



DURHAM



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NEWS NOTES

Middle Housing: Offering Housing Choice in Durham

As required by the Oregon Legislature’s House Bill 2001, middle housing will soon become an option for Durham residents. The term “middle housing” refers to forms of housing that are neither large-scale apartments (dwelling units inside an apartment building) nor a single detached house on a typical fee-simple lot. In between these two types of dwelling units exists myriad other housing forms, such as cottage clusters, courtyard units, and additional dwelling units within a single building or on the same lot with a single detached house. These housing types are often called “middle housing.”

HB2001 requires cities to allow duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, townhouses, and cottage clusters to be build in residential zones. The goal is to create more home ownership opportunities for Oregonians at every stage of their lives. For example, many older Americans can only find one size or type of housing that may not meet their needs. These new opportunities will make it easier for Durham residents to age in place, with accessible homes that still offer independence. Some younger families and multigenerational household also cannot find housing to fit their needs. The project will look at ways to gently increase density, while minimizing impacts on our neighborhoods.

Join us at a **virtual, one-hour public information session** at either **5 pm on February 2, 2022** or **9 am on February 3, 2022** to ask your questions and voice your concerns. The same information will be shared at both times. Please go to the news section on the front page of the City website to find links to the two meeting registrations. This section will also include answers to “Frequently Asked Questions” and a link to a community survey on this topic.

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Did you Know ?

January 15th is National Hat Day. In the Middle Ages, hats indicated social status. A Thebes tomb painting depicts one of the first pictorials of a hat. The painting shows a man wearing a conical straw hat.



TVF&R Offers Tips to See you Safely Through Winter Storms

Winter storms can be dangerous, bringing heavy winds, freezing temperatures, power failures, as well as icy or flooded roads. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages you to prepare yourself and your family for winter storms by following these safety tips:

Indoor Safety



- Have a professional perform annual inspections of your heating system and make any necessary repairs.
- If you have a fireplace, have the chimney inspected and cleaned annually.
- Bring pets and smaller animals inside to keep them warm and dry.
- Keep heating sources at least 3 feet away from materials that can burn, and never leave lit candles or other flames unattended.
- Have a disaster supply kit with bedding, clothing, first-aid supplies, flashlights, food, a battery-operated radio, and water to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours of any emergency. For more information on 72-hour kits, visit www.tvfr.com
- Know the shut-off locations for your electricity, natural gas, and water.
- During a power outage, turn off major appliances to reduce power demands when electricity is restored.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in the home and test them regularly.

Outdoor Safety

- Minimize outdoor activities whenever possible. If you must venture outdoors, dress appropriately for the weather conditions you may encounter and avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia.
- Don't overestimate how far you can walk on extremely cold, rainy, or snowy days.
- Use extreme caution when stepping outside in icy conditions, particularly in the morning when it's coldest and the ice hasn't had a chance to melt.
- Insulate exposed water pipes with fiberglass or foam to protect them from freezing.
- Report power outages to your electric company and NEVER touch a downed power line!
- If you have pets or livestock that must be outside, provide a sheltered area and access to non-frozen drinking water.

Safety Behind the Wheel

- Avoid traveling when the weather service issues storm advisories.
- If you must drive, drive much slower than you would in ideal weather conditions.
- Have your car inspected to ensure it's in proper running condition. A breakdown during extreme weather can put you and your passengers in danger.
- Replace worn tires, belts, leaking radiator hoses, and burned-out headlights and taillights.
- Ensure your radiator has appropriate antifreeze for the conditions you will encounter.
- Have an emergency kit in your car equipped with blankets, flashlights, snacks, tools, a shovel, and kitty litter or sand for traction in case of an unexpected delay or emergency.
- Keep your gas tank more than half full. Should a power outage occur, you may have difficulty finding a service station that can fill your tank.
- If you plan to travel in the mountains, carry the appropriate chains or traction devices required by law.



For more fire and life safety tips, visit www.tvfr.com



Are You Looking For a Job Close to Home?

The position of Administrative Assistant at City Hall is currently open. The position is part-time (approximately 20-25 hours per week) with flexible hours. The Administrative Assistant serves as the City receptionist and provides general clerical support at City Hall. Primary duties include producing this quarterly newsletter, maintaining financial records using QuickBooks, producing monthly minutes for Council and Planning Commission meetings, processing building permit applications, maintaining multiple data bases, and administering the business license program and telecommunication license program. The duties and responsibilities are varied and require an individual who is detail-oriented and can work independently. Further information can be found on the front page of the City website at www.durham-oregon.us

BUDGET COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The City is seeking two residents to serve on the City's Budget Committee. The Committee meets twice a year: once in April and once in May. Both meetings are held at 6:30 pm. Committee appointments are made for 3-year terms. Anyone interested should contact City Hall or fill out a Citizen Interest Application, available on the City's website at:

<https://durham-oregon.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Citizen-Interest-Application.pdf>



Planned Residential Development Application Approved

On November 2, 2021 the Planning Commission approved the application from David Weekley Homes for a 36-home planned residential development (PRD) north of Afton Commons. The development contains 11.41 acres and will be called Durham Heights. A 4.1 acre natural resource open space adjacent to Fanno Creek will be dedicated to the City of Durham. There will also be a 0.54 acre recreational open space area. The development will access Upper Boones Ferry across from the entrance into Durham Office Center. Additionally, there will be an emergency vehicle access and pedestrian/bicycle pathway into Afton Commons.

Streetlight Out?

During these dark days of winter, you may notice a streetlight that is out, flickering, or on all day. Neighborhood streetlight outages should be reported to PGE on their website here:

<https://portlandgeneral.com/outages-safety/report-a-streetlight-problem>

You will need to provide the PGE tag number and the nearest address. You can find the tag on the lamp post.

Monthly Meetings:

Planning Commission

1st Tuesday of the Month

City Council

4th Tuesday of the Month

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

* Please note that monthly meetings are available via Zoom. Links are provided upon request. Information as to whether the meetings will also take place in person is posted on the website.





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As you are putting your home back together after the holidays and beginning new indoor projects, please add “Emergency Preparedness” to your To-Do List. Here’s a short list of possible updates:

Alerts – Register for or update PublicAlerts.org; allow ShakeAlert app on smart phones

Batteries – Change batteries in flashlights and radio; re-charge power banks

Car – Update your car safety supplies with food, water, medications, face masks, warm outerwear, flashlight, blanket, kitty litter, scraper, first aid kit, red flag, flares, basic tools, shovel, and small cash

Clothing – Does everything in your “Go Bag” still fit for you and kids? Change out to cold weather clothes

Communication – Practice group text

Documents – What’s new or changed? Personal, Medical, Legal & Financial; review insurance policies; take pictures of each room to verify your belongings

Family Plan – Check & update your contacts, new routes to & from home, school, work. Also consider any changes to the following:

Who do I depend on? Who depends on me? Who will check on me? Who do I need to check on?

Food – Check for expired dates, new favorite snacks, new diet needs

Home Hazards – Secure tall furniture, check for frayed extension cords, change batteries in fire & CO alarms

Medications – Check for expired dates, add to your 30-day stash

Pets – New to family? Prep their own “Go Bag”

Safety Supplies – Did you borrow from your stash? KN95 masks, hand sanitizer, TP, disposable gloves, extra glasses, first aid kit

Utilities – review shut-off locations (gas, electric & water) with all responsible members

