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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

Twelve years ago, I wrote my first article for the Duvall News. Since that time we have seen our community prosper; through improvements to our roads, parks and community events to name just a few. Now as I write my 144th newsletter and pass the torch to a new Mayor and four new Councilmembers, I am proud of what we have accomplished. These accomplishments all came out as we worked together as a community, Council, staff and Mayor.

As I reflect back, I have seen first-hand how our community has worked together. The first big project that reflects this was phase one of Main Street. A community group came together to design the look and feel of what is now a thriving downtown. Secondly, that community group shared its vision with me and City staff, who then shared that vision with different State and Federal agencies. When we started the design of the project, we did not have any money to construct the project. As we completed the project design, the funding started to take shape. That year the consultant gave each Councilmember and me a giraffe for sticking our necks out and moving forward with the project. It then took the City several years to secure the additional funding to complete the second phase of Main Street. As we close out the second phase, I am proud to say that the City garnered over 60% of the funding from State and Federal Government. This is just one example of what we can accomplish as a team.

Why do I stress this point? There is a new team at the City. Mayor Elect Ockerlander and new Councilmembers Hogg, Eyer, McHenry and Knapland bring fresh ideas and different skill sets to help Duvall propel to the next phase. What that will look like will be defined by the team working on common visions and goals. I am confident that this team will accomplish this mighty task. I know that each one of them has the best interest of Duvall in mind as they work together for our community.

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Michelle Hogg and Matthew Eyer were appointed to the City Council earlier this year. Both have lived in the community for five or more years and both have a solid foundation of City Government.

Jennifer Knapland and Amy McHenry are new to the City Council. Jennifer has served the City on the Sensitive Areas Ordinance/Tree Protection Policy Committee. Amy is a committed community volunteer. She owns a small business in Duvall and loves our town. They are both excited to give back to our community by serving on City Council.

City staff and I are working hard at making this transition as successful as possible. My request to all of you is that you support the new team in any way you can. Duvall is a special place and it will continue to be a special place for years to come.

As I say goodbye as your Mayor, I want to thank all of you for the 16 years of support, guidance and the occasional kick in the butt I have received and thank you for allowing me to serve our community as a Councilmember and then as your Mayor. I wish you all the best in the coming years.

I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,
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UTILITY BILL RATE INCREASE FOR 2018

The City's sewer & storm utility rates will increase 3%, while the water utility rate will increase by 4%. All these rates will be effective January 1, 2018. The new rates will appear on the utility bills that are sent out at the end of January 2018.

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 \$3.78 per month.

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsey Vaughn, Finance Director, at 425-788-1185 or email lindsey.vaughn@duvallwa.gov.

**CITY OF DUVALL OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
& MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST FOR THE NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY**





BOY SCOUTS CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP & RECYCLING



Bring your Christmas Tree to a Snoqualmie Valley Tree-Cycling Drop-off **Saturday, January 6, 2018**

Taylor Landing Park (Boat Ramp) – Duvall
OR

Carnation Tree Farm (across from Tolt Middle School)

In Duvall- Pick up is within CITY LIMITS

Boy Scouts will pick up your tree on January 6th starting at 9:00 a.m. as an independent fund-raiser. Minimum \$10.00 donation would be appreciated, but please give what you can.

This Tree-Cycling program applies to Christmas trees only. No wreaths, greens or garland. No artificial or flocked trees. Please remove all metal hooks, decorations and tinsel. Trees will be chipped and recycled as garden mulch and animal bedding.

Pick up what the chippers leave behind!

Free chips will be available at Duvall’s Taylor Landing on Sunday, January 7th and Monday, January 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL SCOUTS!

Please put donation in an envelope or plastic bag and attach to tree or your front door.

For more information contact the Scout Coordinator at treecycle745@gmail.com.



HOPELINK GIVING TREE

Help make the season brighter for a local child in need by donating an unwrapped gift to a participating business. Just look for the sign on the door, grab a tag and return the gift to the business by 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 14th. Gifts will be transferred to Hopelink in Carnation.

Participating businesses: Bank of America, Duvall Fire Dept., Duvall City Hall, Duvall Post Office, Duvall Fitness, Duvall Family Drugs, Duvall True Value, Valley Mail, Duvall Advanced Family Eyecare, Coldwell Banker Bain, Braithburn Academy, Duvall Print & Post, Duvall Police Dept.



HOLIDAYS IN DUVALL!

Do you know HOW MUCH of a DIFFERENCE you can make to our community and local economy, by SHOPPING LOCAL!?? Make the holidays brighter and more fulfilling by shopping at Duvall and Snoqualmie Valley businesses for holiday gift giving this season!

Supporting local, independent businesses strengthens our community!

- Local businesses promote local character and identity and give back TO the community by supporting local causes throughout the year.
- Local businesses strengthen and build networks and relationships.
- Local businesses keep more money circulating within the community. Every dollar you spend with a local independent business generates an average of *three times* more income and jobs for our community than a dollar spent with a corporate chain.



We invite you to SHOP LOCAL and pledge to purchase at local Duvall and Valley businesses.

PLANNING COMMISSION OPENING

Are you passionate about maintaining our city’s vibrancy and charm? How can you, as a citizen, make a difference? By submitting an application to become a Planning Commissioner.

Planning Commission terms are four years, and meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Duvall Visitor Center. Commissioners are required to be residents of the city, live within the Duvall Urban Growth Area, or own a business located in Duvall. Primary consideration will be given to applications submitted by January 10, 2018. For more information, please visit <http://www.duvallwa.gov/176/Planning-Commission> or contact the City of Duvall Planning Department at 425-788-2779.



CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER?

12/01/17: Light Up Duvall, presented by the Duvall Chamber of Commerce. **6:00 p.m.** along Main Street. Come help Santa and friends light up the city! This will be immediately followed by the **Holiday Tree Lighting**, presented by the City of Duvall at Depot Park. Santa will arrive at **6:15 p.m.** for reception line visits and will help light up the tree at approximately 7:15 p.m. Come have a cup of cider or cocoa, listen to the choirs and visit with your friends and neighbors!

12/02/17: Civic Club Holiday Fair 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Duvall Visitor Center.

December 5th & 19th City Council Meetings -7:00 p.m. in the Riverview Educational Service Center, 15510 First Avenue NE. (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.).

December 13th Planning Commission meeting. (no meeting on the 27th). -7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE.