

Applications Being Accepted for ERAP Rent/Utility Assistance

Has your household been financially affected by COVID-19? Need help paying the rent and/or utilities? If so, funds the City has received -- nearly \$9 million from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) -- could help.



Qualified households renting within Greensboro city limits may now apply for up to 12 months combined (past due plus currently due plus future) emergency rent and/or utility payment assistance per household. Assistance goes directly to landlords and utility companies, and does not have to be repaid.

Tenants/renters may apply for assistance or landlords may apply on their behalf. US citizenship is not required for applying.

Applications are being taken online at <https://bit.ly/3lt6sie>. Get all the details at www.greensboro-nc.gov/COVIDHousingAssistance.

Explore Greensboro with a Parks Passport

The Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department has launched a Parks Passport program to encourage residents to explore local outdoor opportunities around the city.

Everyone who visits all 20 locations by December 31 will get a Parks and Recreation item and be entered into a drawing for a prize packet worth an estimated \$200.

Pick up your 2021 Parks Passport at Parks and Recreation headquarters, 301 S. Greene St., Ste. 300, or download it at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Contest where you will also find more details about the program.

Join the "Keep the Green Clean" Anti-Litter Campaign

Litter has become an issue in Greensboro and City leadership is asking you to pitch in and do your part to keep roads and streams litter-free. The slogan Keep the Green Clean is designed to help everyone remember to properly dispose of trash and recycling. Check out how you can help at www.greensboro-nc.gov/KeepTheGreenClean.



City's New Electric Scooter and Bike Fleet Now in Operation

Blue Duck, a micromobility company, is now operating a shared program in Greensboro. The company offers for rent dockless electric scooters and electric bikes, serving students, residents and visitors in downtown.

Micromobility vehicles are permitted to operate the same as bicycles, following state regulations for public roads. All devices are equipped with GPS technology that allows Blue Duck to restrict riding or parking in areas where they aren't permitted.

Riders may download the Blue Duck app from Apple's App or Google Play stores to locate and unlock devices near them. Riders must complete an online safety tutorial before their first ride.



City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are held at 5:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month unless otherwise noted. For the full schedule, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings.

City Offices & Facilities Close on
May 31,
June 18,
July 5



City offices and facilities close Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day, Friday, June 18, in observance of Juneteenth, and Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

Monday holiday trash/recycling collections take place Tuesday and Tuesday's collections take place on Wednesday.

Friday holiday trash/recycling collections take place on Thursday and Thursday's collections take place on Wednesday.

Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).

"Open Streets" on Saturday Nights Continues Through May

Shop local and enjoy downtown patio dining along a pedestrian-friendly Elm Street from 5-10 pm Saturdays through the end of May. Open Streets is organized by Downtown Greensboro Inc. in cooperation with the City. Learn more at www.downtowngreensboro.org/events/openstreets.

City Participates in Guilford Creek Week June 5-12

Guilford Creek Week, June 5-12, features fun, educational, and hands-on recreational

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To Fertilize or Not to Fertilize?

Fertilizers can be hazardous to the health of your yard and the environment when misused. When over-applied or applied incorrectly, they can run off yards into waterways polluting drinking water, creating algal blooms, and destroying aquatic habitats.



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To Fertilize
or Not? That
is the
Question!
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The decision to fertilize should be based on the health of your plants, the desired rate of growth, and a soil analysis. A soil analysis tells you the soil pH and amounts of nutrients available for plant growth.

Want to have your soil tested? Visit bit.ly/GuilfordSoilTesting to find out how.

And don't forget to establish a 10-30 foot "no fertilizer, no pesticide" buffer zone along any water's edge.

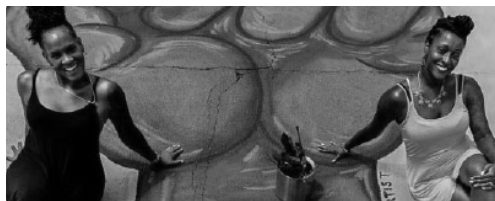
City Introduces Two New Art Programs

Creative Greensboro has introduced partner initiatives under the name of "Neighborhood Arts" to encourage neighborhood-based arts experiences and creative placemaking as a means for community development.

Neighborhood Arts: Residency Program selects Greensboro artists or nonprofit arts organizations for a contracted six-months visual arts residency culminating in a mural installation in selected neighborhoods. Residencies run from June 1 to November 30.

Selected artists or organizations will receive up to \$22,500 to support related costs on a reimbursement basis, free use of City-owned spaces, and no-cost permitting of the mural installation.

This program will be implemented in three neighborhoods identified



for reinvestment in the Housing GSO plan (www.greensboro-nc.gov/HousingGSO), Dudley Heights, Glenwood, and Kings Forest. The program is funded by the City's US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Additional support is provided by the Parks and Recreation, Libraries and Museums, and Transportation departments.

The second program, Neighborhood Arts: Mural Program, encourages community organizations, groups of neighbors, and business owners, in partnership with artists, to create murals in their neighborhoods on eligible City-maintained streets and sidewalks. The next deadline to apply to participate is June 1. To apply, visit www.creativegreensboro.com.



Keep Our Pipes Pristine

You have probably heard this before,

but never dump fats, cooking oil and grease (FOG) down your sink, drain or toilet. Over time these substances can harden in pipes causing back-ups in your home and the main sewage collection system. FOG, along with all types of wipes, can clog pipes. Even if a product's packaging claims an item is flushable, don't do it. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Overflows.

Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Day Changes for 16,000 Residents

As of mid-April, some Greensboro residents saw changes to their solid waste and/or recycling collection service. These changes were made to meet growing service needs and balance daily workloads for City crews.

Approximately 16,000 residents now have a new collection service day or recycling week. All affected residents received a day change notice and/or new calendar in the mail.

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

opportunities for all ages. In-person events will follow COVID protocols and registration will be required. Virtual options will also be offered.



Activities emphasize the vital role local waterways play in our every day lives, as well as how water impacts the community.

Visit www.guilfordcreekweek.org for event details. The City is partnering to host and like @guilfordcreekweek on Facebook and Instagram.

\$5 Footgolf Fridays Begin June 25

Call 336-373-5850 to schedule your tee time for footgolf at Gillespie Golf Course, 306 E. Florida St., for upcoming \$5 Footgolf Friday games on June 25, July 23 and August 27. Play is open to people 21 and older and of all skill levels.

Even Grownups Need Recess



Leave the kids at home Friday, July 9 and join others at Adult Recess, a free, nostalgia-fueled romp exclusively for people 21 and older. The event begins at 6 pm at Jaycee Park Athletic Fields, 3802 Jaycee Park Dr. Get the details at www.gsoparksandrec.org.

MUSEP Season Begins July 11

Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park (MUSEP) begins at 6 pm Sunday, July 11. The first four concerts of the season will be streamed live at [Facebook.com/CreativeGreensboro](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeGreensboro). The rest of the season may be in-person. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/MUSEP for updates.