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Announcements

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Request For Board Action:

- 1. 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, 2018!** For more details, visit www.dconc.gov/matchinggrants <<http://www.dconc.gov/matchinggrants>>.
- 2. Register of Deeds Announces Thank A Vet Program Kickoff:** Upon release from the United States Armed Forces, it is highly recommended that veterans record their discharge papers in case originals are damaged or lost. The Register of Deeds Office is responsible for recording military discharge documents (DD-214's) for veterans. The Durham County Register of Deeds Office will kick off their campaign encouraging all veterans to record their military discharge documents on **Thursday, November 15, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

Thank-A-Vet card holders can begin to use their card right away by presenting it at a participating business in Durham. The participating business list is located on the County Register of Deeds Office webpage at www.dconc.gov/rod <<http://www.dconc.gov/rod>>.

For additional information about the Thank-A-Vet Program, contact Register of Deeds Administrative Officer Stephanie Robeson at (919) 560-0475 or srobeson@dconc.gov <<mailto:srobeson@dconc.gov>>. To learn more about the Durham County Register of Deeds, visit www.dconc.gov/rod <<http://www.dconc.gov/rod>>.

- 3. Duke Game Days:** The library is pleased to partner with Duke Athletics for Library Game Days! Help us represent Durham County Library at the athletic events listed below. Show your Durham County Library card to get in FREE! Parking is also free. Only ONE person is admitted to the game for free per library card. If you come in a group, everyone needs their own Durham County Library card to get into the game free of charge. Need a Durham County Library card or a replacement card to get in free to those events? Visit your nearest library to get a new one!

ATHLETIC EVENTS:

Duke Volleyball vs North Carolina*

Saturday, November 17, 2 p.m., Cameron Indoor Stadium (115 Whitford Drive)

Women's Basketball vs Elon

Sunday, November 18, 2 p.m., Cameron Indoor Stadium (115 Whitford Drive)

**These games are always free of charge.*

For more information call 919-560-0127 or visit [<https://durhamcountylibrary.org/>](https://durhamcountylibrary.org/)

- 4. 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/>>. For questions, please contact Dawn Hall at dmhall@wakehealth.edu <<mailto:dmhall@wakehealth.edu>>

- 5. 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](#)
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- 6. 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>>. 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>>

- 7. 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. Bring your gently used professional attire to any of the following drop-off locations:

- Admin I, 200 East Main St., 1st Floor
- New Admin II, 201 E. Main St. 1st 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

8. City of Durham Holiday Parade & 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. "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%2F619801e4-4f5d-4c34-a63d-f80090000000)
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. 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>>.
- 11. 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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