



# Durham

News and Information from the City of Durham

## CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

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### City Debuts New On-Street Parking Meters

Finding parking in Durham's bustling downtown is now easier thanks to the installation of new on-street parking meters.

The new metered parking features 1,000 spaces located throughout downtown. The meters include a combination of single-space meters and multi-space pay stations, which will accept credit card, cash and coin payments and be compatible with Passport's pay-by-phone app. The on-street hourly parking rate is \$1.50 per hour and many spaces will have a time limit enforced during peak usage hours to encourage faster turnover.

Thomas Leathers, parking management division administrator, said the new on-street meters were a recommendation of the City's Comprehensive Parking Study to encourage much-needed turnover of vehicles to meet growing demand. "If you've been downtown lately, you've seen just how busy it is and how scarce our on-street parking has become," Leathers said.

To help educate parkers on how to use the single-space parking meters and multi-space pay stations, the ParkDurham website at [www.parkdurham.org](http://www.parkdurham.org) features a variety of "how-to" videos as well as a downloadable parking guide and street map.

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### Hose Bibb Vacuum Breakers Protect Water Quality

Garden hoses are often connected to bibbs for outdoor watering needs. Current plumbing codes require these bibbs to have a vacuum breaker to help protect water quality.

Hose bibb vacuum breakers (HBVB) help ensure that potentially contaminated water in a hose does not flow backwards into your home and the public water supply. An HBVB prevents backsiphonage by allowing air into the plumbing system, not contaminated water.

Help protect your plumbing and everyone's water by following these simple steps:

- Check your hose bibb to ensure vacuum breakers are installed.
- Over time, breakers wear out and should be

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#### Upcoming City Holidays

Good Friday - April 14  
Memorial Day - May 29

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).

# City Briefs

## Canine Field Day Set for May 6

Enjoy a day in the park with your furry friend on Canine Field Day May 6 at Rock Quarry Park, 701 Stadium Drive from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 919-560-4355 or visit [www.dprplaymore.org](http://www.dprplaymore.org)

## 48th Annual Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival Set for May 20

Parks and Recreation will host its award-winning Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival on May 20 from noon to 8 p.m. at Rock Quarry Park, 701 Stadium Drive. The festival is one of the oldest cultural events with music, art and dance in the Triangle area. For information, call 919-560-4355 or visit [www.dprplaymore.org](http://www.dprplaymore.org).

## Rock The Park Concert and Movie Series

Parks and Recreation offers a summer series including concerts and movies in a beautiful setting - Durham's parks. Sit back, relax and enjoy family and friends while listening to music or watching a movie. For a schedule, visit [www.dprplaymore.org](http://www.dprplaymore.org) or call 919-560-4355.

### Be Smart When Disposing 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 cooled oil and grease into a container.
- Place a lid on the 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.

## 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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The City also offers four centrally located parking garages and three surface parking lots with the same easy-to-use payment system and an affordable \$1.25 hourly rate. Leathers said there is no time constraint on these parking spaces.

In addition to the new on-street metered parking, special event parking in the City's parking garages has increased from \$3 to \$5 per hour. This increase is needed to offset the cost of providing maintenance and security in the parking facilities.

For information, visit [www.parkdurham.org](http://www.parkdurham.org).

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replaced.

- Do not leave your bibb running for extended periods.
- Never install valves downstream of an HBVB.
- Do not connect a permanent irrigation system to a bibb.

For information, contact the Cross Connection Control staff at [cccprogram@durhamnc.gov](mailto:cccprogram@durhamnc.gov) or call 919-560-4194.

## Reminder: Lawn Watering Limited to Three Days Per Week

Even when water supplies are adequate, being water efficient is a great way to wisely use a precious resource.

Now that spring is here, the Department of Water Management reminds customers that Durham has a year-round set of restrictions for outdoor irrigation. This schedule allows all customers to water up to three days per week based on their address.

Customers with odd addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Customers with even addresses may water on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.

No watering is allowed anytime between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For information on the watering schedule, visit <http://durhamnc.gov/1114/Odd-Even-Watering-Schedule>.