



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you enjoyed your holidays. As our City starts a new year, there will be a few changes around City Hall. The first is, after 20 years as the City Clerk, Jodee Schwinn, has left the City to work for the City of Seattle. Jodee will be missed; she has contributed a great deal to our City over the years. In addition to Jodee, Jill Long, Finance Director will be retiring. Jill has been with the City for 4 years. Jill, in her tenure, has helped develop a number of policies and reports that have helped the council and me develop stable budgets, so we can continue to provide great service to our community.

In addition to these changes, the City Council authorized a new position for the City, a City Administrator. This person will help manage the day to day operations of the City. In the coming months I will be working with the council on the search. When we finalize the list of candidates, I will schedule a community open house so folks can meet the candidates. This position is a big change for Duvall and he or she will help the City and community as we continue to grow.

Speaking of change, the City's new website has been live for a few months. If you have any feedback on the content or have questions on where to find information, please give us a call. In 2015 I will be working with staff to continue to update the website and various City documents. The new site is a great resource and we will continue to add information to it.

One key project that the City has been working on for a couple of years is the sidewalk improvement project along state highway 203. It started many years ago with the improvements in downtown. The project received a big boost last month when the State Transportation Improvement Board awarded Duvall with a \$3,500,000 grant. This grant will help the City in the next phase of improvements, from where the project left off to 145th Ave. Construction is anticipated to get underway in 2016. In addition to this, in late 2015 the state DOT will replace the culvert under the highway next to Valley Street and we will provide preliminary improvements within that

project area as efficiency towards our project in 2016. The state culvert replacement project is currently out to bid.

Finally, with it getting dark sooner and the rain, please drive and walk carefully through town. Over the last few weeks there were a few car/pedestrian accidents street in downtown. We hate to see this happen and we are adding flags with reflective tape. If you are driving, please watch out for pedestrians and if you are crossing the street, please use a flag so others can see you.

Sincerely,

Will Ibershof

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

Are you interested in serving your community? Have you thought about helping chart the future of Duvall?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, please consider submitting an application for the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is made up of seven members, appointed by the Mayor, whose responsibilities include: working with staff to prepare policy documents, reviewing draft work products from staff and special committees, and making recommendations on policies to the City Council. The Planning Commission also reviews commercial, mixed use, and multi family land use applications for consistency with City regulations.

Planning Commission terms are four years, and meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Duvall Visitor Center. Commissioners are required to be residents of the city, live within the Duvall Urban Growth Area, or be owners of a business located in Duvall. Primary consideration will be given to applications submitted by January 8, 2015. For more information, please visit www.duvallwa.gov/176/Planning-Commission or contact Anne Wright-Cunniff, Administrative Assistant, at anne.wright-cunniff@duvallwa.gov or at 425-939-8077.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
MOVING TO TUESDAYS**



Beginning in January 2015, the City Council will be moving their council meetings to Tuesday nights. This will help the City by allowing Council to attend different regional meetings that occur later in the week.

Unless otherwise advertised, the Committee of the Whole workshops begin at 5:30 p.m. with the regular Council meeting immediately following at 7:00 p.m. All workshops and meetings are open to the public and are held at the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE.

You can view the agendas and packets online at www.duvallwa.gov. Minutes for meetings are published on the website after they are approved at the following Council meeting. Audio for the meetings is generally available online the day after the meetings.

UTILITY BILL RATE INCREASE

The City's water, sewer, and storm utility rates will increase 4% effective January 1, 2015. The new rates will appear on the utility bills that are sent out at the end of January 2015 for January usage. Each year the utility rates are reviewed and adjusted as needed to cover the increased cost of operations. The minimum increase for a customer with all services will be \$4.38 per month. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Long, Finance Director, at 425-788-1185 or email jill.long@duvallwa.gov.

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU...



DON'T FLUSH TROUBLE!



The label might say "flushable", but disposable wipes and other products are clogging our sewer lines and damaging pumps and other equipment. Not only are these problems expensive to fix, they can also cause raw sewage overflows into homes, businesses and local waterways. So, think trash, not toilets! To learn more, including how to get rid of things you no longer want or need, visit <http://www.kingcounty.gov/wtd>.

Use the trash can, NOT the toilet!

REMINDER!

CHRISTMAS TREE-CYCLING

Saturday, January 3rd 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Taylor Landing in Duvall

Or

Carnation Tree Farm in Carnation

Suggested donations of \$10

or more appreciated.

Pick up FREE chips Sunday & Monday,

January 4th & 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

at Taylor Landing.

Elected Officials

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 13th & 27th: City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.)

January 7th & 21st: Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE

PLEASE NOTE: Council meetings moved to Tuesdays beginning January 2015.