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

Public Input on Bonds

More than 100 individuals have shared their thoughts on possible bond projects for a fall referendum. Requested projects include an aquatics center, center city greenway, new library branches, the Greensboro Historical Museum, War Memorial Auditorium, a neighborhood park, War Memorial Stadium, and a roller hockey facility.



The next steps in the process are for City Council to select bond issues and amounts, file an application with the NC Local Government Commission, then hold a public hearing to receive public input on the bonds. [Submit your bond suggestion.](#)

HCD Gets an A+



During a recent management review of grants administered by the Housing & Community Development Department, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) found no areas of concern, the best possible result. Among the grants reviewed were the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Section 108 loans, HOME, and Brownfield Economic

Development Initiative (BEDI). The programs help create jobs and affordable housing opportunities, stabilize and revitalize neighborhoods, and increase the tax base. This year, these programs provided \$8.9 million to the City and leveraged much more in private investments.

Neighborhood Grants

Greensboro Beautiful recently approved three grants through its Neighborhood Initiatives Grant Program. Funding is being awarded to: Sunset Hills Neighborhood Association (\$750) for its Riparian restoration project; SELCO Sedgefield Lakes Community (\$500) to plant ground cover plants to frame new stone walls being constructed at neighborhood entrances at both East and West Woodlyn Way; and Westerwood Neighborhood Association (\$750) for landscaping neighborhood entryways.



The Neighborhood Initiative Grants Program encourages neighborhoods to initiate beautification and ecological projects which enhance parks, nature trails, open spaces, etc. For more

Did You Know

Give us your input on the BiPed Plan - a plan that will address bicycle, pedestrian and greenway improvements in our area. Public workshops on the BiPed Plan are scheduled in April. For more information, visit the [BiPed website.](#)

Spend a day with Mother Nature, Greensboro Beautiful and the City of Greensboro on Saturday, April 1, and celebrate Earth Day - just a little early! Participate in the Great American Cleanup in the morning and in the afternoon enjoy environmental activities at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch Library. [Find out more!](#)

In an emergency, every second counts, and minutes can save lives and property. That's why Guilford Metro 9-1-1 officials urge you to use large, easily visible street numbers on your house and curb that can be seen from either direction to help police, fire and ambulance responders locate your home.

The Greensboro Public Library and the Friends of the Library are once again sponsoring [Poetry GSO](#), a month-long celebration of poetry in April. This year's featured poet is Luis Rodriguez, a former Los Angeles gang member and now award-winning poet and activist. The Library has planned a number of poetry events and programs.

Walkable Community workshops will be presented by the National Center for Bicycling & Walking throughout the community this week. These four-hour workshops will allow participants to learn more about successful pedestrian or bicycle design, safety, education, enforcement and encouragement. [Lean more.](#)

The City's Department of Human Relations, in collaboration with local non-profit agencies, will host [Opening Doors of Opportunity / Abriendo Puertas de Oportunidad](#) to inform and celebrate our Spanish speaking community on Saturday, April 8 from 11 am to 4 pm at the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie Street. Workshops, music, food, and children's activities will be available.

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information, call 373-2199.

Hometown Hero



Olympic speed skating gold and silver medalist Joey Cheek spent March 23 in Greensboro for a daylong celebration in his honor as part of Joey Cheek Day. Cheek was recognized for his Olympic accomplishment as well as for his generous contribution to the Right to Play initiative. Individuals who wish to donate to this effort can do so by visiting the [Community Foundation's website](#).

Questions or comments about this newsletter should be addressed to: Nancy Lindemeyer, Communications Manager, 373-2105 or [email](#).

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