



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

June Greetings Duvall Residents!

It is hard to believe we are nearly halfway through 2020 – or that we aren't already in 2021. If, as of this receiving this letter, we aren't already in Phase II of re-opening King County, hopefully we will be shortly.

As the COVID-19 pandemic carries on and we all adjust to new normal every few weeks, I want to share with you just how proud I am to be a part of this community. I have seen people rally together, help neighbors out, provide special recognition of our graduating seniors and so much more.

At the City, most of my and administration's time has been consumed with attempting to keep up with day-to-day operations and move projects forward while at the same time developing recovery plans and continuously changing how our employees work and interact.

No one knows when we will get to a steady state of new normal, but I want to assure you that everyone at the City is working hard to make sure that when our facilities re-open, that we can achieve it safely for our community members and employees. That will take continued changes to how our buildings are configured and the addition of additional safety equipment.

In many ways, we are prepared to handle whatever may come at the City as time marches on. While other cities are seeing huge drops in revenue and finding it necessary to reduce staffing levels, we have been an anomaly so far.

We have tightened our already super tight belt and are one of the fortunate cities that have fully funded our reserves, and still have fewer employees than in 2008. Our priority is to do everything that we can to maintain our staffing levels to continue to provide you with a high-level of service.

One of the many actions I've taken, in partnership with the Duvall Chamber of Commerce is to have regular meetings (virtually, of course) to discuss how our businesses are doing, what they need and how they will recover. I knew it before, but I can share without a doubt these business owners are doing everything they can to stay in business – and help our community. They are truly thread in the fabric of our amazing community.

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By now, you know that many cities have cancelled summer events and sports and while I am writing this, all Seafair events for 2020 have been cancelled. We, as a city, are still moving ahead with planning our SummerStage concert series and our annual Recycling event, while keeping a close eye on the Phases and public health guidelines.

We are very cautiously optimistic that we will be able to bring the community together for at least one SummerStage concert, if not a few. We will only move forward if current guidelines allow and we can ensure appropriate social distancing and safety for attendees.

Stayed tuned to our social media for updates. I can't wait to see all of you in person in the near future and wish you all good health and safety.

Warm Regards,
Amy Ockerlander



2019 WATER QUALITY REPORT

On July 1, 2020 you will be able to view your Duvall Water Quality Report online at: <https://www.duvallwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6280/Water-Quality-Report-2019>. In this report you will learn important information about the source, quality, and safety of your drinking water. If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home please call 425-788-3434 ext. 8043 or email sara.ruhland@duvallwa.gov.



KUDOS KORNER



There are so many individuals and groups that deserve Kudos this month, it has been extremely hard to choose. As the school-year comes to a close in a way we have never seen before, this month's Kudos goes to all the teachers and staff of the Riverview School District.

You had to abruptly change the way you teach, no longer get daily hugs from your class kiddos, many school your own children while juggling classrooms and so much more. In light of these circumstances, you have continued to teach, show love and support for all of our children and have the unwavering support of the community and parents for what you contribute to our community's future each day.

Thank you!!!





SPRING PLANTING CHECKLIST

Spring is here and garden beds, landscapes, and patio gardens start to call us outside!

Before you start picking out plants for your dream garden, a little forethought can help set you up for success all season long. When plants are grown in the conditions they prefer, they grow stronger roots and are healthier - which means they need less frequent watering and are more resilient to disease.

Follow these tips to help keep your plants healthy, beautiful, and worry-free.

- **Location. Location. Location.** Consider the conditions of the location where you are hoping to place your plants. Make sure you choose plants that are well suited for the environment, climate, and soil conditions of your landscape.
- **Don't forget the compost and mulch.** Planting is the perfect time to build healthy soil with compost and mulch. Dig or till 2-3 inches of compost into the soil when planting new garden beds or lawns. Every 2-3 years, spread another 1 inch on garden beds or ½ inch on lawns. To mulch, spread 2-3 inches of fall leaves or grass clippings on beds in spring or fall.
- **Water new plants wisely.** Deeper, infrequent watering helps plants grow healthy, extensive roots, that stand up better to drought stress, and makes a big difference in the health of new plants.
- **Day 1:** For new plants, water as soon as you get them in the ground. Allow the water to soak in, then water again until the soil is thoroughly wet.
- **Week 1:** Water plants daily or every other day. Recently planted roots will absorb moisture from a small area until they begin to grow.
- **Week 2 onward:** Unless the weather is extremely hot and dry, you may be able to decrease watering frequency to two or three times per week until the fall rains begin.
- **Year 2:** For well-established perennials, you will likely only need to water deeply once or twice per week when the weather is dry. How often and how long you need to water depends on your soil texture.
- **Consider waiting to plant until fall.** Spring and summer may be the time of year we all associate with gardening, but most perennials do better if they are planted in the fall. Perennials planted in the fall take advantage of our rainy Northwest winters to build strong root systems. By summertime, they'll be beautiful robust plants ready to thrive through our dry season.

KEEPING THINGS CLEAR

Sidewalks, street corners, fire hydrants and water meters. These are all things we need to be sure to keep clear for public use and safety, especially during this spring season when plant life is growing at a very rapid pace. It is important for fire hydrants and water meters to be clear as tree and shrub roots can damage underground pipes. Street corners should be kept clear to maintain safe vehicle and pedestrian travels and sidewalks clear of limbs, shrubs and tree branches.

You may receive a "trim" notice from Public Works on occasion. Please help us to improve safety as our City Maintenance Crew will be starting to trim trees and shrubs on the main arterials within Duvall. Contact Public Works Supervisor Joe Chriest at 425-788-3332 if you have questions.

Help us take pride in Duvall!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND DUVALL?

Hopelink Mobile Food Bank Depot Park, June 3rd & 17th, from 2:00 pm.-3:00 pm.

Duvall Farmers Market Taylor Landing, every Thursday from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Father's Day June 21st

Independence Day July 4th (City offices will be closed Friday, July 3rd).

City Special Recycling Collection Event Holy Innocents Church. Scheduled for July 18th 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

SummerStage Potential dates for July/August to be announced.

Watch Facebook for updates to the above events as they are all subject to change.

COVID-19 RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT www.duvallwa.gov/407/COVID-19.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THANK you for the continuing support of our Duvall small businesses so far. As we slowly open back up, please be patient and kind. This is an unknown, stressful time for everyone. Businesses may open up without being fully stocked or staffed.

They will certainly open up with new social distancing rules in place. Please be respectful and stay positive. We know there will be more obstacles to overcome for both business owners and consumers. We know we can work together to bolster each other. Let's keep our community flourishing!

THANK YOU for all the support to come. There are community Covid-19 Support links on our website, if you need them. Visit us at: duvallchamber.com



DUVALL CITY COUNCIL CHATS

A Duvall City Council Zoom Chat is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 9th** from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Please check the City of Duvall's Facebook page for status updates for this upcoming session.

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



City Council meetings 7:00 p.m. –June 2nd & 16th in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main St. NE. (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.).

Planning Commission meetings –June 10th & 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619, Main Street NE.

Times and meeting methods are subject to change. Updates will be posted on the City's website: www.duvallwa.gov and on the City of Duvall's Facebook page.

City of Duvall Elected Officials

To view contact information. Please visit: www.duvallwa.gov/166/City-Council.