



# At Your Service

News & Information

## GSO Collects App Reminds You of Trash/Recycling Collections

The City has a new tool to help you never again miss a trash, recycling, yard waste or bulk collection. Called GSO Collects, the tool allows you to:

- ~ Sign up for collection reminders
- ~ Send texts to family members to remind them to take your carts to the street
- ~ Download your collection schedule to your devices' calendars
- ~ Find and print your collection schedule
- ~ Report waste-related issues.



GSO Collects can be downloaded for free on the iOS or Google Play stores or accessed at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Collects](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Collects).

## You're Invited to 'Plan2Play' with Parks & Recreation

Greensboro Parks and Recreation has begun its public phase of Plan2Play, a system-wide master plan to help the department map its goals for recreation for the next 20 years.

Input being sought is what types of recreation needs you and your family have and how can the City improve on what it already provides. For meeting dates and to take the survey, visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Plan2Play](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Plan2Play).

## Police Urge Awareness of Teen Dating Violence

Greensboro police urge you to talk with your children or other teens in your life about healthy relation-

ships, especially this month. February, which is known as the month for romance, is also National Teen Dating Violence Awareness month. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/TeenDating](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/TeenDating).



## Residents Approve 26 Participatory Budgeting Projects

During the fall, 1,199 residents voted to fund 26 park and transportation projects during Greensboro's Participatory Budgeting (PB) voting. The winning projects include new bus shelters, solar personal device charging stations, revamped playgrounds and greenways, and a new turn lane and crosswalk.

The projects that received the most votes in each City Council district are listed at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/ApprovedProjects](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/ApprovedProjects). Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/PB](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/PB).

## Planning Department's Reports Used to Update Comprehensive Plan

To assist in updating the City's Comprehensive Plan, its Planning Department uses a variety of reports that look at how Greensboro has been growing and developing.

One of those reports, the annual Growth and Development Trends, is now available on the City's website. Another report, the Data Book, which analyzes city-wide data back to 2003, is also now available. Read these reports and others at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Statistics](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Statistics).

## Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays beginning at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, 300 W. Washington St., unless otherwise noted. Third meetings on the fourth Tuesdays of the month are scheduled as needed.

All meetings are open to the public and air live on Greensboro Television Network. For the Council's full 2018 meeting schedule, visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings).

## Winter Waterfowl Pontoon Tours Underway



Parks and Recreation offers pontoon boat rides to allow residents to scout for migrating and wintering waterfowl on Lake Townsend. Tours begin at 3 pm March 4 and 18, and April 1, from Lake Townsend, 6332 Lake Townsend Rd., Browns Summit. Cost is \$7 per person and reservations are required by calling 336-373-3741.

## 'Name Our Water Drop' Contest Ends March 1

The City's Water Resources Department is asking you to help name its new water drop mascot. To participate in this

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## Recent City Kudos

### Greensboro Ranks Third Among Large NC Cities in Affordability

Among the five largest cities in the state, Greensboro ranks in the middle of the comparison for homeowner costs when combining county and city property taxes and fees. The ranking comes as part of the City's Budget and Evaluation Department's annual comparison of property tax rates and major user fees.

The Gate City ranks third with a combined city and county taxes and fees that average \$2,596 (based on an assessed property value of \$150,000). Raleigh (\$2,576) and Winston-Salem (\$2,538) ranked first and second.

### Greensboro's Municipal Equality Index Highest in Carolinas

The City scored an 82 out of 100 possible points in the latest listing of the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index (MEI). The score ranks Greensboro first among all other cities in North and South

Carolina. MEI examines laws, policies and services of municipalities and rates them on the basis of their inclusivity of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people who live and work in the city.

### Greensboro Named Bicycle Friendly Community



For the third time, League of American Bicyclists has designated Greensboro as a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community for its strong commitment to bicycling. Greensboro is one of only 12 communities across the state to have been honored by the league. Greensboro plans to install 75 miles of new bike lanes by 2022.

### Made in GSO Feature

*Each month, At Your Service will publish a feature from [www.madeingso.com](http://www.madeingso.com), a joint campaign of Action Greensboro and the City that celebrates local leaders.*

For Diante Baldwin, success on the basketball court came early.

His hard work and natural ability earned him a spot on a winning UNCG team. Now it's taken him 4,600 miles away from his home town where this Greensboro native is a starter for AZS Koszalin, a professional basketball team in Poland.

Baldwin learned his skills from his dad when he was young. "My dad's kind of big on basketball. I started when I was 3 or 4," he says. "My team came in 7th in the nation when I was 9."

From then, as they say, the rest is history.



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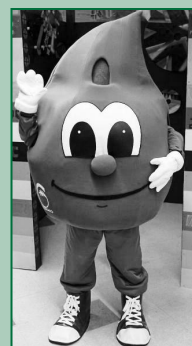
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naming contest, simply complete a voting form at the Water Resources' Customer Service Information Desk at 2602 S. Elm-Eugene St.



The winning name will be announced during National Drinking Water Week May 6-12. Top names will be recognized at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Water](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Water) and the winner will receive a prize.

### Daylight Saving Time Begins March 11

On Sunday, March 11, turn your clocks



forward one hour to begin Daylight Saving 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 336-574-4088 for free equipment and installation.

### City Offices Closed March 30

City offices and facilities close Friday, March 30, in observance of Good Friday.

There are no trash/recycling collections that day. Instead, Friday's collections take place on Thursday, March 29, and Thursday's take place on Wednesday, March 28. Questions? Call the City's Contact Center at 336-373-CITY (2489).

### Soulflow Yoga Offered Every Sunday

City Arts, in partnership with Soulflow Yoga, will offer a yoga series from 2-3 pm every Sunday beginning January 7 at the Caldcleugh Multicultural Arts Center, 1700 Orchard St. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5 per class. Questions? Call 336-373-5881.