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## New Main Street for Duvall starts this summer

By Carol Ladwig

Lots of changes are planned for Duvall's Main Street starting this summer, and even the small ones will have a big impact.

When the street is torn up to replace the aging water mains underneath, the utility lines that are currently suspended will be re-routed underground, including electrical power.

"That will be dramatic, just having the poles gone," says Duvall Public Works Director Steve Leniszewski.

The effects on both foot and vehicle traffic will be significant, too. To capitalize on the time the street would be less accessible, the city began preliminary plans for a Main Street redesign.

"Downtown has been begging to be revitalized forever," Leniszewski noted.

A committee of city staff, council members and Duvall residents formed

more than a year ago to plan a Main Street facelift, with pedestrian safety as a top priority.

Their proposal, presented to the city council last fall, includes a center median, pedestrian plaza areas at crosswalks, public art installations, new landscaping, and gateways at the north and south ends of old town, all unified by a river theme. The affected area is eight blocks, from Ring Street on the south to where Bird Street would intersect Main Street if it extended that far on the north.

"This is a much larger-scale project than we've ever had," said city Project Manager Alana McCoy.

In all, the new Main Street will cost nearly \$6 million. The city has already received \$4.7 million in grants for the work, most of it from the state's Transportation Improvement Board, which



Now and later. Above, Main Street Duvall as it appears today. Turn to page 12 for an artist's rendition of what the street could look like. Photo by Amy Bright

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Samantha Stevens and Stephanie Montgomery prepare for their Salute to Spirit performance. Photo by Shaun McWhinney

## Cheer team takes home 'People's Choice' award

By Lori Oviatt

In their first ever cheer competition, the CHS Red Wolves Cheer team brought home a trophy from the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) Salute to Spirit competition presented by Farmers on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Everett Events Center. They received the People's Choice trophy which is given to the team the audience enjoyed watching the most.

"Our girls were full of energy and enthusiasm and it showed in their routine," stated Coach Tracy Scott. The girls competed against 29 other cheer squads from around Washington state.

The 2008 Salute to Spirit competition is one of WIAA's premier events showcasing high school cheer, dance and drill teams with up to 100 performances featured in the one-day event. Salute to Spirit is also one of the state qualifying competitions for dance, drill and cheer. To qualify for the cheer event and participate in the state competition, a team must perform in at least 10 school events, and receive at least a score of 195 in a WIAA competition.

The Red Wolves scored 195; however 10 points were deducted for a safety violation as one of the spotters took her eyes off of the flyer for a few split seconds. Coach Scott emphasized how much of a learning experience this was for the girls and now

that they have a feel for it, they have the fever to compete.

Kendra Harris a cheer coach from Woodinville was instrumental in helping the Red Wolves get ready for their first competition as she volunteered her time and choreographed the crowd-pleasing performance.

"Cheer is all about supporting others and by competing in the Salute to Spirit, we were able to do something for us," stated Coach Scott. This event gave others in the Red Wolves community the opportunity to support the team. Some of the wrestlers came to the all-day event to cheer on their favorite cheer team, giving them an idea of what it is like to be at an all-day event similar to the all-day wrestling tournaments.

"I am very proud of the girls and the support from our crowd was outstanding," said Coach Scott. She noted that the girls will need to nail every stunt and every turn as they work toward their goal of qualifying for the state competition to be held March 22 at Bellevue Community College.

Team members include Hilary DenOtter, Sierra Berg, Lauren Houk, Natalie Howard, Emily Kennelley, Brittney Kosorck, Stephanie Montgomery, Bri McCadam, Brianna Paxman, Rylee Pemberton, Josin Roberts, Samantha Stevens, Jessi Wilkie, Sarah MacMillan and Crystal Montes.

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awarded the city a \$3,035,000 grant in November, 2007.

City staff met with owners of property in Old Town Duvall in December to review the project, and their response was "overwhelmingly good, I thought," said Leniszewski. The Main Street project should make old town safer for pedestrians, more attractive to shoppers, and quieter, since, as McCoy said, "The truck drivers don't like it."

Business owners in the project area aren't entirely in favor of the project, either. Many of their services will be interrupted during the construction, including sewer for about a day. Also, the costs of reconnecting utilities such as telephone and cable service could be quite high.

Interruption of traffic, though, is their main concern. At several Duvall City Council meetings, business owners have spoken about their fears. One told the council that if people can't get to her shop, this could be the year she closes her doors for good. Another resident noted that most of the food service businesses in old town have deliveries by trucks, which have no place to unload except on the street, which will be a problem both during and after construction.

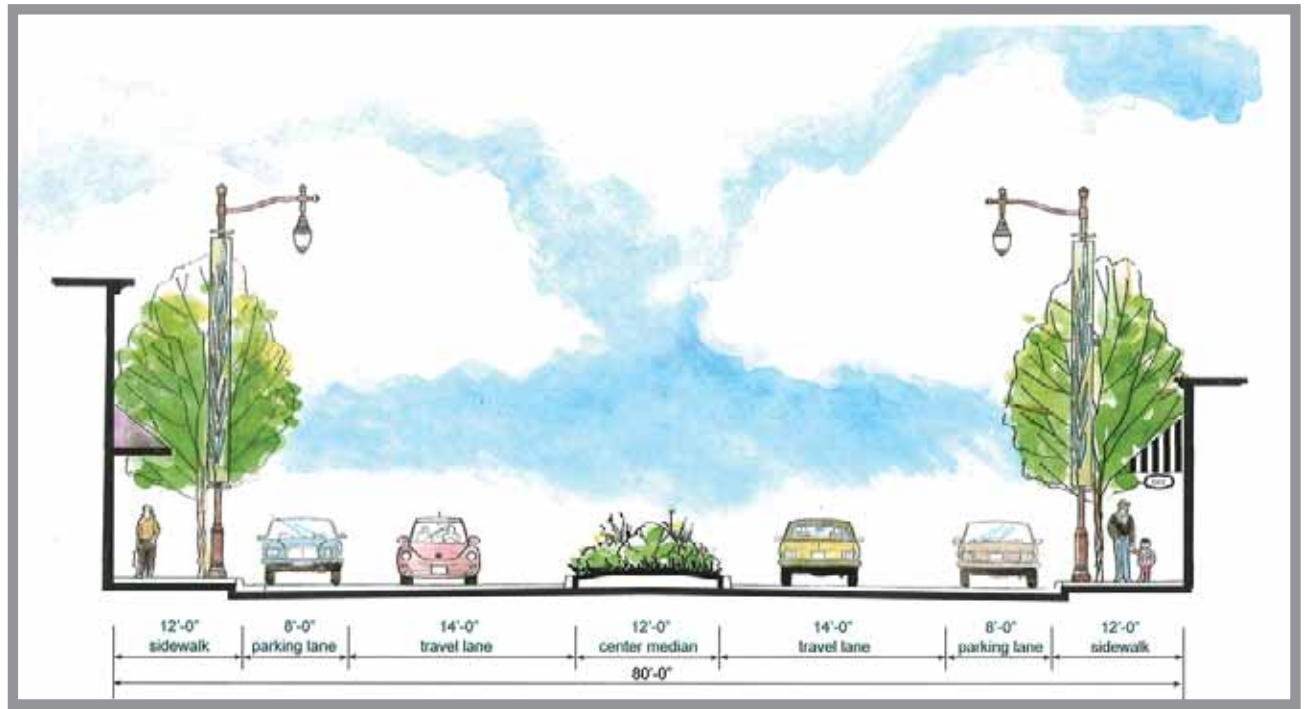
Fire District 45 is specifically concerned with how the median could impede the travel and turning of its fire engines, too.

To address these concerns, the city is considering several options, such as requiring the winning bidder to complete the work in fewer than the 220 days the project is estimated to take, by scheduling multiple shifts in a day.

McCoy said they are also still deciding how the work should be done, either closing one block at a time, or closing one lane at a time. "At any time, we want the road to be open," she added.

Currently, the project is far from final. The designs are about 90 percent complete, and the plans are still in environmental impact reviews at both the state and national levels, because both the state and the federal governments have helped to fund the project. Each granting organization will review the plans, along with each utility's plans to be incorporated in the project.

Following those reviews, the city will still need to acquire some property easements for construction, obtain the needed permits, advertise for bids and award the contract. Staff members are still optimistic the project will break ground this summer.



An artist's rendering of Main Street with a median

"Right after Duvall Days, so Duvall Days will not be affected," said McCoy.

What prompted this massive project was water. Asbestos-concrete water mains installed in the '60s are only six inches in diameter, not nearly big enough for the city's anticipated growth in the next few years. The sewer mains running under the street have the opposite capacity problem. Because the pipes, also made of asbestos concrete, are losing their lining, they allow storm water to penetrate the porous material. "At the treatment plant, we're treating more water than we should, because of the rain," Leniszewski said.

A 12-inch diameter ductile iron pipe will replace the existing water main during the project. The entire pipe will be removed and replaced. The new pipe will be installed along Main, then looped around each block with extra connections to ensure the system has the needed capacity. "The connection of the pipes is just as important as the diameter," Leniszewski said.

The sewer pipe only needs a few small repairs, so it can stay in place. It will be re-lined with a material called "slip-lining" which is installed as a long fabric tube. When the pipe is flooded with very hot water, the lining turns into half-inch-thick hard plastic. Next, a remote-controlled robot is sent down the pipe to cut the holes for each existing connection.

## Art on Main

Public art will be an important component of the Main Street project.

The Duvall City Council on Jan. 24 approved a \$65,000 contract with the Pomegranate Center to coordinate everything from bench and concrete stamping designs to banners, lighting, and carvings.

Pomegranate Center focuses on public art, community-based planning, and gathering places. The nonprofit organization will facilitate the artist selection process for the city, advertising a call for artists and awarding contracts. Individual contracts will not exceed \$4,000.

For more information, visit [www.pomegranate.org](http://www.pomegranate.org).

Capacity in the pipe should actually increase by about 20 percent, because outgoing waste will flow more easily over the new, smoother surface.

"With this slip lining, it's just a huge bang for the buck," says Leniszewski.

In the next few months, the city will start sending out monthly updates on the project, and when construction begins, staff members will go door-to-door to alert business and property-owners of what to expect.

## State residents still have one week left to register for disaster aid

Only one week remains for Washington residents affected by the severe storms, flooding, mudslides and landslides between Dec. 1-17 to register for federal/state disaster assistance.

Officials with the Washington Emergency Management Division (EMD) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have announced that Feb. 7 is the last day that calls or on-line applications will be accepted for Individual Assistance. The deadline is 60 days from the date when President Bush issued the major disaster declaration on Dec. 8.

Loan applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for disaster-related losses to real and personal property also must be returned by that date. Loan packages can be mailed to the Loan Processing Center or hand-delivered to a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) or Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) by Feb. 7.

Residents who suffered damage from the storms are urged to call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) as soon as possible. The TTY number for residents with special speech or hearing needs is TTY 1-800-462-7585. Hours of operation for registering with FEMA are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Residents can also register online

at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

"Since the Dec. 8 disaster declaration, more than 9,600 people in the 10 designated counties have registered for assistance," said State Coordinating Officer Kurt Hardin.

Counties eligible for Individual Assistance are Clallam, Grays Harbor, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Snohomish, Thurston and Wahkiakum.

More than \$31 million in grant assistance and low-interest loans has already been approved by FEMA and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

9,622 individuals and households from the 10 designated counties have applied for assistance.

Nearly \$15 million (\$14,975,209) in Housing Assistance has been approved for 3,124 applicants for rental assistance, temporary lodging and housing repairs.

More than \$1.8 million (\$1,858,347) in Other Needs Assistance (ONA) has been approved for 761 applicants to cover personal property loss, medical costs and other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance.

The SBA has approved more than \$14 million (\$14,322,600) in low-interest disaster loans to Washington residents and businesses. The SBA provides low-interest loans to eligible

homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations and businesses of all sizes. FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all

domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property.



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