



Duvall News



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

Well a new year is here. I hope you all enjoyed your holiday and New Year. With a new year brings a few new changes. First there is a change in the leadership within the council. Amy Ockerlander who was the Mayor Pro-Tem for 2012, passed the torch to Jason Walker for 2013. Amy would show up to our administrative meetings with a desire to help our City succeed, and she is always willing to help out. I am sure Jason will bring the same desire. Later this month the council will select a new member to replace Elizabeth Walker who has moved up North. I want to thank all of the applicants for their desire to serve the City.

January is the biggest month in the last 100 years for Duvall. I can say that with confidence since our City is turning 100 years old on January 6, 2013. It will be a great event and I hope all of you are able to attend. Kimberly Englekes and the Centennial Committee did a fabulous job planning the event. There are a number of great performances and activities for everyone to enjoy. If for some reason you miss the event, there will be other activities throughout the year you can participate in.

I would like to mention a couple of community discussions that are taking place in January. The first one is with Metro, our bus service. They are proposing changes to our service. Council will be hearing from Metro at an upcoming council meeting, so stay tuned if you take the bus. Metro hosted a meeting last month with the community, yet a decision has not yet been made. If this issue is important to you, please look for a notice on our website. Secondly, the City Council is hosting its annual retreat at the new Duvall Library from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on January 26th. Please stop by if you would like to attend and see what the important issues are our council will be discussing.

Enjoy the New Year and be safe as we enjoy another winter in Duvall.

Sincerely,

Will Ibershof

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 will apply to the water, sewer, and storm utility rates on January 1, 2013 and will appear on the utility bills that are sent out at the end of January 2013. (This is the January *usage* bill.)

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 will be \$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.

CULTURAL COMMISSION OPENINGS

The Duvall Cultural Commission (DCC) is the City of Duvall's connection to the arts! DCC produces cultural events like concerts and art walks, manages public art, and makes grant recommendations to the City Council.

You don't have to be an artist to help make things happen! DCC especially needs someone interested in working with teens, music, and publicity. Anyone with a love of the arts and community with a connection to Duvall is welcome to apply.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday from 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. and regular attendance is required. Applications are online at www.duvallculture.org. Call DCC Chairperson Sonya Gerhard with any questions at 425-381-4031.

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

January 1st (Tuesday)
in Observance of New Year's Day

January 21st (Monday)
in Observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day



CITY OF DUVALL POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR SNOW & ICE ROAD CONDITIONS

It has been a few years since we have had a major snow storm like we saw in 2008, but we wanted to remind everyone about the City’s policies and procedures for snow and ice road conditions. As we saw during that storm, if the snow starts to fall at a high rate it may be impossible to remove all of the snow before the cold temperatures quickly turn the snow to ice. Once the streets have become iced over and the majority of snow has been removed, additional plowing is not effective at removing the ice until temperatures rise above freezing.

Based on the 2008 winter, our snow removal efforts and capabilities were enhanced. The City Maintenance Department has two snowplows with sanders, and an additional plow with spray down liquid de-icer. First and foremost, we maintain the major streets within City limits as identified on the “Snow Route”. The City has a designated snow route that is advised for drivers during winter conditions. This route is cleared first so that emergency vehicles can safely travel throughout the City. De-icing helps the roads become bare and wet sooner, allowing for plowing to also be more productive. We also have salt to use in extreme situations. The de-icing liquid is only effective if applied prior to the freezing or snow event and it does lose its effectiveness once temperatures drop below 24°F. In situations where the temperature is anticipated to be around 24°F we will utilize salt instead of liquid de-icer. Even if the temperature drops too low, the salt will be embedded in the ice and aid it in thawing once the temperature rises. We do repeatedly sand to help you keep traction on the roads. Sanding does help on the ice, but only lasts a short time since it cannot bind to the ice. Please log on to www.duvallwa.gov to see our snow and ice removal plan and to view a map of our snow routes.

The City of Duvall tries to address and respond to every situation, but there are some things that do happen that are beyond our control. Unfortunately, our resources are limited and the City may not be able to immediately respond to all icy road conditions. Please remember to be prepared. If you must drive during these conditions, please consider using chains or snow tires. It is also advised when you drive in these conditions, that you follow the snow routes as much as possible, have a full tank of gas, wear warm clothes & footwear, and also try to avoid the icy wheel paths. Make sure to give yourself plenty of space between vehicles, and plenty of time to get to your destination. You never know when you might get stuck and have to wait in the cold for assistance.



Please feel free to contact us with additional questions or solutions you may have. Steve Leniszewski, PE, Public Works Director 425-788-3434 or email steven.leniszewski@duvallwa.gov.

2013 COMMUNITY EVENT GRANT

The Duvall City Council has made grant funds available for community events by non-profit organizations which serve the public, and take place from March to October of 2013. The total amount available is \$15,000.

Applications must be received at Duvall City Hall by February 5, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. and may be submitted by email or in printed form. Grants will be awarded through a competitive process and there is no guarantee of funding. Application forms are now available at www.duvallculture.org and at Duvall City Hall.

A workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2013, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Rose Room in the basement of the Centennial and Visitors Center, 15619 Main Street NE (old library building). If you would like to attend but are not available at this time, or if you have questions, please contact Kass Holdeman at kass.holdeman@duvallwa.gov or 206-715-6693.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 10th & 24th : City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station, 15600 - 1st Avenue NE.

January 16th: Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center, 26512 NE Stella Street.