

# News From City Hall

City of DuPont  
March—April 2005

## A NEW FIRE ENGINE FOR THE CITY

On February 25, 2005, the City accepted delivery of a new 2004 Arrow XT fire engine. The engine was purchased through developer agreements with OPUS Northwest, Weyerhaeuser, and other local developers. This engine will be the first line of defense in an emergency incident replacing the 1995 fire engine. The engine will be in service shortly and residents are encouraged to visit the fire station located at 303 Louviers Avenue to see it.



## BOND ISSUE ON SPECIAL ELECTION

At its January 2005 meeting, the Board of Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 approved a resolution to issue general obligation bonds for school construction and improvement. The action was taken to address growing enrollment needs in the 150 year old school district.

School district voters will vote on the bond issue at a special election to be held on May 17, 2005. Voters in this historical school district last approved a construction bond in 1997.

The board resolution requests issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$55.8 million. The bonds will be used to build a new middle school (6-8) on a 20-acre site in DuPont; complete Chloe Clark Elementary School; acquire property; modernize and improve the 25-year-old high school and its athletic facilities; upgrade and modernize 25-year-old facilities on Anderson Island; and complete other upgrades and improvements at selected schools and campuses within the district.

Informational meetings about the bond will be held throughout the district. Please contact the district office at 983-2200 for a schedule of informational meetings about the bond proposal.

Please note: For details about the project, please phone Dr. Art Himmler (983-2200) or Duane Hardesty, Board Chairman (589-1560).

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303 Barksdale Ave.  
DuPont, WA 98327

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## City of DuPont Partners with Pierce College To Design Centennial Logo

At the February 22, 2005, DuPont City Council meeting, students from the Digital Design Program of Pierce College Fort Steilacoom were honored as the top three artists in the DuPont Centennial Design Competition.

First place, a \$200 check and the opportunity to work on additional centennial design projects, was awarded to Don Knottnerus of Bonney Lake. Second place, a \$100 check, was awarded to Son Ho of Spanaway and third place, a \$50 check, was awarded to Simana Dimitrova of Olympia.

“We are very pleased with the professional and innovative design submitted by Mr. Knottnerus,” DuPont Mayor Steve Young said. “We are particularly pleased that we were able to partner with our neighboring college at Fort Steilacoom to be an integral part of our centennial celebration. Many of our citizens attend Pierce College, so this was a natural partnership.”

The City will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2006. Members of the DuPont Centennial Celebration Committee asked Brian Martin, coordinator of Pierce College’s Digital Design Program, to help find a Pierce College student to create a special design to be used on all centennial materials.

Martin and Kate Lynch, Centennial Communications Chair, collaborated on a design competition for the Digital Design Program. The competition was a required assignment for Martin’s classes and was open to all students enrolled in the program which trains students for graphic design and Web design careers.

“We’re very proud of the quality of our students and our design program,” said Dr. Michele Johnson, president of Pierce College Fort Steilacoom. “Even though the program is only a few years old, already many graduates have had tremendous success. And this project with the City of DuPont is another great partnership between our college and the communities we serve.”

The centennial design by Don Knottnerus will be used on all DuPont centennial celebration materials, such as letterhead, programs, souvenir guides, T-Shirts, hats, posters, and other promotional items. The winning design features a drawing that combines DuPont’s earliest building — the bastion at Fort Nisqually — with its newest public building — the Northwest Landing Clock Tower. Members of the design selection team found that this design best communicated past and present DuPont.

## DuPont, WA . . . A Rich History and a Vibrant Future

### YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Steve Young	964-2495 or syoung@ci.dupont.wa.us
Councilmember Linda Cumberbatch	964-8121 or lcumberbatch@ci.dupont.wa.us
Councilmember Penny Coffey	964-8769 or pcoffey@ci.dupont.wa.us
Councilmember Roger Westman	964-8121 or rwestman@ci.dupont.wa.us
Councilmember Joan Baird	964-8121 or jbaird@ci.dupont.wa.us
Councilmember John Ehrenreich	964-8121 or jehrenreich@ci.dupont.wa.us

### CITY DEPARTMENTS

City Administrator	Bill McDonald	964-8121
Community Development	John Darling	964-3300
Public Works	Peter Zahn	912-5382
Support Services/Finance	Dawn Schauer	912-5383
Fire Department	Chris Jensen	964-8414
Police Department	Mike Pohl	964-7060

### FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

City Hall (information)	964-8121
Planning Department	912-5393
Public Works	912-5381
Building Department	912-5387
Fire Department	964-8414
Police Department	964-7060
Website	www.ci.dupont.wa.us
Non-Emergency Police Number	798-4721

**Always call 911 in an emergency**

**This newsletter and upcoming City events may be found online at the  
City website — [www.ci.dupont.wa.us](http://www.ci.dupont.wa.us).**

## UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

- March 14 ... Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall)  
 19 ... Volkssport Event (8AM-4PM City Hall)  
 19 ... Egg Hunt Pre-Planning Meeting (7PM City Hall)  
 22 ... City Council Meeting/Workshop (7PM City Hall)  
 25 ... Secret Bunny Business (7PM City Hall)  
 26 ... Egg Hunt (11AM Lake Sellers Park)  
 28 ... Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall)



- April 4 ... Parks Meeting (7PM City Hall)  
 6 ... Civil Service Meeting (6PM City Hall)  
 11 ... Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall)  
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### Utility Bills

The City's new utility bills appear to be a success. We have had a great deal of positive feedback from our utility customers and, with the return envelope included on the billing statement, we had fewer past due bills to send out.

The latest utility bills for service covering the months of January and February have been sent out. The payment for this billing is **due upon receipt**, but is not considered past due until April 1. Please remember, **it is still the account holder's responsibility to have the bill paid by the end of the month whether a bill has been received or not.** If you have not received your bill, please call the utility billing desk at 253-964-8121 for the total amount due or for a reprint of your statement. If your account becomes past due, a charge in the amount of 10% of the total bill due will be assessed.

## Volunteers needs for Centennial Celebration Committee

The next meeting of the DuPont Centennial Celebration Committee will be held at City Hall on Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. Come help make our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday memorable! For more information, call co-chair and City Councilmember Joan Baird at 964-5143.



## 2006 Commemorative Calendar

Your DuPont Centennial Committee is compiling a 2006 Commemorative calendar celebrating DuPont's long and diverse history. While we are particularly interested in old pictures depicting life in our Historic Village, we would also like to include El Rancho Madrona and the Villages of Northwest Landing. Pictures you would like to submit for consideration may be dropped off at City Hall marked "Attn: Centennial." In order to protect your personal photos, please submit **COPIES** only, as the pictures may not be returned. Pictures need to be received no later than June 1, 2005. If you have questions or need special arrangements, you may contact Kay Shelton (253) 964-5084 or through email at [ktyshe@comcast.net](mailto:ktyshe@comcast.net).

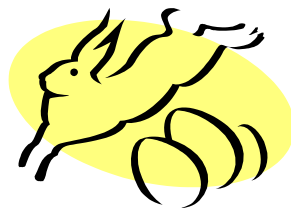
**Be part of this unique commemorative calendar!**

## EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the City of DuPont's annual EGG HUNT! This year's Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, March 26 at 11:00 AM at Lake Seller's Park. Also, on Friday, March 25 at 7:00 PM at City Hall, we will be doing "secret bunny business." Volunteers are needed on both occasions.

Last year, we had 1,500 participates in the Egg Hunt. One of the reasons it was so successful was because of the people who worked behind the scenes volunteering their time as well as those who made donations. Since DuPont is the fastest growing city in the state and there are two to three new homes going up a week, this year's festivities will be even larger. Please contact Chico Torres, the Bunny's manager, at 964-0613 or at [chicandshell@att.net](mailto:chicandshell@att.net) to see how you can help. Donations of plastic eggs, cash, checks or gifts can be left at City Hall.

Thanks for getting involved and making a positive difference in the community in which we all live.



## TRIVIA From the DuPont Museum

*Do you like to walk the trails? ... Do you like to visit different places? ... Do you like a mystery? ...* How about Letterboxing? It is an intriguing pastime combining map-reading and artistic ability with "treasure-hunts" in beautiful scenic places.

Letterboxing started about 1854 (note: Fort Nisqually 1833) by a Victorian gentleman hiker who put his calling card in a bottle and stuck it into a bank at Cranmere Pool near Dartmoor S.E. England. Current reports indicate that as many as 10,000 Letterboxes are hidden in Dartmoor, now a National Park.

In April 1998, Smithsonian Magazine published an article on the Dartmoor Letterboxes. It has now spread all around the country. To find out more and pick up the information on how to find the ones here in DuPont, pick up the paperwork at the museum or City Hall or check the web at [www.letterboxing.org](http://www.letterboxing.org).

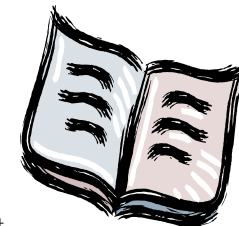
The DuPont Museum is open Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. For more information, call (253) 964-3492 or (253) 964-8075.

## NOTES FROM FRIENDS OF THE DuPONT LIBRARY:

**LET'S PLAY A GAME!!** Game days are the second Tuesday of every month starting at 4:00 pm, at the library, sponsored by Friends of the DuPont Library. A variety of games will be provided by *Wind Up Here*, the specialty toy store in downtown Olympia. Check with the library at 964-4003 if you have any questions. Bring your friends or challenge your foes – just have a good time!

**"LUCY!** You got some 'splaining to do!" This month's display is a fun collection of Lucille Ball memorabilia – don't miss it! What's in your collection? If you have a collection you would like to display, please sign up with Janet, our librarian.

**BOOK SALE BOOMS!** Check out the used book sale shelves next time you are in because the books are switched out weekly! Please check with the library staff if you have gently used books, magazines, DVDs or videos to contribute. We are unable to accept encyclopedias, textbooks, Reader's Digest Condensed books and soiled or musty items. All proceeds go to benefit the library and our community – so get a great deal on some new books and support your town library too!



**WHAT DO YOU GET THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING?** Friends of the DuPont Library T-shirts and sweatshirts are also available for sale at the library now – check them out, they're cheap chic!

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP** dues for Friends of the DuPont Library are \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 for a family, and may be mailed to or dropped off at the library, 1540 Wilmington Drive, DuPont 98327. Our next meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. at the library on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!

**WHAT IS THE BEST BOOK YOU HAVE EVER READ?** E-mail the title and author to [JenCrouse@comcast.net](mailto:JenCrouse@comcast.net) by March 31<sup>st</sup>, and the top results will be posted in the next article.

Contact Christy MacAnnaly, President (964-2310) or Jennifer Crouse, Vice President (964-2035) with any questions about the group or library services.

## FIRE TRAINING NOTIFICATION

The City of DuPont Fire Department, in coordination with numerous other area Fire Departments, will be conducting a wildland fire training evaluation and exercise April 11-14 from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The areas that will see the most activity will be El Rancho Madrona and Hoffman Hill. This is **NOT** a live fire exercise. Students will be learning about wildland fire behavior, structure triaging, and a variety of other important topics. Please do not be alarmed if you see numerous pieces of apparatus or individuals during this time.

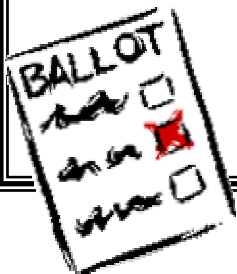
## A CALL FOR FIRE VOLUNTEERS

If you are 18 years of age and eager to learn about the fire service or emergency medical services, please call Assistant Fire Chief Don B. Easton, 253-964-8414. This is an exciting and rewarding opportunity to give back to your community.

If you are 14 years of age and not yet 21 and are interested in the Fire Department Explorer Program, please call Fire Chief Christopher P. Jensen, 253-964-8414. You will learn exciting career opportunities that you may have thought were impossible.

### Voter Registration

If you need to register to vote, or you need to update your registration with a new address or name change, you can pick up a Mail-In Voter Registration Form at City Hall, any Steilacoom school, or you can download forms online at [www.co.pierce.wa.us/auditor](http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/auditor). To be able to vote in the May 17, 2005, Special Election, your Mail-In Voter Registration form must be postmarked at least 30 days prior to May 17.



The DuPont Historical Society invites you to come and find out what Historical DuPont has to offer. The DuPont Historical Society operates the DuPont Historical Museum; preserves, promotes, and interprets the historical heritage of DuPont and engages in cultural and educational activities.

Please attend our next meeting on March 24, 2005, at 7 PM at DuPont City Hall to discover your area of interest, join our exciting Society, and help preserve the unique history of the DuPont area. Email [president@duponthisitoricalsociety.com](mailto:president@duponthisitoricalsociety.com)

## Historic Village Sewer - Phase 2 Construction

The City of DuPont currently owns and maintains the sewer facilities within the Historic Village. The remainder of the City's sanitary sewer service is provided by Pierce County. The majority of the Village sewer system is over 75 years old and requires replacement to ensure proper operation. Phase 1 of the Historic Village Sewer Rehabilitation Project construction was completed in 2003. The City is in the process of finalizing plans for Phase 2 of the project, and construction is expected to begin this June. Construction should be completed within 10 months of start, and is expected to be completed by this time next year. The City is committed to minimizing impacts during the project. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (253) 912-5381.

### ANNUAL VOLKSSPORT EVENT

Don't forget the Annual Volkssport Event on March 19 (*See January-February Newsletter*). Participants may begin anytime between 8 AM and 1 PM. The event will conclude at 4:00 PM. All events begin at the DuPont City Hall. For additional information, contact Bill Stewart at (253) 383-9011 or Skip Probst at (253) 946-5397.

*Hop on down  
to the City of DuPont's*



# Annual Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 26 at 11:00 AM**

**LOCATION: LAKE SELLERS PARK**

*(behind the DuPont Community Church in the Dupont Historic Village, 502 Barksdale)*

*Join us for great fun, baked goods and refreshments!*

*For children ages 12 and younger*

*Kids: Bring your egg gathering baskets!*

*Parents: Please bring baked goods to share. (For the safety of the children, please bring only store bought goodies). Don't forget your cameras!*



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

To make the Egg Hunt a success, our DuPont BUNNY needs you to PLEASE be a "good egg!"  
Please join us for the following:

- Pre-planning meeting at City Hall (303 Barksdale Ave) on Saturday, March 19th at 7:00 PM
- "Secret BUNNY Business" at City Hall on Friday, March 25th at 7 pm  
(Adults and older children/teens we really need your help on Egg Hunt Day)

Donations of plastic eggs and monetary contributions will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at City Hall. The help provided by the community is what makes this city event a great success!

For more information please contact the BUNNY'S manager, Chico Torres, at 964-0613 or [chicandshell@att.net](mailto:chicandshell@att.net)

## **Schedule of Events**

**11:00 - Welcome**

**11:20 - Ages 0-2 Hunt**

**11:40 - Ages 3-4 Hunt**

**12:00 - Ages 5-7 Hunt**

**12:20 - Ages 8-12 Hunt**



*Event sponsored by the City of DuPont Park Agency*