



DURHAM NEWS NOTES *Spring 2026*



Tree Code Update

The City of Durham is working on finalizing efforts to modernize the City’s tree regulations. Residents are encouraged to review the ordinance and provide input as the City Council considers final adoption.

On February 24, 2026, the City Council held the first reading of the new Municipal Tree Code at the Juanita Pohl Center. The full ordinance is available for review on the City of Durham’s website (under the “News Updates” tab) for residents who would like to learn more about the proposed updates.

The second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for the March 24, 2026, City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Bridgeport Church (18080 SW Lower Boones Ferry Rd, Portland, OR 97224). Residents will have an opportunity to share their thoughts during the Public Forum portion of the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted to the City in advance of the meeting; these comments will be read into the record during the Public Forum.

Durham has maintained a tree code for more than 50 years, reflecting the community’s commitment to preserving the natural character that makes Durham such a special place to live.



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Spring Tree & Yard Care

Spring is a great time to check on the health of trees and tidy up yards after the winter months. Residents are encouraged to inspect trees for dead, damaged, or broken branches and remove smaller limbs where appropriate. Proper pruning can help maintain tree health and reduce the risk of falling branches, though larger limbs or work near power lines should be handled by a qualified arborist.

It is also a good time to check newly planted trees. Make sure support stakes are secure but not too tight, and refresh mulch around the base of the tree to help retain moisture and reduce weeds. Be sure to keep mulch a few inches away from the trunk.

Spring yard maintenance is also an opportunity to trim back vegetation that may block sidewalks, street signs, or visibility at intersections. Overgrown shrubs, low-hanging branches, and vegetation extending into sidewalks or streets can create safety hazards for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. Keeping plants trimmed back helps ensure that street signs remain visible and that sightlines at corners and driveways remain clear. Regular seasonal upkeep not only improves safety and accessibility throughout the neighborhood, but also helps maintain the health and appearance of Durham's tree canopy and landscape.

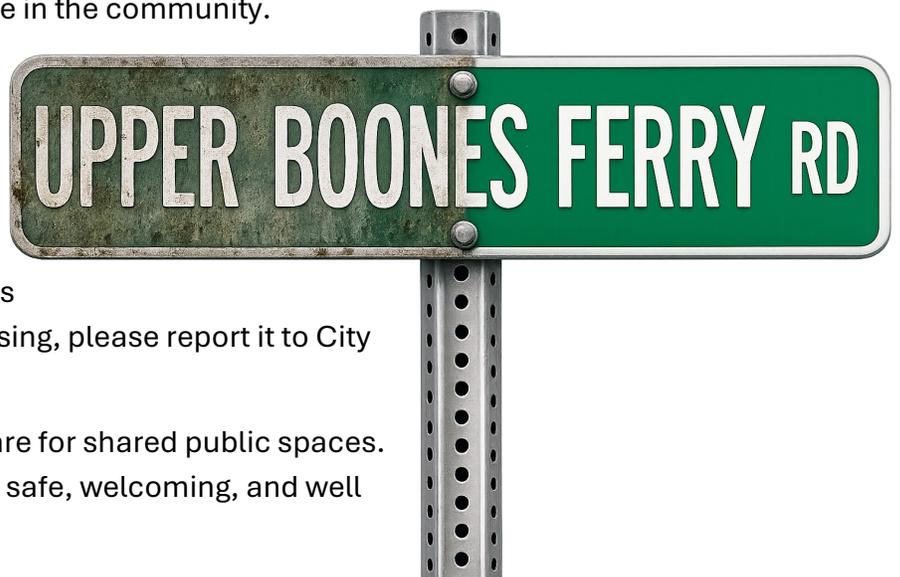


Help Keep Durham's Street Signs Visible

Residents can play a simple role in helping keep Durham's streets safe and well maintained. Street and traffic signs are important for guiding drivers, pedestrians, delivery services, and emergency responders, and keeping them visible benefits everyone in the community.

If you notice a sign near your home that is dirty, partially blocked by vegetation, or difficult to see, consider helping out by gently cleaning it with soap and water or trimming back small branches or plants that may be obstructing it. If a sign appears damaged, in poor condition, loose, or missing, please report it to City Hall so the City can address the issue.

This is a simple way neighbors can help care for shared public spaces. Small efforts like these help keep Durham safe, welcoming, and well maintained for everyone.



Bulky Waste & Community Volunteer Opportunity

April 25th, 2026

Bulky Waste Day

Do you have something you want to get rid of but it's too big to fit in your roll cart? The City of Durham has scheduled a FREE bulky waste pick up day for Saturday, April 25, 2026. Pride Disposal will pick up and haul away big items such as mattresses, appliances, microwaves, dismantled swing sets, planting pots, plastic patio furniture, and small amounts of wood not longer than 5 feet at no charge to you. The trucks will not accept tires, TVs, freon appliances (fridges, freezers, air conditioners), personal computers or electronics, metals larger than 3' x 3', propane bottles, regular garbage or recycling, hazardous waste, or yard debris.



Please have your items out at the curb by 6:00 am.

Community Volunteer Event – Help Restore Our Local Woods!

Date: April 25th, 2026

Time: 9:00–11:00 AM

Location: City of Durham Treed Lot
(Meet at path entrance on SW Rivendell Dr,
off of SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd)

Join your Durham neighbors and SOLVE Oregon to remove invasive plants like ivy and help restore our neighborhood woods. It's a great way to support local habitat and spend time outdoors with the community.

Provided: Gloves, drinking water, and some tools.

Please bring: Closed-toe shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, a reusable water bottle, and your own gloves/tools if available.

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/y3rnfyf2>



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 to verify dates

Spring 2026 City Hall Holiday Closures

Durham City Hall will be closed on the following days:

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25, 2026

Juneteenth

Friday, June 19, 2026



Durham Turns 60!

The City of Durham is proud to celebrate 60 years since its incorporation on February 25, 1966. What began as a small, close-knit community has grown into a vibrant city that continues to value its natural spaces, neighborhood character, and strong civic engagement. To commemorate this milestone, the City will host a **60th Birthday Celebration at Durham Park on Saturday, July 4, 2026**, from noon to 3 p.m. The community is invited to join in the festivities, honoring Durham's history. Additional details about the celebration will be shared in the coming months at www.durham-oregon.us

Save the Date!





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

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue invites young women ages 16–22 to apply for this summer’s Fire Camp. This hands-on camp provides an introduction to the fire service while helping participants build confidence, leadership, and teamwork skills.



Campers will learn what it takes to be a firefighter through training in hose and ladder operations, vehicle extrication, search and rescue, ropes and knots, live-fire exercises, aerial ladder climbs, forcible entry, and emergency medical skills. Participants will also hear from professional female firefighters from multiple agencies about preparing for interviews, building a career in the fire service, and the importance of physical fitness and nutrition.

This free fire camp will take place June 26, 27, and 28 at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue’s Training Center at 12400 SW Tonquin Road in Sherwood.

Applications will be accepted beginning March 9, and TVF&R will select as many as 25 participants. The deadline to apply for camp is May 18 at midnight. Applications and more information are available online at www.tvfr.com/firecamp.

