



Durham

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Join City Council for Coffee and Conversation

Durham residents interested in giving their input directly to the City Council on the City of Durham's 2013-2014 fiscal year budget should mark their calendars now to attend one of five "Coffee with Council" community meetings to be held throughout February and March.

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 2013-2014 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 encouraged to attend any of the meetings scheduled below:

- **Saturday, February 9** from 10 a.m. to noon – Campus Hill Recreation Center, 2000 S. Alston Ave. (PAC 4)
- **Saturday, February 16** from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Holton Career and Resource Center's Child Care Center, Second Floor, 401 N. Driver St. (PAC 1)
- **Thursday, March 14** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – City Hall Committee Room, Second Floor, 101 City Hall Plaza (PAC 5; Spanish translation will be provided)
- **Saturday, March 9** from 10 a.m. to noon – Lyon Park Community Family Life and Recreation Center, 1309 Halley St. (PAC 3)
- **Monday, March 11** from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Durham Public Schools Resource Center, 2107 Hillandale Rd. (PAC 2)

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Upcoming City Holidays

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday - Monday, Jan. 21, 2013

For information about City holidays, garbage collection, or other City Services, 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 the website at www.durhamnc.gov.

Prepare Now To Avoid Frozen Pipes This Winter

Water pipes are especially vulnerable to damage during the cold winter months. The Department of Water Management offers these tips to help keep your tap water flowing all winter and prevent costly pipe breaks.

Outdoors - Crawl Spaces, Attics and Basements

- Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses.
- Protect faucets with insulated covers
- Drain and shut off irrigation systems
- Close windows and doors near water lines
- Caulk around pipes where they enter the house
- Close vents and seal cracks in basement, crawl spaces or along outside walls
- Wrap pipes in unheated areas with weatherproof insulation
- Use heat tape to wrap pipes

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City Briefs

Leigh Farm Park Closed Through August

Leigh Farm Park will be closed for construction and renovation through August. Park staff are working with the Piedmont Wildlife Center, located within the park, to keep some limited access to their facilities, but no other parts of the park will be open.

Old North Durham Park Closed through June

Old North Durham Park will be closed for construction and renovation through June. Work will begin at the Park access off Foster Street first then move into the park itself. For information, call (919) 560-4355.

Summer Camp Registration Begins March 16

Durham Parks and Recreation's summer camp programs will begin onsite and online registration on March 16 for the 2013 camp season. For fees, locations and details, visit the "Summer Camp" page at www.DPRPlayMore.org or call (919) 560-4355.

Earth Day and Bimbé Volunteers and Vendors Needed

Durham Parks and Recreation is seeking volunteers and non-food vendors for Durham's Earth Day and Bimbé cultural arts festivals. The Earth Day festival will be held on April 21 from noon - 5 p.m. at Durham Central Park and the Bimbé festival will be on May 18 from noon - 8 p.m. at the CCB Plaza. For information, call (919) 560-4355 or visit the "Special Events" page at www.DPRPlayMore.org.

2013 Lake Schedule

Lake Michie will open for the season on March 14. Little River Lake will not open for public use until mid-May, due to construction on the boathouse and parking lot. While Little River is closed, Lake Michie will open Thursday - Monday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. After Little River opens, both lakes will be open Friday - Monday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. through November 10. The lakes will also be open Memorial Day (May 27), Independence Day (July 4), and Labor Day (September 2). Personal boats and motors are not allowed on Little River Lake. Boats are available for rent. For in-season information, call the Lake Michie boathouse at (919) 477-3906 or the Little River boathouse at (919) 477-7889.

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There will also be two budget public hearings held in conjunction with regularly scheduled City Council meetings. The first public hearing will be held on Monday, March 4 and the second public hearing will be held on Monday, June 3.

For information about the Coffee with Council meetings, contact Vivienne Bass with the City's Budget and Management Services Department by email at Vivienne.Bass@DurhamNC.gov or call (919) 560-4111, ext. 20225.

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Indoors

- Keep kitchen and bath pipes exposed to warm air by leaving cabinet doors open
- Don't turn the thermostat too low when leaving for extended absences
- If you are going to be gone for an extended time, shut off the water supply at the main valve; then turn on faucets and flush toilets to drain pipes.

Preparing now can avoid problems throughout the winter months. For more tips, visit www.DurhamSavesWater.org.

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