



# Durham

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### Planning For Durham 150 Underway For Winter, Spring Events

Residents, businesses and government will join together over the coming year to honor Durham's sesquicentennial – 150 years celebrated with activities and community events that mark Durham's rich history and exciting future.

The events will attract residents, visitors, and entrepreneurs, exploring social issues with events that focus on the city's ideals of inclusive-

ness and shared prosperity that will help Durham thrive into the next century.

The city will kick-off its Durham 150 effort on Dec. 8 highlighted by the unveiling of the program's visual identity during the City's Christmas Parade. Winter planning will engage stakeholders from throughout the city to plan an opening event during April that will feature music and Durham history. A closing event is then planned for October for a community-wide celebration.

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#### Upcoming City Holidays

Veterans Day, Nov. 12  
Thanksgiving, Nov. 22 and 23  
Christmas, Dec. 24, 25 and 26

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).

### Celebrate The Holidays In Durham With Two Events

Mark the beginning of the holiday season on Saturday, Dec. 8 in downtown Durham at Durham's Holiday Parade and Fun Fest.

Join us for the Holiday Parade at 10 a.m. as dynamic floats, hometown bands, drill teams, schools, community groups and more make their way down Main Street. The parade will conclude with a special guest appearance by Santa.

The Holiday Fun Fest will be held from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Blackwell Street between Morehead Avenue and West Lakewood Avenue. Participants will enjoy snow sledding, pony rides, inflatable bounce houses, arts and crafts activities, visits with Santa, train rides, music and more.

Participants and volunteers are needed. If you want to participate in the parade, visit [www.DPR-PlayMore.org](http://www.DPR-PlayMore.org) or call 919-560-4355.

# City Briefs

## **Hallow-Eno**

Join us for an evening full of fun at the 30th Hallow-Eno observance on Wednesday, Oct. 31, beginning at 6 p.m. at West Point on the Eno. For details, visit [DPRPlayMore.org](http://DPRPlayMore.org).

## **Senior Holiday Party (for ages 55 or better)**

Participants will celebrate the holiday with an evening of food, fun, dancing, fellowship, and more on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center, 4700 Emperor Boulevard. Tickets will be available for purchase on November 1. The cost is \$15 for city residents and \$20 for non-city residents. Call 919-560-4355 or visit [DPRPlayMore.org](http://DPRPlayMore.org) for details.

## **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 at [rsvp@durhamtech.edu](mailto:rsvp@durhamtech.edu), 919-536-7247.

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

## **Durham 150 from Page 1**

Durham 150 planners are looking to involve many groups in the sesquicentennial such as neighborhoods, universities, civic groups, schools, faith-based groups, the Hispanic community, festivals, businesses, and sporting events.

The Durham 150 organizing committee is looking for volunteers to help make this happen. There are committees such as finance, fund-raising, communications, historical content and events. If you have some expertise and are looking to be a part of this exciting venture, apply at <https://durh.am/150committees>.

## **Annual Sewer System Report Now Available**

Each year, the City prepares a report outlining its wastewater treatment processes, compliance with permit conditions, and maintenance activities in the collection system. Also included is a list of reportable sanitary sewer overflows that occurred during the most recent fiscal year. This report is available at <http://durhamnc.gov/archivecenter/viewfile/item/3097>. Customers may also contact the Department of Water Management at 919-560-4381. To view Durham County's annual report, visit <http://www.dconc.gov/home/showdocument?id=26176>.

## **Durham Begins New Participatory Budget Process**

Participatory budgeting is coming to Durham! Want to take part? The City is kick starting its first ever participatory budgeting cycle. Residents will have an opportunity to directly decide how to spend \$2.4 million dollars. Email [pb-durham@durhamnc.gov](mailto:pb-durham@durhamnc.gov) for information and to learn about volunteer opportunities.

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