



# Administrator's Friday Letter

## July 9, 2010

### 1. July 4<sup>th</sup> All-American Celebration and Operation We Love Our Military

Thanks to the countless tireless hours of preparation by many City and ROA volunteers this event was a huge success! Despite cool temperatures (but no rain!) Many people enjoyed the festivities including the parade, pony rides, tours of the Stryker vehicle, parachute jump, craft vendors, kids' activities, and live entertainment (including Elvis!) Both the Historical Society's pancake breakfast and the Lions Club BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs booths were a hit. Again, many thanks to the City of DuPont, Northwest Landing ROA, CalPortland, Costco and the many volunteers for their contributions!

### 2. Hot Temperatures and Cooling Center

After much delay, summer has finally arrived in DuPont! We are experiencing record high temperatures for early July and some of the risks associated with this type of weather are heat stroke and dehydration. Residents are reminded to consume extra fluids during hot weather and limit their time in the direct sun to decrease changes of overheating. On days that temperatures reach 90 degrees and above, the Fire Department will open a Cooling Center at the Emergency Operations Center located in the Public Safety Building at 1780 Civic Drive. Citizens who feel the need for immediate relief from the extreme temperatures may come to the Cooling Center between the hours of Noon and 10 PM. Tables, chairs, and water will be available.

### 3. Recreational Opportunities

This week marked the start of several sports camps being held in the City of DuPont. Skyhawks Sports Camps will be hosting flag football, baseball, basketball and soccer camps throughout the remainder of the summer. Our Kidz Love Soccer summer series also kicked off this week. All camps will occur at DuPont PowderWorks Park. Please contact the City at 964-8121 or visit us online at [www.ci.dupont.wa.us](http://www.ci.dupont.wa.us) for more information and registration materials.

Our summer track program is still running strong with just shy of 100 families participating. This program will conclude at the end of July with the final Family Fun Run scheduled for mid-August.

### 4. Fireworks Recap

Police and Fire were happy to report that there were no fireworks-related incidents and/or accidents over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend, other than a few noise-related complaints. The City will be changing the dates and hours of discharge of fireworks beginning July 2011 and a public education campaign will precede that date.

### 5. Summer Theft and Burglaries

The Police Department would like to remind all residents to keep their garage doors and first story windows closed at night. With the heat of the summer here, there is a tendency to leave these open to cool your home. Last summer we had thefts from garages and burglaries of homes by people crawling through open ground floor windows. As Police patrols around the City they have observed several garages and windows left open at night. Don't be a victim; as you check your doors to make sure they are locked before you go to bed be sure to close your ground floor windows and your

garage door, and while you are at it, please make sure your car is locked and all valuables are removed or out of sight.

Summer is also the time where many residents leave for extended vacations. Many residents may not be aware that forms are available at City Hall to notify the Police of your absence. Please feel free to utilize this service so we can work together to help reduce burglaries.

## **6. Fire Danger**

It has been a cool, wet spring and early summer, but we are now entering into a period of hot, dry weather. Soon the green spaces and forested areas will dry out and the fire danger will move to a high level. All trail heads have been posted with signs notifying residents and visitors that burning is not allowed on public property. This includes the beaches along Puget Sound where the danger of fire burning up the banks and into the residential areas is high. Please use extra caution and help us keep DuPont safe.

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

The Chloe Clark Statue dedication ceremony is scheduled for this Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Chloe Clark Elementary School. After several years for fundraising efforts this statue project has been successfully completed! Additional information is available on the City website.