



Administrator's Friday Letter

May 7, 2010

1. Pierce Transit Boundary Revision Discussion

Several City Councilmembers will be attending the May 10th Pierce Transit Board Meeting to hear the discussion regarding the boundary revision process to the Pierce Transit service area. Pierce Transit officials had been slated to meet with several area cities which have been discussing problems and possible solutions to decreasing bus service levels but that meeting, previously scheduled for May 5th, was cancelled.

2. Pierce County Flood Control District

The Pierce County Council adopted an ordinance creating a flood control zone district at their May 4th meeting. This district will operate as a regional flood control administrative entity allowing Pierce County to coordinate with partners including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State of Washington, FEMA, and local municipalities, in addressing important flood control measures. Next steps include an economic analysis study, capital needs planning, and assessment of outstanding legal issues. A funding mechanism for this district will be discussed at a later date and could include levies, assessments, or charges. Additional information is available by contacting City Hall or the Pierce County Public Works/Utilities department.

3. Pendleton Gate Opening

Due to road construction on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, the Pendleton gate will be open on week days starting this Monday, May 10th until June 1st from approximately 3:30 – 6:30 PM. The gate is located on the Steilacoom-DuPont Road near Bell Hill Drive. Vehicles exiting the base will be forced to make a right turn and there will be a military police officer present when the gate is open. The situation will be continually monitored to see how many vehicles will actually use this exit gate and to determine if changes will need to be made to ease any traffic problems.

4. Sprinkler Head Replacement Project

After four months of processing applications, Tyco, the manufacturer of the recalled sprinkler heads, has closed the application period. Comunale, the company under contract to perform the replacement work, will remain in DuPont through May finishing up scheduled work. Comunale replace sprinkler heads in 42 homes during 2007 and 2008, and will have completed the replacement of sprinkler heads in 228 additional homes by the end of May. Additional information is available in the May 11th Council packet regarding this project.

5. Safety and Accident Prevention Plan Implemented

The Safety and Accident Prevention Plan was adopted by Council in February 2010. The City Safety Committee coordinated training during this past week to familiarize employees with the new policies and procedures. The plan is designed to help prevent accidents, illnesses and injuries, and provide a safe work environment for employees.

6. Sign Code

Letters were sent out to local businesses this past week educating them on the City's sign code regulations. Enforcement efforts will continue to address compliance issues. A sign application from Quadrant was approved to install 12 temporary directional signs at specific locations. This is a decrease of 11 directional signs from what they had previously been utilizing. The permit is valid through May 7, 2011.

7. Parks & Recreation News

Over 50 participants between the ages of 4-18 registered to participate in the City's track program. Participants meet at Pioneer Middle School on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons. This program is staffed through *All Sports*.

The Kidz Love Soccer spring session also kicked off this week with over 40 participants. This program meets at DuPont PowderWorks Park on Wednesday afternoons.

Thank you to Puget Sound Energy (PSE) for their participation in our Park Appreciation Day/Arbor Day celebration on April 24th. Together with PSE, a beautiful dogwood was planted at DuPont PowderWorks Park in celebration of Arbor Day and our Tree City USA status.

8. City-wide Clean Up

The City-wide Clean Up will be held this Saturday, May 8th at 9:30 AM. The clean-up is being coordinated with Harold LeMay Enterprises and will once again be conducted "curbside". Additional information is available on the City's website.

9. Citizen Emergency Response Training (CERT)

The Spring CERT class graduated on April 17th. This valuable class teaches DuPont residents' practical ways to care for themselves and their families in cases of disaster. The Fall CERT class is scheduled to be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 9:00 PM starting October 8th. Citizens wishing to register for this class are encouraged to call the Fire Chief at 253-405-8048.

10. Lost Pets and 2010 Pet Licenses

We seem to have been having a high number of lost pets in our community recently. Contact the Animal Control Hotline at 253-830-5010 or the Humane Society at 253-383-2733 if your pet is missing. Please comply with City pet licensing requirements to help ensure a more timely reunion with your pet. Licensing information is available on the City website.

11. Smoke Detector Grant

DuPont Fire Department has received a grant to provide smoke detectors for those homes in DuPont that do not have sprinkler systems (primarily located in the Historic Village and El Rancho Madrona). These smoke alarms are the latest technology and come with 10 year batteries. Citizens who wish to participate in this valuable program should contact the DuPont Fire Department at 253-964-8414.