



# Duvall News

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy February!

In lieu of the typical Mayor's message, I wanted to share with you information from the King County Assessor regarding recent legislative changes to the property tax exemption program. I am hopeful that this updated program will provide some much needed relief for our residents that are on fixed or limited incomes and struggling with increased tax burden due to voter approved levies. Please see the information below, and visit <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor.aspx> for more information or if you have additional questions. (Excerpts summarized below provided by the King County Assessor).

### Senior Citizen and Disabled Taxpayer Exemption Program (Property Tax Reduction)

To qualify for the program, you must provide:

- Signed application
- Proof of Income
- Proof of ownership
- Trust documents
- Status of others on the deed or status of spouse

### 2020 Law Change (income limit change)

The Legislature has made major changes in the senior citizen and disabled persons exemption program. The income limit is now indexed to 65% of the median household income by county state wide. King County's new income limit is \$58,423.

**Please note:** To qualify for property taxes payable in 2020, you will need to meet the following criteria:

Age/Disability:

- Born in 1958 or earlier, or
- Disabled and unable to work in 2019 or earlier.

Ownership/Occupancy:

- Own or hold a life estate /lease for life and occupy the residence 9 months or more in 2019 and each year after for exemption to continue
- 2019 Annual household income under \$58,423 including Social Security and other sources (RCW84.36.383 (5)).

Applications will be available end of January 2020. If you would like one mailed to you, please email [exemptions2020@kingcounty.gov](mailto:exemptions2020@kingcounty.gov) and you will be added to the mailing list.

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**If you have questions, please see the King County website (below) or contact them by email:**

Website:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor/axRelief.aspx>

Email:

[exemptions2020@kingcounty.gov](mailto:exemptions2020@kingcounty.gov)

Regards,

Amy Ockerlander



## UPCOMING DUVALL CITY COUNCIL CHATS



Mark your calendar and attend an upcoming Duvall City Council Chat session. You are encouraged to stop by this casual meet up with some of our councilmembers to discuss your ideas and concerns. All topics are welcome! Upcoming dates are:

**Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  
at Duvall Safeway Starbucks.

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
at C.C.'s Espresso & Ice Creamery.

Hope to see you there!



## KUDOS KORNER



At times organizations and the leaders that run them go relatively unnoticed. That is often the case until something happens that shines light on an organization. This month, I would like to recognize the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network, under the leadership of Laura Smith. The work of the Network is an invaluable resource to parents and students in the Snoqualmie Valley, and they are not afraid to address emerging issues head on. Over the past few months their programs have expanded to reach more of the community, and we are proud to partner with this wonderful organization.



**Thank You!**



**WASTE MANAGEMENT  
CHOOSE TO RECYCLE RIGHT**

Chances are you recycled something today. Maybe it was a soda can or a cardboard box from an online purchase?

Every time you choose to recycle, you are giving that item a second life to serve a new purpose and save natural resources. Now, more than ever, it's important that only the right items, free from contamination, make their way into your recycling bin to help keep recycling, and our shared planet, sustainable.

**REMEMBER THESE THREE RULES TO RECYCLE RIGHT:**

- Recycle clean bottles, cans paper and cardboard. ✓
- Keep food and liquid out of your recycling. ✗
- No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables. ✗

**Did You Know? Motor oil can be recycled curbside.** Recycle used motor oil next to your cart in transparent 1-gallon jugs with screw on lids. Label with name and address. Place next to carts. Limit 2 gallons per week.

Questions on what is recyclable in Duvall? Check out the most up to date recycle guidelines at: [www.wmnorthwest.com/duvall](http://www.wmnorthwest.com/duvall).



**DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN  
VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!**

We often make New Year's resolutions and volunteering can be one of the most rewarding and transformative ways to improve your community. Resolve to help our community get around better by becoming a volunteer Community Van driver today! Metro provides the vehicles, gas, insurance, and maintenance. You provide the driving skills! This opportunity is perfect for you if you:

- Love going to new destinations – we visit festivals, fairs, sports games, and much more.
- Want to serve your community – we visit food banks, local non-profits and pharmacies.
- Want to connect with new friends – we connect folks who may never otherwise meet!

To learn more contact us 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 FEBRUARY?**

**Duvall Lantern Festival**

February 1<sup>st</sup>



The March of the Vegetables is excited to announce our second "Lantern Festival". We'll offer art classes ahead of time and during the day of the Lantern Festival that will give you a chance to make your own lantern, followed by a walk through town carrying our hand-crafted lights. Meet at the Valley House Brewing Co. parking lot 16111 Main St., at 7:00 p.m. We will end up at the fire pit near the Depot, where you can enjoy a moment of wonder, a bonfire, and a cup of hot chocolate. Follow The March of the Vegetables on Facebook for details! Also, start thinking about the March of the Vegetables Parade, which will take place on March 28, 2020. Questions?

Visit: [www.marchofthevegetables.org](http://www.marchofthevegetables.org).

**Valentines Day**

February 14<sup>th</sup>

**Presidents' Day**

February 17<sup>th</sup> (City offices closed)

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH**

**Daylight Savings Time begins**

March 8<sup>th</sup> -2:00 a.m.

**March of the Vegetables**

March 28<sup>th</sup>

Parade will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Visit [www.marchofthevegetables.org](http://www.marchofthevegetables.org) for more information.



**CITY OF DUVALL OFFICES**

**WILL BE CLOSED**

**FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**IN HONOR OF PRESIDENTS' DAY**



**CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**February 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<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 5:30 p.m.).

**February 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> -Planning Commission meeting:** -7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE.