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Join City Council for Coffee and Conversation

Community Meetings and Citizen Engagement Workshop on the 2012 - 2013 City Budget Set

In February and March, Durham City Council will host a series of "Coffee with Council" community meetings. Hosted by the Durham City Council, the Coffee with Council sessions are a series of face-to-face meetings designed to give residents the opportunity to provide direct feedback to council members on budget priorities for the 2012-13 fiscal year. The sessions also include a presentation on the City's budget outlook for the upcoming fiscal year.

Residents who have ideas or comments on the use of City resources are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

The City will also host a Citizen Engagement Workshop on Saturday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holton Career and Resource Center, located at 401 N. Driver St.

This interactive workshop is intended to engage residents in conversation about the City government's budget priorities and how these will align with the City's Strategic Plan goals and initiatives. Space will be limited to the first 100 residents and reservations are required. A light breakfast will be provided for workshop attendees. To RSVP for this workshop, residents should contact Vivienne Bass at (919) 560-4111, ext. 20225 or Vivienne.Bass@DurhamNC.gov.

UPCOMING CITY HOLIDAYS

Good Friday - Friday, April 6, 2012

For information about City holidays, garbage collection, or other City service, contact Durham One Call.



Waste Disposal and Recycling Center

2115 E. Club Blvd., Durham

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - noon / Closed Sundays

Accepting old electronics, appliances, tires, yard waste, and other recyclables.

Contact the Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau for public events and non-City holiday schedules at (919) 687-0288.

The Citizens' Newsletter is published every other month with the water bill on a staggered schedule. Information can be dated for some receiving their bill at the end of the mailing cycle. For the most current information, visit www.DurhamNC.gov.

Coffee with Council Meeting Schedule

PAC 4

Saturday, February 11: 10 a.m. - noon

Campus Hill Recreation Center, 2000 S. Alston Ave.

PAC 1

Saturday, February 18: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Holton Career and Resource Center, Child Care Center, Second Floor, 401 N. Driver St.

PAC 5

Thursday, March 8: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

City Hall Committee Room, Second Floor, 101 City Hall Plaza

PAC 3

Saturday, March 10: 10 a.m. - noon

Lyon Park Community Family Life and Recreation Center, 1309 Halley St.

PAC 2

Monday, March 12: 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Durham Public Schools Resource Center, 2107 Hillandale Rd.

City Briefs

Durham Accepting Applications for Energy Savings Program

Durham's Home Energy Savings Program (HESP) can help households save an estimated 20 percent of home energy use. The program will subsidize professional home improvement. To qualify, homes must be 1) single story or 2) two story with the top and bottom floors having the same shape. All homes must be 2,300 square feet or less. For information, visit www.GreenerDurham.net or call Tobin Freid at (919) 560-7999.

Durham Senior Games, More Than Just a Competition

If you are 55 years old or better and never fulfilled your dream to win the gold, it's not too late. There is an Olympic-style game designed just for you. On April 16-27, mature adults can display their athletic and artistic abilities and compete in the Durham County 2012 Senior Games and Silver Arts. Each year, local residents compete to keep their body, mind and spirit fit while enjoying the company of friends, family, spectators and volunteers at the same time.

If you think that Durham Senior Games is just another sporting event, think again! Fitness, fun and community building are among the many goals of the competition. To participate you must be 55 years of age by December 31, 2012, a Durham resident or on a team with a person from Durham. Registration is held on Wednesday, February 1 - Friday, March 30. Applications will be available in early February on the City's website at <http://DurhamNC.gov/ich/op/prd/pages/Mature-Adult-Programs.aspx>. For more information, contact Jonathan Embler at (919) 354-2710, ext. 27351 or Jonathan.Embler@DurhamNC.gov.

Durham...Beyond the Headlines

It's that time of year, when organizations are looking for speakers. The City of Durham is available to talk to you on a wide variety of topics about your city. We want to be your best resource for getting answers to important questions about Durham. Call us at 560-4123 or e-mail us at SpeakersBureau@DurhamNC.gov.

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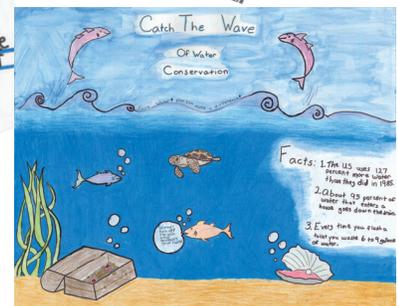
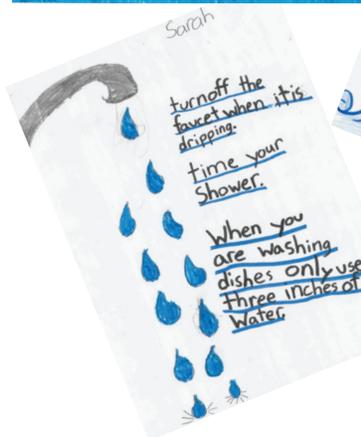
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Water Conservation Poster Entries Wanted

The Department of Water Management sponsors an annual poster contest open to all Durham students in grades K - 8, including public, private and home schools. This year, the poster contest theme is "**Wasting Water is Weird.**" There is still plenty of time for students to submit an entry. Deadline for submitting a poster entry is **March 23, 2012.**

Each poster should depict the student's own ideas on the theme, Wasting Water is Weird. The idea(s) can be either illustration form only or may include the theme. The student must only use crayons, colored or other pencils, markers or paint. Posters containing computer-generated graphics, photographs, collages or 3-D artwork will not be eligible for consideration.

For information about the Water Conservation Poster Contest, visit the Conservation and Water Efficiency page at www.DurhamSavesWater.org.



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