



# Durham

# News Notes



Winter 2021

## The Resiliency Project: Durham

### Resiliency Project Upcoming Dates:

**Sat, Jan 30th:** City Movie Night

**Fri, Feb 5th:** Deadline to Enter Movie Night Raffle (Winners to be announced Mon, Feb 8th)

**Mon, Feb 22nd:** Art Submission deadline

**Sat, Mar 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th,** 9 am - 12 pm: Donuts @ Durham City Hall

2020 has been quite a year! The City of Durham, along with our neighboring cities of Tualatin, Tigard, Sherwood, and King City, have formed the Resiliency Project in an attempt to provide some fun activities in a safe and inclusive way.



**City Art Project:** In December we sent out a flyer for our 1st Resiliency Project activity, which was a Community-Wide Art Project to create some new street banners for Upper Boones Ferry Road. We are extending the deadline for art submissions to **February 22nd!** You can drop off your drawings at City Hall, between 9 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday. Please email [assistant.cityofdurham@comcast.net](mailto:assistant.cityofdurham@comcast.net) or call City Hall if you have any questions. As a reminder, we ask that you follow these guidelines when making your design:

- Drawings should reflect the Durham community and what's important to residents
- No offensive imagery, obscene language, and political or religious statements
- Please use white paper that is 8"x11" or smaller.
- Be creative and have FUN!



**City Movie Night:** While we can't all be together during COVID, we can still come together as households to take a break from the stress of our daily lives to enjoy some quality time together watching our favorite movies. The City's 2nd event is a citywide Movie Night! Put on your comfiest PJs, pick out your favorite move, and pop some popcorn for a family fun movie night! You will find some bags of microwave popcorn with this newsletter to enjoy with your household during the movie night on **January 30th**. You can share pictures of how your household made the most of movie night using the hashtags **#DurhamMovieNight2021** and **#ResiliencyProjectDurham** on social media! Then, send [assistant.cityofdurham@comcast.net](mailto:assistant.cityofdurham@comcast.net) your name, address, and what movie you watched by February 5th to be entered into a citywide raffle to win some prizes!

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**Free Donuts in March:** Looking ahead to Spring, for our 3rd event we will have Pip's Doughnuts Truck to Durham to handout some free donuts to Durham residents! Stop by the City Hall parking lot every Saturday in March from 9 am to noon to enjoy some fresh donuts on us! This will be an outdoor event and social distancing measures will be strongly recommended to ensure a safe and fun time for everyone! Please note that parking is very limited and the donut truck will be behind City Hall.



## Tips to Carry You Safely into 2021

With the New Year and resolutions on everyone's mind, now is the time to think about some personal and home safety steps that can help carry you and your family safely into and through 2021, as well as save you time and money by avoiding winter-related damage to your home or business.



Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue firefighters always see an increase in outdoor-related injuries around the first of the year. Keep these things in mind to minimize your risk of personal injury:

- Increased slip and fall injuries are of particular concern.
- Be extra careful on icy surfaces around your home — use kitty litter or sand to increase traction.
- Make sure to dress appropriately for outdoor activity; dress in layers with hats, gloves, and waterproof boots.
- Be aware of the wind chill factor, which can often lower the temperature by several degrees.
- Avoid traveling when the weather service issues storm advisories.
- If you must travel, make sure someone knows where you are going, what time you expect to arrive, and the route you plan to take.
- Pack extra water, food, blankets, and clothing in case of an unexpected emergency or delay.

There are also steps you can take to improve the safety of your home this winter.

- Have your home heating system serviced professionally to make sure it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
- If you are heating with wood, inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
- Always discard ashes in a metal container away from combustible materials.
- Check your smoke alarms to ensure they are working properly.
- Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) emergencies by installing a CO alarm in your home.

In addition to fires, TVF&R firefighters respond to other types of emergencies that can cause severe damage to homes and businesses. We recommend you take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the water shut off for your home/business if you haven't done so already.

For the past several winters, TVF&R firefighters responded to hundreds of calls for frozen water pipes that burst and began flowing water. Businesses and homeowners suffered thousands of dollars in damage because they didn't know how to stop the water from flowing.

During region-wide weather events, first responders must prioritize their response to life-safety incidents.

Knowing how to shut off your water and calling a professional can prevent significant damage to your home. Also, insulate exposed water pipes in the garage and cover outdoor water spigots.

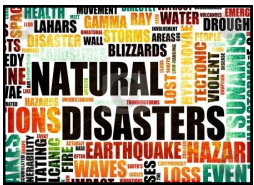
Visit [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com) for more winter safety tips.

## Emergency Information on Durham's Website

During times of extreme weather, other emergencies, or to find out information on disaster safety, go to the City of Durham's website for information and links to pertinent resources.

The website has current press releases, links to the ODOT Trip Check cameras, power outage information, river forecasts, videos on how to turn off your gas and water at your home, CDC outbreak information, and more.

You can find this information under the Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Safety tab on the City of Durham website. Or find up to date press releases on the Home Page or under News Updates



Did you Know ?

In Ancient Rome an hour during the Winter was only 45 minutes and in the Summer it was 75 minutes!

(SmithsonianMag.com, *Early Tech Adopters in Ancient Rome Had Portable Sundials*)



## Summary of Recent Activities

- The City Council received an annual update from Bill Steele, Tualatin Police Chief
- The City Council received an annual update from Metro Councilor Craig Dirksen and was introduced to Metro Councilor-elect Gerritt Rosenthal
- Planning Commissioners Brian Goddard and Patricia Saab were re-appointed to the Planning Commission
- The Planning Commission continued their work on the Comprehensive Plan update

## City Election Results

In November, Durham residents reelected Leslie Gifford, Keith Jehnke, and Chuck Van Meter to 4-year terms on the City Council, beginning January 2021.

The Durham City Council consists of 5 Councilors who serve 4-year terms. Councilors select the City's mayor each year in January to serve a one-year term.

The City Council meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Meetings are currently being held virtually, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The public is welcome to attend. A link will be provided upon request. The next scheduled meeting is 6:30 PM on January 26th.

### Monthly Meetings:

#### Planning Commission

1st Tuesday of the Month, at  
7:30 PM

#### City Council

4th Tuesday of the Month, at  
6:30 PM

Please note monthly meetings are currently taking place via Zoom.

Links available upon request.



## MYN Update

Do you have all of the necessary documents your family will need should you need to set up residence somewhere else temporarily or your house is completely destroyed? As you start the new year, especially as you are going through documents to prepare your taxes, take a little extra time to organize and possibly make copies of those you would want quick access to in the case of an emergency.

Here are some documents you will want to have in an emergency:

- Family Documents (Birth certificates, marriage and divorce papers, adoption papers, social security cards/numbers, passports and driver's licenses, photographs of family and pets, pet microchip numbers, phone numbers - family, doctors, employment, faith, insurance agent, credit card, financial advisor, attorney, and \$100 Cash in small bills),
- Financial Documents (Tax information - first 2 pages of State & Federal, financial account numbers, credit card numbers, income verification, insurance information, information about bills and obligations - remember that being in a disaster does not mean you can just stop paying your bills),
- Legal Documents (Living will, power of attorney, trust documents, titles and deeds to property you own, natu-

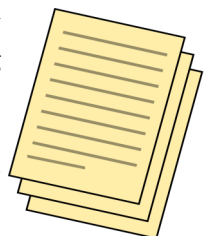
ralization or citizenship documents, medical documents and crucial medical records, insurance information, immunization records, allergy information, medications list - list the medications, doses and the doctor who prescribed them for anyone in your family that takes medications on a regular basis and don't forget to list medications for pets)

- A Home Inventory (Take digital pictures of your possessions. Don't forget your attic, garage and shed if you have one!)

How to Store Documents in Your Disaster Prep Kit:

- Have more than one place, like a security deposit box.
- Use a water proof, fire proof safe.
- Keep them in a binder.
- Store them near your emergency kit.
- \* It is not recommended to store documents online without using a password protected encryption tool.

Preparing a disaster preparedness kit is simply a wise choice. You have no way of knowing when a potential disaster will strike, and having the supplies ready to go will keep your family safe, financially secure and stable during the difficult days following a disaster.





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### Prowlers Around Durham

The City has received reports of prowlers taking packages and items from people's properties. Here are some tips on how to protect your stuff and home from these uninvited guests.

- Consider installing a home security system or smart doorbell that has a motion alert.
- Keep things like bikes, tools, or other easy-to-grab items locked in a garage, shed, or toolbox.
- Switch out normal outdoor lights to motion sensor lights to enhance the visibility of a prowler.
- If you will be away from your home, have someone pick up your mail regularly to avoid leaving packages on your doorstep for long periods of time.
- Track your packages so you know the expected time it will be delivered or when it has been delivered.

If you are sure a package or item has been stolen off your doorstep or property you can contact the police and file a police report.



### Friends of Trees, March 20th

Join Friends of Trees in planting native trees and shrubs at Durham City Park in partnership with the City of Durham and Clean Water Services on **March 20, 2021 at 9 am!** This planting is part of Tree For All, a partnership which has planted more than ten million native plants in the Tualatin River Watershed since 2005! Clean Water Services, Friends of Trees, thousands of volunteers, other non-profits, city partners, and private landowners will be working together this season to continue the success of this program.

The safety of volunteers and staff is the number one priority at Friends of Trees. Everyone attending events are required to bring and wear a fabric face mask, respect 6' or more of distance from others not in their own household, and follow a few other protocols that you can read about at [friendsoftrees.org/volunteer-faq/](http://friendsoftrees.org/volunteer-faq/). Registration is required for this event due to a limit of 25 people. You can find the registration link at [friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar/](http://friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar/).