



At Your Service

News & Information

City Receives Grants for Several Projects at the End of 2016

The Golden LEAF Foundation, the Rural Infrastructure Authority and Duke Energy have granted the City \$8.418 million in grants to build infrastructure at the Greensboro-Randolph Mega Site, an industrial site designed to draw an advanced manufacturer and potential major employer to the region.

Duke Energy also awarded the City's Department of Transportation (GDOT) \$450,000 to purchase an electric charging station for City buses. The grant is part of the City's effort to transition the Greensboro Transportation Authority (GTA) fleet of 47 diesel buses to all electric vehicles over the next 10 years.

The Duke Energy Water Resources Fund has also awarded a \$37,965 grant to the City's Parks and Recreation Department to make Lake Higgins accessible to people of all abilities. The funds will be used to improve sidewalks, parking, and the kayak and canoe launch at Lake Higgins, and ensure they meet the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

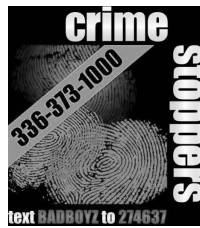


The Greensboro Coliseum Complex also received a grant from Duke Energy to pay for up to \$5,000 toward the purchase and installation of an electric vehicle car charging station at the entertainment facility. The charging station adds another amenity for Coliseum patrons. The City currently offers two electric

vehicle charging stations at the Greene Street Park Deck and a DC fast charger station at the Elm Street-Greene Street surface parking lot.

Still Not Sure When Your Recycling is Collected?

Are you a 'blue' or a 'red'? Get a copy of your own weekly recycling schedule, which tells you what color your pick-up week is, by visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/RecyclingCalendar.



Crime Stoppers Donations Now Accepted Through Pay Pal®

Crime Stoppers, the program that centers on anonymous tips to help solve and prevent crime, can now accept donations through Pay Pal®.

The community-oriented program, which uses law enforcement, the community, and the media to fight crime, relies heavily on donations from the public and businesses to fund cash rewards in exchange for information that leads to an arrest. No tax dollars are used to support Crime Stoppers.

People with existing Pay Pal® accounts can make a contribution at www.paypal.me/GGCrimeStoppers. Other ways to donate are by credit card at ggcrimestop.org or by mailing a check to Guilford/Greensboro Crime Stoppers, PO Box 1000, Greensboro, 27402.

Donors will receive an e-mail or letter acknowledging their contribution for tax purposes.

Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on February 7 and 21 and March 7 and 21. Meetings are open to the public and air live on Greensboro Television Network. Review the council's full meeting schedule at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings.

Registration for 3 Spring Sports Leagues Now Underway

Registration is now open for the Adult Coed Spring Kickball League from 9 am to 4:30 pm Mondays through Fridays, through February 24 at the Parks and Recreation administrative office, 1001 Fourth St. The fee is \$350 per team.



Registration is also open for men and women's slow pitch softball and the Jimmy R. Smith Gate City Softball Tournament now through February 24 or until space is full. Teams may register from 9 am to 4:45 pm Mondays through Fridays at the Parks and Recreation administration office, 1001 Fourth St.

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

Registration is also now open for youth baseball for girls and boys ages 4-14 now through February 28 from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Parks and Recreation administration office, 1001 Fourth St. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/YouthSports.

Greensboro Earns Award for National Night Night Out

The National Association of Town Watch has selected Greensboro as a National Award Winner for its participation in the 33rd Annual National Night Out. On August 2, 2016, approximately 140 neighborhoods throughout Greensboro celebrated National Night Out through an assortment of activities including cook outs, musical performances, public safety displays, block parties, and events for kids.

Operation Bed Roll Collects 203 Sleeping Mats

With the help of local residents, schools and community groups, the City's Operation Bed Roll collected 203 plastic bag yarn sleeping mats by the first week in January.

Operation Bed Roll is an effort by the Greensboro Field Operations, Library, and Police departments. Greensboro's recycling educator taught residents how to make plastic bag yarn – or plarn – that could be used to create crocheted sleeping mats that provide an insulated barrier for those who sleep on the ground.

The bed rolls were delivered to the nonprofit Interactive Resource Center and to City police to give away to area residents who sleep outdoors. The effort kept about 103,000 plastic bags – which are not accepted in Greensboro's residential recycling program – out of the landfill.

Local organizations that want to host a plarn workshop later this year for Operation Bed Roll 2017 should visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/plarn for more information.

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.

A hatred for plastic bags and a love for all things Pinterest have led 25-year-old Tori Carle to create Operation Bed Roll.

From an early age, Carle was instilled with a love of animals and nature, thanks to her father, an animal control officer. These loves helped create a passion for being a good steward of the environment, which led her to work at Disney's Animal Kingdom, specifically in environmental education.

In 2015, Carle joined the City's Field Operations Department as its recycling education specialist. This is where her passions began to take shape. Not long after starting in her new job, she was angry when she came across old plastic bags in a warehouse, knowing that plastic bags aren't recyclable.

"One night while surfing Pinterest I learned that you can crochet with plastic bags and I knew I had something special," said Carle.

Perfecta Visuals



Curtains Open in Mid-March on 2 City Drama Center Productions

The City's Drama Center stages its springtime Evening of Short Plays March 9-12 at the Stephen D. Hyers Theatre in the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie St. The plays, written by the City's Playwright's Forum, are open, non-themed shows where anything goes and you never know what to expect.



The Drama Center is again spotlighted March 17-19 for its Princess and the Pea, a musical comedy version of the Hans Christian Andersen classic about a prince's

search for a true princess. The show takes the stage at Greensboro College's Odell Auditorium.

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

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 12

On Sunday, March 12, turn your clocks forward one hour to begin Daylight Saving



Time. Also, change your smoke alarm batteries if they are more than a year old. Don't have working smoke alarms? Call the Greensboro Fire Department at 336-574-4088 for free equipment and installation.

Housing Summit Focuses on 'Committing to Communities'

This year's Housing Summit takes place March 29 at George K's Event Center, 2108 Cedar Fork Dr. The focus is Committing to Communities. The summit is sponsored by Greensboro Housing Coalition, Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, and the City. For more information, call the coalition at 336-691-9521.



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