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**Request For Board Action:**

- 1. National Preparedness Month:** The Durham County Emergency Management Department will recognize September as National Preparedness Month (NPM), to remind citizens that we must all prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year.

This year's NPM will focus on planning, with an overarching theme: Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.

**Things you can do to prepare include:**

- Make and practice your emergency plan
- Learn lifesaving skills
- Check your insurance coverage
- Save for an emergency

For more information on NPM, visit [www.ready.gov/september](http://www.ready.gov/september)  
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- 2. Kick off Try Transit Week with a free ride Saturday on GoDurham:** Whether your favorite get-out-of-the-house plans involve biking, beers or books, add a twist to your typical trip this month and let the bus be your ride. September is Try Transit Month across the nation, and GoDurham wants to help residents participate by offering tips and suggested trips for all types of people, be they adventurers, intellectuals, tour guides or foodies. GoDurham even is offering a Fare Free Day on Saturday to get your ride off right.

To have more time and money to explore those experiences, maybe a cheaper and easier commute to work would help. As Durham, Orange and Wake counties go forward together with new transit investments, the ever-expanding regional network is making it even more convenient for Triangle residents to get where they need to go.

**Get ready for Try Transit Week September 22-29** by heading to [godurhamtransit.org](http://godurhamtransit.org) and using the trip-planning tool to find a route to work. If you log your new commute online at Share the Ride NC, you're even eligible for monthly prize drawings through GoTriangle's GoPerks program.

To make it even easier to try transit, GoDurham is offering riders free fare on September 22. Need help planning a route? Call 919-485-7433. And no one ever need waste time waiting at bus stops. The free TransLoc app shows buses moving in real time and offers arrival predictions and proximity alerts. Learn about TransLoc at [godurhamtransit.org/transloc](http://godurhamtransit.org/transloc).

### **3. Food Shuttle to open new Child food Hub:** Grand Opening to be held on September 27, 2018

DURHAM, N.C. - Inter-Faith Food Shuttle is opening its new Child Food Hub, a 7,000 sq. ft. facility that will lead the way in fighting childhood hunger in the Greater Triangle. The Child Food Hub will be officially opened on September 27, 2018 at 10 a.m. with a dedication ceremony led by Dave Koch, President/CEO of Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, and Steve Schewel, Mayor of Durham. The new warehouse is located at 2436 S. Miami Blvd., Ste. 200-9, Durham, N.C. 27703.

The dedication on September 27 will include tours of the new warehouse and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. It will also kick off the 2019 Band Together partnership, which has a goal of raising more than one million dollars to support the expansion of Food Shuttle child hunger programs. Tours and a light breakfast start at 10 a.m. with a ceremony following at 10:30 a.m.

### **4. Art of Cool Festival 2018:** 5th Anniversary Edition on Friday, September 28. A cool remix of Black American Music takes place in downtown Durham for a weekend festival of forward-thinking Jazz, alternative Soul and mature Hip Hop. The mission of AOCFEST is to expand the audience for jazz, while championing innovative thought around music and culture. This experience will draw over 10,000 music lovers to the vibrant city of Durham, NC as a destination experience for all.

The 5th Anniversary AOCFEST will feature Nas, Erykah Badu, Maxwell, Meshell NDegeocello, Rahsaan Patterson, Dwele, Sango, Iman Omari, Damien Escobar, Sons of Kemet, Durham's own 9th Wonder featuring Spinderella, and many more to be announced!

Venues: Durham Bulls Athletic Park (DBAP), The Durham Armory, The Carolina Theater, The Motorco, The Pinhook, and more!

### **5. Winner to be Selected - The "I Voted" Sticker Contest** ended on Friday, August 31 at 5:00 p.m. Since last month, the public was invited to weigh in on the look of new "I Voted" sticker. According to the Durham Board of Elections, response to participate has been tremendous. The Board of Elections will select the winning design at its Board meeting on Thursday, September 13. The winning design will be on all "I Voted" stickers handed out in the November 6 General Election and beyond! Mark your calendars - early voting begins on Wednesday, October 17! Thank you to all of our participants!

### **6. One-Stop "Early Voting" Schedule for the November 6 General Election - Need to Register?**

Advance registration ends on Friday, October 12. If needed, you can “same-day register” at any early voting site. Just be sure to bring one of the following documents (or acceptable photo ID\*): a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document. **New Advanced** mapping tools to find the closest Durham County early voting site to you is available at our website ([www.dconc.gov/elect](http://www.dconc.gov/elect) <<http://www.dconc.gov/elect>>) or directly at <<http://bit.ly/2FbG2Pm>>.

\*Photo ID is not a requirement for voting.

- 7. County Seeks Response to Request for Proposal for Restaurant Spaces in Admin II Building:** Construction at the new building across the street from the Old Courthouse/County Administration Building I, now referred to as Admin II, is scheduled for completion in early September 2018. The County issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) on August 15 in search of well-qualified restaurant tenants to lease the available spaces. The RFP includes a detailed presentation of the restaurant concept, business operating plans and financial projections that demonstrate a solid plan for success.

Interested applicants seeking more information on how to prepare a response to the RFP will be able to access assistance through a partnership between Durham County Government and The Institute, the County’s Minority and Women Business Enterprise program and North Carolina’s Small Business and Technology Development Center at North Carolina Central University. More information about these resources can be found at <<https://www.theinstitutenc.org/>> and at <<http://www.sbtcd.org/>>.

The RFP and required documentation for submission can be downloaded from the Durham County Government website at <<http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-f-z/finance/bid-opportunities>>. Submissions should be mailed or hand delivered to the County of Durham Purchasing Division, 4th Floor, Administrative Building, 200 E. Main St., Durham, NC 27701, no later than October 22.

- 8. Durham big Sweep** - Every September and October, groups from across Durham volunteer to pick up litter in their local neighborhoods, parks, and streams as part of Big Sweep. This is one of the longest running events hosted by Keep Durham Beautiful. Over 5,100 volunteers have picked up over 160,000 pounds of litter since Big Sweep's inception in 2005. Register [here](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdconc.us7.list-manage.com%2F) <<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdconc.us7.list-manage.com%2F>>

In 2017, volunteers collected an astounding 30,000 pounds of trash, breaking the previous record, set in 2012, by over 10,000 pounds. You can help us set another new record by signing up as an individual or group to participate in Big Sweep 2018! Volunteers can create a cleanup team with a group of family/friends/co-workers or can volunteer as individuals and be assigned to a team. If you don't have a particular site in mind, our staff can assist you in locating a cleanup site.

- 9. "Here Comes the Bus" Bus Tracking App** - Durham Public Schools is the first district in North Carolina to offer parents to option to track their child's bus in real time!

All you need is an account with our "Here Comes the Bus" application online, and you can track the bus using your computer, smart phone or tablet. Using the latest in GPS technology, this app lets you see where the bus is and confirms when the bus has arrived at the bus stop and at the school.

Plus, users can sign up to receive a text message or email when the bus is within a certain radius of the bus stop. No more rushing to get out of the house in time just to see the bus already pulling away!

Sign up today -- it's free and easy.

**How to get started:**

1. Visit [herecomesthebus.com](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdconc.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%2F) <<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdconc.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%2F>>
2. Click the Sign Up Today! Button
3. Enter school code 97034 and click “Next” followed by “Confirm”
4. Complete the “User Profile” box
5. Under “My Students,” click “Add”. Enter the student’s last name and student ID number.
6. Confirm the information and you’re ready to begin using Here Comes the Bus! Please contact [Debbie Roberson](mailto:debbie.roberson@dpsnc.net) <<mailto:debbie.roberson@dpsnc.net>>, Transportation Technology Coordinator at 919-560-3822 ext. 29200 if you have any questions.

**10. 2018-19 Durham County open Space Matching Grant Cycle now Open!** The Durham County Open Space Matching Grant Program has opened the 2018-19 cycle for new applicants. This grant allows local non-profits to apply for recreation or open space-based grants at a 50-50 match. More information, guidelines, and application can be found on the Durham County Website below or on the Durham County Open Space Division Facebook page. Grant closes November 14! For more details, visit [www.dconc.gov/matchinggrants](http://www.dconc.gov/matchinggrants) <<http://www.dconc.gov/matchinggrants>>.

**11. 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) <<http://AlertDurham.com>>.

**12. 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-commissions>. 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) <<mailto:BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov>>

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

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