

Adopted FY 2020-21 Budget Now Online

The City's adopted budget for FY 2020-21



will soon be online at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Budget. City Council approved the \$602 million budget at its June 16 meeting. The budget maintains the property tax rate of 66.25 cents per \$100 property evaluation. Water and sewer fees remain the same, and there are no significant fee changes.

City Services/Facilities Beginning to Return to Normal

The City has returned to its regular residential yard waste collection schedule, but still asks you to limit yard waste to a total of 10 bags, bundles or cans.

Yard waste fees at the White Street Landfill have also returned to normal, as have its hours of operation. For more info, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/WhiteStreetLandfill.



Regional parks (Barber, Country, Hester and Keeley) and gardens are now operating at normal seasonal hours. City lakes have also resumed normal six days per week operations and are also following seasonal hours. Keep track of Parks and Recreation facility and program schedules at www.greensboro-nc.gov/PROpening.

At Greensboro Public Libraries you may now enter branches to get materials, check them out and then leave. There is no seating or public computer use, nor are there any in-

house programs or public meeting room use as of the end of June.

Are you contributing to Sanitary Sewer Overflows?

During the past few months, the City has experienced an increase in sanitary sewer overflows. To keep sewer lines free from clogs and the waterways clean, Water Resources Department staff ask you to flush only toilet paper and human waste



down toilets. Even if a product's packaging claims the item is flushable, do not do so. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Overflows.

Annual Drinking Water Report Now Available

The City's 2019 Drinking Water Quality Report, which provides details on water quality monitoring results for January 1 to December 31, 2019, is now available for public review at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CCR.

City Installs Solar-powered Car Charging Stations

The City now has two new solar-powered electrical vehicle charging stations, located at the City-owned Federal Place/Washington Street metered parking lot. The stations, free to use during a pilot test period, are independent of the electrical grid. They are capable of storing enough solar energy to charge up to 225 miles of electric vehicle driving per day.



Due to COVID-19 issues, some information in this edition may have changed since printing.

Questions? Concerns? Call the Contact Center

Do you need information about the City or its services? Reach out to the City's Contact Center for answers. Representatives are available by phone and email 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Mondays through Fridays (by live chat 8 am to 5 pm). These hours are new as of June. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/ContactCenter.

Call Us
336-373-2489
 7:30am - 5:30pm M-F

City Council Meetings

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/Facilities Closed Labor Day

City offices and facilities close Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day. There are no trash/recycling collections that day. Instead, Monday's collections are on Tuesday, September 8, and Tuesday's are on Wednesday, September 9. Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).

City Academy Taking Applications until July 15

Registration for the 17th annual City Academy is open through July 15. One of the nation's first government education programs,
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New City Office Promotes Local Arts and Culture Economy

Greensboro has a new office that aims to bolster the local arts and cultural community based on strategies laid out in the City's 2018 Cultural Arts Master Plan.

Creative Greensboro provides sustained support for arts and culture by enhancing and expanding resources and fosters cultural equity and arts participation for all. It creates a prosperous environment for artists and arts and cultural organizations, and supports development of a vibrant city by raising awareness and enhancing visibility of the arts.

The office manages the City's Special Events permitting process and operates the Greensboro Cultural Center, home to more than a dozen local organizations. Rental spaces are available for creating or presenting creative programming. Interested? Email barbara.mckenzie@greensboro-nc.gov.



Creative Greensboro is also home to the City's arts programming, formerly the Music Center and Drama Center of City Arts. It

hosts these community music ensembles: Greensboro Concert Band, Philharmonia, Choral Society and Big

Band, and OPUS and MUSEP concert series. Want to join an ensemble? Email meredith.gornto@greensboro-nc.gov.

Creative Greensboro's drama programs include musical and play productions for youth through adults and focus on new play development through the Greensboro Playwrights Forum. Want to participate? Email todd.fisher@greensboro-nc.gov.

The office will also work to elevate the creative community and connect residents to the many offerings that are available. Visit www.creativegreensboro.com or find it on Facebook and Instagram.

City Academy demonstrates government through hands-on learning and detailed exercises. Weekly classes are held September through November. For more information and to apply, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/CityAcademy.

MUSEP Returns for 41st Season



It may be live-streamed or in-person, but the Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park (MUSEP) Concert Series is returning for its 41st season this summer. The first two events, July 19 and 26, will be live-streamed at www.facebook.com/CreativeGreensboro. Decisions on subsequent concerts will be posted at www.greensboro-nc.gov/MUSEP at least two weeks prior to each event.

Plan Your Summer with GSO

To keep the community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City and community partners continue to offer virtual events and activities. A recent addition is Greensboro Summer Online at www.gsosummeronline.com, a virtual space where you can access a wide-range of innovative programming.



On the Library's Facebook page, children can enjoy story time with their favorite youth services librarian weekdays at 10:30 am. Teens can find specially-designed programming for them weekdays at 3 pm and adults can join the fun on Facebook weekdays at 5 pm with a wide variety of topical activities.

Also, the Greensboro History Museum has created a "digital engagement nook" (DEN) called the Lion's DEN where you can access videos, podcast episodes, digital collections and activities for connecting to Greensboro's history and what is now making history due the COVID-19 pandemic.

NNO is August 4

Registration is now open for neighborhoods interested in participating in Greensboro's National Night Out (NNO) celebration August 4. This is an annual crime and drug prevention event. Register your neighborhood's plans by July 28 online at www.signupgenius.com/go/nno2020. Information on how to make your event safe due to COVID-19 concerns will be provided. Questions? Call the Greensboro Police Department's Office of Community Engagement at 336-373-2636.



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NC Folk Festival Opens September 11

The annual NC Folk Festival takes place in downtown Greensboro September 11-13, with some modifications due to COVID-19 concerns. The free festival celebrates the state's cultural heritage through music, dance, crafts, food and family fun. For up-to-date information about festival modifications, visit www.ncfolkfestival.com.

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