

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Summer Greetings Duvall Community!

Well, this is certainly the strangest summer I've ever experienced, as I'm sure it is for you too. I want to say that I am incredibly proud of our community, the way you all have rallied around our local businesses and have kept your spirits up.

As of this writing, the Governor has rolled back some re-opening requirements as a result of sky-rocketing COVID-19 infection rates. Duvall was doing quite well at keeping the virus out of our community, until July, when we saw the numbers of total infections double. Having now personally known several people that have become infected with this virus, it is much more serious than many assume. There is increasing information about long-term health effects and long recovery times.

I am keeping my fingers crossed that numbers will once again stabilize and we can continue making progress towards reopening, as so many other countries have been able to do. That said, the ability to get back to a new level of normal depends on each one of us taking the necessary steps to keep ourselves – and those we come in contact with – safe and healthy. The data is now clear that proper mask usage, limiting social gatherings, being outside in fresh air, etc. reduces the spread significantly.

I know that this is hard on most in our community and hope that you have found ways to keep yourselves and others safe, while continuing with life in as normal a way as is possible. We will keep doing what we can to safely provide access to the outdoor amenities that our City has to offer and continue on with our operational changes to protect our small staff. We are disappointed to report, due to state restrictions, SummerStage has been officially cancelled for this year, but we look forward to next year's concert series.

For the future and strength of our community, please do (or keep doing) your part to slow the spread.

We're all in this together.

Sincerely,

Amy Ockerlander



## RIVER SAFETY



Our rivers are inherently dangerous places to recreate. The water can be high, swift and cold as mountain snowpack melts, making staying in control and hypothermia real risks. Logs and rocks, both visible and hidden, pose navigation hazards. Rivers are dynamic systems that change constantly.

**RIVER USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN RECREATING IN RIVERS. HERE ARE TIPS TO STAY SAFE:**

- Wear a PFD (personal flotation device).
- Do not use alcohol or drugs when recreating on the river.
- Watch children closely when they are on or near any type of water; stay close enough to reach them immediately.

**When planning a boating or floating trip:**

- Always tell someone your route and when and where you expect to put in and take out.
- Have a back-up plan for emergency contact in case your trip is cut short by an unforeseen obstacle or emergency.
- Never float the river alone and, if possible, make sure there is at least one oared craft in your group in case a rescue is needed.
- Bring a dry bag with food, water, and warm clothes.

Additional water safety topics can be found by visiting: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/violence-injury-prevention/water-safety.aspx>.

Adapted with permission from Public Health – Seattle & King County



The August 2020 Primary Election ballot deadline is August 4<sup>th</sup>. A ballot drop box is located at Depot Park 26225 NE Burhen Way. For more about what is on the ballot, visit the King County website:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/elections/current-elections/august-primary.aspx>.



## KUDOS KORNER



Kudos to the Public Works Summer Helpers who have worked diligently to help the City maintain its facilities during the growing season. Thank you for your hard work, and have a great year in college!





**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2020**

National Night Out (NNO) is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). This year it will be held Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. **This is dependent on the status of COVID-19 and Phase restrictions.**

Now is the time to plan your neighborhood parties and register them with the Duvall Police Department. Registration will be open from **August 1<sup>st</sup> until September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Our Officers' appearance window for NNO will be between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. If you request a visit, please plan your party times accordingly. Register your party by sending an email to: [NNO@duvallwa.gov](mailto:NNO@duvallwa.gov). Your email should include the following:

- HOA or neighborhood name
- Point of contact and phone number
- NNO party location (specific address)
- Start and end times for the party
- Any topics, questions or concerns you wish to have addressed by the Officers

Please view more on the Duvall Police Department's Facebook page. Questions? Send an email to the above address, or call 425-788-1519 and ask for Officer Benjamin or Lieutenant DeBock.

**2020 RECYCLING EVENT RECAP**



**Thank you** to those who participated in the Special Recycling Collection event held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Your patience was appreciated as a record 966 vehicles navigated through the site, dropping off over 70 tons of materials for recycling! We were happy to be able to move forward with the event this year.

Funding for the event was provided by grants from King County Solid Waste Division, WA State Department of Ecology, the King County Hazardous Waste Management Program, and the Washington Materials Management and Financing Authority. The City would also like to thank Holy Innocents Catholic Church for providing the space for us to hold the event and the Duvall Police Department for their assistance with traffic control.

Do you also have household hazardous waste you need to dispose of? Do the right thing and bring it to the **Hazardous Wastemobile** in Carnation, August 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Tolt McDonald Park, Mariners Care Field. Rules are strict, so check the information on what items are accepted; Visit: <https://www.hazwastehelp.org/hhw/homecollection.aspx> or call 206-296-4692.

***Elected Officials***

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST?**

**Duvall Farmers Market**

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

**King County Primary Election Day**

August 4<sup>th</sup> A ballot drop box is located at Depot Park 26225 NE Burhen Way.

**Hopelink Mobile Food Bank**

Depot Park, August 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Hazardous Wastemobile**

August 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>

See the Recycling Recap article at left.

**Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis and subsequent State of Washington gathering restrictions, the following community events have been cancelled:**

**SummerStage**

**Art in Bloom**

**Irwin Movies in the Park**

**We are looking forward to having them all back in 2021!**

**CITY OF DUVALL UTILITY TAXES**



Since 1986, the City of Duvall has included utility taxes in its monthly rates for water, sewer and storm drainage utilities. These taxes are similar to what is paid for other utilities such as phone, electricity and natural gas.

SHB 2889 was recently passed by the Washington State Legislature, requiring any city or town that operates its own water, wastewater or stormwater utilities to disclose utility taxes to its rate payers.

Currently, the utility tax for the City of Duvall's water, sewer and storm drainage utilities is 10%. As noted above, this tax is already included in the monthly rates for utilities and will not increase your monthly bill.

Please contact Finance Director, Dana Mason with any questions at 425-939-8066 or email [info@duvallwa.gov](mailto:info@duvallwa.gov).



**CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**City Council meetings 7:00 p.m. – August 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main St. NE. (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.).

**Planning Commission meetings –August 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://www.duvallwa.gov) and on the City of Duvall's Facebook page.**