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Give Input on the City's Budget for 2022-2023

The City is now planning and developing our fiscal year 2022-2023 budget to fund the many programs and services you expect from your local government, including garbage collection, access to safe water, public safety, parks and recreation, and so much more. This important process involves City Council, our 27 City departments, and valuable input from community members. Below are upcoming opportunities to follow the process and share your feedback.

- **May 16, 7 p.m.:** City Manager presents the proposed budget at the regular City Council Meeting
- **May 25 & 26, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.:** Further presentations/discussions at Special City Council Work Sessions
- **June 6, 7 p.m.:** Public hearing on the proposed budget at the regular City Council Meeting
- **June 21, 7 p.m.:** Adoption of the budget at the regular City Council Meeting

★ **LEARN MORE:** For more about the budget process, visit durhamncgov.info/budget22; For ways to watch or comment at City Council meetings visit durhamncgov.info/watch



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Customer Alert: Potential Water Payment Scam

Our Durham One Call customer service center and Water Management Department have received reports that customers are receiving calls demanding payment for their water or utility bill. Customers should be cautious if contacted by an unverified person claiming to be a City representative. The City will never ask a customer to provide a credit card or pre-paid debit card number over the phone.

★ **WHAT TO DO:** If you receive a call demanding payment, please hang up and contact Durham One Call at 919-560-1200 to report the call and verify your account balance.



Process Underway to Fill City Council At-Large Vacancy

Durham City Council is in the process of selecting a finalist to fill the At-Large Council Seat for the unexpired term of former City Council Member Charlie Reece who resigned on March 7 to relocate with his family outside of Durham. On May 2 at 4 p.m., Council will interview finalists during a special meeting. Then, on May 3 at 6 p.m., Council will conduct a public comment period during a special meeting, and will then make its final selection. All submitted applications and meetings will be available for the public to view.

★ **LEARN MORE:** For more about this process and how to participate, visit durhamncgov.info/vacancy22.



Survey Measures Resident Satisfaction & Priorities

Results from the 2021 Resident Satisfaction Survey show that 82% of residents who interacted with City employees were either very satisfied or satisfied with the courtesy of employees. Residents' top priorities for improvement to City services over the next two years are police protection and maintenance of city streets. This annual survey provides an ongoing opportunity to find out what city residents think of the community and the services provided by their City government.

★ **LEARN MORE:** View the full report to learn how residents feel about public safety, affordable housing, and more at durhamncgov.info/survey21.

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



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UPCOMING CITY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

- ★ Good Friday, April 15
- ★ Memorial Day, May 30
- ★ Juneteenth, June 20

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CITY BRIEFS

DPAC Offers Specially Priced Seats Exclusively for Durham Residents

This spring, DPAC for All continues, offering a select number of reserved seats starting at \$15 (+ taxes) exclusively for residents of Durham. Tickets are currently available to *Jersey Boys*, *Peppa Pig's Adventure*, *Diana Krall*, and more. DPAC for All tickets can be purchased by phone at 919-680-2787 or in person at the Blue Cross NC - Ticket Center at DPAC, located at 123 Vivian Street.

★ **LEARN MORE:**

Visit durhamncgov.info/dpac-for-all

Carolina Theatre of Durham Invites You to Family Saturday Series

Carolina Theatre's Family Saturday Series happens once a month and focuses on high quality, affordable arts experiences that introduce young audiences to the magic of live performances, music, storytelling, and magic.

★ **LEARN MORE:** For details visit durhamncgov.info/family-series.

City Begins Paving Project for Unpaved Streets

Residents living on 31 sections of unpaved roads in Durham will soon enjoy smooth, paved streets thanks to a construction project that kicked off in March. The work is part of a 10-year plan developed based on a 2019 condition study of the unpaved roads.

★ **LEARN MORE:** For more information, visit durhamncgov.info/unpaved-roads.

Help Shape Durham's Future Through the Comprehensive Plan

Progress continues on Durham's new Comprehensive Plan, the long-range plan that decides what can be built in Durham and where. Groups of residents and City staff have been working together to draft Policies for the new Comprehensive Plan over the last few months. These Policies will provide guidance and instructions on how to create the kind of Durham residents want to see. Engagement opportunities on these Policy recommendations will be available from late April through June!

★ **LEARN MORE:** For details, visit engagedurham.com/comprehensive-plan.



Play More with Durham Parks & Recreation (DPR)

For details about the following programs and more, visit dprplaymore.org or call 919-560-4355.

Lake Michie & Little River Lake Open for Recreational Boating & Fishing

Season runs through Nov. 7; Lakes are open Fri.-Mon., 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For lake fees and details to plan your visit, go to DPRPlayMore.org/360.

Mature Adults Go for Gold with Senior Games and Silver Arts

Events take place between April 11–May 9 at various locations in Durham

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.

Enjoy a Day in the Park with Your Dog at Canine Field Day

Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Walltown Park, 1308 Club Blvd.

Register your dog for the Skyhoundz disc competition or watch as a spectator. All attendees and their furry friends can enjoy games, an agility zone, and more!

Celebrate Earth Day with DPR

Saturday, April 24, 12-5 p.m.; Durham Central Park, 501 Foster St.

Enjoy a day filled with a mix of music, food, hands-on environmental education activities, and much more. Volunteers needed—visit dprvolunteers.ivolunteer.com!

Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival and Re-Opening of Rock Quarry Park

Saturday, May 21, 1-7 p.m.; Rock Quarry Park, 701 Stadium Dr.

This family-oriented event celebrates African and African American history, culture, arts, and traditions. Volunteers needed—visit dprvolunteers.ivolunteer.com!

★ **FOLLOW DPR:** Find @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.

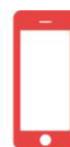
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Get assistance with water bills, garbage collection, and other City services:

Submit Online
at durhamnc.gov/OneCall



Call (919) 560-1200
(English or Spanish)



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