



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy April Duvall!

How nice it is to have had some more spring-like weather over the past month and see the days growing longer.

As of this writing, the State is in Phase 3 of reopening, there are more than 45,000 Covid-19 vaccinations going into arms each day, and the President has announced that all Americans will be eligible for a vaccine as of May 1st.

100% of East King County residents 80 years and older, 89% of those 65+ and 25% of those 16+ have received at least their first dose vaccinations. By the time you receive this message those numbers will be even higher. This is fantastic progress after more than a year of uncertainty and challenges.

Riverview School District has brought kids back to the classroom, with teachers and staff quickly receiving their vaccinations and helping to provide safe learning environments for the students choosing to return to in-person learning.

Youth sports are in nearly fully swing again, and soon we will be able to attend sporting events as spectators.

This is such great news for our community. We hope to be out of the State of Emergency declared in March 2020 by the end of the year.

As we are slowly getting to our new normal, there are some big changes coming to the City of Duvall. Our current Police Chief, Carey Hert, has planned for and announced his retirement from the City which will be effective in July. Chief Hert has been instrumental in changing the culture within the Police Department and developing their very successful community outreach program, as well as a plethora of other accomplishments. One area that Chief Hert has been extraordinarily successful is succession planning within his department, and providing opportunities for advancement within the ranks, even with our small department.

I bet you are wondering what that means for Duvall! In simple terms, it means that the City should not need to search for a new Police Chief – that individual will be chosen from within the ranks, providing consistency and institutional knowledge at the top.

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Long-time department member and Lieutenant, Michael DeBock will begin his role as Acting Police Chief on April 1st, and is expected to assume the position of Police Chief upon Chief Hert's official retirement.

Many of you know Lt. DeBock from his visits to your children's schools, community events, social media posts and more. While we are certainly all going to miss Chief Hert, I am excited for Lt. DeBock to assume this role and continue to build upon the good work the department has done in recent years. Lt. DeBock is a true leader, and I have full faith and confidence in his ability to effectively manage the department, keep up with changes to law enforcement practices, and bring his own stamp to his team and the City. This is big news, and I hope you will join me in congratulating Lt. DeBock and this big step for him and our community.

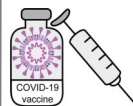
On another note, in March I was honored to present the annual State of the City address at the monthly Duvall Chamber of Commerce meeting. The video in its entirety is posted on the City's YouTube and Facebook pages. If you would like to learn more about what the status of our City is, please watch and reach out with questions.

In closing, we have begun planning for our annual SummerStage concerts series with hopes for a late start in August. While the series will be shortened, we are truly hoping that by then we will all be able to come together safely and in person as a community and share some happiness after such a challenging year. Keep your fingers crossed and keep masking and supporting our local businesses. We are nearing the finish line!

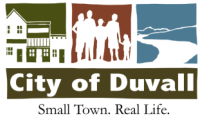
Warm Regards,
Amy Ockerlander



KUDOS KORNER



This month's Kudos goes to a very important person in our community, Jennifer Martin. Ms. Martin is a volunteer with the Facebook Group "Find a COVID shot WA", and has helped numerous eligible people find open appointments for vaccinations. With her help teachers, staff, elderly and high risk individuals have received the vaccine and can feel safe. Thank you!!



THE CITY OF DUVALL IS NOW HIRING!

Public Works Seasonal Worker

Need a job this summer? Get real life experience in a fun environment. Seasonal Workers maintain park and open space areas, storm facilities, and other facilities. Work includes mowing, painting, event set up, and other work as needed. Must have a valid WA Driver's license, safe driving record and a "can do" attitude.

Engineering Intern

Are you looking to apply and grow the skills you are learning in school in a professional environment while serving the community? If you answered "yes" be sure to apply to this Engineering Internship opportunity. Contact Larissa Polanco, larissa.polanco@duvallwa.gov or 425-939-8040 if you have any questions after reviewing the website information.

To view the full job descriptions and to find out more information on how to apply, visit the link on the City's website: <http://www.duvallwa.gov/Jobs.aspx>.



DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN NEWS

Thanks to our volunteer drivers, we can keep our commitment to serve and support our neighbors in need of transportation solutions. We are offering transportation to vaccination sites for those who can't ride the public transit or don't have any other option. We are here to help you! Be part of our great team and become a volunteer driver NOW!

For more information on scheduling a ride, or becoming a driver, visit: <https://www.hopelink.org/community-van>. Contact Victor for questions; 425-943-6721 or email: communityvan@hopelink.org.



HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS! UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Has your neighborhood HOA contact information changed in the last year? The City of Duvall maintains an HOA phone number and email contact list in order to reach out to neighborhoods quickly in case of emergencies or to relay important information. Please send contact name, phone number and email address updates via email to: info@duvallwa.gov.

Elected Officials

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DUVALL?

Hopelink Mobile Food Bank

Wednesdays, March 31st & April 21st

2:00 p.m. —3:00 p.m.

Redemption Church 15305 Main St NE

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

Duvall Farmers Market is coming soon!

Thursdays, May 6th—October 14th

3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Taylor Landing, 16201 Main St. NE

Visit: <http://duvallfarmersmarket.org/>



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

STREET LIGHT PROBLEM OR OUTAGE?

Did you know that street light outages or issues should be reported directly to Puget Sound Energy?

You can submit a report on their website by visiting: <https://www.pse.com/outage/report-street-light-outage>. You will be asked to complete a form which requests your contact information, the location of the street light, a description of the problem, and the pole number. The pole number can be found on a tag on the pole itself, at about shoulder height. Properly functioning street lights helps to keep our community safe!



SNO-VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

Visit the Senior Center website:

<https://snovalleyseior.org/>

to find out more about the latest activities for seniors, and how you can help support this wonderful program with a donation.



CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council meetings 7:00 p.m. –April 6th & 20th (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.).

Planning Commission meetings –April 7th & 21st at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are virtual only, until further notice. To locate link and dial in information, view agendas at: <http://www.duvallwa.gov/agendacenter/>