

Are You Sure Your Home is Lead-Free?

Do children spend time in your house? Spending as little as 10 minutes every day in a home



where lead paint is present puts kids at risk for health problems. Make sure your home is lead-free.

Call the City's Neighborhood Development Department's Lead Safe Housing Program at 336-373-3624 for information about grants that can help qualified homeowners address unsafe lead paint conditions. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/LeadSafe to learn more.

Wanted: City Board and Commission Members

As of the end of January, the City boards and commissions listed on www.greensboro-nc.gov/BoardsCommissions have a vacancy or will soon have one. If you are interested in applying to join one of these boards or commissions, learn more by visiting that Web page or call the Greensboro City Clerk at 336-373-2397.

GTN Now Available Via Roku

In an effort to engage residents using more forms of media, the Greensboro Television Network (GTN), the official City government channel, is now available on the Roku streaming platform.

GTN operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with original programs, live City Council and Zoning Commission meetings, and City news and activities.

Greensboro's Municipal Equality Index Highest in NC

Greensboro scored a 79 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 cities in NC for the fifth consecutive year.

Among the index categories where Greensboro scored highest were in municipal services, law enforcement and the City's relationship with the LGBT community.

Smith Active Adult Center Receives State Re-certification

The Mabel D. Smith Active Adult Center received its five year re-certification as a "Center of Excellence" by the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services.

Centers that are certified receive approximately triple the amount of funding from the Area Agency on Aging than centers that are not certified. Of the 163 senior centers in NC, 79 are certified Centers of Excellence and six are Centers of Merit.



Smith's Hiking Club members

January Issue of "Our Neighborhood" Newsletter Now Online

Neighborhood Development Department's January issue of "Our Neighborhood" features information about Greensboro's 10-year affordable housing plan and ways to stay engaged with that project, news about the City's Homelessness Prevention Program, and a holiday story about giving. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/OurNeighborhood to subscribe to the newsletter and read past issues.

Attend a City Council Meeting

City Council meetings are held at 5:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month 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.

Teen Formal Wear Needed by February 28



Donate your gently used formal wear and accessories to area teens now through February 28 for Greensboro Youth Council's Camille's Closet and Theo's Threads. Most needed are plus-sized dresses, shoes and accessories. Local teens can shop for free formal wear and accessories March 26-27. Find donation and shopping locations and hours at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CamillesCloset.

Summer Camp Registration Opens March 1

Greensboro summer camp registration opens March 1 and to help you decide what to sign your children up for, Parks and Recreation is hosting a Summer Camp Fair from 5:30-7 pm, Friday, February 28, at Lindley Recreation Center, 2907 Springwood Dr. Check out all the convenient and affordable summer options for children and teens. Programs are offered for kids five and older, including specialty camps for teens.

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Greensboro Triples its Goal, Helps 317 Families Buy Homes

Greensboro's 2019 campaign to turn renters into first-time homebuyers tripled its original goal. From January to December 2019, the City's Neighborhood Development Department and its housing counseling service provider, Housing Consultants Group (HCG), have helped 317 families purchase homes.

The original goal of #100Homes was to convert 100 Greensboro renters to first-time homebuyers by December 31. The campaign hit that number in June. Renamed

#200Homes, the campaign then aimed for 200 renters by December 31. Again, that goal was hit early - in August. And in late December, the 317th home was purchased.

The campaign involved the Neighborhood Development's down



payment and closing cost assistance program (DPA), one of several services under its Housing Connect GSO homeownership umbrella.

DPA provides up to \$15,000 in down payment assistance and closing costs as a five-year, forgivable loan at zero percent interest. And the program isn't only for first-

time homebuyers. Potential buyers who have not owned a home in the last three years may also apply. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/HousingConnectGSO.

According to Stan Wilson, director of Neighborhood Development, the partnerships in this ongoing campaign are key to its success. "The combined efforts of this department, HCG, local real estate agents, and lenders are proving to be a strong force in first-time homebuying in Greensboro."

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



Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8

On Sunday, March 8, turn clocks forward one hour to begin Daylight Saving Time. Also, change your smoke alarm batteries if they are more than a year old. Don't have working smoke alarms? Call the Greensboro Fire Department at 336-373-2576 for free equipment and installation.

Annual Battle Reenactment Set for March 14-15

The reenactment of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse is set for 2 pm Saturday and Sunday, March 14-15, at Country Park, 3905 Nathanael Greene Dr. Admission is free. Get a glimpse of what took place on the battlefield in 1781 during this two-day event. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Reenactment.



Senior Games Begin April 7

The Greater Greensboro Senior Games and SilverArts kick off April 7 and run through May 8. Designed to promote healthy lifestyles, the competition features a variety of events for all abilities. For more information, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/SeniorGames.

City Offices Closed April 10

City offices and facilities close Friday, April 10, in observance of Good Friday. There are no trash/recycling collections on Friday, April 10. Instead, Friday's collections are on Thursday, April 9, and Thursday's are on Wednesday, April 8. Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).



Taking the US Census 2020 Survey: What to Expect and When

The next US Census is coming in March. The census gives the federal government an updated picture of what services and facilities we need in our community, and how much funding we need for them. The census also determines the number of seats in the US House of Representatives and Electoral College votes for each state.

All Greensboro residents should participate, regardless of age, race or citizenship status.

According to NC Counts Coalition, NC could lose about \$16,000 in federal funding over a 10-year period for each NC resident who is not counted in the 2020 Census.

Online? Phone? Mail?

You will be asked to fill out the census questionnaire online, on the phone or on paper as in the past.

From March 12-20, the majority of Guilford County households will receive a postcard invitation to respond online to the 2020 census. If you haven't done so by the second week of April, you will be sent a reminder letter and a paper census questionnaire to return in the mail. (See the full census schedule above.) Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Census to learn more.

On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	If you haven't responded yet:
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.