



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I hope that each one of you enjoyed the holidays with your family and friends, with everyone staying safe and healthy.

It's hard to believe 2022 is already here. With 2021 now in the rearview mirror, the City continues to move forward and work to provide high levels of service to our community. The ability to do so will get a little easier with the addition of a few new employees in Public Works and the Police Department in the coming year.

In December we welcomed our new City Clerk, Sara McMillon, to the Duvall team. She comes to us as an experienced Clerk and in just a few short weeks is already having a positive impact in City Hall. We are excited to have her here and appreciate the fresh perspective she brings.

The pandemic boomerang continues with the appearance of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. Early data suggests rapid spread and easy transmission, although it may be less severe than previous dominant variants. If you haven't yet gotten vaccinated, please consider it, and if you are vaccinated, please get your booster shots if you haven't done so already.

Of course, please continue to follow public health guidelines and mask up when appropriate. We all have a part in keeping our most vulnerable community members healthy, and wearing a mask is a simple gesture with big impact.

The good news is that some epidemiologists are speculating that this could be the last big wave before the virus is considered endemic, like the flu.

Fingers crossed!

Best regards,
Amy Ockerlander



KUDOS KORNER



Thank You and Kudos to the Duvall Chamber of Commerce, City staff, and Santa and Mrs. Claus for making this year's Light Up Duvall- Home Edition 2.1 a success again this year. The virtual tree lighting, followed by a spectacular parade was appreciated by all in our community, both young and old!



UTILITY BILLING NEWS

Utility Rate Increase For 2022



The City's water, sewer and storm utility rates will increase 3.2%. These rates will be effective as of January 1, 2022 and the new rates will appear on the utility bills that are sent out at the end of January. That statement will have a partial rate for December as well as January. (December 22, 2021 through January 22, 2022).

Each year the utility rates are reviewed and adjusted as needed to cover the increased cost of operations. The minimum increase for a customer with all services will be \$4.14 per month.

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Mason, Finance Director at: 425-788-1185 ext. 8066 or dana.mason@duvallwa.gov.

Low Income Program Information

The City of Duvall also offers a low income utility rate reduction for qualified customers. To see if you or someone you know may qualify, please see the application at: <http://duvallwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/84>. The rate reduction is based on the number of people in the household and income levels. Rate reduction Ordinance #1121 requires an annual renewal, but customers may submit an application at any time. The rate reduction begins the date the completed application and proof of income is received by the Utility Billing Department.

Email Billing Information

Go paperless! Get your utility bill emailed to you. Register online by visiting: <https://duvall.merchanttransact.com>. It's free and easy! Just have your most recent utility bill with you for current information. If you've already registered, sign in and go to "My Profile". Under "Your Accounts", click on your account number, then: select "No, do not print and send my bill using the postal service" AND select "YES, send an electronic copy of my billing statement via email". Click on "Submit". Your utility bill will be emailed to the account you have registered with. (Please note: any past due or pending disconnection notices will still be mailed.)

Questions about utility billing? Visit our website: <http://www.duvallwa.gov/131/Finance-Department> for additional information.

SHARE WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART!



You can send a special message this February with a personalized 18"x18" heart sign! The Rotary Club of Duvall is taking orders for the 2022 "Duvall Has Heart" citywide Valentine's sign project.

The messages will hang on Main Street in Duvall beginning February 1st. Your loved one(s) can appreciate a unique special message displayed in town for all to see!

The program is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Duvall. Funds will support grants for local non-profits and Duvall community causes.

To order your heart, go to: duvallhearts.square.site. The deadline to order is January 25, 2022. For more information, please go to duvallrotary.fun/hearts, or email duvallrotaryclub@gmail.com.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS- OPEN POSITIONS



Are you interested in serving our community in 2022? We have several boards and commissions that have vacant seats right now! There are certain minimum qualifications to be able to serve on each one, which are summarized below.

Duvall Cultural Commission (DCC)- The Cultural Commission consists of a minimum of seven members and not more than nine members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Members must have demonstrated commitment to and knowledge of cultural activity. Members shall live within the Riverview School District boundaries and have a demonstrated commitment to arts and culture in the Duvall area.

Duvall Library Board- There are five members of the Library Board. At least three of the members must be residents of the City. Other members must own, operate or be employed by business entities located within the City, or must live within the boundaries of the Riverview School District and have a demonstrated commitment to the Duvall library.

Duvall Planning Commission- Members of the Planning Commission must be residents of the City, live within the Duvall Urban Growth Area, or be owners of a business located in Duvall.

Additional information on all Boards and Commissions and application materials can be found by visiting: <http://www.duvallwa.gov/171/Boards-Commissions>.



Elected Officials

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Amy McHenry	425-419-6105	amy.mchenry@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?

Scouts Annual Christmas Tree Pick Up & Recycling Event

Saturday January 8th 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Drop off at Taylor Landing or Carnation Tree Farm.

For more information, please email: treecycle745@gmail.com

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.

CITY SNOW EVENTS

ARE YOU READY FOR SNOW AND ICE??



Be prepared! For information regarding the City of Duvall's Snow and Ice Removal Plan and to view the Snow/Emergency Route Map, please see the links

on this page of our website:

<http://www.duvallwa.gov/306/Streets-Transportation>.



DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN

Call Victor at 425-943-6721 or email communityvan@hopelink.org. You can also find out more by visiting www.hopelink.org/community-van.



CITY OF DUVALL OFFICE CLOSURES

New Year's Eve Friday December 31st
Martin Luther King Day Monday January 17th



CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council meetings—7:00 p.m.

January 4th & 18th (Committee of the Whole begins 5:30 p.m.).

Planning Commission meetings—7:00 p.m.

January 12th & 26th.

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.