



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

It's a new year filled with many new beginnings for our City. I want to share my heartfelt thanks to now retired Mayor Will Ibershof for his 16 years of dedicated service to our community. Most in the community know of his big achievements: development of the Cultural Commission, Main Street improvements from Old Town to Safeway, the hiring of a City Administrator and managing the City's finances through the biggest recession in a generation. What many don't know is that for years he was the glue that brought together residents, the business community and the council to work through thorny issues to improve our City and grew to be a big player regionally, bringing home the resources needed. He left big shoes to fill and a legacy to be proud of.

I am incredibly excited to be your new Mayor and want to extend my sincere thank you to the residents for putting your trust in me for the next four years. I officially take office on January 1st, but the actual transition process began right after the election was certified on November 28th. In mid-December, we held a transition retreat with senior staff to get to know one another, discuss my expectations, their expectations and begin the task of prioritizing a long list of initiatives coming from the Mayor's Office, Council and staff. As we move through the process and we begin to develop timelines, I will share with Council and the community my plans.

In addition, my official City Facebook page has been changed to reflect my new role and will once again become active now that the election is over. To keep up to date on my activities, please follow <https://www.facebook.com/MayorAmyOckerlander/>. For timely updates from the City follow <https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Duvall-572315659514974/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Duvall.Police.Department/> and find us at our Twitter Handle - City of Duvall @CityofDuvall.

Finally, I hope to continue to hear your thoughts and ideas for our community. We've got a great one, but there is always room to make it better. Please feel free to reach out to me by phone, email or schedule a meeting. Together, we will maintain our small town feel, remain the safest small city in the state and be a welcoming City to all who visit, recreate and choose to live in Duvall.

Sincerely,

Amy Ockerlander



CITY OF DUVALL SNOW AND ICE



Winter weather is here! Please do your part to ensure sidewalks in front of your home or business are safe for pedestrians. Duvall Municipal Code 8.02.010 states it is the property owner's duty, "to clear, repair and renew so that the sidewalk shall be a fit and safe means of public travel." However, we ask that you do not use rock salt to melt any ice, as this tends to "pit" the concrete and causes damage to the sidewalks.

Snow and ice can also make for some tricky driving conditions in our area. Please review the City's Snow and Ice Plan and familiarize yourself with the Snow/Emergency Route Map by visiting:

<http://www.duvallwa.gov/documentcenter/view/510>.

DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN



The Duvall Community Van, a partnership between King County Metro and Duvall, was created to provide residents with a new way of sharing pre-arranged group rides to popular community destinations! Do you want a group excursion? What about a trip to the museum, grocery store, or Senior Center? The Community Van can get you there!

Driven by volunteer drivers (like you!), Community Van picks up riders at stops along the way to their destination. Riders pay a one-zone Metro fare for a round trip and drivers ride for free! All trips are open to the public. What better way to get to know your neighbors!

Community Van trips are available during the days, evenings and weekends depending on volunteer driver availability. Wheelchair-accessible vehicles are also available. To get started as a rider or volunteer driver, please contact your local Community Transportation Coordinator Brittany Krein or Kris Van Dyke at communityvan@hopelink.org or 425-943-6760, ext. 3.

Reading Water Meters Is Easy, Right?

Reading a water meter looks pretty easy. You could probably read your water meter in a matter of minutes. But how about reading over 2600 meters! Our Public Works Crew reads all of the water meters in the City of Duvall's service area each month. Your water meter is read about the same time every month, usually around the 21st, give or take a day or two, depending on weekends and holidays.

If something is blocking access to the water meter, you will receive a door hanger along with a copy of the door hanger mailed to you. This door hanger will inform you that the water meter needs to be cleared of any obstructions within 14 days or the Public Works Crew will clear the area and you will be invoiced for the cost. This way we only pass on the cost to only those customers it affects.

How Do They Collect All of Those Meter Readings?

All of the water meters within our service area are now radio read meters. These allow the Public Works Crew to drive by your meter and the meter read will automatically download into the meter reading system. Your meter reads end in 00. This system rounds the consumption down to the nearest 100 cubic feet. Radio read meters allow for greater accuracy and will help free up the Public Works Crew to take care of other City responsibilities.

What Does a Meter Reading Look Like?

All meters have a register that looks much like the odometer in your car. The meter reading is read in cubic feet. (1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons). The billing system is programmed to take this meter reading, calculate the correct water usage and then charge the customer according to usage.

The Public Works Crew is an important link with the Utility Billing Department. They handle meter readings, install new connections and perform leak checks. Working with Utility Billing is only a small part of what they do everyday. They are a very busy and important part of the City.



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GET INVOLVED IN DUVALL

NOW IS THE TIME! We are looking for community members to serve on the Duvall Cultural Commission to help us engage local residents and businesses in the development, support and funding of a thriving arts and cultural heritage for the Duvall community.

DCC is a City of Duvall volunteer commission, with Commissioners appointed by the Mayor for a 3 year term. Regular meetings are held during the evenings of the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Besides attendance at the meetings, Commissioners should be available to participate in some DCC sponsored events and have experience or a strong interest in visual arts, music, children/teen programs, or media/press.

Interested applicants should contact Marlene Lambert, DCC Chair, at 425-381-0385 or marlene.lambert@duvallwa.gov. Positions are open until filled. **You do not have to be a Duvall resident.** For more information and applications visit www.duvallculture.org.



CITY OF DUVALL OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST
FOR THE NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

&
MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH
FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Please join us for the official swearing in of our new Mayor, Amy Ockerlander, and our new City Councilmembers! The ceremony will take place during the Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:00 p.m. on January 2nd. Riverview Educational Service Center, 15510 First Avenue NE.



CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 2nd & 16th City Council

Meetings
-7:00 p.m. in the Riverview Educational Service Center, 15510 First Avenue NE. (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:00 p.m. on Jan. 2nd and 5:30 on Jan. 16th).

January 10th & 24th Planning Commission meeting.
-7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE.