



# Administrator's Friday Letter

April 2, 2010

## 1. Sandwich Board Sign Regulations

The City Sign Code (DMC 25.115) does not permit sandwich board signs on the public right of way (sidewalks or streets). There has been an increase in the number of sandwich board signs placed in the public right of way over the past year, which has generated complaints. The City has notified the business community and churches of the requirements of the city code and that enforcement activity will be increased. The sign code will be a subject of discussion at the April 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

## 2. CERT Class Well Attended

Twenty- six citizens attended the first two CERT training classes (Community Emergency Response Team) this week. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations which assumes that citizens initially need to prepare to help each other. It is proven that neighborhood based action makes a difference. The classes are held at the DuPont Fire Station and are taught by firefighters. Classes are twice a week through the middle of April. Register for Fall classes by contacting the Fire Chief at 253-405-8048.

## 3. DuPont joins Lakewood for Bypass Hearing

The City of DuPont has joined the City of Lakewood in requesting a formal evidentiary hearing on the rail bypass project proposed by the Washington Department of Transportation. The project would direct passenger trains on a rebuilt rail line running adjacent to I-5. Both cities have expressed concerns about the safety of proposed at-grade crossings. The WUTC formally consolidated the hearings for Lakewood and the City of DuPont by an order issued April 1<sup>st</sup>. The preconference which had been scheduled was cancelled. The hearing dates are June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at Lakewood City Hall.

## 5. Chloe Clark Landscape Project Underway

The Chloe Clark Elementary School Landscape Enhancement construction plan was approved and construction will soon be started. The project will improve the landscaping at the corner of Haskell and Palisade to match the rest of the site and establish an area for the Chloe Clark Statue.

## 6. DuPont Emergency Operations Center Featured

The Pierce County government access magazine show "Rainier Country" on cable channel 22 will have a feature story on the new DuPont Emergency Operations Center in July. Rainier Country highlights interesting stories focusing on government and community news and is a project of the Rainier Media Center. Each RMC member participates on a Content Committee which comes up with story ideas.