



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy October Greetings to All!

Fall certainly made its arrival known with our first real storm of the season hitting us the day after the beginning of fall. It was a good, early reminder to get prepared for fall and winter storms including wind, power outages, flooding and snowstorms.

The forecasters have indicated that we will experience a La Nina year, which often means more rain and the potential for above average snowfall in the mountains. As those of us have lived in Duvall for a while know, it also means that we could see a decent amount of snow this winter. For winter sports fans, this is great news, but for commuters it creates a significant challenge.

Our Public Works crews and Police Department are preparing and planning for the unknown and will do everything they can to manage and respond to big weather events over the next several months.

For those residents that are new to the Snoqualmie Valley, please become familiar with alternate routes that might be available during flood events as well as snowstorms and make sure you are following The City of Duvall Facebook page or Twitter to stay up to date on the latest.

Late last winter, the dump truck approved in the 2019-2020 biennial budget arrived, which will provide our crews with additional plowing capability should we see a significant snow event. That said, the effectiveness of de-icing, sanding and snow removal depends on conditions, duration and volume. With our City's geography there are additional challenges to keeping our roads drivable in winter. Be prepared and know that we will do all that we can to keep roads ice free and clear.

If this fall and winter is anything like last year, residents should also prepare for the potential of urban flooding and be pro-active about keeping leaves and debris clear from storm drains.

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By now, most of you are likely aware that the downtown trick-or-treating event has been cancelled. In September, the CDC put out risk factors and suggestions for those that continue to Trick-or-Treat. I ask each one of you to continue to follow all public health guidelines and be creative about celebrating with your children. The Duvall Chamber of Commerce has some alternate plans for local businesses and the community. Please see the article in this newsletter.

There is exciting news to share: The "Light Up Duvall" event will be happening this year, although altered to adjust for the current conditions. We expect it will be fun for all in Duvall and bring some joy to the shorter days. Stay tuned for more details next month.

Finally, shortly after this newsletter is received, I will be presenting the 2021-2022 biennial budget for council review and approval. As always, my proposed budget is focused on providing core services to our community, efficiently, and makes great strides to catch up on deferred maintenance and increased operational efficiencies. As a city, our revenue projections are in a great place considering the pandemic, and we are finding ourselves in a much better position than surrounding areas. I look forward to sharing it with you.

Sincerely,
Amy Ockerlander



KUDOS KORNER



This month's Kudos go to Dana Mason, Trish Andrus and Stephanie Goodwin of our Finance Department. Ms. Mason has been with the City less than a year, and has transformed our Finance Department, helped her team members grow and with her team, have brought the City to its best position to date!

These extraordinary employees work with all staff to monitor, forecast and develop the budget that keeps our community great.

Thank you for your hard work!



HALLOWEEN IN DUVALL 2020 STYLE

Neighbors, like you, our Duvall Chamber of Commerce and Business Members have been looking forward to the holidays and our annual community programs. Like so many things, OUR plans need to pivot to meet this strange and challenging year. With current King County re-opening Phase unsure for the holiday, and our aim to help our businesses and community remain as safe as possible, the Duvall Chamber has made the tough decision to forego coordinating our annual Downtown Duvall Trick or Treat & Halloween Kids Party, for 2020.

INSTEAD, we are changing it up, to keep the festive mood alive in our Main Street corridor and for all our Chamber Member organizations and are introducing our 1st **Duvall Chamber**

Member HALLOWEEN WORKPLACE DECORATING CONTEST! We are inviting the COMMUNITY to be the JUDGING panel!

That's right! Our Member businesses can submit a photo entry into 1 of 3 Decorating categories! All entries will be showcased on our Chamber Facebook page, October 26th-28th and community voting will take place on October 29th and 30th, so we can REVEAL THE WINNING BUSINESSES on Halloween! We also want YOU to be in on the photo fun too and will be asking for YOUR home Halloween decorating photo submissions, to our Chamber Facebook page, on October 31st! All the contest details will be posted in mid-October. Please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/duvallchamber>.



AUTUMN IS IN THE AIR! TAKE CARE OF LEAVES & STORM DRAINS

Now that cooler weather is here it's time to start thinking about what to do with all the beautiful autumn leaves after they fall from the trees. Leaves and debris can 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 stormwater hazard to their property and neighborhood. The storm drains in your street capture, move, and release rainwater 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 **DON'T** 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 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 Homeowners 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 (**Please note this number does not received text messages**). Non-emergency questions can also be emailed to stormwater@duvallwa.gov.



THERE IS STILL TIME!

Make sure your voice is heard! If you need to register to vote in the November 3rd General election, you can still register online or by mail. Registrations need to be RECEIVED by the Department of Elections no later than October 26th. Visit <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/register-to-vote.aspx> for additional details on how to register.

Need to turn in your completed ballot? No postage is required by mail, or starting October 15th, you may simply drop it in the ballot drop box (Depot Park 26219 NE Burhen Way) up until 8:00 p.m. on November 3rd. For additional ballot drop box locations, visit: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/ballots/returning-my-ballot/ballot-drop-boxes.aspx>.

THE DUVALL COMMUNITY VAN IS HERE FOR YOU

Our Duvall Community Van is driven *by* the community, *for* the community!



Our vans are available days, evenings, and weekends for essential trips, and it is free! Become a volunteer driver and save on auto expenses and help your neighbors to get where they need to go.

For questions, or to get started, contact Victor by calling 425-943-6721 or send him an email at communityvan@hopelink.org.



INCREASED WATER CONSUMPTION?



It may be your watering habits during the summer season, or your sprinkler system.

On average, one sprinkler head uses 2 gallons of water per minute. That means if your landscape design has 10 sprinkler heads and you run them for 15 minutes three times a week, you will be using approximately 900 gallons of water per week, which is 120 cubic feet. For one month, that would equal 480 additional cubic feet of water usage above your regular water usage. Depending on the size and usage patterns of your property, damaged or broken sprinkler heads may go unnoticed or undiscovered until you receive your utility bill. A ½” sprinkler pipe can flow 13 to 16 gallons per minute when a sprinkler head or riser breaks. If a sprinkler head or riser is left unrepaired, it could use 195-240 gallons each time you turn on your sprinkler system. That could use an additional 385 cubic feet each month!

Now is the time to check your system to make sure it is working properly and ready for winter. Don't forget to check for running toilets and leaky faucets while you're at it.



CEASE THE GREASE !

Fats, Oils, and Grease - F.O.G. Floor solvents, cleaning agents, food waste, trash, and garbage are all examples of waste generated from restaurants that can lead to storm water pollution and/or sanitary sewer overflows when not disposed of properly

Protect your community and property: cease the grease, properly dispose of waste, and remember... Only rain in the storm drain!

Never pour grease into a sink, floor, drain, dumpster, or storm drain. Save used cooking grease and oil for recycling in tallow bins or containers. Contact a licensed pumping company to haul used grease.

¡DETENGA LA GRASA, POR FAVOR!

Grasas, aceites y grasas - F.O.G. Los solventes para pisos, los agentes de limpieza, los desperdicios de alimentos, y la basura son ejemplos de desperdicios generados en los restaurantes que pueden provocar la contaminación de las aguas pluviales y / o desbordes de alcantarillado sanitario cuando no se eliminan correctamente. Proteja su comunidad y su propiedad: deje de engrasar, deseche adecuadamente los desechos y recuerde... ¡Solo llueva en el desagüe pluvial!

Nunca vierta grasa en un fregadero, piso, desagüe, contenedor de basura o desagüe pluvial. Guarde la grasa y el aceite de cocina usados para reciclarlos en cubos o contenedores de sebo. Póngase en contacto con una empresa de bombeo con licencia para transportar la grasa usada. Gracias por su atención a este asunto!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DUVALL?

Duvall Farmers Market

Taylor Landing

Every Thursdays through October 15th
from 3:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Hopelink Mobile Food Bank

Depot Park **October 7th & 21st**
from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Columbus Day

Monday, **October 12th**

Halloween

Saturday, **October 31st**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis the following community events have been cancelled:

National Night Out

Scheduled for Tuesday, **October 6th**

Downtown Trick or Treat & Halloween Kids Party

Scheduled for Saturday, October 31st. See article in this newsletter for alternate plans.

SNO-VALLEY SENIOR CENTER *Attention Older Adults!*



Are you interested in some fun, rewarding classes and lots of opportunities to socialize?

Tired of cooking at home or in need of assistance with household maintenance, yard work or shopping? Need emotional support during this time of COVID19? Interested in being or receiving a pen pal? Well we have you covered! ***Sno-Valley Senior Center is here for you!*** Please call us! We are staffed with a social worker, van drivers, community dining chef, program coordinators and other great people to support you and answer your questions! Call 425-333-4152 or visit us online at: <https://snovalleyseior.org/>.



CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council meetings 7:00 p.m. – October 6th & 20th in the Duvall Visitor Center, 15619 Main St. NE. (Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.).

Planning Commission meetings –October 14th & 28th 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.

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