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Date of BOCC Meeting: January 14, 2019

Request for Board Action:

- Durham City-County Martin Luther King, Jr. Employee Observance Program** - Durham City and County governments collaborate annually for a Martin Luther King, Jr. Employee Observance Program.

The 14th Annual program is scheduled for noon on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Organized each year in celebration of Dr. King’s legacy and progressive ideals, this year’s program will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 305 E. Main St., in downtown Durham. Free and open to the public, the event includes remarks from local leaders and elected officials, with musical selections by the Durham City-County MLK Employee Choir. The newly sworn in North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls will be the keynote speaker. Justice Earls is a former civil rights attorney and professor.

For more information about the event contact the Durham County Manager’s Office at 919-560-0000 or email publicinformationoffice@dconc.gov <<mailto:publicinformationoffice@dconc.gov>>.

- Durham County Government will observe the Martin Luther King Jr., holiday on Monday, January 21, 2019.** On this day, non-essential offices for the County will be closed. All County offices will reopen and resume normal hours of operation on Tuesday, January 22nd.
- Durham County General Services County Convenience Sites** - The Durham County General Services Department will close its four Solid Waste and Recycling Convenience Sites on January 21st. Durham County residents with a current 2018-2019 solid waste decal can resume disposal of garbage, recycling, yard waste and bulky items on January 22nd beginning at 7 a.m.

A reminder, live Christmas trees are accepted in the yard waste containers at the Bahama, Redwood, and

Parkwood Convenience Sites. All decorations must be removed.

4. **Roadside Recycling Collection** - The Durham County roadside recycling collection (Schedule B - South of the Eno River) for the week of January 21st will not change due to the holiday. Customers scheduled for Monday's collection will receive service on Monday as scheduled. To learn more about Durham County's solid waste and recycling programs, call (919) 560-0433 or visit www.dconc.gov/recycling <<http://www.dconc.gov/recycling>>
5. **LIEAP - Low Income Energy Assistance Program**: LIEAP will be open to ALL Durham County residents, January 2 - March 31, 2019. Applications will be taken at the Department of Social Services in the Crisis Lobby #27 Monday - Friday at 414 East Main Street from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Call 919-560-8000 to schedule your LIEAP appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. The LIEAP Program assists with heating only. Bring a photo ID, Social Security card, income verification and verification of heating source-heating bill to your appointment.

6. **2019 Golden Leaf Awards Nominations Now Being Accepted** - Do you know of a Durham property that's outstanding for its design, preservation, curb appeal, or stewardship of the natural and built environment? Nominate it now for the 2019 Golden Leaf Awards. The Durham City-County Appearance Commission and Keep Durham Beautiful are currently seeking property nominations to recognize new developments, buildings, and landscaping in Durham County that provide positive attributes to the community's built environment.

The award categories are Neighborhood Garden & Landscape; Hearth & Home; Adaptive Reuse-Old Building New Design; Small Development (under 12,000 sq. ft.); Large Development (over 12000 sq. ft.); and Keep Durham Beautiful. Nominations can now be submitted at www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com <<http://www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com>> and are due by Friday, February 15. Any projects completed within the last five years that have not already received a Golden Leaf Award are eligible. Awards will be presented at a ceremony in April 2019.

For more information, visit [www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com](http://www.durhamgoldenleaf.com) <<http://www.durhamgoldenleaf.com>> or contact Senior Planner Kayla Seibel with the Durham City-County Planning Department at Kayla.Seibel@DurhamNC.gov <<mailto:Kayla.Seibel@DurhamNC.gov>> or (919) 560-4137, ext. 28271.

7. **Durham YouthWork Program Seeks Local Employers to Host Youth Interns** - This program, now in its 16th year, has a goal to grow from serving approximately 200 youth each summer to serving more than 1,000 youth within the next three years. In 2019, the goal is to offer more than 300 paid youth summer internship opportunities, and local employers are needed to make this a reality.

This year's expo will be held on Saturday, February 23 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Chesterfield Building, located at 107 W. Main St. in downtown Durham.

For more information about hosting summer interns and/or participating in the 2019 Durham YouthWork Job Expo, interested employers should visit the City's website or contact Business Services Manager Jamie Vaughn with the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development at (919) 560-4965 ext. 15221 or James.Vaughn@DurhamNC.gov.

8. **We're 150 Years Old, Y'all!** As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Durham throughout 2019, we're

honoring the changemakers who shaped Durham's unique sense of place, and we're rightfully touting Durham's position in the future. Home to scholars, artists, and entrepreneurs, we're accustomed to movement, creativity, and blazing new trails. **SAVE THE DATE, April 13, 2019** - Durham 150 opening celebration. Visit www.DURHAM150.ORG <<http://www.DURHAM150.ORG>> and look for announcements in January for more on how to get involved.

9. **Alert Durham** - Sign Up Today: Durham County wants to keep its citizens informed and safe in the case of an emergency. Sign up for Alert Durham to receive notifications about severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. To sign up for Alert Durham, visit AlertDurham.com <<http://AlertDurham.com>>.
10. **Get Involved!** It's your County. Durham County Government has approximately 43 active advisory boards referred to as Boards and Commissions. Citizens of Durham County may volunteer to participate by applying for a vacancy.

Interested citizens should fill out an application and send it to the Clerk to the Board's Office. A description of the boards as well as a list of vacancies can be found on the County's website at <http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/boards-and->. If you need additional information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or email to: BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov <<mailto:BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov>>

This information can also be found on our Durham County Website: www.dconc.gov <<http://www.dconc.gov>>

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