

# The VILLAGER

May 2003

A City Newsletter for the DuPont Community – Published by the City of DuPont

## TOWN HALL MEETING with Pierce County Councilman Paul Bocchi

“The Role of Pierce County in DuPont”

Saturday, May 31, 2003

10:00 AM to Noon

City Hall



## CONVERSATION & COFFEE

Thursday, May 29

7:00 PM at City Hall

Hosted by Mike McAuliffe. Mike has served as the City's representative to the Rainier Communications Commission (RCC). The RCC is a regional approach to telecommunications created in 1992 through an interlocal agreement. The county and 15 Pierce County cities participate. Topic: **Cable TV and High Speed Internet Access.**

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE** I will be visiting neighborhoods on the following dates and times. If you have the opportunity, please bring your lawn chair and come talk with me.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, I will be in my office at City Hall during the hours listed. Also, if you would like to make a specific appointment to meet with me, please give me a call or send an email. **964-1433 or [pdrost@ci.dupont.wa.us](mailto:pdrost@ci.dupont.wa.us).**

Saturday, June 14, 11 to noon, village green, 1900 block of Braget St.

Saturday, June 14, 2 to 3 PM, village green at McNeil and Jensen

Saturday, July 12, 11 AM to noon, gazebo next to museum

Saturday, July 12, 2 to 3 PM, village green, 2200 block of Palisade Blvd

Sunday, July 13, 2 to 3 PM, Clock Tower Village Green near Big Toy

## Change at City Hall

Our City Administrator, Stephen Dinger, resigned his full-time duties on April 15 for health reasons. Stephen was dedicated to accountability and integrity in public service and continuity and teamwork in service delivery. His attention to detail, his eye on the future and his quiet, thoughtful leadership served our ever-changing city very well. Thank you, Stephen. His position will not be permanently filled at this time. A temporary, interim city administrator will be appointed in the near future.

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## West Nile Virus: What is happening in Pierce County

### Information provided by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

By now you have probably heard about the West Nile virus that is making its way from the East Coast to the West Coast. The virus has now been detected in 44 states including Washington. Last fall, two birds collected as part of a state-wide dead bird surveillance effort tested positive for the virus. The disease was also confirmed in two horses. Currently, we have **no** reports of human cases in Washington State.

Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on birds infected with the virus. Infected mosquitoes can then transmit West Nile virus to humans and animals while biting to take blood. During blood feeding, the virus may be injected into the animal or human, where it may multiply, possibly causing illness. Not all mosquitoes are collecting mosquitoes to identify the species. Only certain species are capable of transmitting the virus. In addition, the Health Department is testing birds to determine if they are infected with the virus. To date, the test results have been **negative** for any West Nile virus within Pierce County.

The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department has established a telephone number (253-798-6578) that you can call to get additional information on West Nile virus and to report dead birds that have died of no apparent cause. Some of the suggestions they have to protect yourself include:

- Wear long sleeves, long pants, and a hat when going into mosquito-infested area, such as woodlands or wetlands.
- Stay indoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active and use DEET repellent (milder versions for kids are available). Remember to apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin and spray clothing with repellent.
- Make sure doors and windows have screens and are sealed tightly.
- Empty all containers that can hold water and breed mosquitoes. Change water in birdbaths, fountains, wading pools and animal troughs weekly.
- Make sure roof gutters drain properly, and clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall.

*For more information, or to report dead birds, contact the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department's 24 hour West Nile Virus Hotline at 253-798-6578.*



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## UPCOMING CITY EVENTS:

May	20 ...	Citizens' Advisory Committee (7PM City Hall)
	22 ...	Garden Design Seminar (7PM City Hall)
	26 ...	Memorial Day — City Hall Closed
	27 ...	City Council Meeting (7PM City Hall)
	29 ...	Conversation & Coffee (7PM City Hall)
	31 ...	Town Hall Meeting with County Councilmember Paul Bocchi (10AM City Hall)
June	4 ...	Civil Service Commission Meeting (6PM City Hall)
	17 ...	Ice Cream Social (1:30PM Sellers Lake Park)
	10 ...	City Council Meeting (7PM City Hall)
	24 ...	City Council Meeting (7PM City Hall)

## YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Penny Drost — 964-1433 or pdrost@ci.dupont.wa.us  
 Councilmember Bob Barro — 912-0201 or bbarro@ci.dupont.wa.us  
 Councilmember Bonnie Potts — 964-1626 or bpotts@ci.dupont.wa.us  
 Councilmember Steve Young — 964-2495 or syoung@ci.dupont.wa.us  
 Councilmember Tamara Jenkins — 964-8121 ext 361  
 or tjenkins@ci.dupont.wa.us

## FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

City Hall (information) 964-8121  
 Planning Department 912-5388  
 Public Works 912-5381  
 Building Department 912-5387  
 Fire Department 964-8414  
 Police Department 964-7060  
 (Always call 911 in an emergency)

### DUPONT SCHOOL NEWS

**Kiwanis K-Kids Club of DuPont chartered at Chloe Clark**  
This program engages 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in developing self-esteem, leadership skills and respect for others through involvement in community service projects. DuPont children who serve as officers of the club are:

Ryan Russell, President  
Jaeger Snyder, Vice President  
Natalya Latin, Secretary  
Kendall Avery, Treasurer  
Zac Newton, Sergeant at Arms  
Jacob Marshall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Representative  
Yasmina Yeager, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative

Kudos to Chloe Clark, DuPont Kiwanis, the K-Kids and their parents.

### Attention DuPont Parents of Preschoolers

Registration is now underway for the free preschool offered at Cherrydale Primary School in Steilacoom for the 2003-04 school year. Children who turn four by August 31, 2003, and who are from families meeting the federal low-income guidelines are eligible. Please contact the Steilacoom ECEAP office at 983-2565 for more information.

### SLOW CHILDREN PLAYING

**Please observe the speed limit**  
Now that the weather is nice and children are outside playing, parents are contacting City Hall with concerns about drivers exceeding the speed limit on neighborhood streets.

**The speed limit on all streets in DuPont is 25 mph** except Center Drive, which is 35 mph.

Lately, several residents have experienced theft of lawn ornaments or other articles from their yards. Typically, this occurs during the hours of darkness. The best response is prevention.

### Here are some tips to prevent or capture the culprits:

- Be aware of suspicious activities in your neighborhood. Chances are you already know when something or someone is out of place and that is a good time to consider calling 9-1-1. The DuPont Police Department would prefer responding to a call that turns out to be unfounded than to later find out we should have been called.
- Watch out for your neighbor. If you know that your neighbor is going on vacation, keep an extra watch on their residence.
- Consider keeping expensive articles in a secure area. Patrol officers frequently observe unsecured items such as bicycles, lawn ornaments or other items of value on a citizen's property that criminals would love to steal if given the opportunity. Most criminals steal what can be stolen with the least amount of effort. Don't make it easy for them.



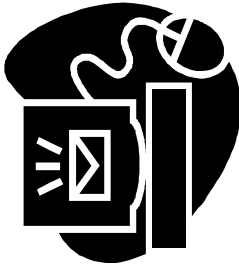
**UTILITY  
BILLS** Please be aware that the bi-monthly City utility bills have been mailed. The payment is due

upon receipt, but past due charges will not be assessed until the first of June. If you have not received your utility bill, please call the utility billing desk at 912-5398 and a new bill will be sent to you. **It is still the account holders responsibility to have the bill paid by the end of the month.**

### **Intel Grant Provides New Technology**

The City of DuPont received a \$47,000 grant from Intel Corporation to help meet the technology needs of our growing city. The grant will allow the City to replace outdated equipment, provide new workstations, laptops, servers, and software, as well as other equipment to improve the City's network infrastructure. The grant also supports training for City employees on computing basics, troubleshooting and support.

Intel opened its doors in DuPont in 1996. The primary mission of the Washington site is engineering research and development with a focus on enterprise platforms, including high-end servers and workstations using Intel Xeon and Itanium 2 processors. Engineers in DuPont also help design chipsets, desktop systems and computer diagnostic tools.



Since coming to Washington, Intel has made more than \$6 million in grants and donations to the community, mostly in support of education. Intel also contributed \$250,000 to support technology development at Chloe Clark Elementary School.

### **New Volunteer Fire Fighters Sworn In Congratulations & Thank You!**

On Wednesday evening, May 7, four DuPont citizens were sworn in as the City's newest volunteer fire fighters. These remarkable people are Christopher Bowl, Rob Gramlich, Alan Lane and Lesley Searle. These four individuals successfully completed rigorous training and gave up their Saturdays for the last four months. They join Bob Bartro, Dave Prather, Eric Sadlon, Gina Hooft and Dan Potts as the dedicated volunteer fire staff who serve our city from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Congratulations to Christopher, Rob, Alan and Lesley -- and thank you to all our volunteer fire fighters.



### **Now is your opportunity to invest in our past as well as in our future.**

The DuPont Historical Society and DuPont Museum Steering Committee are asking **ALL** of our residents to participate in the complete Restoration and Renovation of our Historic Powder Train.

We need, not only your funds, but also your skills, track layers, carpenters, sanders, painters and most of all laborers.

We want to make this a DuPont Community Project and we want to start immediately.

A museum representative will be calling on you for your tax deductible donation of any amount.

#### **For more information call**

Bert Wyant: 964-8015

Gary Lucas: 912-5903

Fred Foreman: 964-1535

Mike Richards: 964-1472

Independence Day is intended to celebrate our great nation and to have a great time with our family and friends. A natural part of our history is to celebrate that time with fireworks. While they may be enjoyable, they can also be dangerous when illegal fireworks are used or legal fireworks are used improperly.

### **FIREWORKS AND THE LAW IN DuPONT**

The best advice is to attend fireworks shows hosted by a professional pyrotechnical crew. If you still want to have your own show, please be aware of the following DuPont Municipal Code Ordinance:

- DuPont Municipal Code 9.12 (excerpts)
- No person shall use fireworks within DuPont except from twelve noon on July 2<sup>nd</sup> to eleven PM on July 4<sup>th</sup> of any year. More severe restrictions may be placed by City Council.
  - Any person found guilty of violating this chapter may be fined \$50.00 or community service in the city for 30 days or both.

Persons improperly using fireworks may also face additional criminal charges of assault, arson, reckless endangerment, reckless burning or other criminal charges related to the Revised Code of Washington as a result of improper use of fireworks depending on the circumstances.

All too often we see on the news that someone has been seriously injured or killed as a result of carelessness with fireworks. Let's not read about you becoming the next statistic.



**Only "Safe & Sane" fireworks are allowed in DuPont.**

### **CIVIL SERVICE MEETINGS CHANGED**

The City of DuPont now has a full three member Civil Service Commission following the appointment of two new Commissioners. The Commission has voted to change the regularly scheduled meeting time and dates. The City Council approved this change by Ordinance at their meeting on April 22, 2003. The Civil Service Commission will regularly meet at City Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. These meetings are always open to the public.

### **HEY KIDS, COME CELEBRATE THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!**

Build your own Ice Cream Sundae!

Tuesday, June 17 — 1:30 PM  
Sellers Lake Park



Bring your balls, gloves, etc. Stay to play volleyball, baseball, basketball, and soccer — Climb the Big Toy or just hang out with friends. We need adults and teenagers to help scoop out the ice cream and toppings. Please call Pauline at 964-5939 to volunteer. Sponsored by the DuPont Park Agency.

### **THANK YOU**

The City of DuPont would like to thank Ron Laughlin for volunteering his time and efforts to provide free tax support to the citizen of DuPont.

Thank you, also, to the Over the Hill Gang for their donation to the City for \$500.00. The Over the Hill Gang organized the annual VolksMarch that was held on March 22, 2003.

### **IT'S A NEW LOOK ... BUT IT'S STILL The VILLAGER**

The City recently renewed its lease with Ricoh for a copier. We now have the capability of producing a mailable Villager without the necessity of sending it to the printer, thus saving the City money. Our copier will now print, sort, fold, and staple The Villager. However, to accomplish this, we needed to change the format.

*We hope you enjoy it!*



### EGG HUNT A SUCCESS!

The City's annual Egg Hunt was another astounding success. Over 550 people participated in the event and the children gathered 5,000 stuffed eggs! The Bunny was on hand to greet the children and bestow gifts. Volunteers handed out stuffed animals and made sure every child had enough eggs. This event is totally organized with volunteers. The Egg Hunt success can be attributed to their efforts and the many donations received. The City is ***extremely grateful*** for the many volunteers, those people who made donations but did not leave their names, City staff, and to the following:

- Ray Miller, Event Chair
- Alvie & Pauline Short
- Chris Rady
- Shirkey Family
- Katja Romine
- Alyssa Shrader
- Matthew Olson
- Rosewood Homes/Hometown Housekeeping
- Ronda Carlsen
- Bryan & Tina Rau
- John Dane (Dhane Orthodoxontics)
- DuPont Dental
- Samantha Widell
- Quadrant
- Penny Coffey
- Bob Barro
- Penny Drost
- Melinda Schou
- Tina Gopon
- Nicole Dabkowski
- Department Heads at City Hall
- Dawn Smith
- Scott Hein
- Glacier Northwest
- Subway
- Clock Tower Village Apartments
- Robyn's Nest
- Better Business Bureau
- Big Town Hero
- Starbucks
- Julie and James Nauman
- Michael Rorick
- DuPont Employees' Assoc.
- DuPont Firefighters
- Heidi Lee Massage
- Steve Young
- Mike McAuliffe
- Guest House Suites
- Crystal's Daycare
- Tamara Jenkins
- Andrew Everett

### Garden Design Seminar Sponsored by DuPont's Gardening Fools Club and the DuPont Park Agency

Are you one of those people who buys Sunset or other gardening magazines, rips the articles out and puts them away somewhere to use when you need them sometime? Or do you have lots of ideas but don't know how to put them together? Better yet, are you a new homeowner with no idea what to do with your yard?

Well, we, the Gardening Fools Club, just might have the answer! Seattle-based garden designer Pamela Richards Garden Design will be at City Hall on Thursday, May 22, 2003, at 7:00 PM for a two-hour presentation, with slides, speaking on garden design. If you attended this year's Northwest Flower & Garden Show, you may have spoken with Pamela or admired her garden design.

This year's show was Pamela's fourth. She has received Gold Awards, and the People's Choice Award. Pamela has designed public and private gardens for twelve years.



We invite you to join us with your ideas and questions. To help defray expenses, a small donation will be requested at the door. We look forward to meeting more gardening fools! **Our thanks to the DuPont Park Agency for helping sponsor our events.**

### GARDEN TOUR

Join the DuPont Gardening Fools as we caravan to the open house at Heronswood Nursery on Kitsap Peninsula on Saturday, May 31. Heronswood Nursery is one of the gems of the Pacific Northwest gardening scene. Led by renowned plantsman Dan Hinkley, visitors can find both a wide assortment of unique perennials, shrubs, and trees, as well as an incredible demonstration garden surrounding Dan's home.

We will rendezvous at 8:30 AM in the Barksdale Station parking lot across from Starbucks and caravan up together. Maps will be available in case we get separated. Lunch reservations have been made for 12 at Molly Ward Gardens near Poulsbo.

Please RSVP to [brallier@terragissolutions.com](mailto:brallier@terragissolutions.com) by May 23 if you want to join us for lunch.