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Happy New Year!

The year of the dragon is considered to be the luckiest year in the Chinese Zodiac. So, it is with great enthusiasm that I am off to Washington, DC to be the State Liaison of the Voting Information Project. It has been a distinct privilege to work with you. I wish all of you the very best. As it has been and will continue to be, democracy is in your excellent hands.

I would like to introduce Betty Smith as your new BOE contact for all things precinct official related. She hails from New Orleans and has been working with the BOE seasonally since 2008. She is ready and here to help.

The training schedule for the May 8th Presidential Preference Primary/School Board Election can be found on pg 2. All classes will be held at the Ivy Community Center. Please review the calendar and contact Betty at 560-0690 or bmsmith@durhamcountync.gov to reserve your training spots. Chief Judges will also need to schedule a pick-up time on Saturday 5 May or Monday 7 May.



SO LUCKY!

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Mark your Calendars; Use a Pencil.

After much fuss, a panel of three Judges decided on Friday, 20 January, to accept the redistricting maps as drawn by the NC State Legislature. Who might appeal the ruling is still a mystery, but today's truth holds onto 8 May as the Primary/School Board Election date. If necessary, a Second Primary/Run Off will be 26 June. The General Election will be 6 November.

Candidate filing opens Friday, 13 Feb at noon at the BOE office and closes Wednesday, 29 Feb at noon at the BOE office. Offices to be filed at the Durham BOE are 5 County Commissioner seats, Register of Deeds, and 3 School Board member seats.

Early voting begins 9 AM on Thursday, 19 April and ends promptly at 1 PM on Saturday, 5 May.

Locations and hours TBD. Please visit the Durham County Board of Elections website for all the juicy details: www.durhamcountync.gov/elec

You may have noticed that the City of Durham got a slick, new website. Durham County government is not far behind. Parallel with the strategic planning process, Durham County is designing a website with you in mind! Easier navigation, prettier graphics, friendlier use— all the elements that will give you a more dynamic Durham County gov web experience. Coming to a screen near you in July.

Again, thanks for your amazing service. Your commitment to democracy makes Durham THE place to live, work, play, and VOTE!

