

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND YOUR CITY



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MARCH 2016

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CITY HIGHLIGHT

STORM WATER/CEMETERY

Some of us go about our day doing the jobs we were tasked. Most of the time, while we are working, we don't realize that we always have eyes upon us. Whether it's creating a newsletter, answering a customer's phone call or beautifying a cemetery, we are always under the watch of our citizens. What might seem like a mundane task to some of us, might mean a great deal to one of our citizens. It is nice to know that our employees are working towards our citywide mission of "Creating the Single Most Livable, Safe and Prosperous Community in America". Phyllis Tuttle, from the High Point Theater, wanted to recognize the crew working at Oakwood Cemetery on February 25, 2016.

I went by Oakwood Cemetery this morning to check on my mom and dad's headstone due to wind damage in the area yesterday. A City of High Point crew was out cleaning up. I wanted to applaud the great job they have done since taking over. It is a comfort to my family and I know many others here within the City of High Point. I stopped to personally thank them; all the crew members were most gracious. Kudos to this dedicated and caring crew!

kindest Regards,
Phyllis Tuttle
High Point Theatre



CITY OF HIGH POINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Time Warner Cable News 14 interviewed High Point Economic Development Corporation President, Loren Hill, on March 9 about more jobs coming to the City of High Point. Thomas Built Buses, a leading U.S. manufacturer of school buses, announced that it is adding a second shift at its Saf-T-Liner® C2 Plant in High Point, N.C. The addition of the second shift will add approximately 200 employees to the company's manufacturing operations. Loren told News 14 how great it is to have companies with long lasting roots providing our region with new well-paying quality jobs.

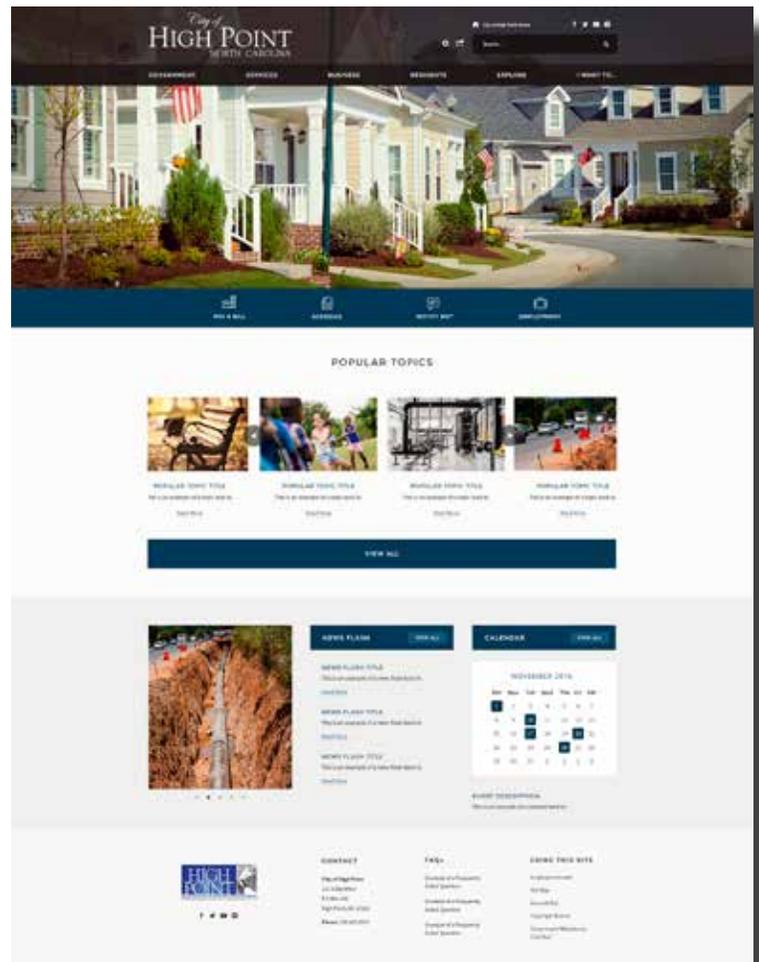
Founded in 1916, Thomas Built Buses is a leading manufacturer of school buses in North America. Since the first Thomas Built bus rolled off the assembly line, the company has been committed to delivering the smartest and most innovative buses in North America.



CITY OF HIGH POINT COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

City of High Point's New Website

The City of High Point's Communications and Public Engagement Department has been busy working on improving our website experience. We understood the issues and concerns from both our internal and external customers and wanted to use that input to deliver the best product available. We have teamed up with CivicPlus to bring us a more reliable and user friendly interface. Design is almost complete and training on the different modules and widgets available for use began March 21-24.



We are aiming for a late Spring launch date with a mobile application to launch shortly after. Please feel free to contact the Communications & Public Engagement Department if you have any questions regarding your department/division's training schedule!

HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Hosts Annual Black Expo



On Saturday, February 27, 129 people attended the High Point Public Library's popular Black Expo, a day-long event which featured a ballet performance from Just Dance Studio in High Point, music by Healing Force of Winston-Salem, NC and a book discussion and signing with author Ross Howell, Jr. There was also a black history rap literary symposium, in which the participants created music from the names of prominent African Americans. A number of vendors set up in the lobby and offered a variety of products and services such as books by local authors, African clothing and educational materials for all ages. This was the library's 10th annual Black Expo which was planned and implemented by Library Research Associate Maxine Days.

Heart-Healthy Activities Featured at the Library

The High Point Public Library hosted a number of health-related events for the public and for staff during February. On February 9, health care professionals from High Point Regional Hospital provided free blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, weight and BMI screenings to the public. Hospital staff returned on February 20 to provide CPR training and blood pressure screenings. A total of 192 individuals were served during these two events, thanks to the library's partnership with the hospital. More health-related events are planned for later this year.



CITY OF HIGH POINT PARKS AND RECREATION

Piedmont Environmental Center

The Piedmont Environmental Center is a special facility operated by the City of High Point's Parks & Recreation Department. PEC provides programs and a place to learn, conserve and enjoy the natural world through hands on experiences which emphasize the interrelated and fragile nature of life. With support from the High Point Fire Department and the NC Forest Service, the Piedmont Environmental Center conducted a "controlled burn" in its North Preserve. Controlled burning is a technique conducted to help reduce the hazardous "fuel" created by brush and naturally occurring overgrowth, to improve wildlife habitats and to help the pine forest regenerate itself. Dick Thomas, Executive Director at PEC, said, "When fire opens up the forest and clears away thick growth, we are safely removing the conditions necessary to create a dangerous and possibly catastrophic fire. Controlled fires also benefit wildlife. Grasses, trees and shrubs which emerge following fire are tender, succulent, and packed with nutrients. Leaves, needles, sticks and other natural debris are transformed

into available nutrients and further improves the health of the forest." To learn more about the PEC and other Parks and Rec Programs, visit highpointnc.gov/pr/



HIGH POINT MUSEUM



The High Point Museum was featured on the FOX8 Morning News Monday, February 22 discussing Black History Month. Marian Inabinett, Curator of Collections at the Museum, showcased and highlighted some artifacts on display related to African Americans including the John Coltrane piano. Museum staff recently moved the piano to a more prominent location. She also asked for residents to think of items they have to donate to help the Museum tell the story of the African American experience in High Point. Items can include photos, uniforms, instruments, magnets, tools and school memorabilia.

Glenn Chavis, author and local historian, discussed his books (both were published by the High Point Historical Society). His current book, "Our Roots, Our Branches, Our Fruits of Knowledge – Black Schools of High Point & Surrounding Area 1868-1968" is \$20.95 and available in the Museum Store. Chavis also spoke about the importance of learning about black history, especially from the City of High Point.



CITY OF HIGH POINT FLEET SERVICES

Coming to a Crime Scene Near You

Fleet Services is rolling out another new vehicle! This is the 2016 Ford Interceptor and includes a new look for the crime lab. Special thanks to Amy Wilde, Crime Lab & Forensic Manager, for helping to bring this all together!



PUBLIC SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Green Market Award

The City of High Point and the High Point Market Authority presented the Green Market Award to New Classic Home Furnishings on Tuesday, March 8th. Terry Mitchell and Rebecca Coplin thanked the representatives, Mary Darby and Scott Hill for their continued effort of containerization of the materials collected. Because of proper recycling efforts by them and other showrooms, the City of High Point's Material Recovery Facility receives around 500 tons of cardboard during each Market. In the photo from left to right Jay Wagner, Mary Darby, Scott Hill, Terry Mitchell, Rebecca Coplin and Tammy Covington Nagem.



PUBLIC SERVICES PLANT MAINTENANCE



The plant's maintenance photo shows the newly installed Safety 2000 guard rail fall protection system at the Waterview lift station.

Pictured left to right: Joey Eads, Joe Douglas and Louis Green.

Jim Gwyn is responsible for the Safety of 300 Public Services staff. In addition, Jim writes policies, conducts inspections and audits to ensure that all safety policies are being followed; looks for other issues, trains people on a variety of topics, investigates accidents, meets with representatives from other departments and meets with OSHA when they show up at any Public Services site. Jim's guiding principle: "My goal is for everybody to go home in the same condition as when they showed up for work." Thanks to everyone in Public Services for their hard work and dedication to the City!



CITY OF HIGH POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Sumner's Retirement

Chief Marty Sumner has spent almost 32 years in law enforcement. Most of those years were spent serving the citizens of High Point. We want to thank Chief Sumner for serving the past four years as head of the Department. Your Service and expertise will certainly be missed by those in the Police Department, City Hall as well as by the citizens you so graciously served. Thank you for everything you did to improve The City of High Point and enjoy your retirement!



CITY OF HIGH POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Fire Chief, Tommy Reid, of the High Point Fire Department. The Chamber of Commerce named him the 2015 Volunteer of the Year! Chief Reid accepted the award in front of a crowd of local leadership at the High Point Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet! Thank you Chief for all the hard work you put into our community.





HIGH POINT THEATRE

BANFF Mountain Film Festival Tour, hosted by REI of Greensboro, showcases inspiring and thought-provoking action, environmental, and adventure mountain films. The event was held on Sunday, March 13, here at the High Point Theatre. It drew just under 400 attendees, some coming from Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, Boone, southern Virginia, in addition to our local adventure/film enthusiasts.



UPCOMING SHOWS



Black Violin – Back by Popular Demand!

Saturday, March 26, 2016 – 8:00 PM

Tickets: \$25/\$30

Voted one of the top 5 best bands at SXSW in 2013, classically trained viola and violin players Wil B and Kev Marcus return to perform their groundbreaking blend of classical, hip-hop, R&B, and pop music.

Feet Don't Fail Me Now! Featuring Rhythmic Circus

Saturday, April 2, 2016 – 8:00 PM

Tickets: \$35/\$40

Three guys and a gal combine rapid-fire tap dancing talent with the funky styling of a seven-piece big, brass-style band, and a single vocal percussionist, for a genre-hopping hour-and-a-half "circus" of rock, blues and soul.





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