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Join Durham City Council for Coffee and Conversation

Community Meetings Set for 2016-2017 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.

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 2016-2017 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 (Dates pending Council approval):

Monday, February 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Durham Public Schools Resource Center, 2107 Hillandale Road (PAC 2)

Saturday, February 13 from 10 a.m. to noon - Lyon Park Community Family Life and Recreation Center, 1309 Halley Street (PAC 3)

Thursday, March 10 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)

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Upcoming City Holidays

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday - January 18
Good Friday - March 25

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 the first month of each quarter with the water bill. For the most current information, visit the website at durhamnc.gov.

Winterize Your Home and Avoid the Expense of Broken Water Pipes

Cold weather is coming and there are a number of precautions homeowners and other water customers should do to protect homes from the expense and inconvenience of frozen water pipes. Monitor the weather forecast — especially for freezing temperatures — to be sure you're prepared.

Why Do Pipes Freeze?

Water expands as it freezes and can cause pipes to break. This occurs most frequently in pipes that are exposed to severe cold, like outdoor hose bibs, irrigation lines, and water supply pipes in unheated interior areas.

How can I avoid frozen pipes?

Outside: Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses. Disconnecting hoses from their spigots allows water to

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How To Dispose of Grease

- 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 cooked oil and grease into container
- Place lid on container and dispose of it in the garbage
- Scrape or wipe cookware using a paper towel or spatula into the garbage before washing.

For information, call 919-560-4386 or visit www.DurhamSavesWater.org.

Curbside Christmas Tree Collection

The Solid Waste Management Department will collect Christmas trees from all solid waste customers until Feb. 6. 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. Trees may also be dropped off at the City's Waste Disposal & Recycling Center at 2115 E. Club Blvd., Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to noon at no charge until Feb. 6.

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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 919-560-4196, TTY 919-560-1200, or at ADA@durhamnc.gov as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the event or deadline date.

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Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to noon - Campus Hills Recreation Center, 2000 S. Alston Avenue (PAC 4)

Saturday, March 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Holton Career and Resource Center's Child Care Center, Second Floor, 401 N. Driver Street (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 7 and the second public hearing will be held on Monday, June 6.

City Manager Tom Bonfield will present his budget proposal to City Council on Monday, May 16.

For information about the Coffee with Council meetings, 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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drain from the pipe.

- Close foundation or exterior vents around the house during the cold months to keep cold air out of crawl spaces.
- Shut off and drain irrigation systems. Be sure to winterize the backflow preventer as well.

Inside: Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas. If you have water pipes in an unheated garage or crawl space under the house, wrap them before temperatures plummet. Hardware or building supply stores offer appropriate pipe wrapping materials.

- Seal off access doors, air vents and cracks. Avoid plugging air vents that your furnace or water heater needs for safe operation. Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Know the location of your master water shutoff valve. In many homes, it's where the water line comes into your house from the street. If a pipe bursts anywhere in the house- kitchen, bath, or crawl space - turn off this valve to save or minimize the damage to your property. Find this valve, mark it clearly and make sure everyone in the family knows where it is and what it does.
- When freezing temperatures occur, open kitchen and bathroom cabinets to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- Lastly, don't turn the thermostat too low when leaving for work or extended absences. Keep the temperature set at normal nighttime settings. For information, call 919-560-4381 or visit www.DurhamSavesWater.org.