



# Durham

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### Durham Begins Surveying Road Corridors For Bicycle/Pedestrian Study

Residents and motorists will soon see surveying crews along four major roadway corridors as the City gathers data to prepare a bicycle and pedestrian facilities study.

The City of Durham's Public Works Department has hired Horvath Associates to prepare this study for the following roadway corridors: Morreene Road from Erwin Road to Neal Road; Carpenter-Fletcher Road from Woodcroft Parkway to Alston Avenue; Cornwallis Road from South Roxboro Street to Chapel Hill Road; and Hillandale Road from I-85 to NC-147.

Both the DurhamWalks! Pedestrian Plan and the Durham Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan call

for pedestrian and bicycle improvements to these four corridors. This project does not include road widening to expand the traffic capacity of the corridors or the intersections within the corridors. This study is a planning project only and no construction activity is associated with the surveying project.

The surveying began March 1 with the Cornwallis Road corridor. The entire study will be completed in 12 months. Residents in these areas should look for mailed notices to further explain the surveying activities that will collect detailed information on all physical features above and below ground on these corridors. Notices for the other project areas will be mailed as the work progresses to the remaining three corridors.

Also in March and April, the City will hold public meetings to describe the design process and invite residents to ask questions and provide input before design work begins. After the design work is complete, the City will

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#### Upcoming City Holidays

Good Friday, Friday, March 29, 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](http://www.durhamnc.gov).*

#### Earth Day Set for Sunday, April 21

Durham residents can "go green" on April 21, and attend a day filled with music, entertainment, green products, art, and hands-on environmental education at the 2013 Durham Earth Day Festival. Sponsored by Durham Parks and Recreation and Keep Durham Beautiful in partnership with NBC 17, this annual event will be held in downtown from noon - 5 p.m. at Durham Central Park, 502 Foster St.

All ages will enjoy music and dance performances at the Main Stage. At the Eco-Lounge, relax and learn what local environmental groups are doing to preserve and enhance the future and health of our community. Children will enjoy the Kids Zone, featuring hands-on environmental activities including crafts, environmental and science activities, and the Earth Day Parade. For information, visit <http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/prd/>.

# 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.

## Fertilize Properly for Clean Water

As your spring lawn and garden projects get underway, remember to carefully follow directions on fertilizer bags. Know the type of grass, plants, and soil you have so that you can provide the right amount of nutrients. To see if your lawn needs fertilizer, pick up a free soil test kit at the Cooperative Extension Master Gardener office, 721 Foster St. Sweep up any excess fertilizer that is left on sidewalks and driveways. Overfertilizing harms waterways by causing too much algae to grow, affecting drinking water supplies and aquatic life. "Like" the Facebook page [www.Facebook.com/DurhamStormwater](http://www.Facebook.com/DurhamStormwater) for more tips.

## How To Dispose of Grease - For Residential Users Only

Do not pour grease down the drain!

- Allow grease to cool to a safe temperature after cooking
- Use a container with a re-sealable lid
- Pour the cooled oil and grease into the container
- Place lid on container and dispose of in the garbage
- Scrape or wipe cookware using a paper towel or spatula into the garbage before washing

Help prevent sanitary sewer overflows. The City of Durham has provided — at no extra cost to residents — a collection container for used cooking oil at the Waste Disposal and Recycling Center at 2115 E. Club Blvd.

## Find Us on Facebook and Twitter

The City now has a new Facebook page and Twitter feed, making it even simpler to stay up-to-date on what's going on with your City government. Simply "like" the City's Facebook page at <http://Facebook.com/CityofDurhamNC> or follow the City's Twitter feed at <http://Twitter.com/CityofDurhamNC>.

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hold additional public meetings to review the recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian facilities in each of these corridors.

For additional information about the surveying study, contact Lee Murphy, PE with Horvath Associates, at (919) 490-4990 or by email at [Lee.Murphy@HorvathAssociates.com](mailto:Lee.Murphy@HorvathAssociates.com), or Michael M. Hughes, PE with the City's Public Works Department, at (919) 560-4326, ext. 30266 or by email at [Michael.Hughes@DurhamNC.gov](mailto:Michael.Hughes@DurhamNC.gov).

## 44th Annual Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival Set for May 18

Durham Parks and Recreation will host its Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at the CCB Plaza, 201 N. Corcoran St. in downtown Durham from noon – 8 p.m. The Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival is one of the oldest cultural festivals and celebrations of music, art and dance in the Triangle area.

This year's festival will feature old school hip hop group Naughty by Nature and K97.5 radio personality Brian Dawson will emcee. There will be activities for all ages including an interactive kid's area, Bimbé Marketplace, entertainment and more. Other highlights include Dawson's Musical Medley: A Voyage through 44 Years of Music featuring some of Durham's finest DJ's.

Volunteers are needed for Earth Day and Bimbé to assist with parking, operations, kid's activities, hospitality and more. For details, call (919) 560-4355 or visit the "Special Events" page at [www.DPRPlayMore.org](http://www.DPRPlayMore.org).

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A person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate in city government activities by contacting the ADA coordinator, voice (919) 560-4197, fax 560-4196, TTY (919) 560-1200, or [ADA@durhamnc.gov](mailto:ADA@durhamnc.gov), as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the event or deadline date.