

News From City Hall

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Downtown DuPont Groundbreaking

Tuesday, August 5, was a significant day for our community – the groundbreaking ceremony for DuPont Station at Exit 118. The first mixed use building will offer a variety of shopping and business opportunities and a home for DuPont’s public library, Ferrelli’s Pizza and Kokos Teriyaki. Also in the works for DuPont Station is a Mexican restaurant, a cleaners and a motel. I was pleased to represent the City at this groundbreaking that marks the beginning of our downtown commercial development. (See photo inside)

Steilacoom School District Needs Our Support

In 1975, when DuPont no longer had enough children to support its own school district, the citizens voted to join Steilacoom Historical School District #1. But with the changing of property ownership to develop Northwest Landing, parts of our expanding City are in the Clover Park School District. This affects a few children today, but when Edmond Village and Sequilitchew Village are built, it will affect many children. The boundary lines will crisscross neighborhoods



Steilacoom has petitioned the Puget Sound Educational Service District to change its boundaries to match the City’s boundaries. This way, all DuPont children will attend Steilacoom schools and all DuPont’s school taxes will support the schools that educate our children. Many dedicated DuPont residents and Steilacoom School District leaders have worked very hard to get us to this point. The support of our community is needed. Please complete the form inside this newsletter so the people who will make the boundary decision will know how important this issue is to us. Thank you.

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Mayor Penny Drost

CITY BUDGET INFORMATION & WORKSHOP DATES

I hope the information about City costs, revenues and services provided in this issue and the July issue of *News From City Hall* has been helpful. The 2004 budget process is underway and all citizens are invited and encouraged to attend Council workshops to learn more and ask questions. The City adopts its budget annually and I hope we are setting a precedent this year for this process to always be open and inclusive. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you, Mayor Penny Drost

Budget Workshop Schedule

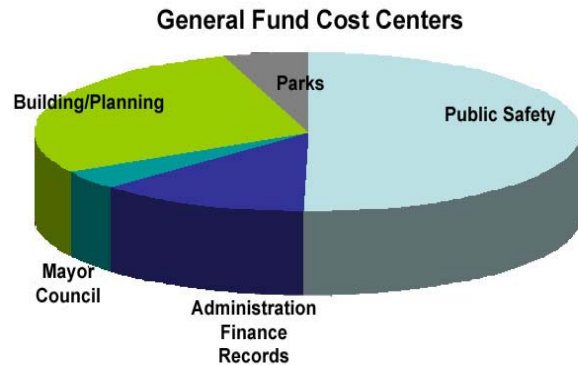
All workshops are at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall

August 28 ... 2nd Workshop
Review Preliminary Revenue Forecast &
Service Level Standards

September 18 ... 3rd Workshop
Review Operating Capital Outlays and Equipment
Replacement Assumptions

October 16 ... 4th Workshop
Staffing & Payroll Assumptions, New Initiatives,
Hotel/Motel Taxes & Capital Facilities Plan

October 23 ... 5th Workshop
Mayor's Recommended 2004 Budget



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UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

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| August | 25 ... | Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall) |
| | 26 ... | City Council Meeting (7PM City Hall) |
| | 28 ... | Budget Workshop (7PM City Hall) |
| Sept | 1 ... | Labor Day (City Hall Closed) |
| | 3 ... | Civil Service Meeting (6PM City Hall) |
| | 8 ... | Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall) |
| | 8 ... | Parks Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall) |
| | 9 ... | City Council Meeting (7PM City Hall) |
| | 18 ... | Budget Workshop Meeting (7PM City Hall) |
| | 22 ... | Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall) |
| | 23 ... | 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 Tamara Jenkins	912-2005 or tjenkins@ci.dupont.wa.us
Councilmember Penny Coffey	964-8769 or pcoffey@ci.dupont.wa.us

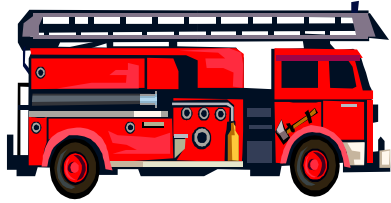
FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

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)

Green Lights to Help Identify Volunteer Fire Fighters Responding to Emergencies

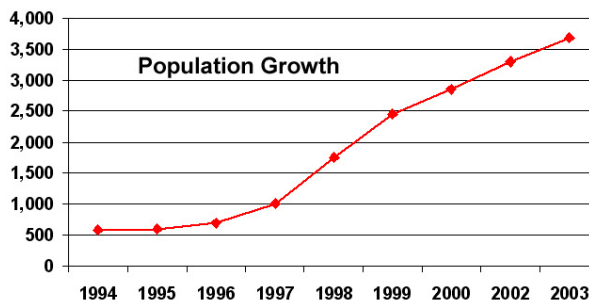
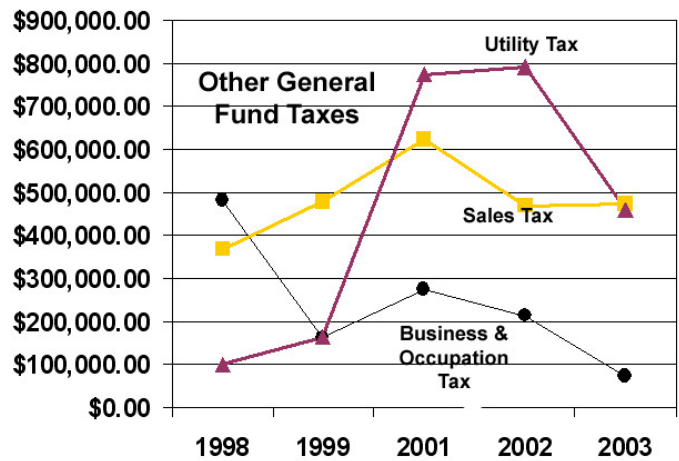
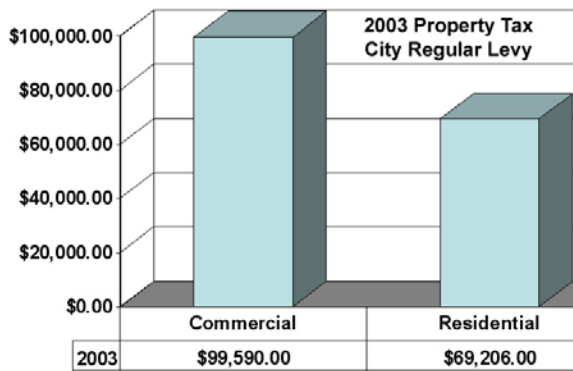
The DuPont Fire Department volunteers will soon be sporting flashing green lights as they respond to the fire station on emergency calls. The new lights are part of a complete reorganization of the volunteer system that is focused on improved response capability to all emergencies. The time it takes to get from home to the fire station and then to the emergency is a critical element in the ability to control fires and promptly treat emergency medical patients. The new lights should speed up the trip from home to the fire station.



Volunteers are not allowed to violate traffic laws while responding in their own vehicles and this will not change. They still need to drive with care in compliance with rules of the road. However, the green lights will serve to inform the public that they are volunteers in route to an emergency and should be given every courtesy to hasten their response.

At the same time, the volunteers are reorganizing into a new design, which should enhance the “station-to-emergency” response time. Four new acting volunteer Lieutenants have been appointed to head up four new response companies for the night shift. The volunteers provide the primary staffing for “night calls” between 7:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. This new strategy will require considerable more training for the new officers. However, they are committed and anxious to get started. The results should be a timelier and consistent response to fires, auto accidents, trauma or whatever threatens our community.

The new organizational structure and green lights for the fire department are a positive step toward improving safety and security for the citizens of DuPont. So, if you see a flashing green light coming from a vehicle windshield, it is probably a volunteer hurrying to help a person in need. Give them the green light!



The report of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on the property tax proposal is available at City Hall and on the City's Web page at: www.ci.dupont.wa.us



Downtown DuPont Takes Off! DuPont Station Groundbreaking — August 5, 2003. Thank you **Quadrant, DuPont Station Partners LLC and Colliers.** For more information, please contact Quadrant at 964-2311.

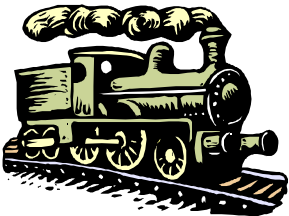
CITY MUSEUM NEWS

DuPont Museum Part of Fair Exhibit

The DuPont Historical Museum will be part of a county-wide exhibit at the **Western Washington Fair** this year. DuPont's theme is: "The Cradle of Euro-American Civilization in Washington." **September 19** is DuPont's day to provide caretakers for the exhibit. Volunteers are needed for three-hour shifts from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. **Volunteers receive free admission and can enjoy the fair before or after their shifts.** If you can help, please contact: Linda Doelle at 912-0286, Cheryl Kincaid at 964-1269 or Lorraine Overmyer at 964-3492.

P.S. Our museum is a great "storybook." Please visit on Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

DuPont Company Train



Progress on the Historic DuPont Company Train is continuing. This last week rails and ties, a gift from the DuPont and Weyerhaeuser Companies, were moved from the old Plant to the relocated site next to the Museum. The cost of almost \$1000 was paid from the donations given by DuPont citizens.

For the next phase the committee is looking for volunteers with drafting, engineering, architectural and art skills to put the proposed site plan on paper.

It is hoped that a grant can be obtained for completion of the project, so if you have grant writing knowledge your help is needed. Of course, cash contributions continue to be needed and welcome, and can be left at the Museum on Sunday afternoons or with either of the individuals listed below. If you have any of these skills and are willing to help this project move along please contact Bert Wyant at 964-8075 or Gary Lucas at 912-5903.

Fort Lewis Main Gate Closed

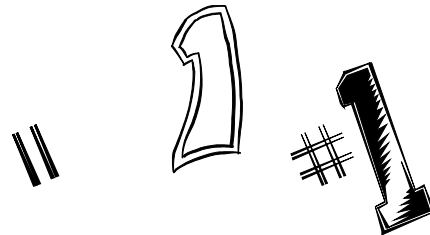
For the next four months, the main gate at Fort Lewis (Liberty Gate, Exit 120) will be closed for security upgrades. This means much heavier use of the DuPont Gate from 5:30 to 9:00 in the morning. Fort Lewis, the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Washington State Patrol are working together to make traffic flow as efficiently as possible.

Let's all show our support for the Steilacoom School District's boundary petition to be DuPont's one and only school district. The process has begun and we need to make sure we are heard. Please have all members of your household put their names on the form below (okay to help "future students" write their names). Young artists are invited to color the pictures. Please return to one of the three drop boxes by August 30.

Thank you!
Mayor Penny Drost

Drop Box Locations
City Hall, 303 Barksdale Avenue (Historic Village)
Front porch, 1873 McDonald Avenue (Palisade Village)
Front porch, 1843 Fisher Avenue (Yehle Park Village)

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