

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 budget should mark their calendars now to attend an upcoming "Coffee with Council" meeting or participate in the second annual E-Town Hall.

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 2014-2015 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 scheduled below:

- **Saturday, February 8** from 10 a.m. to noon – Lyon Park Community Family Life and Recreation Center, 1309 Halley St. (PAC 3)
- **Monday, February 10** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Durham Public Schools Resource Center, 2107 Hillandale Road (PAC 2)
- **Saturday, March 8** from 10 a.m. to noon – Campus Hill Recreation Center, 2000 S. Alston Ave. (PAC 4)
- **Thursday, March 13** 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 15** from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - Holton Career and Resource Center's Child Care Center, Second Floor, 401 N. Driver St. (PAC 1)

There will also be two budget public hearings held in
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Upcoming City Holidays

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday - Monday, Jan. 20, 2014

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

Indoors

- Keep kitchen and bath pipes exposed to warm air

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Curbside Christmas Tree Collection

The Solid Waste Management Department will collect Christmas trees from all solid waste customers until March 1. Trees should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on residents' normal household garbage collection day. Residents are asked to leave the tree at the curb for one week before contacting Durham One Call at (919) 560-1200 to report a missed tree collection. Trees taller than six feet should be cut in half. Residents should remove all decorations and hardware, including tinsel, lights, garland, ornaments, nails, and stands. Residents are also asked to not place trees in bags. Trees may also be dropped off at the City's Waste Disposal & Recycling Center at 2115 E. Club Blvd., Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon at no charge until March 1. Customers are asked to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing. Trees delivered after March 1 will be subject to the usual disposal fees.

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conjunction with regularly scheduled City Council meetings. The first public hearing will be held on Monday, March 3 and the second public hearing will be held on Monday, June 2.

In conjunction with the June public hearing, residents are also invited to participate in the second annual E-Town Hall. City Council members will again take part in the interactive event, addressing questions submitted by Durham taxpayers regarding how tax dollars are allocated in the proposed budget and what the priorities are for the upcoming year based on the city manager's budget presentation, which will take place on Monday, May 19. Residents will be asked to submit their questions by May 30 through Facebook at <http://Facebook.com/CityofDurhamNC>, on Twitter at <http://Twitter.com/CityofDurhamNC>, or by email at eTownHall@DurhamNC.gov. Residents can upload a video of their question to YouTube and then share the link by email at eTownHall@DurhamNC.gov.

For information about the Coffee with Council meetings or the second annual E-Town Hall, 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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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.

Tune In To "City Hall This Week"

A half-hour television show on Time Warner Cable\ channel 8, "City Hall This Week" informs citizens about what is going on in City Hall and important issues facing City Council. Log onto www.durhamnc.gov, click on Public Affairs for times.

Watch "CityLife"

"CityLife" is a half-hour television show that informs citizens about Durham City government services, issues, and upcoming events. The program airs three times daily. Log onto www.durhamnc.gov, click on Public Affairs for times.

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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.