



DURHAM NEWS NOTES

Spring 2025



Thank You, Commissioner Goddard!

The City of Durham owes a debt of gratitude to Brian Goddard. Brian joined the Planning Commissioner in December 2006 and, until this past December, served as an advocate of responsible land use for the preservation of Durham's unique character.

Brian spent many years Chairing the Planning Commission throughout his tenure. His insightful leadership and knowledge of development and zoning have guided key decisions, helping the city strike a balance between progress and property rights. His fairness, integrity, and collaborative spirit have earned the respect of fellow commissioners, city staff, and residents alike.



The City of Durham extends its deepest appreciation to Brian for his exceptional volunteerism and lasting contributions. His commitment has made a meaningful and lasting impact on our community. Thank you, Brian, for 18 remarkable years of service and dedication to Durham.

FREE Bulky Waste Pick Up - Saturday, April 26

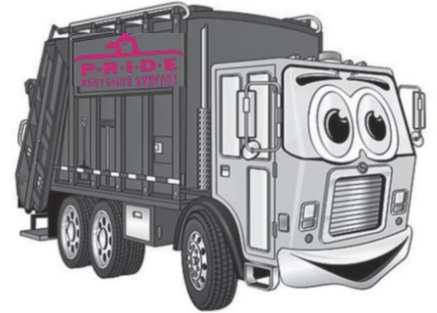
PRIDE will pick up large items like:

Mattresses * Appliances (including washers, dryers, stoves) * Microwaves * Dismantled Swing Sets * Planting Pots * Plastic Patio Furniture * Small Amounts of Wood (less than 5' long)

Prohibited items include:

Freon Appliances (fridges, freezers, air conditioners) * Hazardous Waste * Tires * Construction, Remodeling, Demolition Waste * TVs, Personal Computers, Electronics * Metal (larger than 3'x3') * Propane Bottles * Regular Garbage, Recycling, Yard Debris

If you are unable to get your items to the curb, drivers can help remove items for an additional fee. Call Pride Disposal at 503-625-6177 to schedule a reservation.



Please have items on the curb by 6:00 AM

City of Durham Treed Lot Habitat Restoration Saturday, April 26, 9 AM - 11 AM

Durham residents and SOLVE are teaming up again to remove invasive plant species from the City's treed lot. 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 a drop box 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:
<https://volunteer.solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0CVL00001g8Kqg>



Young Women Have a Chance to Explore a Career as a Firefighter

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue invites young women ages 16 to 22 to apply to participate in this summer's Portland Metro Fire Camp. This camp is an all-encompassing introduction to a rewarding profession. The camp is designed to instill confidence while building leadership and team skills.

Participants will learn what it takes to be a firefighter while completing hands-on training in hose and ladder skills, vehicle extrication, search and rescue, ropes and knots, live-fire operations, aerial ladder climbs, forcible entry, emergency medical skills, and other firefighting tasks.

They will also receive instruction from professional female firefighters from multiple agencies on how to prepare for interviews and gain insight on what it's like to have a career in the fire service as well as the importance of good nutrition and physical fitness.

This free fire camp will take place June 20, 21, and 22 at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's Training Center at 12400 SW Tonquin Road in Sherwood.

The application period opens March 3, and TVF&R will select as many as 50 participants. The deadline to apply for camp is May 12 at midnight. Space is limited.

Applications and more information are available online at www.portlandmetrofirecamp.com.



TVF&R Seeks Volunteer for its Civil Service Commission

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is seeking to fill one vacancy on its Civil Service Commission. The five-member commission oversees TVF&R's civil service system to ensure uniform standards in hiring, promotion, and tenure for employees. The commission meets quarterly to address a variety of matters, including oversight of actions related to employee classification, examinations, eligibility list management, appointments, and appeals.

An ideal volunteer candidate will have the following attributes:

- ◆ Is a resident in an area served by the District or owns property within the District's service area.
- ◆ An understanding of and commitment to the general purposes of the District's civil service rules, including providing equal opportunity to qualified persons in all aspects of employment in civil service positions and increasing effectiveness and efficiency in the administration of personnel processes.
- ◆ Ability to make high-quality decisions based on a mixture of analysis, wisdom, experience, and judgement.
- ◆ Is comfortable dealing with concepts and complexity.
- ◆ A broad perspective for viewing a situation.
- ◆ Ability to make a commitment to a four-year term as an unpaid volunteer, with attendance at quarterly evening meetings in Tigard and special meetings as needed.

For more information about this volunteer opportunity and a link to apply, visit www.tvfr.com. Applications will be accepted beginning on April 11 and are due by April 27. Interviews for selected candidates will occur Monday, May 5. An orientation will be held in late May or early June with the first commission meeting set for June 11 at 3 PM.

TVF&R is an all-hazards, full-service fire district providing fire protection and suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, technical and water rescue, fire prevention, public education, ambulance transport, and more to 548,000 residents in approximately 390 square miles. Our service area includes 11 cities and portions of four counties in Oregon.

Updated Meeting Time for City Council



Please note City Council meetings will begin at 7:30 PM, instead of 7:00 PM.

Planning Commission meetings will begin at 7:00 PM as was announced in the prior newsletter.



Monthly Meetings:

Planning Commission
1st Tuesday of the Month
at 7:00 PM

City Council
4th Tuesday of the Month
at 7:30 PM

Meetings are held at
Durham City Hall.

* Zoom links available upon request.

Tree Ordinance Town Hall Meeting 6-8 PM, May 6, 2025 Held at the Juanita Pohl Center

Over the past year, Durham has been working on updating its tree ordinances. The City is holding a [Town Hall meeting](#) at Tualatin's Juanita Pohl Center for citizens to ask questions and learn more.

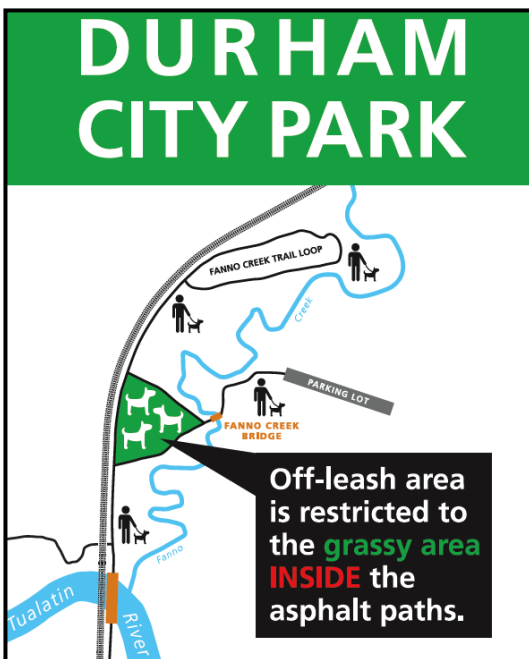
Durham's regular meeting of the Planning Commission will also be held at the Juanita Pohl Center on May 6 and will be called to order immediately following the Town Hall meeting. For more information, please call City Hall at 503-639-6851.

Thank you, Keith! Welcome, Alice.

In January, Durham received notice that our contract City Planner, Keith Liden, will be retiring. After a brief search, the City is pleased to report Alice Cannon will be lending her expertise to fill this role. The City would like to thank Keith for helping to guide the City through the past few years of growth. We are very fortunate to have Alice take up the mantle. Alice's first tasks are helping Durham navigate some important pending issues, such as updates to the comprehensive plan and the Durham Development Code, which includes FEMA's required revision of the floodplain ordinance.

Spring Maintenance Reminder

With the arrival of spring and the start of the growing season, the City of Durham asks residents to help keep our public spaces safe and accessible. Please trim any overgrown bushes or tree branches that may be encroaching on sidewalks, streetlights, roadways, or fire hydrants. Keeping these areas clear ensures safe passage for pedestrians, improves visibility for drivers, and allows emergency services to access vital infrastructure. Thank you for helping maintain a safe and beautiful community!



Friendly Reminder:

Please Keep Your Dogs Leashed

Our City has a wonderful off-leash green space for our four-legged friends to enjoy, however, we want to remind all residents that dogs are required to be on leash unless you are within the boundaries of the off-leash area (see map).

Please keep your dog on-leash in parking lots, on city streets, and along the trails surrounding the off-leash area. This is for your dog's safety, as well as those around you. Thank you for your cooperation!

Enforcement by Washington County Animal Control may result in fines of up to \$500 for violators.





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Make a Family Emergency Plan

Step 1: Put a plan together by discussing the questions below with your family, friends, or household.

- ◆ Who depends on you and who do you depend on?
- ◆ What are my evacuation routes (from home, work, school, etc.)? Know 2 routes home from frequented locations.
- ◆ Establish a meeting place away from your home in case of fire.
- ◆ What is my shelter-in-place plan? Have emergency provisions for 2 weeks such as water and non-perishable food.
- ◆ Do you have means to stay warm? Do you have a way to (safely) cook food?
- ◆ What important documents might you need to gather in an emergency? Put important medical, financial, and personal records together.

Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household.

- ◆ Do you have pets to consider? Medications or medical devices? Do you have caregivers to coordinate with? Tailor your plan and supplies; have a means to charge devices.

Step 3: Write down and share your Family Plan.

- ◆ Who needs to know your plan? Make sure to inform important contacts outside of your immediate household like family members living out-of-state, a trusted friend, or a neighbor. You may also need to share this information with those in your personal network who help care for children, family members with special needs, or pets.

Step 4: Practice makes perfect!

- ◆ Designate specific duties to your household members such as gathering supplies, shutting off utilities, preparing pets, etc.
- ◆ Make sure all family/household members participate and are comfortable with the established plan.

Sign up for emergency alerts: publicalerts.org; everbridge.com; enable Shake.Alert® notifications by going to usgs.gov.