

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!



I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and were able to spend quality time with friends and family reminiscing on the year past.

As always, things are humming at the City. The Public Works crew has been working weekends to replace failing water meters, Finance is getting ready for year-end reporting before starting to prepare for the next biennial budget and the Clerk's Office has been busy with preparing for year-end weekly council meetings.

As we look back on 2019, the City achieved a great deal: The Police Department launched bike patrols and a water safety program, had a lieutenant graduate from a prestigious leadership program, two officers tested for and were promoted to sergeant, hired a new recruit who is currently in the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and helped us regain our "safest City" rating. Public Works saw internal promotions of employees through a partial reorganization, continued professional development and testing. The Community Development Department has long-standing projects headed toward the finish line, and worked through its new organizational structure. We also successfully hired a Public Works Director and Finance Director.

Looking forward to 2020, we hope to continue filling vacant positions so that our team can get more caught up on deferred maintenance and planning for the future. We will continue to invest in succession planning and professional development for our staff – the benefit to all is clear and it is truly a pleasure to see our employees grow within our organization.

Perhaps the biggest success of 2019 was the voter approval of the Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax. This measure brings our local sales tax from 8.6% to 8.8%, which is still well below most nearby jurisdictions. As that revenue comes in, our Public Works Department will be able to fund transportation projects such as overlays and more.

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My intent is to continue investing in our people for 2020, as they are the most important resource our community has. They keep us safe, ensure building is done correctly, make sure our pipes flush, our water is clean and roads are safe. Without the professional staff of our city, we wouldn't have what we do today.

In closing, I'm looking forward to a fantastic 2020 and building upon the achievements of the past two years.

Regards,

Amy Ockerlander

## UTILITY RATE INCREASE FOR 2020



The City's water, sewer & storm utility rates will increase 2.8%. These rates will be effective as of January 1, 2020 and the new rates will appear on the utility bills that are sent out at the end of January.

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 \$3.46 per month.

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Mason, Finance Director at [dana.mason@duvallwa.gov](mailto:dana.mason@duvallwa.gov) or 425-788-1185 ext. 8066.



## DUVALL CITY COUNCIL CHATS

The Duvall City Council realizes not everyone can attend council meetings and has a desire to provide a deeper level of engagement beyond the public comment period.

We encourage you to stop by this casual meet up with some of our council members to discuss your ideas and concerns. All topics are welcome! Some answers to questions may need additional follow-up, but they will be there to listen and engage in conversation.

Check the City of Duvall's Facebook page for upcoming chat dates, times and locations.



## KUDOS KORNER



This month we would like to recognize our Public Works crew for their outstanding work decorating for the Light Up Duvall-Community Celebration and doing everything they could to manage urban flooding in December as Seattle broke an all-time rainfall record. Their work isn't easy and covers a lot of specialty areas. Please join us in thanking them for the work they do for our community.





## SAVING WATER PARTNERSHIP WATER REBATES FOR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

**Small business owners:** If you are a business owner or facilities manager that hasn't applied for the commercial rebate program because you think your business doesn't use a lot of water, you may want to reconsider. Even for very small businesses upgrading toilets, urinals, and faucet aerators can lead to significant savings. Visit [www.savingwater.org/rebates/](http://www.savingwater.org/rebates/) for more information.



## ROTARY HEART ORDERS!



Send a special message this February with a personalized 18"x18" heart sign! The Rotary Club of Duvall is taking orders for the 2020 Duvall Has Heart Valentines citywide sign project.

The messages will hang on Main Street in Duvall beginning February 8th. Your loved one(s) can appreciate a unique special message displayed in town for all to see!

The program is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Duvall's foundation. The funds will support grants for local non-profits and Duvall community causes.

**Order Deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup> at [www.squareup.com/store/DuvallHearts](http://www.squareup.com/store/DuvallHearts).** For more information go to [www.duvallrotary.org](http://www.duvallrotary.org), or email: [duvallfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:duvallfoundation@gmail.com).



## WASTE MANAGEMENT

Winter is here and Waste Management is ready! During inclement weather, please check for Service Alerts at [www.wmnorthwest.com/duvall](http://www.wmnorthwest.com/duvall) for the most up to date service and recovery information. You can also view our tips for storing and setting out extra garbage, recycle and yard waste during a weather event. See our NEW FAQ for answers to common questions during ice and snow conditions.



## DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN

'Tis the season for service. There are so many people who are in their greatest need during the winter. The Community Van is here to help people in these positions and break down the barrier of transportation. If you're looking for a great way to serve your community, come drive our vans!

Do you want to help? To learn more, contact Bree at 425-943-6721 or [communityvan@hopelink.org](mailto:communityvan@hopelink.org). Build beautiful friendships and make a change in someone's life today.

### *Elected Officials*

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY?

**New Year's Day January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Tree Pick Up & Recycling** January 4<sup>th</sup>  
Visit <https://www.duvallwa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=255> for information.

**Martin Luther King Day January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Sno-Valley Senior Center**

**Baby Boomer Bootcamp January 25<sup>th</sup>**

Are you thinking about retiring soon? Have you recently left the workforce? Join us for a complimentary Baby Boomer Bootcamp! 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 4610 Stephens Ave., Carnation.

Register at 425-333-4152 or for more information, visit [www.snovalleysenior.org](http://www.snovalleysenior.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

**Lantern Festival February 1<sup>st</sup>**



The March of the Vegetables' Annual Lantern Festival" will be held on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Follow The March of the Vegetables on Facebook for details! Questions can be directed by email to: [MarchoftheVegetables@gmail.com](mailto:MarchoftheVegetables@gmail.com). The Lantern walk begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Valley House Brewing Co. located at 16111 Main St. NE.

**Presidents' Day February 18<sup>th</sup>**



## HOLIDAY HELPERS



A huge "thank you" to everyone in the community who donated to the Holiday Helpers program, benefitting the Holy Innocents Outreach program. Because of the generosity of our community, many local children in need had a happier holiday season.

Thank you also to all of the Duvall retailers who offered to host a drop-off location for this worthwhile cause.

## CITY OF DUVALL OFFICE CLOSURES



**New Year's Day-**  
Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>

**Martin Luther King Day -**  
Monday January 20<sup>th</sup>



## CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> -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.).

**January 8<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>nd</sup> -Planning Commission meeting:** -7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE.