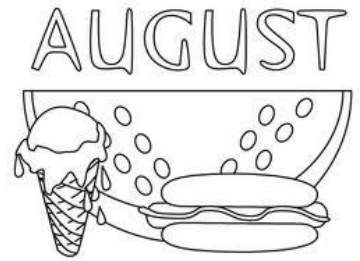




Administrator's Letter

August 12, 2011

Dawn Masko, City Administrator



1. Street Striping & Markings Completed

After several weeks of weather delays, the recent sunshine brought with it the opportunity for Pierce County road crews to be able to complete the street striping work that was first started in late June. The break in the weather also allowed City public works crews to complete the installation of crosswalk pavement markings on Wilmington Drive at Ross Loop. This marked crosswalk was installed based on recommendations from a recent engineering study. While markings and other traffic control devices help guide and provide for traffic and pedestrian safety, roadway safety ultimately requires pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers to be attentive and courteous at all times. Be street smart and stay street safe!

2. Youth Kick-Off Event

The planning process for a teen program in DuPont is kicking off with a pizza feed event on Tuesday, August 16th. This free event will be at the Community Center (303 Barksdale) starting at 7:00 PM. Pizza and beverages will be served. This is a great opportunity for teens to be involved in developing recreational activities and events, and share their ideas with the Parks & Recreation Agency. Additional information about this event is available on the City's website.

3. AmeriCorps Grant Position Filled

The City was recently awarded an AmeriCorps grant for a Vista Volunteer through the Washington Service Corps. This grant funded Disaster Preparedness Coordinator position, working under the direction of Fire Operations Chief Greg Cooper, will work with the City and our regional partners to help better prepare our citizens, schools and businesses to be ready for any disaster situations that may arise. We are pleased to announce that Heidi Wisner was selected to fill this full-time position which starts on August 30th and will run through August 2012. The Fire Department has high expectations for what this position will be able to accomplish over the next year.

4. Countywide Burn Ban

A countywide burn ban has been declared by the Pierce County Fire Marshal in conjunction with the Pierce County Fire Chiefs' Association and the WA Department of Natural Resources. The ban was prompted by long-range forecasts calling for continued dry weather. This burn ban applies to all outdoor burning except for small recreational fires in established fire pits at approved camp grounds or private property with the owner's permission. The use of gas and propane self-contained stoves and barbeques will continue to be allowed. The ban went into effect on August 8th and will remain effective through Friday, September 30th. For more information DuPont citizens should call the DuPont Fire Department at (253) 964-8414.

5. Rainier Country

Rainier County is a ½ hour video magazine produced quarterly by PCTV on behalf of member jurisdictions. The new edition is now airing with DuPont's section being focused on our public safety departments, including footage of our recent Safety Fair as well as training drills for our Firefighter recruits. The program can be viewed on Channel 22 or online at the following link: [Rainier Country](#).

6. Upcoming Meetings – Week of August 15th – 19th

- Parks Agency Meeting scheduled for August 15th has been cancelled
- Tourism Board Meeting Tuesday, August 16th at 2:00 PM
- City Council Workshop Tuesday, August 16th at 6:00 PM

7. Council Workshop Items – August 16th, 2011

- Civic Center Financing
- Water Comprehensive Plan
- Public Works Standards (Combined Street and Water Standards)

8. 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.

- DuPont seniors continue to draw a nice following at their Friday Senior Socials. Join local seniors every Friday from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Community Center for coffee, goodies and conversation. Please note, they will not be meeting on August 19th.
- Fall Dance4Life schedules are now available on the City's website. Classes do fill quickly so please register today to ensure your spot.
- Calling all Seniors! Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 13th for a potluck featuring live entertainment by Ray Conn. The potluck will be held at the Community Center (303 Barksdale Ave.) with a social hour starting at 4:00 PM, dinner at 5:00 PM, and entertainment starting around 6:30 PM.
- Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce Saturday, November 19th as the date of our annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Bazaar. The bazaar will be held from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Pioneer Middle School. Vendor applications will be available after August 15th.
- Visit our website for information on other programs and events including Yoga, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Dance4Life, Karate, and more!

9. Hudson Bay Day

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 25th for Hudson Bay Day and Salmon BBQ at DuPont's 1843 Fort Nisqually Site. This free event is being held from 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM and features live music by *Straw Hats*, kids activities (including an "archeology dig"), historical demonstrations, an antique gun display and more! There will be a salmon BBQ on-site with adult meals at \$12 and kids for \$6. Hot dog meals will also be available. Seating is limited so bring a lawn chair. No dogs are allowed on the site.

For those who want to start their day earlier, a Volksmarch to historic sites begins at 9:00 AM. This year's route will take participants by the first 1833 Hudson Bay Company fort site and the Wilkes Observatory. The Hudson Bay Day is proudly sponsored by the DuPont Tourism Board, and the DuPont Museum & Historical Society and is part of the three day Fall Festival celebrating our rich history in DuPont. For more information call (253) 964-2399 or visit www.dupontmuseum.com.

10. Shoreline Restoration Plan

The Final DuPont Shoreline Restoration Plan has been sent to the Department of Ecology. The plan is posted on the City's website under the Shoreline Master Program Update [page](#).

11. Joint Study Session

Mayor Tamara Jenkins and the DuPont City Council will be participating in a joint study session with the City of Lakewood and Town of Steilacoom on Monday, August 22nd at 7:00 PM to discuss Pierce County flood control policies and the establishment of a Flood Control District. The study session will be held at the Lakewood Police Station multi-purpose room, 9401 Lakewood Drive SW.

12. Reminder from Police Department

The DuPont Police Department is warning people not to leave ground floor windows open at night and during the day when no one is home. Summer weather is finally here ☺ and people are leaving windows open for better circulation, but they may be unknowingly inviting burglars into their homes. Every summer the police department receives reports of items stolen from homes and the access had been through an open window. Protect yourselves and your property: be sure to check your ground floor windows to make sure they are not left open when no one is home or at night. Please don't make your home an easy target for criminals!

13. Chat with the School District Superintendent

Steilacoom Historical School District's Superintendent Bill Fritz will host the first "Chat with the Superintendent" community conversation on Thursday, August 18th. This informal discussion session, covering a wide range of participant-generated topics, will take place in the Cherrydale Primary School multipurpose room starting at 6:30 PM and ending at 7:30 PM. A second session is slated for the Chloe Clark Elementary Library on October 19th also at 6:30 PM. In December the session will move to Saltar's Point Elementary Library in Steilacoom. For questions or additional information, please call (253) 983-2200.

14. Point Defiance Bypass Rail Project Open House

The WA Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will be holding an informational open house on the status of the Point Defiance Bypass rail project on Wednesday, August 31st from 4:30 – 6:30 PM at Clover Park Technical College, Rotunda Building, 4500 Steilacoom Blvd. SW in Lakewood. Drop by to learn the latest details of the project, view project maps and displays, speak with project staff, and provide comments about the project. This is an open house format – no formal presentations will be given.

The Point Defiance Bypass rail project proposes to reroute passenger trains from the rail line near Point Defiance to the existing rail line that runs along the west side of Interstate 5 through South Tacoma, Lakewood, Joint Base Lewis-McChord and DuPont. Sound Transit will use part of the bypass route to extend Sounder commuter rail to Lakewood.

Information about the project is available at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/rail/PNWRC_PtDefiance.

15. School Transportation Postcards Coming Out Soon

The District will be sending out postcards to all students in the next few weeks regarding bus route assignments and safe walking routes. Students who are eligible for bus transportation will receive their bus and stop assignments at that time. All students will be expected to board and disembark the bus at their assigned stop. If families need to change their stop, a process exists to request this change. If a student lives within a "safe walk zone", the safest route to school will be provided. In some neighborhoods, students may now be in a walk zone who previously had bus transportation. This is due to changes in the State's transportation requirements and guidelines that need to be fully in effect by fall of 2012. Families who live in a walk zone who have reason to believe that their walk route is not safe can appeal to the District's review committee for re-consideration.

16. After Hours Teen Party at Library

The Friends of the Library are hosting an After Hours Teen Party at the DuPont Library on Friday, August 26th from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. Youth ages 12 thru 18 are invited to eat pizza and cupcakes, play video games, go on a photo scavenger hunt, and listen to local authors speak at the DuPont Library's first ever after hours party for teens. Authors include: *Kimberly Derting*, "The Body Finder"; *Gwen Hayes*, "Falling Under"; *Tom Llewellyn*, "The Tiltting House"; *Megan Bostic*, "Never Eighteen"; and *Danny Marks*, "Velveteen". Register required at [Teen Party Registration](#).

17. Home and Garden Workshops

The following free workshops will be held at the City of Tacoma EnviroHouse (Tacoma Landfill, 3510 S. Mullen Street). Workshops are open to Tacoma and Pierce County residents. Registration is required and the schedule is subject to change. Register at www.cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse or email ehouse@cityoftacoma.org.

- August 13th 10:30 AM Composting/Worm Bins
- August 20th 10:30 AM Residential Green Roofs
- August 27th 10:30 AM Designing Green Interior Living Spaces

18. Pierce County Board of Equalization Opening

Applications are being accepted to fill a vacancy on the Pierce County Board of Equalization. The seven-member board hears appeals from taxpayers who disagree with the assessed value of their properties as determined by the Assessor-Treasurer's Office, such as property valuations and exemption changes and denials.

The board session begins on July 15 each year. The board is on a three member rotation cycle; each member works three weeks in a row with two weeks off. Upon completing work before it, the board adjourns until fall when petition hearings begin. Members receive a per diem for attending board meetings. New members are required to attend a two-day Department of Revenue training session. Elected officials or employees of elected officials are ineligible for board service. People who have worked in the Assessor-Treasurer's Office within the past two years are also ineligible.

Board members are appointed by the County Executive subject to County Council confirmation. Applications are due by August 19, 2011 and available from the Clerk of the Board of Equalization's Office at 2401 S. 35th Street, Room 176, by email at pcexecutive@co.pierce.wa.us or at [Application](#).