:30 p.m. Call 336-748-0217 to register.

Open auditions for Winston-Salem Symphony Chorale

The Winston-Salem Symphony Chorale is holding open auditions on Monday, Jan. 11 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the choir room of Centenary United Methodist Church, 646 W. 5th St. The Chorale is seeking all voice types. Those interested in auditioning should bring a short prepared piece such as an art song or aria, a folk song, or a hymn. Auditions will consist of vocal range exercises, the prepared piece, sight reading, and pitch retention exercises. Auditions will be held in 10-minute intervals. For audition details or to register, contact Dr. Christopher Gilliam, Winston-Salem Symphony Chorale Director, by emailing cgilliam@WSsymphony.org.

Twin City Stage announces auditions for 'The Outsiders'

Twin City Stage will hold auditions for "The Outsiders" at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 11 at the Arts Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive. No appointment is necessary. Teen rivalry in a small Southern town sets the stage for this dramatic interpretation by Christopher Sergel of the novel by S. E. Hinton. There are roles available for nine males (ages 14-21), three females (ages 14-18), and two women and three men (ages 25-60). For more information, please call Twin City Stage at (336) 748-0857 x209 or visit the website at www.twincitystage.org.

Free pressure mapping clinic for wheelchair users

A free pressure mapping clinic will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. in the 3rd floor Sticht Center rehabilitation gym. Pressure mapping lets you see on a computerized display if your seat cushion relieves pressure. A physical therapist will be on hand, as well as seating vendors, a lift, and assistants to help anyone with transfers who need it. To see actual pressure maps done on real patients, or to learn more about pressure mapping, visit: http://sci.washington.edu/info/forums/reports/pressure_map.asp. To register, call or text 919-673-3703.