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News & Information

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NC Folk Festival Opens September 9

The annual NC Folk Festival takes place in downtown Greensboro September 9-11. The free festival celebrates the state's cultural heritage through music, dance, crafts, food and family fun. Stay up-to-date on festival schedules, performer lineups, vendors, transportation and parking downtown, and more by visiting www.ncfolkfestival.com.



City Offices/Facilities Closed September 5



City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day. There are no trash/recycling collections that day. Instead, Monday's collections are on Tuesday, September 6, and Tuesday's collections take place on Wednesday, September 7. Questions? Call 336-373-CITY (2489).

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.

City Adopts FY 2022-23 Budget



The City's budget for FY 2022-23, adopted by City Council at its June 21 meeting, will soon be online. Read more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/BudgetNews.

The \$688 million budget includes a City property tax rate of 63.25 cents (\$0.6325) per \$100 property valuation. Water and sewer fees will increase 4.5 percent and an increase to the monthly solid waste fee from \$2.50 to \$3.50 and household hazardous waste monthly fees from \$0.60 to \$0.97 are included to help offset contracted service cost increases.

McCray is City's Newest Assistant City Manager

Parks and Recreation Department Director Nasha McCray is now also an assistant city manager. She assumed her new duties July 1. McCray has served as department director since January 2018 and deputy department director from 2015-18. She has been with the City since 2009.

As assistant city manager, McCray will oversee the community services departments of Human Rights, Libraries and Museums, Housing and Neighborhood Development, Parks and Recreation, as well as Workforce Development and Creative Greensboro. She will also continue as director of Parks and Recreation until that position is filled.



Stay Informed About City Water

The US Environmental Protection Agency in June issued updated drinking water health advisories for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) that replace those issued in 2016. The new levels affect many water

utilities across NC, including the City's Water Resources Department.

Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/JuneEPA to access a video explaining the advisories and how they affect Greensboro, as well as links to online resources about City water.

Greensboro Ranked 27th Best-Run US City

For the fifth consecutive year, Greensboro is ranked in the top 30 of WalletHub's Best-Run Cities in America report. Coming in at 27, Greensboro ranks particularly high in total budget per capita, quality of services, financial stability, and education.

Greensboro is one of three NC cities in the top 30, along with Durham and Raleigh. WalletHub compared 150 of the largest US cities based on their operating efficiency. Read more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/27th.

GTN Wins National Telly Award

The Greensboro Television Network (GTN), the City's government channel, has received a national award. GTN Station Manager Carlos Castellanos won a silver Telly Award for his work on the Greensboro Police Department Case Profile Series, specifically the episode featuring Markey Whitsett.

The Telly Awards are a national television competition that recognizes excellence in broadcast production. GTN has won 27 Telly Awards since 2000.

City Adds Nearly Two Miles of Bike Lanes

This spring, the City added nearly two miles of bike lanes on sections of Holden Road, Washington



Street and Sixteenth Street. It's part of Greensboro Department of Transportation's (GDOT) efforts to provide more bike-friendly features citywide.

The City's Bicycle and Pedestrian

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National Observations

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

September

~ Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15 to October 15
~ Greensboro Pride

October

~ National Disability Employment Awareness Month
~ Global Diversity Awareness Month
~ Indigenous Peoples' Day – October 10
~ World Mental Health Day – October 10

Upcoming Events

MUSEP Concert Season Finale

This concert features Emanuel Wynter and Freeport Jazz beginning at 6 pm Sunday, August 28, at Hester Park, 3615 Deutzia St. Parking and entrance to the concert are free. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/MUSEP.

Greensboro Youth Council Open House

Teens are invited to learn more about this volunteer and leadership group from 5:30-7:30 pm Thursday, September 8, at Gateway Gardens, 2800 E. Gate City Blvd. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/GYC.

TACO Week

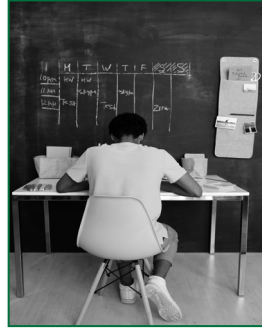
National Take a Child Outside (TACO) Week is September 24-30. Its goal is to encourage free play outside for children. The City is sponsoring a TACO cleanup event children are welcome to participate in from 6-8 pm Monday, September 26, at Lake Higgins, 4235 Hamburg Mill Rd., Summerfield. For more info and to sign up, visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/HigginsCleanup.



Plan calls for adding 77 miles of bicycling facilities, and so far GDOT has added about 69 miles. Learn more at www.gsostreets.com.

Nominate a Student

Do you know a Guilford County middle or high school student who has overcome personal challenges to grow academically or personally?



Nominate that student for a Parks and Recreation's Student Improvement Award. Honorees get a \$100 gift certificate from the Summit Rotary Club. Nominators get a gift too. Questions? Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/StudentImprovementAward.

City Pledges to Save the Monarch Butterfly

City officials have signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, committing to help save the declining monarch butterfly and other pollinators. Led by the Parks and Recreation Department, the City will identify opportunities to plant more milkweed or native nectar plants to help re-establish native habitats for pollinators.

Greensboro is now part of a North American network of cities working to create habitats in public spaces. Learn more at www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge.

Ready for the Fall?

See what fall programs, activities, events and more are offered by the Parks and Recreation Department by reading Discover Greensboro at www.greensboro-nc.gov/DiscoverGSO.

Need a Home Rain Barrel or Compost Bin?

Did you know that more than 34,000 tons of food waste is trashed every year in Guilford County? Or that a home rain barrel can capture water for your garden while keeping it from overwhelming stormwater

systems? To support home compost and water conservation efforts, the City is selling discounted compost bins and rain barrels from August 1 to September 15 at www.greensboro-nc.gov/BinBarrelSale. Pickup is October 1; details will be provided at time of purchase.



Trash/Recycling Cart Roll Back Enforcement Begins in Early Fall

This fall, the City's Field Operations Department is expected to begin enforcing a roll back fee of \$25 City for households that leave trash/recycling bins curbside for extended periods of time. Updated details will be posted on social media sites and at www.greensboro-nc.gov.

The fee is to help address neighbors' complaints that curbside bins are a nuisance to neighborhoods. The City receives about 350 complaints each year about this issue, but previously had no way to enforce the local ordinance that specifies how long you can leave your trash and recycling containers curbside.

Imagine a Day Without Water

For October 20, national Imagine a Day Without Water, the City challenges you to share how going 24 hours without water affected you. Post a photo or video to Facebook or Instagram about the experience, using hashtags #ImagineADayWithoutWater and #ValueWater. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/ValueWater.



Should You Use Fertilizer?

Did you know that the chemicals in fertilizer can run off into Greensboro's waterways, polluting the water? Does your yard's soil really need fertilizer? According to Water Resources Department staff, you can get a free soil analysis now through November. Visit bit.ly/GuilfordSoilTesting to find out how.