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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Citizens:

As the weather slowly warms up and we can walk in our neighborhoods without our winter gloves on, I would encourage you to take a walk down to McCormick Park and see the new plants and trees that the Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force are putting in. We felt that trees and plants were a much nicer addition than more blackberry bushes. I want to thank all of the folks that came out the last weekend in February to help with the project. It will be a great addition to our growing park.

February was a busy month for the City Council. First, a number of Council Members expressed the City's thanks to our different community partners by presenting them with funds to help them continue their support for our community. Please take a look at the City of Duvall's website (www.cityofduvall.com) and follow the link to the City Council under Government Services to view pictures of these presentations. Secondly, I hope you have read the article in the February 20th issue of The Valley View and saw the winners for the logo contest. Kirk Werner and City Council Member Dianne Brudnicki worked together and took concepts from the different entries to create a new logo that the City Council adopted. We are putting the final touches on the official logo and will share it with all of you soon. I want to thank Kirk and Dianne for all of their hard work on our new logo.

The final thing I want to bring up is the challenging issue of growth. Now that we are out of our building moratorium, there is a lot of interest from developers to continue to build in Duvall. Much of the proposed growth is in areas not currently within the city limits, but in areas that want to be annexed in. All of this growth has the potential to increase the number of citizens from our current size of 6,000 to nearly 10,000 people in the next seven to ten years. I want you to know that the City Council and I are working very hard to make sure that we approach this in a very responsible and balanced manner.

If you have any questions or concerns on this topic or any others, please let us know. We appreciate the time you take to give us your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,

Mayor Will Ibershof

DUVALL FARMERS MARKET

The City of Duvall is very excited to announce that the first season of the Duvall Farmers Market will be held this year. The Market will be open on Wednesdays starting May 3rd through September 27th in the Depot Park parking lot (Police Department parking lot) from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Market is currently looking for vendors to sell their home-made crafts or home grown produce. For further information, please contact Laurie Gilbertson at DuvallFarmersMarket@msn.com or go to www.cityofduvall.com/farmersmarket.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

The City of Duvall is now accepting applications for Comprehensive Plan Amendments for 2006. Those who wish to submit either a map or text amendment to the 2004 City of Duvall Comprehensive Plan must submit application materials by **4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10th, 2006**. Please refer to Duvall Municipal Code 14.72 for all requirements and procedures. Application materials may be found at www.cityofduvall.com or Duvall City Hall, 15535 Main St. NE. For more information, please contact Todd Hall, Assistant Planner at 425-788-2779 or todd.hall@cityofduvall.com.

KEEP MORE OF WHAT YOU WORK FOR WITH FREE TAX PREPARATION

United Way of King County and the King County EITC Campaign will provide quality free tax preparation services at sites across King County from January 17 to April 15, 2006. Taxes will be prepared by IRS trained and certified volunteers and electronically filed for a rapid refund. Multilingual tax preparers will be available at several sites to serve customers who do not speak English. At the sites tax customers will also be able to sign up for certain public benefits and learn about opportunities they have to make the most of their tax returns through opening or expanding savings accounts, repairing their credit and improving financial and budgeting skills. While the service is open to all taxpayers with basic individual tax returns, the campaign is specifically focused on serving people eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC is a refundable tax credit for low income working families and individuals. Families making under \$35,263 (\$37,263 married filing jointly) may be eligible for a refund of up to \$4,400. The EITC is the most effective anti-poverty tool offered by the federal government because it reduces the tax burden on low- and moderate-income earners, supplements their wages and makes work more attractive than welfare.

To find a free tax preparation site near you, please call 206-315-8722 or visit www.unitedwayofkingcounty.org/eitc

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COMMUTE A BETTER WAY

Why would a Duvall resident take a vanpool to work? One veteran King County Metro Transit vanpooler summed up the reason in one word--"gas." This vanpooler couldn't say what a gallon cost these days because she only fills up her own car every other month. And she really likes the savings.

Consider the flexibility of vanpooling, too. Vanpoolers set their own schedules and routes. If you vanpool into work you are guaranteed a free return cab ride up to 60 miles when you become ill or have an emergency. This is real flexibility.

'Pooling has its perks. Approved drivers use the van during the day for personal errands. They get free bike racks on request. And there are no gas bills at the end of the month. VanPoolers use their VanPool credit card and the bill goes straight to Metro. Fuel, maintenance, insurance, and the van are all covered by one low monthly fare. 24/7 Roadside Assistance is also included.

There are advantages for bus riders, too. VanShare can get you to the Bear Creek or Woodinville park-and-ride lots for just pennies a day. From there it's a quick jump onto Metro or Sound Transit Express buses to Downtown Seattle, the University District, Redmond, Bellevue, Kirkland, and Renton. At the end of the day VanShare gets the group from the park-and-ride back to Duvall.

Ready to commute a better way? Duvall is now partnering with King County Metro to join with Redmond's R-TRIP program and offer every Duvall resident a one-time financial incentive to try VanPool and VanShare. Redmond's R-TRIP Program offers the RSVP Card valued up to \$300 to new vanpoolers commuting to Redmond employment sites. Duvall commuters to other cities who are new to VanPool will also receive an incentive valued at \$300. And VanShare riders can receive a \$100 incentive. If you haven't been vanpooling or vansharing in the last 90 days you are eligible for these incentives.

Want to get started? Check out RideshareOnline.com for potential riders and existing groups that you can join. For more information or assistance with VanPool, VanShare, or details on the incentive program please call Randall Williams at 206-263-5267 or email randall.williams@metrokc.gov. Make the call and see why King County Metro says, "We'll Get You There!"

For Those About to Rock – We Salute You with "Buttrock Suites"

Get out those old Judas Priest and Styx t-shirts. "Buttrock Suites," a collection of modern-dance works choreographed to the raunchy, repetitive strains of vintage hair-metal bands like Van Halen, Def Leppard, Twisted Sister, AC/DC, Ozzy Osbourne, and Bon Jovi, is coming to the Cedarcrest Performing Arts Center on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. Producers Diana Cardiff, Matt Mulkerin, Jana Hill and Bob Gregory created this hybrid of satire, physical comedy, and contemporary dance. Some of the numbers are spoofs of the genre, complete with spandex pants, big-hair wigs, and fog machines. Others are more abstract takes using modern-dance techniques and even cheerleading. So dress up and join us for an experience like Duvall has never seen before!

General admission tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, free for children under 5 (ticket required). Tickets are available in advance at Cherry Valley Veterinary Hospital, Duvall Books, Gardens & Sunspaces, and Yarn Addiction in Duvall and at Simply Grand in Carnation. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3507 or at the box office starting one hour before the performance. Cedarcrest Performing Arts Center is located at 29000 NE 150th St. in Duvall.

"Buttrock Suites" is presented by the Duvall Arts Commission and the Cascade Performing Arts Council with support from 4Culture. For information, call 425-788-2983 or visit www.cityofduvall.com/DAC.html.

DUVALL DAYS 2006 - CALL FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS

2006 Duvall Days Parade is looking for participants. Our theme this year is "Loggers to Bloggers". What kind of float or other entry can you or your group come up with? As you may know, Duvall started out as a logging town at the turn of the 20th century and has more recently become a more high-tech community; hence this year's theme.

Please contact Pam Riem at gopriem@hotmail.com for more information about how to enter your group into this year's Duvall Days Parade or go to www.cityofduvall.com/duvalldays.

SENIOR PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you want to inspire the next generation in our community? Cedarcrest High School is looking for mentors to guide students in their senior projects. It is a great way to make a positive contribution in the lives of these aspiring young adults. For more information on how you can make a difference in someone's life, contact Gina Vigna at Cedarcrest High School by phone 425-844-4800 or by email vignag@riverview.wednet.edu.

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