



# Duvall News

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy September Duvall!

It's hard to believe that we have already turned the corner towards fall and the warm, summer days are mostly behind us.

Now that we've made it to the end of summer, I am incredibly thankful that we were able to once again host our SummerStage concert series and bring our community together in the safest manner as possible. This was due in part to our area's high COVID vaccination rate and low infection rate. A huge thank you to Kass Holdeman, for her leadership and work to put on the series and to the Duvall Rotary for operating the Beer & Wine Garden. Another big "Thank You" to all who chose to protect others by wearing masks, even while in a lower-risk environment.

Now we turn our attention to preparing for fall and winter and kids are once again returning to school. Unless new guidance is provided by the Governor, school kids will soon be waiting for buses and walking to and from school. Please be extra careful when driving during school hours to help keep our kiddos safe.

Changing topics, the City is currently recruiting and will hopefully be hiring a new City Administrator with a hopeful start in November. With approximately 40 applicants as of this writing, we hope to find and bring on board a highly qualified candidate to handle most of the day to day management work of the City, allowing me to shift towards more external work. This will include more community events and allow me to spend more time and effort seeking outside funding from the state and federal government for more of our big, capital projects such as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue project.

Finally, August threw us for a big loop with the domination and rapid spread of the COVID Delta variant, which put our hospitals at or near capacity and brought the reinstatement of certain public health measures. I know to many, it felt like being hit with a truck. The shock and frustration was palpable, and the devastation of rolling backwards, seeing many more people we know (including the vaccinated) get sick and for some of us, seeing vulnerable loved ones severely ill, has been traumatic.

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Due to possible exposure in our City family and the rapid rise in case numbers, we closed down most in person meetings of the City again and have postponed the beginning of in-person City Council meetings. At this time, we don't know when we will be able to meet in person again, but in the meantime the opportunities to participate remain greater than pre-pandemic. As another city in Snohomish County learned after a crowded council meeting led to dozens being exposed, it is not worth the risk to the health of the attendees, staff and elected officials when there are equally transparent ways to conduct business.

Stay tuned for more updates, and please, please get vaccinated if you are eligible and meet the medical qualifications to do so.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a safe start to September!

Warm regards,  
Amy Ockerlander



## RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



### School begins in the Riverview School District on September 1<sup>st</sup>!

Please be mindful of busses and students as they make their way to school.



Visit the Riverview School District's website at <https://www.rsd407.org/> for answers to questions regarding sending students back to school and to locate contact information.



## KUDOS KORNER



"Kudos" and a very "Happy Retirement" to King County Duvall Fire District 45 Chief David Burke and a huge "Thank You" for all that you have done to keep Duvall safe and healthy throughout your career.

You will be missed, and we wish you all the best for your future!

**WASHINGTON STATE'S SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAG BAN EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**



Plastic bags are a major contaminant in Washington's recycling facilities, waterways, roadways, and environment. Washington's Plastic Bag Ban will reduce pollution by prohibiting single-use plastic carryout bags and charging a fee for acceptable bags in business establishments. This plastic bag ban begins statewide on October 1, 2021.

During the 2020 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags in an effort to reduce plastic pollution, litter, and waste.

**The ban will also benefit Washington's recycling system by:**

- Reducing contamination in the recycling and compost systems
- Promoting reuse and recycled content
- Building consistency in policy and enforcement across the state
- Supporting the recycled paper industry

Additional details for retailers and for the general public can be found on the Washington State Department of Ecology's website: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/Plastic-bag-ban>.

To review the legislation, visit the Washington State Legislature website: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.530>.



**DOUGHERTY FARMSTEAD JUGFEST & HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Visit the Dougherty Farmstead on September 12<sup>th</sup> for the Uncle Lumpy's Jugfest and Historical Society's Open House. A small band, The Jelly Rollers, will perform on the front porch of the Farmhouse from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



**MAIN STREET CEDAR PLANK INSTALLATION ARTIST MEET & GREET SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

Save the date! Our newly carved cedar planks will be installed on Main Street and celebrated with an event on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Meet the artists on Main Street between 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. At Depot Park, view the old planks, listen to live local music, purchase local art from vendors, and visit the beer garden!



**DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN**

Contact Victor with questions on how to become a volunteer driver or if you need transportation. Call 425-943-6721 or email [communityvan@hopelink.org](mailto:communityvan@hopelink.org).



**SNO-VALLEY SENIOR CENTER**

If you, or someone you know, is a senior in need of services or just a bit of social fun, call the center at 425-333-4152 or email [svsc@soundgenerations.org](mailto:svsc@soundgenerations.org).



Elected official's contact information can be found by visiting: <http://www.duvallwa.gov/166/City-Council>

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DUVALL?**

**Hopelink Mobile Food Bank**

Services are temporarily paused and no service updates have been received. If you are experiencing food insecurity, please email [food@hopelink.org](mailto:food@hopelink.org) or call 425-333-4163. You can also contact the Holy Innocents Food Pantry by calling 425-788-1400 or send an email to [pantry@holynn.org](mailto:pantry@holynn.org).

**Duvall Farmers Market**

**Thursdays, May 6<sup>th</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Taylor Landing, 16201 Main St. NE  
Visit: <http://duvallfarmersmarket.org/>.

**Labor Day**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**City offices will be closed.**



**Riverview SD- First day of school**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**. For more information, visit: <https://www.rsd407.org/>.



**DUVALL CITY COUNCIL CHAT**



Duvall's City Council realizes not everyone can attend council meetings and has a desire to provide a deeper level of engagement beyond the public comment period. We encourage you to visit this casual virtual meet up on **Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. to discuss your ideas and concerns. All topics are welcome! Some answers to questions may need additional follow-up, but Council members will be there to listen and engage in conversation.

Council Chat sessions will be held virtually. Visit the City of Duvall's Facebook Events page for information on how to join in.

**CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**City Council meetings -7:00 p.m.**

**September 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** (Committee of the Whole begins 5:30 p.m.).

**Planning Commission meetings -7:00 p.m.**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

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

