

Water and Sewer Rate Increases Improve Pipelines and Facilities

City Council has approved water, sewer and stormwater rate increases for fiscal year 2013-14. The water and sewer increases will help fund operations and maintenance of water and wastewater facilities, pipelines and infrastructure.

The average increase for a single family residential water customer is 2.5 percent. In Durham, the average residential customer uses 635 cubic feet per month (or about 4,750 gallons); their monthly water bill will increase by \$1.24 to \$52.26.

The tiered-rate structure will remain in place for single family residential customers. All non-residential customers will continue to be billed at the Tier 3 rate, and

irrigation-only customers will be billed at the Tier 5 rate. Customers are encouraged to adopt more efficient water use habits, because lower usage equals lower water bills. The capital projects funded by the increases will help water and wastewater treatment facilities comply with state and federally-mandated environmental regulations for Falls and Jordan lakes and other state and EPA mandated water quality standards.

For information on water efficient practices, toilet rebates, alternate day watering schedules or to use the online water bill calculator, visit www.DurhamSavesWater.org. To learn more about the capital projects underway, visit <http://durhamnc.gov/ich/as/bms/Pages/Home.aspx>.

The annual stormwater bill could increase between \$3 and \$11 per year for residential customers and about \$100 for average-size commercial customers. For information on stormwater utility fees and the Jordan and Falls Lake rules, visit www.durhamnc.gov/stormwater. Approved increases are set to begin in July.

Upcoming City Holidays

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 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.

Durham Recognizes Winners of Water Conservation Poster Contest

City of Durham Mayor William V. "Bill" Bell and the Durham City Council recognized 10 student-artists from six local schools at a May City Council meeting for their winning interpretations in the City's 2013 Water Conservation Poster Contest.

As part of the City's annual celebration of Drinking Water Week, the young artists received certificates from the mayor for their winning entries in the contest, coordinated annually by the City's Water Management Department. The winning entries were selected from among 377 total entries submitted to the City. The theme for this year's contest was "Reduce Your Water Footprint!"

Winning entries in the grades K-2 division were:

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JobLink Re-Entry Navigation Conference Set

Ex-offenders are invited to the JobLink Re-Entry Navigation Conference on June 10, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch provided). The conference will include pre-employment assistance, motivational opportunities and examples of success. Pre-registration is required for the conference and subsequent job fair on June 13. Participants must complete registration and attend the June 10 conference in its entirety to take part in the exclusive job fair on June 13.

The fair will provide opportunities to talk with hiring employers in a quiet, positive environment. For information, call Christopher Lunsford, workforce development assistant, with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development at (919) 354-2748 or come to the Northgate Mall JobLink Center. Register at www.durhamworkforce.org.

2013 National Night Out Registration Continues

The Durham Police Department's (DPD) registration for 2013 National Night Out (NNO), America's Night Out Against Crime, is under way. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the observance spear-headed annually by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). NNO will be observed Tuesday, August 6, 2013 by an estimated 37 million people and 15,000 communities nationwide.

Durham NNO neighborhood coordinators must register their events with the police department to be included in DPD promotions. Registration is available at www.durhampolice.com. Click on the 2013 NNO 30th Anniversary logo. Registration forms are also available at police substations and headquarters. The deadline for DPD's NNO registration is Monday, July 8, 2013.

Notice Under the Americans with Disabilities Act

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, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the event or deadline date.

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- Emma Burson, 2nd Grade, Trinity School of Durham – First Place
- Ellie O'Connell, 2nd Grade, Immaculata Catholic School – Second Place
- Ava Astilla, 2nd Grade, Immaculata Catholic School – Third Place (tie)
- Weezie Broughton, 2nd Grade, Trinity School of Durham – Third Place (tie)

Winning entries in the grades 3-5 division were:

- Helene Worthington, 4th Grade, Durham Academy – First Place
- Caroline Aldridge, 4th Grade, Durham Academy – Second Place
- Noor Baruah Jerath, 4th Grade, Montessori Community School – Third Place

Winning entries in the grades 6-8 division were:

- Tyara Brand, 6th Grade, Lowes Grove Middle School – First Place
- Chelsea Castor, 8th Grade, Immaculata Catholic School – Second Place
- Brandy Rodriguez, 6th Grade, Carrington Middle School – Third Place

These winning entries represented Durham in a statewide contest sponsored by the North Carolina chapter of the American Water Works Association/Water Environment Association. The following student artists won at the state level:

State level 3-5 division winners were:

- Caroline Aldridge, 4th Grade, Durham Academy – First Place
- Helene Worthington, 4th Grade, Durham Academy – Second Place
- Noor Baruah Jerath, 4th Grade, Montessori Community School – Third Place

State Level 6-8 division winners were:

- Tyara Brand, 6th Grade, Lowes Grove Middle School – First Place
- Brandy Rodriguez, 6th Grade, Carrington Middle School – Second Place
- Chelsea Castor, 8th Grade, Immaculata Catholic School – Third Place

The winning posters can be found online at: <http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/dwm/Pages/Water-Conservation-Poster-Contest.aspx>.

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