

The VILLAGER

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Please plan to attend ...

Town Hall Meeting
Saturday – March 29
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
City Hall

Guest Speaker
Senator Shirley Winsley
28th Legislative District

Topic
IDENTITY THEFT:

How to protect yourself, what the Legislature is doing about it.

Senator Winsley's presentation will be followed by the opportunity for citizens to view displays on issues of community interest and speak with their elected city officials. Voter registration forms will be available.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING

Our newly hired police officer, Dan Tenney. Dan is a resident of DuPont and served as a reserve DuPont police officer prior to being hired by the Town of Rainier. We are glad to have him back.

Our newest member of the City Council, Tamara Jenkins. Tamara was appointed to the vacant position by the City Council at the February 25 meeting. Tamara is a graduate of Saint Martins College with a degree in civil engineering. She is a project manager for Sound Transit and has municipal public works experience with Tacoma and Tumwater. She and her husband, Clint, bought their home in DuPont in 1995.

Our newest residents, 500 since January 2002. Since 1995, when the first resident moved into Northwest Landing, DuPont's population has increased from 590 to 3,500.

DISPLAY A YELLOW RIBBON

At the February 25 meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution honoring the men and women serving our country as part of "Operation Enduring Freedom" and around the world. The full text of this resolution is printed in this newsletter. If you would like to join the Council in supporting this resolution, please tie a yellow ribbon around a tree in your front yard as a message of hope and courage to the many DuPont residents with family members engaged in military service.

DuPont, WA ... "A Rich History and A Vibrant Future"

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FREE TAX HELP ... only 4 Saturdays left!

On Saturday mornings through April 12th, you can receive FREE tax help between 8AM and Noon. This service is sponsored by the AARP in cooperation with the IRS. For information, please call City Hall at 912-8121 during business hours. No appointment is needed. Please bring the following applicable information with you for your appointment:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current year's tax forms and preparation booklet; ▪ Copy of last year's income tax return(s) and supporting information; ▪ W-2 and W-2P forms from each employer; ▪ Unemployment compensation statements; ▪ SSA-1099 forms showing interest and/or dividends and original purchase price of assets sold; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Form 1099R from the payer of your pension or annuity; ▪ All forms indicating federal income tax paid; ▪ Child care provider information (name, employer, ID, Social Security number); ▪ All receipts or canceled checks for itemized deductions; ▪ Social Security Numbers for all dependents |
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11TH ANNUAL VOLKSMARCH RETURNS TO DuPONT!

Mark your calendars ... Saturday, March 22nd. Participants may begin any time between 8AM and 1PM. The event concludes at 4PM. Registration will take place at City Hall. This is a sanctioned walk for International Volkssport Verband (IVV) credit. Fee for credit is only \$3. Non-IVV walkers are welcome to walk or bike for free. Souvenir hatpins, the eleventh in a series, will be available for purchase at a cost of \$2.50. You can register at the event or pre-register before March 18th

by contacting Jack Maxcy at (253) 927-4580. A great tradition in DuPont ... lots of fun ... a wonderful way to meet new neighbors!

SPRING and FALL CLEANUP DAYS CANCELED

In order to further reduce city expenditures for 2003, the City will not be paying for Spring and Fall Cleanup Days this year. This is a savings of \$12,000. The following information is provided to assist citizens who have items for the Goodwill or who need to dispose of unusable items:

GOODWILL DONATION DROP SITES (9AM – 9PM Monday through Saturday; 10 AM –6 PM on Sundays): 38th & Center Street (Tacoma) – Military & Pacific Ave. (Spanaway) – 72nd & Portland Avenue (Tacoma) or call 253-272-5166. **For Pierce County Disposal Facilities** check the link provided on our city website (www.ci.dupont.wa.us) or call 798-2179.

SORRY ... NO LOCAL PHONE # FOR BBB

A number of residents have called City Hall asking for the local phone number of the Better Business Bureau (located in DuPont at Barksdale Station). We have contacted the BBB and want to clarify that they do not have a local phone number. You can reach them by calling (206) 431-2227.

FROM FRIENDS OF THE DuPONT LIBRARY ...

DuPont Community Family Storytimes, with stories and activities geared to preschool children and their parents or caregivers, are held on Thursdays at 1:30 PM at the Clocktower Village Apartments meeting room. Please call 536-6500 to pre-register. Weekly visits from the bookmobile continue on Saturday afternoons at City Hall (1:30-2:00), and Clocktower Green (2:30-4). Make note: THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON MARCH 29TH (as that is the 5th Saturday of the month).

CHLOE CLARK KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Steilacoom Historical School District #1 announces Kindergarten Registration for Chloe Clark Elementary School for children who will be 5 years of age on or before August 31, 2003. Register in person at Chloe Clark School – May 5-9 from 10AM to 3PM. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and shot record. For additional information, call 583-7960.

**"THANK YOU"
AND KUDO'S
TO DuPONT
RESIDENTS**

A hearty "thank you" to Allen McArther (2891 McNeil) for taking the time to note and report 35 burned out street lights throughout our city (so they could be taken care of)! We appreciate it! And, congratulations to long-time resident and Silver Star Recipient Christopher Navarre, Sr. (USA-ret) who was honored with The Jubilee of Liberty medal on February 22nd. We are honored by his service and pleased to see him recognized.

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, Active members of the United States Armed Forces and members of the Armed Forces Reserve and the National Guard are now engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom, the fight against terrorism; and

WHEREAS, These men and women exemplify the courage and spirit of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Many of these men and women are members of the DuPont community who have left behind family, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, The City of DuPont is grateful for having citizens and staff who are willing to serve their country during these difficult times;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, in the spirit of national unity, the DuPont City Council expresses its support for United States military personnel engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom and around the world and prays for their personal safety and their families' peace of mind.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DuPONT, WA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2003.

**HOW
CLEAN IS
CLEAN?**

In the next few weeks, final decisions will be made which determine how to safeguard public health at the "Old DuPont Work Site" (Consent Decree Area). The DuPont Toxics Citizen Oversight Project (DToxCOP) invites you to find out about action plans for restoring the "Old DuPont Work Site". Technical advisors will present an overview of the cleanup process, review planning efforts, and answer *your* questions. When? March 19th from 7 PM to 9 PM. Where? The

DuPont Museum, 207 Barksdale Avenue. Can't make the meeting? The Museum has three copies of a CD-ROM outlining the remedial investigation and corrective action plan for this area. Please call Lorraine Overmyer at 964-3492 to "check it out".

**QUESTION
OF THE
MONTH:**

Question: "I know the city passed an alarm permit ordinance, but I've never had a problem and don't want to pay the fee. Why should I?"

Answer: Over 90% of alarms are false. No one thinks it will be their alarm, but, in time, it well may be. Most citizens do not use alarms and help provide for law enforcement services. Responding to false alarms is an extra responsibility for

the police department (and their budget) and should not be carried by taxpayers that do not have alarms.

In addition to helping defray the additional cost of officer response time to alarms, there are two reasons the City has required an alarm permit. It is a tool to remind owners to keep their system in proper working order. Second, it provides the responding officer with important contact information when the alarm goes off. Failure to register an alarm system may cause higher fines (up to \$95 per violation). Please ... stop by City Hall to register your alarm today.

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS:

- March 18 ... Citizen's Advisory Committee (7PM - City Hall)
- 19 ... "Action Plan Update: Old DuPont Work Site" (7-9PM; DuPont Museum)
- 22 ... 11th Annual Volksmarch (start between 8AM and 1PM at City Hall)
- 25 ... City Council Meeting (7PM - City Hall)
- 29 ... Town Hall Meeting - see page one - (1-3PM at City Hall)
- April 1 ... Citizen's Advisory Committee (7PM - City Hall)
- 8 ... City Council (7PM - City Hall)

YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES:

(Please clip and save.)

- Mayor Penny Drost ... 964-1433 or pdrost@ci.dupont.wa.us
- Councilmember Bob Bartro - 912-0201 or bbartro@ci.dupont.wa.us
- Councilmember Mike McAuliffe - 964-3397 or mmcauliffe@ci.dupont.wa.us
- Councilmember Bonnie Potts - 964-1626 bpotts@ci.dupont.wa.us
- Councilmember Steve Young - 964-2495 or syoung@ci.dupont.wa.us
- Councilmember Tamara Jenkins -964-8121 ext.361 or tjenkins@ci.dupont.wa.us

FREQUENTLY USED CITY PHONE NUMBERS:

City Hall (information)	964-8121
Fire	964-8414
Planning	912-5388
Police	964-7060
Public Works	912-5381
Building	912-5387
Stephen Dinger, City Administrator	912-5386

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