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Sprinkler Replacement Update

The City has taken several recent actions to facilitate completion of the residential sprinkler head replacements required in a settlement agreement between Tyco and the Consumer Products Safety Commission. Some homes built in the Palisades development have sprinkler heads of the model involved in the voluntary replacement order. Tyco and their sprinkler repair contractor, Comunale, have not completed the required work in DuPont. A primary object of contention is a second waiver which Comunale has attempted to extract from DuPont homeowners.

The City met with the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) last week, as they have jurisdiction over sprinkler systems. A letter will be sent from SFM indicating such a waiver is not permitted. In addition, the Consumer Products Safety Commission has indicated that they will require Tyco/Comunale to inform registered homeowners that one option available to them is to hire a plumber licensed to work on sprinkler systems. Tyco must then provide reimbursement at a specific rate per sprinkler head. Although this rate may not cover the full cost of the work, it does shift the control of completion to the homeowner.

The City has also contacted the State Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, and has an AAG assigned to monitor compliance. The City has produced a Gantt chart for completion of all actions necessary to finish work in all homes in DuPont. Our target is to be able to close the file on this matter by the end of November. A final point, the City is not a legal party to this matter, as it is a civil product liability issue. The City chose to become engaged because of the protracted impasse which occurred and the impact on citizens of our community.

New On-Street Parking Restrictions Being Implemented

Parking on both sides of the street seriously impedes the access of emergency vehicles on a number of City streets. To provide fire access, it has become necessary to implement parking restrictions on some streets which will limit parking to one side of the street. Restrictions were recently established by Resolution of the City Council for an area on McDonald Street, north of Willson Avenue. In the future, restrictions are planned for additional areas on the following streets: McDonald, Forrest, Arnold, Meyer, Braget (curves), Tolmie (curves), Rowan Court (curves), Cox (curves), Hudson (curves), and Griggs (curves). Homeowners adjacent to affected parking areas will receive notice of an informational meeting planned in September.

City Applies for Innovation Partnership Zone

The City of DuPont submitted an application to the State Department of Commerce to establish an Innovation Partnership Zone within the City. If successful, this designation will assist in bringing together research, workforce training, and globally-competitive companies in close proximity for a cooperative, research-based effort to create new commercially viable products and jobs. Innovative partnership zones were created by the State Legislature in 2007. To date, eleven zones have been designated throughout the state.

Bell Hill Community Park Construction Imminent

Please use caution when walking the trails near the Bell Hill subdivision. The Bell Hill Community Park preconstruction meeting was held on August 20 and the park will be under construction soon. This 4.4 acre park is located at the west end of Bell Hill plat and will connect to existing community trails.

Tree Board Begins Work

The City Tree Board had its first meeting on September 1. Due to the large number and variety of trees within the City, many issues have arisen over the years regarding removal, care, and replacement of trees. The Tree Board's first order of business will be a work plan. Among items considered for inclusion, in no order of priority, were street trees, hazardous trees, urban forestry, Tree USA participation, development of regulations regarding tree retention, and tree care education. There are still some open seats on the Tree Board. For information, please contact Bill McDonald, City Administrator, at bmcdonald@ci.dupont.wa.us or (253) 964-8121.

Scarecrow Fashions

Create a scarecrow! Dress yours in a favorite team jersey, as a movie star, or a mini version of you!
 DuPont Powderworks Park September 5th, 11AM-1PM Cost: \$10

De-Clutter Your Home

Learn tried-and-true techniques to help you clean and organize your home.
 Taught by Joyce Mitchell, a Home Organizing Professional.
 Community Center September 21st, 6PM-8PM Cost: \$10

Evening With A Cop

Topics covered will include: Rules of The Road, DUI Mock Scene, and MIP (Minor In Possession/Consumption).
 DuPont Civic Center October 15th, 6:30PM-8PM Cost: \$20

Kidz Love Soccer Fall Session

September 23 through November 18 DuPont Powderworks Park

Early Childhood Development Classes

Classes taught through Ovation Academy September through November

*Unless otherwise specified, classes will be held at: DuPont Community Center located at 303 Barksdale Avenue
 Registration forms and additional class information are available on our website: <http://www.ci.dupont.wa.us/events.php>*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Zumba (6:15-7:15PM) (Community Center)	2 Civil Service (6PM)	3	4	5 Scarecrow Fashions (11AM) (PowderWorks Park)
6	7 City Hall Closed - Labor Day	8 Council Meeting (7PM) Zumba (6:15-7:15PM) (Community Center)	9	10	11	12
13	14 Parks Agency (7PM) Planning Agency (7PM)	15 Council Workshop (6PM)	16	17	18	19
20	21 DeClutter Your Home (6PM) (Community Center)	22 Council Meeting (7PM)	23 Kidz Love Soccer - Fall (PowderWorks Park)	24	25	26
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Parks Agency (7PM)	6	7 Civil Service (7PM)	8	9	10
11	12 Planning Agency (7PM)	13 Council Meeting (7 PM)	14	15 Evening w/ A Cop (6:30 PM) (City Hall)	16	17
18	19	20 Council Workshop (6 PM)	21	22	23	24
25	26 Planning Agency (7 PM)	27 Council Meeting (7 PM)	28	29 Baby Sign (10:30AM) (Community Center)	30	31

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