

City Information Web site: www.cityofws.org

"P2C" gives citizens new public safety resource

Winston-Salem's finest are stepping further into the information age with a new interactive Web site where citizens can view incident and arrest reports, view maps showing where incidents and arrests take place, report non-emergency incidents such as vandalism, and obtain copies of accident reports.

The new Web site is www.wspdp2c.org. "P2C" stands for "Police to Citizen." The acronym sums up the site's purpose, says Assistant Chief Ronnie Abernathy, who oversees the department's Support Services Bureau.

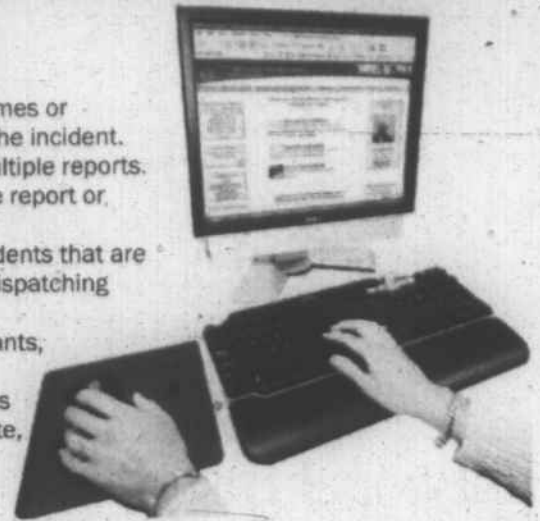
"P2C gives the Police Department another way to connect with the community, and it further enhances our efficiency and effectiveness by sharing information on-line in a cost effective and timely manner," Abernathy said.

The site allows citizens to search police records of incidents (i.e. crimes) and arrests by location, name or date. The search pulls up a copy of the report

as filled out by the police officer. Certain information, such as names or addresses of victims, may be withheld depending on the nature of the incident. Report locations can also be displayed on a map, for single or multiple reports. Citizens seeking information about a specific report can enter the report or case number from a search box on the home page.

Reports of vandalism, burglary and other non-emergency incidents that are filed online are routed immediately to the department's unit for dispatching officers to non-emergency calls.

The site also includes information on outstanding arrest warrants, and the home page displays the department's "most wanted" persons. Other links on the page take viewers to the department's main Web site, information about crime statistics, the city Web site, the N.C. Department of Corrections Web site, the city code of ordinances and information about city meetings.



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Get the "Blue" perspective

You can learn more about how our men in blue operate through the Citizens' Police Academy, which will begin March 18, 2008.

The Citizens' Police Academy is designed to acquaint citizens with the law enforcement profession and the role of the Police Department within the community.

The curriculum is similar to recruit training for new police officers, with a mix of classroom and hands-on training on such topics as departmental functions, search and seizure laws, use of force, firearm training simulator, K-9 and special operations, crime prevention, domestic violence, vice/narcotics and criminal investigations.

Citizens' Police Academy is not intended to train participants to be police officers, but to help create a citizenry that is familiar and comfortable with the Police Department. Classes are taught by officers and civilian employees throughout the department.

The Citizens' Police Academy lasts 12 weeks. Classes will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Center, 725 N. Cherry St.

Enrollment is open to any citizen 18 years or older who resides, works or attends school in Winston-Salem. For applications, call the Winston-Salem Police Department at 773-7788, or visit the department's Web site at www.wspd.org to complete an application online. The class is limited to 30 students. Applications must be received by March 3, 2008.

The Winston-Salem Police Department is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc.

Winston-Salem makes the Top 10 - again!

For the sixth year in a row Winston-Salem has been ranked as one of the top 10 most technology-advanced cities in America of its size by the Center for Digital Government.



Winston-Salem tied for fifth in the center's 2007 Digital Cities Survey of cities with a population of 125,000 to 249,999. The annual study examines how city governments are using digital technologies to better serve their citizens and streamline operations.

The Digital Cities rankings were announced today at a reception in New Orleans held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the National League of Cities.

Over the past year, the city has continued to use digital technology to improve its information infrastructure. Mobile applications for Neighborhood Services and Utilities were implemented that allow employees in the field to access and update inspection reports, service requests and work orders.

In addition, the city has been working on a new digital telephone system for the Citizen Contact Center, has updated the Customer Service Desk on the city Web site, expanded the MyCityofWS service that allows citizens to create a custom home page, and integrated mapping information from the geographic information system into the city Web site.

The rankings were compiled by the Center for Digital Government, a national research and advisory institute. The city tied for fifth place with St. Petersburg, Fla. Winston-Salem is the only North Carolina city in the rankings.

"Recycle" your Christmas tree

The city will recycle your old Christmas tree and put it to good use as mulch for its parks and roadsides.

Residents in single-family homes inside the city limits can put their Christmas trees at the curb for pick-up by city brush crews. All lights, decorations, stands and nails must be removed from trees. Please be patient; it may take several weeks to collect all the trees.

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

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

For more information about drop-off locations, call the Vegetation Management Division



Register for the Senior Games

As the years add up, staying physically active offers tremendous benefits for both body and mind. And for adults age 55 and up, the Piedmont Plus Senior Games offer all these benefits plus fun, fellowship and friendly competition.

The Piedmont Plus Senior Games are open to adults in Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin and Davie Counties, and feature a year-round wellness and education promotion that culminates with athletic and art competitions. Events include bowling, billiards, bocce, swimming, running, walking, softball, basketball, spin casting, softball throw, and football throw as well as literary, visual heritage and the performing arts.

Registration for the Summer 2008 games is open through March 14. For more information, call 727-2505 or go to www.weplay.ws.



Mayor Joines, Council Member Clark to Meet with West Ward Residents

Mayor Allen Joines and West Ward Council Member Robert Clark will hold a "Talk of the Town" meeting Thursday, Jan. 10, in the Building B dining room of Calvary Baptist Church, 5000 Country Club Road.



They'll discuss what's going on in city government and issues important to the West Ward, including sidewalks on Kirklees Road, break-ins in the Buena Vista and Country Club neighborhoods, and the missing section of the Muddy Creek greenway. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

For more information call 727-2058.

Nightlife violence reduction training offered in February

Bar and nightclub owners are invited to learn how to recognize and respond to potential crimes in their businesses at a violence reduction training seminar the Police Department will hold Feb. 5. The training will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Deacon Room at the Lawrence Joel Coliseum. The winter-weather make-up date is Feb. 12 at the same place and time.

The training is free, but registration is requested. To register, or for more information, call the Crime Prevention Unit at 773-7835 by February 1.

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2008 Garbage and Recycling Collection Schedule

Refuse, Yard Waste Cart and Curbside Recycling collection schedules will be altered on these holiday weeks. Call 727-2638 for more information.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Observed January 21, 2008

Garbage: Normal Schedule
Curbside Recycling: Normal Schedule
Yard Waste Cart: Monday collected Tuesday, Jan. 22 Tuesday collected Wednesday, Jan. 23 Wednesday collected Thursday, Jan. 24 Thursday collected Friday, Jan. 25

Easter

Observed March 21

Garbage: Tuesday-Normal Schedule Wednesday-Normal Schedule Thursday-Normal Schedule Friday collected Monday, March 24
Curbside Recycling: Normal Schedule
Yard Waste Cart: Normal Schedule

Memorial Day

Observed May 26

Garbage: Normal Schedule
Curbside Recycling: Monday collected Tuesday, May 27 Tuesday collected Wednesday, May 28 Wednesday collected Thursday, May 29 Thursday collected Friday, May 30 Friday collected Saturday, May 31
Yard Waste Cart: Monday collected Tuesday, May 27 Tuesday collected Wednesday, May 28 Wednesday collected Thursday, May 29 Thursday collected Friday, May 30

Independence Day

Observed July 4

Garbage: Tuesday-Normal Schedule Wednesday-Normal Schedule Thursday-Normal Schedule Friday collected Monday, July 7
Curbside Recycling: Monday-Normal Schedule Tuesday-Normal Schedule Wednesday-Normal Schedule Thursday-Normal Schedule Friday collected Saturday, July 5
Yard Waste Cart: Normal Schedule

Labor Day

Observed September 1

Garbage: Normal Schedule
Curbside Recycling: Monday collected Tuesday, Sept. 2 Tuesday collected Wednesday, Sept. 3 Wednesday collected Thursday, Sept. 4 Thursday collected Friday, Sept. 5 Friday collected Saturday, Sept. 6

Labor Day Yard Waste Cart:

Monday collected Tuesday, Sept. 2 Tuesday collected Wednesday, Sept. 3 Wednesday collected Thursday, Sept. 4 Thursday collected Friday, Sept. 5

Thanksgiving

Observed Nov. 27 & 28

Garbage: Tuesday collected Monday, Nov. 24 Wednesday collected Tuesday, Nov. 25 Thursday collected Wednesday, Nov. 26 Friday collected Monday, Dec. 1
Curbside Recycling: Monday-Normal Schedule Tuesday-Normal Schedule Wednesday-Normal Schedule Thursday collected Friday, Nov. 28 Friday collected Saturday, Nov. 29
Yard Waste Cart: Monday & Tuesday collected Monday, Nov. 24 Wednesday collected Tuesday, Nov. 25 Thursday collected Wednesday, Nov. 26

Christmas

Observed December 25 & 26

Garbage: Tuesday collected Monday, Dec. 22 Wednesday collected Tuesday, Dec. 23 Thursday collected Wednesday, Dec. 24 Friday collected Monday, Dec. 29
Recycling: Monday-Normal Schedule Tuesday-Normal Schedule Wednesday-Normal Schedule Thursday collected Friday, Dec. 26 Friday collected Saturday, Dec. 27
Yard Waste Cart: Monday collected Tuesday, Dec. 23 Tuesday collected Wednesday, Dec. 24

New Year's Day 2009

Observed January 1

Garbage: Tuesday-Normal Schedule Wednesday-Normal Schedule Thursday collected Friday, Jan. 2, 2009 Friday collected Monday, Jan. 5, 2009
Curbside Recycling: Monday-Normal Schedule Tuesday-Normal Schedule Wednesday-Normal Schedule Thursday collected Friday, Jan. 2, 2009 Friday collected Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009
Yard Waste Cart: Monday-Normal Schedule Tuesday-Normal Schedule Wednesday-Normal Schedule Thursday collected Friday, Jan. 2, 2009

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