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Glacier Supplemental Feasibility Study Update

The City of DuPont hosted the first meeting of the study group working on environmental issues related to the Glacier Land Use Application. This group is the result of the recently adopted MOU of the parties to the 1994 Settlement Agreement. The meeting was very positive in its tone and many good ideas were advanced by participants. A preliminary scope of work was subsequently produced and reviewed. The time frame for the supplemental work calls for a first draft of the feasibility study to be completed by January 22. There will be several iterations as the group works towards final recommendations. The next meeting of the study group will be in DuPont on February 17 at 9:30am. The meeting is open to the public.

City Acquires Historic Properties

At the December 8 Council meeting, the Mayor announced that the City has completed acquisition of 49 acres adjacent to Sequelitchew Creek, including the Wilkes observatory site. With the acquisition, the City also acquired a public corridor along the bluff adjacent to the First Park Northwest Landing site. This acquisition is the most recent in a series of which the City has sought to acquire and protect historically significant sites in the community.

2010 Budget Adopted

After seven budget meetings and much deliberation about difficult choices, the City Council adopted a 2010 Budget appropriating \$10,011,238 across all funds. The General Fund appropriation is for \$5,892,713 which represents a 9% decrease from the adopted 2009 General Fund Budget. All local governments in Washington are adjusting to the harsh economic times and trimming expenditures. Every City department has seen service levels adjusted to respond to lower manpower levels and revised priorities.

Expanded Use of Golf Carts Studied

The City is reviewing the implications of a request from the Sierra Club to permit the use of golf carts on City streets. The Washington Department of Transportation has indicated that cities can test the feasibility of such a use as a pilot project. State Representative Tami Green intends to sponsor some language changes in the state statutes (RCW) which would put golf carts on the same position as bicycles (i.e. be able to ride in the bike paths and trails where bikes are permitted).

Flood Plain Application

Citizens have recently experienced difficulty closing mortgages where flood insurance is not available. DuPont is not a high risk for floods given its topography. In the years past, City Council had chosen not to participate in the federal flood insurance program. That decision is now under review. A centerpiece policy action will be the adoption of a local flood control ordinance by the City Council. It is expected that the Council may have an initial staff report and first reading of an ordinance by February 2010.

WISHING YOU A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Parks & Recreation BINGO Night:
Join your friends and neighbors at our first Annual BINGO Night! There will be great prizes!
Help support programs and activities through Parks & Recreation.
Tickets can be purchased at DuPont Civic Center at 1700 Civic Drive.
Saturday, January 9 6:00PM \$15 for one card/\$20 for two cards. (Sorry, cards cannot be split)

Teen Driving Evening with a Cop
Help support your teenage driver for an evening of open dialog with the DuPont Police.
Topics will include: Rules of the Road, MIP (Minor in Possession), DUI Mock Scene, etc.
Register at DuPont Civic Center. Ages 14 & up.
Thursday, January 21 6:30PM \$10 (includes pizza and raffle prizes)

Registration forms and additional class information are available on our website: <http://www.ci.dupont.wa.us/events.php>

NEWS FROM THE TOURISM BOARD

The DuPont Tourism Board has had a very busy year! Our website, www.visitdupont.com, can now be found online, but is still under construction. The DuPont brochure has been produced, as well as two trail maps (a walk through the Historic Village and an overall trail map). In addition, we have a business card size events calendar. The Tourism Board is a member of the Steilacoom and Lakewood Chambers of Commerce and our brochures and maps are available at those locations. The Tacoma Regional Convention Bureau is featuring selected DuPont information in the 2010 Travel Planner. For 2010, the goal is to complete Sequialtchew Creek trail map and an Edmond Marsh trail map. A special thanks to all the volunteers who have helped this year, the Tourism Board members, and everyone who provided information or participated in special projects. Anyone who wishes to volunteer can contact Pat Malone at (253) 576-0696 or pmalone@ci.dupont.wa.us.

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		1 <i>Tree Board (1:30PM) Tourism Board (2PM) Budget Workshop (6PM)</i>	2 <i>Civil Service (6PM)</i>	3	4	5
6 <i>Annual Tree Lighting (5PM) Ross Plaza</i>	7 <i>Memorial & Remembrance Ross Plaza - 6PM</i>	8 <i>Council Meeting (7PM)</i>	9	10 <i>Santa Claus Is Coming To Town (Santa Run around town)</i>	11 <i>Santa Claus Is Coming To Town An Evening w/ Santa (7PM)</i>	12
13	14 <i>Planning Agency (7PM)</i>	15	16 <i>Tree Board (1PM)</i>	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>City Hall Closed</i>	26
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