



# CITY OF DURHAM DIGEST

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## Affordable Housing Bond on November Ballot

Last February in his State of the City address, Mayor Steve Schewel highlighted the need for more housing for Durham’s low-to-moderate income residents. After thoroughly evaluating the need, City Council voted to move ahead with a \$95 million housing bond referendum on the November 5, 2019 ballot.

The \$95 million bond would be combined with \$65 million from local and federal funding for a total of \$160 million to fund the City’s five-year affordable housing plan. The plan aims to significantly increase the city’s quantity of affordable housing by working closely with Durham Housing Authority to:

- Build 1,600 new affordable housing units and preserve 800 affordable rental units
- Move 1,700 homeless individuals and households into permanent housing
- Provide 400 affordable home ownership opportunities for first-time homebuyers
- Help 3,000 low-income renters and homeowners remain in or improve their homes

If Durham voters approve the bond, city property owners will incur an initial tax rate impact of an additional 1.6 cents per \$100 of assessed property value to repay the debt. That’s about \$37 more per year added onto an annual tax bill of \$1,219 on a house valued at \$229,246, the median house value for homes in the city.

**LEARN MORE:** Find information on the Bond Referendum at [bit.ly/housing-bond](http://bit.ly/housing-bond).

## Make NC Count: Census 2020 Timeline

During the 2020 census, the Census Bureau will count every person living in the U.S. — regardless of citizenship or immigration status. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. The 2020 count will be the first one to allow all U.S. households to respond online. Most households can start participating around mid-March, when letters with instructions will be sent to 95 percent of homes. Find timeline details below.

### CENSUS 2020 TIMELINE - What You Will Receive in the Mail

On or between	You’ll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	<b>If you haven’t responded yet:</b>
March 26–April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

**LEARN MORE:** Visit [census.nc.gov](http://census.nc.gov) to learn more and make sure you are counted!



DURHAM COUNTY  
Board of Elections

## 2019 Municipal Elections in Durham County

The Durham County Board of Elections will administer municipal elections for the City of Durham on October 8th (Primary) and November 5th (Election). City of Durham residents will be eligible to vote in these elections. The Board of Elections has also approved polling place changes for Precincts 16, 19, 48, and 53-2. New voter cards will be mailed to affected voters!

**LEARN MORE:** Be sure to visit the Durham County website for more information at [www.dcovotes.com](http://www.dcovotes.com).

## FY 2018-2019 Annual Sewer System Report Now Available

Each year, the City of Durham prepares a report outlining our wastewater treatment processes, compliance with permit conditions, and maintenance activities in the collection system. Also included is a list of reportable sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) that have occurred during the most recent fiscal year. This report is available to all customers and is submitted to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

**LEARN MORE:**

- The latest report is now available at [bit.ly/CityWastewater](http://bit.ly/CityWastewater).
- Customers may also contact Water Management staff at 919-560-4381 for more information.
- To view Durham County’s annual wastewater treatment plant report, please visit [bit.ly/CountyWastewater](http://bit.ly/CountyWastewater).

**CITY HOLIDAYS:** City Hall and non-emergency offices will close for: Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 & 29; Christmas, Dec. 23, 24, 25 ★ **DURHAM ONE CALL:** For info about water bills, garbage collection, or other City services, call 919-560-1200 or visit [durhamnc.gov/onecall](http://durhamnc.gov/onecall) ★ **FIND US ONLINE:** Visit [durhamnc.gov](http://durhamnc.gov) and follow @CityofDurhamNC on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

## CITY BRIEFS

**ENGAGE**Durham  
Our Future Together

### Help Plan Our Community!

How would you make Durham an even better place for the future? How can our bus system be improved? Discuss these questions and more at our Listening and Learning Workshops during the week of November 18th. There will be four sessions scheduled for you to share your ideas about the future of Durham in a fun and interactive way. Meeting dates, times, and locations will be shared soon on the project website.

**LEARN MORE:** Visit [ENGAGEDurham.com/ComprehensivePlan](http://ENGAGEDurham.com/ComprehensivePlan).

### Take A Survey, Enter to win \$100, and Help the City!

Help the Durham Water Management Department and the Innovation Team better understand how Durham residents interact with water bills and experience water cutoffs. Take a quick, online Water Survey in English or Spanish now through November 30. Completing the survey enters you into a drawing for one of three \$100 gift cards. No matter where you live in the city, we want to hear from you!

**LEARN MORE:** Take the survey at [bit.ly/durhamwater](http://bit.ly/durhamwater).

### Be Part of The Durham 150 Closing Ceremony

The Durham 150 Closing Ceremony Presented by Duke University and Duke Health will take place on Saturday, November 2 from 7:30-10 p.m. at DPAC. This culminating event of Durham 150 will explore the history of Durham through narration, video, live performance and music — it's not to be missed! Get your tickets today at [DPACnc.com](http://DPACnc.com).

**LEARN MORE:** Explore Durham's sesquicentennial at [durham150.org](http://durham150.org).

## Holiday Fun from Durham Parks & Recreation

Get the whole family into the holiday spirit with these special events.



### Barktoberfest (Free)

Saturday, Oct. 26, 3-6 p.m.,  
Durham Central Park (501 Foster St.)

Canine residents and their families can enjoy a costume contest, a beer garden, pet-friendly organizations and vendors, food vendors, and more!



### Hallow-Eno (Free)

Thursday, Oct. 31, 6-9 p.m.,  
West Point on the Eno, 5101 N. Roxboro Rd.

This event for all ages will feature campfire stories and songs, hayrides, treats, face painting, arts and crafts, and more! Rain or shine. For more information, call 919-471-1623.

### Remembrance Day (Free)

Saturday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Vietnam Veterans Memorial Site at the Edison Johnson Recreation Center, 500 W. Murray Ave.

Remember and honor the men and women who fought for our country. Come share memories and enjoy music and refreshments.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Sheraton Imperial, 4700 Emperor Blvd.

Celebrate the holiday with an evening of food, fun, fellowship, and more. Each participant will receive a special holiday gift. Tickets will be available for purchase on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

### Celebrate the Holiday in Durham (Free)

Two events on Saturday, Dec. 14: Holiday Parade along Main St. at 10 a.m.; Holiday Fun Fest from 1-4 p.m. on Blackwell St.

Celebrate the holiday season with a dynamic parade featuring floats, hometown bands, and a special appearance by Santa. Stick around for the Holiday Fun Fest with snow sledding, pony rides, visits with Santa, crafts, train rides, and much more.

### LEARN MORE:

- Learn about these events and more at [dprplaymore.org](http://dprplaymore.org) or (919) 560-4355.
- Follow @dprplaymore on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.



## Residents Can Enjoy Select DPAC Shows for \$20

This fall, DPAC continues its DPAC for All program, offering a select number of reserved \$20 seats exclusively for residents of Durham. Tickets are currently available to many performances in the upcoming season, including Disney's Aladdin, A Bronx Tale, White Christmas, RENT, and Summer: The Donna Summer Musical.

DPAC for All tickets must be purchased in person at the Blue Cross NC - Ticket Center at DPAC, located at 123 Vivian Street. Tickets will be available until one month before each event or while supplies last.

**LEARN MORE:** Visit [dpacnc.com](http://dpacnc.com) to find the schedule of upcoming shows.