



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

The official start of spring is just a few short weeks away and hopefully the "Snowpocalypse" of 2019 has come to a final end.

As I write this at City Hall at the beginning of the last week of February, I am looking at the Snoqualmie Valley still mostly covered in snow from the recent storms. When I wrote last month's message it appeared that we would have an early spring. That didn't happen.

Needless to say, the City saw a significant amount of snow over a two-week period including one final large storm that dumped 16-inches of snow after an original forecast of 4-5 inches. Our Police Department and Public Works crews were on site 24/7 for several days, even during the historic closures of City facilities.

In advance of the series of larger storms, on Friday, February 8th, I declared a state of emergency in order to provide faster access to supplies and resources, such as salt, sand, vehicle repairs and staff overtime. This pre-emptive approach simplified procurement and also sent a message to the County and Governor that we were preparing for significant weather events.

I was pleased that throughout the period, the City had enough supplies on hand to maintain our roadways when conditions were within the specifications for sand, salt and deicer. We also were able to keep plowing roads, despite frequent vehicle and equipment breakdowns thanks to a dedicated crew, mechanics and jurisdictions that shared equipment with us in our time of need.

During the worst conditions we opened a Joint Operations Center (JOC) with the Fire District and King County Sheriff's Office to coordinate activities, with nearly all available city staff assisting with communications, snow removal and more. The coordination and JOC crews assisted the Fire District in getting to emergency calls, helping residents with road clearing to get to critical medical appointments and the arrival of the National Guard to assist unincorporated areas and Duvall residents alike.

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There was a significant amount of behind-the-scenes work; senior administration and I were involved in twice daily updates, the Police Department had officers sleep at the station during non-work hours and City Hall staff was busy fielding calls when facilities were open.

In addition, our staff was kept well fed by Police Chief Carey Hert for several days, ensuring people had proper nourishment to continue working, and at the event's height councilmembers Jennifer Knaplund and Amy McHenry provided a home cooked meal to the JOC. Lastly, I would like to personally Thank Ramon Mejia of Ixtapa for donating dinner for those working the evening shift. Your care and generosity was appreciated by all.

Our local businesses were hit hard during the storms, some whose biggest sales times of the year are during Valentine's Day. If you were not able to carry out your plans and want to help support our local businesses, I would like to encourage you to make an extra effort to support our Duvall businesses to help make up for the losses they have incurred as a result of the snow.

Regards,
Amy Ockerlander



KUDOS KORNER



This month's kudos go to the City of Duvall staff, including Public Works and Police, King County Fire District 45, the King County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Department of Transportation and the Washington State National Guard for their efforts to keep our community informed, clear roads, provide consistent public safety and assist resident's with getting to critical medical appointments during February's series of snow storms. Kudo's are also well deserved by the community: For every person who shoveled a sidewalk, helped out a neighbor, checked on vulnerable members of our community, thank you. Community is what Duvall is all about.



TIPS FOR SAVING WATER

Here are some great ways to use water wisely and keep your water bills as low as possible:

- Check for leaks and fix them as soon as you can – follow step-by-step videos at www.savingwater.org or call 206-684-SAVE (7283) to learn more.
- Get a \$100 rebate for replacing old toilets with Premium toilets. The average home can save up to \$200 on your water bills, depending on household size and existing toilets. Premium toilets use 1.1 gallons of water per flush (or less) compared to older toilets that use up to 5 gallons per flush. Not only do these toilets save water with every flush, they are proven to perform by independent laboratory testing.
- Use less water in your garden by putting a thick layer of mulch around your plants.
- Visit www.savingwater.org for gardening tips, videos and classes.
- For advice in your garden: call the Garden Hotline at 206-633-0224 or e-mail help@gardenhotline.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH?

March 4th-10th -Random Acts of Kindness Week (see article below).

March 10th -Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!

March 17th -St. Patrick's Day. Wear your green!

March 20th -First day of SPRING!!

March 23rd -March of the Vegetables 3:00 p.m. For more information visit www.marchofthevegetables.org/.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL

April 1st -April Fool's Day.

April 20th -Irwin Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by The Irwin Group. Event begins at 2:00 p.m. at McCormick Park– Rain or shine. For more information contact Christi at 206-755-3414.

April 20th -Irwin Free Shredding Event sponsored by The Irwin Group. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Duvall Family Drugs parking lot. For more information contact Christi at 206-755-3414.

April 20th -Earth/Arbor Day Festival (see article at left).

April 21st -Easter Sunday.



SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 20TH EARTH AND ARBOR DAY FESTIVAL

The City of Duvall is proud to present Duvall's 6th Annual Earth and Arbor Day Festival on April 20th, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Depot Park, 26219 NE Burhen Way, Duvall, WA. There will be lots of fun activities, free coffee and cookies, music, and free bare root trees and plants. There will also be free drawings for trees and a rain barrel.



MARCH COMMUNITY VAN NEWS

Your Duvall Community Van is scheduling various recurring trips such as Friday grocery shopping in Duvall, Thursday food bank trips, Friday trips into Seattle, and more! Check out the website <https://www.hopelink.org/community-van> for more information or contact Bree Boyce at 425-943-6721 or communityvan@hopelink.org.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK MARCH 4TH-10TH

Mark your calendars for the week of March 4th-10th and make a special effort to surprise someone with an act of selfless kindness. You'll make their day, and you'll feel good about yourself. Any kindness, however small, really does make a difference!

Visit Duvall's RAK club at <http://rakduvall.com/> for more information and details on the planned daily activities.



Don't forget!
Daylight saving time will begin at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 10th

It's official!
March 20th First Day of Spring



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CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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