

What people are saying about Durham Neighborhood College ...

“The presentation made the night! It was informative, passionate, and inspiring. The facilitator was wonderful!”

“All of the info was great, but It was a real treat to meet my classmates and see all the interest and passion in the group!”

“I found all of the information valuable. It was so relevant to everyday life of all Durham citizens. I will try to place this info in my neighborhood newsletter.”

“The topics were extremely pertinent to issues in our neighborhood. I found it valuable to have access to great resources and key people.”



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Enlightening and Empowering Citizens to Build a Better Durham

Durham Neighborhood College offers a unique opportunity for Durham citizens to learn about the organization, operations and services of their local government. Jointly sponsored by Durham City and County governments, the program consists of interactive sessions facilitated by various local government officials. A wealth of information is provided to empower participants to play a more active role in their neighborhoods and the Durham community.



Schedule & Curriculum

Durham Neighborhood College offers an annual nine week session that runs from September through November. Classes are held weekly from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in City and County offices. A light dinner is served. The curriculum includes the following series of topics:

- Introduction to City and County Services
- Neighborhoods
- Public Safety – Durham Police Department and the Office of the Sheriff
- Emergency Services
- Health and Human Services
- Community and Workforce Development
- Environment
- Budget and Finance
- Tour of Durham and Graduation Ceremonies



Eligibility Criteria - To be considered, an applicant must be:

- A resident of Durham (City or County)
- Current in payment of vehicle and property taxes (at the time of application)
- Committed to attend at least eight of the 10 sessions.

Cost - There is a \$30 fee for participants selected. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Selection Process - Space is limited to 30 participants. Applications will be selected to create a diverse participant population from as many Durham neighborhoods as possible. Of the 30 slots, five are designated for youth applicants (ages 15 to 20) and five are designated for Partners Against Crime (PAC) members. Applicants who are not selected for a particular session will be put on a waiting list with weighted consideration for future sessions.

How to Apply - During the recruitment period, applications are available at the Durham County Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, 200 East Main Street, second floor. Applications can also be downloaded from the City's website at www.durhamnc.gov or the County website at www.durhamcountync.gov.



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