

AT YOUR SERVICE

GREENSBORO CITY GOVERNMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

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Holiday trash/recycling schedule

City of Greensboro offices, buildings and facilities will be closed Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25, in observation of Christmas. Due to this, your trash/recycling collection will be one day earlier. Thursday's collection will take place on Wednesday, December 23, and Friday's collection will take place on Thursday, December 24. Also, City offices, buildings and facilities will be closed on Friday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day. Thursday's trash/recycling collection will take place on Wednesday, December 30, and Friday's collection will take place on Thursday, December 31.

Questions? Call the City's Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).

Upcoming Coliseum Events

The Greensboro Coliseum hosts a broad range of events, including concerts, plays, sporting events and much more. Upcoming events include the Greensboro Symphony POPS concert on December 31, Monster Truck Jam on January 15, and the Carolina Weddings Show on February 6. Get a complete list of upcoming events and ticket information by visiting greensborocoliseum.com or calling 1-800-745-3000.

Capture the Great Outdoors

Nature photography is much more than snapping pictures of animals and trees; it's a form of art and self-expression. Learn the technique of "observing while being unobserved" and the basic equipment and skills needed to take great photos. The class, which is open to ages 10 and older, will be held Sunday, January 10, from 10 am to 12 noon at Bur-Mil Park, 5834 Bur-Mil Club Rd. The cost for the class is \$2 per person. For more information call 373-3802.

City Launches ARRA Web Site

The City of Greensboro has launched a new economic stimulus Web site to explain how American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 funding is being used to improve the quality of life in Greensboro.



The site, greensbororecovery-nc.net, was designed to provide residents with an easy tool to track stimulus funding received by the City and review the progress of Recovery Act projects. It includes information about available funding, how to apply for funds, the number of jobs created by Recovery Act funding and much more.

"We created this site because we want to keep residents updated on how stimulus funds are being used in our community to put people back to work, improve infrastructure and spur economic activity in the area," said Denise Turner, Assistant City Manager for Community Affairs and Communications.

The Web site will be routinely updated and maintained by City staff.

Winter Weather Preparedness

With winter upon us, now is the time to make sure you and your family are prepared for the unpredictability that colder weather brings. Take the following precautions to keep you and your loved ones safe (and warm) this winter:

Prepare your home:

- Prepare for possible isolation in your home by having sufficient heating fuel in case regular fuel sources are cut off. For example, store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for a fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- Protect pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic, and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves in case a pipe bursts.



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City Employees Appointed to Lead National Human Rights Group

Two City employees, Dr. Anthony Wade and Yamile Walker, both of the City's Human Relations Department, were recently selected to top ranking positions with the National Association of Human Rights Workers (NAHRW), an organization committed to providing education and training to foster equality within communities.

Wade, Director of the City's Human Relations Department and acting Director of the City's Parks & Recreation Department, was selected as NAHRW's 2009 President-Elect. He will take the helm in October 2011. Walker, administrator for Logistics and Outreach for the City's Human Relations Department, was appointed to the organization's Board of Directors. She began her role in October.

Be Counted

Every 10 years, the US Census Bureau counts everyone residing in the country. The federal government allocates more than \$400 billion dollars each year to states and communities based, in part, on census data. The next census will occur in April of 2010 and the City is taking steps to ensure everyone in Greensboro is counted. By participating in the census, you can help create a better future for you and those important to you. More information about the census will be distributed in upcoming months. Learn more by visiting 2010.census.gov.

If you notice any streetlight outages, or have requests for new lighting, report them to the City's Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).

GSO Trails on Twitter

Love Greensboro trails? Follow Parks & Recreation's trails on Twitter! Visit twitter.com/GSOTrails to get the latest updates on events, closings and other trail-related news.

For Your Information

~Have you always dreamed of starting your own business? If so, make that dream a reality by checking out the Greensboro Public Library's Business Advantage Web page to get the information you need to get started. To learn more, visit greensborolibrary.org and click on "Business."

~As a reminder, you can view City of Greensboro public meetings online by visiting greensboro.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2.

~Get City news delivered to your e-mail by subscribing to City Connections e-newsletter. Sign up today by visiting greensboro-nc.gov, and clicking on the blue and white box in the upper right corner.

Winter Weather Preparedness (cont...)

Prepare your car

- Gas level - maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season.
- Windshield wiper equipment- repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid levels.
- Tires – make sure your tires have adequate tread.
- Brakes– check for wear and fluid levels.

Prepare yourself

- Wear several layers of loose fitting lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water-resistant.
- Choose mittens instead of gloves because they keep your hands warmer.
- Wear a hat because your body loses heat from your head.
- Have extra blankets on hand.

Learn more about winter weather preparedness by visiting greensboroready.com.

Loose Leaf Collection Continues

The City's annual Loose Leaf Collection Program is underway. Leaves that were raked to the curb by November 9 will be picked-up by December 12. Leaves that are raked to the curb by December 14 will be picked-up by January 22.

Participating in the program is easy. All you have to do is:

- Rake leaves to the edge of your yard behind the curb. Remember not to rake leaves into the street, because it creates a road hazard.
- Remove rocks, sticks and other debris.
- Don't park vehicles on, in front of, or near leaf piles.

The schedule may change due to inclement weather. Changes will be posted at greensboro-nc.gov and on Channel 13. Also, the City does not collect loose leaves from homes on private streets. For more information, call 373-CITY (2489).



Greensboro Coliseum

The Greensboro Coliseum celebrates 50 years of great entertainment! Thank you for your patronage over the years. Learn more about the Coliseum by visiting greensborocoliseum.com.