



# Duvall News

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy November!

This month is traditionally a very busy one for the city – fall/winter storms begin to arrive, the council is conducting several public budget meetings as they deliberate the 2019-2020 budget, and the holiday season is fast approaching; meaning lots of public events and numerous office closures as the new year approaches.

The days are also becoming shorter quickly, and the end of daylight savings time is upon us. With the arrival of fall, I would like to remind residents to sweep up falling leaves to keep storm drains clear to reduce the risk of localized street flooding.

The first Tuesday of November is our Washington State General Election. I encourage each one of you to exercise your right to vote. As many already know, a permanent ballot drop box was placed in the Depot/McCormick Park parking lot and King County is now offering pre-paid postage for all ballots.

For those mailing your ballots in, they must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in order to be counted, while ballots delivered to the ballot drop box must be in by 8:00 p.m. on election day.

Currently the City Council is deliberating the City's first biennial budget. There are some incredibly challenging choices to be made and I thank the City Council for their participation in this revised process. As of this mailing, we have held public hearings on potential revenue increases (as required by state law) and the budget as proposed. Additionally, as of November 6<sup>th</sup> we will have held 11 public meetings to discuss revenues and the proposed budget.

By Washington State law, the council must adopt the budget by December 31, 2018.

I am proud to share that new this year, all budget presentations outside of routine council meetings have been filmed and are available online at our YouTube channel, City of Duvall Video. I am excited about the increased transparency for the public that this simple change has made.

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My proposed budget is focused on deferred maintenance, unfunded mandates, beginning to close staffing gaps, funding road maintenance and improvements through funding the Transportation Benefit District, conducting an independent capital facilities analysis and a staff workload analysis. I would like to thank staff for the countless hours put in to produce a balanced budget while no longer deferring critical maintenance and equipment purchases.

Finally, I hope you will join me and my family at the annual tree lighting on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. It's sure to be a great time and it's always fun to meet up with neighbors from around the valley. More events, holiday activities and ways to help in our community are detailed in the enclosed "Holiday Happenings" flyer.

Regards,

Amy Ockerlander



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
VOTE  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**



## KUDOS KORNER



This month I would like to give a big "Kudos" to Cheri James, front desk Administrative Assistant at City Hall. According to our community, Ms. James provides excellent customer service, is always pleasant, warm and helpful. Staff says the same things about Cheri. She truly helps keep the City afloat wearing many hats, manages the rentals of the Depot, Rose Room and Visitors Center, does an excellent job on the monthly newsletter from the City and is an overall joy to work with. Ms. James has been with the City for 3 years – and we hope many more to come. Thank You and Kudos Cheri!



## FALL LEAVES & STORM DRAINS

Fall is finally here and it's time to start thinking about what to do with all the beautiful autumn leaves after they fall. Duvall Municipal Code 8.02.020, titled "Duty to Remove Vegetation and

Clear Passage", outlines the responsibility of businesses and homeowners to keep sidewalks free of debris, which would include leaves.

Leaves and debris can also cause localized flooding if they are allowed to cover storm drains in the street. Many residents mistakenly blow or sweep their fallen leaves into the street, not realizing they become a safety and storm water hazard to their property and neighborhood. The storm drains in your street capture, move, and release rain water into the nearest stream to keep excess water away from your property.

City crews work to keep storm drains clear, but with 2,493 drains in Duvall, we could use your help! What are storm drains? Storm drains are rectangular grates with slats and are normally near the edge of the street.

Check storm drain grates frequently to make sure they are free of leaves and debris. Rake leaves away from storm drains near your house or business. But whatever you do DO NOT remove the grate from the storm drain opening. This does not unclog the system but it does create a hazard for everyone.

*What should you do with all those leaves?*

- Rake leaves and put in your yard waste container or compost bin.
- Use leaves as mulch on garden beds and landscaped areas.

Please make sure any landscaping companies hired by you or your Home Owners Association also refrain from blowing leaves into the street.

Need Assistance? If flooding is severe and you are unable to clear the drain please call us at 425-788-3434. For all after-hour emergencies call 425-419-3748. Non-emergency questions can also be emailed to [stormwater@duvallwa.gov](mailto:stormwater@duvallwa.gov).



### CITY OF DUVALL OFFICES

WILL BE CLOSED ON:

**NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> (VETERANS DAY)**

**NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> (THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY)**

### *Elected Officials*

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER?

### Daylight Savings time ends

November 4<sup>th</sup> :2:00 a.m.

### Election Day

**November 6<sup>th</sup>**

Visit <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections> for more information.

### Veterans Day

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**

(observed Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>)

### Thanksgiving Day

November 22<sup>nd</sup>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### IN DECEMBER

See the enclosed "Holiday Happenings" flyer for more information.

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY VAN DRIVER!



Build community, support your neighbors and help the environment by becoming a Duvall Community Van volunteer driver today.

The Duvall Community Van is recruiting volunteer drivers to help fulfill our growing number of trip requests! Volunteer drivers will need 5 years of driving experience and a clean driving record. Our volunteer drivers always ride for free and choose how often to drive. All trips start in Duvall where our Community Vans are located but can travel anywhere within King or Snohomish counties.

The Volunteer Driver application can be found at <https://www.hopelink.org/duvall-community-van> or [communityvan@hopelink.org](mailto:communityvan@hopelink.org). You can contact Bree at 425-943-6721.



## CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**November 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meetings:** -7:00 p.m. in the Riverview Educational Service Center, 15510 First Avenue NE. (Committee of the Whole begins at 4:00 p.m. -subject to change. See city website).

**November 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meetings:** -7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE.