

At Your Service

News & Information

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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.

Parks and Recreation News You Could Use

February 24 is the deadline for spring sports registration for youth baseball, adult softball, and adult kickball. Find out more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Sports.

Summer Camp registration opens March 1 for Camp Joy, Recreation Center Day Camp, All Star Sports Camp, Xtreme Teen Adventure Week, Counselor-in-Training and Service Learning Camp. Check them all out at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Summer.



Applications are now being accepted for summer parks and rec jobs throughout Greensboro, such as camp counselors, inclusion counselors, lifeguards, pool techs, pool managers, cashiers, sprayground staff, playground counselors, and more. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Jobs for full listings.

Are Your Water Pipes Made of Lead?

The City needs your help in identifying the location of lead piping for mapping and documentation. Laboratory studies and field investigations have not identified any public lead-based, water service lines in use today. However, water can pick up lead particles from privately-owned lines made of lead.

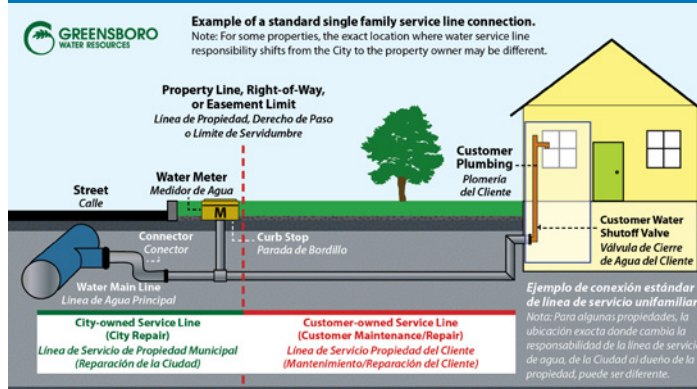
The service line up to your property boundary is maintained by the City (see graphic). The rest of the service line running into your home or business is private and the property owner's responsibility. Having you identify

what your water line pipes are made of saves the City resources and staff time.

Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/LeadCopper to find out how to:

- Locate your water service line inside your home or business
- Prepare for identifying the line's material
- Test the line
- Submit your results to the City.

Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/LeadPipe to read suggestions about safe water use if your service line is lead. Lead can cause health problems over time and children under the age of six are the most vulnerable.



The testing process takes about 15 minutes. City staff suggest reading through the info on that website before beginning. Questions? Email LeadandCopper@greensboro-nc.gov or call 336-373-2055.

City's Homebuyers Assistance Program Expands

Did you know that the City's Housing and Neighborhood Development Department can help first-time homebuyers purchase a home? The Homebuyer Assistance Program offers down payment and closing cost assistance to residents buying a home within the city limits of Greensboro.

- Households with incomes at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI) could receive up to \$15,000 in assistance.
- Households that include a Public Service Hero with an AMI of 81-120 percent AMI could receive up to \$15,000.
- Other households with an AMI of 81-120 percent could receive up to \$10,000 of assistance. This is part of the #100Homes project.

Regardless of the AMI, there is also a bonus of between \$5,000-10,000 if the home purchased is located in a designated reinvestment or

redevelopment area.

Read more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/Homebuyers. Call Housing Consultants Group at 336-553-0946 for more details and to learn if you are eligible for the City's program.

New Police Chief on the Job



Greensboro Police Department's (GPD) former Assistant Police Chief John Thompson is now the City's chief. He succeeds Brian James who retired in April 2022.

Thompson began his career in law enforcement in 1998 with the Asheboro Police Department, before joining the GPD in 2003. Here he served in various roles including Planning and Research, Vice/Narcotics Division, Resource Management Division, and as Bureau Commander of the Patrol Division.

Water Reclamation Report Available for Review March 1

The City's 2022 Sewage Collection and Water Reclamation report will be available online March 1 at www.greensboro-nc.gov/WastewaterReport. The report provides information about how Greensboro's wastewater system operates, how well it performed during the 2022 calendar year, and what violations occurred.

Upcoming Creative Greensboro Concerts & Plays

Short Tales for Children –

February 4-5. This free youth production, which is conducted in partnership with UNCG, takes place at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie St.

Greensboro Big Band Valentine Swing Dance

– February 11, 3-4:30 pm at Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie St. Free.



Philharmonia of Greensboro with the Danville Symphony Orchestra

– March 11, 7:30 pm at Guilford College's Dana Auditorium. Free.

Romeo and Juliet – March 11-13 at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie St. This teen production is led by Shared Radiance.



Greensboro Concert Band –

March 12, 3:30 pm at Guilford College's Dana Auditorium. Free.

41st Annual Evening of Short Plays

– March 30 to April 2 at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie St. This features new plays by Greensboro Playwrights Forum members.

On the City's Equity Calendar

February: National Caregivers Day, February 17; African American/Black History Month

March: International Women's Day, March 8; National Women's History Month

Winter Shelter Options Available

The City and its community partners operate four winter emergency shelters, the most commonly known is the Interactive Resource Center's (IRC) overnight White Flag Warming Center.

Located at 407 E. Washington St., IRC allows guests to shelter in place around the clock, with intake beginning at 7 pm on nights when the actual temperature, or "feels like" temperature, is 25 degrees for two or more hours. That is called a White Flag night.

This is the second winter the Regency Inn at 2701 N. O'Henry Blvd. is being used as a winter shelter location. The former motel is slated to be developed into the City's first permanent supportive housing facility and in the interim



is used as a temporary winter shelter.

New facilities in Greensboro are the pallet shelter community called Doorway Project and its neighboring



Safe Parking area at Pomona Park on Clifton Road.

The Doorway Project is an innovative interim housing model adopted by large US cities. Greensboro is the first municipality in NC to use this type of housing, which consists of 30 self-sustaining units with bedding for 58 people. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/DoorwayProject.

The Safe Parking facility is adjacent to Doorway and consists of 35 spaces for those who live in their vehicles to spend the night in a safe environment.

Referrals for stays at these shelters – except the Safe Parking area – come from homeless service providers throughout the city. Use of the parking area does not require a referral.

Want to know more? Email the IRC at info@ircgso.org or call 336-420-9794.

Loose Leaf Collection Schedule Extended

The City's loose leaf collection has been extended. The second round of pickup, which required leaves to be curbside by January 16, will now go through Friday, February 10.

This year, a large number of leaves fell within the first few weeks of the season, slowing the collection. The City has picked up more than 7,600 tons of leaves so far – 2,800 more tons than were collected last year at this time. Wet weather and staffing issues have also slowed the program's progress.

Do You Live in a Flood Zone?

Find out if your property is located in a flood zone by calling the City's Water Resources Department at 336-373-2055 or visiting www.greensboro-nc.gov/Flooding. On that Web page is information about the City's Flood Insurance Rate Map

(FIRM), elevation certificates, flood depth data, flood insurance, special rules for building in a floodplain, and ways to protect your property from flood damage.

Want to Give Composting and Water Conservation a Try?



Did you know that nearly 25 percent of what goes into a landfill is food waste? Or that a home rain barrel can capture water for even the largest gardens, which keeps rain runoff from overwhelming stormwater systems? To support home composting and water conservation efforts, the City is selling rain barrels and compost bins from March 1 to April 21 at www.greensboro-nc.gov/BinBarrelSale. Pickup is May 6; details will be provided at time of purchase.