

October/November 2019

### Loose Leaf Collection Program Starts on November 12

The City's annual Loose Leaf Collection program kicks off November 12 and as in the past, there will be two collection periods. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Leaves](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Leaves).

Leaves that are curbside by:

~ November 12 will be picked up by December 23.

~ December 27 will be picked up by January 25, 2020.

### Be Safe Trick or Treating



Keep children safe this Halloween. Review tips at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/HalloweenSafety](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/HalloweenSafety). Looking for a trick or treat alternative? Check out the City's Ghoulash! festival 2-6 pm Saturday, October 26, in downtown's Cultural Center, Center City Park and LeBauer Park. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Ghoulash](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Ghoulash). (*The City does not regulate the day or times residents may go trick or treating.*)

### Now Open: Six Glass-Only Drop-off Locations & Overflow Recycling Drop-off Sites

Glass bottles and jars are no longer accepted in the City's residential recycling program, but there are now six glass-only drop-off locations you can use. Visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/GlassDropOff](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/GlassDropOff) for all the details.



And if you have too much recycling for your regular residential containers, you can now drop

off your overflow at the White Street Landfill and Solid Waste Transfer Station. The service is free for Greensboro residents; \$10 for non-residents. Questions? Visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/RecyclingDropOff](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/RecyclingDropOff).

### Lead-Based Paint Grant Funding Available

Are there children under six living in or frequently visiting your home or rental unit? Was your dwelling built before 1978? If so, apply for lead-based paint hazard reduction assistance.

The Neighborhood Development Department's Lead-Safe Housing Program has grant funding up to \$30,000 for contracted construction work such as replacing windows and doors and wrapping exterior trim at these dwellings. If other health hazards exist, the City may offer up to \$5,000 more to correct the issues.

Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/LeadSafe](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/LeadSafe) or call 336-373-3624.



### Monthly Senior Wellness Series Underway

Aged to Perfection is a new monthly educational series featuring local experts and focusing on wellness resources for seniors. Seminars are at 10 am the third Thursday of each month at Central Library, 219 N. Church St. Presentations last one hour with time for questions and light refreshments. Questions? Call Antuan Hawkins at 336-373-2169.

### Full Slate of One City, One Book Events Planned

Public events are scheduled through November around this year's

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### Attend a City Council Meeting

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



### Daylight Saving Time Ends November 3

On Sunday, November 3, turn your clocks back one hour to return to standard time. Also, change your smoke alarm batteries. Don't have working smoke alarms? Call the Greensboro Fire Department at 336-373-2576 for free equipment and installation.

### City Offices Closed 3 Days in November

City offices and facilities close Monday, November 11, in observance of Veterans' Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 28-29, in observance of Thanksgiving. Questions? Call the City's Contact Center at 336-373-CITY (2489).

There are no trash/recycling collections on November 11. That day's collections take place Tuesday, November 12, and Tuesday's take place Wednesday, November 13.



There are no trash/recycling collections on Thanksgiving Day, November 28. That day's collections take place Wednesday, November 27. Friday's collections remain the same.

## US Census Coming March 2020

To help you find basic information about the upcoming US Census 2020, the City has published a Web page with facts and links from official federal and state census-related websites.

Local news and events about the US Census 2020 will also be posted on this page - [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Census](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Census) - so visit it often.

Also, sign up to receive the City's website e-mail notifications whenever new census information is posted. Fill out your contact information on our e-Notify page - [www.greensboro-nc.gov/e-notify](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/e-notify) - and select "Census" in the Calendar section and the News section of that page.

Remember: Accurate census counts affect how much federal funding the city gets for various programs for the next 10 years. NC could lose about \$1,600 in funding per year for each resident not counted. Every body counts.

For more information about the US Census 2020, visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

## Know Your Flood Hazard

Greensboro has several major streams that sometimes flood during and after heavy rainstorms. These floodwaters can be hazardous to your home and safety if you are not prepared.

Water Resources Department staff suggest the following:

~ Find out if you live in a flood zone by either calling Water Resources at 336-373-2055 or visiting [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Flooding](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Flooding) and clicking on the "Flood Risk Map" link. Here you will find info about the City's Flood Insurance Rate Map, elevation certificates, flood depth data, flood insurance, historical flood information, special rules for building in a floodplain, and ways to protect your property.

~ Purchase flood insurance. Standard homeowner insurance policies usually do not cover flood damage. Visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) for more information.

If flooding is a possibility in your area, prepare in advance by elevating electrical panels, air conditioners, heat pumps, furnaces, fuel tanks, and water heaters at least 12 inches above the base flood elevation or projected flood heights.

If floodwaters start to rise, evacuate to higher ground. If there is time, turn off all utilities before leaving your home or work area. And, never attempt to drive through a flooded area; turn around, don't drown.

Never dump anything down a storm drain. Storm drains carry untreated water directly to streams and lakes. This polluted water then impacts aquatic wildlife.

Before you build or repair in a special flood hazard area, call Water Resources at 336-373-2005 for special rules involved in this work. You may need to obtain a permit from the City's inspections division before beginning the job.

For more information about flooding, visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Flooding](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Flooding).

## Every BODY Counts!!!



One City, One Book selection "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah. All activities encourage residents to engage around the book's themes of racism, family, education, 1980s culture, the pitfalls of adolescence, and more. Visit the Events section at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Library](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Library) for all One City, One Book events.

## Participatory Budgeting Voting Deadline is October 31

Greensboro residents 14 and older can help decide how to



spend \$500,000 worth of City funds on parks, road projects, and more. Called Participatory Budgeting (PB), this democratic process allows residents to help determine how public funds are spent. Vote online for the projects you want funded at [www.PBGreensboro.com](http://www.PBGreensboro.com) by October 31.

## 2019-20 OPUS Concert Series Begins November 8

From classical to jazz to bluegrass, the City's free OPUS Concert



Series offers something for everyone. Check out the talented musical ensembles at these events, the first of which is November 8. Get a full schedule by calling the Music Center at 336-373-2547 or visiting [www.greensboro-nc.gov/OPUS](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/OPUS).



## Happy 60th Anniversary Greensboro Coliseum Complex!

Give this coupon to a Coliseum parking attendant for one day of FREE parking for any event now through February 29, 2020.

