



# Administrator's Friday Letter

## July 16, 2010

### 1. Pierce County ALERT

Pierce County's Department of Emergency Management (DEM) kicked off its new mass notification system at a media event this past Thursday. Deputy Mayor Coffey, as well as the City Administrator, Police Chief and Fire Chief were in attendance. Their motto is "If we can't reach you, we can't alert you" and this new notification system aims to reach as many Pierce County citizens and businesses as possible. This new system, called Pierce County ALERT, will allow mass notification about natural disasters and other emergencies via a variety of communication modes including cell phones, work phones, text messages, emails, pages and faxes. Informational brochures and signup forms are available at DuPont City Hall and the Public Safety building. DEM volunteers will also be canvassing local neighborhoods with door hangers in the near future. Citizens can also call 253-798-6595 or access the DEM website at [www.piercecountywa.org/ALERT](http://www.piercecountywa.org/ALERT) for additional information and to sign up to participate.

### 2. Town Hall Meeting – Sign Code

The City will be holding a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM to solicit citizen, business, and other stakeholder comments about the current sign code. Staff will be working with the Council, City Attorney, and Planning Agency to review the current code and recommend any necessary revisions. This Town Hall meeting will be the first opportunity for the public to participate in this process.

### 3. Recreation Update

Our summer track program has exciting news to report. Of the 15 participants who participated in the Junior Olympics representing the City of DuPont, seven advanced to the regional level and four are advancing to the national meet to be held in Sacramento, California. The City is proud of all of its participants and wishes those who have advanced the best of luck!

The City has secured a partnership with Dance4Life to offer year-round dance classes for all ages. Classes range from pre-school ballet, teen hip-hop to women's creative dancing. A total of 14 different dance classes will be offered beginning this fall. Classes will occur at the DuPont Community Center. Registration information is available on the City's website under Parks & Recreation at [www.ci.dupont.wa.us/public-works/parks-recreation](http://www.ci.dupont.wa.us/public-works/parks-recreation).

### 4. Hoorah Banner

Hoorah banners are located in the City Hall foyer and at Patriots Landing for citizens to sign. These banners will then be sent to soldiers from Joint Base Lewis-McChord who are currently deployed in Afghanistan. Please feel free to stop by and send your best wishes and support to our troops.

### 5. New Community Connector Liaison

After serving as our Community Connector liaison for the past 1 ½ years, Captain Kristin McKenna is moving on to other adventures in her life. We have appreciated her dedication to DuPont, including her assistance at community events, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July events. Captain Nathan Bankson will

be our new Community Connector from the 6<sup>th</sup> Military Police Group (CID). Captain Bankson was introduced at the July 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and is also a DuPont resident.

## **6. Cooling Center**

DuPont citizens are reminded that a Cooling Center will be open in DuPont at the Public Safety Building EOC on days when the temperatures are expected to be 90 degrees and above. The Cooling Center will be open from noon until 10 PM. Bathroom facilities are available and water will be furnished. No food is allowed in the EOC. Children must not be left unattended and must be well supervised. Ample parking is available in the Civic Center parking lot. For additional information please contact the Fire Chief at 253-964-8414.

## **7. Chloe Clark Statue Dedication**

The Chloe Clark Statue dedication ceremony was held on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and was very well attended. Councilmember Roger Westman was a key note speaker. An interview with Major General John Hemphill is on this week's episode of Pierce County News which airs on Comcast Channel 22, can be viewed at [www.piercecountytv.org/pcn](http://www.piercecountytv.org/pcn) or can be accessed with one of the following links:

- <http://s3.amazonaws.com/PCN/PCN100714ChloeClark.mp4>
- <http://s3.amazonaws.com/PCN/PCN100714ChloeClark.wmv>

## **8. Bell Hill Community Park – Construction Update**

Work on the Bell Hill Community Park is back underway this week. Construction had been placed on hold to address equipment design layouts and installation requirements. This 4.4 acre park is located at the west end of Bell Hill plat and will connect to existing community trails. As a reminder, trail users should continue to use caution when walking the trails near the Bell Hill subdivision.

## **9. Office of Financial Management Budget Hearings**

The State Office of Financial Management (OFM) will be conducting four executive budget hearings to share information on the State's budget and receive feedback on residents around the state. OFM is hosting a hearing in Tacoma on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the University of Washington-Tacoma campus, William W. Phillip Hall, Milgard Assembly Room located at 1900 Commerce Street. OFM budget staff will present information on each major budget area and on the Governor's Committee on Transforming Washington's Budget. The panel and the public will also have a chance to provide comments or ask questions during the hearing.

## **10. Police Evidence/Property Room**

Staff has been hard at work organizing the evidence/property room in the Police Department. Over the course of this year-long process they have boxed up 9 boxes of property and 20 pounds of dropped off prescription drugs and medications. The property will be disposed of in the next two weeks by incineration and will free up considerable space in the property room. This is the first destruction of property/evidence the department has done in several years and this will become an annual event.