

# Duvall News



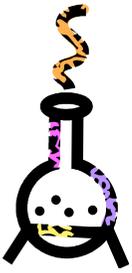
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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

I always enjoy March. It is the month the weather starts to get better and the days start getting longer. It is also the month that the different community events organizations start their planning process for the summer. If you want to participate in any of the different community events, please give the City a call at 425-788-1185 and we can help introduce you to the different organizations.

Last Saturday I had the privilege of attending the science fair at Cedarcrest high school. There were 90 freshman and sophomores that put in countless hours working on a wide variety of projects ranging from engineering to science to the environment. I found that each one of the projects was well thought out and impressive in the process they went through to draw different conclusions for their research. If one of your children participated, then congratulate them on their hard work.



The economy is starting to improve. Our City has seen an increase in sales tax and home values are on the rise. The homes that are for sale are selling for more than a year ago and new construction is booming. It is a good sign that things are looking up. With this recent improvement I am working with the council on a series of specific economic growth plans and projects. As part of this process, I am asking council to support a group of businesses, citizens and council members to work on specific strategies to help Duvall grow, and keep its small town feel and charm. If you are one of the folks that are interested in participating, please let me know. It will be a great group of folks that want to help their community flourish.

In the meantime, let me know what you like about our City and if you have any great stories you want to share.

Sincerely,

Will Ibershof

Happy   
St. Patrick's Day

## SIDEWALKS, STREET CORNERS, FIRE HYDRANTS AND WATER METERS:

You may receive a "trim" notice from Public Works on occasion. As spring approaches it is helpful if residents help keep sidewalks and other city appurtenances clear for public use and safety. We have recently located every water meter in the City as well as identifying street corners (DMC 14.64.160) that may need to have the trees and shrubs trimmed.

It is important for fire hydrants and water meters to be clear as tree and shrub roots can damage underground pipes. Street corners should be kept clear to maintain safe vehicle and pedestrian travels and sidewalks clear of limbs, shrubs and tree branches.

Please help us to improve safety as our City Maintenance Crew will be starting to trim trees and shrubs on the main arterials within Duvall. As we only have seven (7) maintenance staff city wide who handle streets, parks, facilities, storm drainage and water service it will take us a few months to perform this task. We will be clearing in a very "utilitarian" way so if you prefer to trim your whole tree or shrub in a "Cisco" style, you should do it yourself as we will only clear the limbs that encroach on the roads and sidewalks. Contact Joe Christ at 425-788-3332 if you have questions. Help us take pride in Duvall, it's a great place.

## PET LICENSE AMNESTY PERIOD IN KING COUNTY

If you haven't already purchased a new license or renewed an existing license for your pet(s), now is the time. An amnesty period is in effect from now through April 30<sup>th</sup>, allowing pet owners to purchase or renew licenses without facing a fine for non-compliance.

Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, residents who have unlicensed cats or dogs could face a fine of \$125 for a spayed or neutered pet, and up to \$250 for an unaltered pet.

The cost for pet licenses for spayed or neutered animals remains unchanged at \$30.00, along with the \$60 rate for unaltered pets. Discounts are available for disabled and senior residents, as well as for those with juvenile pets up to 6 months old.

Residents can purchase pet licenses in person at over 100 locations in King County, including Duvall City Hall. Visit [www.kingcounty.gov/pets](http://www.kingcounty.gov/pets) for a list of sales locations or to purchase or renew a license online.



## 2012 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REPORT

The 2012 Stormwater Management Program Report will be available March 15<sup>th</sup> online at <http://www.duvallwa.gov/departments/publicworks/npdes.html>, at Duvall City Hall, or by calling 425-788-3434. Provide comments by March 22<sup>nd</sup> on the 2012 Stormwater Management Program which identifies the City's strategies to engage and educate the public about stormwater management, prevent spills and dumping into the stormwater system, and require development projects to control and treat runoff. Comments can be provided via e-mail to [stormwater@duvallwa.gov](mailto:stormwater@duvallwa.gov) or via mail addressed to the City of Duvall Public Works Department, PO Box 1300, Duvall, WA 98019.

## DID YOU KNOW? UTILITY BILLING SERVICES

### ACH Debits Program

- Signing up for the ACH Debits program is a FREE service. No checks to write, no stamps to buy, no need to worry about late fees. Your payment is automatically deducted from your specified bank account on the due date. (If the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, your payment would be deducted the next business day.) You can pick up an application at City Hall or download one from [www.duvallwa.gov](http://www.duvallwa.gov).

### Bill Payer Service

- If you use your bank's bill payer service, the payment is mailed to us. It is NOT an electronic transfer. Although the payment may show as being processed out of your bank account on the date you choose, it may take up to 10 business days for us to receive it in the mail and post it to your utility account.

### E-Bill

- You can sign up for E-Bill (Electronic Bill) on <https://duvall.merchanttransact.com/> which you can also access directly from [www.duvallwa.gov](http://www.duvallwa.gov). Once you login, go to "Account Profile". Click on your account number and it will give you the option to have your utility bill sent directly to the email address you've provided. You can also view and/or pay your bill for FREE using your Visa or Mastercard. (If you haven't registered on Merchant Transact yet, it's quick and easy. You just need a current utility bill for your account information.)

### Low Income Rate Reduction

- City of Duvall Ordinance #1121 allows for a reduced base rate for our low income residents. Income is based on your gross combined household income. To see if you or someone you know may qualify, please go to [http://duvallwa.gov/departments/finance/ReducedRateApp\\_2013.pdf](http://duvallwa.gov/departments/finance/ReducedRateApp_2013.pdf). You may also pick up an application at City Hall, 15535 Main St NE.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 425-788-1185.

## LEARN ABOUT LIVESTOCK RAISING AND ORCHARDING IN EARLY DUVALL - APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>

Sponsored by the Duvall Historical Society, local resident Greg Giuliani will speak about early Snoqualmie Valley livestock raising, butchering, pioneer orchard practices and food preservation. Greg's family has been in the valley for nearly 50 years, and he'll speak from his work experience in the meat industry as well as from his experience with home orchards. See you at 7:30pm on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center.

### Elected Officials

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**March 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> : City Council Meetings** - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station, 15600 - 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE.

**March 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> : Planning Commission Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center, 26512 NE Stella Street.