



Durham

News Notes



Fall 2022

Fall Leaf Recycling and Seasonal Maintenance

It's that time of year again, when the trees start to change colors and lose their leaves. Durham will be providing leaf dumpsters to help residents keep their yards and sidewalks tidy and clear of leaves. Durham residents may dispose of leaves from their property in a free dumpster available on

November 12-13, November 19-20, and December 3-4 at Durham City Park.

The dumpsters are for **leaves and needles only**. Paper leaf disposal bags are ok but please do not put woody debris, branches, or plastic bags in the dumpsters.

Do not overfill the dumpsters or leave extras outside the dumpsters. When piles or bags of leaves are left outside the dumpster, the City has to pay to have someone clean them up and haul them away. If leaves are continually being left outside the dumpster, the City may not be able to provide this service in the future.

Leaf fall and seasonal rains combine to plug storm drains and cause local flooding. To avoid plugged storm drains, **do not rake or blow leaves that fall on your yard or sidewalk into the street.** If you see a basin or storm drain near your home that is clogged, please rake the leaves away from that area. If a blockage can't be safely cleared and the roadway is flooding, call Clean Water Services at 503.681.3600.

As you are gathering up your leaves for disposal in the leaf dumpsters next month, please take a minute to see if any of your trees or bushes are growing in front of or around a street sign or light, reducing its visibility. If you find that a branch or some leaves are covering the sign or light, please cut them back to ensure that they are visible, keeping Durham safe for residents and visitors.

Don't blow leaves into the street



Street light out? Report it to PGE here:

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



West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta Returns

This cherished local event returns to the Lake at Tualatin Commons October 15th & 16th! The Regatta is a series of wacky races in gigantic gourds piloted by costumed racers. On dry land, a costume contest, face painting, pumpkin bowling, and pumpkin golf will keep the laughs coming at this free, family-friendly event. Coordinators suggest parking at Keiser Permanente (19185 SW 90th Ave., Tualatin, OR) and taking the Regatta Shuttle Bus to the event. Shuttles run approximately every 10 minutes from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm.

Only service animals are allowed at the Regatta. Costumes are encouraged! Entrance and all activities are free! Merchandise and food are available for purchase.

The Juanita Pohl Center Welcomes Durham Residents!

The Juanita Pohl Center, located in Tualatin Community Park, is looking forward to a very active and exciting fall season! In addition to the regular activities—such as Gentle Yoga, SilverSneakers, Tai Chi, Book Club, and Meals on Wheels lunches—active adults have a plethora of activities to choose from to help them stay vibrant.



For those looking to work in a quick workout, Stretch, Strength and Cardio starts October 10, a 30-minute total body workout – all done in a chair! It includes active stretching, light weights, and healthy body cardio.

Upcoming trips include a haunted tour of Oregon City on October 6, an evening trip to Amaterasu in the West Hills for stunning views and a delicious dinner on October 12, a visit to the National Neon Sign Museum in the Dalles on October 27, a tour and lunch at Ground Breaker (the first dedicated 100% gluten-free brewery in the US) on November 17 and a from-scratch brunch at new American-style restaurant, Hickory on November 20.

The Lunch and Learn series will meet on October 18 at noon to learn about Embracing Change As We Get Older. This program, presented by certified pharmacists, will cover how changes in our body can affect how medications interact with our body, and how healthy active aging can make a difference. Join us on October 20 for a conversation about resilience and learn techniques to deal with stress and change and how to bounce back from adversity.

Join us in honoring our veterans on November 4 at our annual Veterans Recognition Breakfast! This event includes a delicious catered breakfast, guest speakers, prizes and more and is FREE for veterans and \$12 for non-veteran guests. Veterans are also encouraged to receive special recognition through our yard sign program! Requests can be made through October 16 and veterans can expect delivery in early November.

The Juanita Pohl Center welcomes Durham residents! For more information or to register for programs, contact the Juanita Pohl Center at 503.691.3061 or visit TualatinOregon.gov/Recreation/Adult-Programs-and-Services

Friends of Trees Planting at Durham Park



Friends of Trees, a local nonprofit group, has installed thousands of trees and shrubs at Durham City Park over the years. The goal of the planting is to restore native plant communities at the park to enhance the health of Fanno Creek and the Tualatin River. The new plants help improve fish and wildlife habitat, stream water quality, and community livability. This planting is part of the Tree For All campaign, which has planted over ten million native plants in the Tualatin River Watershed in the past decade!

Clean Water Services, Friends of Trees, thousands of volunteers, other non-profits, city partners, and private landowners will be working together again this season to continue the success of this program.

The next planting at Durham Park is **January 14, 2023**. Durham volunteers would be greatly appreciated! Please arrive around 8:45am to register and get your crew assignment and instructions. The event will start promptly at 9:00 am. Breakfast snacks and hot chocolate/coffee are provided, as well as gloves, tools and guidance. Please come dressed for the weather and wearing sturdy, closed-toe shoes.

November is Native American Heritage Month

The City of Durham acknowledges and honors the Atfalati-Tualatin band of Kalapuyan people, who have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial. Removed from their homelands in 1855, the Atfalati are now tribal members of the Grand Ronde and Siletz tribes, carrying on the culture and traditions of their ancestors. Durham celebrates the rich history and diverse cultures of Indigenous people by sharing artwork by contemporary Indigenous artists. From November 3th-6th, Heron Grove Park will host an exhibition that features artwork by contemporary Indigenous artists. Each piece has a QR code that can be scanned to learn more about the artists.

To learn more about the Kalapuyan people, visit <https://fiveoaksmuseum.org/exhibit/this-is-kalapuyan-land/>



Two Run for City Council

Two candidates will be on the **November 8, 2022** ballot for City Council. Durham registered voters will select two candidates for 4-year terms on the City Council beginning January 2023.

Residents have until October 18, 2022 to register to vote in November. Citizens can register to vote online on the Washington County Elections website. Voters should mail their ballots at least 5 days before the election or drop them off at the Ballot Box at the Tualatin Library until 8pm on November 8.

About City Council:

The City Council includes five councilors. Positions are nonpartisan. Councilors also serve on the City Budget Committee along with citizen appointees. Councilors elect a councilor to serve as mayor for one year at the January Council meeting.

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, monthly meetings are currently taking place via Zoom. Links available upon request.



Durham Tree Ordinance

Trees are an asset to the community for both their aesthetic value and their ecological benefits. Like many cities in Oregon, Durham requires a permit to cut down trees on private property. The purpose of the Tree Ordinance is to preserve the wooded character of the City and to protect the environmental benefits trees provide. If you are considering removing trees on your property, you should review the City's regulations first.

Do I need a permit? If you plan to cut down a tree with a trunk diameter of 5 inches or greater, measured at 4.5 feet above the ground, you will need a Tree Removal Permit.

How do I apply? To apply for a permit, fill out and submit a complete application with photos of the proposed tree to be removed and pay the \$25 fee. Permit applications can be downloaded from our website or picked up at City Hall. Public Notices for tree removal applications that will be heard at the Planning Commission meetings are posted on the website in the "News Updates" section.

What about hazardous trees or emergency situations? For trees that are obviously dead, diseased, or dangerous, removal permits may be approved administratively. A tree that presents an imminent danger should be immediately reported to the City. If a dangerous tree must be cut down to prevent loss of life or property outside the City's normal business hours, the property owner must report the tree removal to City Hall as soon as possible.

What are the penalties for illegally removing trees? The Planning Commission will impose a fine of up to \$720 per tree for trees removed without a permit.

What should I do if I think a tree is being removed illegally? If a property owner is removing a tree and you suspect that a permit was not issued, first check the list of approved tree permits on the City's website in the "Notice of Land Use Actions" section. All approved tree removals are posted there. If the property owner does not have a permit, call City Hall.



To download a copy of Durham's Tree Removal Permit, or for more information, visit Durham's website at www.durham-oregon.us

New Face At City Hall

Hi! I'm Becky Morinishi, the new Administrative Assistant at Durham City Hall. I am a long-time resident of Washington County and am finishing my Master's Degree in Public Administration at Portland State University. I grew up on the coast in Newport (OR), which will always be my home, but I love living inland where I can see the seasons change. When I'm not working or in class, I love to spend time with my husband, 5 children, and plethora of pets. I have very much enjoyed interacting with Durham's residents since I started here in June. I'm looking forward to a bright future together!



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Oregon Fire Evacuation Levels — Ready, Set, GO!

Level 1 - Get Ready

Be aware of the danger that exists in your area. Monitor emergency services websites and local media outlets. You may be contacted via an emergency notification system. The Public Alert system and Emergency Notifications on your phone are very important! Level 1 is the time to prepare for possible evacuation:

- ◆ Make sure Go Bags are ready
- ◆ Review evacuation plans and options
- ◆ Charge portable electronics, hearing aids, medical equipment
- ◆ Make sure car has plenty of gas
- ◆ Move flammable items away from house

Level 2 - Get Set

This level indicates there is a significant danger to your area. Voluntarily relocate to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area, or, if choosing to remain, be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. This may be the only notice given. Emergency services cannot guarantee that they will be able to notify you if conditions rapidly get worse.

To get ready:

- ◆ Put Go Bags, medical equipment into car, back car into the driveway, and keep keys with you

- ◆ Locate pets and check on neighbors
- ◆ It's OK and wise to leave early - roads will quickly become jammed
- ◆ When you leave, shut all windows & doors, turn off furnace/AC, Leave lights on.

Level 3 - GO! Leave Immediately!

Danger to your area is current or imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. Do not delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home. If you choose to ignore this advisement, know that emergency services may not be available to assist you further.

Barbara Bracken, Tualatin CERT team member and Durham resident, will present a free Emergency Preparedness Zoom session on Sat. 10/15 at 9 am. It will cover food/water, Go Bags, family plan, communication, home sheltering and more. **To register:** https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZ0rde2ppjwG9U1HV2W-JHautU9XOVIY_g8

To schedule an in-person gathering with your neighbors to learn more about emergency preparedness, email: TualatinReadyMYN@gmail.com.

<https://www.tualatincert.org/tualatin-ready>

