



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy November Duvall!

November brings big news to the Duvall team. On October 18th, the City's 2nd full-time City Administrator, Kevin Oppe, began his tenure with our City.

Mr. Oppe spent most of his career in the United States Navy with his final assignment as the Operations Manager for Naval Station Everett. He comes to us most recently from Edinboro, PA where he served as the City Manager.

We are thrilled to have him onboard and if you see him around town, I hope you will greet him with the warm welcome our community is known for.

In October, the City began our mid-biennial budget update. Thanks to adopting a biennial budget in 2018, the City has a two-year budget which provides both a longer term forecast of revenues and investments.

The City's sales tax continues to come in at record levels, and as everyone can see real estate sales for both existing construction and new construction continue to be quite strong. This is good news for the City's General Fund (dollars that can be spent on any city need) and the Real Estate Excise Tax Fund (dollars that have limited uses, primarily building projects).

The strong revenues are allowing the City to continue slowly catching up to the staffing levels of 2008 when the City was a fraction of the size. Some recent vacancies have significantly reduced the City's capability to provide public information through our social media channels and provides a great opportunity to centralize efforts into one position, instead of multiple people carrying portions of the role in addition to full-time work duties.

Over the past decade, the City's public communications have been gradually increased from the first public information officer within the Police Department more than 10-years ago, to three different staff members dedicating 5 hours per week to the work. Even this small amount of dedicated time has resulted in significant more community awareness about what is going on in the community, particularly during floods, snowstorms and other emergencies.

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Several years ago, our communications needs exceeded our ability to create a Communications Manager position, which I am pleased to be proposing as a new role in the mid-biennium update.

The addition of this position would ensure the City has a full-time employee to develop and share information with the public, conduct community outreach, staff our social media channels, refresh and update the City's website and more.

Communications has long been a priority of mine, and as of a council retreat held in September, was also a top priority of council. I am hopeful that this will be approved in the budget and that we will not only restore public communications at the City and enhance them to greater levels that the community deserves. Stay tuned!

Warm regards,
Amy Ockerlander



HOME EDITION
Light Up Duvall
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION! **2.1** **SAVE THE DATE!**
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

Get ready for our second "Light Up Duvall- Home Edition 2.1" on Friday, December 3rd! The evening will begin with a virtual-only lighting of the "tree" at Depot Park. Santa and Mrs. Claus are then scheduled to parade through the neighborhoods of Duvall, along with Duvall Police and Fire Departments.

This event is brought to you by a partnership between the City of Duvall and the Duvall Chamber of Commerce.



SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS



Be sure to check out this year's "Holiday Happenings" flyer included with this newsletter edition!



TIME TO CEAR YOUR STORM DRAINS



October marks the start of the rainy season in Washington. Increased rainfall can wash leaves into storm drains and cause localized flooding in our neighborhoods. Now is the time to protect your property and prevent flooded streets by keeping storm drains near your home free of leaves and debris.

Adopting a storm drain is a simple way to help! It's easy, and there are no strict timelines so you can volunteer whenever it is convenient for you! <https://wa.adopt-a-drain.org/>

CITY OF DUVALL -PAST DUE UTILITY ACCOUNTS



Governor Inslee's mandate on deferring late fees and water disconnections expired on September 30, 2021. Beginning in October, late fees are once again being assessed on past due utility balances with the City of Duvall. If your account is past due and you are having trouble paying the balance, we would be happy to work with you on setting up payment arrangements. The City Hall lobby is currently closed to walk-in customer's. Please check the back of your statement for payment options or call 425-788-1185 or email stephanie.goodwin@duvallwa.gov.

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 **Friday, November 19th** from 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. to discuss your ideas and concerns. All topics are welcome! Some answers to questions may need additional follow-up, but Councilmembers 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.



Election Day Is November 2nd

Visit <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/elections.aspx> for more information on this election.

Remember, there is a ballot drop box located at the Depot Park (Police Department) parking lot 26225 NE Burhen Way, Duvall. The drop box is open until 8:00 p.m. on election day.

Elected Officials

Mayor	Phone Number	Email Address
Amy Ockerlander	206-305-8258	amy.ockerlander@duvallwa.gov
Councilmembers		
Dianne Brudnicki	206-305-8253	dianne.brudnicki@duvallwa.gov
Rick Shaffer	425-470-9687	rick.shaffer@duvallwa.gov
Amy McHenry	425-419-6105	amy.mchenry@duvallwa.gov
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?

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 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@holyinn.org.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 7th 2:00 a.m.

Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour.

King County General Election

Tuesday, November 2nd –Ballot deadline.

Visit: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/elections/current-elections/november-general.aspx> for more information.

Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 11th

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 25th

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 28th

Shop and dine locally!

For more information, visit:

<https://duvallchamberofcommerce.com/>

Light up Duvall- Home Edition 2.1

Friday, December 3rd



**CITY OF DUVALL
OFFICES WILL BE **CLOSED**:
Veterans Day**

Thursday November 11th

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday November 25th and Friday 26th



DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN

For questions, or to get started as a volunteer driver, call Victor at 425-943-6721 or email: communityvan@hopelink.org.



SNO- VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

If you are a senior in need of resources, or would like to learn more about how you can support local seniors visit: <https://snovalleyseior.org/> or call 425-333-4152.



CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council meetings –7:00 p.m.

November 2nd & 16th (Committee of the Whole begins 5:30 p.m.).

Planning Commission meetings –7:00 p.m.

November 10th & 17th (special meeting).

All meetings are virtual only until further notice.

Visit <http://www.duvallwa.gov/agendacenter/>

To locate link and dial in information and to view agendas