

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND YOUR CITY



INSIDE HIGH POINT

FEBRUARY 2016

Plowing through the first snow of 2016!

Citizens packed Washington Terrace Community Center to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nine City of High Point Firefighters earn promotions.

The City of High Point is visited by a Member of Congress.

The Little Red Schoolhouse is relocating!



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CITY HIGHLIGHT

PUBLIC SERVICES

We want to give a special thanks to the City of High Point Public Services Department for their dedication to the community. They battled the elements to prepare our city for the upcoming storm. They worked both day and night plowing streets and laying down approximately 280 tons of salt for the duration of the winter storm to ensure everyone had safer roads, power and water during the harsh conditions. While some can stay safe and warm inside their homes, remember we have employees out in the harsh weather conditions making sure everyone stays safe. The City wants to thank these employees for their hard work and dedication.



CITY OF HIGH POINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development Department has added a new employee to its team. Marshall Yandle started January 19 as Vice President of the High Point Economic Development Corporation.

In this new position, Marshall will work on office/industrial/retail projects along with the rest of the High Point EDC staff. Marshall earned his bachelor's degree in geography from UNC at Greensboro. He served as an

intern in the High Point EDC office for 10 months in 2008-2009 while he was completing his Master's degree in public affairs – also from UNCG.

Since his time as an intern, Marshall worked for a statewide rural economic development agency for three years and then for a Triad industrial company for four years.

A native of northeastern North Carolina near Elizabeth City, Marshall is currently chaplain of his Elks Lodge, membership chairman for a Boys Scout district and on the parish council for his church. EDC and the City of High Point wants to welcome Marshall to City Hall.



CITY OF HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL



It was a historic day in downtown High Point. Kivett Drive was renamed and then dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Members of City Council along with guest speakers, dance teams and local bands participated in this special day. The Celebration started with a parade route along the newly named Martin Luther King Jr Drive and ended up with a ceremony in the Mendehall Terminal.



CITY OF HIGH POINT COUNCIL AWARDS



Reverend Thomas J. Spann received a proclamation from Mayor Bencini in front of City Council on February 1. Reverend Spann founded the Brooklyn All-star Singers in 1950, and over the years has recorded three hundred songs, made thirty albums some of which went gold and platinum. This led to the Brooklyn All-Star's being inducted into both the National and International Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Rev. Spann has traveled the world for seventy-one years singing the gospel. He has performed in every state in the United States as well as many European countries, including Portugal, Italy, Spain, Germany and Switzerland. He still travels 200 days a year performing. He has been a resident of High Point for thirty years and celebrated his ninety-first birthday on Friday, February 5, 2016. We are honored to have Rev. Spann call High Point home; and the Mayor and City Council proclaimed Friday, February 5, 2016 as "Thomas J. Spann Day" in the City of High Point.



PARKS AND RECREATION

On Monday, January 18, a standing room only crowd of over 100 people gathered at the Washington Terrace Park & Community Center for a program and dove release ceremony commemorating the 87th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

High Point Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Golden spoke briefly, saying, "We are a better community when we work together than when we are torn apart. Together, we can build a stronger, better neighborhood, a stronger community and a much better world." The program also included performances by a local dance ministry, a praise dancer and the crowd singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Following the program, 2 doves were released to symbolize the peace and hope promoted by Dr. King. The doves were loaned by a local funeral home at no cost to the City, and are trained to return to their home roost following release.



HIGH POINT MUSEUM



Little Red Schoolhouse

The High Point City Council approved a memorandum of understanding with the High Point Historical Society and appropriated \$95,750 to stabilize and relocate the Little Red Schoolhouse to the High Point Museum campus. This memorandum calls for the City and the Historical Society to split the costs of the two phases of the project. The City will match funds raised by the Historical Society. The first phase is the most critical as it will move and stabilize the building on the Museum campus. The second phase will consist of the work needed to finish the restoration, primarily interior work and landscaping. Once moved to the Museum campus, it will be close enough that staff can open it on a regular basis and conduct programming, which will be geared towards younger children.

This building officially belongs to the City of High Point and was originally built in 1930 as an annex to the Ray Street School to house its first graders. It was used for that purpose until 1961. Shortly thereafter it served as the first High Point Museum until a new museum building was constructed in 1970 on Lexington Avenue. Little Red, as it is affectionately known, was moved in 1988 to its current location a block away from the Museum.

The Little Red Schoolhouse, a beloved building, is a designated Guilford County Historic Landmark. It was designed by noted High Point architect Louis Voorhees, whose work also includes the old Guilford County Courthouse and old Post Office.

The High Point Historical Society is collecting tax-deductible contributions and names of former students to compile a Little Red Schoolhouse Alumni roster.



PUBLIC SERVICES WATER & SEWER MAINS

In January the Water and Sewer Mains Division responded to and completed the following:

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| Water service repairs | 7 |
| Water trouble calls | 65 |
| Water main break repairs | 24 |
| Sanitary sewer service repairs | 18 |
| Sanitary sewer main repairs | 3 |
| Outfall lines cleared | 12.8 miles |
| Utility locate tickets completed | 916 |

PUBLIC SERVICES WARD WATER DIVISION

George Kepic and Chad Lewis putting new knowledge to the test with our in-house welding class.



Gerald Capraro is installing a chemical feed line at Ward Water Treatment Plant.



PUBLIC SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Material Recovery Facility

The MRF has been fortunate to have great assistance and partnership with Landfill and Environmental Services! Since January, they have collected and processed 724 total tons of recycling material and shipped 162 total tons of recyclables



Ingleside Composting Facility

Between January 10 and February 11 of this year, the City's Street Department brought in an additional 157.42 tons of leaves to Ingleside to finish up the Leaf Season for City residents. During this same period, residents, other City Departments and local landscapers brought in 516.54 tons of brush, limbs and leaves. We collected a total of 673.96 tons of yard waste at the Ingleside Compost Facility.

City of High Point Landfill

Over the past month we've collected 111 tons of yard waste (mostly Christmas trees) approximately 5,000 citywide, 2,421 tons of garbage/trash, 164 tons of bulk items (sofas/chairs/mattresses), and 713 tons of recyclables at curbside!



The opening of a new cell at the landfill is underway. The Completion of this cell will alleviate congestion on the Landfill face.

HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Food for Fines Amnesty Event



Food for Fines Amnesty Event was held Saturday, February 6 through Sunday, February 21. The Library wanted everyone to start the New Year with a clear library account, and help their community at the same time! They set up the Food for Fines program which allowed citizens to bring in one non-perishable food item

(including dog and cat food) and in exchange they would forgive \$1.00 in overdue fines. All the items collected were given to the Greater High Point Food Alliance and the Guilford County Animal Shelter. In the first week of the program this year, the Library collected over 500 food items and donated them to the Macedonia Family Resource Center. The Library thanks everyone, not only for their support in paying off fines, but for the amount of food they were able to donate!

Top Photo:
Staff unloading the collected items at Macedonia Family Resource Center.

Bottom Photo:
Anna Duff, Linda Brown and Pat Crawford unloading donations



POLICE DEPARTMENT



On January 28, the City of High Point held a public forum for the hire of the new Police Chief. In this meeting, citizens brought their thoughts, concerns and opinions of what they want and expect in our next Police Chief.



Member of Congress, Alma Adams, visited The City of High Point on January 28. She made it a point to sit down with the High Point Police Department and discuss some of their ongoing drug enforcement programs. Captain Ellenberger of the High Point Police Department gave her a tour of High Point and showed her a few of the City's Drug Market Initiative areas. He explained the history of how the department has used Focused Deterrence to address the open air drug markets that were effecting the quality of life and increasing violent crimes in several High Point communities.

The High Point Police Department added 6 new officers to its rank on February 1. These officers took an oath to serve and protect the citizens of High Point. We want to thank them for their service toward making High Point the Single Most Livable, Safe and Prosperous Community in America.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

HPFD PROMOTIONS



Chase Comer promoted to Captain L-2C



Hunter Hayworth promoted to Captain E-5B



Gray George promoted to Captain Training



Robert Templeton promoted to Captain E-7B



Kelly Baker promoted to Fire Equipment Operator L-2C



Sam Cecil promoted to Fire Equipment Operator E-9A



Sid Shoaf promoted to Battalion Chief Training



Lamont Estes promoted to Fire Equipment Operator L-2A



James Whisnant promoted to Fire Equipment Operator E-8B

The City of High Point Fire Department walked in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. The fire department had a couple trucks in the parade, including their vintage engine. They had a great time shaking hands and waving to all the spectators who came out to take part in the celebration



HIGH POINT THEATRE

“Passport to Entertainment” Professional Artists Series Continues at the High Point Theatre



On Friday, February 26, the Theatre welcomes multi-Grammy award winning BeauSoliel avec Michael Doucet. With a distinctive sound derived from the distilled spirits of New Orleans' jazz, blues, rock-pop, and Zydeco, listeners will be captivated by their vibrant, thoughtful fusions.

Pianist-vocalist Brian Gurl, together with a world class 5-piece band, will present *Back to Barry, Billy and the Beatles: A Musical Odyssey*, on Sunday, March 6. Expect to hear creative arrangements of Beatles classics and expressive renditions of Barry Manilow hits and Billy Joel favorites.

San Jose Taiko: Rhythm Journey has mesmerized audiences and critics alike with the powerful, spellbinding and propulsive sounds of taiko, the Japanese drum. Coming up on Thursday, March 17, join us for this truly amazing cultural experience.

By popular demand, classically trained viola and violin players Wil B and Kev Marcus - *Black Violin* - will return to the theatre with their groundbreaking blend of classical, hip-hop, R&B, and pop music for a repeat engagement on Saturday, March 26.

New Event! The High Point Theatre and High Point Enterprise present the U.S. Army Ground Forces Band, in a **FREE** Masterworks Series concert on Tuesday, March 1, at 7 PM, at the High Point Theatre. Although a free concert, tickets are required. A limit of 4 tickets per order, issued on a first-come, first-serve basis, applies. Tickets are available in person at the Theatre Box Office or High Point Enterprise Office during regular business hours, or by mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope, noting number of tickets desired. Mail to: Tickets-U.S. Army Ground Forces Band, High Point Theatre Box Office, 220 E. Commerce Ave., High Point, NC 27260.



In addition to the Theatre's "Passport" series, they will host dance competitions Epic Dance Showcase and Groove Dance Competition in early March, as well as the Banff Film Festival on Sunday, March 13. Each event provides the City with increased recognition and business opportunities for our local hotels, restaurants, and retail merchants. Please visit www.highpointtheatre.com or call the Theatre Box Office at (336) 887-3001 for details.



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