



Administrator's Letter

September 9, 2011

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1. Patriot's Day Ceremony (9/11 Remembrance)

This Sunday will mark the passing of ten years since the terrorist attacks on American soil occurred the morning of September 11, 2001. In recognition of those who lost their lives during these attacks and the events following, DuPont citizens will be joining others around the country to recognize what has been declared as "Patriot's Day". A Patriot's Day memorial and commemorative program will be held this Sunday, September 11th beginning at 11:00 AM in the Pioneer Middle School gymnasium located at 1750 Bob's Hollow Lane in DuPont. DuPont Mayor Tamara Jenkins and Pioneer Principal Andre Stout will be the speakers for this event.

Communities and places of worship around the country, including the City of DuPont, will participate in a commemorative ringing of bells and chimes on Sunday in observation of Patriot's Day. As part of this act of national recognition our DuPont Clock Tower will ring out a series of five chimes at each of the following local times which are the exact Eastern Standard times each event occurred:

- 8:46 AM – in remembrance of those who died when American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center.
- 9:03 AM – in remembrance of those who died when United Airlines Flight 175 struck the South Tower of the World Trade Center.
- 9:37 AM – in remembrance of those who died when American Airlines Flight 77 struck the Pentagon.
- 10:030 AM – in remembrance of those who died when United Airlines Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania
- Noon – in remembrance of all those who have lost their lives in acts of terrorism.

As each chime rings out, please stop to remember the significance and honor those lives lost.

2. Other Local 9/11 Events

- West Pierce Fire & Rescue will hold two ceremonies at 7:28 AM on Sunday, which is the moment the North Tower of the World Trade Center collapsed. The ceremonies will be at Station 20, 10928 Pacific Highway S.W., Lakewood and Station 31, 3631 Drexler Drive W., University Place.
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord(JBLM) first responders will make the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with a commemoration flag ceremony on Sunday at Fire Station #1, Building 4100 on JBLM Lewis-Main. The ceremony will begin locally at 8:46 AM. A mixed-service honor guard that includes Soldiers, Airmen, Firefighters and Law Enforcement personnel will raise the flag during the ceremony. The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be former Lakewood police chief and retired military police colonel Larry Saunders. Colonel Thomas Brittain, JBLM Garrison Commander, will make remarks as well.

3. Upcoming Meetings – Week of September 12th – 16th

- Planning Agency Meeting scheduled for September 12th has been cancelled
- Parks Agency Meeting Monday, September 12th at 7:00 PM
- Tourism Board Meeting Tuesday, September 13th at 2:00 PM
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 PM
- Tree Board Neighborhood Walking Tour Thursday, September 15th at 6:00 PM

4. Council Agenda Items – September 13th, 2011

- Presentation: Economic Development Board
- Consent Agenda Items: Council Meeting Minutes; Claims Vouchers; El Rancho Madron Water System Improvement Contract Award
- Discussion: Street Tree Inventory
- New Business: Ordinance Adopting Public Works Standards (Water/Street) – 1st Reading; Ordinance Amending DMC Title 1 – Mayor’s Signing Authority for Easements – 1st Reading

*Detailed information on Council Agenda Items is available on the City’s [website](#).

5. Street Trees – Neighborhood Walking Tour

Join Ruth Williams of Davey Resource Group and members of the DuPont Tree Board for a neighborhood walk as we discuss various issues the City is facing with DuPont’s street trees. Ms. Williams recently completed a street tree inventory for Palisades Village. We will meet in front of Chloe Clark Elementary School (1700 Palisade Blvd.) on Thursday, September 15th at 6:00 PM and go until dark (about 8:00 PM). The walk will commence rain or shine so please dress appropriately.

6. Fire Department Places Ladder Truck in Service

The DuPont City Council recently approved the purchase of a used ladder company from West Pierce Fire & Rescue. Fire Operations Chief Cooper and Lieutenant Creekmore have been busy placing all necessary equipment on Ladder 25 and training all fire personnel on ladder operations. A cross-staffing plan was developed to staff the ladder on all days that had four firefighters on duty (approximately 15-20% of the time). Fire Chiefs Hull and Cooper are researching opportunities to increase the number of days that Ladder 25 is staffed. With the City of DuPont currently having 11 building that are three or four stories tall, it is a great benefit to have a ladder that can reach the 3rd floor for fire operations or rescue. Ladder 25 will be on display at the September 13th Council meeting. Please contact Chief Hull at (253) 405-8048 with any questions or comments.

7. Surplus Wood For Sale

The City of DuPont has declared certain cut wood (not split) as surplus property and has authorized its sale, by lot, to the highest bidder for each of 3 available lots. Available wood is a mix of fir, alder, oak and other wood species cut from fallen trees removed from the City’s parks and trail system. Interested parties may bid on one or all three lots of wood. More information is available on the City’s website under [Public Notices](#).

8. Wear Blue: Run to Remember

The non-profit organization Wear Blue: Run to Remember will honor the 55 military members killed in the Pentagon, and all the Service Members who have given their lives in the aftermath of 9/11 this coming Sunday. “Wear Blue” will hold a special circle of remembrance and run on Sunday, September 11th starting at 7:00 PM at DuPont’s Ross Plaza War Memorial. The groups weekly run, which is seen as a “living memorial”, honors the incredible sacrifice of our nation’s military. Runners and walkers alike are invited to run or walk a 3 mile evening memorial path. Ross Plaza’s War Memorial is located at 1520 Wilmington Drive.

9. JBLM Increases Base Security Prior to 9/11 Anniversary

Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) is tightening security on base in anticipation of the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States. U.S. Northern Command has directed all military installations in the United States to increase base force protection measures. While installation officials will not discuss specifics regarding base security measures, members of the military community and visitors to the base can expect some impacts right away – somewhat slower access to the base, additional vehicles being subjected to inspection, and possible changes to gate hours.

In addition, visitors to the installation will have to meet new requirement in order to enter JBLM:

- U.S. citizens who are not affiliated with DOD must be sponsored by a DOD ID card holder to enter the installation.
- Non-U.S. citizens who want to visit the installation must be sponsored and escorted while on the base by a DOD ID card holder.

10. Parks & Recreation

Please call (253) 912-5245 or go to the City's website at www.ci.dupont.wa.us for registration information, questions on Parks & Recreation activities, or for volunteer opportunities.

- Applications for our upcoming Holiday Bazaar on November 19th are already continuing to come in. Interested vendors are encouraged to visit the City's website and register early. Our bazaar has grown in popularity and spaces do fill fast. Don't delay – register today!
- The Annual Fall Festival is just around the corner! This year's celebration is planned for September 23rd – 25th. Visit www.dupontfallfestival.com for event details. Volunteers are still needed and much appreciated. Please contact Gina Irvin at irvjam@msn.com today!
- Families who love the fall and all of its festivities are encouraged to participate in our upcoming Scarecrow Building competition on Saturday, September 24th in conjunction with our Fall Festival. Plan to bring attire for your Scarecrow and we will provide the rest. (Stands, accessories, hay and all the fixin's!) With football season in full swing, dress the newest member of the family in your favorite team gear to be a sure hit!
- Look out London! Here comes DuPont! As many of you know, London, England is the home of the 2012 Summer Olympics. This exciting event has inspired the Parks & Recreation Agency to host our very own version of the Summer Olympics right here in DuPont! This will be a two day event to include ages 2 thru 102. Enthusiastic volunteers who would like to serve on the planning committee are encouraged to contact Parks & Recreation at (253) 912-5245. Planning for this event will begin in early November.
- DuPont seniors continue to enjoy their Friday Senior Socials. Join local seniors every Friday from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Community Center for coffee, goodies and conversation.
- *On your mark, get set, Register!* Registration is now open for Fall Cross Country. Our Cross Country season runs September 13th thru November 18th. Coach Mark Brinkhaus will be overseeing the program. We hope that many of our spring track participants will participate in fall training. Ages 7-18 are welcome and encouraged to participate. Registration is \$100.
- Fall Yoga sessions are filling fast! We are pleased to announce a new teen session beginning September 12th. Adult flow yoga classes are available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Registration forms are available at www.ci.dupont.wa.us.

- Registration is now open for the Fall Kidz Love Soccer program. This program is open to kids ages 2 thru 10 and occurs Wednesday afternoons at DuPont PowderWorks Park. The fall session begins September 14th and runs thru October 26th. Shin guards are required. Interested families are encouraged to register at www.kidzlovesoccer.com. You may also register at City Hall. The cost for this program is \$62 for a 7 week session.
- Fall Dance schedules are now available on the City's website. The City of DuPont is once again partnering with Dance4Life to offer numerous dance classes at our Community Center. This year we are happy to offer tumbling, teen hip hop, tap, ballet and much more. Classes do fill quickly so please register today to ensure your spot.
- The 4th Annual Santa Breakfast is Saturday, December 3rd. Due to the popularity of this event we have moved the location to the DuPont Fire Department. Santa opens the doors at 9:30 AM. Watch the City's website for more details coming soon.
- Thank you to Shawn McDonald for her service to the Parks & Recreation Agency. The Agency would like to wish her well in her future plans!
- Want to know more? Like us on Facebook at "City of DuPont Parks, Recreation & Tourism".

11. Board and Agency Vacancies

The City is seeking interested residents for appointment to the following board and agencies:

- Planning Agency
- Park & Recreation Agency
- Tree Advisory Board

Eligible applicants must be residents of DuPont for at least one year. Please submit a letter of interest that includes your relevant professional experience, your reasons for desiring to be appointed to this position, and your thoughts on the most significant issues relevant to the agency facing the City in both the short and long term. Submit application materials together with a copy of your resume to the City Clerk at DuPont City Hall, 1700 Civic Drive, DuPont, WA 98327.

12. Community Development Update

- The final commercial design decision for the Liberty Inn Hotel Expansion project was issued on September 1st. It is available on the City website under [Planning Decisions/Staff Reports](#).
- Thank you to all of the participants in the Groundwater Roundtable meeting. Information and presentations from the meeting are available on the City's website or at this [link](#).

13. Auditor's Saturday Fair

The Pierce County Auditor's office will be open on Saturday, September 17th from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM to accept passport applications and to provide marriage, pet, vehicle and boat licensing services. The office is located at the Pierce County Annex at 2401 So. 35th St., Room 200 in Tacoma. The Auditor holds two Saturday fairs each year to help accommodate people who are busy during normal operating hours. They are anticipating that 300 citizens will access the services on Saturday. Come ready with what you need to bring. Visit www.piercecountywa.org/auditor or call (253) 798-7445 (Passports, Marriage, and Pet Licensing) or (253) 798-7547 (Vehicle and Vessel Licensing) for more information.

14. National Preparedness Month

September is officially here and Pierce County Department of Emergency Management (PC-DEM) is excited to announce the start of National Preparedness Month – “A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare”. The public education section has great activities planned for National Preparedness Month.

- Check out the **Pierce County Emergency Management 2011 National Preparedness Month webpage** at www.piercecountywa.gov/preparednessmonth.
- **Pledge to Prepare Challenge.** PC-DEM is asking residents of Pierce County to make the pledge to: build or update your disaster kit; write or update your family disaster plan; or get involved in disaster response in your community. To make your pledge visit the website listed above and click on the pledge form.
- Watch the **9/11 special on PCTV** (Channel 22/78) airing September 1 – 13 at 7:30 AM and 7:30 PM. The show reflects on the tragedy of 9/11 and how preparedness has changed in Pierce County.
 - YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKp_KKhld4A
 - PC users: <http://pcn110901.s3.amazonaws.com/PCN110901WS2.wmv>
 - Mac users: <http://pcn110901.s3.amazonaws.com/PCN110901WS2.mp4>
- Follow us on **Facebook** at www.facebook.com/piercecountydem. Each day during National Preparedness Month we will be posting a preparedness action step.
- **Drop, Cover and Hold** on September 21st at 10:15 AM for the state-wide earthquake drill.
- The distribution of the **2012 “Who Depends on You” Emergency Preparedness Calendar.** Students from Pierce County schools submitted their artwork for this year’s calendar.

Please visit the PC-DEM website for much more of what they have going on during National Preparedness Month.

15. Free Home and Garden Workshops

Get your home and garden ready for colder weather by attending free workshops where green living experts will teach the basics of weathering your home for energy savings, preparing your garden for fall planting, home composting and making your own rain barrels.

Workshops are open to Tacoma and Pierce County residents. This schedule is subject to change and space is limited, so please register in advance at www.cityoftacoma.org/EnviroHouse or call (253) 573-2426. Workshops may be canceled due to lack of participant registrations.

September 10 th	Yard Waste & Worm Bin Composting	10:30 AM
September 11 th	Rain Barrels: How to Make & Maintain	1:30 PM
September 17 th	Weatherize: Energy-Saving Window Options	10:30 AM
September 18 th	Fall Planting & Winter Garden Prep	1:30 PM
September 24 th	Solatube Natural Daylight & Self Install Demo	10:30 AM

The EnviroHouse is located at the Tacoma Landfill, 3510 So. Mullen Street.