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News & Information

Adopted FY 2017-18 City Budget Now Online

The City's adopted budget for FY 2017-18 is now posted online at www.greensboro-nc.gov/AdoptedBudget. City Council approved the \$534.6 million budget at its June 20 meeting. The budget maintains the current City tax rate of 63.25 cents per \$100 property valuation for the eighth consecutive year.

City Increases Various Fees

Effective July 1, the City has increased several user fees.

First, the water and sewer rate increases to 3.25 percent for inside City users, which equates to an average bill increase of \$1.38 per month, and 5.5 percent for outside City users, which equates to an average of \$5.69 per month for outside customers.

Commercial recycling collections increase \$10 a month, as do unscheduled commercial recycling dumpster collections and unscheduled commercial dumpster collections. ABC recycling collections inside and outside the central business district also increase \$10 a month.

Greensboro Drinking Water Report Now Available

The City's annual water quality report, which provides details on water quality monitoring results for January 1 to December 31, 2016, is now available for public review.

Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/DrinkingWater.



www.greensboro-nc.gov/Water and under the Featured Links section, click on "New - 2016 Consumer Confidence Report" or call the City Contact Center at 336-373-CITY (2489) for a copy.

Police Encourage Help for Opioid Addiction

According to Greensboro police, more than 20 people have died from opioid overdoses in Greensboro so far this year. Opioids are frequently prescribed for short-term pain management, but they are highly addictive.



Once a person is addicted to prescription painkillers, progression to heroin use may be next. That's why police urge you or someone you know who suffers from addiction to get help. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/SubstanceAbuse.

Residents: Be Aware of Flood Zones

City streams can flood during and after heavy rainstorms. Flood damage is not covered under standard property insurance policies. But, flood insurance can be obtained by contacting your local insurance agent or company.



The City's Water Resources Department urges you to find out if your property is located in a flood zone by visiting www.ncfloodmaps.com.

Municipal Election is November 7

The mayoral and all City Council seats are up for election this year. Stay posted on election news and deadlines at www.myguilford.com/elections.

Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm August 15 and September 5 and 19. 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.

City Offices Closed Labor Day

City offices and facilities close on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day. There are no trash, recycling, bulk trash, yard waste or appliance collections that day. Instead, Monday's collections take place Tuesday, September 5 and Tuesday's take place Wednesday, September 6. Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).

Be Greensboro Ends August 31

The City's fifth annual "Be: Greensboro" employee recognition program concludes August 31. Residents have until then to commend a City employee for going over and beyond the call of duty in providing excellent customer service. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/BeGreensboro.



Hiking Club Qualifier is September 6

New and returning members of the City's Seniors Hiking Club must qualify for membership

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Looking for a New Type of Field Trip?

Interested in fun and free field trips for your school group or community organization? Want to learn the ins and outs of what "away" means when we throw something 'away'?

The City's Field Operations Department offers tours of its facilities: ReCommunity, White Street Landfill and Solid Waste Transfer Station.

City staff can also visit your school's classrooms (kindergarten through grade 12) to teach about waste reduction.



For more information and to request a trip or staff visit, go to www.greensboro-nc.gov/RecycleEdu.

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.

Bill Gates once said: "Effective philanthropy requires a lot of time and creativity – the same kind of focus and skills that building a business requires."

And through her work in philanthropy since moving to Greensboro in 2002, Mindy Oakley has learned that to be true.

Oakley received a master's degree in business administration from the Wharton School of Business and then worked in San Francisco for a while.

Then, this New Hampshire native came to Greensboro with her husband for his job with his family's business. Soon she landed a job with the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro (CFGG).

"The foundation gave me the opportunity to make my own local connections and see the city through my own lens," Oakley says.

While with CFGG, which establishes charitable funds and makes annual gifts from earnings to support worthy causes, Oakley is particularly proud of her efforts helping to launch programs valuable to the city's economy and quality of life.

One in particular is Women to Women, which is an endowed grant-making fund that focuses on programs that help women become economically independent.

Another is the Public Art Endowment that helps make possible the installation of public artworks in Greensboro, such as the colorful Where We Met net hanging above LeBauer Park's Great Lawn.



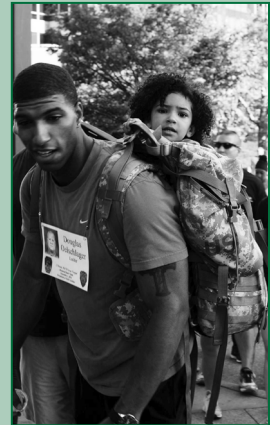
each year. The qualifier for 2017-18 begins at 10 am Wednesday, September 6, at Country Park Shelter #9. Members must be able to walk around the pond twice (3.2 miles) in less than 70 minutes. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/SeniorClubs to learn more.

National Folk Festival Opens September 9

The 77th National Folk Festival is scheduled for September 8-10 in downtown Greensboro. Stay up-to-date on events and travel-related details by visiting www.nationalfolkfestival.com.

Annual 9/11 Stair Climb is September 16

The Greensboro Fire Department's seventh annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb starts at 9 am Saturday, September 16, at the Bellemeade Parking Deck, 220 N. Greene St. The event honors firefighters and police officers who perished at the World Trade Center in 2001. For more information, call 336-574-4088.



Kindermusik Registration Now Underway

Registration is underway for the City's Kindermusik program for newborns to 5-year-olds. The fall session begins September 5. Classes use singing, sounds, and rhyming to teach children confidence, self-control and communication skills. Visit www.city-arts.org for registration information.

Annual Greenway Event Date Changed

The annual Run 4 the Greenway event takes place this year on Saturday, October 28, instead of in September. Learn more at www.downtowngreenway.org.



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