



Durham

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Budget Process Continues For Approval of 2015-2016 Spending

Budget Presentation and e-Town Hall Set For This Month

City Council will continue Coffee with Council sessions and prepare for the city manager's budget presentation as it moves toward the June consideration of the 2015-2016 budget.

After a first public hearing on March 2, Council will continue with three remaining March Coffee with Council sessions. On May 18, City Manager Tom Bonfield will present his proposed budget leading up to the second budget public hearing and the third

annual e-Town Hall on June 1. Council Members will again take part in the e-Town Hall, an interactive event addressing questions submitted by Durham residents regarding how tax dollars are allocated and what their priorities are for City spending.

Residents are asked to submit their questions for the 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

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Upcoming City Holidays

Good Friday, April 3, 2015
Memorial Day, May 25, 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.

City Temporarily Changes Water Disinfection Method

Durham residents may notice a slight change in the taste and color of their water during March. Through March 31, the City's Water Management Department will temporarily stop adding ammonia as a part of the water treatment disinfection process in order to meet annual state and federal water requirements.

During this time, only chlorine will be used for disinfection. The department's Water and Sewer Maintenance Division will also begin flushing the entire water system to allow chlorine to disperse throughout the system. Although most of the flushing will be conducted Sundays through Thursdays between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. to minimize the impact, customers should expect to see crews flushing during regular business hours as well.

Residents may notice slight discoloration in their water when crews are working in their neighborhoods. Residents receiving kidney dialysis treatment as well as aquarium and pond owners should continue to take special precautions to remove traces of

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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.

Other Upcoming Parks and Rec Events

Earth Day - April 19 at Rock Quarry Park, 701 Stadium Dr.

Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival - May 16 at Rock Quarry Park, 701 Stadium Dr.

Durham Senior Games - April 13-30

For information, visit www.dprplaymore.org.

Too Much Yard Debris? We're Here to Help

Affordable help is here to help haul away your leaves, grass clippings and tree limbs. Take advantage of our curbside yard waste service for \$72 annually plus \$18 for the cart lease. For information, call Durham One Call at (919) 560-1200.

Beware of Scams Offering Water Bill Discounts

The City reminds customers of scams including individuals pretending to be from the utility companies who contacted residents offering discounts on water bills and asking for account information.

The Water Management Department reminds customers that water bills are never discounted. If you receive a suspicious phone call from someone claiming to be from the Water Management Department, do not share any personal or financial information. Call (919) 560-1200 if you have questions about your water bill.

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a video of their question to YouTube and then share the link by email at eTownHall@DurhamNC.gov.

Coffee with Council Sessions

Thursday, March 12, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - City Hall Committee Room, 2nd 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, Child Care Center, 2nd Floor, 401 N. Driver St. (PAC 1)

For information about the Coffee with Council meetings or e-Town Hall, contact Vivienne Bass by email at Vivienne.Bass@DurhamNC.gov or call (919) 560-4111, ext. 20225.

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ammonia and chlorine from the water prior to using it. Residents should also check their water before washing white clothing. If water discoloration occurs, customers should run their water for a few minutes until it becomes clear. If water discoloration persists, contact the Water and Sewer Maintenance Division at (919) 560-4344. Customers may also wish to collect water for drinking in a container and store in the refrigerator; the chlorine taste and odor will dissipate upon standing for a few hours.

For information on the disinfection process, contact the City's Water Management Department at (919) 560-4381. Questions related to the flushing program should be directed to the City's Water and Sewer Maintenance Division at (919) 560-4344. Information about the City's water treatment and disinfection process may also be found on the City's website at <http://DurhamNC.gov/ich/op/dwm/Pages/Water-Quality-and-Treatment.aspx>.

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.