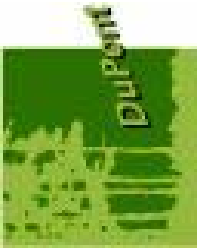


# News From City Hall

City of DuPont  
October 2003



## School Boundary Forum

Oct. 27 - 7:00 p.m.

Chloe Clark  
School

Thank you to all the volunteers who have gone door-to-door in support of Steilacoom School District's petition to serve all of DuPont's children. Special thanks to Mike Winkler and Mike Walts for leading the charge and Bridget King for training and background. For an update and more information, please attend the forum on Oct. 27 at Chloe Clark School. Thank you residents for supporting: **One Great City and One Great School District!**

I am pleased to report that your volunteer and career fire fighters, spouses and friends worked hard to paint the fire station – saving the City money. Our Public Works staff helped to prepare the building for painting. This was a terrific team effort and the station looks great.

Thanks also to a great group of citizens from Bay Colony, chaired by Jim Skinner, who volunteered to weed and trim a section of the Center Drive median.

If you have any questions about City services, please feel welcome to contact me, a councilmember or City staff. Contact information is always included in our newsletter to let you know we are here to help.

**Mayor Penny Drost**

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## Museum Fair Exhibit on Display at City Hall

Thanks to the talents of DuPont artist Elizabeth Miller, the City Hall Council Chambers now has a wonderful historical display panel. Elizabeth created the display for the Puyallup Fair this year as part of a county-wide exhibit by small museums. Stop by City Hall and feel DuPont's rich past come alive.

## Fall Family Storytimes

Stories, finger plays and movement games especially for pre-schoolers, but all ages welcome. Thursdays through November 13 - 1:30 p.m. - Clock Tower Village Apartment Club House. Another great service provided to DuPont's children by the Pierce County Library System.

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### UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

- |     |        |                                                                           |
|-----|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oct | 21 ... | Neighborhood Watch Meeting (7PM Chloe Clark School)                       |
|     | 23 ... | Budget Workshop Meeting (7PM City hall)                                   |
|     | 27 ... | Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall)                                   |
|     | 27 ... | <b>Steilacoom School District Boundary Forum (7PM Chloe Clark School)</b> |
|     | 28 ... | City Council Meeting (7PM City Hall)                                      |
| Nov | 3 ...  | Parks Agency Meeting (7PM City hall)                                      |
|     | 5 ...  | Civil Service Meeting (6PM City Hall)                                     |
|     | 10 ... | Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall)                                   |
|     | 11 ... | Veterans' Day — City Hall Closed                                          |
|     | 12 ... | City Council Meeting (7PM City Hall)                                      |
|     | 24 ... | Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall)                                   |
|     | 25 ... | City Council Meeting (7PM City Hall)                                      |

### YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Penny Drost	964-1433 or pdrost@ci.dupont.wa.us
Councilmember Bob Bartro	912-0201 or bbartro@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 Penny Coffey	964-8769 or pcoffey@ci.dupont.wa.us
Councilmember Roger Westman	964-8121 or rwestman@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
Website	www.ci.dupont.wa.us
(Always call 911 in an emergency)	

## Halloween Safety

Halloween should be a fun and exciting time for children; however, a few simple points of safety should be observed. The National Safety Council includes the following in a long list of safety tips:

- ◆ Motorists need to watch for children walking on the roadway or darting between cars;
- ◆ Parents should make sure that younger children are well supervised;
- ◆ Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route;
- ◆ Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home;
- ◆ Costumes should be made from fire-retardant materials and, if children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials with strips of reflective tape; and
- ◆ Masks can obstruct a child's vision, so use facial make-up instead.



The most important thing to remember is that your children should have a safe and happy Halloween.

## Wear that helmet!



It is very important that children are as safe as they can be while riding bicycles. It is required in DuPont that they wear protective helmets. Helmets are available at the Fire Station at 303 Louviers Avenue. Come by anytime between 7:00 A.M. and 7: P.M. and one of the Firefighters will help get the right fit. Please call (253) 964 8414 first, to be certain they are not on a call. The cost is \$5.00, yet the Firefighters will make sure no child is without the safety of a helmet.

**FINANCE/UTILITY BILLING WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, October 27, 2003, for a software upgrade.  
Payments can be placed at the payment drop box at the front door of City Hall.**

## Annual Halloween Bash for Kids

The Park Agency, Northwest Landing ROA, and Chloe Clark PTA will be hosting a Harvest Festival on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Chloe Clark Elementary. It will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

There will be a costume contest for ghouls and princesses of all ages! Magician Jeff Evans will be performing some "wicked" tricks. The Chloe Clark PTA will be hosting their Scholastic Book Fair Family Night in the library. Bob for apples and make some festive fall crafts!



Come and support our community organizations and have some fun! If you would like to volunteer or have questions, call Amy Walker at 964-5915 or Suzanne Schenck at 912-5759.



## DuPont Gardening Fools Club

Programs presented by the gardening club are sponsored by the DuPont Park Agency and open to all interested residents. Club members meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Clock Tower Apartments Club House. Contact persons is Sara Braillier at [braillier@terragissolutions.com](mailto:braillier@terragissolutions.com)

## Fire Safety: Hot Summers to Cold Winters

It was just a couple of weeks ago that air conditioners were whirring all day, challenged by one of the hottest summers of all time. The greatest risk to our homes was probably the chance of a brush fire buffeting glowing embers into tinder dry roof crannies to smolder and fester into a sudden inferno. While DuPont had a half-dozen threatening brush fires during the summer, all were successfully held at bay with little loss. As usual, citizen awareness and safe practices had a great deal to do with the fire safe summer.

Yet, even this morning, there was a foggy bite in the air that suggests a crackling fireplace may feel inviting toward the end of the day. Soon furnaces will be chugging out heat creating different risks to the tranquility of our homes. Next to cooking fires, heating appliances pose the greatest wintertime threat. Yet, just like brush fires, we can avoid these risks through simple safety practices.

- ◆ Clean and inspect heating equipment and chimneys at least annually.
- ◆ Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening and keep wood and other flammable materials well back from the hearth and mantel.
- ◆ A small amount of paper is acceptable to start a fire, but absolutely avoid the use of flammable liquids.
- ◆ Diligently follow the directions on synthetic logs. They can burn unevenly and release high concentrations of carbon monoxide. Never burn charcoal indoors.

Careless cooking and use of candles are still a big instigator of grief and suffering from the fires they cause. With heating fires thrown into the mix, winter becomes the most hazardous time for our homes and families. Our best bet is use good fire safe practices, check our smoke detectors and replace batteries when clocks are set back to standard time on October 26. And, if you have questions or concerns about your heating appliance or any other safety issue, give us a call at (253) 964-8121. We would be pleased to get the right information for you.

Fire Chief Dick Small



### Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Each of us can help make and keep our community safe. Learn how on:

**October 21, 2003**

**7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Chloe Clark School**

*Sponsored by DuPont Police Department*

*Chief Mike Pohl*

*Sgt. Mike Cummings*

## Double Yellow Lines for Safety

My officers have been seeing an increase of motor vehicles coming from the area of I-5 or Steilacoom-DuPont Road and then attempting to make a left turn into the Union 76 Station. Some end up stopped due to heavy traffic congestion in the station area. This causes a serious hazard to other vehicles that are approaching from the same direction, especially once turning on to Barksdale via Steilacoom-DuPont Road. I would like to encourage drivers to drive a little further on Barksdale and then turn in front of the Police Station, or continue on Wilmington and then enter the Service station via the Wilmington entrance.

With your help we can avoid traffic accidents.

Police Chief Mike Pohl