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Share! Durham moves Arbor Day community tree planting to March 15; <http://bit.ly/1AKLW3S>

Durham 2015 Arbor Day Celebration Moved to Sunday

*Event Moved to Sunday Due to Rainy Saturday Forecast; Public Invited to Plant Trees
in Old West Durham*

What: City of Durham 2015 Arbor Day Celebration with Community Tree Planting

Who: City of Durham General Services Department Urban Forestry Division, Keep Durham Beautiful, Inc., and Trees Across Durham

When: Sunday, March 15, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Old West Durham Neighborhood Streets and West Main Street
Meet at Greystone Baptist Church Parking Lot, 2601 Hillsborough Road, Durham

Fast Facts:

- Old West Durham has historically benefitted from a robust tree canopy, but many trees are nearing the end of their lives and the canopy is declining. City staff and neighbors have identified numerous locations suitable for tree planting. Involving the community in planting and caring for the trees is an important component to restore and protect the trees in this urban landscape.
- This annual celebration of Durham's trees is free and open to the public. Activities are suitable for all ages and tools are provided for participants. Activities for volunteers include:

- Community tree planting of 100 trees along the neighborhood streets of Old West Durham. Trees are provided by the City's General Services Department Urban Forestry Division, Old West Durham Neighborhood Association, and Keep Durham Beautiful.
 - Tree seedling giveaway and educational table displays, where attendees can choose from 11 varieties of seedlings and receive guidance on tree selection and planting from Durham County Master Gardener volunteers. Tree seedlings, along with information about the benefits of trees and tree care, are provided courtesy of the Durham City-County Sustainability Office and Keep Durham Beautiful.
- For additional information, or to volunteer for this community tree planting event, email info@keepdurhambeautiful.org or call (919) 354-2729.

About the City of Durham General Services Department

The General Services Department creates, manages and maintains City properties to provide best value to the Durham community. The core business functions include:

Administration/Business Services, Facilities Operations, Landscape Services, Urban Forestry, Real Estate, Project Management, Cemeteries, and Keep Durham Beautiful. As guided by the City's Strategic Plan, General Services serves as a steward of the City's physical assets.

Through annual and long-range facility planning activities, the department plans, provides and maintains the City's facilities infrastructure, which supports the community's quality of life and serves as a foundation of a healthy economy. For more information, visit

<http://DurhamNC.gov/ich/op/gs/Pages/Home.aspx>.

About Keep Durham Beautiful, Inc.

Keep Durham Beautiful, Inc. is a nonprofit, volunteer organization working in partnership with the City of Durham's General Services Department and the County of Durham to encourage residents, businesses and community organizations to conserve and enhance the appearance and environment of Durham through cleanup events, beautification projects and educational activities. For more information, visit <http://www.KeepDurhamBeautiful.org>, like

<http://www.Facebook.com/KeepDurhamBeautiful>, or follow

<http://www.Twitter.com/DurhamBeautiful>.

About Trees Across Durham

Trees Across Durham is a broad-based partnership dedicated to making Durham a healthier and greener community now and in the future through the planting and protection of trees, the education of tree care-takers, and the general public about how to maintain healthy trees, and the measurement and communication of the benefits trees provide to our environment and community. For more information, visit <http://www.TreesAcrossDurham.org>.

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