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WATER SHUTOFF PROCESS

The City has approximately 3,000 water utility customers who are billed on a bi-monthly basis. Utility bills are sent out on the first of the odd numbered months and due on the 20th of that month. In any billing cycle, the City will experience a percentage of accounts that become overdue. The City's process provides for a late notice by mail, followed by a door hanger giving a 48-hour notice that water will be shut off if a bill is not brought current. In any billing cycle, approximately 60 accounts receive a door hanger notice. Delivering this notice is labor intensive for our Utility Clerk and Public Works Crew. The City has important legal obligations as an operator of a public utility. The City does not have the option to deny service. Any person who applies and pays the prescribed set-up fees has a right to demand service. The City must also provide reasonable due process before shutting off water. At the same time, as the steward of a utility which is operated as a not-for-profit enterprise, the City is expected to exercise due diligence to prevent any delinquent accounts which would pass unreasonable losses on to rate payers. The vast majority of water customers pay their bills on time. The City's experience is that customers will quickly take action to make proper payments when they are notified of a delinquency. Shutting off water is stressful for office and field staff, as well as for the customer. We strive to be professional and respectful while still fulfilling our legal obligations. We cannot be responsible for the delivery of mail. Should you not receive your bill, please contact City Hall at (253) 964-8121 to request a copy. It is the customer's responsibility to make payment by the designated due date.

SPRINKLER RECALL UPDATE

Comunale is under contract to replace the recalled sprinkler heads that exist in some homes in DuPont. They have submitted a timeline to start with general sprinkler head replacement on or about February 1, and will strive to complete the process by March 31, 2010. Comunale will demonstrate the replacement process to the Fire Marshal, Fire Department personnel, and Public Works personnel. On January 12, Comunale will mail out notices to approximately 240 homeowners that are effected by the recall. Two public meetings to explain the process have been scheduled at City Hall on January 21 and January 28 at 7PM.

CLOCKTOWER PARK ARBOR MAINTENANCE

The City of DuPont will be repairing portions of the existing Clocktower Park arbor structures in the months of January and February 2010. This project will require major trimming of the wisteria. If you are planning on holding your special event at Clocktower Park this year, please keep in mind that the state of the wisteria may not be at its best or what you've been accustomed to.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall: (253) 964-8121 Public Works After-Hours Emergency: (253) 377-5060 Police Non-Emergency: (253) 798-4721 Fire Department: (253) 964-8414

Traditional Okinawan Shorin Ryu Karate
Children 6 & over and Adults Sensei: Skip Ettinger
Students may register monthly, starting January 7, 2010.

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6PM – 8PM Pioneer Middle School Gym \$50 (due on the first Tuesday of each month)

Bodyblitz Bootcamp

Lose 8, 10 or more pounds of stubborn body fat! Reduce 1-2 pant sizes! Add 1-2 pounds of fat burning muscle and feel healthier than ever in just 4 weeks! Class times to fit every schedule!

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 6AM-7AM (\$129) or Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:15-10:15AM (\$86) Community Center

Evening With A Cop For Teen Drivers

Learn the rules of the road, and the hazards of distracted driving while on the phone or texting. Experience a mock DUI scene.

Thursday, January 21 6:30-8:00 PM Civic Center \$10 (includes pizza and prizes!)

'Be My Valentine' Children's Crafts

Kids will create original and creative Valentine's Day projects (rock-pods, picture frames, ribbon bookmarks...)

Tuesday, February 2 4-5PM Community Center \$5 (Fee also includes materials & a Valentine treat)

Parks & Recreation BINGO Night was a Big Success!

An enormous thanks to all of our fabulous sponsors: Anytime Fitness, City of DuPont Parks Agency, Dhane Orthodontics, Farelli's Pizza, McNamara's, and PJ's Sweet Factory!

Registration forms and additional class information are available on our website: <http://www.ci.dupont.wa.us/events.php>

JANUARY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 City Hall Closed	2
3	4 Parks Agency (7PM)	5 Tree Board (1PM) Tourism Board (2PM)	6 Civil Service (6PM)	7	8	9 Bingo Night (6PM - Community Center)
10	11	12 Council Meeting (7PM)	13	14	15	16
17	18 City Hall Closed	19 Council Workshop (6PM)	20	21 Evening With A Cop for Teen Drivers (6:30PM - City Hall)	22	23
24 31	25 Planning Agency (7PM)	26 Council Meeting (7PM)	27	28	29	30

FEBRUARY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Parks Agency (7PM) BodyBlitz/Bootcamp (6AM - Community Center)	2 BodyBlitz/Bootcamp (9:15A) Valentine's Day Arts&Crafts (4PM - Community Center)	3 BodyBlitz/Bootcamp (6AM - Community Center)	4 BodyBlitz/Bootcamp (9:15A - Community Center)	5 BodyBlitz/Bootcamp (6AM - Community Center)	6
7	8 Planning Agency (7PM) BodyBlitz/Bootcamp (6AM - Community Center)	9 Council Meeting (7PM) BodyBlitz/Bootcamp (9:15A - Community Center)	10 BodyBlitz/Bootcamp (6AM - Community Center)	11 BodyBlitz/Bootcamp (9:15A - Community Center)	12 BodyBlitz/Bootcamp (6AM - Community Center)	13
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City meetings will be held at City Hall (1700 Civic Drive) unless otherwise specified. The Community Center is located at 303 Barksdale Ave.