



DURHAM NEWS NOTES

Fall 2026



**FREE LEAF DISPOSAL
FOR DURHAM RESIDENTS**

Dumpsters will be located at Durham City Park:

November 14th & 15th
November 21th & 22th
December 5th & 6th

As Fall approaches, leaves begin to change color and fall. As you collect fallen leaves, please be sure to not blow them into the street and keep storm drains clear to prevent water backups. Through our partners at Pride Disposal and Clean Water Services, the City provides free dumpsters for leaf and needle disposal each fall. To help us keep this service available, please **do not overfill the dumpsters or leave extra piles or bags outside of them**. The City must pay for cleanup and hauling of material left outside the dumpsters, adding cost that may make this program available in future years.

The contents of the dumpsters are composted and are **for leaves, needles, and paper yard debris bags only**. As such, the **following items are NOT acceptable** and **should NOT** be placed in the dumpsters: **woody debris, branches, plastic bags, or landfill waste**.

Thank you for helping keep this program running smoothly for everyone in Durham!

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Be Ready for Inclement Weather

Fall and winter weather can bring heavy rain, strong winds, falling branches, and power outages. A little preparation now can help reduce problems when storms arrive and keep your household safe.

Residents are encouraged to trim branches blocking street lights, check trees and large branches for obvious signs of damage, secure or store outdoor furniture and decorations, and keep gutters and drains clear of leaves and debris. It is also a good idea to have flashlights, extra batteries, basic supplies, and important phone numbers readily available in case of a power outage.

If you encounter a downed power line, stay well away from it and report it to the utility provider or emergency services. Fallen trees, blocked streets, or other hazards affecting City property or public rights-of-way should be reported to City Hall.

Taking a few simple steps before severe weather arrives can make a big difference when the major fall or winter storms roll through Durham.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

On Sunday, November 1, 2026, Daylight Saving Time ends. At 2:00 a.m., clocks “fall back” one hour to 1:00 a.m., giving everyone an extra hour of rest. Don’t forget to set your clocks back before heading to bed Saturday night.



The time change is also a good reminder to check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Test each device, make sure batteries are working, and replace batteries or alarms as needed. A few minutes of preparation can help keep your home and family safe throughout the year.

Courtesy on Durham’s Streets

As fall brings shorter days while activity on neighborhood streets continues, the City encourages everyone to help keep Durham safe and comfortable for all users.

Drivers should use extra caution around pedestrians, bicyclists, and people using e-bikes, electric scooters, one-wheels, and other small electric mobility devices. Riders of bikes and these devices should also travel responsibly, use lights and bright, reflective clothing to remain visible. Always watch for vehicles entering or leaving driveways, and be considerate of pedestrians and other roadway users.

Parking is another important part of street safety. On Durham’s narrower streets, vehicles parked on both sides can significantly reduce the space available for through traffic and may make it difficult for larger vehicles, including school buses and emergency vehicles, to pass. When possible, residents and guests are encouraged to leave adequate room for vehicles to travel safely.

A little extra awareness and courtesy goes a long way toward keeping Durham’s neighborhood streets safe and accessible for everyone.



Join Durham's Planning Commission

The City of Durham currently has a vacancy on its Planning Commission. If you are interested in having a voice in land use decisions in Durham, consider applying to serve!

Durham's Planning Commission is composed of seven Durham residents who are appointed by the City Council. The Commission considers land use and development matters affecting the community and provides residents with an opportunity to participate directly in Durham's planning process.

Residents interested in serving should complete a Citizen Interest Application and submit it to the City. The application form can be found on the "Other Permits and Forms" page of the City's website or obtained by contacting City Hall.

We encourage interested Durham residents to apply and get involved in helping shape the future of our community.



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

* Teams links are available upon request

Upcoming City Hall Holiday Closures

Durham City Hall will be closed on the following days:

Veterans Day
Wednesday, Nov 11, 2026

Thanksgiving & Day After
Thursday & Friday, November 26
& 27, 2026

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25, 2026



2026 General Election: City Council

Durham's City Council is comprised of five nonpartisan council positions. There will be two candidates running for two 4-year City Council positions, both incumbent councilors.

At the January 2027 City Council meeting, elected candidates will be sworn in, and the Council will elect 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.

Qualifying Oregon residents may register to vote in person at the Washington County Elections office by 5 p.m. on October 13th or register online by 11:59 p.m. on October 13th, at: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/vr/register.do>

To avoid issues, it is encouraged to mail your ballot early. Mailed ballots require a valid postmark on or before Election Day. Alternatively, drop your ballot off at any official drop box in Oregon by 8 p.m. on November 3rd.

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



Check Before You Build or Improve

Planning a fence, shed, deck, retaining wall, addition, or other property improvement? Before starting work, check with the City to make sure your project meets applicable Durham codes.



Projects may be subject to various requirements, like permits, setbacks, height, drainage, trees, utility easements, or materials. Checking requirements early can help avoid delays, added costs, or having to modify completed work.

Residents with questions are encouraged to contact City Hall before beginning a project.



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Annual West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta

The West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta returns to Tualatin's Lake of the Commons on Sunday, October 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Since 2004, visitors have gathered to watch costumed racers paddle enormous pumpkins across the lake in one of the area's most unique fall traditions. This year's pumpkin races are scheduled for noon and 2:00 p.m., with food, entertainment, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin golf, and other activities throughout the day. Admission is free.

To make parking easier, visitors are encouraged to carpool, walk, bike, or use the free Pumpkin Shuttle, which runs from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Parking and shuttle pickup are available at Kaiser Permanente, Bellagio's Pizza, The Oregon Clinic, and the Hedges Green parking lot. Visitors using Hedges Green should follow event signage and avoid spaces reserved for customers.

ADA parking is available at 8460 SW Nyberg Street, and a free bike valet will operate from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the corner of Nyberg Street and 84th Avenue. The Regatta takes place at the Lake of the Commons, 8325 SW Nyberg Street, Tualatin.

