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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy March!

Wow, January and the first part of February has certainly kept everyone on their toes. Between floods, snow, downed trees, mudslides, blocking accidents and urban flooding, our team has been extremely busy trying to keep up with all of the weather-related challenges impacting our community.

In some cases, we got lucky – the conditions when the snow fell enabled our crews to clear roads to do the work necessary. In others, we haven't been so lucky. For example, urban flooding put our storm retention ponds to overflowing and infiltration of the old sewer lines causing nearly four times the usual amount of water in our waste water treatment plant, taxing its upper limit. This, in addition to 124th and many other major roads closing in the area.

A huge thank you to our staff that have weathered five flood events this winter, and everything else that has been thrown at them.

There have been rumors that the reason our wastewater treatment plant was at capacity was due to housing growth. This is categorically not correct. Our system was built to accommodate our population as projected in our comprehensive plan. We have a long way to go before capacity to due residential and commercial growth is an issue.

It's a tricky thing, but in areas of the City with aging sewer infrastructure, rainwater finds its way into the system and down to the plant. The long overdue system fixes are on our extensive "to do" list of deferred maintenance, and once addressed, the challenges created by record rainfall will be minimized.

The road closures have been relentless and have had a significant impact on our community, with the worst traffic I have seen in my nearly 20-years living in the City of Duvall. As a fellow resident, I understand, and personally experience, the frustration of sitting in traffic during flood events and it certainly isn't pleasant.

Transportation has been a top priority of mine for many years, and as such, I have served on numerous committees working on the issue and brought the valley perspective to the table. We, as a City, are part of the Finish 522 Coalition which aims to obtain funding support from the state legislature for unfinished capacity projects.

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In addition, we are conducting an updated study on the origins and destinations of traffic coming through Duvall to have a statistically valid account of how much traffic is from us – and how much is diversion from Snohomish County. This will help bolster our efforts to procure a Highway 203 corridor study, which is the first major step in getting improvements for the roads we all use.

For years prior to being your Mayor, the impact of incomplete projects and the lack of requirement for cross-county transportation planning is something I've been advocating to change. Only recently have other elected officials from around the region began to see this as part of our problem.

As the past 6-weeks have shown, lack of accurate planning in the transportation area has caught up with the valley, and it will take the City, County, businesses, school district, fire district and community to bring attention to and make progress on our challenges.

Stay tuned for a "Coffee with the Mayor" date to discuss in person, or contact me for a meeting. These are challenging issues that impact all of us and it will take a united effort to get necessary changes and improvements done.

Regards,



Amy Ockerlander

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT (TBD) BEGINS APRIL 1ST

A new sales tax amount rate of 8.8% will take effect on April 1, 2020 for those businesses within the city limits of Duvall. This 0.2% increase is a result of the November 2019 voter-approved increase to fund the Transportation Benefit District (TBD). The TBD is vital to providing funding for pavement restoration, maintenance, and improvement projects throughout the City. You can find additional information on the TBD at <http://www.duvallwa.gov/359/Transportation-Benefit-District>.

For businesses, the Department of Revenue should be notifying you through your MyDOR account and has additional information on their website: dor.wa.gov (follow links to sales and use tax information).



KUDOS KORNER



Kudos this month goes to all of our patient valley commuters. We've all had a lot to deal with lately!!



**SAVING WATER PARTNERSHIP SURVEY
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**



Go to savingwater.org/survey anytime between April 1st and April 20th to take the survey and enter to win one of three \$50.00 Amazon Gift Cards.

The City of Duvall is a member of the Saving Water Partnership, a group of utilities in King and Snohomish Counties that work together to save water. Your feedback will help the Saving Water Partnership create more effective tools to help our region use less water.



2020 CENSUS- LET THE COUNTING BEGIN!

The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

Why do we conduct this count? The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and our community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

By April 1, 2020, each home will receive an invitation with detailed instructions on how to respond to a short questionnaire. You will have three options for responding: either online, by phone, or by mail.

Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical for you and our community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

For more helpful and educational information on the census, visit: <https://www.census.gov/>.



UPCOMING DUVALL CITY COUNCIL CHATS

Attend an upcoming Duvall City Council Chat session. All topics are welcome! Upcoming dates are:

Friday, March 20th 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at C.C. Espresso
Saturday, April 18th 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at Rustic Cabin Coffee
 Hope to see you there!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH?

March 2nd-8th -Random Acts of Kindness Week For information, visit: <https://rakduvall.com/random-acts-of-kindness-week-in-duvall>.

March 8th -Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 a.m.

March 10th -Presidential Primary Election Primary Deadline. Visit: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/elections.aspx> for information.

March 19th -First Day of Spring!

March 28th -March of the Vegetables 3:00 p.m. For more information visit www.marchofthevegetables.org/.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL

April 1st -April Fool's Day

April 4th -Cherry Valley Veterinary Hospital Spring Open House from 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. 14124 Main St NE. Free photos of your pet with the Easter Rabbit! For more information visit: <https://www.cherry-valley-veterinary.com/>.

April 11th -Irwin Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00 p.m. at McCormick Park- Rain or shine. For more information visit www.TheIrwinroup.com.

April 18th -Earth/Arbor Day Festival ****SAVE THE DATE**** 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Depot Park. For more information, visit: <https://www.duvallwa.gov/393/Earth-and-Arbor-Day-Festival>.

SNO-VALLEY SENIOR CENTER EVENTS
4610 STEPHENS AVE, CARNATION

March 11th -Becoming Washington: Who Came to the Northwest and Why? Presentation begins at 1:00 p.m.

March 20th -Catpalooza Rainbow Bingo 6:30 p.m.

March 28th -Spring Dinner & Dessert Auction 6:00 p.m.

For more information visit <https://snovalleysenior.org/>.



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Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 8th

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council meetings 7:00 p.m. -March 3rd in the Riverview Educational Service Center, 15510 First Avenue NE. **March 17th** in the Duvall Visitor Center 15619 Main St. NE. Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.). Any revisions will be posted on the City's website.

Planning Commission meetings -March 11th & 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE.

