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An e-newsletter from
the office of City Manager Mitch Johnson

City Begins Annexation Process

Informational meeting set for October 25.

The Greensboro City Council has adopted a resolution of intent to annex certain areas around Greensboro in June 2008. Residents and businesses in the annexation areas can find information on the City's website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/annexation. On the website, you can use an interactive map to determine if your property is within an annexation area, you can see examples how annexation might affect your household budget, and you can learn more about the services that Greensboro residents receive. If you'd like to talk with City staff members about annexation, plan to attend a public informational meeting on October 25 at 7 pm at Grimsley High School. For more information, call 373-CITY (2489).



Drought is Now Extreme; Restrictions Continue

Additional restrictions may be implemented.

The [dry conditions throughout North Carolina](#) continue to worsen, with the Triad area now in an extreme drought. Greensboro implemented mandatory water restrictions on August 27, and since that time, water usage has decreased by about 11 percent. The restrictions, which allow lawn and garden irrigation only on your trash collection day – are expected to continue at least through September 27.

Despite the decrease in water usage, reservoir levels have continued to drop and are now at about 60 percent of capacity. Without significant rainfall, the City may soon implement additional restrictions, including a ban on lawn and garden irrigation and car washing, except at commercial car washes. Residents are encouraged to [conserve water](#) whenever possible.

Toys and Buckets and Crates, Oh My!

Recycling program now accepts rigid plastics.

The City of Greensboro's [recycling program](#) now accepts items made from rigid plastic, such as buckets, children's toys, and lawn furniture. You can now recycle:

- One- and five-gallon buckets



Did You Know

The City's North Buffalo Wastewater Treatment Plant has received its first Silver Peak Performance Award for outstanding environmental compliance. The award, presented by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, was presented to the North Buffalo plant in recognition of its near-perfect compliance with the stringent requirements of its wastewater discharge permit during 2006. Every day, about 29 million gallons of sewage is generated in Greensboro's homes and industries. All of that sewage must be collected, transported, and treated at Greensboro's wastewater facilities. The treatment of wastewater must adhere to these strict permit standards so that it can be returned to Greensboro's small streams with minimal environmental impact.

You can help make the world a little greener by volunteering to participate in Big Sweep, a community-wide clean-up event set for Saturday, September 15 from 9 am to 12 noon. The City will help participating neighborhoods with equipment and disposal needs. All collected trash can be taken to the Memorial Stadium parking lot at 11 am. Volunteers will be treated to refreshments until 12 noon. Call 373-2199 to register.

The Greensboro Public Library now offers access to Ancestry – Library Edition for customers using computers inside the library. This database connects users to US and UK census information, immigration collections, vital records, historic maps and more. You can even download an ancestor chart (family tree) that allows you to add the names and histories of your ancestors. For more information, visit www.greensborolibrary.org.

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- Milk and soda crates
- Laundry baskets
- Lawn furniture
- Plastic toys
- Plastic totes
- Pet carriers and litter boxes
- Cleaned empty garbage cans (any size)
- Rinsed plastic drums (any size)
- Plastic pallets, nursery trays, and flower pots
- Plastic five-gallon water bottles
- Plastic outdoor toys (sandboxes, slides, play kitchens)

Plastic bags and products made from vinyl, PVC, or rubber are not accepted.

To recycle your plastics, simply place them in your brown recycling container. Items that are too large to fit into your recycling container should be taken to any of the nine [drop-off locations](#) in Greensboro.

Questions or comments about this newsletter should be addressed to: Elaine Tricoli, Interim Communications Manager, 373-2421 or [email](#).

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