



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy September!

It is hard to believe we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the year 2020 with school starting once again. While this year will be starting in a much different format, I am cautiously optimistic that by spring it will be safe for our kids, teachers and support staff to be onsite together yet again.

I know that everyone at the Riverview School District, many of whom are members of our Duvall and Snoqualmie Valley family, has been working extraordinarily hard during the most challenging times they have ever experienced in education. Please join me in providing them with support and grace as this school year is conducted in a way we've never seen before.

I like to remind folks in September to be mindful of kids and school buses as we commute to work and activities. This year is obviously different. With the online school schedules, and kids working at home, kids and adults alike are more likely to be out and about using our sidewalks, crosswalks and parks. I urge you to take extra caution throughout the day as these behavior patterns change.

By now, the City will have awarded more than \$100,000 in CARES Act funding to some of our local businesses, non-profits and human service agencies to assist with the continued restrictions due to the pandemic. While this will be helpful to many, I would like to remind and encourage all residents to support our local businesses. Despite assistance from the federal government, state, county and city, many are at risk of closure the longer we remain in Phase 2 of recovery. Our local businesses are the backbone of our community and contribute in immeasurable ways to the amazing City we all have the pleasure of calling home.

We are also in the throes of our biennial budget process – please keep an eye out for additional council meetings focused on the budget. I will be releasing the Mayor's proposed budget this month, with the council spending the next two months reviewing and revising prior to approval. There is ample opportunity for the public to weigh in, and become educated, and I hope to see many of you involved in the process.

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Finally, as many of us are working from home, our kids are learning from home and we are all using our internet more often, the gaps in the reliability are becoming more apparent. Duvall is far from alone in service gaps, outages and reliability challenges, and I am hearing from more colleagues around the state that share our struggles.

This month, WAVE will be presenting to council on the status of their operations.

As a reminder, the City has no jurisdiction over internet service, which has been re-affirmed by the FCC in recent rulings. This isn't okay, and many cities are banding together to push forward having internet classified as a utility which would bring required significant improvements to service, and our ability to demand problems get fixed.

In that light, I represent the City in several groups and committees that are joining together to work on this issue, including the Association of Washington Cities and Sound Cities Association. I was also recently appointed to the AWC Broadband Committee which will be evaluating and working on this at the state and federal level.

I encourage you to continue to share your internet challenges with me, and I'm thankful for the support WAVE has provided when your concerns have been elevated. We won't have perfection, but we will keep representing our community as best we can.

Sincerely,
Amy Ockerlander



KUDOS KORNER



Congratulations to Public Works Director Steve Leniszewski and staff, Mike Marty, Seth Harrison and Roger Southworth on receiving the **2019 Wastewater Water Treatment Plant - Outstanding Performance award** from the Washington State Department of Ecology. Out of 300 certified plants in the state, our team is one of 125 to receive this recognition.

Thank you, team, for your commitment to our community and the environment!



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

It has been a very busy spring and summer in the Community Development Department. Typically in the spring, during busy development years we would host an in-person open house on development in the pipeline and future trends. We are considering a fall virtual open house but in the meantime we wanted to share with you our community development and pre-application maps (see insert included with this newsletter). The maps show all projects to date. Toll Brothers (Big Rock @ roundabout) has submitted the majority of their phase 1-2 permits and broke ground this summer on phase 3-4. Duvall Village (Main and 143rd) have submitted all 99 of their building permits for review.

Building permit volume is at historic levels. Many of the projects that we see building now are projects that have been on our books for 10 or more years. We have also seen several new projects come in over the past two years and into this year. Like many of you, the Planning Department is working mostly from our home offices. As you can imagine that does bring challenges. The Building and Permitting Departments are working from our city offices.

If you have questions you may contact Community Development Director, Lara Thomas at lara.thomas@duvallwa.gov. We are working to keep our planning page up to date. Visit the website: <http://www.duvallwa.gov/134/Planning-Department>.

WE ARE ALSO SEEKING 2 NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONERS! Please see the article below for more information.



PLANNING COMMISSIONER OPENINGS

Are you passionate about maintaining our City's vibrancy and charm? How can you, as a citizen, make a difference? Submit an application to become a Planning Commissioner!

Planning Commissioners review signage and development projects designs as well as help develop community vision, goals and development regulations. Terms are four years with meetings held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Duvall Visitor Center. Commissioners as required to be residents of the City, live within the Duvall Urban Growth Area, or own a business located in Duvall.

Primary consideration will be given to applications submitted by September 30, 2020.

Please visit <http://www.duvallwa.gov/176/Planning-Commssion> for more information, or contact the city of Duvall Planning Department at 425-788-2779 (message) or by email: lara.thomas@duvallwa.gov.

Elected Officials

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DUVALL?

First day of school

September 1st. Visit the Riverview School District website: <http://rsd407.org/> for more information.

Duvall Farmers Market

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

Hopelink Mobile Food Bank

Depot Park, **September 2nd & 16th** from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Labor Day Monday, September 7th

All City offices will be closed.

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

Art & Wine Walk

Duvall Outdoor Quilt Show

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2020



It's not too late to register with the Duvall Police Department for the upcoming National Night Out neighborhood

party event scheduled for October 6th. Registration is open until September 15th.

Register your party by sending an email to: NNO@duvallwa.gov. 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.

This event is dependent on the status of COVID-19 and Phase restrictions.



CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council meetings 7:00 p.m. – September 1st & 15th in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main St. NE. (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.).

Planning Commission meetings –September 9th & 23rd 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.