

Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy July Duvall!

With any luck, by the time you are reading this King County will be in Phase II of COVID-19 re-opening in our state and numbers holding steady. We are by no means out of the woods yet and must continue to follow public health guidelines to ensure the health and safety of all in our community.

Our businesses are re-opening, with some doing better than ever, while others are struggling to make up for lost time and revenue. We are doing what we can, as a City, to help our local businesses and would like to encourage you to “Shop Local” when possible to help aid in our community’s economic recovery.

In early June, we saw yet another blow to our country and community. Once again, an egregious case of police brutality occurred in Minneapolis and has brought into the sunlight the issue of systemic racism, white privilege and the need for police reform nationwide.

I am thankful, that under the leadership of Duvall Police Chief Carey Hert, he has made significant progress in updating policies, reducing use of force, training for de-escalation, conflict resolution, anti-bias and so much more. While there have rightly been questions about how our Police Department operates, please know that the members of our department support continued reforms while at the same time have diverse families and may be experiencing this pain as not just a police officers, but as allies for social justice equality.

They have made excellent progress, which we should celebrate while keeping our foot on the gas for state and national reform.

We hope to have a public presentation soon regarding the model of policing that our department utilizes as well as provide statistics on concerns that people have raised.

That said, I think we all recognize that our police officers are asked to do too much – with the past 30+ years of inadequate social, mental health and substance abuse funding and providers. We will find that balance again.

Internally, during my term as Mayor we have spent a significant amount of time updating policies and including language that is more inclusive and representative of our community. Our work is far from done, but we are moving in the right direction.

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It has become clear by the number of people utilizing their First Amendment rights in our community that, as a City, we have come incredibly far from where we were just 10 years ago. We, as a people, are starting to understand the impact of long-term systemic racism on generations of families and I feel that we are truly reigniting the flame that will take us down the path of long-term improvements.

We also need to recognize and acknowledge that our friends and family may not feel comfortable sharing their experiences with us, and to respect that space and boundary. Yes, the more we know, the more we can achieve, but at this point it’s not up to them, they have been fighting this fight their entire lives– it’s up to those of us with privilege to help push policies and societal changes to eliminate the inequities that have always existed.

As I am writing this, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 does in fact protect the rights of members of the LGBTQ community from discrimination at their jobs. While this has been the standard in Washington State since 2006, it is now confirmed across the country.

In June, we had so much going on that important milestones for the City were largely missed. For the 2nd year in a row, I declared the month of June PRIDE month, and issued the first ever Juneteenth proclamation for our City, in celebration of the emancipation of slaves. While it is sad and frustrating that more progress has not been made since that time, I am proud to be a part of being the change that we want to see in the world.

As we all celebrate the founding of our great country, let’s also remember the inequities and re-commit ourselves to ensuring ALL people are created equal, call out racism and inequity when we see it, and take the extra step of educating ourselves on the injustices minorities feel in our country every day.

We owe it to our founders and all of those that have died – and continue to die – for ALL of our freedoms.

Warm Regards,
Amy Ockerlander





KUDOS KORNER

Congratulations to all of the Cedarcrest High School Class of 2020 graduates! You made it through and are on to bigger and better things. The future is up to you – and we know you each have what it takes to make our world a better place.

FIREWORKS REGULATIONS IN DUVALL

The 4th of July holiday is fast approaching. Here is a reminder of the fireworks regulations within the city limits of Duvall.



According to Duvall Municipal Code 5.10.055, “It is unlawful for a person to ignite, discharge, use, or explode any fireworks in the City of Duvall except between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 4th.”

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the Police Department non emergency line at 425-788-1519 or City Hall at 425-788-1185. Have a fun and safe celebration!!

PLANNING COMMISSIONER OPENING

Are you passionate about maintaining our city’s vibrancy and charm? How can you, as a citizen, make a difference? Submit an application to become a Planning Commissioner!



Planning Commissioners review signage and development project designs as well as help develop community vision and goals and development regulations. Terms are four years with meetings held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Duvall Visitor Center. Commissioners are required to be residents of the city, live within the Duvall Urban Growth Area, or own a business located in Duvall.

Primary consideration will be given to applications submitted by July 31, 2020.

Please visit <http://www.duvallwa.gov/176/Planning-Commission> for more information, or contact the City of Duvall Planning Department at 425-788-2779.

DUVALL CITY COUNCIL CHATS



Duvall City Council Zoom Chats are taking a break for the summer, but will resume in September. Feel free to reach out to City Councilmembers anytime. Their contact information is below.

Elected Officials

Mayor	Phone Number	Email Address
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WHAT’S HAPPENING IN JULY?

Hopelink Mobile Food Bank

Depot Park, July 1st & 15th from 2:00 pm.-3:00 pm.

Duvall Farmers Market

Taylor Landing, every Thursday from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Independence Day July 4th

(City offices closed Friday, July 3rd).

City of Duvall Special Recycling Collection Event

Holy Innocents Church July 18th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sandblast

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this event has been cancelled.

SummerStage See information included on page 4 of this newsletter.



SNO-VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

Visit <https://snovalleyseior.org/> to see what’s happening, or to make a donation to support this valuable community resource.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

If you or someone you know continues to be negatively impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there are resources available. Visit the City’s website: <https://www.duvallwa.gov/407/COVID-19>



CITY OFFICES REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Per the State of Washington’s phased opening approach, City offices remain closed to walk-in business. We hope to re-open as we enter into phase 3. Watch our Facebook page for updated information. You can always reach out to staff via phone or by email.

Visit <https://www.duvallwa.gov/Directory.aspx> for staff contact information.

CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council meetings 7:00 p.m. –July 7th & 21st in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main St. NE. (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.).

Planning Commission meetings –July 8th & 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main Street NE.

Times and meeting methods are subject to change. Updates will be posted on the City’s website: www.duvallwa.gov and on the City of Duvall’s Facebook page.



CITY OF DUVALL RECYCLING EVENT

It's that time of year again! The City of Duvall is sponsoring the annual Special Recycling Collection Event on Saturday, **July 18th** at Holy Innocents Church in Duvall. The event is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or until full. All King County households are eligible to participate. The event is funded by grants from the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, King County Solid Waste Division, and the Washington State Department of Ecology. **Most items are free to recycle but there are user fees for certain items. Please watch your mail for a flyer and read the details carefully.** You can also view an online flyer by visiting <https://www.duvallwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6336/2020-Duvall-SRCE-Flyer>.

We will **NOT** be collecting the following household wastes:

No concrete, brick, asphalt, etc. No garbage, furniture or cardboard. No window glass, yard waste or scrap wood.

We will **NOT** be collecting the following hazardous wastes:

No motor oil, oil filters or antifreeze. No paints, solvents or thinners. No pesticides, herbicides, household chemicals or cleaning products.

The above hazardous waste is accepted at roving WasteMobile sites. They will be visiting Home Depot in Redmond on July 17, 18 and 19, and Tolt MacDonald Park/Boeing Mariner's Care Field on August 14, 15 and 16 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Please call 206-938-8262 with questions or email cheri.james@duvallwa.gov.



Community Van

As the economy starts reopening, the transportation needs in the community increase. Don't worry— the Community Van has got your back! It is here to help fulfill your transportation needs. Do you need to get to the grocery store, food bank, and other essential services? Or are you wondering how to become a volunteer driver and help those who need to get to those services?

To learn more visit the Community van website <https://www.hopelink.org/community-van> or contact Victor to schedule your next Community Van trip or to become one of our amazing volunteer drivers.

Email address communityvan@hopelink.org

Phone number: 425-943-6721

KEEP WASHING AND KEEP CONSERVING

As a water utility, public health is our top priority. We encourage our customers to use as much water as they need to stay clean and healthy—including frequently washing your hands.

Even if we are all turning the tap on more than usual, there are still simple actions we can take to use water wisely while washing our hands.



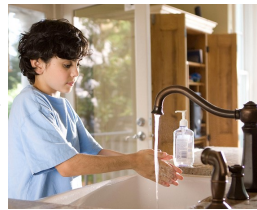
Hand washing tip #1: Don't let the tap run the whole time you are scrubbing your hands.

Instead, turn the tap on quickly to get your hands wet, turn it off to lather up. Scrub your hands for 20 seconds or more, then turn it on again to rinse your hands. This video from the Centers for Disease Control shows a handwashing technique that fights germs without wasting water: www.bit.ly/handwashing_cdc.

Hand washing tip #2: Walk past the kitchen and use the bathroom sink instead.

A typical bathroom faucet has a lower flow rate than a kitchen faucet. A higher flow rate in the kitchen is handy when you're trying to quickly fill up that pot with water but you don't need the extra water when washing your hands. By washing your hands at a bathroom sink you can use less water without even trying.

Hand washing tip #3: Install a WaterSense-labeled aerator on your bathroom faucet.

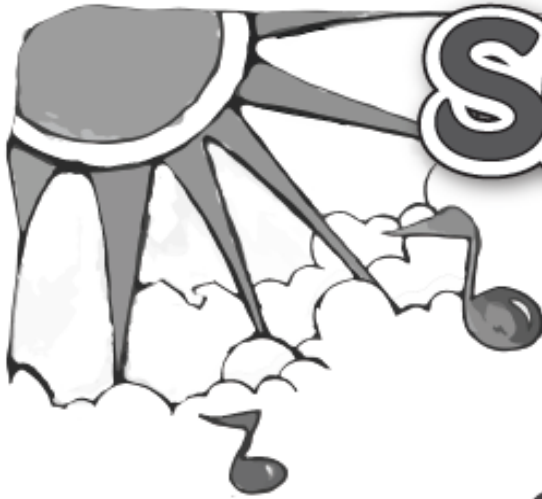


An aerator conserves water by reducing the amount of water flowing through your faucet without reducing the pressure. Depending on the social distancing recommendations in place when you read this, now might not be the right time to run over to the hardware store to buy an aerator. If so, consider this relatively simple project for the future. For more information, here is a step-by-step video from the Environmental Protection Agency on how to install an aerator: www.bit.ly/aerator_epa.



2019 WATER QUALITY REPORT

On July 1, 2020 you will be able to view your Duvall Water Quality Report online at: <https://www.duvallwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6280/Water-Quality-Report-2019>. In this report you will learn important information about the source, quality, and safety of your drinking water. If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home please call 425-788-3434 ext. 8043 or email sara.ruhland@duvallwa.gov.



SummerStage

2020

Celebrating 20 Years!

Sponsored by **RE/MAX**
NORTHWEST

Free!
All Ages

Concerts in McCormick Park
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm
August 5th - August 26th

SummerStage is celebrating it's 20th anniversary! What began as an idea has grown into a much loved event managed by the City of Duvall Cultural Commission with support from our local sponsors, other nonprofit organizations, and volunteers. This year, we will be presenting our 126th show and we wouldn't be here without you!

This year has been a challenge for all of us! As most community events have been cancelled for the summer, we are moving cautiously forward. We are hoping for the best and planning a four week series from August 4th-August 26th with some great music, including some of your favorites! The lineup will be available soon. Information on the Rotary Beer & Wine Garden, food trucks, and the accessibility golf cart will also be coming soon. If you have questions about SummerStage, please go to our website at summerstage.net or our Facebook page for current information.

Concerts are dependant on King County being in Phase 4 of Governor Inslee's Safe Start plan, and all requirements will be followed.

Concerts are all ages and free to the public. Wear a mask, keep your distance, and we'll see you in the park for what is sure to be a memorable year for SummerStage!

