

Community Briefs

Meadowlark access to Muddy Creek Greenway closing

The Muddy Creek Greenway access road and parking lot off Meadowlark Drive will be closed starting Monday, March 28, for construction of Jamison Park. The access will be closed for the duration of the construction, which is scheduled to be completed in January 2017. Greenway access will be available on Robinhood Road at Muddy Creek.

Bhat selected for teaching excellence award

Manjunatha B. Bhat, associate professor of physiology in the Department of Biological Sciences at Winston-Salem State University, has been selected by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors to receive a 2016 Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Bhat is one of 17 recipients representing North Carolina's 16 public universities and the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics who were nominated by special committees on their home campuses to receive the award. The Board of Governors' Committee on Personnel and Tenure made final selection. Each winner will receive a commemorative bronze medallion and a \$12,500 cash prize.



Bhat

Novant Health seeking iPad donations for heart failure patients

Are you upgrading your iPad this year? If so, why not donate your old model to help someone in need? Novant Health Foundation Forsyth Medical Center is seeking new and gently used iPads to help support educational programs for heart failure patients. The iPads will be used in hospitals and outpatient clinics to show patients 3D images of the heart, making it easier for them to understand their disease and reinforcing the lifestyle changes needed to manage it. To ensure compatibility with the 3D software, the following models are being accepted: iPad 3, iPad 4, iPad Air, iPad Air 2 and iPad Pro. For more information or to make a donation, contact Heather Egan at hegan@novanthealth.org or 336-718-2101.

AT&T issues call for nominations for 2017 Heritage Calendar

Raleigh— AT&T® is accepting nominations of individuals to be honored in the 2017 edition of "The Heritage Calendar: Celebrating the NC African-American Experience." The project honors men and women of all races who have contributed significantly to the lives and experiences of African-Americans in the state. In addition to monthly honorees, the calendar highlights dates of significance in North Carolina and nationally. To nominate an individual for consideration, please go to www.ncheritagecalendar.com/nominate. Nominations for consideration for the 2017 edition must be received by April 15, 2016. Western Carolina University is joining The Heritage Calendar project this year. A team of WCU students, led by Elizabeth Gillespie McRae, associate professor of history and director of graduate social science education programs, will interview the honorees and write profiles to be published in the printed edition of the 2017 calendar and on the project's website.

Experiment in Self Reliance launches financial literacy program

The Experiment in Self Reliance (ESR) will launch a new program this April called the Road to Empowerment series. This series will provide six financial literacy classes to individuals in our community and will teach them the fundamentals of job search and asset building. The cost to attend is a one-time fee of \$10. Each session is held on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings beginning April 14 (participants only have to attend one per week). Sessions are two hours long, and breakfast/dinner will be provided accordingly. All classes will take place at ESR. For more information, please contact Kimberly Simms at kimberly.simms@eistr.org or at 722-9400 ext. 111.

Wake Forest Baptist receives scholarship grant

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center has received a \$205,000 grant from the Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation that will provide scholarships for women enrolled in the medical school, nurse anesthesia and physician assistant programs at Wake Forest School of Medicine during the 2016-17 academic year. The Atlanta-based Lettie Pate Whitehead scholarship program provides scholarship grants for deserving female students with financial need at more than 200 colleges, universities and schools in nine southeastern states. The foundation also supports select elderly care facilities and has awarded more than \$583 million in grants since its inception in 1946.

WSSU Students Achieve 100 Percent Pass Rate on National OT Board Exam

For the third consecutive year, 100 percent of graduates from Winston-Salem State University's (WSSU) Master of Occupational Therapy program passed the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) exam on their first attempt. Currently, the national pass rate for first-time test takers is 88 percent. WSSU students have consistently achieved a pass rate higher than the national average. The NBCOT is required of all graduates before they are able to practice as occupational therapists in the United States. The exam assesses an individual's readiness to perform in a professional capacity. A high pass rate demonstrates a program's ability to ensure students have received the knowledge needed to be successful — whether they choose to be practitioners, administrators, educators or researchers.

Lord promoted to vice president position

Richard Lord, M.D., has been promoted to the new position of vice president, clinical operations-population health, at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. In his new role, Lord will collaborate with clinical and academic leaders to develop the strategic vision and organizational capabilities needed to implement population health management.

Early registration through today, March 31 – Inaugural Glow Crazy 5K and Fun Run

Big Brothers Big Sisters will have their first Glow Crazy 5K and Fun Run event with an after party on April 22 at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds. The Fun Run will start at 7:30 p.m. and the 5K race will start at 8 p.m. Following the races, there will be an after party with food trucks, vendors, live bands, inflatables for the kids, and much more. Registration is \$25 through today, March 31; \$30 from April 1 to April 20. Online registration closes on April 20. \$35 per entry at packet pickup. Sign up by April 4 to ensure a t-shirt. Glow sticks will be provided as part of the race packet. There will be no race day registration. The registration for the Fun Run is \$10 per person. Everyone is invited to attend the after party. This will be a fun event not just for runners, but for the whole family. To register, go to www.bbbsnc.org click on events and Glow Crazy 5K & Fun Run.

Anderson Class of 1968 meeting

The Anderson Class of 1968 will be meeting monthly every second Saturday at Forsyth Seaford Café' at 6 p.m. to continue to plan for its 50th Class Reunion to be held in 2018. For more information, please contact Laura Hayes Allen at 336-624-8516 or Reggie Moore at 336-671-7154.

April 5 – Meeting on applications for handymen and trade contractors

The Community and Business Development Department is accepting applications from local licensed and non-licensed handymen and trade contractors who are interested in being placed on the Urgent Repair Contractor's List. Urgent repair projects generally do not exceed \$15,000. The department is also seeking contractors to perform work under the city's In Rem Repair program. Repairs covered under this program include board-ups, siding repair, replacement of broken windows and other small repairs. The Community and Business Development Department will hold a special meeting to explain these opportunities on Tuesday, April 5, at 6 p.m. at the Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building (5th Floor Public Meeting Room) located at 100 E. First Street. For more information, contact Ms. Twanda Montgomery at 336-734-1330 or twandam@cityofws.org for additional information.

Accepting applications now - Juneteenth Festival's call for artists and vendors

Triad Cultural Arts is seeking performers, choirs, dance teams, spoken word artists, craftsmen, artists, authors and vendors for the annual Juneteenth Festival to be held Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, which will include Biotech Place and Bailey Park in Winston-Salem. Interested persons should apply online www.triadculture.org or call 336-757-8556.

Through April 30 – '2016 Invitational' art exhibit fundraiser

"On the Wall," Delta Fine Arts Inc., is an exhibit and sale of the "2016 Invitational" works of students, professional and emerging artists across the region. On display: Pamela Cola, Owens Daniels, Darlene Glenn-McClinton, Jerilyn Harney-Baker, Cornell Jones, Joseph King, Bobby Roebuck, Donald Sawyer, David Wilson and 13 additional African-American artists. The public can vote for their favorite artist in the People's Choice Award. For more information, call 336-722-2625 or visit www.deltaartscenter.org.

Through April 3 – Jesus Christ Superstar

Theatre Alliance, 1047 Northwest Blvd., will present Jesus Christ Superstar from March 18 to April 3. Wednesday - Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon performances are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for Adults and \$16 for students/seniors. There is also a \$2 per ticket discount available for groups of 10 or more. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Theatre Alliance Box Office on Fridays from 12:30-3 p.m., online at www.wstheatrealliance.org or by calling Brown Paper Tickets at (800) 838-3006. Please call Theatre Alliance at (336) 723-7777 with any questions about this or future shows.

Free leaf compost available

The city is offering free leaf compost April 2 and 9 for as long as supplies last. Compost will be loaded on all days between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Forum 52 Yard Waste Facility, 180 Northstar Drive, Rural Hall (in the Forum 52 Business Park off Forum Parkway). New procedures

will be implemented for this distribution. No leaf compost will be available prior to the scheduled distribution dates. On Saturday, April 2 and Saturday, April 9, all types of vehicles will be loaded. All vehicles must have a tarp or cover and all loads must be fully covered before leaving the site. Vehicles without a tarp or cover will not be loaded. For more information call CityLink 311 or go to Utilities.CityofWS.org.

Today, March 31 - Groundbreaking for Benton Convention Center Improvements

City residents are invited to join Mayor Allen Joines and members of the City Council today, Thursday, March 31, as they hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the improvement to Benton Convention Center. The groundbreaking will be held at 1 p.m. in front of the convention center, 301 W. Fifth St. The ceremony will include performances by the Sweet Adelines and the N.C. Black Repertory Company. The improvements will improve the marketability of the convention center, create jobs, improve operating efficiency, save money, and broaden target markets to include more overnight visitors. The improvements are being financed by \$17.5 million in limited obligation bonds.

Today, March 31 – Celebrating Maya Angelo

A celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Maya Angelou will be held today, Thursday, March 31, from 6 - 7 p.m., at SECCA, 750 Marguerite Dr. Wake Forest University faculty, students and community members will read and perform selections of Dr. Angelou's poetry. The event is free and open to the public. A light reception will follow.

April 1 – Senior SNAP Enrollment Fair

The Winston-Salem Urban League in partnership with the City of Winston-Salem is sponsoring a second senior enrollment fair on Friday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center located at 500 Reynolds Blvd. Seniors aged 60 and older who do not currently receive Food Stamps through the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) are strongly encouraged to apply through this enrollment fair from any county within North Carolina. Applicants should bring photo identification, Social Security documents that verify income and proof of residency. Additional organizations with services for telephone, weatherization and energy assistance are scheduled to attend. If you have further questions please contact Tangela Reed at the Urban League at 336-725-5614.

April 1 - Registration opens for Summer Day Camps

Eleven city recreation centers will be offering day camps this summer and will begin accepting reservations April 1. All camps will start June 20 and run through Aug. 12. Fees range from \$50 to \$20 per week (\$60-\$25 for non-city residents), except for 14th Street Recreation Center, which will charge a one-time fee of \$25. At all camps, children can be enrolled from week to week. Most camps require a one-week camp fee as a non-refundable deposit at registration. Eight of the 11 camps will serve youngsters age 5 - 12, offering all-day camps with sports, games, activities, field trips and more. They are 14th Street, Hanes Hosiery, Martin Luther King Jr., Old Town, Polo Park, Sedge Garden, Sprague Street and W.R. Anderson. Space is limited to 40 campers per week at each center. The Little Creek and Georgia Taylor recreation centers will offer partial-day camps for up to 20 children per week ages 4 - 7, and Miller Park Recreation Center will host Camp Discovery, an all-day camp for up to 25 youth with disabilities ages 8 to 21. Hours vary by location. For more details, go to WePLAY.ws.

April 1 – Shade Gardening with Native Plants

Biologists and other scientists consider invasion by exotic plants to be one of the most serious problems facing native plant and wildlife populations in the U.S. Join this program to take a look at native plants for the shade garden. Learn how adding native plants to the shade landscape will help attract a diversity of wildlife. Natives are also usually easier to grow since they are well adapted to our climate and soils. Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, Sheila Lombardo will present the program. Held at the Forsyth County Cooperative Extension office, 1450 Fairchild Dr., April 1 from noon - 1 p.m. Workshop is free, but registration required. Please register by email at coop-ext-registration@forsyth.cc or call

336.703.2850.

April 1 – "We Shall Overcome" production

"We Shall Overcome," a production about the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, will be presented at the International Civil Rights Museum, 134 S. Elm St., Greensboro, on Friday, April 1. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the performance begins at 6:30 p.m. For information and tickets, go to <http://icremweshallovercome.eventbrite.com>.

April 1 - 10-Minute Play staged readings to be held

The top three winners of the Winston-Salem Writers' 6th annual 10-Minute Play competition will be stage read on Friday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Milton Rhodes Arts Center, 251 Spruce Street. The winning plays are: "Not Available in Stores" by John Woestendiek; "Reading Signs" by Marilyn Anselm; and "When the Wolfbane Blooms," by Wim Coleman. Admission is \$7 for nonmembers and \$5 for members and is available at the door.

April 2 - Fairgrounds Skate Park Grand Opening

City officials will hold a grand opening for the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Skate Park at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 2. A short ceremony will be held, after which the park will be turned over to skaters. The first 24 skaters with appropriate safety gear (helmet, elbow pads and knee pads) will receive a unique Skate Park T-shirt. The skate park is located at 406 Deacon Boulevard, outside the Fairgrounds Annex and across from Wake Forest Baseball Park. The park offers 15,200 square feet of ramps, quarter pipes, grinding rails, bank ramps and more for skateboarders of all abilities. It also has a 325-foot-long "pump" track: an undulating track of dips and banks that helps riders master the basics of how to balance and handle their bikes, skateboards and roller skates without the risk of major injury. The skate park builds on the temporary skate park the city set up in the summer of 2014 inside the Fairgrounds Education Building. It incorporates those moveable ramps plus fixed elements such as concrete skate "benches." The skate park also includes a shade structure, a water station for filling jugs and bottles, a seating area and an emergency call station. The park is designed to accommodate bikes, skateboards and roller skates; scooters are not permitted. Hours for the skate park are 9 a.m. to dusk. More information and skate park rules are posted at WePLAY.ws.

April 4 – Green infrastructure and ecosystem services program

Bring your lunch and listen to one of the superstars of the stormwater world. Dr. Hunt will cover some of the reasons for installing stormwater controls as well as the many benefits, including air quality, carbon sequestration, climate resiliency, and biodiversity. There are many innovative ways these ecosystem services can provide a more holistic assessment of stormwater. The program will be held on April 4 from noon - 1 p.m. at the Forsyth Cooperative Extension office, 1450 Fairchild Rd. Continuing Education Credits available: 1 PDH for professional engineers and surveyors, authorized by the NC Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors. Other professionals may appeal to their respective boards to obtain professional education credit. Registration is required. Contact the Forsyth Cooperative Extension office to register. Phone: 336-703-2850 or email coop-ext-registration@forsyth.cc.

Registration open - Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes

Registration is now underway for two Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes. These are 6-week classes for anyone caring for a loved one who is frail or ill. One class will take place on Tuesdays, April 5-May 10, 6-8 pm, at Creekside Terrace, 3895 Old Vineyard Road. A second class will be held on Wednesdays, May 18-June 22, 4-6 pm, at SECU Family House, 1970 Baldwin Lane. There is no charge, but donations are accepted. Registration is required. To register or get information, call Linda Lewis at 748-0217. Classes are sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem, Family Caregiver Support Program, Senior Services, Hospice & Palliative CareCenter, SECU Family House, and Daybreak Respite Program. Classes fill quickly, so early registration is suggested.