



Administrator's Friday Letter

April 16, 2010

1. News from Parks & Recreation

The City's Annual Park Appreciation Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th from 9AM-Noon. We are combining our Arbor Celebration on this day as well. Volunteers are required to check in at DuPont Powderworks Park prior to receiving assignments from participating Park Agency members. The tree planting for Arbor Day will occur at 11AM.

Planning for the 2010 US Amateur is in full swing. Staff has been meeting regularly with the Championship Committee. Posters and promotional materials will be visible throughout the City in late May. Many residents throughout the City of DuPont have already volunteered for this year's Championship. The goal is 600 volunteers and the Championship committee has almost reached this ambitious request.

2. Economic Forecast News

The State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council released their Economic and Revenue Update on April 12, 2010. The Update states the recent state economic data continue to support their view that the state's economy has turned the corner and is expanding. Single family permits in March 2010 rose to their highest level since June 2008. Washington new car and truck registrations in March 2010 were up 9.5% over March 2009. Previously, new car and truck registrations had declined for two solid years except in the month of August 2009 which was boosted by the "cash for clunkers" program. Exports are growing and economies around the world, and in particular, the Pacific Rim, continue to expand. A recovery in consumer spending is critical for sustained revenue growth. More at: <http://www.erfc.wa.gov/publications/monthlyUpdate.shtml>

3. Joint Base Lewis McChord Existing Conditions Summary

The April JBLM Existing Conditions Summary contains interesting data. The Summary states from FY 2003 to FY 2010, total employment at JBLM grew from 27,732 to 45,085 (62.2%) and the number of military family members increased to 52,410 (77%) over the same period. By FY 2016, the base's population is projected to grow only modestly, by 671 personnel (1.5%). Due to funding limitations, JBLM's goal of providing on-base housing for 30% of its military workforce will prove difficult. JBLM generates approximately 152,000 off-site vehicle trips per day, with most as single occupancy vehicles. More than 30% of the daily trips are from Thurston County, with the remaining staying mostly within Pierce County. The two main routes connecting Pierce and Thurston counties (I-5 and SR 507) also provide direct access to the installation. These routes are heavily congested, making traveling to and from JBLM difficult. More at: <http://www.jblm-growth.com/>. Councilmembers have Summaries in their mailboxes.

4. Community Development Activity

The Building Official approved the Clarus Eye Center tenant improvement building permit at 1200 Station Drive (the Chloe Clark Retail Building) in Barksdale Station.

5. DuPont Sign Sweep

The City of DuPont will conduct a sign sweep the weekend of April 17, 2010. All sandwich board and temporary signs in the street, on a sidewalk or city green spaces will be picked up. The city sign code does not allow temporary signs in city rights-of-ways. Signs placed behind the sidewalk are considered on private property, unless the area is a city greenway. A sign permit is required for all temporary signs.

Signs that are picked-up may be retrieved with proof of a temporary sign permit for each sign. Temporary signs may be placed on private property for no more than one day each week with a temporary sign permit. The temporary sign permit fee is \$100. The Sign Application form is on the city website at: www.ci.dupont.wa.us. Tab to Permits and Forms. Signs may be picked up at the Public Works Shop between 7:30 to 8:00 AM and 3:30 to 4:00 PM weekdays. Signs not picked-up within 30 days will be destroyed. Questions? Contact Dawn Masko, Assistant City Administrator, 253-912-5215.

More sign code information at: www.ci.dupont.wa.us. Tab to Municipal Code. Tab to DMC 25.115.030.