

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Duvall Residents,

Over the past month, the world has rapidly changed around us as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are a resilient and adaptable community and will get through this together.

Although the impact was slow at first, so many things in Washington state have changed in the last few weeks. From schools and businesses required to close or reduce service and many people working from home, we are currently in the middle of something that none of us have experienced in our lifetimes.

As I do my best to manage the City, homeschool my kids and just generally try to keep up, the stress and pressure of the moment we are in is palpable. I say this knowing that each one of you is experiencing a different level of stress. I promise, you are not alone.

As a City, we are doing our best to continue to provide our community with services while doing everything we can to keep our employees healthy. While we have closed facilities to the public, we are doing our best to meet the community's needs.

In late March, the council approved our Public Health Emergency and/or Pandemic Utility Billing Policy which will ensure that during this emergency, no one will have their water shut off due to inability to pay. This is a small step to help people in need, with more to come as we are able.

Thank you to all who have heeded the advice of Public Health Seattle-King County, the Governor and the Federal Government. We don't know when the end to social distancing and other restrictions will occur but with your help, we can continue efforts to flatten the curve and slow the transmission of the virus.

Many of you have asked about our upcoming community events that bring residents together during the late Spring and Summer. We were notified that the Easter Egg Hunt, organized by The Irwin Group, has been cancelled. At the time of writing this article, we are evaluating the ability to move on with some of our key summer events, and if postponing them is an option. We have to balance the health and safety of our community, with the need that each one of us will have to get out and about when restrictions loosen. We will keep you updated as best we can.

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For those that have been personally affected due to someone you know becoming ill from the virus, please know that everyone in the City of Duvall is thinking of you.

The next several months will be a different way of life for all of us and our small businesses are likely to be the hardest hit. If you have the means, please support them in any reasonable way possible, even if it is just buying a gift certificate to use at a later date. These business owners are part of the heart of our community and they need our support now, more than ever.

The City has posted several resources on Covid-19 on our website at www.duvallwa.gov. For the most up to date information please follow the City's social media accounts.

The World Health Organization advises that this pandemic could be long lasting, and an approved vaccine will take months. We have an amazing community and together (although socially distant) we WILL get through this.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your patience and being an integral part of our great community.

I would love to know what activities you and your family are doing during the "Stay Home and Stay Health Order". Share them on the Community Discussion Board or with the City.

Warm Regards,
Amy Ockerlander



KUDOS KORNER



Kudos this month goes to all of our first responders, grocery store workers, delivery drivers and everyone who is working hard to keep people healthy, safe and well-stocked with needed supplies.

Our community thanks ALL of you!



DON'T FLUSH TROUBLE!

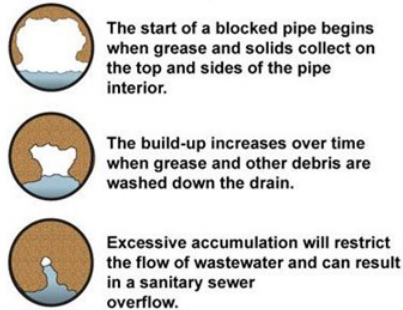
Grease and ground up food product sticks to household sewage pipes. Over time, the greasy build-up will block the entire pipe and result in raw sewage backing up into your home or overflowing into the street or waterway. Follow these six simple steps to keeping things running smoothly.



Fats Oils Grease

- DO dispose of appropriate food waste in your Waste Management yard waste containers. It reduces the amount of garbage you haul to the curb, moves smelly food waste to the yard waste container, and is good for your plumbing and the environment. Visit: <http://www.wmnorthwest.com/duvall/index.html>
- DO compost in your own back yard. It's an interesting experiment for kids.
- DON'T put produce stickers down the drain.
- DO use sink baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and empty them into a container to dispose of in your yard waste. If you are not a yard waste subscriber, use the trash instead.
- DON'T put grease, fats, or oil of any type down your drain or garbage disposal.
- DO scrape grease and food scraps from cooking surfaces into a container and put in the trash.

Sewer Blockage Formation



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL?

- April 1st -April Fool's Day**
- April 4th -Cherry Valley Veterinary Hospital Spring Open House**
-Cancelled-
- April 11th -Irwin Easter Egg Hunt**
-Cancelled-
- April 18th -Earth/Arbor Day Festival**
-Cancelled-

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

May 7th - October 8th -Duvall Farmers Market 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

This should be able to open as scheduled. Please visit <http://duvallfarmersmarket.org/> closer to the opening date for confirmation. **Note the NEW LOCATION at Taylor Landing 16201 Main Street NE (just north of town).**

May 25th -Memorial Day

All City offices will be closed.

All other previously scheduled events are considered cancelled until further notice due to the public health emergency.

**SNO-VALLEY SENIOR CENTER
4610 STEPHENS AVE, CARNATION**

The Sno-Valley Senior Center is temporarily **CLOSED**, with the exception of Community Dining Meal take-out and deliveries from 12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. At this point we will be following the River-view School District closure, which is scheduled until April 24th, to be re-evaluated at that time.



For questions or concerns, call 425-333-4152 or feel free to send and email to kiraa@soundgenerations.org or lisay@soundgenerations.org.

DUVALL CITY COUNCIL CHATS

A Duvall City Council Chat session is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18th** from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Please check the City of Duvall's Facebook page for status updates for this session.

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council meetings 7:00 p.m. -April 7th & 21st in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main St. NE. (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.).
Planning Commission meetings -April 8th & 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619, Main Street NE.

Notice of any revisions to the meetings listed above will be posted on the City's website: <https://www.duvallwa.gov/>.



DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN AT YOUR SERVICE

Even though the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is affecting residents in our region, we want to make sure the community knows Hopelink/Metro Community Van is still a transportation option in this time where resources may be limited, however, we advise our drivers and riders not to travel if they are sick.

We currently have scheduled trips to the Carnation Hopelink's Food Bank in the month of April. Contact Victor to reserve a seat or to schedule your next Community Van trip at:

communityvan@hopelink.org or call 425-943-6721.

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