

April/May

Water Quality Preventative Maintenance Program Underway

Local municipalities, including Greensboro, are conducting a routine water quality preventative maintenance program now through May 11. The program involves temporarily using chlorine instead of chloramines to disinfect drinking water.

During this time, you may notice temporary taste or odor differences in your tap water. This is a normal part of the transition and it does not impact water quality. Both chlorinated and chloraminated water are safe for drinking, cooking, and other general uses.

Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/PreventativeMaintenance.

New Department Leaders Tagged

Michael Borchers, most recently an assistant director of the City's Water Resources Department, is now that department's new director. And Hanna Cockburn, most recently director of integrated mobility with NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT), will head up the City's Transportation Department beginning this month.

Since joining the City in 2005, Borchers has served as stormwater engineering and planning supervisor, engineering manager and assistant director. As assistant director, he led investigative efforts, established rapid responses, and obtained approval for long-term capital planning activities to permanently address a variety of issues.

Cockburn is returning to Greensboro where she served as long-range and strategic planning manager in the Planning



Department from 2013-18. For the past two years, she has been working in Raleigh for NCDOT first as director of bicycle and pedestrian transportation, then for integrated mobility.

Summer Camp Registration Underway

Now is the time to register for summer camps taking place throughout Greensboro, sponsored by the City's Parks and Recreation Department. There are camps for every child and teen of all abilities and interests, such as adventure, sports, music, drama, and of course, fun. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/SummerFun.



May in Greensboro is Bike Month

The weather is warmer and the sky is brighter. It's a perfect time for a bike ride. Greensboro celebrates Bike Month throughout May with a series of special events such as weekly group rides, a charity ride, First Friday Open Streets downtown, Lindley Elementary Bike Rodeo for Bike to School Day, Wheels on the Greenway, Ride of Silence, and more. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/BikeWeek for all the details.

City Water Report Available for Review

The 2019 Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation report is now available at several City libraries, TZ Osborne Wastewater Facility and online at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Water. The report provides information such as how Greensboro's wastewater system operates, how well it performed during the 2019 calendar year, and what violations occurred.

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.

City Offices Closed May 25

City offices and facilities are closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial



Day. There are no trash/recycling collections that day. Instead, Monday's collections take place Tuesday, May 26, and Tuesday's take place Wednesday, May 27. Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).

Golf? Trail Hiking? An Afternoon in Paris?

The weekend of June 6-7 has events for everyone.

Participate in the Larry Barham and Ace Kirkman Memorial Golf Tournament beginning at 9 am Saturday, June 6, at Gillespie Golf Course. Proceeds go toward equipment for the City's Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation and Youth Athletics.

If communing with nature is what drives you, visit Country Park from 8 am to 12 noon on Saturday for National Trails Day, complete with guided hikes, kids' activities, and more.

Prefer the sights, sounds and smells of a spring afternoon in Paris? Head over to Parisian Promenade from 12 noon to 5 pm Sunday, June 7, at Tanger Family Bicentennial Gardens.

Opportunities for Adults Expand with New 'Active Adult Center'

Parks and Recreation has traded in the "senior" label for something that's a more accurate description of what it offers older generations.

It has also renamed its senior center the "Smith Active Adult Center," dropped the age range for people who can participate in activities there to 50 and up, and added a second "adult center" to meet the ever-growing needs of seniors in the city.

The renovated Trotter Center, 3906 Betula St., recently opened with a focus on activities for older adults.

"This is an active, energetic welcoming place for all ages and abilities," says Parks and Recreation's Jennie Matkins. "It's not a place of just old people sitting around. It's a very active building. It's a very active environment. There is very little sitting going on."

Both Smith and Trotter offer free fitness classes and low-cost fitness rooms. Smith has an indoor pool.

"We have classes from chair balance all the way up to Zumba and boot camp and cardio sculpt and yoga on the mat for those younger, able-bodied folks who want a good workout," Matkins



says. "We can help those who haven't moved in 20 years and their doctors are saying, 'You've got to move.' We also get the ones who run five miles a day."

The centers also offer social activities like craft clubs, dances, hiking outings, day trips, and speakers on topics like retirement and Medicare.

"A lot of times there is a misconception that we are kind of a rehab (facility). We are not. We are active, vital seniors looking for place to be active and creative," says Greensboro resident Ellen Drehmann, 66. Drehmann visits the Smith fitness room, joins in some of the craft activities, and visits to play cards with friends.

June 24 Homebuyers' Fair Offers Advice/Access to Local Resources

Are you ready to buy a home? Not sure? The City's Homebuyers' Fair could help prepare you to pull the trigger on the next stage of your life...as a homeowner.

This free event takes place from 4-7 pm Wednesday, June 24, at Union Square Campus, 124 E. Gate City Blvd. Vendors will answer your questions about everything from housing availability and working with a Realtor to identifying local financial assistance programs for which you may qualify, such as the City's Housing Connect GSO slate of services.

Seasonal Reminders



City 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 kicks off in June with free, weekly concerts at city parks and outdoor facilities. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/MUSEP for a complete schedule.



Everybody counts!

Take the 2020 Census 1 of 3 ways:



ONLINE.

Online questionnaire is available in English, Spanish, Chinese (simplified), Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese and Japanese.



BY PHONE.

Phone questionnaire is available in English, Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese), Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Japanese.



ON PAPER.

Paper questionnaire is available in English and Spanish.

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