

City Receives About \$2.7M in HUD Funds for Home Health and Safety

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded the City nearly \$2.7 million to protect children and families from lead-based paint and other home health hazards.



About \$2.3 million will be earmarked for continuing the City's Lead Safe Housing Program, specifically to address lead hazards in 115 housing units. This will provide safer homes for low- and very low-income families with children. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/LeadSafe.

The remaining HUD grant money will be used to help Greensboro residents with other housing-related health and safety hazards such as mold.

Proposal Changes Borders of Airport District

The City's Planning Department is redrawing the overlay district around Piedmont Triad International Airport (PTI), referred to in the City's Land Development Ordinance as "Airport Overlay District," which contains regulations related to land development and aircraft noise.

Under the proposal, 667 acres of land will be removed from the City's current Airport Overlay District or "noise cone." That means the land would no longer fall under the overlay's residential development restrictions and would then allow more types and variety of housing units within this area of Greensboro. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/AirportOverlayDistrict.

Loose Leaf Program Continues

The second collection period for the City's annual Loose Leaf Collection Program is scheduled to kick off December 29. In the meantime, leaves that were curbside by November 9 will be picked up by December 23. (Dates may change due to weather-related issues.)

For the second round, leaves curbside by December 29 will be picked up by January 29, 2021.

Learn the ins and outs of the program at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Leaves. One rule is to not put leaves in the street because they can clog storm drains. Leaves also increase phosphorus and nitrogen concentrations entering the stormwater system, potentially harming downstream ecosystems.



City Moves to New, Quicker Process to Rehab Property

The City now has the authority to petition the state superior court to appoint a receiver to rehabilitate, demolish or sell vacant property in Greensboro.

This Vacant Home Receivership Program, now in its pilot phase, allows the City to more quickly move properties into code-compliant, safe and affordable housing for residents. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Receivership.

City/Rotary Award Student Improvement

Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership

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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.

City Office/Facility Holiday Closures Announced

City offices and facilities close December 24, 25 and 28 in observance of Winter Break, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day, and January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Thursday, December 24 trash/recycling collections

take place Wednesday, December 23. Friday, December 25 collections take place on Thursday. Monday, December 28 collections take place as scheduled that day.

Friday, January 1 collections take place on Thursday, December 31, and Thursday collections take place on Wednesday, December 30.

Monday, January 18 collections take place on Tuesday, January 19, and Tuesday's take place on Wednesday, January 20.

Holiday Fundraiser Benefits Committee All Year

One way or another (in person or virtually), the spirit of the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities' annual Shoppers Day event will take place in December.

The event is the committee's primary fundraiser for not only

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with Summit Rotary Club, is accepting nominations for its Student Improvement Awards. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/StudentImprovementAward.

One Guilford County middle or high school student will be honored every month for overcoming personal obstacles and making progress in school.



Nominations are due by 5 pm on the last day of each month now through April 2021.

Take the Plastic Straw Pledge

The City's Field Operations and Water Resources departments challenge you to break the plastic straw habit during No Plastic Straw November. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/NoStrawNov and join others in taking the pledge to saying no to plastic straws, and you might win a reusable straw (available while supplies last).

Know the Facts About Flooding



Hurricanes, clogged drainage systems, and rapid rainfall accumulation can cause flooding, resulting in significant damage to property and threatening personal safety. Preparing before a flood occurs can make all the difference. The City's Water Resources Department urges you to visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/FloodingFacts to learn how.

Be Safe During the Holidays

Taking any trips during the holidays? Decking out your home with all the trappings? Make sure you and your loved ones stay safe. For tips from the Greensboro Police Department on enjoying a drama-free holiday season, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/HolidaySafety.

[greensboro-nc.gov/HolidaySafety](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/HolidaySafety).

Dispose of Holiday Cooking By-Products Safely

When cleaning up after holiday meals, remember to properly dispose of fats, oils and grease. Never pour them down your drain. This can lead to pipe blockages and sewer overflows. Instead, put grease and food scraps in disposable containers and place in the trash. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Fats.

Stay Posted on this Winter's City Government Service Changes

To stay up-to-date on changes to City government services and operations during harsh winter weather, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/WinterClosings.

On this page you will find a link to an interactive map that shows where snow plows are throughout Greensboro and links



to the City's official Facebook and Twitter sites. Also on this Web page are links to local television stations City staff call to report government closings and delayed openings.

Recycle Holiday Refuse Properly

After the holidays have ended, remember that live trees will be collected on your regular trash pick-up day if curbside by 7 am. Make sure to remove all decorations, lights, hooks, from your tree before putting it out for collection.

Electronic waste cannot be put in your garbage or recycling cans. These items must be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 2750 Patterson St. Learn what the center accepts by visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/HazardousWaste.

What to do with holiday wrapping paper? It's not technically 'recyclable,' but why not save it and reuse it next year? The option is to dispose of it in the trash.



that event, but also to provide scholarships to students with disabilities who are pursuing secondary education and honor people and businesses in the community who make Greensboro barrier-free.

To donate to the committee's annual fundraising goal of \$10,000, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Sponsor.

Opus Concert Series Begins November 29

All performances in the Opus Concert Series will be pre-recorded this year and played at 6 pm Sundays at www.facebook.com/creativegreensboro. The full schedule is at www.greensboro-nc.gov/OPUS. The first concerts are:

- ~ November 29 - Sol Di Luna (Latin Rhythm Fusion) and Bad Cameo (Indie-Funk Fusion)
- ~ December 6 - Philharmonia of Greensboro, small ensembles (Classical)
- ~ December 13 - Lorena Guillen Tango Ensemble (Argentine Tango) and Sheila Star Productions (Soul, R&B)
- ~ December 20 - Greensboro Concert Band small ensembles (Holiday & Traditional).

Deadline for One City, One Book Input is December 1

Greensboro Public Library wants your suggestions on titles for the One City, One Book community read in fall 2021. Email your book title by December 1 to beth.sheffield@greensboro-nc.gov.

Every other year the Library, along with community partners, leads a city-wide reading of a book, complete with programs, discussions, films, theatrical productions, centered around the themes of the chosen work.