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Join Durham City Council for Coffee and Conversation

Community Meetings and Third Annual E-Town Hall Set for 2015-2016 Budget

Durham residents interested in giving their input directly to the City Council on the City's budget should mark their calendars now to attend an upcoming "Coffee with Council" meeting as well as participate in the third 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 2015-2016 fiscal year. The sessions also include a presentation on the

City's budget outlook for the upcoming fiscal year. Residents with ideas or comments on the use of City resources are welcome to attend any of the meetings scheduled below:

- **Monday, February 9** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Durham Public Schools Resource Center, 2107 Hillandale Rd. (PAC 2)
 - **Saturday, February 14** from 10 a.m. to noon – Campus Hills Recreation Center, 2000 S. Alston Ave. (PAC 4)
 - **Thursday, March 12** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30
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Upcoming City Holidays

Christmas, Wed. thru Fri., Dec. 24, 25 and 26, 2014
New Years, Thur., Jan. 1, 2015

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday, Mon., Jan. 19, 2015

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 quarterly 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 by leaving cabinet doors open
- Don't turn the thermostat too low when leaving for

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City Briefs

Durham Begins City Hall & Annex Renovation Project

Much-needed repairs to Durham’s City Hall and Annex began in December and will result in improved comfort for the public and City employees, while creating a more visually appealing exterior. Access to the lobby of City Hall, Council Chambers and the Committee Room will remain open to the public throughout the project as well as access to the water bill drop-off area on the Mangum Street side of City Hall. The drive-thru lane on Mangum Street for the water bill drop-off area will be closed, however. For information, visit <http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/gs/Pages/City-Hall-Exterior-Envelope.aspx>.

How To Dispose of Grease

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

Registration for DPR Summer Camp Begins March 16

This summer, Durham Parks and Recreation will offer a variety of camps to provide kids and teens adventurous and exciting activities in a safe inclusive environment. Camp dates are Monday, June 15 - Friday, August 14 from 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. You will have access to online registration 24 hours a day at www.dprplaymore.org and onsite registration will be available at any DPR facility during operational hours beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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p.m. – City Hall Committee Room, Second Floor, 101 City Hall Plaza (PAC 5; Spanish translation will be provided)

- **Saturday, March 14** from 10 a.m. to noon – Lyon Park Community Family Life and Recreation Center, 1309 Halley St. (PAC 3)
- **Saturday, March 21** 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).

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 2, and the second public hearing will be held on Monday, June 1. In conjunction with the June public hearing, residents are also invited to participate in the third 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 18. Residents will be asked to submit their questions for E-Town Hall by May 29 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 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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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.

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.