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# News Release

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## **Applicants Sought for 2018 Durham Neighborhood College**

*Deadline to Apply Is August 3, 2018*

DURHAM, N.C. – City and County employees work hard every day to provide quality services making Durham a great place to live, work, and play. Each organization has developed a strategic plan that provides a firm foundation for an excellent and sustainable quality of life.

Residents looking to play a more active role in their neighborhoods and the Durham community will get their chance to learn more about the strategic plans in the 2018 Durham Neighborhood College, a class designed specifically for residents to learn about the organization, operations and services of their local City and County governments. After a two-year hiatus, the award-winning Durham Neighborhood College program will return this fall with an emphasis on showing participants how the strategic plans guide government officials in the development of sound planning and operations.

Applications are now available for the 2018 Durham Neighborhood College. This series of classes, co-sponsored by the City and County of Durham, consists of interactive sessions facilitated by various local government officials, allowing residents to learn about government operations and how they relate to the goals of the strategic plans.

The final day to apply for this year's session is Friday, August 3, 2018. The classes will be held on seven Thursday nights beginning September 6, 2018, from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Space in the Durham Neighborhood College is limited to 30 people. Applications will be accepted to create a diverse participant population from as many Durham neighborhoods as possible as well as residents living outside the city limits.

A light meal is served prior to the start of each class and sessions are held at City and County facilities. There is a \$30 fee for residents accepted into the program and a limited number of scholarships are available if needed. Area high school students ages 15 and up, as well as Latino residents, are particularly encouraged to apply. Interested residents should submit a completed application to the Durham County Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, 200 E. Main St., Second Floor, Durham, N.C. 27701.

To learn more about Durham Neighborhood College, download an application or apply online, visit the City's website at <https://durhamnc.gov/1159/Durham-Neighborhood-College>, or the County's website at <http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/special-projects/durham-neighborhood-college>. Applications are also available at the Durham County Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and the City Clerk's Office. Interested applicants may also contact the City's Office of Public Affairs at (919) 560-4123 or the County's Public Information Office at (919) 560-0000 for information.

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