



# Duvall News

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

It is hard to believe that it is a start to a new year. I hope that each of you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year with your family and friends.

I am sure you have New Year's resolutions and have decided to set goals. As with the start of any year, our City has started to plan for 2012. To help that process along we welcome two new Council members. Leroy Collinwood joined us last month and Becky Nixon joined us just this month. Each of them bring different experiences to Council and I look forward to working with both of them.

Every year the Council elects a Mayor Pro-Tem. This year Amy Ockerlander was selected by her peers to chair the Council of the whole and to fill in when I am out of town.

This year also brings about another change in that Jeff Wolf resigned from Council. He is someone that I have enjoyed working with and he brought a great perspective to Council as a local business owner. Jeff also served a number of years on the Planning Commission. Jeff will be missed and I know that I speak for all of the Council members who will miss him at our meetings.

Speaking of serving our community, there are a couple of great ways you can become involved. The first is through serving on the Centennial Committee. On January 6, 2013 Duvall will be 100 years old. The Centennial Committee is the steering committee that is planning a series of events for the community. The second way you can become involved is through the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is a very important committee that reviews and recommends a number of policy matters for the community. These range from sign code policies to housing designs to where future parks should be. If either of these committees is of interest, please call 425-788-1185 for more information.

Finally, with the cold weather we are having and the chance we may see snow again, I would encourage all of us to be prepared for snow. Do you have chains for your car? Do you have enough food to last a few days in your home? Our City is prepared and I know we all hope that we will not experience a big snow storm, but it is always best to be prepared.

Sincerely,

Will Ibershof

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> IS DUVALL'S 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK!!!!

Take time to be kind! Make a conscious decision to do kind acts all week long!

Please check out the amazing new Random Acts of Kindness website at [www.RAKduvall.com](http://www.RAKduvall.com). There are daily suggestions for you to try during the entire week. Hopefully Random Acts of Kindness Week will inspire our community to continue to do kind acts throughout the year.

### 2012 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK IDEAS...

Sunday – Smile and say hi to someone you walk past in a store or on the street.

Monday – Shop locally!!! Skip the malls, shop Duvall!

Tuesday – Pick up trash in your neighborhood or a local park.

Wednesday – Dine Out in Duvall! Go out for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Or, all three!

Thursday – Take time to be thankful! Send a card, text, email, or just tell someone you are thankful for them.

Friday – Honk if you love a local business! As you drive past a business you love, give them a quick honk!

Saturday – Do something fun and local with your family!

If we all come together as a community, we can make a difference in this world, and spread a lot of kindness!

Written by: Connie Berg, RAK Duvall

## PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCIES

Are you interested in serving your community? Are you interested in helping chart the future of the city?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, please consider applying to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is made up of 7 members appointed by the Mayor. Responsibilities include working with staff to prepare policy documents, review draft work products from staff and special committees, and make recommendations on policies to the City Council. This year, those policies will include updating the sign code, design standards, and other zoning code amendments. The Planning Commission also reviews many commercial, mixed-use and multi-family land use applications for consistency with City regulations.

Planning Commission terms are 4-years and meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Commissioners are required to be residents of the city, live within the Duvall Urban Growth Area, or be owners of a business located in Duvall. Primary consideration will be given to applications submitted by January 31, 2012. For more information, go to [www.duvallwa.gov](http://www.duvallwa.gov) or contact Ben Swanson, Associate Planner at [ben.swanson@duvallwa.gov](mailto:ben.swanson@duvallwa.gov) or at 425-788-2779.

## CITY OF DUVALL POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR SNOW & ICE ROAD CONDITIONS

It has been a few years since we have had a major snow storm like we saw in 2008, but we wanted to remind everyone about the City’s policies and procedures for snow and ice road conditions. As we saw during that storm, if the snow starts to fall at a high rate it may be impossible to remove all of the snow before the cold temperatures quickly turn the snow to ice. Once the streets have become iced over and the majority of snow has been removed, additional plowing is not effective at removing the ice until temperatures rise above freezing.

Based on the 2008 winter, our snow removal efforts and capabilities were enhanced. The City Maintenance Department has two snowplows with sanders, and an additional plow with spray down liquid de-icer. First and foremost, we maintain the major streets within City limits as identified on the “Snow Route”. The City has a designated snow route that is advised for drivers during winter conditions. This route is cleared first so that emergency vehicles can safely travel throughout the City. De-icing helps the roads become bare and wet sooner, allowing for plowing to also be more productive. We also have salt to use in extreme situations. The de-icing liquid is only effective if applied prior to the freezing or snow event and it does lose its effectiveness once temperatures drop below 24°F. In situations where the temperature is anticipated to be around 24°F we will utilize salt instead of liquid de-icer. Even if the temperature drops too low, the salt will be embedded in the ice and aid it in thawing once the temperature rises. We do repeatedly sand to help you keep traction on the roads. Sanding does help on the ice, but only lasts a short time since it cannot bind to the ice. Please log on to [www.duvallwa.gov](http://www.duvallwa.gov) to see our snow and ice removal plan and to view a map of our snow routes.

The City of Duvall tries to address and respond to every situation, but there are some things that do happen that are beyond our control. Unfortunately, our resources are limited and the City may not be able to immediately respond to all icy road conditions. Please remember to be prepared. If you must drive during these conditions, please consider using chains or snow tires. It is also advised when you drive in these conditions, that you follow the snow routes as much as possible, have a full tank of gas, wear warm clothes & footwear, and also try to avoid the icy wheel paths. Make sure to give yourself plenty of space between vehicles, and plenty of time to get to your destination. You never know when you might get stuck and have to wait in the cold for assistance.



Please feel free to contact us with additional questions or solutions you may have. Steve Leniszewski, PE, Public Works Director 425-788-3434 or email [steven.leniszewski@duvallwa.gov](mailto:steven.leniszewski@duvallwa.gov).

## WATER, SEWER, & STORM RATE INCREASE

Each year the utility rates are adjusted by the July-June Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for the Seattle-Tacoma area. The last utility rate increase was January 1, 2009 as there were no increases in the CPI for 2009 or 2010. The July-June Seattle-Tacoma CPI-U for 2011 is 3.2% and this increase will apply to the water, sewer, and storm utility rates on January 1, 2012 and will appear on the utility bills that are sent out in February 2012. (This is the January *usage* bill.)

This increase is to keep up with the rising costs of repairing and maintaining the water system, sewer collection and treatment systems, and the storm drain system. While new development pays for growth related expenses of the utilities through connection and capital facilities charges, the monthly utility billings pay for the ongoing operations. The minimum increase will be \$3.26 collectively per month. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Long, Finance Director, at 425-788-1185 or email to [jill.long@duvallwa.gov](mailto:jill.long@duvallwa.gov).

### Elected Officials

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**January 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> : City Council Meetings** - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station.

**January 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.

**City of Duvall offices will be closed for the following holidays:**



**January 16<sup>th</sup> (Monday)**  
in Observance of  
**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**