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Mayor + Council:

Please see below the highlights of this Biweekly Report. It starts with good news from the State Budget for Greensboro. \$11M in remediation funds for Bingham Park and Downtown. This is the largest the City has received from the State Budget in support of our legislative agenda.

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Please see further details below regarding the Pallet Shelters RFP, NC A&T launch, BHRT Team, Updates from GPD and GFD, Parks and Recreation and the election of our Planning Director as the President-Elect of the American Planning Association.



## Legislative Review & Update

- On September 19, the General Assembly has agreed to a budget deal, at an approximate total of \$30 billion dollars. The budget will not include casinos or video lottery terminals, which was a stall point for the budget most recently. The budget (H259) is expected to be voted on September 21, per the current House calendar.
- Included in the proposed budget (money report) is an allocation for the City of Greensboro in the amount of eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) for remediation planning. Remember that the City requested \$30M for Bingham Park and \$20M for Downtown remediation. The allocation provides a directed grant to the City of Greensboro for capital costs and related equipment associated with remediation projects.
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- Bill of Interest, H893, passed the 1st reading in the Senate on 9/20 and has been assigned to the Senate Rules Committee. This

bill have moved with momentum and could be assigned to a committee and voted on this week or early next. The bill does have implications for the City as it relates to private commercial inspections. Updates will continue to be provided. If the bill becomes law, the City will unpack the implications with all subject matter experts so we are best prepared for implementation.

- Included in the proposed budget is also legislation that would have implications for all local governments. The legislation includes a previously unseen provision that would subject local governments to oversight by the Joint Legislation Commission on Governmental Operations. The Gov-Ops Commission, headed by the leaders of the House and Senate, has traditionally acted as an oversight group focused on state agency operations. The provision, found in Sec. 27.10 of the bill, would allow the commission to examine possible instances of malfeasance, illegal conduct, mismanagement or waste by local governments. It would also provide the legislative commission with access to local government documents and to compel the appearance of local government officials before it.
- Link: [IGRM Section for Legislative Updates](#)

## Eugene Street Road Closures

The southbound lane of N. Eugene Street from W. Smith to Bellemeade streets will be closed from 9 am Monday, September 25, until 4 pm Friday, October 27, due to streetscape construction along N. Eugene Street. Motorists should expect delays around the work area and are urged to use alternate routes or follow the detour route on [this map](#). Work schedules are dependent on weather conditions and material/equipment availability. Visit [greensboro-nc.gov/RoadProjects](https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/RoadProjects) to learn more about lane and road closures and subscribe to receive email notifications about upcoming work on City streets. Please see attached map of closure.

## Housing & Neighborhood Development

As a follow up to Council's request at last week's Work Session, please find attached the FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 budgets for winter emergency shelter. The FY 23-24 budget is the anticipated cost for this current fiscal year. This represents a significant decrease from previous year expenditures, due to not having the costs associated with purchase of the pallet shelters and infrastructure. A portion of the funding spent last year towards winter shelter has been designated for emergency hotel assistance that is available year round, not just during winter. That figure is not reflected in this budget.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for administration of the FY 2023-24 Doorway Project (Pallet Shelter) was issued on Friday, September 15. An RFP workshop for interested parties will be held on September 25th. Applications are due on October 2nd with funding recommendations announced during the week of October 9th. The Doorway Project is anticipated to begin at Pomona Park on November 1 and will conclude on March 31, 2024. The timeline is attached and the RFP/program information can be found here: <https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/housing-neighborhood-development/housing-services/landlords-developers/requests-for-proposals>

## Transportation

**Aggie Auto Pilot Launch:** NC A&T successfully launched the Aggie Auto Shuttle service on Monday, September 18. This pilot autonomous shuttle service will run between campus and Church Street now through October 13. The shuttle service is open to the public and will run Mondays through Fridays from 11 am to 1 pm. GDOT has provided support to the program advising on policy, logistics and route design and installation of shuttle stops. More information can be found [here](#).

**GoBoro Stakeholder and Engagement Activities:** The GoBoro stakeholder workshop will be held next Tuesday, September 26 at the Central Library. This will be followed by a media event with the consultant team and staff on September 27 at 10 am The Depot. Engagement activities will occur at events around the community through mid-November. Up-to-date information about the planning process and engagement opportunities can be found [online](#).



## Office of Community Safety

**Violence Prevention RFP:** The Office of Community Safety is excited to announce funding for violence intervention training. This funding will be specifically provided to nonprofit, community-based organizations interested in violence intervention. These organizations are encouraged to complete a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new program, the Community Violence Intervention and Interruption Project. The program allows the City to broaden the scope of violence prevention work being done throughout the city. It builds the foundation for collaborative efforts amongst multiple stakeholders to address the issues of violence, prevention, intervention and interruption in our community through a coordinated infrastructure. Community based organizations who are selected to receive these funds will be provided with opportunities for collective program development, accountability, shared measurements and expectations. Application deadline for this RFP is Thursday, October 31. [Access the RFP online here.](#)

OCS will hold a community meeting from 6-8 pm on Thursday, October 5 at Peeler Recreation Center, 1300 Sykes Ave. City staff will be available to field questions about the project and the RFP process.

**BHRT Team:** The Behavioral Health Response Team was recognized in this past Tuesdays Council meetings, as Council voted to adopt a proclamation for the week of September 18, 2023, as National Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week. The BHRT Team to include licensed clinicians and sworn police officers were in attendance.



## Police

**Blue Salute Fundraiser:** The Greensboro Police Foundation will host its Blue Salute Fundraisings Event for 2023 on Saturday, September 30 from 7-10 pm at Piedmont Hall, 2409 W. Gate City Blvd. Purchased tickets are required for this event. [Purchase your tickets online.](#)

**114th Greensboro Police Academy Graduation:** Seventeen recruits graduated from the 114th Greensboro Police Academy on September 18, 2023, and joined the ranks of the Greensboro Police Department. The graduation ceremony can be viewed on the [City's YouTube Channel.](#)



## Fire

The Greensboro Fire Department published its FY 2022/23 annual report. The report provides highlights from the department's year, including plans to renovate aging fire stations, new efforts to combat staffing challenges, and ways the department will address the expanding city. It also provides annual fire and rescue statistics and tells how Greensboro Fire is working with residents and community organizations. [Read it online.](#)

## Parks & Recreation

**Summer 2023 Recap:** This year, Parks & Recreation piloted free admission at the two swimming pools which were operational – Warnersville and Windsor. Attendance counts more than doubled at both locations, with 7,137 visits logged at Warnersville and 3,697 at Windsor between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend this year. In 2022, attendance was 2,020 visits at Warnersville and 1,204 at Windsor. Additionally, 228 water safety lessons were offered free of charge to youth in partnership with the YMCA of Greensboro.

4,021 youth registrants participated in summer day camp this year across the ten recreation centers offering the program. The ENERGY at the Park summer playground program offered at four neighborhood parks logged 659 visits. A total of 32,226 free meals were distributed as a part of the camps and playground programs this summer.



*ENERGY at the Park – Hampton Park*

**14th Annual Downtown Greenway & Block Party:** Fun and festivities are planned for Saturday, September 23 from 4-7 pm at LoFi Park. This year, both a 1-mile and a 5K option are included. More information can be found [here](#).

**Bingham Park Community Engagement:** On Saturday, September 30, Collaborative Cottage Grove is planning a community event at which Parks & Recreation will conduct engagement for ideas regarding the redevelopment of Bingham Park and the former Hampton School property, as well as gather preliminary ideas for the East Greensboro Greenway feasibility study. This event is replacing the National Night Event which was postponed. Postcards are also being sent to over a thousand area residents to gather park development ideas.

**Art in the Arboretum:** In partnership with Parks & Recreation, Greensboro Beautiful's Art in the Arboretum returns this year on Sunday, October 1. The event will be held from noon to 5 pm at the Greensboro Arboretum. The event was cancelled last year due to inclement weather.

**Spencer Love Tennis Center Celebration:** Parks & Recreation is planning an event celebrating the completion of the additional courts and receipt of the US Tennis Association's Outstanding Public Facility Award. The event will be held on Friday, October 20 at 10 am at Spencer Love.

## Planning

Sue Schwartz, FAICP, has been named the American Planning Association's (APA) president-elect and will take over that role on January 1, 2024. She is director of the City's 41-person Planning Department, a post she has held since 2011.

Schwartz has been an active member of APA and its affiliate American Institute of Planners (AICP) for nearly 25 years, holding many state, regional and national chapter leadership positions including president of AICP from 2005-07.

According to its website, APA exists to elevate and unite a diverse planning profession as it helps communities, their leaders, and residents anticipate and meet the needs of a changing world.

The goal of planning is to maximize the health, safety, and economic well-being of all people living in all communities, another APA webpage states. This involves thinking about how we get around in our community, attract and retain businesses and where we want to live and play, and how all those pieces fit together like a puzzle.

"I'm very proud to have received the support and confidence of APA members and to have a chance to work closely with the association at a national level on issues that affect everyone," Schwartz said. "Being passionate about what planners do for our communities is what drives me. Planning isn't just my profession; it's my vocation."



## M/WBE Advisory Committee

The City has received several commitments from community leaders to serve on the MWBE Advisory Committee. The previous committee's term ended in the summer and we are affording opportunities to interested parties in construction, goods and services, banking and economic development to serve the organization and community in this capacity. The following have already agreed to serve on the advisory committee.

Kim Cameron	Executive Director, NC A&T Real Estate Foundation
Dr. Vanessa Coble	President, Seniors Medical Supply
Dr. Bellandra Foster	President, BBFoster Consulting
Chris Goode	Managing Partner, Goode Van Slyke Architecture
Damien Gorham	VP/Senior Loan Officer, Mechanics/Farmers Bank

Marvin Price  
Johnny Sigers  
Joe Wilson

Executive VP for Economic Development, Greensboro Chamber of Commerce  
Director, Project Diversity, Samet Corporation  
President, ASJ Wilson Construction

We will hold the new Advisory Committee's inaugural meeting in October.

## Council Work Session Schedule

<b>September 28</b>	Strategic Framework Participatory Budgeting
<b>October 12</b>	Policy Initiatives: Incentives for Housing Coliseum RFP Economic Mobility Study
<b>October 26</b>	State Legislative Update