



# Administrator's Friday Letter

June 25, 2010

## 1. Fireworks in DuPont

July 4<sup>th</sup> is rapidly approaching. It is a time for celebration and also a time when fireworks are discharged. In the City Of DuPont fireworks can be legally discharged on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon until 11pm each day. On the City web site at [www.ci.dupont.wa.us](http://www.ci.dupont.wa.us) there is more information regarding fireworks and an informational sheet showing the types of fireworks that are legal in DuPont. The most common questions we receive are if multi aerial boxes, roman candles and reloadable tubes are legal and the answer is yes, they are legal in DuPont. Enjoy your holiday and please use fireworks safely and be aware of any fire danger.

## 2. New Stage in Clocktower Park

A great new asset added to Clocktower Park is a permanent stage. Musical events are held in the park in the summer and the cost of portable stages is significant. Collaboration between the ROA, City and Lion's Club will have the stage ready to use for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The Lion's Club will paint the cover and railings as a club project Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 3. Point Defiance Bypass Project Update

As reported in a previous Friday Letter, the actions of Lakewood and DuPont objecting to a fast track timeline and minimal environmental impact analysis has caused WSDOT to invest time and resources in a collaborative planning process. A Technical Advisory Team has been formed to share information and ultimately to make recommendations to an Executive Advisory Team. Peter Zahn, DuPont's Public Works Director is on the Technical Advisory Team and will be in a position to continue to advocate for a reasonable design for the Exit 119 interchange.

## 4. Tree Board Presents 2010 Work Plan

A top priority of the Tree Board in 2010 will be the completion of a Tree Manual. This document will provide guidance on numerous issues of tree planting, maintenance, and remedial care. At the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting, the Tree Board highlighted the problems being caused by the numerous street trees designed into subdivisions in past years. Solving some of the serious problems caused by oversized trees in undersized planting strips will be a community effort and require good science and a little patience along the way.

## 5. Fire Fighters Graduating off Probation

DuPont Fire Training Lieutenant Larry Creekmore will conduct a full day of testing for three probationary firefighters on Monday, June 28th. The three new firefighters were hired July 10th, 2009 and will complete their probation next month. The testing process includes a written exam in the morning with practical skills testing in the afternoon. This process is the final step in a year of training and evaluation for what will hopefully be a long career of public service.

## **6. Last Friday Letter**

After Forty Two years in local government and twenty five years writing some type of Friday Letter or Briefing Memo, I have arrived at the last edition. I want to thank you all for making the past seven years in DuPont an interesting, challenging and fun experience. As with most things in life, it is all about the people you meet and serve. Retirement is the new opportunity. Dawn Masko will take over as City Administrator on July 1<sup>st</sup>. She is smart, experienced and will do an excellent job.