



Administrator's Friday Letter

October 30, 2009

1. Pierce Transit Planning Session

The Public Works Director attended a regional route planning session hosted by Pierce Transit on Thursday morning. Pierce Transit is struggling to deal with the paradox of less revenue and increased ridership. Its route structure is under intense review and will be subject to redesign to achieve better performance and efficiency. The DuPont City Council has been actively lobbying for increased transit options in DuPont. The absence of mass transit is considered a liability by potential commercial and industrial developers.

2. Tree City USA Application

Members of the Tree Board will meet on November 17th to complete work on the cities application for Tree City USA status. The City has put in place in the last year the pieces necessary to achieve this designation. Most notable is the formal establishment of a Tree Board. It has been functioning since September of this year.

3. Development Activity Update

McDonald's land use appeal period closed October 27, 2009. No appeals were filed. Engineering is waiting for the final civil construction plans to issue permits.

Community 1st Credit Union submitted revised Mylar drawings for their two lot short plat in DuPont Station October 29, 2009. Separately, they are examining cost saving construction measures and will revise and resubmit the building permit plans for City review shortly thereafter.

Jeff Davis of Davis Property and Investment will receive the "Developer of the Year," "Deal of the Year," and "Industrial Development of the Year" awards for his Western Washington Sheet Metal building at 2620 Williamson Place and warehouse building at 2725 Williamson Place from the Washington Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties at their Night of the Stars Awards Gala celebration in Bellevue on November 6, 2009.

Wayne Reisenauer of First Industrial Realty Trust will receive the "Developer of the Year," and "Industrial Development of the Year" award for the First Park Meridian Campus, a 45 acre master planned industrial/flex development for 190,000 square feet of building space in Lacey. Wayne is the lead project manager for the First Park NW Landing project in DuPont.

4. Citizen Meetings on Parking

The Fire Chief and Public Works Director hosted two meetings with citizens on Wednesday at 2pm and 6pm to present the rationale for parking restrictions on specific residential streets. These public outreach sessions were promised in previous reports to the City Council. We have received positive feedback about the content and received some good suggestions from citizens on the impacted streets.