



GREENSBORO

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News & Information

## City Council Seeks Community Input for Town Hall Meetings



The Greensboro City Council is seeking community input for discussion topics for a series of Town Hall meetings this year. The objective is to give residents a platform to address topics beyond the three minutes allotted during City Council meetings.

Residents can complete an online form and identify a topic or topics to discuss with City Council. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/TownHall](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/TownHall).

## Stay Posted on Trash/Recycling Collections

Visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/TrashSchedule](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/TrashSchedule) to stay posted on when the City collects trash and recycling during holiday weeks and follow these rules of thumb:



~ When a holiday falls on a Monday, both Monday and Tuesday collections occur one day later.

~ When a holiday falls on Tuesday, Tuesday collection occurs one day later.

~ When a holiday falls on

Wednesday, there is no change in collection services.

~ When a holiday falls on a Thursday, Thursday collection occurs one day earlier.

~ When a holiday falls on Friday, both Thursday and Friday collections occur one day earlier.

## City Partners with North State on Broadband Plan

Greensboro, along with the cities of Burlington and High Point, Guilford County, UNC Greensboro, NC A&T State University and Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC), have named North State as its preferred vendor to initiate discussions about regional high-speed broadband efforts.

This collaboration, known as Tri-Gig, is to encourage the development of high-speed broadband networks to meet the technological needs of current and future businesses, educational institutions, healthcare and residents.

A primary goal of the Tri-Gig initiative is to leverage existing assets, such as fiber optic lines, and create additional assets to assist Internet service providers with building and deploying high-speed broadband networks in Greensboro and surrounding areas.

## Police Carry Naloxone to Combat Opioid Overdoses

In response to a nationwide rise in opioid abuse that is mirrored here in Greensboro, police are now carrying a potentially life-saving medication as an emergency measure to treat opioid overdoses. Emergency medical technicians and firefighters, the

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## Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meetings are open to the public and air live on Greensboro Television Network. Review council's full 2017 meeting schedule at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings).

## Senior Games & SilverArts Registration Begins February 1



Registration for the 2016 Greater Greensboro Senior Games and SilverArts begins February 1 for seniors 50 years and over in Guilford County and surrounding areas. Competition includes a variety of sporting events as well as the performing, literary, heritage and visual arts.

Registration packets are available at Smith Senior Center, 2401 Fairview St., by phone at 336-373-7564, or at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/SeniorGames](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/SeniorGames). Interested in volunteering at the events? Call the center.

## Trails & Lakes Not Just for Warm Weather

Interested in learning more about local waterfowl? Join a birding boat tour on Lake Townsend. Reservations are



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officials who usually arrive at medical calls before police, have been carrying a form of naloxone since the late 1990s. However, the sharp rise in opioid-related overdoses prompted police to find ways to also get the antidote into the hands of trained law enforcement officials.

### Take the Adaptive Recreation Survey

Parks and Recreation's Mainstream Resources program has launched an online survey to assess the recreation interests and needs of local residents with disabilities.

Take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSOMRU> by January 31 and you will be entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to Target.



Mainstream Resources offers inclusive recreation programs like chair-based strength training, adaptive golf and bowling and darts for people with visual impairments. For more information, visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Mainstream](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Mainstream).

### Learn More About Teen Dating Violence

February is the month known for love, but not all relationships are healthy or safe. Because of this, Greensboro Police Department (GPD) is encouraging parents to learn about teen dating violence and talk with their teens about safe dating.

To get started, check out GPD's flyer "Teen Dating Violence Tips for Parents" at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/TeenDating](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/TeenDating).

### Continuing Feature

*Each month, At Your Service will publish a feature from "Made in Greensboro," a photo series and social media campaign that celebrates local entrepreneurs, creative professionals, community builders, and the next generation of leaders. Launched in 2015, the campaign is a joint effort of Action Greensboro and the City. Learn more at [www.madeingso.com](http://www.madeingso.com).*

When you see Shannon Fletcher, 27, and the Greensboro Science Center's African penguins together, it's obvious how much she loves them and how much they adore her.

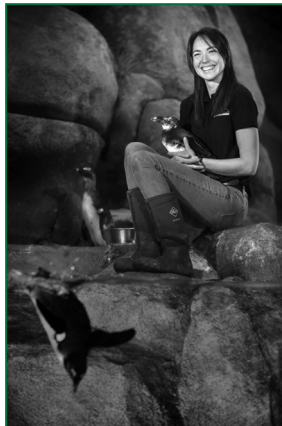
As a keeper at the center, Fletcher spends every day with some of the most charismatic and popular animals. She's responsible for cleaning, feeding and making food for the center's nine Asian small-clawed otters and 20 African penguins.

The penguins flock to her the moment she enters their exhibit. They fight for her attention, each in his or her own way.

"They are just like people," Fletcher says. "You've got some that are really outgoing, brave and very confident, and then you have some that are really shy and really sweet. Each bird has a distinct, individual personality."

She also loves their funny mannerisms and big personalities. "They make me laugh every day."

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being taken for trips now through the end of March. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Birding](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Birding).

Also, guided hikes of local parks and trails focus on enjoying and exploring nature in the winter months. Sign up to join the February 4 or March 4 hikes. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/WinterHikes](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/WinterHikes).



### Library Offers Quarterly Children's Events Calendar



The Greensboro Public Library is now offering a quarterly calendar of children's events. The first issue includes activities for December, January and February.

Find out about special seasonal events, after-school adventures, movies, Lego clubs, storytimes, family fun and more by visiting [www.greensboro-nc.gov/QuarterlyEvents](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/QuarterlyEvents) to review the latest calendar.

### City Arts Winter/Spring Class Schedule Features Circus Arts

The Drama Center of City Arts is now taking registrations for its winter-spring classes for children and adults.

This session includes two circus arts courses taught by a graduate of the Ringling Brothers Clown College. The circus arts lessons prepare actors for the Drama Center's summer production of "Barnum," based on the life of P.T. Barnum.



For the full class schedule and to register, visit [www.thedramacenter.com](http://www.thedramacenter.com) and click on "Classes" in the left column or call 336-373-2728.



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