

### New City Map Shows Daily Census Responses



How is your neighborhood doing in its response to the US Census 2020? Find out by using the interactive map at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/CensusResponses](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/CensusResponses), which is updated daily with response rates from the federal census bureau.

Not sure what census tract you live in? Type your address in the top left "Find address of place" field of the map. To see what your tract's response rate is, click on the first icon at the top right corner of the map – the "Legend." The higher the number, the higher the participation has been in that tract.

According to the US Census 2020 website, data will continue to be collected until September 30. Census workers are now hitting the streets visiting those who have yet to respond to see if they can help residents do so.

### CARES Act Funds Available for Housing Assistance

Has your household been financially affected by COVID-19? Need help paying the rent and utilities or making overdue mortgage payments?

If so, funds the City has received – about \$2 million – from the federal



Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act could help.

Qualified residents of Greensboro may now apply for one-time, emergency rent/utilities – up to \$1,900 – and mortgage

assistance – up to \$1,500. Visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/CARESHousingAssistance](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/CARESHousingAssistance) for application information.

### Unemployed? Furloughed? Free Online Learning is Available

Free online learning courses are available through GuilfordWorks and Coursera for Guilford County residents who are unemployed or working reduced hours. The program offers access to more than 3,000 college and university courses. Register at [guilfordworks.org/coursera](http://guilfordworks.org/coursera) now through September 30.

The City's Office of Workforce Development sponsors GuilfordWorks' program services and operations.

### Greensboro Earns LEED Silver® Certification

The City has earned LEED Silver certification from the US Green Building Council (USGBC) for its sustainability efforts. LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the world's most widely used green building rating system and promotes strategies to reduce environmental harm, enhance human health and support economic development.

The certification advances local and state goals and helps implement the GSO2040 comprehensive plan. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/LEEDNews](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/LEEDNews).

### Greensboro Ranked 12th in Best-run Cities Study

For the third consecutive year, the city has been ranked in the top 20 of WalletHub's Best-run Cities in America report. Coming in at 12 this year, Greensboro ranked particularly high in financial stability (5), total budget per capita (16), and

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### 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](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings).

### Imagine a Day Without Water is October 21

While COVID-19 challenges communities across the country,



**Imagine a Day Without Water**  
October 21, 2020

water and wastewater systems continue to do their jobs 24/7, keeping water flowing for the benefit of everyone. It's easy to take water for granted, but what would a day be like without water?

Join the City's Water Resources Department in "Imagine a Day Without Water," a national campaign to educate people about how essential water is, the challenges facing water and wastewater systems, and the need for investment in those systems. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/ValueWater](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/ValueWater).

### City Offices/Facilities Closed 3 Days in November

City offices and facilities close Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans' Day and Thursday and Friday, November 26-27, in observance of Thanksgiving.

There is no change for trash/recycling collections on November 11 or on November 27. However, there will be no regular trash/recycling collections on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. That day's collections take place Wednesday November 25.



education (27). WalletHub compared 150 of the largest US cities based on their operating efficiency. For each city, WalletHub constructed a "Quality of City Services" score – comprising 37 key performance indicators grouped into six service categories – that was then measured against the city's total per-capita budget.

### Library Eliminates Late Fines

The Greensboro Public Library has eliminated charging fines for overdue books and materials, and has forgiven all outstanding fines. This move is not unique to Greensboro as library systems across the country are adopting the policy.



The change also means that Greensboro Public Library customers will no longer be excluded from using computers due to outstanding fines. However, customers are still responsible for lost or damaged materials.

### Peeler Community Park Project Receives Grant

Greensboro Parks and Recreation has won a \$600,000 grant from the National Park Service's Outdoor Legacy Partnership Program to revitalize Peeler Community Park,

1300 Sykes Ave. Funding will allow for Phase 2 and Phase 3 and overall completion of the Peeler Community Park Master Plan approved in 2018. Greensboro was the only NC parks department awarded a grant.

### GTN Receives National Awards

Greensboro Television Network (GTN), the City's government cable channel, recently received three national 2020 Telly Awards. The awards recognize excellence in broadcast production. GTN has won 24 Tellys since 2000.

Carlos Castellanos won two bronze awards: for work on Historic Hillside's renovation and for a program about the City's public information process. Josh Johnson received a silver Telly Award for his production of Inside Discovery: Science Center.

### Keep City Sewers Fat Free

The City reminds you to never pour fats including milk, cooking oil or grease down your sink, drain, or toilet. Over time, these substances can harden in pipes causing backups in your home and the City's sewage collection system. Check



out alternate ways to dispose of grease at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/FOG](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/FOG).

### New City Holiday Begins 2021

Juneteenth, June 19, will be a new paid holiday for City employees beginning next year in recognition of the oldest known commemoration of the ending of slavery in the US.

### Loose Leaf Collection Program Starts November 9

The City's annual Loose Leaf Collection program kicks off November 9 and as in the past, there will be two collection periods. Learn the ins and outs of the program at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Leaves](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Leaves).

Leaves that are curbside by:  
 ~ November 9 will be picked up by December 23  
 ~ December 29 will be picked up by January 29, 2021.

These dates are subject to inclement weather delays.

### Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1

On Sunday, November 1, 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.

### Plastic Straws? Just Say No

The City's Field Operations and Water Resources departments encourage residents and business owners to break the plastic straw habit this November and beyond. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/NoStrawNov](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/NoStrawNov) and join others in saying no to plastic straws.



### Donations Accepted for Santa's Workshop Begin November 9

Donations for Greensboro Youth Council's annual Santa's Workshop will be accepted from November 9 to December 4. New toys and gently used toys that are cleaned, bagged and labeled are needed for children ages six months to 13 years in need within Guilford County during the holiday season. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/SantaWorkshop](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/SantaWorkshop).



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[my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov)

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