



Administrator's Friday Letter

August 21, 2009

1. Bell Hill Community Park Update

A preconstruction meeting for the Bell Hill Community Park was held on Thursday morning at City Hall. The community park is located below the Bell Hill water facility, and will include a play structure, swings, hill-side slides, several picnic tables and benches, and a picnic gazebo. The contractor is scheduled to begin the construction staging next week and anticipates the work will be substantially completed by the end of October or early in November.

2. Crack Sealing on Center Drive to begin Monday, 8/24

We have confirmed with Steilacoom that the crack-sealing work will start on Monday morning, beginning at Center Drive and Steilacoom-DuPont Road and moving westward. A notice has been posted to the City's website, Facebook, and Twitter.

3. 1843 Fort Nisqually Site Celebration this Sunday, 8/23

You won't want to miss out on this year's Fort Nisqually site celebration on Sunday from noon to 4pm. This year's event will be full of displays, activities, demonstrations, and music. You may also wish to enjoy the Nisqually Tribe Salmon Bake. Admission to the celebration is free; the cost for the Salmon Bake is \$10 adults and \$5 children.

4. Parking Citation-Disposition

At a recent Council meeting a statement was made that the City experiences a high rate of dismissed parking citations. The Police Chief has research that issue with the County Court. In 2008 84 citations were issued with 76 being found or pleading guilty. In the first six months of 2009, nine parking citations were issued with six found or pleading guilty, 2 pending, and 1 dismissed. In regard to all traffic related citations, our dismissal rate is lower than most other departments and we have a higher rate of paid citations.

5. Meeting with State Farm Insurance

The City Administrator and Fire Chief met with representatives of State Farm Insurance this week to address their questions about the status of Fire and Ambulance service. The transition in the service delivery model was explained with the likely impact on response time to their facility. State Farm Insurance has 1200 employees in DuPont and is concerned about emergency response capabilities.