



Administrator's Friday Letter

July 30, 2010

1. Center Drive Overpass Striping

One of the safety measures identified to help mitigate the impacts of the use of the access gate off of JBLM at the Center Drive overpass was a re-striping project. WSDOT (WA Department of Transportation) crews will re-stripe this area on the night of Thursday, August 5th and it is not anticipated that there will be a significant traffic impact.

2. Police Department Grant

The Police Department received a \$1,000 grant from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs for a new radar unit. The new radar unit will replace an older unit which has been frequently out of service for repairs. The new equipment should arrive within the next few weeks.

3. Point Defiance High-Speed Rail Bypass Project

As part of the ongoing Environmental Assessment review process for the Point Defiance Bypass Project the City hosted the second meeting of the Technical Advisory Team on July 29th. The City will also be hosting the second meeting of the Executive Advisory Team on August 5th. These advisory teams are comprised of representatives from various stakeholder agencies including DuPont, Lakewood, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Federal Highway Administration, Sound Transit, and WSDOT. Additional advisory team meetings are scheduled to occur over the next several months. Project representatives will be scheduling and providing opportunities for public input on the project as the work on the Environmental Assessment moves forward.

4. Community Meeting – Sign Code

The City will be holding a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, August 3rd at 7 PM to solicit citizen, business, and other stakeholder comments about the current sign code. Staff will be working with the Council, City Attorney, and Planning Agency to review the current code and recommend any necessary revisions. This Town Hall meeting will be the first opportunity for the public to participate in this process. All comments will be collected and considered as part of the ongoing process. Citizens who are not able to attend the community meeting but wish to have their voices heard are encouraged to send their comments via email to the City Clerk at elarsen@ci.dupont.wa.us.

5. Upcoming CPR/First Aid Classes

Five DuPont firefighters completed certification this week to become CPR/First Aid instructors. Beginning in September, DuPont Fire Department will begin offering an eight-hour class for certification in CPR and first aid to citizens. The classes are slated to be held on Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and will cost \$30 per student. Class dates and times will be posted on the DuPont website in August. Citizens with questions should contact Chief Hull or Chief Cooper at 253-964-8414.

6. Police Chief Recruitment

The City has begun meeting with the WA Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to formulate the recruitment process for our Police Chief. Our goal is to begin the actual recruitment process in late summer. More details will be coming forward soon.

7. Bingo Night

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 28th. The Park Agency is hosting the third BINGO night of the year. The first game will be called at 6:00 PM sharp. Tickets will be available at City Hall starting August 2nd. Cost is \$15 per card or \$20 for two cards. (Sorry, cards cannot be split). Ages 10 and over are welcome. Prize donations are gladly accepted and very much appreciated! Please contact Amy Walker at 253-912-5245 if you are interested in donating. See you there!

8. Upcoming Meetings – Week of August 2nd – 6th

- Tree Board Meeting Tuesday, August 3rd at 1:00 PM
- Community Meeting – Sign Code Tuesday, August 3rd at 7:00 PM

The Park Agency meeting scheduled for August 2nd has been cancelled.

The Tourism Board meeting scheduled for August 3rd has been postponed to August 10th.

The Special Council Work Session scheduled for August 5th has been cancelled.

9. Finance Awards

a. Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The City received notification this week that it has received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2010 budget document. This is a national honor and is a significant achievement. To receive the budget award the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation in four categories as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. We are one of only 1200 cities to receive this award. Dawn Masko also received a National Certificate of Recognition.

b. Professional Finance Officer Designations

Congratulations to Juanita Brunzell, Finance Specialist, and Dawn Masko, City Administrator, who received the Washington Finance Officers Association Professional Finance Officer (PFO) designation for 2010. This PFO program provides recognition to members for their continued professional development and achievements in the governmental finance area. Only 200 people were awarded this designation. Juanita is involved with local and national user groups for the City's financial software vendor and continually seeks out opportunities to enhance her accounting knowledge and make improvements to our finance processes to increase efficiencies. This is her 3rd year to receive this award. Dawn has been involved in state and national finance organizations for over 20 years and chairs a state finance committee. This is her 18th year to receive this award.

10. Pierce County Flood Control District Update

Eleven "invocations of jurisdiction" were filed at the Boundary Review Board at Pierce County questioning the boundaries of the proposed Flood Control Zone District. They include: Bonney Lake, Eatonville, Edgewood, Fircrest, Gig Harbor, Lakewood, Key Peninsula Parks District, Milton, Peninsula Metro Parks District, Steilacoom and University Place. In addition, Roy submitted an opposition letter but did not actually file. In terms of process, the hearing will be scheduled for October at the earliest. Cities who did not file with the Boundary Review Board will still be able to testify at the hearing. Pierce County will be giving a presentation in the near future to update the DuPont City Council on this topic and we will continue to stay abreast of continuing developments.

11. Madigan Healthcare Tour

Mayor Tamara Jenkins, City Administrator Dawn Masko, Police Chief Ron Goodpaster, Fire Chief Greg Hull, and Fire Battalion Chief Greg Cooper had the privilege to tour Madigan Healthcare this morning and received a briefing by the Madigan Commander/CEO Colonel Jerry Penner III. The facilities are impressive as are the many awards and national recognition this facility and its staff have received. Arrangements are being made for our Fire personnel to tour (and perhaps participate in a training exercise) at the Andersen Simulation Center – which is one of less than 20 hospitals in the United States to be accredited as a Level 1 (highest level) Education Center. The Simulation Center has state of the art, high-tech, ultra-realistic medical simulation mannequins and is considered an elite training center.

12. Sad News

It is with heavy hearts that we announce that Lorraine Overmyer, DuPont volunteer for over 35 years, passed away this afternoon. Lorraine served as a City Councilmember for sixteen years (from 1976 – 1989 and again from 1994-1997) and was instrumental in the formation of the DuPont Historical Society as well as the establishment of the DuPont Museum. She received the award of Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation from the State's Historic Preservation Office for her work in preserving artifacts from the DuPont Company, organizing the descendents of Fort Nisqually families, and pushing for the historic designation of the Methodist Mission site. Lorraine was the 2009 Grand Marshal of DuPont's 4th of July Parade. Her tireless dedication to the citizens of DuPont will be greatly missed. Service arrangements will be announced at a later time.