



# Duvall News

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy February Duvall!

We have turned the corner of the dark days of winter both the figuratively and literally. As the days get longer, the longing for warmer days becomes stronger.

Just a few short weeks ago, the country also was successful in carrying out the peaceful transfer of power from one president to another. Our country's new President has taken office during one of the most challenging times in U.S. history, with civil unrest, a global pandemic, economic crisis and more.

My hope for the new administration is that Congress will work together with the President to address the affects of COVID-19 on our communities and businesses.

The legislature is also well into their 105-day legislative session, with recovery being their top priority. By now, the House Transportation Committee has released a large transportation package that works to address the deficiencies in our statewide system. As a City, Duvall is requesting a full Highway 203 corridor study that looks at not just the state highway, but also the traffic flow on county roads to clearly identify what needs to be done to reduce traffic congestion in downtown Duvall and King County. The City is also advocating and discussing the need to change how the state plans for transportation improvements, and prioritizing analyzing the effects of housing and job growth in jurisdictions surrounding Duvall on congestion in town. A study completed in 2020 shows that pass-through traffic from Snohomish County accounts for 68% of trips in Duvall at peak times each day.

Within the City, we have informally started the process of analyzing the impact of changing our form of government from "strong" Mayor (independently elected) to "weak" Mayor (the CEO is a professional City Manager, while Council selects the Mayor from within). If we move forward with further analysis, the need for community involvement in the discussion will be paramount to determining if, and when, the change of government question ends up on the ballot for voter approval.

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We are also in the process of developing a government facilities plan, to determine the best use for existing buildings, and our needs of the future. This project is critical to ensuring that we have space for the needs of our community and staff today, and into the future.

I hope that each one of you is staying healthy, and look forward to getting to see you in person in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,  
Amy Ockerlander



## CORRECTION

### UTILITY RATE INCREASE FOR 2021



The City's water, sewer & storm utility rates will increase 1.6%. 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 and are based on the previous two year's CPI-U average. The minimum increase for a customer with all services will be \$2.04 per month. If you have any questions, please contact:

Dana Mason, Finance Director, at 425-788-1185 or [dana.mason@duvallwa.gov](mailto:dana.mason@duvallwa.gov).



## KUDOS KORNER



This month's Kudos celebrates and acknowledges a random act of kindness by members of our community who generously paid off some of our residents overdue utility bills in December. The compassion and support for our community members is unlike anywhere else.

**Thank You!**



## CITY OF DUVALL BUILDING & PERMITTING DEPARTMENT MOVE



The Building and Permitting department has moved! Effective January 19, 2021, Melanie Young, Permit Specialist, **has moved** to City Hall. New contact information for Melanie is:

Physical Location- 15535 Main Street NE  
 Email remains the same- melanie.young@duvallwa.gov  
 Office Phone Number- 425-788-2779  
 Direct Dial remains the same- 425-939-8041  
 Fax Number- 425-788-8097  
 Mailing Address remains the same-  
 PO Box 1300  
 Duvall, WA 98019

General hours of operation and the process and phone number for requesting inspections remains the same.

Until further notice, due to COVID-19 and associated restrictions, City Hall remains closed to the general public. **Appointments are required** for permit pick-up and/or plan drop off. We have a contactless process for drop-off/pick-up. Contact Melanie for more information.



### WHO LEFT THE LIGHTS ON?

Many of you may be wondering, “who left the lights on?” This year, to continue the festive glow for a while longer, the Duvall Chamber of Commerce has graciously offered to keep the glow alive along Main Street until March 13<sup>th</sup> (for those strands that can last). We will all be able to celebrate Valentine’s Day (February 14<sup>th</sup>) and Random Acts of Kindness week (March 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>) with a bit of additional, much needed cheer this year!

The Duvall Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a “Clean Up Day” at 10:00 a.m. on March 13<sup>th</sup> and are in need of volunteers to assist in removing the lights. If you can help, RSVP on the Chamber’s Event page by visiting their website: <https://duvallchamberofcommerce.com> or send an email to: [info@duvallchamberofcommerce.com](mailto:info@duvallchamberofcommerce.com).



### SNO-VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

If you are a senior in need of resources, or would like to learn more about how you can support these valuable services, visit: <https://snovalleysenior.org/> or give them a call at 425-333-4152.

#### *Elected Officials*

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Mike Remington	206-775-9721	michael.remington@duvallwa.gov
Michelle Hogg	206-305-8257	michelle.hogg@duvallwa.gov
Jennifer Knaplund	425-419-6749	jennifer.knaplund@duvallwa.gov
Dorothy Lengyel	206-305-8259	dorothy.lengyel@duvallwa.gov

## WHAT’S HAPPENING IN DUVALL?

### Groundhog Day

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### Hopelink Mobile Food Bank

**Wednesdays, February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<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.

### Valentine’s Day

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

### Presidents’ Day

**Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Events typically held in the City of Duvall continue to be on hold until further notice, in accordance with the State of Washington’s COVID-19 re-opening guidelines.

## DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN



Have you made a resolution to become a volunteer this year? Community Van is a great option to make it come true!

Our Community Van has remained available and offers backup support to the community where other transit services have become less available due to COVID-19. Foodbank and food deliveries, non-COVID-19 medical appointments, grocery runs, and other essential trips have been the main focus of trips during this time.

For more information on how you can be a part of this great resource, visit: <https://www.hopelink.org/community-van> or contact Victor with any questions by calling 425-943-6721.



### CITY OF DUVALL OFFICE CLOSURES

Monday February 15<sup>th</sup>

**IN HONOR OF PRESIDENTS’ DAY**



### CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**City Council meetings 7:00 p.m. – February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<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 –February 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<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.**