



# Duvall News

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Duvall!

2021 is off to a good start. With two COVID vaccines on the way, we hope that life begins to normalize in the coming months as people become protected. To avoid further illness in our community, we will need to continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing until public health experts believe it is safe to do away with them. We are cautiously optimistic that we will once again be able to have community events at some point during 2021 and know how much we will all benefit from seeing each other in person again.

Within the next few weeks, Council will be appointing a new member to the legislative body. The City received 7 applications. It is fantastic to see so many people interested in serving our community.

In mid-December, the Council approved the City's second biennial budget. Despite the pandemic, Duvall met or exceeded revenue expectations for the biennium while under spending our previous budget. This provided an opportunity to continue building resiliency into our finances, including continuing to fully fund all reserves to current statutory limits as well as shore up our equipment reserve fund, and the development of a building maintenance fund. There is still work to do on financial policies, and it is exciting to see so much progress. Included in the budget is funding support for a municipal financial consultant. This will help the City identify our long-term revenue and expenditure needs and help facilitate the development of a financial plan and accompanying policies. In addition to boosting reserves, this budget funds maintenance and improvements of our infrastructure, including water, sewer and stormwaters, remodeling of a facility to accommodate current and future employees and investments in our streets and parks.

I am pleased to share that a long-time community request for sunshades at City parks was approved and anticipated to be purchased and installed at Judd and Big Rock Ball Fields parks during the next two-years. This needed improvement is affordable and will make the play equipment much more usable and less susceptible to the heat or rain.

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There is a lot of interest in the official publication of the budget and budget book, which will be available soon to view on the City's website at: <http://www.duvallwa.gov/356/Budget>. Building upon the last biennial budget, while we were not able to hold the Town Hall meetings we had hoped to due to the pandemic, we still increased the transparency of the process, provided more information than ever, and provided Council with a narrative budget book that explains programs and projects. This is a huge achievement for our Finance Team, and the City as a whole. Of course, it takes collaboration and the legislative body to get the budget approved and I thank Council for working with administration to keep our focus on fiscal resiliency, maintenance of our infrastructure and planning for our City's future.

Wishing you a happy, healthy New Year!  
Amy Ockerlander



## UTILITY RATE INCREASE FOR 2021



The City's water, sewer & storm utility rates will increase 0.09%. These rates will be effective as of January 1, 2021 and the new rates will appear on the utility bills that are sent out at the end of January. That statement will have a partial rate for December as well as January. (December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 21<sup>st</sup>)

Each year the utility rates are reviewed and adjusted as needed to cover the increased cost of operations. The minimum increase for a customer with all services will be \$0.12 per month.

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Mason, Finance Director at: 425-788-1185 ext. 8066, or [dana.mason@duvallwa.gov](mailto:dana.mason@duvallwa.gov).



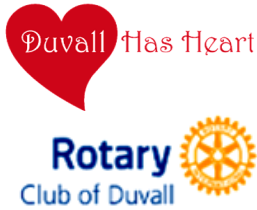
## KUDOS KORNER



A huge Thank You and Kudos to the Duvall Chamber of Commerce, City staff, Mike and Jody Carmona, and Santa and Mrs. Claus for making this year's Light Up Duvall— Home Edition a huge success by pivoting from an in person event to an online tree lighting, followed by a spectacular parade! It was just what was needed, and so appreciated by our community!



## ROTARY HEART ORDERS!



You can send a special message this February with a personalized 18"x18" heart sign! The Rotary Club of Duvall is taking orders for the 2021 "Duvall Has Heart" Valentine's citywide sign project.

The messages will hang on Main Street in Duvall beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>. Your loved one(s) can appreciate a unique special message displayed in town for all to see!

The program is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Duvall's Foundation. The funds will support grants for local non-profits and Duvall community causes.

**This year's order deadline will be: January 25, 2021 at [www.duvallhearts.square.site](http://www.duvallhearts.square.site). For more information, please go to [www.duvallrotary.org](http://www.duvallrotary.org), or email: [sandyd@cablespeed.com](mailto:sandyd@cablespeed.com).**

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS- OPEN POSITIONS



Are you interested in serving our community in 2021? We have several boards and commissions that have vacant seats right now! There are certain minimum qualifications to be able to serve on each one, which are summarized below.

**Duvall Cultural Commission (DCC)-** The cultural commission shall consist of a minimum of seven members and not more than nine members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Members shall have demonstrated commitment to and knowledge of cultural activity. Members shall live within the Riverview School District boundaries and have a demonstrated commitment to arts and culture in the Duvall area.

**Duvall Library Board-** There shall be five members of the library board. At least three of the members shall be residents of the City. Other members shall own, operate or be employed by business entities located within the City, or shall live within the boundaries of the Riverview School District and have a demonstrated commitment to the Duvall library.

**Duvall Planning Commission-** Members of the planning commission shall be residents of the City, live within the Duvall Urban Growth Area, or be owners of a business located in Duvall.

Additional information on all Boards and Commissions and application materials can be found by visiting: <http://www.duvallwa.gov/171/Boards-Commissions>.

### Elected Officials

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DUVALL?

### Scouts Annual Christmas Tree Pick Up & Recycling Event

**Saturday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**  
**Drop off at Taylor Landing or Carnation Tree Farm.**

Visit: <http://duvallwa.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=3498> for additional information.

### Hopelink Mobile Food Bank

**Wednesdays, January 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00 p.m. —3:00 p.m. at their new location: Redemption Church 15305 Main St NE .**

Visit: <https://www.hopelink.org/location/mobile-market> for information.



**King County Library System**

A reminder that "Curbside To Go" service is available Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 1:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. For more details and to get started, call us at 425-788-1173 during our "Curbside To Go" hours.

## DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN



We are ready when you are! Our Community Vans are now equipped with plastic shields that protect our drivers/passengers and

allow us to physical distance better while in the vehicle. Our vans are available days, evenings, and weekends for essential trips. Become a volunteer driver, and save on auto expenses and help your neighbors to get where they need to go.

For more information visit:

<https://www.hopelink.org/community-van> or contact Victor with any questions by calling 425-943-6721.



### CITY OF DUVALL OFFICE CLOSURES

**New Year's Day-Friday January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Martin Luther King Day Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>**



### CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**City Council meetings 7:00 p.m. – January 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<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 –January 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<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.**