

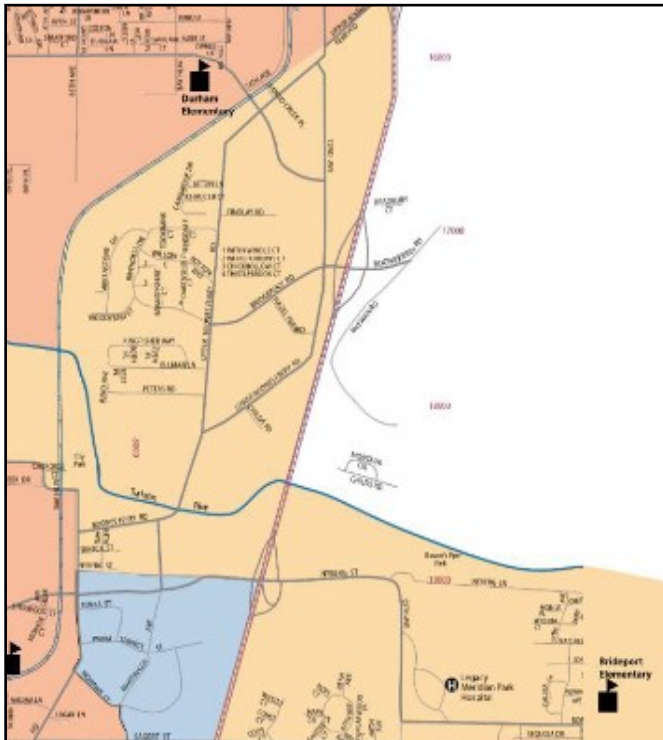


DURHAM NEWS NOTES

Summer 2024

Durham Elementary and Twality Middle School Boundary Changes

Tigard-Tualatin School District (TTSD) has updated the boundary area affecting students in the City of Durham. Starting in the 2024-2025 school year, students residing in the City of Durham will now attend Bridgeport Elementary School and Hazelbrook Middle School. The feeder pattern to Tualatin High School will remain the same. The decision was made at the School Board meeting on April 8, 2024. A map excerpt is provided below, with full maps located on the TTSD website.



The following considerations are available for transitioning families:

2024-2025 Rising 5th Grade Students:

- 5th grade and siblings will have the option to stay at Durham Elementary for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Families choosing this option will complete the in-district transfer process for enrollment to stay at Durham Elementary.
- Families opting to stay at Durham Elementary will need to provide their own transportation.
- Siblings will transition to Bridgeport Elementary in the 2025-2026 school year, with District transportation available.

2024-2025 Twality Middle School Students and Siblings:

- Families with students currently at Twality Middle School have the choice to either continue at Twality or transition to Hazelbrook Middle School.
- If a student has an older sibling enrolled at Twality in the 2023-2024 school year, the 6th grade student and all younger siblings will have the legacy option to attend Twality as well.
- Families choosing this legacy option must complete the in-district transfer process for enrollment into Twality.

- The District is developing transportation support for the Twality families who have chosen the legacy option.

If you have questions about the transfer process, please contact Lisa Burton at lbarton@ttsd.k12.or.us or 503-431-4003

Plaque Honoring Mayor Gery Schirado

Durham resident and professional woodworker, Keaton Beyer, created a beautiful walnut plaque to honor Durham's longtime Mayor, Gery Schirado, whom we lost earlier this year. The plaque features the gavel that Mayor Schirado used while leading City Council meetings for the 27 years of his tenure as mayor. The plaque is prominently displayed in City Hall. You can read more about the project on Keaton Beyer's website:

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<https://www.keatonbeyerwoodworking.com/blog/gery-schirados-memorial-plaque>





Plan Ahead with Your Neighbors for an Emergency!

In the event of a disaster, the first responders will be you and your neighbors.

In 2016, volunteers divided Durham into 30 clusters of 7-14 homes and identified one or two “host” households who welcomed their cluster neighbors for a small gathering. At that time, neighbors learned basic preparedness steps and shared their contact information, skills, and equipment. They also learned which neighbors have pets, children, disabilities, and/or are elderly and may need extra assistance. Eight years later, Durham has many new residents and the City has experienced several disaster events: ice & windstorms, urban fire risks, freezing temperatures causing electrical/heat loss, and frozen pipe damage. This area also remains at risk of an earthquake.

To help prepare, the Neighborhood Ready program (previously called “Map Your Neighborhood”), is offering free presentations for families and neighbor Clusters throughout Durham. The presentation covers the steps to take before, during, and after a disaster, and helps provide the best possible resilience for families and neighborhoods. Volunteer presenters are hoping to meet with each of the identified neighbor Clusters to share this important information. Eight years ago, 80% of Durham households attended the original presentation and some Clusters have met 1, 2, and even 3 times since! The volunteers are hoping to get a similar response as they gear up to do these presentations!

Cluster hosts will be reaching out to neighbors sometime in the next few months. While most hosts will continue in their role, some have moved out of Durham, or their situation has changed, making them unable to recommit. If you are interested in being part of sharing this critical information and community effort either as a host or presenter, would like information regarding HAM radio training (the best way to share information when phone and internet communications are down), or would like to become a member of the Durham/Tualatin CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team), please contact

Barbara Bracken at DBrac2@aol.com 503-620-1567

Explore a Career in the Fire Service

TVF&R is gearing up to offer a unique Career Day on October 12th tailored with activities to give people an inside look at what it's like to be a firefighter. Career Day offers an opportunity for adults who may be interested in a career in the fire service to learn more about job requirements and TVR&R. It includes hands-on experiences in primary firefighter responsibilities as well as presentations about station life, career and volunteer opportunities, the hiring process, emergency medical services, fire prevention, public safety education, and more.



Between 8 am and 5:30 pm that Saturday, participants will rotate through activity stations at the Training Center in Sherwood and have a chance to talk with education partners from several colleges and university about their respective emergency medical services and fire science programs. The application opens August 1st, and TVF&R will select as many as 50 participants for Career Day. The deadline to apply is August 31st, but may close prior to that date if the District receives enough applications for consideration. Candidates interested in applying for TVF&R's Career Day must be 18 or older and can apply online at www.tvfr.com/careers under “Career Events.”

Combustible Vegetation Reminder

Our Nuisance Ordinance prohibits grasses/combustible vegetation at a height greater than 12” from **March 20 to October 20**. Please pay particular attention to all areas along the public right of way. These areas pose the greatest exposure to fires due to careless smokers.

Don't Forget the Leash!

Durham dogs are lucky to have a great off-leash area in Durham City Park! While walking the trails or city streets, please make sure to have your dog properly leashed for the enjoyment and safety of all.

Washington County Animal Control can issue a ticket for up to \$500 for dogs not properly leashed in public spaces and on city streets.





2024 City Council Election Deadline

Are you interested in serving your community as a City Councilor? The City Council consists of five councilors and meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at Durham City Hall. Positions are nonpartisan. Councilors also serve on the City Budget Committee along with citizen appointees.

Tuesday, August 27th, 2024 is the deadline to file a petition to be placed on the November ballot. There are four Council seats up for election this Fall. Three of the seats are four-year terms, beginning January 1, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2028. Two incumbent Councilors are running for re-election. The fourth seat is the remaining two years of the seat left vacant when we lost long-time Mayor Gery Schirado earlier this year. This term begins January 1, 2025 and expires December 31, 2026. Qualified candidates must be registered Oregon voters and have been a continuous resident of Durham since November 5, 2023. Councilors must continue to live in Durham while in office. More information is available on the City's website under "News Updates." <https://durham-oregon.us>

How to File:

- Pick up an Elections Packet at Durham City Hall. To be placed on the ballot, potential candidates need to collect the signatures of at least 10 Durham registered voters.
- Completed forms must be filed at City Hall by 10am on August 27, 2024. There is no filing fee for City Council offices.

City of Durham Monthly Meetings:

Planning Commission—1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm

City Council—4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm

Tree Committee—Weekly on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm

All meetings are held at Durham City Hall and online via Zoom unless otherwise noted. If you prefer to attend online, please email cityofdurham@comcast.net at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to request a link.

City Hall is Hiring!

City Hall is hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant. Hours are flexible and the pay is \$25.11/hour. This is a perfect position for a stay-at-home parent or a retired person looking for a way to contribute to the community. For more information, visit the "News Updates" section on Durham's website. <https://durham-oregon.us>

Tree Committee and Tree Maintenance Considerations

The January storm, with its bone-chilling temperatures, snow, and blustery winds, was a wake-up call for residents concerning Durham's beloved, towering trees. While beautiful and beneficial in so many ways, they can also be dangerous, bringing down power lines, dropping limbs, damaging property, and even threatening life. As a result of this scare, residents have looked at their properties with a broader perspective. Following the storm, many tree removal permits were requested, and several hazardous and diseased trees were cut.

As a result, a Tree Ordinance Committee was formed to review the current Tree Ordinance and removal application process. This Committee is made up of three Planning Commissioners and four residents. The purpose of the Committee is to find a balance between preserving beautiful, old trees and safety for life and property, especially with the changing circumstances of increasing frequency of harsh weather, property development, and aging trees.

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the health and preservation of trees on their property. Maintenance by certified arborists according to American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300 Tree Care Standards is important to the well-being of trees. Likewise, the City is responsible for maintaining the health and preservation of the trees in Durham City Park, including the Schirado Nature Loop hiking trail and the forested path along Upper Boones Ferry Road. You might have noticed several trees in these areas cut down in the last few weeks. The trees cut were identified by the City Arborist as dead, dying, or unhealthy and hazardous to life and property. Were possible, the trees were left for use as habitat poles.

A forest is not static; it is a living, changing environment. As residents of Durham, we are working toward being the best stewards of our urban forest resources that we can.





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Help Keep Durham Beautiful, Safe, and Accessible by Maintaining Your Sidewalk

Sidewalks provide people with a safe space to travel around the neighborhood away from vehicles. It's the growing season and some plants can quickly get out of control. As in most cities, property owners in Durham are responsible for keeping sidewalks and planting strips abutting their property in good repair and condition, even if the sidewalk is on the other side of your fence. For example, the sidewalks along Upper Boones Ferry Road are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

Sidewalks should be kept free of obstacles, overhanging obstructions, tripping hazards, and protruding objects. By regularly cutting back vegetation that grows into sidewalks, property owners can keep pedestrian access clear and safe. Similarly, property owners must also attend to seasonal hazards such as leaf debris, snow, and ice.

The following standards apply:

1. Landscaping must not obstruct visibility of a stop sign or traffic control device within 100 feet, as viewed by a

person operating a vehicle from the normal vehicular approach.

2. It should not obscure pedestrians or vehicles approaching within 20' of an intersection or driveway when viewed within 3' and 10' above the street grade.
3. Overhanging branches need to be more than 8' above a sidewalk or bicycle path and 14' above an area designated for vehicle travel.
4. No portion of the landscaping may encroach onto any roadway, sidewalk, or bicycle path.

Damaged or uplifted sidewalks that may cause pedestrians to trip, or conditions that make them inaccessible, should be repaired promptly. As a property owner, you can repair a damaged sidewalk yourself or hire a contractor. Either way, you will need to get a sidewalk repair permit to ensure the work meets City standards. In doing your part to keep your sidewalks maintained and accessible, you help provide a safe way to enjoy our City.