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**HP Fire Department brings three new pieces of equipment into service!**

**Federal Government recognizes HP Police Department and their efforts!!**

**City partners with Bank of NC to bring affordable homes to the Core City through our incentive program!**

**The High Point Library infested with snakes?**

**The High Point Pedestrian Plan solicits input on where you like to walk around the City!**

**Uncle Sam Jam was an explosion of an event!**

# CITY HIGHLIGHT

## HPCAV

High Point Community Against Violence (HPCAV) is a non-profit organization working with the Violent Crimes Task Force (VCTF), a group of law enforcement officials consisting of the High Point Police Department, North Carolina Community Corrections, Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms (ATF), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), District Attorney's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office, to reduce violence in High Point. The organization engages violent crime offenders in order to help them move forward positively, but also supports the prosecution process if they re-offend and return to crime and violence. According to Director of HPCAV, Jim Summey "Crime that does not happen saves money, makes a safer community and most important saves lives."

### **This partnership is so important to us because:**

- Ex-Offenders need to work and can use some assistance trying to move their lives in the right direction.
- The City of High Point Material Recycling Facility (MRF) needs the help during Market time. The magnitude of cardboard received is overwhelming during Market.
- This is a great way for the City, the Police Department and HPCAV to have a partnership and work together for a better community.
- This partnership has driven down crime in communities by 63 percent over the last 19 years which has saved tax payers millions of dollars.



# CITY OF HIGH POINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Marshall Yandle, Vice President of the High Point Economic Development Corporation was featured in the North Carolina Economic Development Association June newsletter. To check out the whole newsletter go to [www.nceda.org/news/june-newsletter/](http://www.nceda.org/news/june-newsletter/)**



## Meet an Emerging Executive

**Name:** Marshall Yandle

**Organization / title:** High Point Economic Development Corporation / Vice President

**Time in Economic Development:** 6 months!

**Where did you grow up?**

I'm from Camden County in northeast North Carolina, not far from Elizabeth City. It is a rural county. We had one stop light -- I think there are two now -- and I graduated from high school with fewer than 70 people in my class. I lived on the Pasquotank River and used to canoe down some of the creeks feeding the river. It was a nice and quiet place to grow up.

**Finish the sentence: The most meaningful economic development project I've worked on....**

...I can't tell you. We've signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement that forbids me from discussing the project. Hopefully one day I can tell you all about it!

**How did you come to a career in Economic Development?**

I received my Master's in Public Affairs from UNC-Greensboro, concentrating in community and economic development. During my last semester in 2008, I did a 10-month internship with High Point Economic Development. They taught me a lot about the real-world

application to some of the information I was learning in class. I primarily worked on some industrial park surveys, but they also allowed for me to join them on some meetings and other projects. It was pretty hands-on and fun. After my internship, I worked for a non-profit and then went to work for the private sector performing various project management-related roles before heading back to High Point. President Loren Hill and Executive Vice President Sandy Dunbeck are great professionals to learn from, and the rest of the city staff are very supportive.

**What is your first impression of NCEDA?**

I was introduced to NCEDA my second day on the job. The first NCEDA Emerging Executives event was in January, and I attended. I figured I would be the "most emerging" there, but actually someone was there for his first day on the job! The conference was very helpful for someone just coming into the field, and I think it's a great idea to get this particular group together. It's nice to meet people that are in the same boat you are in (in terms of skills or experience), and there can be some comradery. The annual conference in Wrightsville Beach was also very informative and was a great opportunity to network with some of the more-seasoned professionals.



# CITY OF HIGH POINT COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

## Ramadan Community Dinner



**On June 24, the Human Relations Commission helped sponsor a free Ramadan community dinner at the Macedonia Family Resource Center. The focus of the dinner was to help residents of High Point learn more about the Islamic culture as well as deepen a sense of community through fellowship, understanding and good food. The night featured speakers from the Divan Center, High Point elected officials and the local community. The event had a greater turnout than expected and overall was a fantastic evening.**

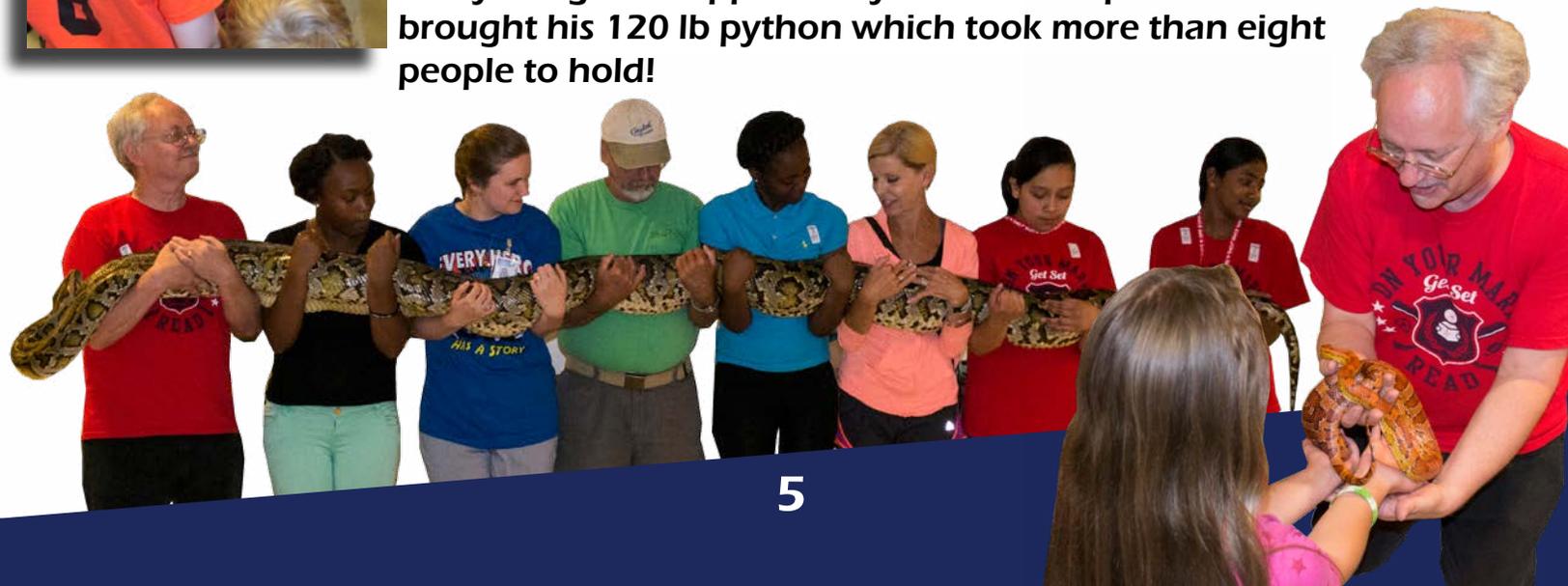
Ginny Lewis, the Research Services Division Manager of the High Point Public Library, served dishes she prepared using cabbages from the Library's Teaching Garden. Over the past two and a half years, the Library has provided coffee and pastries in the lobby every Tuesday as a way to reach out to the local community and help give back. Ginny has taken this opportunity to use the teaching garden to take the abundance of fresh-grown vegetables and make large dishes of healthy food to share with everyone who comes in. Thank you Ginny for taking the time to help our community!



## SNAKES ALIVE!

On June 20, snakes invaded the High Point Public Library! Jim Zola, brought in Ron Cromer, a specialist in herpetology along with his snakes to help teach kids of all ages about these reptiles.

He brought snakes and lizards of all sizes and gave a hands-on instruction about what species they were and where they live. Everyone got an opportunity to hold and pet the snakes! He even brought his 120 lb python which took more than eight people to hold!



# CITY OF HIGH POINT CITY COUNCIL



## COUNCIL BY CANDLELIGHT

**A sudden loss of power throughout the building in City Hall left the City Council meeting held June 20 in the dark! Everyone made their way into the fishbowl and were thankful that the unfortunate event happened on the longest day of the year! Presentations were made, public hearings were held and the Council finished their meeting by the light of the setting sun.**





# HIGH POINT MUSEUM

## Tie Dye

The High Point Public Library visited the campus of the High Point Museum to put on their annual Tie Dye event. Children along with staff worked the T-shirts into amazingly colorful pieces of wearable art. Everyone enjoyed working on their projects on the beautiful July morning!



Albert's Tools

Tools of the Trade

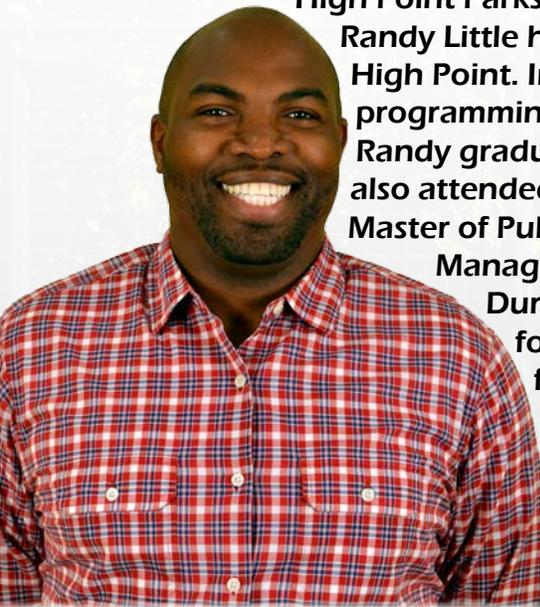
## The Luthier's Craft: Instrument Making Traditions of the Blue Ridge

The High Point Museum recently opened its newest exhibit - The Luthier's Craft: Instrument Making Traditions of the Blue Ridge – which will be on display until Saturday, December 17. This exhibit explores and documents the traditional arts of fiddle, guitar and banjo making in Southern Appalachia and the Blue Ridge Mountains. It offers visitors an interactive exploration of the rich history of this traditional craft.



# CITY OF HIGH POINT PARKS AND REC

## MEET RANDY LITTLE

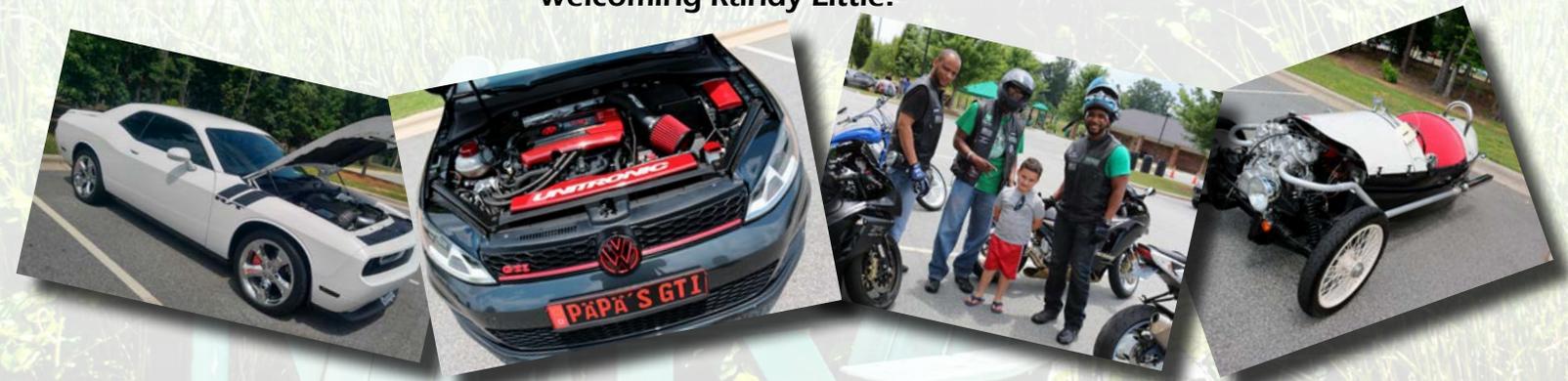


High Point Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce that NC native Randy Little has begun work as the Recreation Division Manager for the City of High Point. In this role, Randy leads and supports athletics, recreation centers, programming and senior adult and special populations.

Randy graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and also attended Keller Graduate School of Management where he earned his Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in Organization Management and a Project Management Certificate.

During his professional career, Randy has worked as a Program Director for the Emily K. Center in Durham, NC and as Youth Services Manager for the Durham Housing Authority. In both positions he provided quality programs and customer service to local communities.

He has worked for the Mecklenburg County School System as Athletic Director and for the Durham County Public School System as After School Coordinator for the federally-funded 21st Century Community Learning Center program. Please join P&R in welcoming Randy Little!



## Car and Bike Show

The Parks and Recreation Department held its third annual Car and Bike Show on June 25 at the High Point Athletic Complex. This was a family-friendly event with arts and crafts, face painting, and a bounce house for the kids. There was music, merchandise vendors, giveaways and a whole lot of fun. The Car and Bike competition included 12 different car and bike categories for all the amazing vehicles that showed up!

# CITY OF HIGH POINT UNCLE SAM JAM 2016



# CITY OF HIGH POINT AROUND THE COMMUNITY

## LEADERSHIP: HIGH POINT

Leadership: High Point creates ambassadors for the City of High Point and the surrounding community. This program is put on by the High Point Chamber of Commerce. By learning High Point inside and out, graduates ignite excitement for this city with their family, friends, peers, co-workers and visitors. Many of our own here in City Hall are enrolled in the class and had the opportunity along with their classmates to tour some of the city's local government facilities. One stop was the Piedmont Environmental Center (PEC), a facility in our P&R department. There they ate lunch, watched the snakes feed and toured the centers campus. The Ambassadors learned about local plants and surrounding ecosystems. Special thanks to Dick Thomas and his staff for the tour and wealth of information provided to our future leaders!

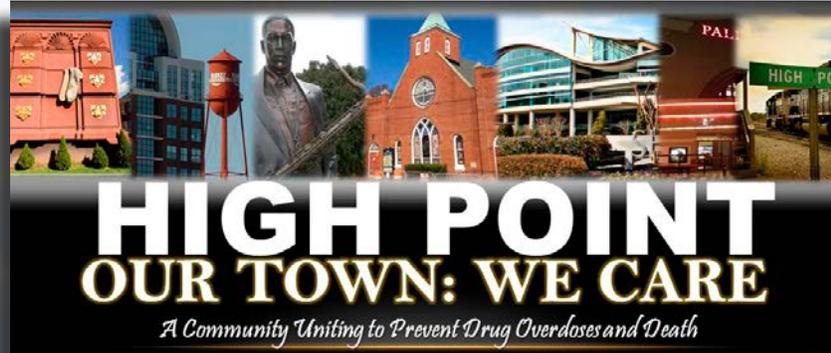




# CITY OF HIGH POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

A community forum to address the growing concern of heroin and other drug-related overdoses and deaths in the City of High Point was held on June 27 at the High Point University Community Center. The event was attended by over 100 community members who came out

to talk about highly addictive opioids plaguing the city. Chief Shultz addressed the crowd who all recognized the problem in our city, but also quoted, "The good news is deaths have been greatly reduced right now, and I think a lot of the programs like what we're doing here is a benefit for that, but we've still got a long way to go and a lot of work to do. It takes the efforts of service providers, researchers and support groups which include families, friends and the community."



## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES HPPD!

The High Point Police Department's successful work on Domestic Violence has been recognized by the Federal Government. A National Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Initiative with a \$1.6 million dollar grant has been awarded to National Network for Safe Communities at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in NY. The grant comes from the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women. As part of the work, three pilot cities will be chosen to replicate the High Point Domestic Violence model created within our city.

High Point Police Chief Ken Schultz said "While we do not receive any of the money, the work and efforts of everyone - to include all of our many partners who have contributed to the success of our program, will now be spread throughout the country and will thereby benefit many more victims of domestic violence." Excellent work and thank you all for making our program a success!

[www.jjay.cuny.edu/news/new-intimate-partner-violence-intervention-initiative](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/news/new-intimate-partner-violence-intervention-initiative)

# CITY OF HIGH POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Congratulations to Firefighter Raymond D. Blue and Police Officer Bonnie Williamson who recently received awards as heroes of the year from the Furnitureland Rotary Club. Both of these individuals put a lot of volunteer time into our community. Firefighter Blue serves as a big brother and role model to youth in the Big Brothers and Sisters program. Officer Williamson volunteers with Habitat for Humanity constructing homes as well as volunteers with other activities.**



**The HPFD has three new fire trucks that will soon to be placed into service. They will be excellent additions to our fleet and will serve the residents of High Point for many years to come.**

# CITY OF HIGH POINT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



The Bank of North Carolina and The City of High Point gathered at 524 Radford Street for a ceremonial groundbreaking at the vacant lot where the bank will build a single-family home. The City partnered with Bank of NC to help create home ownership within the Core City. Mayor Bencini spoke about the need of public and private partnerships to make this work. He expressed happiness about being partnered with a local company like Bank of North Carolina.



# CITY OF HIGH POINT PUBLIC SERVICES

## LITTER REMOVAL

The Street Maintenance Division has modified a Ventrac Tractor to pick up litter within the City's public right-of-way. The modifications to the vehicle include the purchase of the Ventrac Leaf Vac Attachment and the creation of a vacuum head that was fabricated by employees in the Street Maintenance Division. The new piece of equipment has increased the amount of litter that can be picked up along major thoroughfares and exit ramps in High Point. The litter can then be dumped into a truck and hauled to the landfill.



## HYDRANT PAINTING

Public Services have six seasonal workers (four high school and two college students) that are painting fire hydrants throughout the City of High Point. The work began on June 14, 2016 and to date includes over 580 hydrants painted. Most of the students will be working until mid-August. We want to thank them for the extra help!

## Water and Sewer Mains Division

Fire Hydrants-preventive maintenance	168	Sewer services repaired	270
Fire Hydrants repaired	42	Sewer Mains-preventive maintenance	669 mains
Water trouble calls responded to	675	Sanitary Sewer outfalls cleared	150 miles
Water service leaks repaired	106		
Broken Water mains repaired	64		
Backflow devices inspected	82		

Let's  
**High Point**  
Get Moving

# CITY OF HIGH POINT HPMPO

## HIGH POINT PED PLAN

### WHO



The City of High Point received funding from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to develop a pedestrian plan for the city. They want input from you during the planning process.



### WHAT



The purpose of the plan is to identify existing walking conditions and provide recommendations for a safer and more pedestrian-friendly city.



### WHEN



Throughout 2016, outreach events and public open houses will be happening. Check out the website, [highpointmoves.weebly.com](http://highpointmoves.weebly.com) for dates and times of upcoming events



### WHERE



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### WHY



Improved walking conditions and safety is important because it will:

- Provide improved access to transit
- Promote economic development
- Increase opportunities for physical activity



# HIGH POINT THEATRE



## High Point Has Talent!

**High Point Has Talent is an amateur competition to showcase the best performing artists in our state.**

**This year's event is happening Saturday, October 8, 2016 at The High Point Theatre. A maximum of 30 performers will be selected from the auditions.**

**Here's all you gotta do!!!!  
Complete audition application with \$15.00 entry fee:  
Available through our website: [highpointtheatre.com](http://highpointtheatre.com)  
or at High Point Theatre Box office!**

**Auditions will be held August 29 and 30, 2016  
at the High Point Theatre**

**Cash Prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$100 will  
be awarded to the top three finalists**

**People's Choice Award Bonus:  
50/50 Cash split for the performer that  
receives the most audience votes!!**

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