

News Release

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Durham Hosts Arbor Day Celebration March 15

Volunteers Needed for Tree Planting & Burton Park Litter Clean-Up

DURHAM, N.C. – If you appreciate trees for all the benefits they bring to Durham, and are looking for a chance to help beautify the Bull City, we have just the event for you.

Join the City of Durham General Services Department’s Urban Forestry Division, Keep Durham Beautiful, Durham Parks and Recreation, and the Durham Housing Authority to celebrate [Arbor Day in Durham](#). This free event is open to the public and will take place on Friday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at [Burton Park](#), located at 1100 Sima Avenue, which is also adjacent to McDougald Terrace.

Spectators and volunteers are invited to learn about trees and tree care as well as to help beautify the neighborhood park. A reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation by Durham City Councilmember Javiera Caballero will take place at 10:30 a.m., and brief comments will also be made by a representative from the North Carolina Forest Service followed by a tree planting of 10 large ball-and-burlap trees.

In addition to helping plant trees and learning about trees and their care, volunteers will also meet at the corner of Sima and Ridgeway Avenues to help pick up litter and cut back invasive plants and vines in Burton Park to improve usability of the park and make it safer and more accessible. Gloves, vests, tools, and supplies will be provided to all [registered volunteers](#). Volunteers should dress in long pants, wear layers for the weather, wear sturdy closed-toe shoes, and bring a water bottle. Event parking is available in any legal on-street space along nearby streets. To volunteer for this event, visit <https://keepdurhambeautiful.org/arborday19>.

About the City of Durham General Services Department

The [General Services Department](#) builds and maintains City properties to make Durham a great place for people to live, work, and play. Guided by the City’s [Strategic Plan](#), the department’s core functions include the acquisition and sale of properties, design and management of new construction and renovation projects, building maintenance, landscaping and urban forestry services, cemeteries management, sustainability and energy management, cultural and public art program management, and supporting the nonprofit [Keep Durham Beautiful](#).

About Keep Durham Beautiful

[Keep Durham Beautiful](#) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization working in partnership with the [City of Durham General Services Department](#) and [Durham County](#) to encourage residents, businesses, and community organizations to protect the environment and enhance the appearance of Durham through cleanup events, beautification projects, waste reduction, and educational activities. To learn more, visit the [website](#), like on [Facebook](#), and follow on [Instagram](#), [flickr](#), and [Twitter](#).

About Durham Parks and Recreation

The [Durham Parks and Recreation](#) (DPR) provides opportunities for the Durham community to ‘Play More’ by connecting the whole community to wellness, the outdoors, and lifelong learning. To learn more about Durham Parks and Recreation, follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), or call (919) 560-4355.

About Durham Housing Authority

The [Durham Housing Authority's](#) mission is to develop, own, manage, and contribute to diverse communities of choice. For more information, follow on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) or call (919) 683-1551.

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