



At Your Service

News & Information

Loose Leaf Collection Program Underway

The City's annual Loose Leaf Collection program is in full swing. Leaves that were curbside by November 13 will be picked up by December 22. Leaves that are curbside by December 27 will be picked up by January 25. Check collection status in your neighborhood by visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/LeafCollection.

PB Greensboro Accepting Project Ideas February 1

Got an idea for a project that will make the City better? Submit it to Participatory Budgeting (PB) Greensboro, a democratic process that allows residents to determine how public funds are spent. Each City Council district has \$100,000 to spend; all residents ages 14 and older can vote on how to spend it.

From February 1 to March 31, you may submit your project ideas for PB Cycle 3 by visiting www.PBGreensboro.com. Past projects have included bus shelters, murals, and crosswalks.

Your City. Your Future. Plan it!



PLANIT GSO, the City's initiative for updating Greensboro's Comprehensive Plan, still wants

to hear from you about how you think the city should grow and develop in the future. Take the **PLANIT GSO** survey at www.greensboro-nc.gov/PLANITGSO. Also on that Web page, sign up for e-Notifications for the latest news about comprehensive plan updates.

Dispose of Holiday Cooking By-Products Correctly

The City's Water Resources Department reminds you to properly dispose of your holiday cooking fats, oils and greases. Build up of these materials in your home's pipes can lead to raw sewage overflowing into your home or from a nearby manhole. Follow the tips on www.greensboro-nc.gov/Fats.



Recycle Holiday Refuse Properly

The relatives have gone home, the holiday gifts have been put away and the clean up is beginning. The City's Field Operations Department reminds you that live Christmas trees can be collected on your regular trash collection day if they are curbside by 7 am that day.

Also remember that electronic waste cannot be put in your garbage or recycling cans. These items must be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Center, 2750 Patterson St.

Do You Live in a Flood Zone?

Find out if your property is located in a flood zone by calling the City's Water Resources Department at 336-373-2055 or visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/Flooding. On that Web page is information about the City's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), elevation certificates, flood depth data, flood insurance, special rules for building in a floodplain, and ways to protect your property from flood damage.

Attend a City Council Meeting

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays beginning at 5:30 pm in Melvin Municipal Office Building's Council Chamber, 300 W. Washington St., unless otherwise noted. For the full schedule, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings.

City Offices Closed Five Days in December - January

City offices and facilities close on Monday through Wednesday, December 24-26, and Tuesday, January 1, in observance of winter holidays, and Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

For related trash/recycling collection schedule changes during those holidays, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/HolidaySchedule. Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).

Piedmont Winterfest Returns



Now through January 27, WFMY News 2 Piedmont Winterfest offers public ice skating, an ice slide and special events at the City's LeBauer Park, 208 N. Davie St. For information on skating times, rental opportunities and more, visit www.piedmontwinterfest.com.

City Services Features

Housing Connect GSO Makes Dreams Come True



"I crossed something big off my bucket list," says Ebony McCoy, the first Greensboro resident to purchase a home through Housing Connect GSO's new down payment and closing cost assistance program (DPA). "Purchasing a home has been a goal I've been trying to accomplish for a long time."

DPA provides up to \$10,000 in down payment assistance and closing costs to qualified, potential home buyers. For those who choose to purchase a home in one of the City's redevelopment areas, an additional \$5,000 is available for down payment assistance.

After meeting with Rhonda Enoch, the City's housing program coordinator, to discuss the DPA program and next steps, McCoy contacted a realtor and started the City's required homeownership class.

McCoy says she's proud of the sense of freedom she feels being a homeowner. "My children have more space to run and they have a backyard to play in. They love our new home too."

Learn more by visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/HousingConnectGSO or calling Enoch at 336-373-4146.

Miss music? Join a City Band or Choral Group

If you left music lessons behind when you graduated high school, you're overdue for a creative hobby reboot. Lucky for you, the Music Center of City Arts and Events sponsors more than a dozen free or low-cost community ensembles for adults and children.

They range from intimate percussion groups and brass bands to massive choirs, are led by professional conductors, and perform at special events and concerts across the Triad. Many ensembles are welcoming new members to join ahead of their spring concert schedules.

"One of the most important things to me is fostering a continuing love of the arts. Music need not be an elitist art form," said Mike Lasley, conductor of the Greensboro Percussion Ensemble. "Amateurs need a creative output and the Music Center is a wonderful place for people to experience various types of music, both as performers and as audience members."



Check out the full list of community music groups and find out how to join at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Ensembles.

Also, visit us at www.greensboro-nc.gov for all the latest news, events and information.

MLK Memorial Breakfast is January 21

The City's Human Relations Commission hosts the 32nd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast at 7:30 am Monday, January 21, at Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons/Koury Convention Center. For ticket and sponsorship information, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/MLKBreakfast.

Senior Games/SilverArts Registration Begins February 1



Registration for the 2019 Greater Greensboro Senior Games and SilverArts begins February 1 for seniors 55 years and over. 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., or at www.greensboro-nc.gov/SeniorGames.

Children's Poster Contest Deadline is February 15

Now until February 15, the City and Guilford Soil and Water Conservation District are accepting entries for their annual Poster Contest from children in grades K-5. For more information and to register, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Posters or call Latoya Harris at 336-373-4601.

Want to Live Waste-Free?

What if you could throw away little to no garbage every day? For a month? A whole year? Learn more about what it takes to live a zero waste lifestyle from 12:30-1:30 pm Friday, February 22, at Kathleen Clay Library, 1420 Price Park Rd. To register, call the branch at 336-373-2923.

Made in GSO Feature

Our lives are full of patterns. They're in our bedding, our clothing, the gift bags we use to package friends' birthday presents.

Nadia Hassan creates these patterns – and she's getting some national recognition for doing it.

"This is my way of connecting with people," the freelance designer and illustrator says.

Read the full story at www.madeingso.com.

