



CITY OF DURHAM DIGEST

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Durham 150 Celebration to Kickoff April 13 and Continue All Year



On April 13, 2019, Durham will begin a citywide, yearlong celebration of its 150th anniversary of incorporation. Community members and visitors are encouraged to participate in activities throughout the year including the April 13 kickoff from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at American Tobacco Campus. Hear from Mayor Steve Schewel and enjoy birthday cake and live entertainment while learning about Durham’s rich history of innovation and regeneration.

LEARN MORE:

- Attend the Kickoff Celebration: April 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at American Tobacco
- Visit durham150.org for the full calendar of events and ways to get involved

Play More With DPR!

Durham Senior Games

April 15 – May 3

Various Durham locations

Olympic style event to promote year-round health for participants 50+ years old. Events include visual arts, track and field, table tennis, basketball, swimming, and more.

Earth Day

Sunday, April 28, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Durham Central Park

Enjoy “green” activities including an Earth Day market; bike valet and check ups; document shredding; rock climbing wall; family fun zone, parade, and more!

50th Annual Bimbe Cultural Arts Festival

Saturday, May 18, 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Rock Quarry Park

This national award winning festival is a celebration of African and African American history, culture, and the arts.

LEARN MORE: Call 919-560-4355 or visit www.DPRPlayMore.org

Survey Shows Resident Satisfaction at All-Time High

The results from the 2018 Durham Resident Satisfaction Survey show that 85 percent of residents feel that Durham is a good-to-excellent place to live, which is up 4 percent from last year, making it the highest all-time rating achieved since this survey began 13 years ago.

The survey was conducted in partnership with Durham County Government and Durham Public Schools to reveal how residents feel about Durham as a community. “The survey provides an ongoing opportunity to touch base with our residents – in a statistically sound way – to find out what they think of our community and the services provided by their two local governments and public education system,” said City Manager Tom Bonfield. “The overall results provide a picture of, not only resident satisfaction, but also how we should view community-wide priorities.”

A major theme that emerged from the survey indicated that, compared to other large cities with populations of 250,000 or higher, Durham is setting the standard for the overall quality of City-provided services and customer service from City employees, both rating 63 percent, which is 28 percent and 19 percent above the national benchmark average, respectively.

LEARN MORE: To view the full survey report, visit bit.ly/DurhamResidentSurvey18

Community-wide priorities identified for improvement:

- Public Schools
- City Street Maintenance
- Police Protection
- GoDurham Public Transit
- Ease of Travel Within Durham
- Pedestrian Facilities

CITY HOLIDAY: City Hall and non-emergency offices will close on Good Friday, April 19 ★ **DURHAM ONE CALL:** For info about City holidays, garbage collection, or other City services, contact Durham One Call at 919-560-1200 or visit durhamnc.gov/onecall ★

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