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City of Greensboro News & Information

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Two Electric Charging Stations Available



The City has added a second electric vehicle charging station on City-owned property, both of which are available for use 24 hours a day.

They are at Greene Street Parking Deck, on the first floor along the Washington Street side of the deck, and Elm Street/Greene Street Parking Lot, at the entrance of the lot on Greene Street side. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/ChargingStations.

City Announces Increases to Various Fees and Rates

For the ninth consecutive year, the City is not raising property taxes, but effective July 1, the City increased its water/sewer rates and parking fees. Rate changes include:

- Water and sewer rate increase of 5.5 percent for Greensboro residents and 8 percent for those who live outside of Greensboro.
- Monthly parking rates at City facilities increase \$10 per month and on-street and surface parking increases vary from 25 to 50 cents per hour.

Nugent Appointed Interim Fire Chief

Bobby Nugent, a 36-year veteran of the Greensboro Fire Department, is now serving as interim fire chief. As deputy chief since 2009, Nugent

has managed the department's emergency service delivery system consisting of 25 fire stations and more than 500 personnel, as well as assumed the duties of the Fire Chief in his absence.

The City has begun the process to fill the permanent position of fire chief, with a selection expected in late November. Nugent replaced Greg Grayson, who retired in June.

Regulations Outline Use of Campaign Signs

As candidates prepare for the upcoming Greensboro Municipal Election, residents will soon see campaign signs sprouting throughout the city. The legal placement of temporary campaign signs is outlined at www.greensboro-nc.gov/2015Elections.



If you suspect a sign violates the City regulations, call the Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).

Greensboro Drinking Water Report Now Available

The City's annual water quality report, which provides details on water quality monitoring results for January 1 to December 31, 2014, is now available for public review. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/Water and under the Featured Links section, click on "New - 2014 Water Quality Report" or call the City Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489) for a copy.

Attend a City Council Meeting

Greensboro City Council meets at 5:30 pm August 3 and 18 and September 1 and 15, and October 7 and 20. Meetings are open to the public and air live on Greensboro Television Network and www.greensboro-nc.gov. Parking is available in the Greene Street Parking Deck. Review the full meeting schedule at www.greensboro-nc.gov/CouncilMeetings for updates.

City Offices Closed September 7

City offices and facilities are closed Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day. There are no trash/recycling collections that day. Instead, Monday's collections take place Tuesday, September 8, and Tuesday's collections take place Wednesday, September 9. Questions? Call the City's Contact Center at 373-CITY (2489).

9/11 Memorial Stair Climb is September 5

The Greensboro Fire Department is hosting its fifth annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at 9 am September 5 at the Bellemeade Parking Deck, 220 N. Greene St., to honor the firefighters and police officers who perished at the World Trade Center in 2001. Public registration to participate

begins at 8 am. For more information, call 574-4088.



Adopted FY 2015-16 Budget Now Online

The City's adopted budget for FY 2015-16 is online at www.greensboro-nc.gov/AdoptedBudget. City Council approved the \$488 million budget at its June meeting.

Be Greensboro Campaign Ends August 31

The City's third annual "Be: Greensboro" employee recognition

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BE: *A leader*
BE: *Greensboro*

concludes August 31. Residents have until then to commend a City employee for going over and beyond the call of duty in providing excellent customer service. Learn more at www.greensboro-nc.gov/BeGreensboro.

Fire Prevention Week Features Special Events

In honor of Fire Prevention Week October 5-9, the Greensboro Fire Department is hosting daily 9 am shows by the Education Express fire truck at Fire Station 1, 1514 N. Church St., followed by tours of the station. The events are free and open to the public.

GPD Partners with Family Justice Center

Greensboro Police Department's Family Victims Unit now works out of the Guilford County Family Justice Center along with other community agencies. The combined

force offers victims of family violence accessible, coordinated, comprehensive services in a single location.



The center, located at 201 E. Greene St., is open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Mondays through Fridays and parking is free at the Greene Street Deck, 211 S. Greene St. Questions? Call 641-SAFE (7233).

Fire Hydrant Testing Starts October 1

The Greensboro Fire Department's semi-annual fire hydrant testing takes place from October 1 to November 15 to ensure hydrants are operable and able to produce the required water pressure when needed.

Opening hydrants can cause a temporary discoloration of water in nearby homes. The discoloration is not harmful in any way and can be cleared up by running the water for a few minutes.

Flood Insurance: Is it Worth it?

City streams can flood during and after heavy rainstorms. Damage caused by flooding is not covered under standard property insurance policies. But, flood insurance can be obtained by contacting your local insurance agent or company.

Unsure if your property is located in a flood zone? Call 373-2055 or visit www.ncfloodmaps.com to find out.

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Final Plans Set for 75th National Folk Festival

The 75th National Folk Festival scheduled for September 11-13 in downtown Greensboro has on tap live musical performances, local artwork, food, activities and much more. The free event celebrates America's rich diverse culture with music, dance, foods, and crafts. Visit www.nationalfolkfestival.com for finalized details and schedules.



Big Sweep is September 12

This year's Big Sweep is slated for 9 am to 12 noon Saturday, September 12. Volunteers clean litter from the community's lakes, creeks and streams as part of the NC Big Sweep Waterway Litter Pickup. Learn more at greensborobeautiful.org/cleanups/bigswep.php.

Run 4 the Greenway is September 26

The sixth annual Run 4 the Greenway, an awareness and fund-raising event to support the Downtown Greenway, hits the streets September 26. The event



features a one-mile walk/run, a four-mile race and new this year is a one mile dog-owner run. To participate or volunteer, visit downtowngreenway.org.

Purple Relay Raises Awareness of Domestic Violence

The Greensboro Police Department and other community partners throughout the city are hosting a 3.2 mile relay race at Country Park, 3905 Nathanael Green Dr., on October 18 to raise awareness about domestic violence. For more information or to participate, call 336-373-2636.