



Administrator's Friday Letter

June 4, 2010

1. General Fund Budget

We are pleased to report that the General Fund budget appears to be stabilizing based on the May financial report. As you are aware, the City has made a series of budget reductions over the past year, including several personnel changes in the recently adopted budget adjustment, and the impact of those savings are apparent. On the revenue side, sales tax continue to remain low but other revenue sources are beginning to pick up, including recreation, planning and inspection related fees.

2. Pierce Transit System Redesign

Several City officials will be attending a workshop on June 9th at Pierce Transit, as part of the continuing discussion regarding potential changes to the transit system. As stated by Pierce Transit, the goals for the workshop are to provide updates on the latest service alternatives, discuss the service requests made by several small cities (including DuPont), and determine collaborate efforts to move forward.

3. Sprinkler Recall Extension

Because Comunale will be in DuPont through July 15th completing work already scheduled, they and Tyco have agreed to extend the time for participation in the recall program to that date for the 15 remaining homes that did not take advantage of the opportunity to have recalled sprinkler heads replaced free of charge. The release must be signed and work scheduled and completed prior to July 15th. Comunale sent a representative door to door on Thursday, June 3rd in an attempt to inform home owners of this opportunity. Fire Chief Hull and Battalion Chief Cooper will be going door to door in the evenings of the week of June 7th in a further attempt to inform home owners or occupants.

The staff of the DuPont Building Department and the Chiefs' of the Fire Department cannot stress enough how important participation in this program is. In the event of a fire, these recalled sprinkler heads may not work properly. This creates a severe life safety issue. The fact that the recalled sprinkler heads have not been replaced may cause an insurance issue following a fire loss, as insurance premiums are based on the assumption that the system is working properly. Finally, at the time of sale, a home owner may find themselves paying for replacement of the sprinkler heads in order to close the sale. Anyone having questions should contact Fire Chief Hull at 253-405-8048, or Battalion Chief Cooper at 253-377-3247.

4. Shaw Street Facility Rented

Fire Department personnel in coordination with Public Works personnel worked through the month of May to prepare the Shaw Street Fire Station for rental as a residential home. Walls were painted, carpets were cleaned, and equipment was checked to assure it was in proper working order. Battalion Chief Cooper did a walk thru with the new occupants on Friday, May 28th. The facility is leased for a two year period of time. This protects this valuable asset for use as a Fire Department facility at some point in the future

5. Lion's Club Helps Remove Arbor

This Saturday the DuPont Lion's Club in coordination with City staff will help demolish the Arbor at Clock Tower Park. As previously reported the Arbor is full of dry rot and is currently roped off as an unsafe area for the public. A new Arbor will be constructed in the future.

6. Permanent Trail Markers Installed

Concrete trail markers donated by Cal/Portland, were installed on Sequelitchew Trail on Thursday and will be on display for the National Trail Day event scheduled for this Saturday, June 5th.

7. Police and Fire Departments Participate in Narrowband Project

The FCC has mandated that all radio license holders in the 150 to 512 Mhz range narrowband their frequencies by January 1, 2013. Our Public Safety Department's are working in cooperation with other Pierce County agencies to assure the plan for compliance is complete and that the transition is smooth. A coordination meeting and kickoff is occurring at the Department of Emergency Management's EOC on June 8th.