



Durham

News Notes

Fall 2024



Leaves Are Falling, Autumn Is Calling

November 9-10, November 16-17, and December 7-8 at Durham City Park



Fall is here! During leaf season, dumpsters will be provided at Durham Park on November 9-10 and 16-17, and again on December 7-8. The dumpsters are for leaves and tree needles only. Please ensure the City can continue to provide this service by helping us prevent unnecessary costs. Paper leaf disposal bags are acceptable, but please do not throw any woody debris, branches, or plastic bags into dumpsters. Do not overfill the dumpsters or place leaves outside of the dumpsters.

Leaves, combined with seasonal rains, may plug storm drains and cause local flooding. **When cleaning your yard and adjacent sidewalk, please do not rake or blow leaves into the street.** If you see a catch basin or storm drain near your home that is clogged, please help prevent flooding by raking leaves away from the area. If there is major flooding in the roadway that cannot be

cleared safely, please call Clean Water Services at (503) 681-3600.

As you gather 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 a sign or light, please cut them back to ensure that they are visible.

Thank you for keeping Durham safe for our residents and visitors!

West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta

Tualatin Commons – Sunday, October 20, 2024

A community-favorite event returns for its 20th anniversary. It's no easy feat growing "sea-worthy" pumpkins, which can weigh as much as a ton! Come support these costumed paddlers who come from near and far seeking their opportunity to take these mammoth gourds for a spin around the Lake of the Commons.

The events kick off Saturday, October 19th with a pumpkin weigh-off at Pumpkins and Pints held at Stickman Brewing Company in Tualatin from 12pm to 5pm. The annual Regatta 5k Run/Walk will begin at 9:00am, Sunday October 20th. The Regatta Festival events will take place from 10am to 4pm, Sunday October 20th. These free, family-friendly events will include pumpkin bowling, pumpkin golf, professional pumpkin carving, pumpkin decorating, and much more!

Visitors are encouraged to take the Pumpkin Shuttle which will run between 9:30am and 4:45pm, picking up at several surrounding parking lots. There will also be a bike valet available from 9:30am to 4:30pm. More information about the event may be found on the event's website: tualatinoregon.gov/pumpkinregatta.



City of Durham Treed Lot Habitat Restoration - November 2nd, 2024, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.



Durham residents and SOLVE are teaming up to remove invasive plant species from the City’s treed lot located at 17498 SW Rivendell Drive. Join neighbors and friends at the path entrance along SW Willowbottom Way. Please check in at the SOLVE registration table. Pride Disposal is generously providing drop boxes to dispose of the invasive plant material.

Please wear closed-toed shoes and weather-appropriate clothing and bring a backpack for hands-free convenience. If you have

personal tools to bring, such as gloves, hand saws and loppers/pruners, it will be helpful, however, tools and gloves are available. Please pack a reusable water bottle to support our sustainability efforts, but water cups will also be available.

Please register through the SOLVE website in advance to guarantee your spot.

For more information, or to sign up for the event, please visit: tinyurl.com/3um22efr.



Comprehensive Plan Update

Over time, the City of Durham has been reviewing and updating pieces of the Comprehensive Plan to ensure the goals are consistent with state requirements. Over the past year, Durham’s Planner, Keith Liden, has been working to format and organize updated plan sections so that it reads as one cohesive document. A draft of the updates was presented at the October 1st, 2024 Planning Commission meeting. A final draft of the plan, which includes recommendations from the City Attorney and the Department of Land Conservation and Development, will be presented at a public hearing at the December 3rd, 2024 Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission will conclude with recommendations that will be considered by City Council at a public hearing in early 2025. Council may choose to adopt the amended Comprehensive Plan, adopt the plan with modifications, or reject the modifications.

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



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.





Invitation for Public Comment

At the Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024, the Council will discuss increasing the fees for building permits. The public is invited to comment at this public hearing.

Durham City Council Candidates and the 2024 General Election

Durham City Council:

There will be three candidates for three 4-year City Council terms, and one candidate for a 2-year unexpired City Council term on the November 5th, 2024 ballot. Councilors will be sworn in at the January 2025 City Council meeting.

Durham's City Council is comprised of five nonpartisan council positions. At the January City Council meeting, Council elects one Councilor to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Council President for the year. Councilors also serve on the City's Budget Committee along with citizen appointees.

Register to Vote:

Qualifying Oregon residents may register to vote in person at the Washington County Elections office by 5 p.m. on October 15th or register online by 11:59 p.m. on October 15th, at: sos.oregon.gov/voting.

How to Vote:

To avoid issues, you are encouraged to mail your ballot early. Mailed ballots require a valid postmark by Election Day. Alternatively, drop your ballot off at any official drop box by 8 p.m. on November 5th, such as the drop box located at Tualatin's City Hall/Library. Find drop box locations here: sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/drop-box-locator.aspx.

For more help, please call the Washington County elections office at (503) 846-5800.

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.



New Face At City Hall

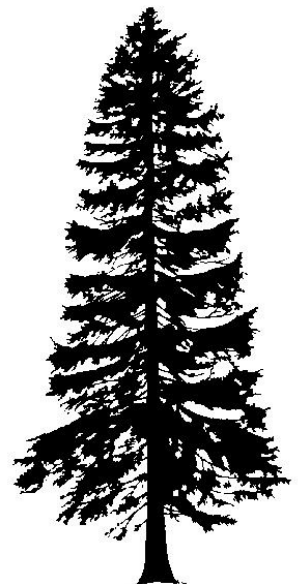
Hi! I'm Kait Garlick, the new Administrative Assistant at Durham City Hall. I am a Durham resident and love our unique little city. When I'm not working, I spend time with my husband, Kelly, and our 2 dogs and 4 cats: Griffin, Charles, Sandwich, Rosemary, Beans, and Cannoli. My husband and I love to walk, hike, kayak, and explore all the beauty that Oregon has to offer.

I am enjoying getting to meet more of our residents since starting here in August. Becky will be missed and I have her large shoes to fill, but I am so excited to be serving the community I am a part of. Stop in and say hello!

Thank you, Tree Committee!

In February, the City Council directed the Planning Commission to create a Tree Committee, made up of 3 Planning Commissioners and 4 residents from various Durham neighborhoods. The group has met weekly since July to come up with proposals for sustainably managing trees in our City with public safety in mind. The Committee identified 3 goals to meet its objectives: Preserving the City's Trees on Private and Public Lands, Enhancing Public Safety, and Simplifying the Tree Removal Permitting Process.

The Tree Committee has reviewed tree ordinances of neighboring cities and consulted with the City's arborist. The Committee plans to present its work at the October Planning Commission and City Council meetings.





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Make Smoke Alarms Work for You

October is Fire Prevention Month, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue reminds you to check your smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms help save lives by providing an early warning so you and your family can get outside quickly in the event of a fire in your home.

TVF&R offers the following advice to help protect your family:

- To ensure maximum protection, install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities. Smoke alarms are available that use strobe lights or vibration to alert residents.
- Check your alarms every six months by pushing the test button and replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Smoke alarms that also provide carbon monoxide detection may require devices to be replaced every seven years.
- Hard-wired alarms — those wired directly into home electrical systems — should have a battery back-up.
- Never disconnect or remove batteries from smoke alarms.
- An alarm's hush button allows you to temporarily silence the device if it's false alarm.
- Develop and practice a fire escape plan with the entire family that includes designating a meeting place outside.
- If your smoke alarm sounds, immediately exit your home, call 911, and stay outside.



For more fire prevention tips and tools to create a fire escape plan, visit: tvfr.com.