



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

I want to start off by congratulating everyone who made Duvall Day's such a tremendous success! This year's event was one of the best ever, and it would not have been possible without the support of the City Council, leadership from the Duvall Chamber of Commerce, the support and patience of our business community and the many supporters who donated time, money, talent and resources.

As you may be aware the City of Duvall has been considering levying a \$20 car tab tax to fund the local Duvall Transportation Benefit District. For now the issue has been placed on hold so that we may more clearly communicate to and hear from the community. It became clear recently that some citizens were not confident they understood the relationship between the Duvall TBD and how raising their car tab renewal fee by \$20 was a good idea or net benefit to our community.

All money raised by the Duvall TBD is local money that stays local within our community to fix and maintain our roads, streets and sidewalks. It is your money used to maintain your City! On average a local street has a twenty-year service life but it takes eighty-years' worth of property taxes¹ to generate enough money to repair a street. Funding the \$20 TBD allows the City greater opportunity to maintain our critical infrastructure, ensure emergency service access and preserve property values through the provision of quality and common sense infrastructure networks that are functional and attractive.

There are two alternatives to a TBD Tax. First we can do nothing; this results in decaying infrastructure that costs more in the long run to fix. The fact is with roads and sidewalks preventive maintenance saves money. The second option is to do nothing and form Local Improvement Districts (LID's) when roads and sidewalks need repair. LID's are very expensive financing mechanisms that are paid through a property tax structure with interest, cost more, and ultimately waste your money.

We look forward on speaking with you and hearing your feedback as we continue to consider a \$20 TBD car tab tax to keep our city, our streets, our roads and our sidewalks in good repair.

With July 4th right around the corner, I want to ask everyone to be extra careful this year. The weather is expected to be hot and dry again this year. By following a few simple tips, you can help make this 4th safe and fun. Keep a bucket of water near where you are lighting off the fireworks.

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Mayor's Message cont...

Be sure to use only use safe and sane fireworks. Please use fireworks in a responsible manner and avoid discharging them in any areas that are dry, wooded, or have combustible materials or debris nearby. As usual, the Police Department will be conducting safety emphasis patrols on the 4th of July.

Now that school is out, enjoy the great weather, drive safe and enjoy the summer!

Sincerely,

Will Ibershof

¹ Marohn, C.L., Jr. (2012). *Thoughts on Building Strong Towns (Vol. 1.) Createspace Independent Publishing Plat form.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY?



SandBlast Festival of the Arts: July 16th and 17th, noon to 7:00 PM, McCormick Park. Please visit www.duvallarts.org for more information.



SummerStage Concert Series: Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, McCormick Park. Please visit www.duvallculture.org for the full lineup starting July 13th.



Duvall Farmers Market: Every Thursday, 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Brown Avenue, between Ring and Richardson. Find out more at www.duvallfarmersmarket.org.



Duvall 2016 Special Recycling Collection Event: Saturday, July 23rd, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Holy Innocents Church. Please watch for a detailed flyer in your mailbox soon.

BUILDING A FENCE?



While the last line of Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall" proclaims that "good fences make good neighbors" we might also argue that good fences adhere to City Code. Section 14.64.180 of the Duvall Municipal Code (DMC) establishes the primary regulations that govern fencing. When planning a fence, it's also important to be aware of sight distance requirements (see DMC 14.64.160). While no permit is required to build a fence, all fences must adhere to the standards contained within DMC Title 14. In certain instances (such as constructing a fence above a retaining wall), a homeowner may apply for a departure from the regulations. The DMC is accessible online through the City's website (duvallwa.gov). Questions regarding fencing can be directed to the City's Planning Department at 425-788-2779 or by email at planning@duvallwa.gov.



IMPORTANT WATER SAFETY REMINDERS

As more of us head out to enjoy the warm weather, we need to remember this is when the water is most perilous. Even strong swimmers can find themselves in a life-threatening situation in seconds. Rivers have debris clogs; use great caution when participating in recreational activities on rivers. Swimming and water sports are a great way to stay active, but remember:

- ♦ **Know the water.** Washington waters are cold, even on the hottest summer day.
- ♦ **Know your limits.** Save your strength and stop before you tire.
- ♦ **Learn to swim.** Young people are drawn to water. Make sure your children have the skills to stay safe. Swim in lifeguarded areas whenever possible.
- ♦ **Stay within arm's reach of small children.** Always be close enough to reach them immediately. Drowning is a silent event, so it is especially important to maintain visual contact. Avoid the temptation to play on smart phones while your child is swimming.

Exercise caution while enjoying water-related activities this summer, and always wear a life jacket while doing so. Have fun, but **please** stay safe out there!



CORRECTIONS TO THE SUMMER FUN GUIDE:

- 7th Annual Irwin Movies in the Park are on **August 6th and 13th.**
- Downtown Halloween Trick or Treating is on **Monday, October 31st.**
- Tree Lighting is on **Friday, December 2nd.**

Also, missing under General Interest: Cherry Valley Macaroni Kid is a calendar of local events for kids, recipes, crafts, local interest articles, giveaways and more! Please visit cherryvalley.macaronikid.com.



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SAVE WATER, SAVE MONEY
\$100
IRRIGATION TIMER REBATE

Do you have an automated irrigation system? You could be eligible for a **\$100 rebate** for installing a WaterSense certified irrigation timer!

All Saving Water Partnership customers are eligible. For details and a list of Partnership service areas, go to: www.savingwater.org/rebates.

Larger rebates are available for landscape projects with one or more acres of irrigated landscape. Learn more at www.savingwater.org/rebates.



FIREWORKS REGULATIONS IN DUVALL



As the weather warms and BBQs start happening, we begin to think of summer and the 4th of July Holiday. Here is a reminder of the fireworks regulations within the city limits of Duvall.

According to Duvall Municipal Code 5.10.055, "It is unlawful for a person to ignite, discharge, use, or explode any fireworks in the City of Duvall except between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. of July 4th...."

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Duvall Police Department at 425-788-1519 or City Hall at 425-788-1185. Have a fun and safe 4th!



**CITY OF DUVALL OFFICES
 WILL BE CLOSED ON
 MONDAY, JULY 4TH,
 IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



July 5th & 19th -City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the Riverview School District Educational Service Center, 15510 First Avenue NE. (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.).

July 13th & 27th -Planning Commission Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE.