



## At Your Service

### News & Information

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER

#### Fall Farm Fest/Composting Demonstration is October 16

Learn more about composting at the Fall Farm Fest and Composting Demonstration from noon to 3 pm Saturday, October 16, at Keeley Park, 4100 Keeley Rd. The event, sponsored by the City's Participatory Budgeting, features vendors, live music, food trucks, and composting demonstrations.

#### Loose Leaf Collection Program Begins November 8

Picking up leaves can be a chore, but the City's annual Loose Leaf Collection Program, which runs from November 8



through January 28, 2022, makes it easy. Leaves that are curbside by:

~ November 8 will be picked up by December 22.

~ December 28 will be picked up by January 28.

These days are subject to inclement weather delays.

Learn the ins and outs of the program at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/Leaves](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Leaves).

And remember to keep leaves out of streets to avoid clogging storm drains. Leaves increase phosphorus and nitrogen concentrations that can enter the stormwater system, potentially harming downstream ecosystems.

#### County's COVID-related Rent/Utility Assistance Available to all Residents

Guilford County's federal emergency rent and utility assistance program, designed to assist people financially affected by COVID-19, is available to all eligible county residents. The program now includes residents who live in Greensboro city limits. City residents who previously applied to the City's rent/utility assistance program do not need to reapply.

The county's program, similar to the City's, provides assistance with rent and utilities to help mitigate the financial impact to households due to COVID-19. For application details, visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/CountyERAP](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/CountyERAP).

Also, share the link [www.consumerfinance.gov/renthelp](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/renthelp) with family and friends who live elsewhere and may need rent and utility assistance. The website lists programs similar to the Triad's that are available across the country.

#### City Ordinance Assesses Fines for Illegal Dumping

After years of cleaning up illegal dumping of various types of materials throughout Greensboro, the City now has an ordinance designed to deter the practice.

Footage from cameras installed near known disposal locations on public property, or private property by the owner's request, is now being monitored by City staff. When an illegal disposal takes place, staff tracks down the perpetrators and issues notices of violation.

A civil penalty of \$500 will be assessed for a first-time violation; \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.

This new ordinance is expected to offset some of the City's costs in cleaning up the "resulting environmental and health hazards" illegal disposals create. Materials most often dumped include



bags of household trash, yard and construction waste, furniture, appliances, and tires. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/IllegalDumping](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/IllegalDumping).

#### Lead Paint Grants and Health Info Available

Are there children under six living in or frequently visiting your home or rental unit? Was your dwelling built before 1978?

If so, apply for lead-based paint hazard reduction assistance. The Neighborhood Development Department's Lead-Safe Greensboro has grant funding for contracted construction work such as replacing windows and doors and wrapping exterior trim at these dwellings. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/LeadSafe](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/LeadSafe) or call 336-373-3624.



Also, in recognition of October 24-30 being National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, City lead-safe program staff are available to talk with community/neighborhood groups about lead-based paint concerns, hazards, and solutions. To schedule a speaker Monday to Friday, October 25-29, call 336-373-3624.

#### Help Prevent Winter Water Main Breaks

Water main breaks can happen for a variety of reasons at any time during the year, though they are most likely to occur in frigid weather. Air temperature at or below freezing causes the ground above a pipe to freeze, increasing external stress on pipe systems.

Read below the telltale signs that this is happening underground. If you see, hear or experience any of these, please call the City's Water Resources Department immediately at 336-373-2033. Your information could prevent these small issues from becoming bigger problems:

~ Water leaking around a metal cap on the ground

~ Reduced pressure or volume

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## City Offices Close Several Days for Holiday Season

City offices and facilities close on Thursday, November 11, and Thursday and Friday, November 25-26, in observance of Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving, respectively, as well as Thursday and Friday, December 23-24, and Monday and Friday, December 27 and 31, in observance of the winter holiday season and New Year's Day.

For a full list of how these holidays affect trash and recycling collections, visit [www.greensboro-nc.gov/HolidaySchedule](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/HolidaySchedule).

## 2021-22 OPUS Concert Series Begins in November

From classical to jazz to bluegrass, Creative Greensboro's free OPUS Concert Series offers something for everyone. Check out the talented musical ensembles a local acts at these events. Get a full schedule by visiting [www.greensboro-nc.gov/OPUS](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/OPUS) in October.

## Help Stock Santa's Workshop

Spread holiday cheer and go green by donating gently used (or new) toys to families in need



through Santa's Workshop, run by the City's Greensboro Youth Council (GYC), November 8 to December 3. Find out how you can help, when and where by visiting [www.greensboro-nc.gov/SantasWorkshop](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/SantasWorkshop). Toys will be distributed at a special event in December to families who have been referred by local agencies.



**Imagine a Day Without Water**  
October 21, 2021

*Do you take water for granted? What would you do without water for a day?*

when using water from a fixture  
~ Saturated soil, standing water, or water leaking from a water meter  
~ Water leaking, seeping or gurgling from the ground, pavement or fire hydrant  
~ Sinkholes or impaired streets or sidewalks.

## Lend a Hand; Adopt a Stream

Before leaves start falling, Greensboro's streams are easier to see and access, which makes this season a good time to help keep those waterways free from litter. Why not join the City's Adopt-a-Stream program and do your part to protect water quality and the lives of aquatic life and other animals?

The City provides the bags and gloves for you and your group to get involved. Learn more at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/AdoptAStream](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/AdoptAStream).

## Forgo the (Plastic) Straws

The City's Field Operations and Water Resources departments challenge you to break the plastic straw habit during national No (Plastic) Straw November, a continuation of the international Plastic Free July campaign.

Single-use plastics have been identified as the most commonly littered item found on land and in water. The good news is that most of these items can be replaced with reusable ones.

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

## Latest Recognitions in the News

For the fourth consecutive year, the City is ranked in the top 25 of WalletHub's Best-Run Cities in America report. Coming in at 22 for 2021, Greensboro ranked high in total budget per capita, quality of services, financial stability, and education in comparison with 150 of the largest US cities based on operating efficiency.

In another 2021 WalletHub report, Greensboro came in ranked 13

in the Best Places to Flip Houses list. The report compared 170 US cities for market potential, cost and quality of life. Greensboro ranked fifth in lowest average bathroom remodeling costs.

Esri, the global leader in location intelligence, presented the City with its Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award. Selected from more than 300,000 eligible candidates, Greensboro received the honor for its innovative use of mapping and analytics technology.

For the 46 consecutive year, the City has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of US and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report for FY 2019-20.



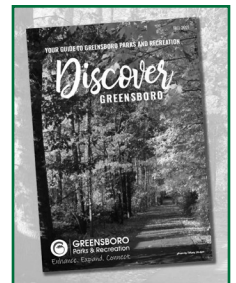
## Ring in the Green

Help support Greensboro Beautiful Inc. by ordering your fresh holiday

greenery and handcrafted light balls now during the annual Holiday Greenery Fundraiser. Get a head start on decorating your home for the holidays while raising funds to enhance Greensboro gardens, tree plantings, litter cleanups, and more. Visit [www.greensborobeautiful.org](http://www.greensborobeautiful.org) for ordering details.

## Everything You Wanted to Know About Fall Events

Looking for something to do this fall for every member of the family? Look no further! Check out the Fall 2021 edition of Greensboro Parks and Recreation's Discover Greensboro at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/ParksandRec](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/ParksandRec).



## Publication Notice

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