

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2022

Stay Informed on 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 Offices Close for Three Days in November

City offices and facilities close on Friday, November 11, and Thursday and Friday, November 24-25, in observance of Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving, respectively.

Trash/recycling collections scheduled for November 11 will instead take place Thursday, November 10, and Thursday's collections will be on Wednesday, November 9. Collections scheduled for November 24 will take place on Wednesday, November 23. Friday, November 25, collections will remain the same. Questions? Call 336-373-2489.

Broadway Star in Concert October 15

Creative Greensboro presents Grammy Award winner and twotime Tony Award nominee Eva Noblezada in concert at 8 pm Saturday, October 15, at the Van Dyke Performance Space in the Greensboro Cultural Center.

Noblezada, currently starring in the Broadway production of "Hadestown," will offer a concert of songs she calls her "Rainy Day Playlist." Get tickets at www.creativegreensboro.com.

Planning Receives National Award for GSO2040 Comprehensive Plan

The City's Planning Department has received a national honor for its GSO2040 comprehensive plan. Presented by the American Planning Association, the annual award is called the Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan 2022. It is the highest US professional recognition given to a city, town or county in Burnham's honor for implementation of innovative comprehensive plans. Burnham (1846-1912) was a renowned American architect and urban designer. View the plan at www. greensboro-nc.gov/GSO2040.



PB Voting Closes Soon

Online voting for the current round of Participatory Budgeting projects closes October 15. Go to <u>www.</u> <u>greensboro-nc.gov/PBVote</u>. Any Greensboro resident age 14 and older may vote. Residents can only vote for projects in the City Council district in which they reside. Online voting is available in English and Spanish.

`Tis the Season for Annual Reports

To keep you in the loop about City department accomplishments during the past fiscal year, colorful, interactive annual reports are posted online for review. Check them out at www.greensboro-nc.gov/AnnualReports.

Take the Plastic Straw Pledge

The City challenges you to break the plastic straw habit during No Plastic Straw November. Millions of plastic straws are used daily with many ending up in waterways where they harm wildlife, impact

Stay 'in the Know'

At Your Service newsletters have traditionally been distributed in your City water/sewer bills. Beginning this issue, the newsletter will be posted at www.greensboro-nc.gov/AYS in an effort to reach more residents with more timely information. Questions? Email AYS in an effort to reach more residents with more timely information. Questions? Email AYS @areensboro-nc.gov.



Scan the code to access the Web page that also lists locations where hard copies will be available.

water quality, and add to pollution. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/NoStrawNov and join others in taking the pledge to say no to plastic straws, and you might win a reusable straw (available while supplies last).

Be Safe this Halloween

Be careful while out trick or treating this year and remember that the City does not regulate the day or times for trick or treating. And if you're looking for an alternative to the door-to-door routine, check out the City events soon to be listed on www.greensboro-nc.gov/Halloween.



Lead-Based Paint Grants 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 City's Lead-Safe Greensboro program has grant funding for contracted construction work such as replacing windows and

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Imagine a Day Without Water is October 22

It's easy to take water for granted, but what would a day be like without water? On October 22, join the Water Resources Department in "Imagine a Day Without Water," a national campaign to educate people about:

- How essential water is
- Challenges facing water and wastewater systems
- Need for investment in those systems.

Learn more at <u>www.greensboro-nc.gov/ValueWater</u>.

Loose Leaf Collection Program Starts November 7

Dealing with fall leaves can be a chore, but the City's annual Loose Leaf Collection Program, which runs from November 7 to January 27, 2023, makes it easy. Learn more about the process at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Leaves. The City will pick up leaves during two collection periods. Leaves curbside by:

- November 7 will be picked up by December 22
- December 28 will be picked up by January 27.

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.

2022-23 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 and local acts at these events. Get a full schedule in October by visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/OPUS.

doors and wrapping exterior trim at these dwellings. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/LeadSafe.

New Top Posts Filled

The City's two newest positions, both of whom report directly to City Manager Taiwo Jaiyeoba, are filled and the people in them are developing their roles.



Dr. Shameka Dorestant is the City's first Chief Sustainability Officer. In this position, she is responsible for helping the City

become a more environmentally focused agency and the greater Greensboro community more environmentally, economically and socially sustainable. Since 2015, Dorestant worked for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. Read more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Dorestant.



LaToya Caesar-Crawford is the City's first Intergovernmental Relations Manager. In this role, she is fostering productive relationships

with community stakeholders and elected officials, as well as being the liaison for federal and state lobbying efforts on behalf of Greensboro. Caesar-Crawford most recently served as principal of the Greensboro College Middle College. Read more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CaesarCrawford.

2023 Tax Season Volunteers Sought

Do you have computer and math skills? Want to help neighbors in need – generally



older residents of low to moderate income – prepare their tax returns at Smith Active Adult Center next spring? Volunteer to be a tax-aide. Visit <u>bit.ly/3dfa1sK</u> to learn more and sign up.

Voters Approved Bonds

In July, Greensboro voters authorized the City to borrow up to \$135 million for parks and recreation, housing, firefighting and law enforcement facilities, and transportation projects. City leaders are still developing plans for when the funded projects will begin. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Bonds.

Council Funds \$25M in American Rescue Fund Projects

Through August, City Council has approved nearly \$25 million in funding for equitable economic recovery and community asset renewal projects enabled by the federal American Rescue Plan. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/ARP.



Funding was approved for local nonprofit organizations for affordable and veterans' housing, and support for minority and women-owned businesses, entrepreneurs, and community programs.

Funds were also designated for infrastructure investment at Central Library, Greensboro Cultural Center and City recreation pools, and preconstruction costs for the Windsor Chavis Nocho Community Complex.

For Your Calendar

Add these national observations, located at <u>www.greensboro-nc.</u> <u>gov/EquityCalendar</u>, to your own calendar:

- November is National American Indian/Native American Heritage Month
- Transgender Awareness Week, November 13-19
- International Men's Day, November 19
- Transgender Day of Remembrance, November 20