

# Community Briefs

## Nigel Alston named interim director at N.C. Black Rep

Community leader and business executive Nigel D. Alston has been named interim executive director of The North Carolina Black Repertory Company (NCBRC), producer of the biennial National Black Theatre Festival (NBTF), as well as other local theatrical productions.

"Nigel is a long-time supporter of both the NCBRC and the Festival," said Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, president of the NCBRC board of directors, "having served as the co-chair of the Festival's fundraising committee for the past five festivals. We are very grateful to have an executive director with Nigel's outstanding record of accomplishment and dedication."

"I appreciate Sylvia and the board having the confidence to appoint me to this important and prestigious position," Alston said. "The National Black Theatre Festival has become an iconic event, benefitting our economy and enhancing our culture. With the ongoing help of our board, our staff, our corporate and individual supporters, and thousands of theatre goers from across the country, we'll continue to be one of the nation's premier cultural events."

## City Manager announces leadership appointments

City Manager Lee Garrity has announced the appointment of Tom Kureczka as the city's next chief information officer and Melanie Johnson as the next city secretary. Kureczka has served as the interim chief information officer since Sept. 1, following the retirement of Dennis Newman.

Kureczka joined the Information Systems Department in 1996 as a senior supervisor and has served as deputy information systems director since 2006. As deputy director, he managed the department's computer center operations and application systems divisions, lead strategic planning for new information technology investments, and ensured the reliability and security of the city's information technology infrastructure. Kureczka is a recent graduate of the UNC School of Government's Public Executive Leadership Academy.

Johnson will assume her new duties Nov. 23, following the retirement of City Secretary Renee Phillips. Johnson has extensive municipal clerk experience, serving as the deputy city secretary for the past nine years and serving in the city secretary's office since 2003. She also worked in the city's Human Resources Department for approximately two years. Before joining the city of Winston-Salem, Johnson worked for the city of Hickory in the city manager's office.

## Second ReStore opening, in Kernersville

Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County will open a second ReStore, to be located in Kernersville, on Dec. 1. The ReStore will be at 619 N. Main St., in the Northwood Plaza Shopping Center, in a space previously occupied by a Sears appliance store.

About one-third the size of Habitat Forsyth's main ReStore on Coliseum Drive in Winston-Salem, the 8,425-square-foot store will accept donations of and sell much the same mix of household items, including appliances, furniture, other home décor, and building supplies. A drop-off loading dock for donated items will be available in the back of the store. Profits from the store will go toward supporting Habitat's mission of providing local working families the opportunity to buy safe, affordable housing.

Both Winston-Salem and Kernersville ReStores will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. More information about what kinds of items the ReStore does and does not accept as donations can be found at [www.habitat-forsyth.org](http://www.habitat-forsyth.org).

## Five N.C. schools named state finalists in national STEM competition

Five North Carolina schools are among the nation's 255 State Finalists in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest, a program that encourages teachers and students to solve real-world issues in their community using classroom skills in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Winston-Salem is among the finalists.

Each of the State Finalists will receive two Samsung Galaxy Tabs for the classroom's use. Next, teachers from the five state finalist schools will submit a lesson plan outlining how they will address the challenge with their students while working with their communities - all with a share of \$2 million on the line.

## Mount Airy High School marching band to perform at bowl

WorldStrides OnStage programs have invited the marching band from Mount Airy High School to perform at the Russell Athletic Bowl. They will join marching bands from across the country in the halftime show finale of this major college bowl game. An invitation to perform at the Russell Athletic Bowl is an honor reserved only for the most talented student performers from across the nation.

Under the direction of Jonathan Jones, the Mount Airy High School marching band will travel to Orlando where they will rehearse with the mass band and learn from nationally acclaimed adjudicators. In their free time, they will take in the sights of Orlando.

To help raise funds for the trip, the band will be hosting a Sebika and Tool Bingo on Dec. 5 at the Mount Airy High School Commons Area. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6:30 p.m.

To learn how you can help Mount Airy High School's fundraising efforts, contact Beth Pequeno at [beth.pequeno@gmail.com](mailto:beth.pequeno@gmail.com).

## Gulley named Mental Health Professional of the Year

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) North Carolina awarded Marcus Gulley, MD the Mental Health Professional of the Year Award during a luncheon at its Annual Conference at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh on Oct. 23.

Dr. Gulley is being recognized for serving people living with mental illness and their families in the Forsyth County area for over 60 years. Dr. Gulley joined the faculty of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry at Wake Forest University in 1956 where he worked for 41 years providing psychiatric care to patients and teaching residents and students.

After his "official retirement" in 1997, he decided to return to part-time work in the Department of Psychiatry where he continued to see patients for 14 additional years in the office.

## Town Hall meeting

"A Plan by Design," the Economic Betrayal and Corruption of Winston-Salem, will be today (Nov. 19), at Mazie Woodruff, Forsyth Tech, 4509 Lansing Dr., 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Discussion: How Winston-Salem became number two in the United States for having more poor people living in poverty (based on cities of this size), and those responsible for the decline of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness across Winston-Salem. Presented by ACTION NOW. For more information, contact Ms. Coats at 336-745-6235.

## Coloring club

The Carver School Branch Library is having a coloring club event on today (Nov. 19) from 11 a.m. to noon at 4915 Lansing Drive. This is coloring fun for adults and a stress reliever. Coloring pages, coloring pencils, music and light refreshments will be provided. Free for persons 18 and older. For more information, call 336-703-2910.

## Corner-to-Corner conference

Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade St., will continue its Corner-to-Corner conference today (Nov. 19), tomorrow (Nov. 20) at 9:15 a.m., with lunch included. Registration and continental breakfast will be at 8 a.m. On Sunday, Nov. 21, the graduation worship service will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tracy Martin, Trayvon Martin's father is guest speaker. Bishop Sir Walter Mack, Jr. is pastor. For more information, call 336-724-9305 ext 222.

## Roll and Stroll

On Friday, Nov. 20, Arts For Life will hold its annual Roll & Stroll at Tanglewood Park, 4201 Manor House Circle in Clemmons. Event day registration opens at 5 p.m.; the event starts at 6:30 pm. The event allows walking or riding bikes through Tanglewood Park's Festival of Lights before it opens to car traffic for the holiday season. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 for students (kids 12 and under are admitted free); they can be purchased online at [artsforlifenc.org/rollandstroll](http://artsforlifenc.org/rollandstroll). Adult ticket prices go up to \$25 on the day of the event. For more information, contact [mcramerwrites@gmail.com](mailto:mcramerwrites@gmail.com).

## Bingo for turkeys

Carl H. Russell, Sr. Community Center will sponsor their 22nd Annual Citywide Bingo For Turkeys event on Friday, Nov. 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 3521 Carver School Road. Admission is three canned food items per player. For more information, call Ben Piggott or his staff at 336-727-2580.

## Piefest

The Habitat for Humanity Youth United group will hold its annual Piefest on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church at 300 N. Cherry St. Youth United will also sell whole pies at the event for \$12 each. Pies can be purchased at the door or ordered in advance online at [www.habitat-forsyth.org](http://www.habitat-forsyth.org). Pumpkin, apple caramel, chicken and Oreo fudge flavors will be available. Pies ordered in advance can also be picked up at the Habitat ReStore, 608 Coliseum Drive, on Nov. 24. For more information, contact Paul Spellings at [youth@habitat-forsyth.org](mailto:youth@habitat-forsyth.org).

## Remember the neighborhood

"Remembering the neighborhood: life in the former tobacco district" will be on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wake Forest Biotech Place, located at 575 N. Patterson Ave. This is an interactive community event where you can learn about - and contribute to - the history of the neighborhoods in and around the former tobacco district. Children's activities will be provided and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 336-713-1452.

## Runway showcase

There will be a trade collective runway showcase on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at 3650 Patterson Ave. For more information, contact Ashley Johnson at 336-575-0141.

## Miracle on Burke Street

The Susan G. Komen Northwest NC is having its Miracle on Burke Street on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 1106 Burke St. There will be crafts, singing, and an opportunity for a child to take pictures with Santa. Parents will have access to digital copies. The cost is \$20 for one child, \$35 for two children and \$40 for three children. For more

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information, call 336-721-0037 or email [info@komennorthwestnc.org](mailto:info@komennorthwestnc.org).

## Youth Chorus

The Winston-Salem Youth Chorus will hold its annual Winter Celebration Concert, this year titled "Winter Harmonies," on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m., at Ardmore Baptist Church. Tickets for the concert are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and senior citizens. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 336-703-001 or at the door. The proceeds help the chorus fund part of their annual operating costs.

## Gmail class

There will be a gmail computer class for adults' age 50 and older on Tuesday, Nov. 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Carver Branch School Library, located at 4915 Lansing Drive. This class will assist to create and set up a Google email account (gmail). This event is free. For more information and to register, call 336-703-2910.

## "The Piano Lesson" audition

Auditions will be held for "The Piano Lesson" on Monday, Nov. 1 and Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Playhouse, located at 4401 Indiana Ave. For more information, call 336-661-4949.

## Too sweet for Diabetes workout-a-thon

"I Am 2 Sweet 4 Diabetes" will have its workout-a-thon on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 4399 Carver School Road. This event is a fundraiser for Diabetes Awareness. Registration is \$20 and is going on right now until Nov. 27. Checks or money orders are made payable to: I am 2 Sweet 4 Diabetes, 310 Healy Drive, Suite 201-F, Winston-Salem, NC. 27103. For more information, call 336-986-9606.

## Blood donation

The Red Cross will be accepting blood donations throughout the holiday season. The following dates and times will be available: Kernersville, Nov. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at East Forsyth High School, 2500 W. Mountain St.; Nov. 30 from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at Kernersville Wesleyan Church - Family Life Center, 930 N. Main St.; Winston-Salem, Nov. 23 from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at New Philadelphia Moravian Church, 4440 Country Club Road; and Nov. 30 from 3 to 7:30 p.m. at Beck's Baptist Church, 5505 Becks Church Road. For more information or to make an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## Shop small business tour

The Winston Salem Black Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Shop Small Business Tour on Saturday, Nov. 28. The 32-passenger bus will leave from the Enterprise Center, located 1922 Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The bus will stop at the local businesses of the members of the Winston Salem Black Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$20 a person. For more information or if you would like your business to be included on The Small Business Bus Tour call 336-575-2006.

## "Dreams of Christmas"

The Salem Band will be giving two free performances on Tuesday, Dec. 15 and Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The Dec. 15 performance will be at Home Moravian Church, located at 529 S. Church St. The Dec. 17 performance will be at Trinity Moravian Church, located at 220 E. Sprague St. Donations will be accepted for Sunnyside Ministry and

the Salem Band. For more information, contact Eileen Young at 336-413-2180, email [eileenyoung@triad.rr.com](mailto:eileenyoung@triad.rr.com), or visit [www.salemband.org](http://www.salemband.org).

## Peace Toys for War Toys/Lifeline Shoebox

The 23rd annual Peace Toys for War Toys exchange program for young boys and girls will be held at the Coliseum Annex on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The eighth annual Lifeline Shoebox distribution project for nursing homes and assisted living residents will be held from Sunday, Dec. 20 - Thursday, Dec. 24.

Organizers need safe secure donated space with climate control access for donated items received for both programs. All items are presented annually at Christmas time. Acceptable items are wash cloths, lotion, petroleum jelly, body wash, shampoo, socks, bicycles, footballs, soccer balls, basketballs, books, puzzles, board games, baby dolls, electronic games and much more. For additional information, contact Ben Piggott at 336-727-2580 or Wanda Reid at 336-546-7015.

## Proposal Auditions

Twin City Stage will hold auditions for Neil Simon's "Proposals" at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7 at the Arts Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive. No appointment is necessary. There are roles available for five men ages 22-60 and 4 women ages 22-45. For more information, please call Twin City Stage at 336-748-0857 extension 209 or visit the website at [www.twincitystage.org](http://www.twincitystage.org).

## Applications for City of Winston-Salem University

The city is accepting applications for the next class of "City of Winston-Salem University," to be held for 11 weeks starting Feb. 11, 2016. City of Winston-Salem University gives citizens a better understanding of city government, including the responsibilities of various city departments and the city's role in the community. City of Winston-Salem University is free, however, participants have the option of earning continuing education credit through Winston-Salem State University for a nominal fee of \$25. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Dec. 31. Applications are available at the Marketing and Communications Department in City Hall, 101 N. Main St. Suite 336, or by calling CityLink 311. The application is also posted online at [www.CityofWS.org](http://www.CityofWS.org) and can be printed and mailed in, or filled out and submitted online. For more information, call CityLink 311.

## American Legion Post 128 Fish Fry

A fish fry is held every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at 4817 Old Rural Hall Road to support and serve the community. The funds also support the Post.

Please give us complete information about the event, such as the sponsor and address, date, time and place of the event and contact information so that the public can contact someone for more information if needed. The deadline to have all calendar items in to the newsroom is 11:59 p.m. Sunday for that week's paper. Send your calendar items to [news@wschronicle.com](mailto:news@wschronicle.com). You can also drop them off, Monday through Friday before 5 p.m., or mail your items to Winston-Salem Chronicle, 617 N. Liberty St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101; or send them via our website, [www.wschronicle.com](http://www.wschronicle.com).

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