



Durham

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CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

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Conversations to Address Community Issues and Priorities

Durham city and county governments, along with Durham Public Schools, will hold a series of three community discussions in January and February to gather input to examine issues and trends with Durham residents.

Each community meeting will address a different topic. Elected officials and staff from each organization will be there to hear from residents.

The meetings are set for:

- Public Safety – Saturday, Jan. 27 at 9 a.m. at the Durham Convention Center, 301 W. Morgan Street.
- Affordable Housing, Transportation and Human Services – Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Durham County Human Services Complex, 400 E. Main Street
- Education and Economic Development – Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m., Location TBD

“We’re excited to offer a holistic way to discuss community priorities. Residents will hear from every organization that impacts each topic area,” said Budget and Management Services Director Bertha Johnson. “We hope this leads to better

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Upcoming City Holidays

Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday - January 15
Good Friday, March 30

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.

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.

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Tax Preparers Needed

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Durham County is seeking volunteers to assist with tax preparation services offered at several locations during the 2018 tax season. Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, (VITA), program, RSVP provides free tax services to low income and senior Durham County residents. Training is provided. For information, contact the RSVP Coordinator, Paula Reif, rsvp@durhamtech.edu, 919-536-7247 or visit <https://www.durhamtech.edu/rsvp/freetaxassistance.pdf>.

Summer Camp and Fun With DPR

Durham Parks and Recreation offers a variety of camps to provide kids and teens adventurous and exciting activities in a safe, inclusive environment. Camp dates are June 18 - Aug. 17. Visit <http://durhamnc.gov/2777/Summer-Camps> for information.

Curbside Collection of Live Christmas Trees

Non-Yard Waste customers must contact Durham One Call at 919-560-1200 to request a curbside collection of their live Christmas tree. All service requests must be received no later than the end of business on Feb. 1. Once received, service requests will be scheduled for the next available Saturday collection on either Jan. 13, Jan. 27, or Feb. 3. Visit <https://durhamnc.gov/832/Solid-Waste-Management> for information.

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, 919-560-4197 or fax 919-560-4196, 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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answers to resident questions and helpful feedback for all of our government organizations.

Representatives from the City Council and Board of Commissioners will introduce the sessions, followed by presentations from City and County budget staff on how tax revenues support services throughout the community. Attendees will take part in an interactive session to generate ideas and identify priorities in each topic area. Feedback from all sessions will be compiled, analyzed, and shared with the public on City and County government websites.

For information, visit the City's website at durhamnc.gov or call the City's Budget and Management Services Department at 919-560-4111.

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- Open cabinet doors underneath kitchen and bathroom sinks. This allows warm air to circulate around the plumbing.
- 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!

For information, call Durham Water Management at 919-560-4381, or visit DurhamSavesWater.org.

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