



# Durham News Notes

 Summer 2017

## Neighbors Launch Durham's Map Your Neighborhood Program



In the event of a catastrophic event, police, fire, and emergency medical responders are likely to be overwhelmed with incident responses. Because of potential disruptions to roadways and communication systems, emergency responders may not be able to reach you quickly. Understand that the first responders during a major disaster will be YOU and YOUR neighbors.

To help Durham residents prepare, neighborhood leaders are focusing on implementing the Map Your

Neighborhood (MYN) program throughout Durham. This program is designed to help residents know the nine steps to take following a disaster to secure your home and to protect your neighborhood. To implement the MYN program, neighborhood leaders, Barb Bracken, Linda Hobbs and Judy Arthur have identified 30 "clusters" of seven to 14 homes. Each cluster has one or two volunteer "host households" who will contact all of the households in their cluster and invite them to a MYN meeting.

At this meeting, a MYN volunteer will show a video and will guide residents to:

1. learn the 9 steps to take immediately following a disaster;
2. help neighbors identify skills and supplies each neighbor has that would be useful in an effective disaster response;
3. create a neighborhood map showing the locations of natural gas meters and propane tanks; and
4. learn which neighbors have children, pets, disabilities or are elderly who may need special attention and assistance.

A special thanks to Barbara Bracken for hosting a meeting in early May for "Cluster Hosts" so that they could learn more about the program. Since then, several MYN cluster meetings have been completed with great success! These meetings provide a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors, especially those you may not have met or have not gotten to know well. MYN volunteer leaders hope to have at least half of the cluster meetings completed by the end of the summer and all clusters completed before Thanksgiving. If you have not heard from your cluster host yet, you will in the coming weeks. We still have three clusters that do not yet have a host. If you live on 81st Pl or the west end of Ellman, the middle of Peters Rd or on Upper Boones Ferry Rd south of Bridgeport Rd and would be willing to step up and host a meeting please contact [dbrac2@aol.com](mailto:dbrac2@aol.com).

MYN leaders recommend that residents get CERT training. What is CERT? CERT is a 7-week course that covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not immediately available. Currently Durham has four citizens CERT trained but in the event of a disaster, the more people that are trained the better for our community. Both Tigard and Tualatin will be conducting training in the fall. To learn more or register go to their websites.

## September is Emergency Preparedness Month

KGW will be collaborating with the Red Cross during September to provide information regarding Emergency and Disaster Preparedness. Find out more about the Red Cross *Prepare Out Loud* event on the Portland Red Cross website - [www.redcross.org/local/oregon/news-events](http://www.redcross.org/local/oregon/news-events)

**The three most important things that everyone should do to prepare for an emergency are:**

1. **Keep up-to-date medical cards for everyone in the household and post them on the refrigerator;**
2. **Make sure smoke detectors are operational; and**
3. **Learn hands-only CPR.**

## Driving in Oregon – Two-Way Left Turn Lanes



Upper Boones Ferry Road is a busy road during the afternoon commute. It is tempting to use the left turn lane to bypass the traffic clog to get up to turn left signal at the intersection. However, it is illegal to travel in a two-way left turn lane. Instead, drivers should enter the lane just before making the turn. Once you there, wait in the left turn lane until traffic clears and you can complete the turn. You may turn from a side street or driveway into a two-way left turn lane and stop to wait for traffic to clear before moving into the travel lane to your right. But always make sure the left turn lane is clear in both directions before entering the lane. It is illegal to use the turn lane to speed up and merge with traffic or for passing cars to get to the left turn light at an intersection.

### Intersections

Stop signs, yield signs, and traffic signals control the flow of traffic at busy intersections. At an intersection with a stop sign, steady red signal, or flashing red signal, you must stop before the marked stop line or crosswalk, if there is one. If there is no stop line or crosswalk, stop before the unmarked crossing area before entering the intersection. Always yield to pedestrians, bicycles, and traffic in the intersection when making an allowed turn. After stopping, if you are unable to see traffic coming from your left and right, slightly pull forward and scan the area.

Even if you have a green light, do not enter an intersection unless there is room for your vehicle on the other side. It is illegal to block an intersection. Blocking the intersection disrupts timed traffic signals causing backups all the way down the line and is frustrating for all drivers.

## Parking Cars in the Neighborhoods

Summer is the time for projects, parties, visitors, and vacations. With family, friends, and workers coming and going, parking cars in neighborhoods can be a challenge. Here are the rules for parking on the city streets:

- You cannot park in any manner that obstructs the free flow of traffic.
- If you park on the road, you must park in the direction of travel for that side of the road.
- You cannot block driveways or mailboxes.
- No parking is allowed:
  - On the north side of SW Woody End between 30 feet and 160 feet west of the intersection with SW Rivendell Drive;
  - Along Afton Lane from Upper Boones Ferry Road to 20 feet past the west end of the island, and
  - On Upper Boones Ferry Road.
- You cannot park a camper, motor home, or vehicle exceeding 8000lbs on any residential street between 9PM and 7AM.
- No business park overflow parking is allowed in the residential zone. Parking in neighborhoods is allowed for residents, visitors, and business vehicles servicing the area.
- You cannot park a vehicle on the road to repair it.
- You cannot park on a sidewalk or planting strip.
- Vehicles can only be parked on the road for 48 hours. After that, you need to move it.

Drivers parking in cul-du-sacs should maintain unobstructed emergency vehicle access to homes. Any violations of the parking statutes should be reported to the police on the non-emergency number (503-691-4800).



## Summary of Recent Activities

- The Council adopted a City budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 of \$2,912,938.
- The Council approved a contract to resurface Brandyshire and Thistlebrook Courts. Resurfacing was completed in June.
- The Planning Commission approved five tree removal applications.
- The Planning Commission approved the 2017 Community Park Survey. The Commission will discuss the survey results at the regular October 3, 2017 PC meeting.
- The July 25, 2017 City Council meeting was canceled.

**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.**

## 2016 Water Quality Report

Durham's drinking water comes from two high-quality sources — the Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Treatment Plant and the Portland Water's Bureau Bull Run Watershed.



The Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Treatment Plant withdraws water from the Clackamas River near Gladstone.

The Bull Run Watershed is a surface water supply located in the Mt. Hood National Forest. The PWB switches to its groundwater source, the Columbia South Shore Well Field, in cases of emergency, high demand or compromised water quality. All water received from PWB is unfiltered.

During periods of high water demand, Tigard supplements the water supply with water from city-owned aquifer storage and recovery wells and a native groundwater well.

Tigard's water providers monitored over 200 regulated and unregulated contaminants, which include pesticides and radioactive contaminants. No violations of EPA standards occurred in 2016. Fluorine is not added to the water.

To view the whole report, go to the City of Tigard's website and search "2016 Water Quality Report".

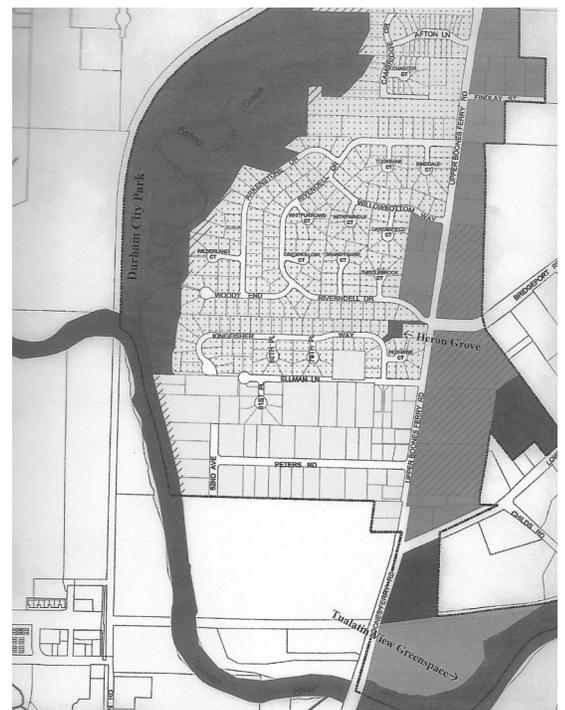
## Community Park Survey Under Way

Last year, the City Council initiated an update to the 2005 Park Plan. As part of the update, the City is conducting a survey of Durham residents to find how City parks are being used and what improvements the community would like. The community survey is enclosed in this newsletter. The City will accept one survey per household. There are three ways to complete the survey and return it to City Hall.

1. Complete the enclosed paper survey and return it to City Hall by mail, email, or drop-off.
2. You can download the survey from our website [www.durham-oregon.us](http://www.durham-oregon.us) and email back to [cityofdurham@comcast.net](mailto:cityofdurham@comcast.net).
3. Complete and submit the survey via Google Forms using a computer or smartphone. Access the Google Form survey version from the News Updates section of the Durham City website or go to:

<https://goo.gl/forms/7NogENTlxXKBsQMg1>

Because only one survey per household will be accepted, you must include your address to complete the survey. The survey will close on August 15, 2017 and the results will be posted on the City's website. The Planning Commission will discuss the results of the survey at the October 3, 2017 meeting. The public is invited to attend.





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### Be Prepared, Not Scared

Jump Start Your Emergency Preparedness

What: **Community Preparedness Fair**

When: **Friday, July 21, 2017 from 6-9 p.m.**

Where: **Cook Park** -- Grassy area near the butterfly garden (restrooms nearby)

This is a free event offering hands-on activities, demonstrations, and presentations on various emergency preparedness topics. Enjoy live music & food samples! Learn how to:

- Turn off your utilities
- Cook without electricity or gas
- Make an emergency preparedness kit
- Purify water
- Communicate with HAM and two-way radios
- Access the "Map Your Neighborhood" and "CodeRed" Programs.

Sign up cell phones to get emergency alerts. Landlines are automatically enrolled for reverse 911 alerts however residents need to self-register cell phones and email addresses. To do this go to [www.publicalerts.org](http://www.publicalerts.org)

### Tigard Farmers Market Farm to Table Dinner

Join the Tigard Farmers Market for their first annual Farm to Table Dinner experience **Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** from 6:00 PM to 9:00 on the lawn of the historic Fanno Creek House in Tigard.

Celebrate with the 25th anniversary of the Tigard Farmers Market and Tigard's agricultural roots. Enjoy a delicious crafted menu by De Angelos Catering where all the food and beverages are locally sourced from Tigard Farmers Market vendors and local farms.

This event will include a cocktail reception with a signature cocktail or your choice of beer or wine, appetizers, a three course meal with wine or beer, live music and small silent auction.

Tickets cost \$85 per person. Tables of 8 and sponsorships are also available. Pre-registration is required. Go to the Tigard Farmers' Market website to register. [www.tigardfarmersmarket.org](http://www.tigardfarmersmarket.org)

### Crawfish Festival

**Saturday, August 5 – 10:00am to 10:00pm**

Live music, the Crawfish Crawl half marathon/5K/relay, kids activities, and, of course, crawfish! This year's event will also feature fireworks on Saturday night. A family tradition since 1951.