



CITY OF DURHAM DIGEST

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Quarterly Updates from the City of Durham ★ durhamnc.gov

City Council Appoints Wanda Page as City Manager

On March 15, City Council unanimously voted to appoint Wanda Page as the new City Manager. The appointment follows Page's six months of service as interim city manager.

"Wanda is a consummate professional, with vast experience, rock-solid judgment, and a deep knowledge of local government and our community. Furthermore, she has earned the respect and support of the organization and community as a trusted leader, not just over the past six months, but during her entire tenure in City government," said Mayor Steve Schewel.

Page joined the City of Durham in 1987 and has worked in a variety of senior roles including assistant finance director/controller, internal audit director, assistant city manager, and deputy city manager.

LEARN MORE: Find details and updates at bit.ly/DurhamCityManager.



"I look forward to working together with you – our City Council, employees, residents, and community partners – with a spirit of transparency, inclusion, and accountability."

City Manager Wanda Page



COVID-19 Vaccine Information from Public Health Partners

Tested, safe, and effective COVID-19 vaccines will help us get back in control of our lives and back to the people and places we love. A free vaccine will be available to all who want it in the coming weeks and months. Please continue to wash hands, wear a mask, and stay six feet apart as vaccines are distributed.

The following resources will help you find your vaccine group, vaccine locations, and vaccine FAQs:

NC Department of Health & Human Resources (NCDHHS)

- covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines

Durham County Department of Public Health

- dcopublichealth.org

Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

- cdc.gov/coronavirus



Budget Process Underway for FY2021-2022

The City is in the process of developing the budget for the fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. In February, City departments presented their budget priorities to City Council in a series of budget retreats, and are now working to develop their departmental budgets.

At the May 17 City Council Meeting, the City Manager will present the proposed budget to City Council for feedback. The public will have an opportunity to give input on the budget at a public hearing held on June 7, with Council voting on the budget on June 21.

LEARN MORE: View budget documents and learn more about the process at: durhamnc.gov/204.



Planning for Durham's Future Together

The Community Goals and Objectives for Durham's new Comprehensive Plan have been revised to help guide Durham's future growth and development. Thank you to the over 850 residents who provided input to make sure the goals and objectives reflect the needs and priorities of residents. Staff has incorporated your input and the Community Goals and Objectives are now in the formal process of adoption, starting with a Planning Commission meeting on April 27 at 5:30 p.m. Find the meeting agenda and more information about the adoption process at:

EngageDurham.com/comprehensive-plan.

LEARN MORE: Find more ways to engage at bit.ly/CompPlanEngage, email engagedurham@durhamnc.gov, or call (919) 560-4137 ext. 28270.

This newsletter provides a quarterly snapshot—visit durhamnc.gov for the latest news.

CITY HOLIDAYS: City Hall and non-emergency offices will close for: Good Friday, April 2; Memorial Day, May 31; Juneteenth, June 18 ★
DURHAM ONE CALL: For info about water bills, garbage collection, or other City services, call 919-560-1200 or visit durhamnc.gov/onecall
★ **FIND US ONLINE:** Visit durhamnc.gov and follow @CityofDurhamNC on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

CITY BRIEFS

City Launches Better Bus Project to Improve Rider Experience

The City's Transportation Department launched the Better Bus Project, a \$1.5M initiative to design sidewalk, bus stop, and street improvements. Over the coming year, GoDurham riders will experience better reliability, comfort, convenience, and safety.

LEARN MORE: For more information, visit bit.ly/godurhambetterbus.

Participatory Budgeting (PB Durham) Is Back For Round Two

Last year, over 10,000 residents participated in our first PB Durham cycle by submitting ideas and voting on community projects to fund. This year, PB Durham will fund COVID-19 relief assistance. City Council approved \$1 million for Durham-connected nonprofit and community organizations directly serving residents impacted by the pandemic and addressing issues contributing to racial, economic, and social injustices in Durham. Residents will have the opportunity to vote on proposals in May 2021.

LEARN MORE: Visit pbdurham.org.

Hearing Durham's Young People

The Office on Youth (OOY) spent the last year listening to young people to hear how we can make Durham a better place for them. The Youth Listening Project Report is here, and the OOY invites you to check it out to learn more about the project and the needs and dreams of Durham's young people.

LEARN MORE: View the report at durhamnc.gov/4423.

Sidewalk Inventory Underway

With over 600 miles of sidewalks in Durham, sidewalks are a vital way that we connect to work, play, and community. The City is conducting an assessment and inventory to look at existing conditions and help make decisions on where sidewalks should be repaired or replaced, places where new sidewalks should go, and how to make the use of sidewalks safer.

LEARN MORE: For more information, visit engagedurham.com/sidewalks.



Play More with Durham Parks & Recreation (DPR)

DPR has you covered with opportunities for wellness and recreation!



City Lakes Open for Recreational Boating and Fishing

Season runs through Nov. 8; Lakes are open Fri.-Mon., 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, Lake Michie and Little River have limited capacity and patrons must use a lottery system to get a permit. Find details online.

Celebrate Earth Day with DPR

Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Durham County Memorial Stadium Parking Lot

Enjoy concerts and conservation talks from the comfort of your car, or bring chairs to sit near your vehicle in the space provided. Volunteers needed!

Mature Adults Go for Gold with Senior Games and Silver Arts

Events take place between April 26-May 18 at various locations

This event promotes year-round health for participants ages 50 years old or better to compete in a wide-range of athletic and artistic activities.

Bimbe Cultural Arts Celebration is Back!

Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Durham County Memorial Stadium Parking Lot

DPR will host its award-winning Bimbé celebration in a unique, safe, and socially-distanced way. Find details and FAQs online. Volunteers needed!

LEARN MORE:

- For details about these programs, visit dprplaymore.org or call 919-560-4355.
- Follow @dprplaymore on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.



Are You Following the Odd-Even Lawn Watering Schedule?

Did you know that Durham has year-round, mandatory restrictions for outdoor irrigation? This schedule allows customers to water up to three days/week based on address:

- Odd-numbered addresses may water once on Tues., Thurs., and Sat. either before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- Even-numbered addresses may water once on Sun., Wed., and Fri. either before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- No watering may occur between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day.
- No watering may occur on Mondays.

LEARN MORE: DurhamSavesWater.org.



Join the Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

By saving water, you can help our community save valuable resources, energy, and money. Join us for the national mayor's challenge for water conservation from April 1-30. Save water by using a refillable water bottle, fixing a leaky faucet, or turning off the water while brushing your teeth. You can help conserve water for our community AND win great prizes. Let's show other cities across how Durham takes care of our planet.

LEARN MORE: Visit mywaterpledge.com to take the pledge today.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVEN	NONE	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD