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Baseball, Softball, Kickball Registration Starts in January

Parks and Recreation's youth baseball, adult softball, and adult co-ed kickball registration begins in early January. Baseball is for children ages 5-14. Softball has men's and women's slowpitch leagues. Sign up at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Athletics.

Creative Greensboro Presents Winter Entertainment

~ New Play Project Winner 'Wolves of Ravensbruk' runs January 13-16. This is a story of seven woman in a Nazi concentration camp, waiting for liberation, finding strength in each other and using the arts as a survival tool.

~ 'Short Tales,' which runs January 29-30, features five short plays for children of all ages presented in partnership with UNCG.

For show details and to reserve seats, visit at www.creativegreensboro.com. Admission is free; donations welcome.

Loose Leaf Collection Program Ends January 28

The City's Loose Leaf Collection program continues December and January. As in the past, there are two collection periods. Leaves curbside by:

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Guilford County Funds Help City Address 1,300 Rental Assistance Applications Submitted

After the City's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) received a boost of additional funding from Guilford County, the City closed the program's application portal to new applications on October 31. Renewals of previous assistance will still be processed in the portal.

City staff estimate the ERAP system processes about \$500,000 worth of applications each week and with about 1,300 applications already in the system, the funding provided by the county will be used quickly.

"If additional funds become available, we will re-open the portal," says Michelle Kennedy, director of the Neighborhood Development Department.

As of press time, the county's Guilford Cares application system is still open and Greensboro residents who have not yet applied for rent and/or utility assistance through the City's application portal may do so through the county's application portal.

For more details and updates, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/ERAP.



Local Housing Programs Awarded \$1M HUD Grant to Streamline/Improve Services

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) \$1 million to partner with City's Lead-Safe Greensboro program. The goal: to implement a collaborative program that addresses housing issues of low-income families related to lead-based paint, healthy homes, and energy efficiency and weatherization.



The program, which is expected to launch in spring 2022, aims to reduce the burden on local residents

trying to navigate the application, inspections/assessments, and intervention processes of multiple agencies for housing services.

City Receives State Award for GSO2040 Comp Plan

The City has received the 2021 Marvin Collins Planning Award for a Comprehensive Plan (APA-NC) from the NC chapter of the American Planning Association in recognition of the science and art of planning.

The comprehensive plan, at www.greensboro-nc.gov/GSO2040, was recognized as a creative, online interactive document complete with videos, maps and cross-references with the City's Land Development Ordinance, according to the association. The creation of the plan was a multi-year project for the lead City department, Planning.

Crime Stoppers Raises Maximum Rewards

The Greensboro/Guilford Crime Stoppers has increased the maximum rewards available for anonymous tips leading to an arrest from \$2,000 to \$5,000 due to a City grant of \$150,000 grant to be allocated to the program over the next two years.

Greensboro/Guilford Crime Stoppers, founded in 1981, pays cash rewards for anonymous tips leading to an arrest, the seizure of stolen property or illegal narcotics, or the solution to unsolved crimes. In the program's 40 years in existence, it has received about 40,000 tips and more than 9,000 cases have been solved.

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

Scavenger Hunt Offers \$2K in Prizes

Join the Piedmont Discovery park scavenger hunt for a chance to win \$2,000 worth of prizes like outdoor gear, show tickets, and free access to zoos, museums and adventure activities. New search locations and prizes are available every month through



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~ November 8 will be picked up by December 22

~ December 28 will be picked up by January 28, 2022.

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.

Senior Games/SilverArts Registration Begins February 1



Registration for the 2022 Greater Greensboro Senior Games and Silver Arts begins February 1 for Guilford County seniors 50 years old and over. Competition includes various sporting events and performing, literary, heritage, and visual arts. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/SeniorGames for registration materials.

City Offices Closed January 17

City offices and facilities close Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Trash and recycling collections on that day take place on Tuesday, January 18, and Tuesday's collections take place on Wednesday, January 19.

City Council News

City Council meetings are held at 5:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings for meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, and videos.

Also, City Council has a Facebook page where members post information relating to their work, community town hall meetings and more. Check it out at bit.ly/3bclxR7.

September 2022. Download the free Piedmont Discovery park locator app to get started. Visit www.piedmontdiscoveryapp.com for details.

Van Dyke Performance Space Available for Rent

Creative Greensboro, the City's office for arts and culture, has taken over management of the Van Dyke Performance Space, a 300-seat black box theater located in downtown's Greensboro Cultural Center.

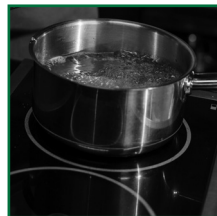
Individuals, groups, and organizations may request rental of the space on weekday mornings, Thursday and Friday nights, and weekends up to 12 months in advance. Reservation rates and other booking information are available at www.greensboro-nc.gov/VanDyke.

Need a 2022 Trash/Recycling Schedule?

Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Trash and type in your home address in the My Schedule area of GSO Collects to link to your home's weekly collection schedule. Or, simply download the GSO Collects app. Holiday collection changes are also online at www.greensboro-nc.gov/HolidaySchedule.

City Offers Holiday Trash/Recycling Tips

When cleaning up after holiday meals, remember to properly dispose of fats, oils, and grease. Get tips on how to do this at www.greensboro-nc.gov/FatFree.



Live, bare holiday trees will be collected on your regular trash collection day if they are curbside by 7 am that day. Dispose of gift wrapping paper and related items in your trash can.

Electronic waste must be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 2750 Patterson St., for proper disposal.

Improve Your Neighborhood

It's time for residents to decide

what projects or programs their neighborhood needs. Get your idea funded through Participatory Budgeting (PB) Greensboro, a program that lets residents spend \$500,000 of City funds. Learn how to develop and advocate for your idea at a virtual PB Kickoff and Community Workshop 7 pm Wednesday, February 2. Visit www.pbgreensboro.com for details.

Find Winter Weather-related Government Service Changes Online



Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/WinterClosings to learn about changes to City government services and operations during harsh winter weather. On this page, is a link to an interactive map showing where snow plows are throughout Greensboro, links to the City's Facebook and Twitter pages, and local television stations City staff call to report City government closings and delayed openings.

Check Out Upcoming 2022 Equity Calendar Observations

~ Volunteer Day Service - Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 17, is observed annually as "a day on, not a day off" to encourage Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

~ February - African American/Black History Month. Established to recognize the contributions of African Americans and foster a better understanding of the African American experience.

Happy Holidays!

Countless holiday experiences and endless family fun are available this holiday season.

Look up all the "Downtown in December" events at www.downtowngreensboro.org.

