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Durham Public Works

Spring Newsletter

Please Contact Durham Public Works Before Repaving Your Driveway

Durham Public Works would like to remind residents who wish to modify or construct a new driveway from a Town maintained road that they must apply for a written permit prior to construction. Please click [HERE](#) for additional information.



A DigSafe ticket must be filed for any project that requires the excavation or disturbance of the ground surface. Full program details can be found [HERE](#).

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Residential Bulky Waste Collection Program - A Reminder

Durham Public Works continues to offer an annual bulky waste coupon to each residential property. This coupon, which is now available at the Durham Public Works Offices **only**, located at 100 Stone Quarry Drive, will allow the property owner to dispose of up to one dump trailer-sized load of bulky waste per year free of charge and at their convenience during normal public open hours at the Raymond A. LaRoche Sr. Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Property owners with smaller vehicles will have the option to make multiple trips during the same day, equivalent to a dump trailer sized load utilizing the coupon to dispose of their materials.

Acceptable Materials:

- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Bulk Wood Products
- Carpeting/Rugs
- Tires Without Rims
- Metal



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Arbor Day Celebration

In honor of Arbor Day on April 25th, Durham Public Works planted a **Sargent Cherry** in Memorial Park to replace a significantly deteriorated Norway Maple. A ceremony was held at Memorial Park which highlighted the Town of Durham's achievement of **47 years a Tree City USA community**.



Help Keep Durham's Waterways Clean!

Green Grass & Clear Water

Some lawn care practices create local water quality problems. Excess nutrients (including nitrogen and phosphorus found in fertilizers) that run off our properties into nearby waterbodies can trigger harmful algal blooms. For more details, click [HERE](#).



Did you know that you can have a healthy, green lawn that is both attractive and safer for the environment.

**"ONLY RAIN
DOWN THE
DRAIN"**

Stormwater: Where It Flows, Everything Goes



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Spring Project Highlights:

Bickford-Chesley House Restoration at Wagon Hill Farm

The Bickford-Chesley House was constructed circa 1806 and has deteriorated significantly over the years due to deferred maintenance. Following approval of the project by the Town Council earlier this year, Durham Public Works finalized contract details with Milestone Construction of Concord, NH, and construction began in March.

The project will provide complete rehabilitation of the farmhouse, including first-floor exhibit space, improvements to the barn for three-season use, fire protection and life safety, restrooms, structural repairs, and full occupancy of the second floor, which will be suitable for full occupancy and caretaker's quarters.

The project funding was approved as part of the FY 2025 capital budget, with a large share of the total project cost provided through the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) and Moose Plate grants.

"Nowhere else on the seacoast is there a combination of land and building so poised for development for the public good" – Previous Planning Study



Spring Project Highlights:

Madbury Road Complete Streets Project

Phase III Roadway and Drainage

Construction activities began the week of March 24th on the Phase 3 Roadway, Drainage, and Streetscape Project. This project will resume at Garrison Avenue, where Phase 2 concluded last year, and extend to Edgewood Road during the 2025 construction season.

The phase 3 segment continues to extend the variable width 8-10' wide multi-use pathway on the eastern side of Madbury Road, with construction of a 5-foot-wide sidewalk on the westerly side of roadway between Garrison Avenue and Edgewood Road. The Project includes the addition of a left turn lane from Madbury Road southbound onto Garrison Avenue, heading towards the Oyster River Middle School.

Installation of decorative lighting in limited areas and standard cobra head lighting for the corridor is also included. Phase 3 will also feature the installation of traffic calming measures, inclusive of attractive median islands with crosswalks along with streetscape improvements, landscaping, and hardscape improvements.

As part of this project, Until Northern will relocate the majority of the natural gas line between Bagdad Road and Edgewood Road.

Traffic on Madbury Road will be restricted to northbound only between Garrison Avenue and Edgewood Road, with southbound traffic detoured.



Phase II Water Improvements

Construction activities began the week of April 14th on the Phase 2 Waterline Replacement Project. This project will resume at Maple Street, where Phase 1 concluded last year, and extend to US Route 4 during the 2025 construction season.

Joseph P. Cardillo and Sons will install a new 8" watermain, water appurtenances, and individual water service line connections within the corridor.

Upon reaching Edgewood Road, an alternating lane traffic pattern will be in place between Edgewood Road and US Route 4 for the duration of the project.

