

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

With all the rain we've had recently, I want to thank everyone for their patience with yet another closure of 124<sup>th</sup>. We know that it increases traffic when the road is closed. The City Council and I are working with the City of Monroe and Snohomish County on improvements to State Route 522. Our City sees 9,000 trips a day from the north. These commuters travel south on State Route 203, because traffic is so bad on SR 522. We hope to update all of you on our success, so we can see a reduction of commuters, which will help when 124<sup>th</sup> closes in the future.

We have many volunteers in our community that contribute a great deal to our schools, parks and community groups. Recently the community lost one of our amazing volunteers. Brian Pattison is a name many of you know. He was very engaged with SummerStage and the different programs at the school district. If you ever attended a performance at Cedarcrest he was there working the sound equipment. In addition, Brian was a member of the City's Cultural Commission and he will be missed.

The City Council held its retreat a few weeks ago. It was a very productive day. We discussed current projects and the areas we would like to focus on this year. A couple of key initiatives came out of the retreat. The continued commitment to construct the sidewalks on State Route 203 and the commitment to work on Economic Development. I hope to share more in the near future on both of these initiatives.

Thank you and enjoy the month of March.

Sincerely,

Will Ibershof



## FIX A LEAK WEEK IS MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup>



For the eighth year running Saving Water Partnership and its members are participating in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sponsored program, Fix A Leak Week, which takes place March 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.

The program asks all to take time out during the week to check for leaky fixtures around their apartment, home, or business. Household water leaks cost homeowners approximately 10 percent more on their water bill through problems such as worn-out toilet flappers, leaking valves, dripping faucets, and others. That's enough water wasted to fill an Olympic size swimming pool. So, let's do our part to reduce the water waste in and around our region. To assist customers in this effort, Saving Water Partnership has made available outdoor hose bib washers and dye strips for testing toilets for leaks. If you're interested in outdoor hose bib washers or dye strips please contact [arece.hampton@seattle.gov](mailto:arece.hampton@seattle.gov).

Saving our Region's Water Resources for Future Generations, Wildlife and Salmon, One Drop at a Time.



## 2016 BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Two items were included with your March utility bill. One is the newsletter and the second is a document we like to call, "Budget at a Glance" or as it is entitled, "2016 Budget Summary." This informational brochure is full of handy facts related to our community and upcoming capital construction projects. Besides listing our budget by fund, the brochure also graphically displays where the funds our City operates on come from and how they are spent. New in this year's brochure are some quick facts and demographics about the City and a chart that shows where a median household's property tax goes.

We hope you find this brochure useful.



### 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DUVALL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>-13<sup>TH</sup>

Random Acts of Kindness is not just an expression, it's a movement. There's even a national organization known as the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation: [www.actsofkindness.org](http://www.actsofkindness.org). There are countless other individual groups dedicated to spreading kindness to others by engaging in selfless acts of kindness.

This year, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Duvall Random Acts of Kindness Week will be celebrated March 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. In years past, daily suggestions were made for each day, during RAK Week. This year, Duvall RAK is asking you to brainstorm, and to come up with your own ideas. This is a fun thing to do as a family or within a scout troop, youth group or in a classroom.

Please mark your calendars and make a special effort to surprise someone with an act of selfless kindness. You'll make their day, and you'll feel good about yourself. Any kindness, however small, makes a difference! LET'S COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY and show some extra KINDNESS to one another and HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Visit [www.rakduvall.com](http://www.rakduvall.com) for more information.

*Written by: Connie Berg*



### TREE REMOVAL REMINDERS

If you are thinking about removing significant trees on your property, you will need to submit a **Tree Removal Permit Application** prior to removal.

This application is free and can be obtained at Duvall City Hall or downloaded from our website at <http://www.duvallwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/234>.

Significant trees are those that measure a minimum of 16 inches in diameter, at approximately four and one-half feet above the ground. Duvall Municipal Code (DMC Section 14.40.030) allows a property owner to remove up to two trees from a lot per year, provided the following conditions apply: (1) the tree is not part of an approved tree plan, and (2) the tree is not the last one or two trees on the lot.

Hazardous, dead, and dying trees may be removed without an arborist's report. Trees that appear healthy will require a report from a **certified** arborist.

Any tree on private property that poses an imminent threat to life or property may be removed without first obtaining a permit or city approval; **however**, the property owner will need to contact the City within seven days of removal.

The City does not remove trees located on private or HOA property. Tree removal and replanting are the responsibility of the property owner or the HOA, depending on the tree's location.

If you have any questions about tree removal requirements, the permitting process, or our tree protection code, please don't hesitate to call the **Duvall Planning Department** at 425-788-2779 or visit us at **City Hall**.



### DUVALL CULTURAL COMMISSION NEWS

The City of Duvall's Cultural Commission received a \$40K Arts Cultural Facilities grant from King County's 4Culture to go towards a new stage to be purchased in the next three years! The current stage was built in the 1960's and a new one is much needed.

Watch for more news on fundraising!



### Elected Officials

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### CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**March 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> City Council Meetings** - 7:00 p.m. in the Riverview School District Educational Service Center, 15510 First Avenue NE. (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.)

**March 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>th</sup>: Planning Commission Meetings** - 7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE