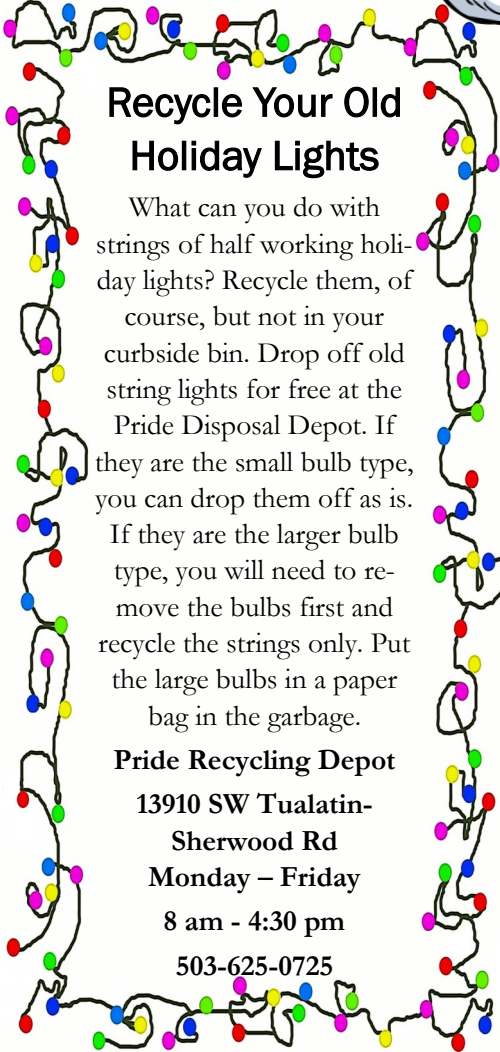




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Recycle Your Old Holiday Lights

What can you do with strings of half working holiday lights? Recycle them, of course, but not in your curbside bin. Drop off old string lights for free at the Pride Disposal Depot. If they are the small bulb type, you can drop them off as is. If they are the larger bulb type, you will need to remove the bulbs first and recycle the strings only. Put the large bulbs in a paper bag in the garbage.

Pride Recycling Depot
13910 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Rd
Monday – Friday
8 am - 4:30 pm
503-625-0725

Welcome, City Administrator Jordan Parente!

I feel very fortunate to be here in the beautiful city of Durham. I am a graduate of Portland State University's Master of Public Administration program, with a focus on local government. I am an experienced civil servant with two decades of public services in various civic departments. Before coming to Durham, I spent the majority of my career working for the City of Vancouver, and, more recently, worked for the City of Lake Oswego. My spouse, Katie, is an educator in the Metro area, and together we have two children, Crighton and Sola, and a minidoodle named Arturo.



I am inspired by the pride Durham residents show in their City. I am further impressed by the residents I have met and their willingness to lend a hand to their neighbor, or, when differences arise, have a heartfelt chat and together reach an amicable conclusion. I look forward to meeting all Durham residents and invite you to stop by City Hall and say hello.

Lastly, on behalf of the City of Durham, I would like to thank Linda Tate for all of her hard work for the City of Durham. For the past decade, she has done an amazing job as City Administrator, and has kept the city clean, well-cared-for, and running smoothly. Thank you, Linda, and I wish you all the best in your retirement.

It's Time to Think about Christmas Tree Recycling

Boy Scout Troops 423 and 218 of Tigard will be making the rounds to pick up trees for recycling on the following dates:

Sunday, December 31, 2023; Saturday, January 6; Sunday, January 7; and Sunday, January 14, 2024 from 9 am - 4 pm

Please place your tree in the driveway on the morning of your scheduled pick-up. Suggested donation is \$15 per tree, made payable to 'Scouts BSA.' Place your check or online receipt in a plastic bag and attach it to the tree.



They will also have a **drop-off location at Cook Park** in Tigard on the same days/hours. Your trees will be turned into mulch to cover the paths at Cook Park!

Visit www.bsatroop423and218.org to schedule a pick-up through their website.

Questions? Email 423and218treerecycling@gmail.com



Ride Connect Community Shuttle Survey

Ride Connection, a private, non-profit organization serving Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties, seeks your input on adding potential transportation services to the Durham area.

Ride Connection has received funding to reimagine existing free King City RideAbout shuttle services and provide new transit service to connect King City and Durham. They would like to hear from you regarding how this shuttle can best serve you and the Durham community.

Your confidential survey responses will be used in designing the routes and hours of operation that could best serve your family, neighbors, friends, and co-workers. Please complete and submit the survey via Google Forms using a computer or smart phone.

Go to: <https://forms.gle/grxt7bwsJFHNF3id6>

Para español, visite: <https://forms.gle/vLFtRT2WTRXGmReo8>

Please submit your response by January 12, 2024.

Learn more about Ride Connection at www.rideconnection.org



Start the New Year off Right with the Juanita Pohl Center!

The New Year is a great time to get out, get social, and get active! Join the Juanita Pohl Center for some of our upcoming trips, educational sessions, or fitness classes:

Upcoming Day Trips:

- ◆ **Soak & Sauna at Common Ground:** Relax in a saltwater hot pol and a dry cedar sauna in a lush courtyard at this sanctuary in the city! - Tuesday, January 30, 1pm-4:30pm, \$66 Resident
- ◆ **Rice NW Museum of Rocks & Minerals:** Tour a world-class showcase of rocks, fossils, and gemstones from the Pacific NW and beyond. - Thursday, February 8, 9:15am-1pm, \$32 Resident

Upcoming Educational Sessions:

- ◆ **Ghana - Jewel of Africa:** Learn about the rich human and natural history of this West African Jewel. - Friday, January 12, 11:30am-12:30pm, \$5 Resident
- ◆ **Lunch & Learn:** Volunteering with the City of Tualatin: Interested in volunteering? Discover opportunities and learn how to get involved! - Tuesday, January 16, noon-1pm, FREE
- ◆ **Build a Better Backyard Habitat:** Learn the basics of wildlife garden-making! - Friday, February 9, 2-3pm, \$5 Resident

Upcoming Fitness Classes:

- ◆ **Line Dance:** Join other dancers and learn some fun dances or just come for the great exercise! - Fridays (ongoing), 7-9pm; Line Dance Punch Pass Options: 5 Classes \$35; 10 Classes \$68; 20 Classes \$130
- ◆ **Zumba:** Try out this effective combination of aerobic exercise and resistance! - Thursdays (ongoing), 6:30-7:30pm and Saturdays (ongoing), 9-10am, FREE
- ◆ **SilverSneakers Classic:** This workout includes fall prevention drills and exercises to improve strength and endurance. - Mondays (ongoing), 11:15am-12:15pm and Wednesdays/Fridays (ongoing), 10-11 am; Fitness Punch Pass Options: 5 Visit \$20; 10 Visit \$36; 20 Visit \$65
- ◆ **Silver&Fit Signature Series: Excel:** This class is designed to increase flexibility, joint stability, dynamic balance, and muscular and cardiovascular strength. - Tuesdays/Thursdays (ongoing), 11am-12pm; Fitness Punch Pass Options: 5 Visit \$20; 10 Visit \$36; 20 Visit \$65



It's easy to get out and try something new with the Juanita Pohl Center! Stop by, call 503.691.3061, or visit their website at TualatinOregon.gov/JPC to register today!

2024 Planning Commission and Budget Committee News



Congratulations to Durham residents Susan Deeming and Matt Winkler, who have been re-appointed for additional 4-year terms on Durham's Planning Commission.

Thank you, also, to Brad Henry and Teresa Braun who have stepped up for a 3-year re-appointment on the Budget Committee! The City appreciates the time you volunteer to make our community a better place!

If you are a resident of Durham and are interested in serving your community by volunteering on a board or commission, please fill out a Citizen Interest Form and mail, email, or drop it off to City Hall.

<https://durham-oregon.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Citizen-Interest-Application.pdf>, or scan the QR code



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.

See Schedule for exact dates.
Monthly meetings are also available via Zoom. Please email cityofdurham@comcast.net for a link.

Prepare for Winter

Winter has arrived, so it's time to take steps to protect your home, insure your safety, and use energy efficiently

Outside

- * Have roof inspected - Missing shingles, flashing around chimneys, skylights and vents.
- * Clean gutters and flush downspouts
- * Cover foundation vents and faucets.
- * Know main water shutoff location, individual shutoffs.
- * Have snow removal equipment ready - shovel, anti-ice for walkways.
- * Hire a chimney sweep - keep chimney clean to prevent a fire.
- * Furnace - replace filter/have it serviced.



Inside

- * Reverse ceiling fans to clockwise - rotation forces warm air down.
- * Remove lint and debris from dryer vent.
- * Test monthly - smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- * Check expiration date on fire extinguishers. Replace if over 10 years old. Turn upside down to distribute chemicals once every 6 months.
- * Make sure you have a battery or hand-crank radio and extra batteries.
- * Keep phones and electronic notebooks charged.

During Inclement Weather

- * Avoid freezing pipes by letting faucets drip slightly, open cabinets on exterior walls (homes with children - remove dangerous chemicals).
- * Use only electric space-heaters with auto shut-off. Locate

them 3 ft away from drapes, furniture, bedding, etc. - Never cover or put on top of furniture or near water.

- * Close off unoccupied rooms - hang blankets, sheets, or curtains to retain heat.
- * Unplug unnecessary electrical appliances and electronics. Leave one light on to know when your power returns.
- * Generator - make sure your generator is outside and far away from doors, windows, and vents. Generators should not be used inside homes, garages, sheds, or crawlspaces due to the potential build up of deadly carbon monoxide.
- * Avoid candles - use flashlights and battery/solar lights and lanterns. Have extra batteries.
- * Keep refrigerator and freezer closed as much as possible. Eat refrigerator foods first - they can last 4 hours. Freezer food lasts 48 hours. You can refreeze if it is 40 degrees or less.
- * Use grills and camp stoves outside only.
- * Do not heat with ovens or stovetop.

- * Let someone know you are okay and check on neighbors.

Vehicles

- * Check tire pressure and treads, fluid levels, headlights/taillights, test battery (most last only 4-6 years - watch for dim lights, strange horn sound, Sulphur smell).
- * Emergency supplies: hand flares, blanket, flashlight/batteries, reflector, HELP sign, ice scraper, booster cables, warm clothing, sand/kitty litter, non-perishable snacks, water-proof matches, bottled water and/or a can for melting snow.
- * De-icer in windshield washer.
- * Keep fuel tank at least half full.





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Local Share Survey Results

The results are in! Thank you to residents who completed the Local Share Survey in the Fall, 2023 Newsletter!

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." The City of Durham would like to use these funds to increase accessibility to Durham City Park.



Survey results showed that the most desired improvement according to residents is repaving and re-curb-ing the driveway and parking lot, and adding an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking space. The second priority is adding an ADA-accessible sidewalk from Arkenstone Drive to the trailhead at Durham City Park. Additionally, residents responded that they highly prioritize adding ADA access to the play structure area.

The Planning Commission will discuss the results of the survey at a future meeting to be announced in the City Newsletter and on Durham's website.

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, as removing a tree without a permit may result in a fine of up to \$720.

Learn more about Durham's Tree Ordinance on our website.



<https://durham-oregon.us/tree-information/>