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**Date Of BOCC Meeting: November 26, 2018**

**Request For Board Action:**

- 1. Third Annual John W. Hatch FaithHealth Lecture: November 27, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** at Shaw University - Thomas J. Boyd Chapel, Raleigh. The Division of FaithHealth Ministries at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and Shaw University Divinity School invite you to the Third Annual John W. Hatch FaithHealth Lecture Series. The lecture series will engage faith and health leaders in dynamic and thought-provoking dialogue reflective of the strength of faithhealth intersections in improving population health and building stronger communities.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Registration required by November 14, 2018. Register online at: [www.shawu.edu/FaithHealth/](http://www.shawu.edu/FaithHealth/) <<http://www.shawu.edu/FaithHealth/>>. For questions, please contact Dawn Hall at [dmhall@wakehealth.edu](mailto:dmhall@wakehealth.edu) <<mailto:dmhall@wakehealth.edu>>

- 2. American Tobacco Tower Lighting, November 30, 2018:** Join the Durham Community for the Annual American Tobacco Tower Lighting at 6 p.m. on **Friday, November 30, 2018** at the American Tobacco Amphitheatre, located at 300 Blackwell Street. There is always a chance of snow, along with sensational community choral groups and other surprises! Be one of the first 1000 people on site and receive a Light Wand sponsored by 811 Dig North Carolina and PSNC Energy. At the conclusion of the event, the holiday fun continues as everyone parades up Blackwell Street to CCB Plaza for the City of Durham Tree Lighting.

And don't forget to visit the Tree of Bikes on the Burt's Bees Patio.  
For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/544054319370097/>.

- 3. Feedback on Light Rail Project Sought:** A special note from GoTriangle to community leaders and

constituents. The community weighed in, and we listened. Orange and Durham counties' 17.7-mile light-rail project officially entered the federal government's Engineering phase in July 2017, and as engineering has progressed, some beneficial refinements to the initial plans have been identified.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and GoTriangle have prepared a [Supplemental Environmental Assessment](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgotriangle.us12.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D05883c06bf1ad71c4731541c5%2F) <[https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgotriangle.us12.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D05883c06bf1ad71c4731541c5%](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgotriangle.us12.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D05883c06bf1ad71c4731541c5%2F)> to analyze the impacts and benefits of the proposed refinements to the light rail's design. Written comments on the Supplemental Environmental Assessment will be accepted until **November 30, 2018**. As Durham, Orange and Wake counties go forward with community investments in transit, GoTriangle would like to invite you and your constituents to participate in an upcoming open house to review proposed refinements to the design of the light-rail and provide written comment on the Supplemental Environmental Assessment.

Review the document and find more information [HERE](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgotriangle.us12.list-)  
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- 4. November is National Adoption Awareness Month:** *A special message from DSS* - The Durham County Department of Social Services celebrates our adoptive families during November with National Adoption Awareness Month. DSS also recognizes the role each of us play in the lives of youth in foster care and those who need a permanent home. If you or anyone you know are interested in more information on becoming a foster or adoptive parent, Call: 919-560-8092 or Email: [fosterdreams@dconc.gov](mailto:fosterdreams@dconc.gov) <<mailto:fosterdreams@dconc.gov>>. You may also download this flyer with more information: English - <<https://www.dconc.gov/home/showdocument?id=12484>> Spanish - <<https://www.dconc.gov/home/showdocument?id=12482>>
- 5. MBK DURHAM SUIT DRIVE** - Donate Confidence! When you donate a suit, you're not just giving someone a piece of clothing, you're giving someone a chance to look in the mirror and feel good. That's a big deal because when you feel good you make things happen.

**Accepting donations from November 1 - 30, 2018. Bring your gently used professional attire to any of the following drop-off locations:**

- *Admin I, 200 East Main St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*
- *New Admin II, 201 E. Main St. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*
- *Human Services Building, 414 E. Main St.*

Donations collected throughout November will be distributed to non-profits and organizations whose mission is to help individuals gain employment through job readiness and workforce assistance.

Donate: suits, ties, jackets, dress shoes, dress shirts, casual pants, outerwear, sport coat, sweaters and new socks. Contact information: 919-560-8154 or [mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov](mailto:mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov)  
<<mailto:mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov>>

- 6. Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to Select Chair; New Elected Officials to be Sworn in on Monday, December 3, 2018,** the Durham Board of County Commissioners will select the 2018-2019 chair of the board. In addition to the selection of a chair, the Board will also identify a vice-chair to serve alongside the chair. The voting and naming will take place during the Commissioners Work Session beginning at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers located at 200 E. Main Street. See the

selection in person or view the voting process live on the BOCC Agendas and Video Library [page <https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dconc.gov%2Fmeeting-agenda>](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dconc.gov%2Fmeeting-agenda). The meeting of the BOCC will also include the swearing in of Durham County's members of the Soil and Water Conservation District.

- 7. INNOVATE DURHAM DEMO DAY** - Come celebrate the 2018 Innovate Durham cohort on **Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Hayti Heritage Center on 804 Old Fayetteville Street, Durham. Six startups were selected to work with local government staff at the City of Durham and Durham County. For 12 weeks these startups have been testing out their ideas, doing research and working with staff in departments ranging from Public Health to Fleet Management and Solid Waste. Demo Day is a chance for them to share what they worked on and show off their company. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/innovate-durham-demo-day-tickets-52103337485>
- 8. City of Durham Holiday Parade and Fun Fest! Coming December 8, 2018** - Join the City of Durham for the annual Holiday Parade featuring floats, local high school bands, and more! The event, scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8th, is free and open to the public. The parade and special features like sledding will take place in Downtown Durham rain or shine!

The fun will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on Blackwell Street between Morehead Avenue and West Lakewood Avenue. For more event information, visit <https://www.dprplaymore.org/309/Holiday-Parade-and-Fun-Fest>

9. **2019 General Reappraisal:** Durham County's next general reappraisal is effective **January 1, 2019**. For information to share with community groups, homeowner associations, etc. or to better understand the reappraisal process, contact Durham County Government Call Center at (919) 560-0300 or for information about Durham County's General Reappraisal visit our website at [www.dconc.gov](http://www.dconc.gov)  
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10. **"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:

- Visit [herecomesthebus.com <https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdconc.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D6289e2c0-4d3f-4090-a000-000000000000>](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdconc.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D6289e2c0-4d3f-4090-a000-000000000000)
- 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.

11. **Rabies Vaccination Clinic:** The Durham County Sheriff's Office hosts a Rabies Vaccination Clinic every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 3005 Glen Road. A \$10 fee is required (cash only), bring your ID. For more information, visit <http://www.durhamsheriff.com/services/animal-services>
12. **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).
13. **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>](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)  
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