



Durham News Notes

Summer 2018

Mayor Dedicates Peace Pole in Heron Grove Park



The Durham Peace Pole says, "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in English, Spanish, Japanese, and the local Native American language, Chinook Wawa.

On a slightly chilly Saturday morning in June, Mayor Gery Schirado dedicated a Peace Pole in Heron Grove Park. In his dedication, Mayor Schirado remembered city founder, Bill Gilham, whose memorial bench is next to the Peace Pole. "Bill was a man of peace and love for all humanity," Mayor Schirado said, "Bill would be pleased, proud, and honored to have Durham's Peace Pole share his silent, sentinel space.

Neighbors from Heron Grove, Rivendell, and Afton Commons and members of the Gilham family were present.

A Peace Pole is a handcrafted monument that displays the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth" on each of its four sides, in different languages. There are tens of thousands of Peace Poles in 180 countries all over the world dedicated as monuments to peace. The Tigard Rotary Club sponsored the placement of the pole in Heron Grove as part of a broader campaign to plant 100 Peace Poles in the area.

Take Five to Survive

The Winter and Spring newsletters included suggestions for things to purchase and activities to do in order to be as prepared as possible in case of a natural disaster. Get a complete list of things to purchase and activities to complete on the Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Safety tab of the Durham website. Below you will find additional ideas to help you "Be Prepared, Not Scared".

Purchases:

- Two commercial 5-gallon plastic buckets for sanitary waste
- Toilet seats that fit on buckets
- OAA or GMRS weather radio
- Water filter
- Plastic tarp, bungee cords
- Duct tape
- Toys & activities for children and pets

Activities:

- Begin a cash stash (small bills)
- Store sanitary waste instructions in buckets
- Take a free HAM radio class or go online
- Arrange for pick up and care of your children and pets in case you are not at home when a disaster occurs
- Find out about your workplace disaster plan. Share it with your family
- Put toys & activities in your kit

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Map Your Neighborhood

Many citizens will be hearing from their cluster host regarding a time to get together a second time to reacquaint all cluster members, meet new cluster neighbors (or those who were unable to attend your original MYN gathering) and to update contact and supplies/equipment information. If you are interested in becoming a HAM radio operator (most likely the only reliable way to communicate during a disaster) or being trained as a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) member, Tualatin is offering free classes. To find out more about these classes please email TualatinHAM@gmail.com or TualatinCERT@gmail.com.

Tips for Keeping Cool When Its Hot Outside

What To Do During an Extreme Heat Event



- Know the signs of heat-related illnesses.
- Use a spritzer to mist yourself frequently. As the water evaporates, it cools you.
- Stay indoors on the lowest floor possible. Have fans on in the room you are in to increase sweat evaporating from your skin.
- When outdoors, wear lightweight, light-colored clothing and a hat. Use sunscreen with SPF 30+. Sunburns slow your skin's ability to cool itself.
- Set your air conditioner thermostat no lower than 78°. While running the ac, shut your fireplace damper to prevent hot outside air being sucked inside.
- Fans don't cool a room, they just move air around. So fan strategically. If the day's heat is trapped inside your home, ventilate when the temperature drops below 77°. Face fans pointing outside in upstairs windows to suck warm air out of the house and pull cooler air in from open windows downstairs. Set your ceiling fans to rotate counter-clockwise.
- Keep interior doors open to maximize cool air circulation throughout your home. You want air to flow freely through rooms and through the entire house. Great air-flow means a cooler home.
- Keep your garage door shut during the hottest part of the day. Don't park hot cars in your garage. Wait until the evening, when your car has cooled off, to pull into the garage. Keep your car locked if parked outside.
- Consider going to an air-conditioned mall or cooling center during the hottest part of the day. During an extreme heat event, the **Tualatin Public Library** will keep the lobby and community room open extended hours. Check the website for specific days and times.

What's That Noise?

With summer in full swing, power tools, parties and overly excited pooches can make the neighborhood a noisy place. Your consideration in maintaining neighborhood tranquility is always appreciated! Keep in mind the City's noise rules:

- Quiet hours are between 9 pm and 7 am.
- Small building projects, repairing, mowing and use of power tools for normal maintenance may occur between 7am and 9pm, Monday through Friday; and, 9 am to 7 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Construction activities, including excavation, demolition, alteration of a building, may occur between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday; and, 9 am to 7 pm on two Saturdays per month. Construction activities are not allowed on Sundays.
- Put barking dogs inside.



Juanita Pohl Advisory Committee Seeking Durham Resident

The City of Tualatin is seeking a Durham resident to serve on the Juanita Pohl Center Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee serves to represent the needs and interests of older adults in Tualatin and Durham. The Committee meets every other month at 10:00 am at the Center. The next meeting is July 18. For more information, please contact Sara Shepherd, Juanita Pohl Supervisor at sshepherd@tualatin.gov or 503-691-3014.

Summary of Recent Activity

- ◆ The City recorded an easement to install two new street poles at the north end of Upper Boones Ferry Road.
- ◆ The City Council adopted the 2018 Durham Park and Recreation Plan.
- ◆ The City Council approved the 2018-2019 budget.
- ◆ The City Council accepted a grant from ODOT to repave Afton Lane this summer.
- ◆ The Planning Commission fined a homeowner \$1,035 for cutting down two trees without a permit.
- ◆ The 2017 Annual Water Quality Report is available online at www.tigard-or.gov/wqr. Drinking water in Durham met or surpassed all regulatory requirements.
- ◆ The City permitted the Crawfish Festival midnight relay race through Durham park on Aug 3. Runners will run around the dog field all night long. The trail will be lighted.

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.

Washington County Adding Vehicle Registration Fee Beginning July 1

Washington County residents will begin paying a new vehicle registration fee starting July 1, 2018 when they renew their vehicle registration. County Commissioners adopted the fee to provide a dedicated source of funding to maintain county road pavement and to address critical bridge and culvert safety deficiencies. Cities will receive a pro rated share of the fee for road and bridge maintenance. The fee adds \$30 per year for passenger cars. A typical passenger car 2-year registration fee is \$112, plus the \$60 from Washington County. The fees for motorcycles, trailers, heavy trucks, and other vehicles can be found on www.co.washington.or.us/VRF.

2018 City Council Election

Two positions on the Durham City Council are expiring this fall. Residents interested in running for City Council have until **August 24, 2018** to file a petition to be placed on the November Ballot. The General Election will be November 6, 2018.

Filing Qualifications

- Registered to vote in Oregon.
- Durham resident continuously since November 6, 2017. Councilors must continue to live in Durham while in office.
- To be placed on the ballot, potential candidates need to be nominated by a petition signed by at least ten Durham registered voters. The required forms must be filed at City Hall by 10:00 am on August 24.
- There is no filing fee for City Council offices.

About the City Council

The City Council includes five councilors. Positions are nonpartisan. Councilors also serve on the City Budget Committee along with citizen appointees. Councilors are elected at large for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2022. The Council meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at Durham City Hall. Councilors must file an annual Statement of Economic Interest with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

How to File for Candidacy

If you are interested in running for office, contact City Hall to review the process, paperwork, and deadlines for filing a prospective petition. Prospective Petitions must be filed with the City Recorder by 10:00 a.m. on August 24, 2018.

City Seeking Input on a New Play Structure for the Park

The play structure with the yellow slide in Durham Park will be decommissioned this summer and a new structure will be installed next summer. The City is seeking suggestions on the type of replacement. You can email your suggestions to cityofdurham@comcast.net.



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National Night Out Aug 7 Tualatin Crawfish Fest

Join the annual National Night Out celebration. Start planning your neighborhood block party now.

Each year, residents in neighborhoods across the nation, lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police in the spirit of getting to know one another.

Neighborhoods can host a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, contests, youth activities, emergency preparedness and anti-crime activities.

If you have planned a National Night Out celebration for your neighborhood, register with the Tualatin PD and they will do their best to have officers and McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog make a visit!

The Tualatin Crawfish Festival is Aug 3 and 4.

Go Friday evening (\$5, Youth under 12 are free) to Tualatin Community Park for some great music.

Come back Saturday (\$5, Youth under 14 are Free) for a fantastic line-up of musicians, kids Watermelon & adult Crawfish Eating Contest, the CrawKID Zone, local vendors, and—of course—crawfish!

The Twilight 5K and Relay Run/Walk Crawfish Crawl starts at 7:00 pm on August 3 and goes through the night.



Tualatin River History Day



July 28th is Tualatin River History Day at the Tualatin Heritage Center. Stroll through the beautiful Heritage Center grounds and historic building from 10am to 2pm. Learn how people once worked and played on the river. Old

photographs and artifacts like the restored Swan Boats, antique pedal boats, will be on display. Listen to oral history storytellers and local musicians. This event is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served. The Tualatin Heritage Center is located at 8700 SW Sweek Drive in Tualatin. Cosponsored by the Tualatin River Keepers.