



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

Happy New Year! I would like to wish each and every Duvall resident a happy 2019 and hope your year is filled with joy and happiness.

I am pleased to share that the City's first biennial budget was approved by Council unanimously on December 12th and takes effect January 1, 2019. The budget is a big step forward to achieve a level of sustainability that we haven't seen before and puts us on the right track to maintain service levels and a strong infrastructure. This budget is a patchwork quilt of all our work and I thank Council and staff for their commitment to being good stewards of our resources and making challenging decisions this year.

We have maintained our 17% reserves, fully funded the contingency fund for the first time in over a decade, increased our utility reserves and more. In addition, significant capital projects were provided with funding including an update to the Comprehensive Water System Plan, improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Batten Road Reconstruction, Kennedy Drive water line replacement and Tolt 2 water line replacement.

Also, after several years of staff requests, the Council has approved the purchase of a new dump truck with snow plowing capabilities. While the time from order to delivery will miss this year's winter weather, we hope to have it in use by mid-summer and ready to tackle the following winter.

Over the next year, we will also be updating our financial policies, conduct a staff workload analysis and develop a government facilities plan. Combined, these actions will help us plan for needs of today and the future of our city.

Thank you to all who came out to enjoy the "Light Up Duvall & Tree Lighting" event the first Friday in December. We lucked out with the weather and had an excellent crowd. A huge thank you to the Duvall Chamber of Commerce and volunteers for brightening up Main Street, to all of our partners and our Public Works crew for making it a festive celebration.

We continue to hear grumblings about not having a "real" tree to light and will be looking at options for the coming years. While having a real tree lit is certainly festive and traditional, over the years the event has become more about the connection to community than a symbol. For that, I am extremely grateful for the spirit of our community and the wonderful memories made at the event each year.

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On a personal note, I would like to take a point of personal privilege and wish my alma mater's team, the Eastern Washington University Eagles good luck in the FCS National Championship Game, the University of Washington Huskies in the Rose Bowl and the Washington State University Cougars for the Alamo Bowl.

Regards,

Amy Ockerlander



UPDATE

UTILITY BILL RATE INCREASE FOR 2019



The City's water rate will increase by 1%. The sewer and storm drain utilities will increase by 2%. These rates will be effective as of January 1, 2019 and the new rates will appear on the utility bills that are sent out at the end of January. Due to the water meter reading schedule, that bill will consist of 2018 rates (approximately 10 days) and 2019 rates (approximately 20 days).

Each year the utility rates are reviewed and adjusted as needed to cover the cost of operations. The minimum increase for a customer will all services will be \$2.16 per month.

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsey Vaughn, Finance Director, at lindsey.vaughn@duvallwa.gov or 425-788-1185 ext. 8066.



KUDOS KORNER



This month there is a special group of people that have earned "Kudos" from leadership here at the City and whose efforts have also been positively commented upon by many community members. These folks work rain, shine, wind and snow to keep the City running. During the winter they also are integral to making the "Annual Tree Lighting" event a spectacular community affair by decorating Depot Park for the holidays. This year they outdid themselves with a wonderful display of festiveness which really helped our community get into the holiday spirit. So this month's shout out goes to **James Lee** and the **Public Works crew**. Thank you for all you do! Your efforts are very much appreciated!

GET INVOLVED IN DUVALL

NOW IS THE TIME! We are looking for community members to serve on the Duvall Cultural Commission to help us engage local residents and businesses in the development, support and funding of a thriving arts and cultural heritage for the Duvall community.



DCC is a City of Duvall volunteer commission, with Commissioners appointed by the Mayor for a 3 year term. Regular meetings are held during the evenings, twice a month. Besides attendance at the meetings, Commissioners should be available to participate in some DCC sponsored events and have experience or a strong interest in visual arts, music, children/teen programs, or media/press.

Interested applicants should visit www.duvallculture.org for more information and application. Positions are open until filled.

You do not have to be a Duvall resident.



DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN NEWS

The Duvall Community Van can get you where you need to go! We often hear from community members that they've heard of the Community Van before but aren't sure how they would use it or eligibility requirements. Feel free to give us a call or email to chat more about how this flexible transportation option can work for you. Contact Bree at 425-943-6721 or communityvan@hopelink.org

DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN PARTNERS WITH THE CITY FOR HOPELINK GIVING TREE PICK-UP AND DELIVERY

Thank you to everyone in Duvall who donated to the Hopelink Giving Tree campaign this holiday season! Amazing community volunteers and staff from the Duvall Community Van program partnered with the City to collect items dropped off at local businesses.

Thanks to your generosity, there was 433 gifts and \$210.00 worth of gift cards delivered to the Hopelink gift room this year. Parents and grandparents from Snoqualmie Valley were then able to come and "shop" for gifts for the children in their lives.

We could not make this program such a success without help from our local businesses, residents and community volunteers. Great job everyone!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY?

New Year's Day January 1st

Tree Pick Up & Recycling

January 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Visit <https://www.duvallwa.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/431> to view the article.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 21st

UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Lantern Walk February 2nd

See article below.

Valentine's Day February 14th

Presidents' Day February 18th



The March of the Vegetables is excited to announce our second "Lantern Festival" on **February 2, 2019**. We will offer free art classes during the day at the Depot that will allow you to make your own lantern, followed by a walk through town carrying our hand-crafted lights. We will end up at the Depot, where you can enjoy a moment of wonder, a bonfire, and a cup of hot chocolate. Follow The March of the Vegetables on Facebook for details! Questions? Email: MarchoftheVegetables@gmail.com. **Lantern walk begins at 7:00 pm.**



UPCOMING CITY OF DUVALL OFFICE CLOSURES:

JANUARY 1ST, CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY
 JANUARY 21ST, CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 15th City Council meetings: -7:00 p.m. in the Riverview Educational Service Center, 15510 First Avenue NE. Meeting scheduled for January 2nd has been cancelled. (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.).

January 9th & 23rd Planning Commission meetings: -7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE.