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News & Information

JUNE / JULY 2022

Downtown Hosts Fun Fourth Events

Downtown Greensboro will be a busy place in celebration of Independence Day. The annual Fun Fourth Festival of events, of which the City is a sponsor, takes place Monday, July 4, and features many free activities. Details and updates can be found at www.funfourthfestival.com.

City Offices Closed July 4



City offices and facilities close Monday, July 4, in

observance of Independence Day. Trash and recycling collections scheduled for that day take place on Tuesday, July 5, and Tuesday's collections take place on Wednesday, July 6.

City Council News

City Council meetings begin at 5:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings for schedules, agendas, minutes, and videos. Also, visit City Council's Facebook page at bit.ly/3bclxR7.

National Observations

From the City's Equity Calendar at www.greensboro-nc.gov/EquityCalendar.

~ National Disability Independence Day is July 26
~ Women's Equality Day is August 26

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Municipal Election News/Dates

One-stop early and absentee voting time frames for Greensboro Municipal General Elections are listed at bit.ly/3xVxiYI. Greensboro's general election day is Tuesday, July 26.

Schedule information for Guilford County residents for this year's federal and state elections can be found at bit.ly/3kkHJwQ.

Also, make sure you understand the rules for where temporary campaign signs may and may not be placed. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/CampaignSigns.



Use Google Pay, PayPal or Venmo to Pay Your Water Bill

City Water Resources customers can pay their monthly water/sewer bills using their Google Pay, PayPal or Venmo accounts. Simply select a credit or debit card already stored within those systems as the payment method. Benefits to this include:

~ It's faster. You don't have to find your card and manually enter the card number to pay your bill and you can use your computer, tablet or mobile device.

~ It's secure. All three payment options require an additional method of authentication beyond the CVV code.

Access the payment portal by scanning this QR code. Questions? Call the City's Contact Center at 336-373-2489.



GPD Deputy Chief Selected as Interim Chief

Teresa Biffle is now serving as Interim Chief of the Greensboro Police Department (GPD) until a new chief is hired. Biffle replaces former Chief Brian James who retired May 31. A 27-year GPD veteran, Biffle has served as deputy chief since 2021.



'NC Democracy: Eleven Elections' Now on Exhibit at History Museum

NC Democracy: Eleven Elections is on display at the Greensboro History Museum, 130 Summit Ave. The exhibit explores choices and changes over 11 elections from 1776-2010. It illustrates the twists and turns of who could participate, how voters cast their ballots, and what influenced decisions.

Panels, reproductions and original objects tell the stories of each election and its historic context. Short videos share scholars' "Expert Takes" on these elections and their historical moments. Read more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Democracy.

Do You Know Your Waste?

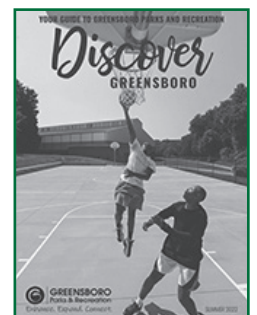


Visit greensboronc.recycle.game to play an interactive challenge called "What Goes Where?" to test your knowledge of how to dispose of various waste items. Share your skills with family and friends on social media by tagging @GSOGoesGreen.

Use the game and the City's mobile app GSO Collects to learn more about recycling and disposing of materials correctly. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/GSOCollects for more info about the app.

Dreaming About Summer?

See what summertime programs, activities, events and more are offered by the Parks and Recreation Department by reading Discover Greensboro at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Discover. And remember to check out the City's public pools and spraygrounds. Schedules and locations are posted at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Pool.



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Upcoming Events

Adult Recess

This is a free 21+ only event that allows adults to be kids for a night at the Barber Park Sprayground, 1500 Barber Park Dr. Recess is from 6-9 pm Friday, July 8 (rain date: Friday, July 15). There will be nostalgic playground games, a photo booth, a DJ playing all the old hits, food and beverage vendors, and more.



Cultural Center Open House

The Greensboro Cultural Center offers live performances, open galleries and creative activities. Check it all out at open house night from 6-9 pm Friday, August 5, at 200 N. Davie St. Explore, shop and create at this creativity hub.

Upcoming Programs

Books in the Garden

Children up to the age of five are invited to storytime and outdoor crafts at 10 am July 6, 13 and 20. As an extra bonus, each child goes home with a book.

Youth Golf Clinic



Youth ages 10-18 are invited to tee-time July 12, 19 and 26 at Gillespie Golf Course, 306 E. Florida St. For \$25 per person, youth will learn golf basics from course pros. Register to attend at GSOParksandRec.org.

Drain Marker Program Returns

The City's Drain Marker Program that offers residents and groups an opportunity to get involved in environmental stewardship is back in business after a short hiatus. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/DrainMarker for more info about the program and how to participate.

The program involves having volunteers gluing small signs to storm drain covers to remind the public that what goes into storm drain systems eventually ends up in nearby streams. Volunteers will also hand out brochures to the public in areas near streams.



Drinking Water Report Available in July

The City's 2021 Consumer Confidence - Drinking Water Quality Report will be available to the public soon.

This annual report, which provides details on the water quality monitoring results for January 1 to December 31, 2021, will be accessible after July 1 at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CCR.

The report is a performance measure of the quality of water in comparison to compliance standards established by the US Environmental Protection Agency and the NC Division of Water



P&R Programs Emphasize Getting Kids Outdoors

One recent evening, a small mob of 5- to 9-year-olds crowded around a turquoise picnic table trying to fit their tiny hands into adult-sized gardening gloves.

Caroline Lowdermilk, the coordinator of Greensboro Parks and Recreation's organic garden at Xperience @ Caldcleugh, hoisted a rubber tub and paper bags full of empty aluminum cans on the table.

Each kid picked a can. Lowerdermilk gave them a few instructions and they spread out across the lawn, into the pine needle piles, and around the garden, squishing their sneakers through the mud as they hunted down the perfect supplies.

Once they gathered bark, sticks, leaves and other organic materials, their mission was to create "bug hotels" - mini habitats to lure beneficial insects to their home gardens.

In the last few years, Greensboro Parks and Recreation has expanded its free programs for children ages 10 and under. Many programs have been focused on getting children outside into the City's parks and gardens for health benefits and better understanding of nature.

Lowdermilk's class is called Nature Creations, a monthly arts and craft program that takes place at the organic garden. For the bug hotel class, Lowdermilk asked the group, "What kind of bugs are good for the garden?"

No one was shy. "Butterflies!" "Bees!" "Caterpillars?"

You need good bugs in your garden to pollinate your plants and to lure beneficial wildlife, Lowdermilk said. A little bug hotel creates a friendly - and cute - environment for good bugs.

The kids wasted no time scouring the yard for organic items that would welcome bugs. Peals of laughter and high-pitched chatter filled the garden. The results? A variety of newly constructed bug hotels open for guests in backyards throughout Greensboro.

Parks and Recreation has a variety of opportunities to get out into nature. Visit www.gsparksandrec.org for details.

