What do you value about living and working in Durango?
What is important to you is important to us!

This is an opportunity for your priorities, values and vision to guide the future of the City. The City of Durango is facing difficult budgetary constraints in the near future. In order to continue to make Durango a great place to live and work, critical decisions need to be made regarding the limited resources we have to work with. Before making these decisions, we need the perspective and input of citizens like you to guide us as we seek to clarify our options.

Join us Thursday, March 1 from 5-7 PM at the Durango Public Library for the first Community Forum and let your voice be heard!

Save the date for the following Community Forums:

- April 16 at City Hall
- May 17 at Ska Brewing Co
- June 25 at Carver Brewing
Join us at Winter Bike to Work Day:
FREE Doughnuts, Coffee Cake, Cookies, Coffee & Tea!

Join us Friday, February 23 from 7-9 AM in front of Studio & at 1027 Main Ave for the 8th annual Winter Bike to Work Day. Thank you to our 2018 sponsors, we have expanded options to offer our winter clean commuters on Winter Bike to Work Day!

- **Rendezvous Doughnuts** is donating doughnuts.
- **bread** is donating coffee cake and cookies.
- **Carver Brewing Co.** is donating coffee and tea.

Also FREE: long-sleeved hooded tees for the first 100 hardy souls! And Get Around Durango buffs for the latecomers.

Raffle giveaways include:
- **Smith Optics** Goggles and Helmets
- **Osprey Packs**
- **Hydroflasks**
- **Klean Kanteen** Water Bottles

Dust off your favorite commuting bike or shoes, grab your warmest commuting clothes, and join us for the 8th annual Winter Bike to Work Day! Warm yourself up in our HEATED TENT while your bike gets a FREE micro bike tune-up.

Want to challenge your coworkers to commute cleanly? Join the **Winter Business Commuter Challenge**! You can sign up for the Winter Business Commuter Challenge by calling (970) 375-4955 or emailing your organization's name, number of employees (total and participating) to multimodal@durangogov.org by **Friday, February 16**.

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February's Share the Road Tip:
Safety Starts at the Bus Stop

Students are about 70 times more likely to get to school safely when taking a bus instead of traveling by car. The greatest risk to your child is not actually riding a bus, but approaching or leaving one -- **especially at a bus stop**.

Drivers, please be extra cautious when you see a school bus on the road, especially when the warning lights are flashing. When you see the yellow flashing lights, anticipate the bus stopping soon and approach with caution.

Remember, if the red lights are flashing, traffic in all directions must stop. In Colorado, a driver must stop at least 20 feet before reaching the bus and not proceed until the red lights are no longer being used. Penalties for passing a school bus are hefty in Colorado! The fine for this dangerous behavior is up to $300, includes a mandatory court appearance and six points on your license.

Please watch for children who are waiting for school buses in the morning! From experience, we know that children can sometimes dart across the road following a ball or playing with others, oblivious to traffic. Children sometimes dart into the road at a bus stop and get excited easily.

When entering a school zone, obey the speed limit. Let's all do our part to protect Durango's children! **Read more** tips on how to safely share the road.
Commuter of the Month

Joe Hull is a daily bike commuter from downtown to Ska Brewing. When he’s not commuting to work by bike, he regularly carpools and buses to Purgatory. Joe says “I bike to work every day! It just feels great and is the best way to start your day to get your heart pumping.”

Joe loves commuting on the Animas River Trail and commends the new centerlines along the trail for safety. “Riding all the time keeps me happy!” says Joe.

If you or someone you know would make a great Commuter of the Month, please email multimodal@durangogov.org.

IN TRANSIT NEWS

Keeping the Road Safe

Congratulations to our transit drivers for achieving these safe driving miles:

- 200,000 Miles: Ralph and Dwight
- 175,000 Miles: Jeff W.
- 150,000 Miles: Ray and Charlie
- 125,000 Miles: Hendrina and Chuck
- 100,000 Miles: Ken L., Cindy and David R.
- 75,000 Miles: Joe
- 50,000 Miles: Jeff B., Bill H. and Ken M.

WHAT WE ARE READING

COMMUNITY ART COMING TO 550/160 MEDIANS

Durango received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to undertake a community art project. Learn about the 3 finalists, their vision and their proposed community process.

1. **Choose your favorite Community Art Project** for the long medians in the US Hwy 550/160 intersection! The survey is officially open at [www.durangogov.org/virtualcityhall](http://www.durangogov.org/virtualcityhall). Be sure to register or your vote will not count.
2. **Look for information stations** around town February 12-23.

**It's love the school bus month!** The American School Bus Council encourages school districts and operations to share how they #LoveTheBus during its 2018 Love the Bus Campaign. Please share your stories videos and photos! [Read more](#).

**School bus safety starts with inspections.** The Colorado Department of Education said Durango School District 9-R's facility received a number of commendations during its last inspection. [Read more](#).

**Law enforcement launches school bus safety PSA following deadly crash.** Durango Police, the La Plata County Sheriff's Office and Colorado State Patrol are now joining forces for a school bus safety PSA. [Read more](#).
Kids, bikes, volunteerism, it doesn't get much better than that! 50 Bikes for 50 Kids began in Alaska and has continued as a National Day of Service project in Sacramento. Read more.

**How to design cities for children.** What if, instead of devising ways to deter kids from using public space, cities were built to encourage it? That's a question that city officials, planners and NGOs are thinking about. Read more.

**Uber is piloting a bike-sharing service with JUMP Bikes.** Called Uber Bike, Uber customers will be able to book JUMP bikes within the Uber app. Read more.