



# Duvall News

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy December!

We sure have had quite the lead up to winter, with the forecast of another La Nina year and the expectation of more rain, snow and likely flooding than an average year.

In mid-November we had a few days of inconvenience with the seasonal closure of NE 124<sup>th</sup>.

With so many new residents in our community, I want to share that the experience of flooding in the Snoqualmie Valley is nothing new and has been occurring for hundreds of years. The Snoqualmie River flooding is something that we expect to occur, often multiple times each year.

NE 124<sup>th</sup> is a King County road, which the City of Duvall does not have jurisdiction over. The road was raised within the last 20-years but is unlikely to be raised anytime soon. There are multiple challenges, including a shrinking tax base in King County, which has reduced funding received by their Roads Fund to the point that basic maintenance is not fully funded, let alone new projects. In addition, there are major permitting hurdles due to the location of the road and how any changes to the roadway impact flooding to the south of Duvall.

It is not uncommon for county roads from Fall City to Monroe to go under water during flooding and make commuting a challenge for all who live in the valley. Our local challenges during the closures of NE 124<sup>th</sup> are made significantly greater due to more than 70% of daily traffic through Duvall coming from Snohomish County.

We at the City are continuously working to find creative ways to address the challenges that the road closures create and doing what we can to collaborate with both the County and the State to mitigate the impacts.

For those of us that have been in Duvall for several years this has become a routine annoyance, but one that is manageable with a bit of extra planning and patience.

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On another note, I would like to congratulate John Isaacson, who will be the City's newest Councilmember, on his recent election to the Duvall City Council. Councilmember-elect Isaacson will be taking the seat of long-time Councilmember Dianne Brudnicki, who chose to retire from service this year.

Finally, I want to wish each one of you Happy Holidays and hope that your December is safe, happy and affords the opportunity to spend time with friends and loved ones.

Warm regards,  
Amy Ockerlander



## CHRISTMAS TREE-CYCLING

Drop off your tree at Carnation Tree Farm or Taylor Landing Park (Duvall) on Saturday, January 8, 2022, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Pick up is also available within Duvall City limits only. Scouts will pick up your tree as a community recycling event and service project. Leave your tree at the curb before 9:00 a.m.

A suggested \$10 donation would be gratefully accepted via PayPal at <https://duvall745.mytroop.us> or by cash or check payable to Troop 745, taped to your front door in a visible location.

This event applies to Christmas trees only. No wreaths, greens or garland. No artificial or flocked trees. Please remove all metal hooks, decorations, and tinsel.

For more information, contact Becky Buelna at City of Carnation 425- 333-4192; Cheri James at City of Duvall 425-788-1185; or the Scout Coordinator at [treerecyclescouts@gmail.com](mailto:treerecyclescouts@gmail.com).



## KUDOS KORNER



Kudos this month go to the Duvall Chamber of Commerce and the volunteers who worked diligently again this year to install the sparkling lights on Main Street. They are an uplifting sight to see as you drive through town, during these darker, shorter days.





**CITY OF DUVALL SEEKING APPLICANTS TO FILL OPEN CITY COUNCIL POSITION**

The City of Duvall is seeking applicants to fill a position on the Duvall City Council. This is a temporary appointment and this Council position will be up for election during the November 2022 General Election. Interested citizens are encouraged to apply by 3:00 p.m., December 21, 2021.

Duvall has a Mayor-Council form of government with an elected Mayor and a seven-member City Council. City Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a Committee of the Whole workshop at 5:30 p.m. Regular attendance at Council and committee meetings is required. In addition, there are often public meetings or special meetings on specific issues that require attendance.

In order to be eligible for a City council seat, you must be a registered voter of the City at the time of filing your declaration of candidacy and have been a resident of the City for at least one year.

Interested parties are required to submit an application packet including a City Council application and a letter of interest detailing your interest in being a Duvall Councilmember. Application packets are available on the City's web page, [www.duvallwa.gov](http://www.duvallwa.gov). For more information, contact

**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).

**Holiday Helpers Gift Drive**

**Ends December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Benefitting Holy Innocents Outreach. Visit <https://www.duvallwa.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/568> for additional information.

**Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**



Get ready for our second "Light Up Duvall-Home Edition 2.1" on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. 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.

**Follow the festivities live on Facebook! Just use the following link:**

**<https://fb.me/e/QvVM6mcr>**

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

**CITY OF DUVALL PLANNING COMMISSION OPENINGS**



Are you interested in serving your community? Are you interested in helping chart the future of the City? If you answered yes to either of these questions, please consider filling out an application for the

Planning Commission. The Planning Commission drafts policy that helps shape Duvall's future.

The Duvall Planning Commission is made up of seven members appointed by the Mayor. Responsibilities include working with staff to prepare policy documents, reviewing draft work products from staff and special committees, and making recommendations on policies to the City Council. The Planning Commission also reviews many land use applications for consistency with City regulations.

Planning Commission terms are four years, and meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm. Commissioners are required to be residents of the City, live within the Duvall Urban Growth Area, or own a business located in Duvall.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.duvallwa.gov/176/Planning-Commission> or contact the City of Duvall Planning Department at 425-788-2779.



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

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>



**DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN**

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

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, tentative meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>, December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting is canceled.**

(Committee of the Whole begins 5:30 p.m.).

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

**December 1<sup>st</sup> (special meeting) & December 8<sup>th</sup> (regular 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.



**DUVALL CITY COUNCIL CHAT**

Duvall's City Council Chat will be taking a break for the holiday season and will be back in 2022.



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