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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy October!

Can you believe it is fall already? It seems like just yesterday that we were warming up from the cold winter in early spring and here we are again, with cooler weather, leaves falling, and the return to shorter days.

I hope that you all enjoyed your summer, remained healthy, and were able to take advantage of outdoor activities in the valley – including the return of SummerStage during the month of August. On that note, I want to express my appreciation and thanks to Kass Holdeman. Kass has been the “keeper of SummerStage” for most of the last two decades or involved in some capacity. Last year when everything about the pandemic was unknown, Kass did the work and planned a full concert series with the hope that it would become safe to gather and bring our community together for some fun after a rough few months. Needless to say, we did have to cancel, and leading up to this year’s event there was still significant uncertainty. Kass rallied the community and we were all able to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the event (one-year late) and spread joy for those that attended. Attendance was on par with previous years, which is a testament to how our community values the event and the opportunity to be together.

On another note, after a nationwide search, we hope to be announcing soon, the hiring of a new City Administrator. We are thrilled to be bringing this important new member to our team and hope that you have the opportunity to meet them and say “hello” after the City Council confirms appointment.

October also marks the mid-point of our biennial budget and the time to make adjustments to the budget Council approved in 2020 for the years 2021-2022. I am pleased to share that the City’s revenues continue to come in stronger than expected and with all City “savings accounts” full to their statutory limits, we are in good shape.



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This also coincides with the beginning of our municipal financial planning process which will result in a long-term financial strategy for the City. The plan will provide recommendations for maintaining existing levels of service, shrinking levels of service in economic downturns and expanding existing service levels to meet the needs of our residents. This exciting project was first broached and championed by Councilmember Dorothy Lengyel and will result in the tools necessary for the City to remain financially responsible and plan for the future.

Stay tuned for information about more exciting projects and City changes in the coming months!

Warm regards,
Amy Ockerlander



SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

Watch for more details soon on our second “Light Up Duvall– Home Edition” 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.



KUDOS KORNER



This month's Kudos goes to Kass Holdeman for her efforts to bring SummerStage back after a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

Thank you for bringing the community together!



DON'T MISS THE ARTICLE ON PAGE 2 ABOUT THE DUVALL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HALLOWEEN CONTESTS!

ADOPT A STORMDRAIN!



Join your neighbors across the City to keep your local storm drains clear of debris to reduce flooding and protect waterways. We are excited to announce that the City has a new Adopt-A-Drain Program online tool that lets you adopt a storm drain in your neighborhood.

What does it mean to "adopt" a drain? By adopting a drain, you will be making a commitment to monitor and maintain a drain of your choice. Volunteers dedicate around fifteen minutes once or twice a month to provide care to their drain. We ask that you make a volunteer profile so we can keep track of the amazing work you've put into building a stronger and cleaner community!

As a volunteer you will be able to create positive impact by:

- Preventing flooding in your neighborhood by keeping drains free of debris.
- Preventing pollutants from entering our wetlands, streams, lakes, Snoqualmie River, and the Puget Sound, which impact the habitat for fish and other wildlife.
- Helping the City maintain our infrastructure, especially during fall months when rain increases and falling leaves block drains.

Before you clear your first drain, sign up through our partnership with Hamline University of Minnesota by visiting: <https://wa.adopt-a-drain.org/>. Be a part of the national movement to reduce urban flooding and protect our waterways.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HALLOWEEN 2021

Introducing two fun Halloween Programs from the Duvall Chamber of Commerce for October 2021. It'll be our 2nd Annual Duvall Chamber Member HALLOWEEN WORKPLACE DECORATING CONTEST and first COMMUNITY COSTUME CONTEST!

We are changing it up again this fall, to have fun with our community AND our businesses! We're making it HALLOWEEN FUN for those that want to participate, and hoping to keep the festive spirit alive downtown for our community to enjoy! Every Chamber Member organization is invited to decorate, and we'll ask YOU, our community, to judge the winner in three categories!

The Duvall Chamber is also inviting everyone to post their costume entry on 10/31 for a chance to win, in our COMMUNITY COSTUME CONTEST! All ages welcome!

Make sure to follow along the Duvall Chamber Facebook page today for all the info, and call to participate and vote, at fb.com/duvallchamber.

We hope to return to our 'regularly scheduled programming' in 2022 with our Halloween Kids Party and Downtown Trick or Treat. Visit: DuvallChamberOfCommerce.com.



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 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.

Duvall Farmers Market –Ending SOON!

Thursdays, May 6th through October 14th
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Taylor Landing, 16201 Main St. NE

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

Columbus Day (Indigenous Peoples Day)

Monday, October 11th

Halloween

Sunday, October 31st

King County General Election

Tuesday, November 2nd –Ballot deadline.

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



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 **Thursday, October 21st** from 12:00 p.m.—1:00 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.



CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council meetings –7:00 p.m.

October 5th & 19th (Committee of the Whole begins 5:30 p.m.).

Planning Commission meetings –7:00 p.m.

October 13th & 27th.

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

