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## Administrator's Friday Letter

March 19, 2010

### 1. Fire Department Update

Dupont firefighters, in cooperation with Steilacoom Fire Department, attended a live fire training exercise this week. Chief Drozinski, the Steilacoom Public Safety Chief, was able to secure a live fire training trailer from the State of Washington. Training Lieutenant Larry Creekmore is certified as a trainer for this apparatus and was the lead instructor. This regional cooperation allowed all firefighters in Steilacoom and Dupont to get their state-mandated live fire training.

The sprinkler recall continues on schedule and citizens with affected sprinkler heads have only 30 more days to sign up to have their recalled sprinkler heads replaced. Comunale anticipates completing the project prior to the end of April. Citizens who have questions or concerns should call the fire chief at 253-377-7289.

### 2. Community Development News.

We continue to see encouraging signals from the development community. New this week is a preapplication review request submitted for a 118 room hotel at Barksdale Station Lot 2 (parking lot area across from Starbucks). Two projects mentioned earlier for which a building or construction permit were issued this week were the Fed Ex Temporary Package Handling Dock Building, and the Chloe Clark Elementary Landscape Enhancement (the work associated with placement of the statue commemorating Chloe Clark).

### 3. New State Law Changes Preliminary Plat Approval Period.

On March 17 the Governor signed Substitute Senate Bill 6544 extending the preliminary plat approval period from five to seven years and extending the time the zoning regulations are fixed after the final plat is filed from five to seven years.

### 4. Sequalitchew Trail to Reopen Friday.

The City Public Works crew has completed repairs to the trail. The washout which occurred in January required 100 cubic yards of various grades of rock to stabilize the washout area and provide a new surface capable of bearing the weight of emergency vehicles. The repairs included new culverts, curtain drains and a new water inlet for the seep uphill from the trail. The trail will reopen officially at 3:30PM on Friday.