



Durham

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Ideas and Conversations Equal Participatory Budgeting

After working through the idea collection, brainstorming and project development phases, Participatory Budgeting, PB Durham, will now evaluate ideas to determine their feasibility over the coming months.

City Council committed \$2.4 million for projects suggested by the community. A steering committee appointed by council created the rules in partnership with the Budget and Management Services Department to ensure the process is

inclusive and meets local needs.

Ideas were submitted through public meetings, online tools, and resident discussions. Through April, staff and volunteers, called budget delegates, will evaluate the ideas to determine feasibility, need, and impact.

The City received more than 450 ideas for this initial effort. Volunteers have attended more than 50 community events, 10 festivals, and 30 community meetings engaging more than 2,000 residents since November 1.

Durham residents submitted a wide array of ideas. The most supported ideas included "Sidewalks for Safety," a project to install sidewalks in the Berini Drive area of the city - <https://pbdurham.mapseed.org/idea/4962>. The "Barnes

Upcoming City Holidays

Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday - January 21
Good Friday, April 19

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.

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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

RSVP of Durham County will be offering free tax preparation assistance for Durham community members who generally make less than \$54,000 per year or are over age 60. Tax preparation services are first come, first served, with no appointments. VITA sites are open February 1, 2019 – April 15, 2019. Locations and schedule can be found at: <https://www.durhamtech.edu/rsvp/free-taxassistance.pdf>

Join Us for Our Durham 150 Celebration

How are you planning to celebrate Durham's sesquicentennial? Durham 150 is charged with spearheading efforts to recognize the Bull City's past, present and future with a year of 150+ events, activities and community engagement opportunities to celebrate the City of Durham's 150th anniversary! You can now learn more about this year-long celebration at <https://durham150.org> and follow @DurhamNC150 on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to stay up-to-date on all the #Durham150 activities planned in 2019. Plus, save the date for Saturday, April 13 for our opening event!

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. 12, Jan. 26, 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

Dance with Street Mural' would include the installation of signalling and a street mural to make diagonal crossing more inviting - <https://pbdurham.mapseed.org/idea/4571>. A third project would install playground equipment and a picnic shelter at Southern Boundaries Park - <https://pbdurham.mapseed.org/idea/4761>. "Douglas for all - Job Creation and Maternal-Child Health improvement in one." This project would train under-employed and unemployed people in communities to hone their caregiving skills to assist pregnant women in their community - <https://pbdurham.mapseed.org/idea/5405>. "Sidewalks on Hope Valley Road" would provide more sidewalks for pedestrians in the Hope Valley Road area of the city - <https://pbdurham.mapseed.org/idea/4957>.

The proposal development phase will run through April 2019. The remaining projects will then be placed on a ballot for a public vote in May.

For information, visit www.pbdurham.org, email pbdurham@durhamnc.gov or call 984-227-3395. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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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.

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

How to Dispose of Grease

Do not pour grease down the Drain!

- Use a container with a re-sealable lid
- Pour the cooled grease into the container
- Place lid on container and dispose of in trash
- Scrape or wipe cookware using a paper towel or spatula into the trash.