City of Greensboro News & Information

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Animal Ordinance Moves to Next Stage of Enforcement



As of March 1, residents who violate Guilford County's new ordinance prohibiting unattended tethering/ chaining of dogs will be issued written warnings. No civil penalties will be given until the next phase of the ordinance begins September 1.

Restraining a dog with a chain, cable, wire or other devise to a tree, post or similar object without the owner present is prohibited.

Learn more at www.guilfordhealth. org and click on Animal Ordinances. Public service announcements on Greensboro Television Network and a City YouTube video also explain more.

Spring Sports League Registrations Now Open

The Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department is hosting baseball registrations through February 27 for kids ages 4-14 (based on age on April 30) for its three baseball leagues. Leagues are broken up into Bitty Ball (ages 4-6), Coach Pitch (ages 7-8), and three for Youth Baseball (ages 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14).

Registration takes place from 9 am to 4:30 pm Mondays through Fridays at 1001 Fourth St. Parents

must show their child's original birth certificate and PAYS card when registering.

GPD Urges Open Communication About Teen Dating Violence

According to the Greensboro Police Department, of students in grades 7-12 who were in a dating relationship, 10-30 percent reported emotional abuse, physical violence or sexual coercion.

Police urge parents to talk to their children about what healthy dating relationships look and feel like. Your teen may not realize he or she is being abused because of a lack of dating experience.



Learn tips on how to handle possible problems by visiting www. greensboro-nc.gov/DatingSafety.

City Reminds Residents About Yard Maintenance

Spring is coming and yard maintenance is especially important during this season. As per Chapter 17 of the City's Code of Ordinances, nuisance conditions such as overgrown yards are prohibited.

To avoid violating a City code, remember to keep your yard mowed and clear of:

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Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on February 3 and 17 and March 3 and 17. Meetings are open to the public and air live on Greensboro Television Network and www.greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck. Review the Council's full meeting schedule at www.greensboro-nc.gov/ CouncilMeetings.

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8

On Sunday, March 8, turn your clocks forward one hour to begin Daylight Saving TIME FOR CHANGE

Time. Also, change your smoke alarm batteries if they are more than one year old. Don't have working smoke alarms? Contact the Greensboro Fire Department at 574-4088 for free equipment and installation.

Pontoon Boat Rides Offered for Bird Watching

Through the end of March, Lake Townsend offers pontoon boat rides at 3 pm on Sundays for people to spot migrating and wintering waterfowl. Register in advance to reserve a seat; fee is \$7 per person.



- Grass, vines and/or weeds growing taller than 12 inches
- Standing water, which can become a mosquito breeding area
- Piles of brush, tree limbs, yard waste, which can attract rodents and/or snakes
- Overflowing garbage and trash
- Appliances, auto parts, tires, building materials, and furniture or other household items.

For more information or to report a violation, contact the City's Code Compliance Division at 373-2111 or e-mail loe@greensboro-nc.gov. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/NeighborhoodIssues.

Help Keep City Streets Clean

To keep Greensboro streets clean and green, the City reminds residents about its 7-7-7 Rule:

 Your trash and recycling containers may be



placed at the curb after 7 pm the night before your service day

- All containers should be at the curb by 7 am on your service day
- All containers must be removed from the curb by 7 pm on your service day.

Also, containers must be moved to the rear of the premises or to a storage place. No containers may be left on the street on Saturday or Sunday.

Confused about what to put in that recycling container? Unsure what to

do with old batteries, electronics, or other hard to dispose of items?

Check out the City's new "Recycle First. It Matters" online search tool at www.greensboro-nc.gov/recycle to find out. Still can't find what you are looking for? E-mail recycle@greensboro-nc.gov.

Properly Dispose of Fats, Oils, Grease

As fats, oils, and grease are produced from your meals, make sure you dispose of them properly. By eliminating the amount of fats, oils, and grease that enter



the City's sewer system, you help prevent buildup from accumulating inside the pipes.

Overtime, this buildup can result in raw sewage overflowing into your home or a sanitary sewer overflow from a manhole located in a nearby park or street.

So, follow these simple tips to keep fats, oils, and grease out of pipes:

- Never pour grease down the kitchen sink, garbage disposal or into toilets.
- Remove food and grease from all cookware before washing and dispose in trash can.
- Place used cooling oils in a container and place in trash can.

Learn more at www.greensboro-nc. gov/Fats.



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OPUS Series Continues with 3 March Concerts



Highlighting the year's OPUS
Series are these upcoming
concerts: Philharmonia of
Greensboro's Pillow Pops Concert
March 8 at Lindley Recreation
Center, Greensboro Concert Band
March 14 at Guilford College's
Dana Auditorium, and Greensboro
Tarheel Chorus March 28 at Christ
United Methodist Church. For
more information, visit www.
greensboro-nc.gov/OPUS.

Senior Games Begin April 7 The Greater Greensboro Senior

Games and SilverArts kick off
April 7 and run through May 8.
Designed to promote healthy
lifestyles, the competition features
a variety of events for all abilities.
Events are open to the public.
For more information, visit www.
greensboro-nc.gov/SeniorGames.

Earth Day is April 18



Spend a day caring for and celebrating the planet Earth on April 18 with these two City events: Greensboro Beautiful's Great American Cleanup, a citywide litter initiative, from 9 am to 12 noon throughout the city and Earth Day Celebration from 1-5 pm at Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Library, 1420 Price Park Dr. featuring exhibits, entertainment, and children's activities. Learn more about these free events at www.greensboro-nc.gov/EarthDay.