



Durham News Notes

 *Spring 2017*

How much do you know about the City you live in? Find the answers on the City's website under the News Updates tab.

So, What's There to Know About Durham? Take the Trivia Challenge

1. How big is Durham?
 - a. 0.5 square miles
 - b. 2 square miles
 - c. 5.0 square miles
2. How many people live in Durham?
 - a. Approximately 1,000 people
 - b. Approximately 2,000 people
 - c. Approximately 5,000 people
3. How many dogs and cats live in Durham?
 - a. 265 dogs and 221 cats
 - b. 500 dogs and 200 cats
 - c. 400 dogs and 479 cats
4. Where do Durham residents and businesses get their water?
 - a. Durham City well
 - b. Rivergrove Water District
 - c. City of Tigard Water
 - d. City of Tualatin Water
5. What type of development is NOT allowed in Durham?
 - a. Industrial uses
 - b. Churches
 - c. Retail stores
 - d. Mobile home parks
6. True or false? A portion Durham Road is located within the City limits.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. True or False? The City of Durham maintains Upper Boones Ferry Road.
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. Which police department responds to emergencies in Durham?
 - a. Tigard Police Department
 - b. Tualatin Police Department
 - c. Lake Oswego Police Department
 - d. Washington County Sheriff's Department
9. Who do you contact to report a streetlight outage in your neighborhood?
 - a. City Hall
 - b. PGE
 - c. Oregon Department of Transportation
10. True or false: The City sweeps the streets.
 - a. True
 - b. False
11. Where do I go to get construction, plumbing, or mechanical permits?
 - a. Durham City Hall
 - b. Tualatin City Hall
 - c. Tigard City Hall
 - d. Lake Oswego City Hall
12. True or False: The City enforces neighborhood Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs).
 - a. True
 - b. False
13. Durham property taxes are:
 - a. higher than the surrounding communities
 - b. the same as the surrounding communities
 - c. lower than the surrounding communities
 - d. Durham residents don't pay property taxes
14. The City's annual general fund expenditures are approximately:
 - a. \$478,000
 - b. \$825,000
 - c. \$2,300,000
 - d. \$4,100,000
15. Police services account for what percentage of the City's general fund expenditures?
 - a. 10%
 - b. 30%
 - c. 50%
16. How many tree removal permits did the city approve last year?
 - a. 62
 - b. 89
 - c. 197
 - d. 286
17. I can mow my lawn or use power tools outside:
 - a. between 7AM to 9PM, Monday through Friday; and, 9AM to 7:00PM on Saturdays and Sundays
 - b. between 8AM to 8PM, Monday through Friday; and, 10AM to 6:00PM on Saturdays and Sundays
 - c. There are no restrictions on using power tools
18. True or False? The City is responsible for fixing sidewalks.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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Free Bulky Waste Disposal Day



Do you have something you want to get rid of but it's too big to fit in your roll cart? The City has scheduled a **FREE** bulky waste pick up day for **Saturday, May 6**. Pride Disposal will pick up and haul away bulky stuff such as mattresses, appliances, microwaves, dismantled swing sets, planting pots, plastic patio furniture, and small amounts of wood not longer than 5 feet at no charge to you.

The trucks will not accept tires, TVs, personal computers or electronics, metals larger than 3' x 3', propane bottles, normal garbage or recycling, hazardous waste, or yard debris.

Please have your items curbside by **6:00am**.

Call Pride for specific questions about items.

503-625-6177.



Tualatin Post Office

The Tualatin Post Office held a community meeting last month to discuss options for relocation. Currently, they are considering a new location behind Dutch Brothers Coffee on Tualatin-Sherwood Road. The USPS is accepting comments on the proposed relocation until April 21, 2017. Mail comments to: U.S. Postal Service, Attn: Greg Shelton-Tualatin OR, 200 E Kentucky Ave, Denver, CO 80209-9950.

Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in your Home

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless and colorless gas that can cause sudden illness and death. It is created when fuels such as gasoline, wood, charcoal, and petroleum products burn incompletely. CO alarms alert you and your family when there are dangerous levels in your home. Alarms can be purchased at any home improvement store.

SAFEGUARD YOUR HOME

Install and maintain CO alarms to provide early warning. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory. CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Know the difference between the sound of your smoke alarms and the sound of your CO alarms.

CO poisoning happens when you breathe too much of the gas. What makes CO so dangerous is that when you breathe it, it replaces the oxygen in your blood. Without oxygen, cells throughout the body die and the organs stop working.

Symptoms of CO poisoning include slight headache, dizziness, nausea, drowsiness, confusion, irritability and unconsciousness.

CAUSES OF CO POISONING:

- Operating poorly maintained or unvented furnaces, boilers, and other fuel-burning equipment.
- Using gas stoves or ovens to heat the home.
- Clogged chimneys and heating exhaust vents.
- Running cars, generators, or gas-powered tools in enclosed areas.

If your CO alarm sounds, immediately evacuate your home and call 911.

Test Your Irrigation System

Durham property owners with irrigation systems are required to have their backflow prevention device tested each year by **June 1**. If you have an automatic irrigation system, then you have a backflow prevention device.

Backflow testing is done by certified private companies who set their own rates. Testing costs range from \$25 to \$50. A link to certified companies can be found on the Durham website.

The test providers will submit the results to the Tigard Water Department within 10 days. If your backflow device is broken, you will need to repair and retest it immediately



Summary of Recent Activities

- The Council re-elected Gery Schirado to serve as Durham mayor and Chris Hadfield to serve as council vice president for one year.
- The Council reappointed Brian Goddard and Patricia Saab to the Planning Commission for additional 4-year terms. Goddard was selected by the Planning Commission to serve as the chair. Krista Bailey was selected to be the vice chair.
- The Council appointed Julie Atwood and Emily Baker to serve on the Planning Commission for 4-year terms. Both live in Kingsgate.
- The Council appointed Joan Pasley to a three-year term on the Budget Committee. Pasley lives in Kingsgate.
- The Council voted to extend the lease on City Hall for 5 years.
- The Council authorized an IGA with Washington County to control mosquitos in Durham.

Monthly Meetings
City Council—4th Tuesday of
the Month

Planning Commission—1st
Tuesday of the Month

Both meetings start at
7:30pm at Durham City Hall.

City Negotiating Water Agreement



Since 1994, the Cities of Tigard, King City, Durham, and the Tigard Water District have had a joint agreement to provide drinking water to residents of the Tigard service area. The current water agreement expires in 2018. The City of Durham has been negotiating a new agreement with the City of Tigard. In February, the cities reached a general agreement representing a common understanding of principles. The next step is to translate the general agreements into an intergovernmental agreement. It is the intent of the City Council to ensure a lasting supply of clean drinking water for Durham residents by continuing a partnership with the Cities of Tigard, King City, and the Tigard Water District, and providing continued representation to the Tigard City Council on water-related issues. Councilor Keith Jehnke has taken the lead on discussions between Durham and Tigard.

Durham Disaster Preparation Meeting a Success

Thank you to the nearly 70 Durham Community neighbors that attended our Family Preparedness & Disaster Planning meeting in March. Our presenters included Chris Hadfield, Durham City Council President; Lt. Jarod Whitney, TVFR; Sgt. Jeremy Renkin, Tualatin Police; Cynthia Valdivia-Washington County Public Works; Monique Roberts, Washington County 9-1-1; Steve Morris, Tigard CERT; and Ralph Hughes, Map Your Neighborhood. Each presenter built upon the urgency of Disaster Preparations. A favorite quote of the evening, "YOYO-You're On Your Own."

We are also grateful for those who expressed interest in receiving more information, volunteered to be on our committee, or expressed interest in becoming CERT trained. Watch for our new column in the quarterly Durham Newsletter. We will include disaster information including tips from NW Natural Gas, How to Register for Alerts, How to Prepare your Supply Kits, etc.

Our next focus is the Map Your Neighborhood program. This will help us organize a timely response when 911 is not available. In the event of a catastrophic event, the first responders will be YOU and YOUR Neighbors. We have identified roughly 30 "Clusters" (10-14 homes each) to gather and identify the skills and resources they are willing to share with neighbors in such an event. Thanks to the 20 Durham residents who have volunteered to host a Map Your Neighborhood meeting with their neighbors! We still NEED volunteers to host the 1.5-hour MYN presentation in the following areas: Afton Commons, Withywindle, Whitfurrows, mid-Arkenstone, mid-Kingfisher, west Kingfisher, 80th Place, mid Peters Road, west Peters Road, north UBFR, and south UBFR.

If you are willing to host a cluster in one of these areas, please email lindahobbs4242@gmail.com or call 503-516-0436. Let's keep this momentum going!!! Committee Co-Chairs: Judy Arthur, Barbara Bracken, Linda Hobbs



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Durham News Notes is written and published by City staff. We welcome information and contributions that may be of interest to Durham residents. The newsletter is published by the 15th day of the first month of each quarter. Deadline for inclusion is the 5th of the month. Archived newsletters are available online or at City Hall.

Historic Pictures of Durham on View at City Hall

Durham residents are invited to City Hall to view historical pictures of the City. The pictures were put together by Barb Bracken for the anniversary picnic last year. Drop by to see them if you missed them at the picnic.

Citizen Parks and Recreation Committee

The City continues to seek residents to serve on a new **Parks Advisory Committee**. If you are interested, please contact City Hall. The Park Committee will help guide the update of the City’s Comprehensive Park Plan. The Committee will meet monthly for approximately 6 months. The first meeting will be May 2. Meeting times will be in the evening.

No Soliciting Signs are available for download from the City’s website

Durham is often subject to unsolicited door-to-door solicitors. The City has an ordinance that limits the hours of solicitors can ring your door from 8 am to 9 pm. The ordinance requires that they obtain and carry a copy of a current valid City Business License and prohibits them from soliciting where a home has a “No Solicitors” sign posted. Download a “No Soliciting” sign from the City’s website to post at your front door.

Garage Sale Spring cleaning always increases interest in a Durham city-wide garage sale. This year the sale will be July 7 & 8. A volunteer will post large signs on UBFR. Come to City Hall in June to borrow a yard sign. Mark your calendar, get cleaning and join the neighborhood fun.

Tualatin Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 15 at 2:00pm at the Tualatin Community Park. The Lions Club has partnered with Boy Scout Troop 530. Children will be divided into 4 age groups. Fresh popped popcorn, soda and water will be for sale. Please bring non-perishable food donations.

Portland Japanese Garden



Beginning in April, the Portland Japanese Garden’s Cultural Crossing expansion officially opens to the public. Visit the new buildings designed by world-renowned architect Kengo Kuma, the beautiful new garden spaces designed by Sadafumi Uchiyama, and the Umami Café. One of the standout structures is the authentic, medieval Castle Wall found the west end of the Portland Japanese Garden’s new Cultural Village. The Portland Japanese Garden is one of the most authentic Japanese gardens outside Japan. With demonstrations taking place weekly, guests will be able to partake first-hand in Japanese culture.