



Durham

News Notes

Fall 2023



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 11-12, November 18-19, and December 2-3 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.

Street light out? Report it to PGE here:

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



Eagle Scout Ben Nickle Improves Benches at Durham City Park

Eagle Scout Ben Nickle, from Tualatin Troop 35, installed pavers under two benches at Durham City Park to help prevent the area from becoming muddy during rainy periods. The benches are located by the triangular off-leash dog area. Nickle drew the designs for the pavers, organized the purchasing of materials, and enlisted the help of 12 volunteers to get the job done. The project was part of Nickle's efforts to earn his Eagle Scout Award, which is the highest youth ranking in the Boy Scouts of America program. Congratulations on your accomplishments, Ben Nickle, and thank you for choosing Durham for your service project! Park-goers will enjoy these improvements for years to come!



FALL into Fun with the Juanita Pohl Center

The Juanita Pohl Center, located in Tualatin Community Park, invites you to join in on the fall fun with fitness, social, and educational programs and trips! Exciting new activities include:

Gentle Yoga (Mondays, Oct 23-Nov 20 | 9:45-10:45 am | \$35 | Drop in: \$9) This class focuses on finding more ease in movement through practices including breathing, postures (asanas), concentration and much more. Come for strength, mobility, and balance, leave with a sense of more ease in daily life.

Day Trip: The Only Women's Sports Bar (Thursday, Oct 26 | 10:30am-2pm | \$38) Visit the world's first all women's sports bar - The Sports Bra! Support women's sports and enjoy great food while doing it. Fee includes lunch, gratuity, escort, and transportation.

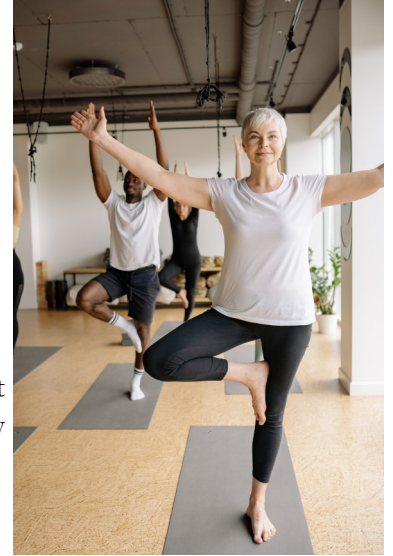
Earthwise Crew: Season Mocktail Mixology (Thursday, Nov 9 | 2-3pm | \$19) Delight your taste buds, make healthier choices, and reduce your alcohol intake around the holidays with delicious, seasonally inspired mocktails. Includes demonstration, easy to follow recipes, and mocktail strainer to take home. Beginner-friendly and adaptable to a variety of dietary lifestyles.

Conversations on Aging - Handling the Holidays (Thursday, Nov 16 | 2-3:30pm | FREE) Don't let holidays become something you dread. Let's share how to prevent stress and depression and learn to recognize your holiday triggers. This Conversation is inclusive of all wintertime holidays.

Day Trip: Mirisata Sri Lankan Restaurant (Thursday, Nov 16 | 11:30am-3pm | \$41) Try something truly unique at this relaxed, all plant-based worker-owned cooperative restaurant featuring Sri Lankan family traditions and recipes. Fee includes lunch, gratuity, escort, and transportation.

DIY Wreath Making Workshop (Tuesday, Nov 28 | 9:30am-12:30pm | \$63) Design and create your own non-traditional wreath to celebrate the holiday or non-holiday of your choosing. Includes basic instruction and access to a variety of materials. Fee includes materials, instruction, escort, and transportation.

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



Remodeling or Cleaning Out the Garage? Use Pride Disposal When Hiring a Drop Box

The City of Durham's franchise agreement states that residents are required to use Pride Disposal for drop box services.

For service call (503) 625-6177



Request Personalized Letters from Wintertime Characters this Holiday Season



To celebrate the winter holidays, the City of Tualatin Parks & Recreation Department will be working with Santa, Jack Frost, and other wintertime characters to share seasonal greetings! Letters will be hand-written and personalized to your child or grandchild. This is a FREE service provided by the volunteers and staff of the City of Tualatin.

Requests open November 1-28.

Register at TualatinOregon.gov/Wintertime



Invitation for Public Comment

At the Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th, 2023, the Council will discuss increasing the fees for building permits. The public is invited to comment at this public hearing.

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.
* Zoom links available upon request.



Local Share Survey

In 2019, Metro area voters passed a parks and nature bond that distributes funds to cities, counties, and other park providers for projects that matter to their communities. Durham’s share of the bond is \$310,665. There are strict guidelines as to how these funds may be used. One of the eligible uses is “maintaining or developing public access facilities at public parks and natural areas.”

Additional criteria includes providing new or expanded access to nature, particularly in proximity to neighborhoods, centers, corridors, or transit, and improving accessibility and inclusiveness in developed parks to people of all abilities and backgrounds.

The City of Durham would like to use these funds to increase accessibility to Durham City Park, and would like to hear from you regarding what improvements should be made.



Choose **ONE** of three ways to return your survey. Elija **UNA** de las tres formas de devolver su encuesta:

- Complete this paper survey and return it to City Hall by mail, email, or drop-off;
- Download the PDF from our website www.durham-oregon.us and email to assistant.cityofdurham@comcast.net;
- Complete and submit the survey via Google Forms using a computer or smartphone. This option is available in multiple languages. *Esta opción está disponible en varios idiomas* Access the survey from the News Updates section of the Durham City website or go to <https://forms.gle/Y1qDoJrHeU2RfWFj9>



Please submit your response by November 30, 2023. Results will be posted on the City’s website at www.durham-oregon.us. The Planning Commission will discuss the results of the survey at a future meeting to be announced in the City Newsletter and on the website. The public is invited to attend.

Please order these options from 1 to 5, 1 being the highest priority and 5 being the lowest priority.

- ___ Add ADA compliant sidewalk from Arkenstone Drive to trail head at Durham City Park
- ___ Add multilingual park signage at Durham City Park
- ___ Add ADA access to the play structure area at Durham City Park
- ___ Add bike rack at trailhead at Durham City Park
- ___ Repave/re-curb driveway and parking lot and add ADA accessible parking space at Durham City Park

VERY IMPORTANT – This survey will not be considered unless your Durham address is supplied.

Address: _____

Additional contact information is optional, but would allow us to follow up if we have questions.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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It's Fall - A Great Time to Inventory Your Emergency Supplies - Both Go Bags & Shelter at Home

- Update contents & expiration dates; update inventory list
- Replace expired items - medications, First Aid kits, food & water, batteries
- Did you borrow from your cash stash? Replenish with small bills
- Current photos of family members & pets
- Replace outdated documents - contact information, personal, financial & medical information
- Change out to cold, wet weather clothes
- Re-evaluate your needs - add or remove items as necessary
- Recharge power banks



Report Disturbances to the Tualatin Police Non-Emergency Line

While Durham is one of the safest and most peaceful cities in Washington County, the park can be a tempting place for ghouls and goblins to lurk after hours. Durham City Park is open from sunrise to sunset. If you hear things go bump in the night, please call Tualatin Police Non-Emergency Line at (503) 629-0111.

Join Us in the World's Largest Earthquake Drill.

October 19, 2023

Register: ShakeOut.org

