



# Durham

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## CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

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# Join Durham City Council for Coffee and Conversation

### **Community Meetings Set for 2017-2018 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 mem-

bers on budget priorities for the 2017-2018 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):

PAC 3 - Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. to noon - Lyon Park Community family Life and Recreation Center, 1309 Halley St.

PAC 2 - Monday, February 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Durham Public Schools Resource Center, 2107 Hillandale Rd.

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### Upcoming City Holidays

Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday - January 16

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](http://durhamnc.gov).

### Protect Your Pipes! Home Winterization Tips

Winter has definitely arrived. Don't let the "Old Man" wreck your home by freezing – and potentially bursting – your home's plumbing pipes.

Take steps now to winterize your home by tackling these simple DIY tips.

#### Preventing Frozen Pipes Inside

Frozen water can crack and tear plumbing systems. Prevent this by following these tips:

- Wrap pipes with insulation. Hardware stores sell pipe wrap that you can cut to size. Use this wrap to cover pipes, especially in unheated spots like your garage and crawl space.
- Open cabinet doors underneath kitchen and bathroom sinks. This allows warm air to circulate around the plumbing.

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# City Briefs

## Neighbor Spotlight

Have a neighbor who has gone above and beyond to improve your neighborhood? Say thanks by nominating them for the Neighbor Spotlight Award. Winners are recognized during a City Council meeting and receive a lawn sign to recognize their contribution. For information, visit <http://durhamnc.gov/2886/Neighbor-Spotlight>.

## Raise Hope - Foster Dreams

Have a safe and nurturing home? You could help change the life of a child. Learn about becoming a foster parent with Durham County DSS. Call 919-560-8092 or email [fosterdreams@dconc.gov](mailto:fosterdreams@dconc.gov).

## Durham Senior Games - More Than Just Competition

If you are 50 years old or better and never fulfilled your dream to win the gold, it is not too late. From April 17 - May 4 mature adults can display their athletic and artistic abilities and compete in the Durham County 2017 Senior Games and Silver Arts. Early registration begins Feb. 6. For information, visit [durhamnc.gov/2781/Durham-Senior-Games](http://durhamnc.gov/2781/Durham-Senior-Games).

## New Live Christmas Tree Curbside Collection Procedures

The Solid Waste Management Department has new procedures and a new collection timeframe for curbside collection of Christmas trees. Non-yard waste customers must contact Durham One Call at 919-560-1200 to submit a "Christmas Tree Collection" request between Jan. 3 and the end of business on Feb. 2. The request will be added to a collection route on Jan. 14, 28 or Feb. 4. Yard-waste customers may place their tree on the curb between Jan. 3 and Feb. 2 to be collected. Residents can also bring their tree to the Waste Disposal and Recycling Center at 2115 E. Club Blvd. between Jan. 3 and Feb. 4. For information, visit [durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13218](http://durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13218).

## 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, or at [ADA@durhamnc.gov](mailto:ADA@durhamnc.gov) as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the event or deadline date.

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PAC 5 - Thursday, March 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Council Committee Room, City Hall, 101 City Hall Plaza (Spanish translation available).

PAC 4 - Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon - Campus Hills Recreation Center, 2000 S. Alston Ave.

PAC 1 - Saturday, March 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Holton Career and Resource Center, Child Care Center, 2nd Floor, 401 N. Driver St.

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 6, and the second public hearing will be on June 5.

City Manager Tom Bonfield will present his budget proposal to City Council on Monday, May 15.

For information about the Coffee with Council sessions, contact Vivienne Bass in the Budget and Management Services Department at [Vivienne.Bass@durhamnc.gov](mailto:Vivienne.Bass@durhamnc.gov) or call 919-560-4111, ext. 20225.

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- Allow faucets to drip slowly so that water can't stagnate or "pool" inside exposed pipes.
- Keep your home warm enough. If you're leaving for an extended period, keep the thermostat programmed at your usual nighttime setting.

Outdoor plumbing components are often at an even greater risk due to exposure. Take the following preventative steps:

- Disconnect, drain, and properly store hoses.
- Close foundation, crawl space vents.
- Shut off and drain your irrigation system. Don't forget the backflow preventer!

It's important to know the location of your master water shutoff valve and how to operate it. This valve can often be found where the main water line enters the house from the street. If you experience a frozen or burst pipe, turn off this valve immediately to prevent further damage to your home.

For information, call Durham Water Management at 919-560-4381, or visit [DurhamSavesWater.org](http://DurhamSavesWater.org).