



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

As I write this article, I am traveling to our nation's capital with the goal of securing funding for a variety of our projects, ranging from roads to parks. As we know, money is tight everywhere, and it is increasingly more difficult to secure grant dollars than it used to be. Yet, if you neither ask nor try, you will not succeed. This goal of securing funding is not limited to the federal government. City Council and I are working diligently with the state legislature to secure funding for our sidewalk project on State Route 203.

While working on any funding project, it is important to have a consistent vision shared by all project stakeholders. Our council members, city staff and I share that message. That is why we have been so successful in the past acquiring funding for city projects, from Main Street to our parks.

With respect to a consistent message, I would like to share with our community the three goals we will pursue for 2014. First, Main Street: In the coming months we will complete the design for sidewalks from Valley Street to Big Rock Road. The next step is to secure the funding to complete the project. I believe we will need to complete this in phases. Second, our roads: Duvall's roads are aging, and we need to make long term investments to ensure that we are not just maintaining them, but improving them. Third, our facilities: Duvall owns a number of properties that will need work in the coming years. The City's staff spends many hours operating as landlord for these properties. I believe we need to get out of the business of property ownership and focus on a few key pieces, such as making necessary upgrades. When the City Council meets next weekend for its annual retreat, we will focus on these goals and other key issues for 2014.

Finally, I want to thank Glenn Merryman for his commitment and service as our City's Chief of Police. Chief Merryman led the Department in accomplishing many things over the years, one of which was being in the top of the lists for the County and State in lowest crime rates many times over. After nearly 29 years of service to our community, Chief Merryman is retiring this year, and the Council and I wish him the best as he transitions to the next part of his life.

Sincerely,

Will Ibershof

JOIN THE DUVALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN 2014!

Do you believe in the power of history and the preservation of culture? Help preserve, record, publish, and promote the history of Duvall and our surrounding valley communities, by working with us to grow in our mission in 2014. To read about the Historical Society's 2013 accomplishments, check out our January newsletter at: www.duvallhistoricalsociety.org/archive.htm.

To take part in what we're doing now, be sure to attend the monthly member meetings held the first Monday of every month at the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street in Duvall. Some months our meetings are strictly business, while other months we host local speakers and historians for engaging conversations and presentations. In February we're proud to present:

A Little Taste of the SILVER SPOON
Monday, February 3rd
7:30 p.m.
at the Duvall Visitor Center
15619 Main Street



SEEING THE BEST OF EUROPE INDEPENDENTLY AND ON A BUDGET

Saturday, February 22nd at 2:00 p.m.
Duvall Library - 15508 Main Street NE

It doesn't take a fortune to visit ancient walled cities and medieval villages. Travel writer James Ullrich will share tips on how to plan an itinerary that fits your budget and time frame. This presentation will boost the confidence of any aspiring traveler!



Duvall Friends of the Library will hold their benefit raffle drawing at the end of the program. Prizes include an Alaska Airlines ticket and a Kindle Fire. Please see Friends flyer in the library for details.

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

**February 17th (Monday)
in Observance of Presidents' Day**



UTILITY BILLING OPTIONS AND INFORMATION

SIGN UP FOR THE ACH DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT OPTION - AND NEVER WORRY ABOUT MISSING A PAYMENT!

The City of Duvall Utility Billing Department has a payment option that can help you go completely paperless and you'll never have to worry about missing a payment. Signing up for ACH Direct Debit is as easy as filling out a simple form and returning it with a voided check from the account you would like debited.

Your account will be debited every month on the due date (the 20th unless it falls on a weekend or holiday, in which case, it would be the following business day). No more stamps, no more checks, and no more wondering if that payment was made on time!



You can pick up an ACH form at City Hall, 15535 Main Street NE, or print it off our website at www.duvallwa.gov under Applications, Forms and Publications, located under Government Services.

DO YOU USE AN ONLINE BILL PAYER SERVICE TO PAY YOUR CITY OF DUVALL UTILITY BILL?

Please be aware that all bill payer services send us a check through the mail.

Although the check may show as being processed out of your bank account on the date you choose, it may take up to 7 to 10 business days for us to receive it and post it to your utility account.

NEW ADA RAMP PROJECT COMING SOON

The King County office of Housing and Community Development has awarded the City of Duvall grant funding to remove and reconstruct existing curb and walkway barriers in the vicinity of NE Ring Street and Brown Avenue NE. The project will be completed in phases as funding is available and is anticipated to begin in mid-March 2014.

The new ADA ramps will provide improved access to the local businesses and Metro Bus Stop. For additional information please call the Public Works Department at 425-788-3434.

GO PAPERLESS!

GET YOUR UTILITY BILL EMAILED TO YOU

Registering is easy - just go to Merchant Transact's website at:

<https://duvall.merchantransact.com/>.

Make sure to have your most recent utility bill with you for current information.

- * Once registered, or if you've already registered, sign in and go to My Profile.
- * Under Your Account, 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 now be emailed to the account you have registered with.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 13th & 27th: City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station, 15600 - 1st Avenue NE.

February 5th & 19th: Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center, 26512 NE Stella Street.



Duvall Police News

2014 BRINGS CHANGES TO DUVALL POLICE DEPARTMENT

As of January 1, 2014, the Duvall Police Department would like to recognize long time Police Chief Glenn Merryman for his commitment and service to our department and our community. After serving Duvall for almost 29 years, Chief Merryman has decided to retire. Should you see Glenn, please take the time to thank him for all he has done for us and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Effective January 1, 2014, Commander Carey Hert will be the Interim Police Chief. Interim Chief Hert has eighteen years of law enforcement experience and is in his 10th year with the City of Duvall.

As we start a new year, we begin a new era for the Duvall Police Department. Our police department is no longer contracting police services to the City of Carnation. Our police department will re-focus on its foundation, providing sole services to the City of Duvall. With this, our staff will become more engaged with our Citizens, taking a more proactive approach to education, safety and outreach for our community. Our police department is currently recruiting, internally, for a Community Services Supervisor. This position will provide programming oversight for a variety of outreach programs, ensuring effective communication and information sharing for our citizens. (More information will be available soon.) ~ Chief Hert

POLICE DEPARTMENT GETS NEW IDENTITY

As our police department began its transition back to Duvall, there were several things that needed to be changed regarding its identity. For the past nine years, as a combined police force with the City of Carnation, our police department proudly displayed logos and graphics representing both cities. Changes to these logos and graphics were necessary for the police department, as we prepared for the transition back to Duvall. The most prominent changes are to the police shoulder patches and vehicles, removing the identity of Carnation from them. There may be a perception that the police vehicles had to undergo a paint job, when in fact, all we did was remove a decal and replace it with another. The police department worked with local (Duvall) businesses to necessitate these changes, promoting and stimulating our local economy.

Our police department continues to be excited about the opportunity to work with and serve our citizens. 2014 will provide for better communication, visibility and outreach. Please do not hesitate to call (425) 788-1519, with any questions/comments or concerns you may have. Remember, if you need immediate assistance, call 9-1-1. On the reverse side, we are proud to share our new Police Vision and Core Values with all of you. Happy New Year to all of you!

VISION

Our first priority is and always will be to preserve the high quality of life and feeling of safety for our city's growing population. Members of the Duvall Police Department are committed to serve with professionalism, respect and compassion for our community. To optimize stewardship of police resources, the department balances sustainability with a firm and quick response to crime, problem solving through community partnerships and crime prevention.

The department is mission-oriented in all of its priorities, activities and philosophies. Our work processes reflect modern law enforcement concepts and technology. We involve every member of the department in an effort to continually improve all areas of administration and operations. Quality leadership at all levels provides for accountability and demonstrates our department's commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Our members value diversity, effective learning, professional development and innovation. We take pride in what we do and measure our success by the satisfaction of our members and our community. To this end, the department continues to recruit, hire, train, support and retain qualified personnel as sworn and civilian members of a progressive law enforcement agency.

CORE VALUES

PROFESSIONALISM – Duvall Police Officers will display exemplary uniform appearance, exhibit expert law enforcement skills, use good judgment and have ethical character traits.

INTEGRITY- A concept of consistency of actions, values, methods, measures, principles, expectations, and outcomes.

ACCOUNTABILITY – As Duvall Police Officers, we take responsibility for our actions, work product, and decisions made while serving the citizens. We have the obligation to report, explain and be answerable for the results of our decisions.

RESPECT- Consistently treating citizens, department members and the community as we would like to be treated.

HONOR – Always act with the utmost integrity, and be honest and truthful. Enforce the laws equally and without bias. We hold ourselves and each other to the highest ethical standards.