



# Administrator's Friday Letter

April 30, 2010

## **1 Joint Transportation Committee Meeting**

The State Joint Transportation Committee has reserved our council chambers on May 11 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm for their next committee meeting. They will have 12-15 Legislators, 20 staff from the House and Senate and 40-60 public attending. The City regularly gets rave reviews on the quality of our meeting space in City Hall and the Public Safety Building.

## **2. Census Field Contacts to Begin**

On the same note, the Census Bureau finished a week's training in our EOC on Friday for enumerators. In May the Census workers will be in the field in DuPont making contact at addresses that have not yet returned their survey form.

## **3. Economic Development Board: Investors Briefing**

The following "observations" about the condition of the economy were included in the materials presented at the April 21<sup>st</sup> briefing.

- More firms are reporting month over month sales increases
- Businesses expect 2010 to remain difficult but are looking for incremental gains
- The constraints on financing are limiting the ability to expand
- There is concern about the competitiveness of our aerospace industry
- A corollary is a concern about the competitiveness of the manufacturing sector
- Proposed increases in workers compensation rates are a concern

## **4. Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO): Grant Application**

Last year the City submitted an unsuccessful application to the State (RCO) to help fund a skate park. As a placeholder, City staff has been working with the RCO staff to discuss retooling our application to meet the current years May 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline. The submittal of an application does not lock the City into a project but does allow a priority discussion during the upcoming retreat or budget process.

## **5. McNeil Parking Strip Maintenance**

For the past several years, the City has provided for irrigation and maintenance of the parking strips along portions of McNeil Street as part of the development agreements for the corridor. As these agreements have expired, the City ceases to provide maintenance or irrigation, shifting responsibility to the adjacent property owner. This practice is consistent with current City policy. The City continues to maintain public greenways and park areas adjacent to the street. A letter will be sent out next week to notify impacted property owners of this transition.

## **6. Fire Department Promotes Car Seat Safety**

DuPont Fire Department will be partnering with Mary Bridge Children's Hospital to host a National Child Passenger Safety Certification Course on May 12, 13, 19, and 20th. Parents of small children who use car seats are encourage to bring their bring their vehicle and car seats to the DuPont Fire Station on Thursday, May 20th for free instructions on how to properly install and adjust child car seats. Citizens with questions should contact Chief Hull at 253-377-7289.

## **7. House Burn Training Scheduled**

DuPont Fire Department will also be partnering with Lacey Fire Department to conduct a house burn off Mounts Road on May 25th. This valuable live fire training will give fire fighters the opportunity to practice learned techniques in fire suppression. Members of DuPont's CERT team will also be given the opportunity to perform support roles at this event. The abandoned house in located on what was a part of the Braget farm off the end of Mounts Road.

## **8. Planning Agency News**

On April 26<sup>th</sup> the Planning Agency reelected Linda Jordan as Chair and interviewed Brian Shrader, the first of two candidates for a currently vacant position. On May 10, 2010, the Planning Agency will interview Bill Casper, the second candidate and make a recommendation to the City Council.