



# At Your Service

News & Information



## Put Your Bottles to Work this Spring

Did you know that the simple act of recycling plastic bottles creates well-paying jobs? Recycle just two more bottles a week and you help create 300 local jobs.

Plastic bottles can be recycled into new products like shirts, tennis shoes, carpets, and more. By recycling plastic bottles at home, work, school, and on the go, you can be a job creator.

Already recycle all you can? Help spread the word about how recycling positively impacts the local economy. Learn more at [www.YourBottleMeansJobs.com](http://www.YourBottleMeansJobs.com).

## City's "Gun Stoppers" Program Underway

The Greensboro Police Department (GPD), in partnership with Greensboro/Guilford Crime Stoppers, has launched a Gun Stoppers program to encourage people to report illegal weapons.

Using resources and methods popularized by Crime Stoppers, people can submit anonymous tips about firearms possessed by felons, stolen guns, firearms used in crimes, and guns deemed illegal under North Carolina law.

Gun Stoppers pays a minimum of a \$250 cash reward to anyone who notifies the tip line of an

illegal weapon and that tip leads to an arrest and/or confiscation of the illegal gun by GPD or Guilford County Sheriff's Department. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/GunStoppers](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/GunStoppers).

## Help Prevent Waterway Pollution

Pet waste is harmful to waterways, so the City urges pet owners to always pick up after their pets -- even on private property. Otherwise, this common bacteria called fecal coliform can enter streams and lakes and be harmful to aquatic life and potentially to humans. Dispose of pet waste by either:

- ~ Flushing it down the toilet
- ~ Bagging it and placing it in the trash
- ~ Burying it in a hole at least 12 inches deep and covering it with at least eight inches of dirt.



Learn more about preventing waterway pollution at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/PetWaste](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/PetWaste).

## City's Housing Counseling Services Available

Is it finally your turn to buy a home? Concerned about making the down payment? Call the City's housing counseling office at 336-373-4146 to schedule an

## Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm on April 4 and 18 and May 2 and 16. 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](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings).

## City Offices Closed May 29

City offices and facilities are closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.



There are no trash/recycling collections Monday. Instead, that day's collections take place Tuesday, May 30, and Tuesday's take place Wednesday, May 31. Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).

## "Boulevard Bash" is April 29

A City-sponsored block party has been scheduled for 10 am to 2 pm Saturday, April 29 to celebrate the completion of the Gate City Boulevard Streetscape project. Boulevard Bash, which features live music, food and games, takes place at 3011 W. Gate City Blvd.

The event is a chance for the City to say thank you to



residents and business owners who have been patient during this construction project.

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appointment to see if you qualify for current assistance programs. City housing counselors are available from 8 am to 5 pm Mondays through Fridays.

### City Plants 100 Trees for 'Community Carbon Bank'

Greensboro's first 'community carbon bank,' a grove of 100 trees that will naturally absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, has been planted in Price Park, 1420 Price Park Rd.



The project was organized by Urban Offsets, a local company that partners colleges and universities with municipalities and conservation organizations.

Every ton of carbon dioxide absorbed by these trees equals one 'carbon credit.' Elon University will purchase those credits and use them to buy more trees from Urban Offsets for local planting.

### National Folk Festival Set for September 8-10

The 2017 National Folk Festival returns to downtown Greensboro September 8-10 for a weekend of music, art, culture, and more.

With about 30 groups set to perform on seven outdoor stages and festivities at the North Carolina Folklife Area, Family Activities Area, North Carolina Arts Marketplace, and



food courts, the event offers an array of experiences for all ages. Visit [www.nationalfolkfestival.com](http://www.nationalfolkfestival.com) 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](http://www.madeingso.com).*

Growing up on Pine Trough Branch Farm, gardening was always a part of Jenny Kimmel's life.

"My dad would always try to get me to work in the garden," she says.

In fact, Kimmel still works around the family farm – and she shares her love of gardening with the kids at the Greensboro Montessori School as its environmental education coordinator.

Kimmel is an expert in permaculture, a system of agriculture that echoes the processes found in natural ecosystems. She teaches her students the fundamentals of gardening.

Under her guidance, students are able to do everything from harvest rice to make tea with fresh herbs.



### New Play Project Deadline is May 1

The Drama Center at City Arts is accepting submissions for the 2018 NC New Play Project now through May 1. The winning play receives a workshop production in January 2018 and the \$500 Mark Gilbert Award. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/NewPlay](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/NewPlay).

### Go Blue for Police Memorial Week, May 14-20

The Greensboro Police Department (GPD) asks residents, schools, churches, and businesses to show their support for law enforcement by illuminating blue lights or displaying blue ribbons on their property during Police Memorial Week, May 14-20.

GPD kicks off the week with a 5k Run on May 13, then on May 16 pays

tribute to fallen officers during a joint memorial service with neighboring law enforcement agencies.



Visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Memorial-Week](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Memorial-Week) for details on these and other related events or call GPD's Office of Community Engagement at 336-373-2636.

### May is Bike Month

Spring is here, the trees are blooming, and it's time to jump on your bike. May is Bike Month in the Greensboro area and several bicycle-themed events are taking place.

On May 7, bring the family to the Downtown Greenway for the Wheels on the Greenway event or participate in the May 17 Ride of Silence in memorial of people killed or injured while biking.

Visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/BikeMonth](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/BikeMonth) for more details about these and other related events.



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