

Greetings Mayor and Members of Council (bcc),



Engineering and Inspections

Construction project updates:

Downtown Greenway Ph. 4:

- Yates has completed a 12" waterline relocation and installed some sections of new 24" storm lines as part of the new 72" culvert replacement work.
- Yates has started installation of the new 72" storm sewer upgrade in McGee St. at Wafco Mills.
- The work on McGee St. is anticipated to be completed around mid-August prior to the schools starting back up for the Fall semester.
- The stream restoration contractor has been clearing and grubbing existing stumps along the stream banks, from Smith St. towards Guilford Ave.
- The retaining wall contractor will begin work this week to finish building the retaining wall along Smith St.

Greene St. Streetscape:

- Traffic has been shifted along Greene St., which allows work to begin along the eastern side of the road.
- Yates has installed the last remaining section of storm work within this block section.

- Yates has to tie over the water service for the parking decks, which will allow the old water main to be abandoned within this block section.
- Yates is starting to install the new curb line along the eastern side of the road within this block section.

2015 Sidewalk Improvements Contract:

- Curb ramp replacement work is still underway in the intersection of W. Wendover Ave. and Big Tree Way. Curb ramps on the far side of the intersection have been completed. Last remaining curb ramps will be completed once the sidewalk work has caught up to this location.
- Sidewalk work is ongoing along Big Tree Way, from W. Wendover Ave. to Bridford Parkway. Waiting on utilities to be relocated by others.
- Sidewalk work has started along Hewitt St.

Murrow Blvd. Bridge Repairs Contract:

- This section of the Greenway was reopened to pedestrian traffic again.
- Smith Rowe should be completed with demo work on the southbound bridge deck by the end of this week.

Davie St. Streetscape:

- ACCI plans to start mobilizing equipment and materials into the area this week to start construction.

Greensboro Public Library and History Museum

Recently:

- **Juneteenth Bike Tour: Green Book Along the Greenway**
On June 22 about 45 cyclists participated in a guided, family friendly three-mile ride to visit historical Green Book sites. Between 1933 and 1966, 'The Negro Motorist Green Book' offered African American travelers a guide to safe spaces across the US, including more than a dozen in Greensboro.



- **Over 500 guests attended the Forties Flashback at the History Museum on July 6**

Visitors learned about Greensboro's pivotal role as the largest urban military base in the country during World War II. This free afternoon of family fun featured live reenactors, vintage vehicles, and fun hands-on activities.

Upcoming:

- **A Conversation on Food Disparities with Dr. Deborah Barnes**
July 10 from 3-4:30 pm at McGirt-Horton Branch
Dr. Deborah Barnes will discuss hunger and food accessibility in North Carolina. Despite an economy rooted in Agriculture, North Carolina is the tenth hungriest state in the country while Guilford County is home to over 24 food deserts.
- **Bright Star Theatre**
July 12 from 5:30-6:30 pm at Central Library
Children can enjoy shows that cover a variety of educational topics, there's always something new to learn from Bright Star's incredible performances. Enjoy acting that is out-of-this world and engaging for the entire family!
- **Jeghetto Puppetry**
July 15 from 2-3 pm at Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch
Join us for a live performance by renowned puppeteer, Tarish "Jeghetto" Pipkins! Jeghetto Puppetry utilizes recycled materials to create amazing modern puppets and performs exciting shows that celebrate African-American culture. It's a one-of-a-kind experience your family can't afford to miss! This program is for families.



- **Junior Chefs in Training**
July 15 from 3-4 pm at Central Library
Join us for a three session cooking program designed especially for middle schoolers! Each session will focus on preparing a different dish. Junior Chefs will taste their creations, make DIY recipe books, learn about food art and plating techniques, and access cooking e-resources via Smartboard. This program is recommended for ages 11-13.
- **Finding Your Roots Genealogy Clinic**
July 17 from 11 am to 12 pm at McGirt-Horton Branch
Whether you are just getting started on your family tree or just needing a place to work with other researchers, come in for troubleshooting assistance and research resources including the library's Ancestry account!
- **Business Database Crash Course: Featuring ABI/INFORM**
July 17 from 12-1 pm. This program is offered online.
Business Research can be time consuming and expensive. Fortunately, the library can help. Join us for a series exploring how library databases can help you gather business intelligence. This session focuses on ABI/Inform. Increase your knowledge of the business landscape with industry reports, trade journals, business periodicals, company profiles, and more.

Legislative

The Legislative department continues to coordinate and collaborate the generation of City Council meeting agendas and a plethora of various support systems throughout the organization and community.

As of June 30, 2024, the Clerk's office has successfully orchestrated with external departments, the City Manager's Office, and City Council to conduct 16 Regular and Special City Council meetings and 11 work sessions. Total legislative action equates to 89 ordinances and 170 resolutions (16 of which were honorary resolutions crafted by the Clerk's office). Adopted meeting minute formatting values thus far have reached 286 legal sized pages. Statutory actions include five Chapter revision codifications, 14 annexation certifications, approximately 692 attested contracts, administered 50 fire and police oaths (20 fire and 30 police), and confirmed three foreign certifications (proof of life). Additionally, the Legislative Department has transitioned to an electronic Boards and Commissions platform to which we conduct two staff liaison trainings in July; and have researched numerous resident PIRT requests.

In an effort to focus on customer service excellence, City Clerk Angela Lord attended the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Conference, Deputy City Clerk Torie Howell is currently enrolled in the UNC School of Government Clerk Institute this year, and the Legislative team completed a team building exercise with the completion of the DISC assessment and a data comparison workshop with People and Culture.

We frequently collaborate and partner with our neighbors in Guilford County. Most recently, they requested the DRAFT Guilford County Comprehensive Plan Update linked below to be shared with elected officials. Comments may be submitted through the open form in the survey linked below, or they can be e-mailed to compplan@guilfordcountync.gov. Comments may be submitted through August 5, 2024.

Survey link: https://designworkshop.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_af4owXnS9bEPvFQ

Transit

The Federal Transit Administration announced this past Tuesday that the Greensboro Transit Agency will be receiving \$22.4 million dollars to purchase 18 new battery electric and hybrid buses to add to our low emissions bus fleet in line with our 2040 Strategic Plan to have an all-electric bus fleet.

Office of Sustainability and Resilience

1) **Energy Audits:** The City’s energy manager, Sergey Kobelev, will be coordinating energy audits for the 10 most energy-consuming buildings in the City. The audits will be conducted by third-party consultants and engineers starting Monday, July 15, 2024, at 8 am.

2) **Keeping the Green in Greensboro - Tree Canopy Assessment Request for Proposals (Event 11504):** RFP is now open and will close on July 16, 2024. More information will be shared once consultant is selected and project kickoff is scheduled.

3) **Education & Outreach:**

- [Climate Resilience Center \(CRC\)](#) – Partnership with North Carolina A&T to investigate the links between the effects of a changing climate on air quality and urban heat, and the subsequent undue burden on marginalized communities in major cities across North Carolina – Greensboro, Winston Salem, and Charlotte. The second Focus Group Meeting will be held in Winston-Salem on July 18, 2024, 5:30 – 7:00 pm. The OSR will assist the NC A&T team with meeting coordination and facilitation.
- a. [Solarize the Triad Launch Event](#) – July 23, 2024 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm | Address: Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC located at 3330 Shorefair Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27105



- b. **Speaking Engagement:** American Institute of Architects (AIA) has invited Shree Dorestant to join a panel to discuss '*Reducing our Carbon Footprint will improve the environment and its effect on our health (personal and community)*' on July 25, 2024 | 12:00 – 2 pm | Zoom Video Conference: Join Zoom Meeting

Parks and Recreation

Updates:

- **Warnersville Pool**

This pool location opened Saturday, July 13. The maintenance issues involving the new pump and drain covers that were installed have been resolved and the pool has passed the requisite inspections. The hours will be 11 am to 6 pm on Saturdays and Sundays, and 11 am to 7 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. The pool area will be closed from 2 pm-3 pm on those days, so guests will have to leave the area during that time. As with Windsor pool, which is also open, admission to Warnersville pool will be free this season. For any details on pools and spraygrounds please visit our website [here](#).

- **Parks & Recreation Month**

Greensboro Parks and Recreation is celebrating National Parks and Recreation Month this July. This year's theme is "Where You Belong." In addition to encouraging everyone to take advantage of the activities and spaces offered by Parks and Recreation, there will be three signature events for this month: Adult Recess on Friday, July 12 (which was postponed due to inclement weather, with a new date that is yet to be determined) from 6-9 pm at Barber Park; Movie in the Park on Saturday, July 20, at 8 pm at Hester Park with a free showing of Pixar's 'Elemental;' and the final celebration being the inaugural Makers Way at Gateway presented collaboratively with Greensboro Beautiful on Saturday, July 27, from 11 am to 2 pm at Gateway Gardens. Admission to each of these signature events is free. An online bingo challenge is also a part of the month's activities. For more details visit, www.greensboro-nc.gov/parksandrecmonth.

- **Greensboro Six Mural**

Artist Vincent Ballentine has begun painting the mural honoring the Greensboro Six at Gillespie Golf Course this past week. A community engagement event where residents has an opportunity to meet Ballentine and share ideas was held on July 3. The unveiling celebration is being planned for August 5, ahead of the PGA TOUR's 85th annual Wyndham Championship.



- **Fun Fourth**

The 2024 Fun Fourth Festival presented by Downtown Greensboro, Inc. was held on Thursday, July 4. The downtown event was free to the public and featured dozens of food vendors, merchandise vendors, live entertainment, and interactive activities for all ages. The event was located on Elm St. between Lewis St. and Market St. and drew in about 32,000 people.



Upcoming Events:

- Teen Night at the Rec - Friday, July 12, 6:30-8:30 pm, 3v3 basketball, Craft Rec Center
- Teen Night at the Rec - Thursday, July 18, 6:30-8:30 pm, Glow in the Dark Dodgeball, Warnersville Rec Center

Water Resources

- On July 1, 2024, a new State law took effect that limits what holds local governments can place on the issuance of a grading permit for on site development plans submitted on or after July 1, 2024. Essentially, the law limits holds to review points that have rules that fall under the umbrella of the Environment Management Commission (EMC), and for review points where City ordinance specifically states a prerequisite. It has been Water Resources practice to hold grading permit issuance with full TRC approval, or for Grading Only approval if TRC approval wasn't required. With the new law we will hold for certain review points during the TRC review process, and those points will mirror the review points on the grading only plans where applicable. For projects where the grading permit application is submitted on or after July 1, 2024, we will be checking for approval on the following review points prior to issuing the grading permit, when reviews by those review points are required:
 - Stormwater Conveyance
 - Transportation
 - Tree Preservation
 - Utilities/Sewer
 - Watershed Protection/Stormwater
- Water Reclamation Division Manager Elijah Williams was invited by the Chair of the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) to speak to the full commission at their July 11 meeting on Greensboro's recent experience with NPDES permit issuance and offer a suggestion on how the EMC's delegation of authority to NCDEQ could be evaluated to help address permittee concerns or challenges to the permitting program.
- On July 10, 2024, the Water Quality and Groundwater Committees of the EMC considered DEQ's proposals to adopt forever chemical (PFAS) surface water and ground water standards. After a good bit of debate, the EMC deferred approval of the DEQ proposals to proceed to rulemaking to the September EMC meeting.
- Water Supply Division staff had a busy and successful week managing two partial shutdowns at the Lake Townsend Water Treatment Plant to support the major electrical improvement project at the plant.
- In support of the partial plant shutdown, higher finished water flows from PTRWA were provided. This coupled with the request from Burlington to send them finished water as a result of some operational challenges they experienced, led to an increased number of water complaints. Higher flows and reversal of flow can lead to scouring of the inside surface of water lines and discoloration. Additional staff were assigned to help with flushing activities to address this aesthetic issue and remove the discoloration. Flushing activities will continue until the discoloration and water complaints are addressed.

- On June 25, 2024 Greensboro (qualified settlement class member) submitted a Phase One Action Fund Claim Form in both the 3M and the DuPont Public Water System settlements. The deadline for Phase One Special Needs Claims Form is August 26, 2024. This claim allows Greensboro to seek payment for any money expended in the past related to PFAS in our water system (not including sampling costs or staff time). We are awaiting a response on when the City may receive settlement funds.
- The judge presiding over the class action lawsuits tied to forever chemicals (PFAS), Judge Gergel, issued an order preliminarily approving a settlement with BASF. BASF has agreed to pay \$312.5 million to settle claims of Public Water Systems that detected PFAS in their water sources as of May 15, 2024. As with the 3M and DuPont settlements before, the court's approval is the first step toward finalizing the settlement. Parties may object to the court-approved notice of settlement. The court provisionally appointed the law firm of Baron & Budd (representing Greensboro) as one of four Class Counsel. The opt out deadline is October 15, 2024, and the court will hold the final fairness hearing on November 1, 2024. After that hearing, and after the court's final ruling approving the settlement, the Claims Period will begin.

Creative Greensboro

Residencies

- **Hyers Residency**

Creative Greensboro welcomes Keala Rodgers as part of our Residency at the Hyers. "Pregnancy, Birth and Postpartum: Stories on Black Maternal Health" shares birth stories of Black women told through poetry accompanied by music and dance. From June 24 to July 21, Keala will wow audiences with untold journeys. The residency culminates in a spoken-word showcase with performances at 7 pm, July 13, and July 18-20, at the Stephen D. Hyers Theatre in the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 N. Davie St. The workshops are free. Showcase tickets are available at www.creativegreensboro.com.



- **GROW Residency**

Hausson Byrd, a Greensboro-based poet invites community members to learn and practice the art of poetry and spoken word during a residency with the Greensboro Residency for Original Works (GROW) program until July 14. Byrd will welcome guest poets, and use writing prompts, videos of poetry performances and skill-building games to help participants learn how to craft and perform poems during free “Poetry Club” workshops on Tuesdays, June 25, and July 2 from 6-9 pm. His residency will culminate at 3 pm, Sunday, July 14, with a one-man show featuring Byrd performing his own poetry.

Friday July 12 | 6-9 pm – “Everybody at the Table Eats”

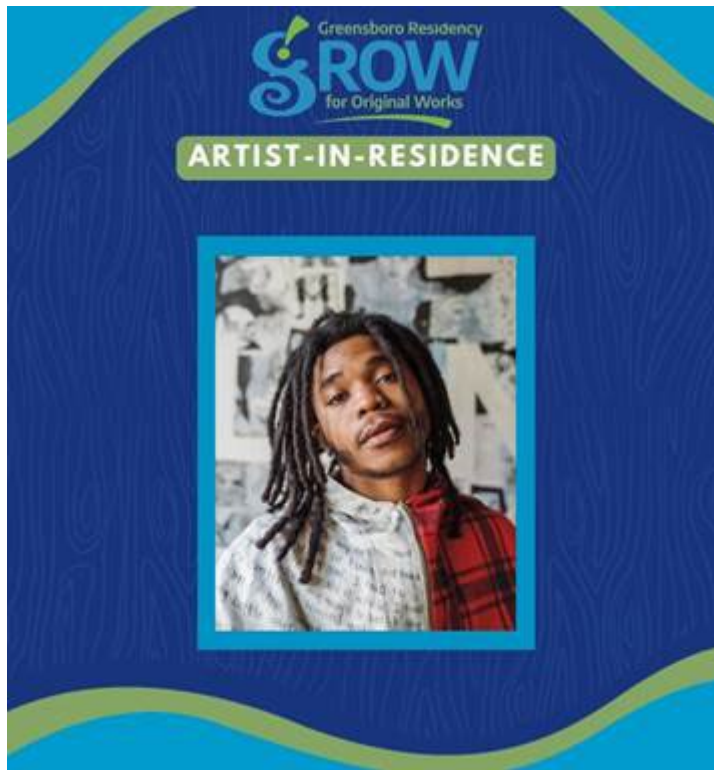
A live poetry showcase featuring special guest poets Gate City’s Finest.

Saturday, July 13 | 3-6 pm – “Not the Same City We Grew Up in”

A curated community showcase of live poetry performances.

Sunday, July 14 | 3-5 pm – GROW: A One Man Show

Residency Finale: Byrd’s one-man show of original poetry.



Music Programming

- **MUSEP Concert Series**

Join Creative Greensboro for MUSEP on July 14th at Country Park! We'll be at Shelter #4, near 3802 Jaycee Park Dr., to hear the Brown Mountain Lightning Bugs at 6 pm, followed by Folkknot at 7 pm. Concessions will be provided by Kibi's Crazy Casserole and StayFresh Italian Ice, or you can bring your own! Donations are appreciated to help sustain the concert series.



Downtown Arts

New artwork alert! While you are out and about in downtown Greensboro, check out the two new pieces "Peony" and "Riding the Wave" from creatives Ronda Szymanski and Emily McCollum featured in the digital kiosks through September 2. To learn more about our Downtown Arts program, visit us online at CreativeGreensboro.com.



Housing & Neighborhood Development

- Please see attached pdf for Council updates.