



Durham

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Police Chief Search Remains On Schedule

The search for Durham's next police chief is on schedule with final candidates being reviewed this month. The original list of 42 candidates was narrowed to six for a two-day assessment center during March that included intensive interviews.

As of late March, two finalists remain and are scheduled to meet with police department staff and with the public in April. The City is still on track to offer the position during April with hopes that the selected candidate could start in May.

The important job of filling this position required a thorough recruitment process with transparency and community input. The process began with input from elected officials, police and residents on the skills and abilities required for the job. Candidates then underwent several rounds of screening before initial interviews. Following a second round of interviews, candidates underwent background investigations. The final step before selection will be a public forum.

Upcoming City Holidays

Memorial Day - May 30
Independence Day - July 4

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.

Earth Day Set For April 23

"Go Green" at Durham's Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 23, sponsored by Durham Parks and Recreation, Keep Durham Beautiful, Inc., and the Herald-Sun.

The event will take place at Rock Quarry Park, 701 Stadium Dr., from noon to 5 p.m. Festival goers are encouraged to carpool, walk, take the bus or ride their bike to the festival. There will be "green" activities and demos; information about many green practices and products at the Sustainability Expo and Earth Art Market; entertainment, food and much more.

Participants can also dispose of old computers, TVs other electronic equipment and more for free from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shred Truck and E-Waste Recycling drop off location on the visitor's side of the Durham County Memorial Stadium, 750 Stadium Dr. Large appliances, refrigerators, air conditioners, or any other appliances that contain Freon will not be accepted. Confidential paper shredding will also be provided on site.

Call 919-560-4355 or visit www.DPRPlayMore.org for details. Like us on Facebook for up-to-date information on DPR programs and activities.

City Briefs

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.

City Lakes Open

Little River and Lake Michie are open for the season now through Nov. 14. Enjoy Durham's lakes Friday - Monday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Water and Sewer Billing Efficiencies Continue; Potential Change in Water/Sewer Bill Date

As part of the City's ongoing efficiency efforts in the water and sewer billing area, we continue to evaluate how to collect water usage data in the most cost effective manner. Full implementation of the automated meter reading (AMR) was just the first step. The number of field staff needed to conduct meter readings has been reduced and you may have also noticed that these employees are driving fuel efficient Prius vehicles to collect data.

The next step is to develop meter reading routes that maximize these efficiencies. How will this affect water and sewer customers? Billing dates may be changed, although the City will make every effort to keep the date as close to the existing period as possible. Customers whose date will change will receive an individual notice of what to expect. For information, visit the City's website at durhamnc.gov/1028/Customer-Billing-Services.

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Durhamnc.gov/ManagersReport

Social Media
Durhamnc.gov/1190/SocialMedia

Durham Youth Commission Seeks Applicants

April 30 Deadline To Apply

Durham youth who want a voice in their City government are invited to apply to serve on the Durham Youth Commission.

Interested youth are encouraged to download an application and apply to serve a one-year term on the 2016-2017 commission, which consists of 30 members from grades 9-12 chosen by a selection committee composed of City staff, peers and Durham residents.

Durham Youth Commission members commit to a one-year term of service; serve on City boards and committees as appointed and attend all meetings of those boards and committees; complete 40 hours of community service during their term of service; as well as attend and actively participate in all meetings, service projects, and special events sponsored by the commission.

Durham youth interested in submitting an application must reside within Durham County; express an interest in contributing to the greater well-being of Durham; commit to 100 percent participation in all activities; demonstrate leadership in school and/or community activities; and complete the required application with two reference letters postmarked by Saturday, April 30, 2016.

Completed application packets should be mailed to the City of Durham Office on Youth, attention Durham Youth Commission, 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, N.C. 27701. Applications can be found online at durhamnc.gov/1354/Durham-Youth-Commission.

Your City - Your Station
Durham Television Network
TW Cable Ch. 8 and ATT U-verse Ch. 99

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.