



Duvall News



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Duvall:

We're one hundred years old and still going strong. Even with the Seahawks' game as competition we had an impressive 400 people attend the centennial event, so we both won that day. Our celebration was a success thanks to the volunteers, businesses and civic organizations that supported the event, as well as Kimberly Engelkes who chaired the event.

I'm pleased it didn't snow in January due to the road conditions and the complications it often brings. Unfortunately we weren't able to escape the low temperatures so our public works crew sprayed de-icer on the streets for safe driving. We're aware that the streets need to be as clear as possible for people commuting.

The city council stayed warm at the new library during our day long retreat. We discussed the areas of concern: the Comprehensive plan, a document that outlines Duvall's growth; how we can use technology to keep you informed on changes in the region; and how the council will address the issues that arise during the year. I was impressed by the dedication the council showed for the community we all serve.

You can support the local community by getting involved in areas that may interest you. A simple way to support local business is to dine at the local restaurants and visit the local stores.

Sincerely,
Will Ibershof

MEETING NOTICE!

KING COUNTY METRO TRANSIT SERVICE UPDATE ON VALLEY SERVICE PROPOSAL

King County Metro Transit's efforts to right-size transportation services in the Snoqualmie Valley. Feedback from working with valley residents and stakeholders has led to proposed options that will be the subject of continued community discussion at two upcoming meetings.

Thursday, February 7th
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Cherry Valley Elementary School,
26701 Cherry Valley Road, Duvall

Monday, February 11th
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fall City Elementary School
33314 SE 42nd Street, Fall City

WATER, SEWER, & STORM RATE INCREASE

Each year the utility rates are adjusted by the July-June Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for the Seattle-Tacoma area. The July-June Seattle-Tacoma CPI-U for 2012 is 2.7% and this increase has been applied to the water, sewer, and storm utility rates. Due to the meter reaching schedule, there are a few days on this month's bill that are billed at the old rate for December usage (bill is for 12/26/12-1/29/13 usage).

This increase is to keep up with the rising costs of repairing and maintaining the water system, sewer collection and treatment systems, and the storm drain system. While new development pays for growth related expenses of the utilities through connection and capital facilities charges, the monthly utility billings pay for the ongoing operations. The minimum increase is \$2.87 collectively per month. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Long, Finance Director, at 425-788-1185 or email to jill.long@duvallwa.gov.

GET INVOLVED!

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 is made up of 7 members appointed by the Mayor. Responsibilities include working with staff to prepare policy documents, review draft work products from staff and special committees, and make recommendations on policies to the City Council. This year, those policies will include updating the sign code, design standards, and other zoning code amendments. The Planning Commission also reviews commercial, mixed-use and multi-family land use applications for consistency with City regulations.

Planning Commission terms are 4-years and meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Community Center. Commissioners are required to be residents of the city, live within the Duvall Urban Growth Area, or be owners of a business located in Duvall. Primary consideration will be given to applications submitted by February 28, 2013. For more information, go to www.duvallwa.gov or contact Ben Swanson, Associate Planner at ben.swanson@duvallwa.gov or at 425-788-2779.

PROPER CAR CARE EQUALS CLEAN WATER!

Motor oil and other automobile fluids are polluting Puget Sound and other waterways. Just think of all the drips and stains you see in streets and parking lots. Much of this leaked fluid washes into local storm drains and eventually into local streams, rivers, and Puget Sound. Even small amounts of spilled or dumped oil can contaminate entire stretches of shoreline and recreational attractions.

Let's Get in Gear

Just as the drips and splatters of oil and other automotive fluids are small but add up, so do small actions taken by citizens of Duvall. Please start by checking for leaks regularly to make sure your car isn't leaking. Ask your mechanic the next time you have your oil changed to take a closer look. Or, if you are a do-it-yourself type, simply place a large sheet of clean cardboard under your engine when you come home while your engine is still hot. Check it several hours later, or in the morning for spots and drips. If your car is leaking, please get it fixed. In the meantime, keep using cardboard to catch drips and dispose of in the trash.



Changing your own oil or other automotive fluids? Again, place old cardboard under the work area and be extra careful to avoid spills and splatters. Use kitty litter to soak up any accidental misses, then sweep up and deposit in the garbage. Be sure to collect your used oil in a reusable waterproof container, and then recycle it at a local recycling repository. You can recycle up to 5 gallons of clean used motor oil at a time at Duvall Auto Parts (15415 Main Street NE).

LOCAL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK MOVES TO MARCH 3RD – 9TH!!!!

Duvall will be celebrating our 7th Annual, local Random Acts of Kindness Week, in March this year. For the past six years, RAK Week has been celebrated in January. Due to extreme weather in 2011 and 2012, the decision was made to **MOVE it to MARCH!!!!** One of the main purposes of our local Random Acts of Kindness Week is to support our local businesses. During RAK Week In 2011 and 2012, a lot of our local businesses were closed, due to heavy snow. March tends to be a better weather month and is also not so close to Christmas.

With each year that passes our RAK Week gets bigger and bigger, as more community members join in on spreading kindness! If you need ideas on how you can participate, check out www.rakduvall.com. There is a list of ideas for kids, students and adults! It really doesn't matter what you do, just do something! It can be as little as smiling to someone on the street as you walk past them, or picking up trash in your neighborhood. Or, it could be as big as paying for someone's groceries or water bill. Whatever you do, it will be remembered and appreciated by the recipient. So remember... **TAKE TIME TO BE KIND March 3rd – 9th and throughout the year!**

CHERRY VALLEY:

THE VILLAGE THAT BECAME DUVALL

A Presentation by Local Historian Allen Miller

On Monday February 4, 2013, local historian Allen Miller will give a slideshow presentation on the late 1800's, and early 1900's community of Cherry Valley and its surrounding areas. He'll talk about the early-day village and its move to present-day Duvall. He'll also discuss the railroads, riverboats, the swing bridge, milk shipment in the valley, the town of Duvall, and the outlying towns of Novelty and Stillwater. Hosted by the Duvall Historical Society, the talk will be held at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center (15619 Main Street in Duvall- the old Duvall Library), and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Read more about it in the Duvall Historical Society's February newsletter, the Wagon Wheel. Go to www.duvallhistoricalsociety.org and follow the newsletter link.

LIBRARY BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

The Duvall Library Board is seeking to fill two vacant positions. Applications are available online at www.duvallwa.gov and at City Hall. Deadline for applications is Friday, February 22nd.

Contact Jill Dalton at jrfdalton@gmail.com for more details about this opportunity.

CITY OF DUVALL 2013 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS

The Duvall Comprehensive Plan is the blueprint that guides future growth in the City of Duvall. The 20 year plan is a living document that is updated annually in accordance with DMC 14.72. The City will be accepting applications for the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Amendments through February 15, 2013. Please note this is a new and earlier annual submittal deadline. Applications are available at www.duvallwa.gov.

If you are interested in submitting an amendment, please contact Lara Thomas, Planning Manager, at 425-788-2779 or at lara.thomas@duvallwa.gov.

City of Duvall offices will be closed for the following holiday:

February 18th (Monday)
in Observance of Presidents Day

