



# Administrator's Friday Letter

January 22, 2010

## 1. Sequalitchew Trail Closure

A significant slide occurred on Sequalitchew Trail on Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup>. It was caused by water overflowing a clogged culvert. The slide has removed enough of the trail area to render it unsafe to the public at this time. The City is contacting the Department of Ecology and Department of Fish and Wildlife to determine if permits are required to make repairs to the slide area. The clogged culvert has been repaired and water is now flowing properly. The City will make repairs to the trail as soon as possible but until further notice the trail is closed to the public. The City will provide frequent updates as new information is available.

## 2. Prescription Drug and Pill Program

The prescription pill and drug disposal program is coming to DuPont. The Police Department has entered into an agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to have a collection box at the front of the Police Department. The program's goal is to clear homes of unwanted and unused pharmaceuticals. It also reduces misuse of prescription drugs and protects our environment by the proper disposal of disposing of used/unwanted pharmaceuticals. Arrangements are being made to have the box delivered to the Department and once placed it will be under video surveillance and accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The program should be operational by February 1, 2010.

## 3. Joint Base Lewis McChord Growth Coordination Plan

The City Administrator, Senior Planner, and Public Works Director are participating on committees working on the one year effort to produce a plan for mitigating impacts of the growth of our adjacent military facilities. The growth of Joint Base Lewis McChord makes significant demands on the housing and services in adjacent communities and contributes to transportation impacts on I-5 and other major corridors. This planning process is funded by the Department of Defense and assisted by the consulting firm AECOM. The Regional Steering Committee and technical support groups met on Friday January 22<sup>nd</sup> to launch the formal planning process. The goal is a clear action plan for managing future growth and demands for service.

## 4. Chloe Clark Statue to be Moved to DuPont

The City is working with the Steilacoom School District to assist with the moving and storage of the Chloe Clark Statue. The imminent closing of the Tacoma Foundry where the statue was cast has created some urgency. The statue will be temporarily stored in the secure yard behind the Public Safety Building. The final destination will be a new landscaped area by the corner of Haskell and Palisade at Chloe Clark Grade School.