



# Administrator's Letter

## June 17, 2011

Dawn Masko, City Administrator



### 1. Traffic Safety Grant

The City of DuPont and Steilacoom Historical School District combined their efforts and have received a \$7,500 grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission. The grant will fund the installation of two school zone flashing beacons on Palisade Boulevard in the area of Chloe Clark Elementary. "We have a strong and positive relationship with the City of DuPont Police and Public Works. It paid off in our grant application effort," said John Cohen, Director of District Communications and Emergency Preparedness for the School District.

Police Chief Ron Goodpaster and his staff conducted a traffic study and provided accident statistics that showed the need for the grant funds. Public Works Director Peter Zahn consulted on the project with input on sign placement and equipment options. This project will provide additional safety for students and their families who walk to and from the elementary school each day.

### 2. Military Community Covenant

Communities neighboring Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) are conducting the first meeting of the Elected Officials Council of the South Sound Military & Communities Partnership (SSMCP) from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at the McGavick Conference Center on the campus of Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood. The meeting will culminate with a signing ceremony of the Military Community Covenant. The event will open with an Army band performing the National Anthem and introductory remarks from Lakewood Mayor Doug Richardson, Pierce County Executive Pat McCarthy, and Thurston County Commissioner Karen Valenzuela.



Army and Air Force senior commanders, including Lt. General Curtis "Mike" Scapparrotti, I Corps Commanding General, and Col. Richard G. Moore, Vice Commander of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, will be in attendance for the signing of the Military Community Covenant. The Covenant is designed to foster and sustain effective state and community partnerships with the services to improve the quality of life for service members and their families, both at their current duty stations and as they transfer to other states. It is a formal commitment of support by state and local communities to Active, Guard and Reserve service members and their families.

The SSMCP provides a framework for collaboration with local governments, military installations, State and Federal agencies to better coordinate efforts in areas such as military relations, transportation and land use planning, environment protection, emergency preparedness, data coordination, grant applications, health care coordination, population forecasting, workforce, education, housing and community development, economic development, and other issues that may arise. City Administrator Dawn Masko serves on the SSMCP Steering Committee.

### 3. Electric Vehicle Facilities Ordinance

The Planning Agency will hold a public hearing to take testimony on a draft ordinance regarding electric vehicle facilities on June 27, 2011 at 7:00 PM. The staff report and draft ordinance are posted on the City website under [Planning - Staff Reports](#).

#### **4. Planning Agency Vacancy**

The City is seeking interested residents for appointment to the City's volunteer Planning Agency. 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 planning issues facing the City in both the short and long term, to the City Clerk at City Hall, 1700 Civic Drive, DuPont, WA 98327.

#### **5. New Fireworks Rules**

The DuPont Police and Fire Departments want to help keep families safe this Independence Holiday and make citizens aware of the code changes that take effect this year for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. In the City of DuPont it is only legal to discharge fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> between the hours of Noon and Midnight. It is illegal to discharge fireworks on any public property, including streets, sidewalks and public parks. Illegal fireworks in DuPont are firecrackers, bottle rockets and individual missiles and rockets, cherry bombs, and any altered or homemade fireworks. Legal fireworks in DuPont include roman candles, cones and fountains, reloadable tubes and multiple aerals. A comprehensive list of legal fireworks devices and illegal explosive devices can be found [here](#).

The City encourages its residents to have a safe and fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July and enjoy the liberty of discharging fireworks in DuPont, but please do so safely and with consideration for others and within the limitations of City law. Please contact the Police Department (253-964-7060) or the Fire Department (253-964-8414) for additional information.

#### **6. Upcoming Meetings – Week of June 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Parks Agency Meeting Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- City Council Workshop scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled

#### **7. Tentative Settlement Agreement Public Meeting**

It is anticipated that a press release regarding a tentative settlement agreement negotiated during confidential settlement discussions between the Department of Ecology, CalPortland, the City of DuPont, and an environmental coalition will be released in mid-June. A public meeting to hear presentations from the parties involved regarding the tentative agreement is scheduled for Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Additional details will be available in the near future on the City's website.

#### **8. Parks & Recreation**

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

- Many thanks to all the families who participated in last week's Banana Split Family Fun Run. Congratulations to all participants and best of luck at Wednesday's meet at Sparks Stadium in Puyallup!
- The July 4<sup>th</sup> planning committee is pleased to announce Bert Wyant as the Grand Marshal of this year's parade! Mr. Wyant has been a dedicated volunteer, friend and advocate for the City of DuPont and it is an honor to have him lead our parade. Congratulations!
- Visit the Parks & Recreation booth at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration to learn about upcoming summer and fall events and programs, including the new Youth Council. While you are there, be sure to spin the wheel for great prizes!

- As is our annual tradition, the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration begins with the ROA sponsored Pancake Breakfast starting at 8:00 AM. Proceeds from the breakfast benefit the Historical Society. Thanks to the Forever Young Seniors who lovingly prepare our pancakes each year.
- School is official over but it is not too late to sign up for summer sports camps. The City is again partnering with Skyhawks and Challenger Soccer to offer baseball, basketball, flag football, and soccer camps.
- Got Junk? The semi-annual yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Any unsold items can be donated to the Goodwill donation center at Chloe Clark Elementary between the hours of noon – 5:00 PM. Friends of the DuPont Library will also be on site to collect any gently used books. This event is sponsored by Northwest Landing ROA. Please visit [www.nwlandingroa.org](http://www.nwlandingroa.org) for more details.
- Calling all Seniors to the Senior Potluck on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the DuPont Community Center (located at 303 Barksdale) in Historic DuPont. Join other seniors in the community at 4:00 PM for appetizers, with dinner to follow at 5:00 PM. Seniors are encouraged to bring an appetizer, salad, entrée or dessert. Bring a friend and join in the fun! , Please contact your potluck coordinators for additional information: Hazel Printz 912-9764; Louise Bollman 756-6959; or Carol Estep 964-2636.
- Join other baseball enthusiasts on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> for the City of DuPont Parks & Recreation Day at Cheney Stadium. The cost is \$12 per participant and includes a reserved Tacoma Rainiers game ticket, ballpark meal, game program, and a special autograph session after the game. Cheer on the Rainiers as they take on the Sacramento Rivercats! Participants may reserve their seat by contacting Parks & Recreation. Transportation to and from Cheney Stadium is not provided.
- Are you wanting to host a birthday party or special occasion outside this summer? Consider reserving one of our City parks or picnic shelters. Dates are filling up fast! Please contact (253) 964-8121 to inquire about availability.
- Visit our website for information on other programs and events including Yoga, Cheerleading, Dance4Life, Karate, and more!

## 9. Tourism Update

- The Home Course in DuPont is pleased to host the Washington State Women's Amateur Golf Championship on June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. The field is made up of 86 players, with 44 women competing for the Amateur Championship and 42 women vying for the Senior Amateur Championship. Both championships will be contested over 54 holes of individual stroke play.
- In the Amateur Championship, three-time WSGA Junior Girls' Player of the Year and two-time WSGA Women's Player of the Year, Erynne Lee of Silverdale will lead a strong field of contenders. Lee, who just qualified for the U.S. Women's Open was co-medalist at last year's U.S. Women's Amateur and went on to make the quarterfinals. Admission to the championship is free. Additional information can be found at [www.thewsga.org](http://www.thewsga.org).
- The Tourism Board is seeking volunteers to serve on a committee to help preserve the Heirloom Orchard in DuPont. The committee hopes to parallel the efforts of the Curran Apple Orchard in University Place. Interested volunteers are asked to contact DuPont Parks & Recreation at (253) 912-5245.

- The first planning committee meeting for the Fall Festival is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM. Interested in helping to plan this event? Contact Fall Festival Volunteer Coordinator Gina Irvin at [irvjam@msn.com](mailto:irvjam@msn.com).
- Calling all car enthusiasts! Start your engines for the Third Annual Car Show at Clocktower Park on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. All makes and models are encouraged to attend. Carr's and Farrelli's will be offering BBQ burgers and lasagna throughout the day. This event is proudly co-sponsored by the City of DuPont's Tourism Board and Northwest Landing ROA.
- Want to know more? Like us on Facebook at "City of DuPont Parks, Recreation & Tourism" or visit us at [www.visitdupont.com](http://www.visitdupont.com).

## 10. Bicycle Safety

The DuPont Fire Department has sold over 60 bicycle helmets at various events over the past two weeks. The Fire Department is placing heavy emphasis on bicycle safety as the summer approaches. (See – we are trying to remain optimistic about the weather!) The Fire Department, in cooperation with the Safe Kids Coalition, is selling bicycle helmets to the public at the bargain price of \$7.00 each. The helmets can be purchased at the DuPont Fire Station from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM every day of the week. Helmets will also be available at various events in the City throughout the summer season. Firefighters will be carrying "Safe Rider Citations" that they will hand out to anyone they encounter wearing a bicycle helmet. The Safe Rider Citation entitles the bicycle rider to get one free McDonald's Vanilla Reduced Fat Ice Cream Cone for practicing safe rider habits. For more information, contact the DuPont Fire Department at (253) 964-8414.

## 11. Pierce County Ballot Drop Box

You may have noticed that a new Pierce County ballot drop box is now located at Ross Plaza Park. The new drop box was installed as part of the County's efforts to prepare for mail-only voting. During the upcoming election, DuPont residents will be able to return their completed ballots either by sending them via regular mail or by placing their ballots in the newly installed drop box. The drop box is centrally located near the curb along the roadway to allow voters to drive up and drop their ballots into the cabinet (similar to the US Post Office's drive-up mail drop boxes).

The voter drop box will soon feature an inspirational quote which was provided by the winners of the "Spirit of Democracy – Words of Wisdom Quote Contest" which was launched by the Pierce County Auditor's Office. City staff coordinated our local contest with 7<sup>th</sup> graders from Mr. Madsen's history classes at Pioneer Middle School. The selected quote is "The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter" by Dwight D. Eisenhower. Many thanks to all of the students who participated, with special acknowledgement to Josh T., Skylar J., Zoe B., Tayler S., Huy H., Jeremy A., Alexis O., Lisajane G., Amanda M., Gavin G., and Daniel P. who all submitted the winning quote.

## 12. Interpretive Signs Coming to DuPont

A new addition to DuPont's trail system will soon enhance both resident's and visitor's experiences as they walk the unique trails in our community. Interpretive signs are in the process of being developed and will be great viewers at trailheads and identify and interpret DuPont's history along trails and pathways throughout DuPont. Designed by August Elements, the signs will be completed in phases, with the first in the series placed along the Sequalitchew Creek Trail. The signs are designed to complement the current Trail Map Series. The funding for the interpretive signs is through Lodging Tax proceeds, which support projects related to promoting tourism. DuPont's interpretive signs are a collaboration between the DuPont Museum, Tourism Board, Parks and Recreation Agency, Planning Agency, and members of the community.

### 13. Flood Hazard Plan Public Meetings

Pierce County Public Works and Utilities is hosting public meetings in June to present information about the projects and programs that will be recommended in the Rivers Flood Hazard Management Plan and discuss how the plan will be completed and implemented. The plan will address flood hazard issues on Pierce County's seven major rivers. It will include policies, programs, and projects designed to reduce risks and property losses associated with flooding and channel migration.

This is the final round of public meetings focused on the plan before the draft is released in fall 2011. All meetings are from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM with a presentation from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Meetings will be held at the following locations:

- June 20<sup>th</sup> Fife High School 5616 – 20<sup>th</sup> St. E., Fife
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> Eatonville High School 302 Mashell Ave. N., Eatonville
- June 28<sup>th</sup> Lakewood Community Center 9112 Lakewood Dr. SW, Lakewood

County staff will be available to listen to comments and answer questions. An activity table will be provided for children and attendees will be entered in a raffle to win a free emergency radio.

Information about the Pierce County Rivers Flood Hazard Management Plan can be found at [www.piercecountywa.org/floodplan](http://www.piercecountywa.org/floodplan). For more information about the meetings, or to provide comments on the plan, contact Melissa Paulson at (253) 798-4686 or [mpaulso@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:mpaulso@co.pierce.wa.us).

### 14. Political Campaign Signs

Election season often prompts questions and concerns about placement of political signs. A sign permit is not required if the political campaign sign is located on private property or on the planting strip between the sidewalk and the street when the planting strip is immediately adjacent to the sign owner's property. Signs shall not be larger than 8 square feet in size; may be no taller than 4.5 feet if placed in the landscape strip; and may be up to 7 feet tall if located at least 10 feet behind the front property line.

Signs must be removed within five working days following an election, except signs of a candidate who is successful in a primary election which may remain until the final election. Signs remaining five working days following an election are subject to removal. Signs are not allowed on public streets (other than noted above), public parks, roundabouts, and other City properties. Additional information is located in DuPont Municipal Code 25.115.040(3).

### 15. Young Eagles Free Flight Session

Parents and guardians can sign up students ages 8 to 17 for a free flight session at the annual Young Eagles rally on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Pierce County Airport (Thun Field) in Puyallup. Volunteer pilots from Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 326 will take students into the skies in hopes of fueling students' enjoyment of flying. Space is limited and participants are encouraged to reserve a time slot in advance at [www.eaa326.org/ye.htm](http://www.eaa326.org/ye.htm) and click on "Online Scheduling for 2011". The event is from 9 AM to 3:30 PM.

### 16. Tiptoe Through Tidepools

Bring your family to explore the beach, learn about tide pool life and have lots of fun during one of the lowest tides of the year! Get an up close look and feel for the marine life at Titlow Beach on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 3:00 PM. Touch tanks and low-tide exploration provide fun for the whole family to enjoy. For more information call (253) 591-6439 or visit [Tacoma Nature Center](#).