



At Your Service

News & Information

All-electric City Buses Hit the Streets



Greensboro Transit Authority recently ushered in a new era of transit technology with North Carolina's first battery-electric rechargeable buses used in active passenger service.

The environmentally friendly 40-foot buses are powered by under-floor batteries, capable of providing up to 175-200 miles of sustainable transportation service before recharging is required. The sole emission from the bus is water.

Greensboro Opens Exhibit Honoring Women



Women who have transformed Greensboro now have a space that honors them: the Ruth Wicker Tribute to Women at the Barber Park Event Center, 1502 Barber Park Dr.

The free exhibit is located within a rotunda section of the event center, which is an upscale rental venue

for parties and weddings. For more information about the exhibit or event center, call 336-373-7690.

City and Local Agency Team Up to Achieve Common Goals

Wanted: One hundred potential first-time homebuyers interested in purchasing a home in Greensboro by December 31. Called #100Homes, the campaign's goal is to promote affordable homeownership.

Working together on this is the City's Neighborhood Development Department and Housing Consultants Group (HCG), a Greensboro agency the City contracts with to provide housing counseling services under its Housing Connect GSO program. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/HousingConnectGSO.

HCG is also conducting a program aimed at helping residents start planning now financially so they will be ready to buy a home in the next six to 12 months.

The program, called Individual Development Account (IDA), began in March. Questions? Contact Sofia Crisp, HCG executive director, at 336-553-0946.

City Appoints New ACM

Kimberly Sowell is the City's newest Assistant City Manager overseeing the Field Operations, Engineering and Inspections, Water Resources and Transportation departments. With the City since 2015, she was promoted from Business Division Manager in water resources.



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's 'Recycle Rodeo' is April 27

The City's semi-annual Recycle Rodeo event is 8 am to 2 pm Saturday, April 27, at Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 2715 Horse Pen Creek Rd.

Materials accepted for proper disposal include



electronics and household hazardous waste. Shredding services for sensitive documents are also available; there will be a five-box limit per vehicle for shredding. Questions? Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Rodeo.

City Recognizes National Drinking Water Week in May

Sponsored by the American Water Works Association, national Drinking Water Week recognizes the vital role water plays in everyone's daily lives.

The City's Water Resources Department will participate in the 2019 celebration by sponsoring events and distributing information about protecting our drinking water. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Water.

City Services Features

Ongoing Water/Sewer Rehab Vital to Water Quality

No one wants a trench dug into a street in their neighborhood. But, since the City's sewer and water systems are about 100 years old, many pipes need to be upgraded.

That's why for several years, the City has conducted a Water and Sewer Rehabilitation Program funded by your water and sewer rates. Repairing deteriorating pipes:

- Reduces water main breaks, which can interrupt your service
- Prevents rainwater from entering sewer pipes, which can cause sanitary sewer overflows.

Yes, the ongoing rehab program may require construction work on streets you use daily, like the recent sewer rehab project in College Hill. It could also involve running temporary water lines above ground across driveways and streets in your neighborhood.



"Having quality water services is something we all take for granted," says James Keith, president of the College Hill Neighborhood Association. "College Hill's recent work with Water Resources demonstrated the need for good, clear communication with our City officials, who were making sure our infrastructure and basic needs were adequately met."

"This process takes time and will cause inconveniences, but we're all tough enough to get through it," he adds.

Generally, rehab work involves inserting new liners or new pipes into existing pipes. This is more cost effective than digging up old pipes and replacing them, and it minimizes damage to city streets.

Long-term advantages to the City's rehab program are stronger water flow in homes and businesses and cleaner water in our streams, rivers and lakes.

The City's Water Resources Department has implemented several plans to better communicate with residents about these projects. The main source of information is the City's website.

At www.greensboro-nc.gov/Rehab, you will find links to:

- Lists of current rehab projects
- Details about how rehab projects will affect you
- An outline of when, how and by whom you will be notified about projects in your immediate area
- Phone numbers for who to call for more information about a project
- Information about rehab methods the City and its contractors use.

You can also sign up to receive automatic e-mail notifications about when a rehab job closes an intersection, road or lane in Greensboro, and a variety of other topics.

Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/e-Notify to sign up in the News section of the page for "Road Closings/Traffic Alerts."

"Deferred maintenance can cause unsafe water and national headlines," says Keith. "Greensboro is better than that. Water Resources has a huge job to tackle, but the final product is evidence of their commitment to bringing the best to the citizens of Greensboro."

Learn more about the City's water and sewer rehab projects at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Rehab.

Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov for the latest news, events & info.

City Offices Closed May 27

City offices and facilities are closed Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. There are no trash/recycling collections Monday. Instead, that day's collections take place Tuesday, May 28, and Tuesday's take place Wednesday, May 29. Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).

Seasonal Reminders

The City's outdoor pools and spraygrounds open Memorial Day Weekend.



Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/ Pools for more information.

Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park (MUSEP) kicks off June 2.



Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/ MUSEP for a schedule of concerts.

Annual Sewage Report Now Available

The City's 2018 Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation report is now available at the Vance H. Chavis Library, McGirt-Horton Branch Library, Central Library, TZ Osborne Wastewater Facility and on the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/WasteWaterReport.

Do You Pledge to Drive Safely?

Have you taken the Vision Zero Greensboro pledge to always drive safely? Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/VisionZero to do so.

Vision Zero is a strategy to reduce traffic fatalities

and serious injuries in Greensboro with a long-term goal of zero.

