



# DURHAM NEWS NOTES *Winter 2026*



## Holiday Tree Recycling: Pick-Up + Drop-off in Tigard

The air is cool and crisp, and the leaves have fallen. Now is the time when the minds of residents turn toward the winter holidays. Soon after, folks will look to ditch their festive greenery to make way for the new year.

The local Scouts of Troop 423 would like to inform you that they are once again hosting a Christmas tree recycling initiative this year! All greenery will be chipped at Cook Family Park with the help of Evergreen Tree Services. Chips will be spread on the park trails at the City of Tigard's discretion.

- ◆ Green trees: \$20 suggested donation, pickup or drop-off. No flocked trees.
- ◆ Wreaths and garlands: \$10 suggested donation, pickup or drop-off.

Services are provided for Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin, and the surrounding areas. Please check the coverage map on the website above. Pickup can be arranged online by visiting [bsatroop423and218.org/tree-recycling](http://bsatroop423and218.org/tree-recycling).

Set your tree in the driveway the morning of your scheduled pick up. Place a donation in a plastic bag and attach it to the tree, or pre-donate online.

### Days of Operation:

January 3, 2026

January 4, 2026

January 10, 2026

January 11, 2026

### Drop off at Cook Family Park:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm on pickup dates above



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## PLANNING COMMISSION

### MONTHLY MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please note, beginning in January 2026, the Durham Planning Commission will meet on the **second Tuesday of each month** rather than the first Tuesday. The first meeting under this new schedule will take place on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at its regular time.

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## Slow Down for Safety in Durham

Our residential streets are shared spaces. Please help keep kids, pets, and pedestrians safe by driving with care. 25 mph is the maximum but slowing to 20 mph can save a life.

- ◆ **Come to a complete stop** at stop signs and before crosswalks; yield to people walking, biking, or rolling.
- ◆ Stay extra alert near parks, driveways, school bus stops, and around parked cars or leaf piles.
- ◆ Avoid distractions: eyes on the road, hands on the wheel.
- ◆ Remember: **seasonal snow, ice, and rain increase stopping distance.** Please slow down and leave more space.

A few extra seconds on your trip makes a big difference.

Thank you for helping keep Durham's streets calm, courteous, and safe for everyone.



## Safety Is A Shared Effort

Keeping Durham safe is a shared responsibility. Small, everyday actions, such as keeping sidewalks clear of debris, snow, & ice, trimming vegetation near streets & paths, and reporting hazards, can make a meaningful difference for neighbors of all ages and abilities.

By staying aware and looking out for one another, we help create a safer community for pedestrians, families, seniors, and visitors alike. Thank you for doing your part to help keep Durham a safe and welcoming place to live.

## Be Ready For Winter Weather

Winter weather in Durham can bring heavy rain, strong winds, power outages, and fallen tree limbs. Taking a few simple steps now can help keep you, your family, and your neighbors safe when conditions change quickly.



Residents are encouraged to prepare a basic emergency kit that includes flashlights, extra batteries, medications, warm clothing, and a few days' worth of supplies. It is also a good idea to charge phones and backup batteries ahead of storms and to know how to safely report downed trees, flooding, or other hazards.

Staying informed is just as important as being prepared. Signing up for local emergency alerts ensures you receive timely information about severe weather, road closures, and other urgent situations. These alerts can provide critical updates when conditions are changing rapidly or when immediate action may be needed.

Winter safety also includes looking out for pets in our community. Shorter daylight hours, wet conditions, and colder temperatures can make walks more hazardous. Keep dogs leashed and visible, use reflective gear when possible, and avoid icy or flooded areas.

By preparing ahead of time, staying informed, and watching out for one another, including our pets, we can help ensure a safer winter season for everyone in Durham.



## Recent Resolutions and Ordinances

### **RESOLUTION 685-25 & 688-25 A RESOLUTION OF THE DURHAM CITY COUNCIL, OREGON UPDATING A MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM, OREGON**

Resolution 685-25 updated the City's Master Fee Schedule to better match the actual cost of providing services and to comply with state law. The update simplified and clarified City fees to make them easier for residents and applicants to understand.



Resolution 688-25 adopted an updated Master Fee Schedule that replaces older fee resolutions and combines all City fees into one clear document. The update helps ensure fees reflect current costs while creating a more consistent and easy-to-follow fee structure.

### **RESOLUTION 687-25 METRO LOCAL SHARE GRANT PROJECT ENDORSEMENT**

This resolution endorsed the City's application to Metro's Local Share program for grant funding. The City will use funds to support ADA accessibility improvements to Durham Park, as voted by residents.



### **ORDINANCE 270-25 MUNICIPAL COURT AND ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT**

This ordinance continued the City's Municipal Court and established updated procedures, enforcement authority, and civil penalties for violations of City ordinances. The ordinance also clarified how penalties may be determined to ensure consistency, fairness, and due process.



### **ORDINANCE 272-25 TREE REMOVAL REGULATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT SITES**

This ordinance adopted new, clear and objective tree removal regulations for development sites by replacing and updating Development Code Chapter 5 and related sections. The update ensures compliance with state law while maintaining protections for Durham's tree canopy during development.



### **Monthly Meetings:**

#### **Planning Commission**

**2nd Tuesday of the Month**  
**at 7:00 PM**

#### **City Council**

**4th Tuesday of the Month**  
**at 7:30 PM**

**Unless noticed otherwise,**  
**meetings are held at Durham**  
**City Hall**

\* Visit [durham-oregon.us](http://durham-oregon.us) to verify dates

## **Winter 2026 City Hall Holiday Closures**

Durham City Hall will be closed on the following days:

#### **New Years Day & Day After**

Thursday, January 1 & 2, 2026

#### **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Monday, January 19, 2026

#### **Presidents Day**

Monday, February 16, 2026





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## **Tree Ordinance Updates: What's Coming Next**

The City Council has adopted a new tree ordinance that applies specifically to new development projects. This ordinance updates how trees are protected, removed, and replaced when development occurs, helping balance growth with preservation of Durham's tree canopy. The tree code previously found in the Durham Development Code will remain to regulate tree removals unrelated to development until City Council adopts a new municipal ordinance.

Council has also updated tree permit fees under the City's current municipal tree code to better reflect the cost of City/Planning Commission review, inspections, and administration. Type A, B, and D permits are \$150 per tree, while Type C, E, F, G, and H permits are \$250 per tree for the first five trees and \$500 per tree for each additional tree. These updates bring Durham's fees more in line with those of nearby cities and help to cover the City's costs of processing permits.

In addition, the City is in the final stages of preparing a broader municipal tree ordinance that will apply citywide, outside of development activity. This ordinance is expected to come before City Council for final consideration in the coming months.

