



News From City Hall

City of DuPont
May—June 2005



Community Meeting on the Building Code Program

The City of DuPont will conduct an informational meeting regarding the City's Building Code Program on May 19, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at DuPont Community Center/City Hall located at 303 Barksdale Avenue. The meeting was scheduled in part because an increasing number of concerns have been expressed to the City Council regarding building construction problems. Information will be provided on the following subjects:

- The purpose of the building code program
- The authority for the building code program
- Responsibility for compliance with building codes
- History of the Building Code program in Dupont
- Answers to frequently asked questions

All interested persons are encouraged to attend. For further information, contact the Building Department at 253-912-5381.

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303 Barksdale Ave.
DuPont, WA 98327

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DROUGHT RESPONSE

Your City of DuPont drinking water is obtained from deep aquifer wells which should experience much less negative affect from our recent dry winter weather than other water supply systems. Current well water levels are not showing any drop below historic well water levels. Even though we do not expect water supply to be an issue for City of DuPont residents this summer, conservation of this valuable resource is still the wise and economical thing to do.

What is the City doing??

For most of our major lawn areas, the City operates an irrigation system called Maxicon. This system is tied to a real time weather monitoring station. The system uses temperature and precipitation data from this weather station to adjust irrigation times and amounts ensuring that our lawn areas are not being over-watered.

What can you do??

- Don't let your lawn turn brown and then decide to try to turn it green again – it will take nearly 10 times as much water to bring back a brown lawn as it would to have kept it green in the first place.
- Water before 8 AM or after 6 PM – as much as 30% of the water can be lost to evaporation by watering your lawn during the midday heat.
- Avoid watering on windy days.
- Water in several close together short sessions rather than a single long session. For example, three 10 minute sessions spaced 30 minutes to an hour apart will allow your lawn to better absorb moisture than one straight 30 minute session.
- Only water when your lawn is thirsty – over watering promotes shallow root growth making your lawn less hardy. Most lawns in our area require only 1" of water per week. (To determine if your lawn needs to be watered, simply walk on the grass. If you leave footprints, it's time to water.)
- Adjust the timer on automatic sprinklers according to seasonal water demands and weather conditions – homes with in-ground automatic sprinklers use 35% more water than those without them. One reason may be that the automatic system controllers have not been properly adjusted according to seasonal irrigation needs.
- Install a rain shut-off device on automatic sprinklers to eliminate unnecessary watering.
- Make sure your sprinkler is placed so it only waters the lawn, not the pavement.
- Avoid using sprinklers which spray a fine mist – this increases evaporation.



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YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Steve Young	964-2495 or syoung@ci.dupont.wa.us
Councilmember Linda Cumberbatch	964-8121 or lcumberbatch@ci.dupont.wa.us
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Councilmember Roger Westman	964-8121 or rwestman@ci.dupont.wa.us
Councilmember Joan Baird	964-8121 or jbaird@ci.dupont.wa.us
Councilmember John Ehrenreich	964-8121 or jehrenreich@ci.dupont.wa.us

CITY DEPARTMENTS

City Administrator	Bill McDonald	964-8121
Community Development	John Darling	964-3300
Public Works	John Cunningham	912-5380
Support Services/Finance	Dawn Schauer	912-5383
Fire Department	Chris Jensen	964-8414
Police Department	Mike Pohl	964-7060

FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

City Hall (information)	964-8121
Planning Department	912-5393
Public Works	912-5381
Building Department	912-5387
Fire Department	964-8414
Police Department	964-7060
Website	www.ci.dupont.wa.us
Non-Emergency Police Number	798-4721

Always call 911 in an emergency

This newsletter and upcoming City events may be found online at the City website — www.ci.dupont.wa.us.

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

- May
- 2 ... Parks Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall)
 - 4 ... Civil Service Meeting (6PM City Hall)
 - 9 ... Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall)
 - 10 ... City Council Meeting (7PM City Hall)
 - 19 ... Building Code Presentation (7PM City Hall)
 - 23 ... Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall)
 - 24 ... City Council Meeting/Workshop (7PM City Hall)
 - 30 ... Memorial Day (City Hall Closed)
- June
- 1 ... Civil Service Meeting (6PM City Hall)
 - 6 ... Parks Meeting (7PM City Hall)
 - 13 ... Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall)
 - 14 ... City Council Meeting (7PM City Hall)
 - 25 ... Annual City-Wide Yard Sale
 - 27... Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall)
 - 28... City Council Meeting/Workshop (7PM City Hall)
- July
- 4 ... Independence Day (City Hall closed)
 - 6 ... Civil Service Meeting (6PM City Hall)
 - 11 ... Planning Agency Meeting (7PM City Hall)
 - 12 ... City Council Meeting (7PM City Hall)



CONSTRUCTION TRESPASSING

The DuPont Police Department has been responding to an increasing amount of trespassing, vandalism, and theft complaints within various construction zones throughout DuPont. This also includes the Division 7 and 8 areas (north of McNeil Street to Bob's Hollow Lane) which are now being developed.

These incidents have caused a loss of property and need for repair, as well as an increased risk of personal injury to anyone who was wrongfully there. Those who are found to be trespassing or committing other violations in these areas could be subject to arrest.

Please let your children know that construction areas are not a safe place to play or congregate.



Thank you for your cooperation.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The 4th of July is only around the corner and fireworks abuse will again be of great concern to the DuPont Police Department. I am once again looking for citizen volunteers to help with walking the trails to prevent fireworks use in the green areas. Volunteers are expected to volunteer for blocks of a minimum of two hours and will start at 10am on the 4th. A volunteer can pick a 10 am to noon shift, one later in the day, or even more than one shift during the day. Any help will be welcome. We are also looking for food and beverage donations for the volunteers. If you are interesting in volunteering, please call the Police Department at 253-964-7060.

Also, the Police Department, in conjunction with the DuPont Community Church, is continuing to host the Basketball Jamboree at Chloe Clark School gym. The next dates are May 29th from 2pm to 4pm and June 26th from 2pm to 4pm. All kids and parents are welcome. Bring your basketball shoes and competitive spirit. We have a lot of fun.



HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY TO OUR LIBRARY!

There was an open house on Saturday, May 7th to celebrate the one year birthday of the DuPont Public Library. Congratulations!

Recipe for success? We want you! We want your best recipes to be published in a cookbook we are creating to celebrate DuPont's Centennial Celebration in 2006. Look around town or here at the library for entry forms and get your recipe printed in the DuPont Centennial cook book! Recipes should be turned in by June 15th.

Have you read a good book lately? Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00pm at our library, Bruce Weathers, Pierce County Library System's premier booktalker, will entertain you with book recommendations from his vast knowledge of titles, well-known and obscure. Bruce will discuss The Reading Room, on the web at www.pcl.lib.wa.us/ReadingRoom/readroomnew.htm, and other resources for finding a good book.

Let's play a game! Not Just For Kids Anymore!!! June through August, Family Game Nights are the second Tuesday of every month starting at 6:30 pm, at the library, sponsored by Friends of the DuPont Library. A variety of games will be provided by *Wind Up Here*, the specialty toy store in downtown Olympia. Check with the library at 964-4003 if you have any questions. Bring your family and friends or challenge your foes – just have a good time!

Summer reading program gearing up now! MARK SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH AT 10:00 AM ON YOUR CALENDAR! Life in the Middle Ages, presented by the Interactive History Company. Ballads and Stories; attend a merry mix of medieval ballads and tales performed and taught by "Lady Catherine".

Done with your spring cleaning? Relax with a book! Check out the Used Book Sale shelves next time you are in. The books are switched out weekly! Please check with the library staff if you have gently used books, magazines, DVDs or videos to contribute. We are unable to accept encyclopedias, textbooks, Reader's Digest Condensed, books and soiled or musty items. All proceeds go to benefit the library and our community – so get a great deal on some new books and support your home town library too!

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CHALLENGER SOCCER CAMP

There will be a Challenger Soccer Camp again this summer, held between August 8 through 12 at Chloe Clark Elementary School. The schedules are as follows:

- Ages 4-5 Mini Soccer 9-10:30am ... \$70
- Ages 4-5 Mini Soccer 10:40am-12:10pm ... \$70
- Ages 6-16 Half Day 9am-12pm ... \$96
- Ages 6-16 Half Day 1-4pm ... \$96

Sign-up sheets are available at City Hall through April at (253) 912-5387 or online at www.challengersports.com. Camp fees include a free ball and t-shirt. In addition, a free soccer jersey will be given to anyone who signs up *prior* to June 24, 2005.

Any family interested in hosting a British soccer coach during this time will receive a \$100 Challenger Soccer merchandise coupon.

The point of contact for inquires is Vivian at (253) 912-0562 or Vivian_eng@hotmail.com. She is volunteering for this as a member of the Parks Agency and works full time. She will get back to you with an answer for any messages left at this number or on her email.



Juvenile Firesetters

Did you know that there are three stages of firesetters? Curiosity firesetters, intentional firesetters, and crisis firesetters.

The curiosity firesetters are primarily children ages 2-7, who experiment with, or cause accidental fires.

The intentional firesetters are between ages 8-12 who are responding to peer pressure and are acting without thinking about the consequences of their actions.

The crisis firesetters usually consist of juveniles 13-18, who tend to have a long history of undetected fire play and fire starting behavior. The crisis firesetter may be upset with a major change in their life or may feel powerless for some other reason. The fires they set may be symbolic and even self-destructive.

All three of these stages will need some help, which can come in many forms. If your child is not responding to your efforts at redirecting their interest, then they may need some professional help.

Here are a couple of things your children have learned at school through The Risk Watch Program.

- Matches and lighters are a tool, not a toy.
- When they find matches, they are not to touch them, but they are to find a grown-up and tell them what they found.
- All matches and lighters are to be out of the reach of juveniles.

If they do get burned, they are to cool the burn as soon as possible.

For more information on juvenile firesetters, contact Gina Hooft, City of DuPont Fire Department Fire Prevention Specialist at 253-964-8414.

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What do you get the person who has everything? Friends of the DuPont Library T-shirts and sweatshirts are also available for sale at the library now – check them out, they're cheap chic!

Annual membership dues for Friends of the DuPont Library are \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 for a family, and may be mailed to or dropped off at the library, 1540 Wilmington Drive, DuPont 98327. Our next meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. at the library on Thursday, May 26th and June 23rd. Please join us!

Contact Christy MacAnally, President (964-2310) or Jennifer Crouse, Vice President (964-2035) with any questions about the group or library services.



Utility Bills

The latest utility bills for service covering the months of March and April have been sent out. The payment for this billing is **due upon receipt**, but is not considered past due until June 1. Please remember, **it is still the account holder's responsibility to have the bill paid by the end of the month whether a bill has been received or not.** If you have not received your bill, please call the utility billing desk at 253-964-8121 for the total amount due or for a reprint of your statement. If your account becomes past due, a charge in the amount of 10% of the total bill due will be assessed.

Also, new for this billing cycle, we have implemented a Direct Debit policy. If you haven't already signed up to have your utility payment automatically withdrawn from your bank account and feel you would be interested in this service beginning with the May/June billing cycle, please contact the utility billing desk at 253-964-8121.

DuPont Historical Society and Museum

The DuPont Historical Society elected new members and officers to the Board of Trustees. The officers are: Robby Robinson, President; Steve Baird, Secretary; Bert Wyant, Vice President and Museum Director; and Harold Schmidt, Treasurer. The Society operates the Dupont Historical Museum, the Train Restoration Group, and carries out other projects to promote and preserve DuPont's unique historic identity. Several new volunteers have joined the Museum staff, which will allow the Museum to be open more hours each week. The Train Restoration Group is working on plans that should be ready for City review in June. Volunteers are needed for these and other interesting projects in the Museum. To learn more, come to our next meeting on May 16. The Museum Group meets at 7:00 PM and the Dupont Historical society meets at 7:30 PM. The agenda covers the museum activities, status of the train restoration, and activities around the acquisition of several historical sites currently under Weyerhaeuser's control.

Meeting Dates:

Museum Group meets at the Museum at 7:00 PM third Monday each month (May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug 15, Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, and Dec 19).
DuPont Historical Society meets the same day and place at 7:30 PM.

Thank You For Caring

The DuPont Community Presbyterian Church would like to thank all of the DuPont citizens who generously donated food for the Tillicum Food Bank on March 5. There were over 150 grocery bags of food and \$110.00 collected. Thank you for helping to make the food drive such a success.

We were unable to distribute collection bags to all of DuPont, but we will distribute bags to the areas we missed later in the year.

Annual Backflow Testing Due Soon

Residents who have landscape irrigation systems will soon be receiving your annual backflow testing notices. For DuPont water customers that are regulated by the Cross Connection Control Program, we will contact you when tests and inspections are due. More detailed information is available by contacting DuPont Public Works at (253) 912-5381.

The City of DuPont is aggressively protecting our water supply from contamination. This effort is call the Cross Connection Control Program. It ensures that used water does not re-enter the water system. This program assures that customers take the proper precaution to prevent this from happening by means of inspection and testing, as well as assuring plumbing codes are properly followed.

Definition of a Cross Connection

A cross-connection is any temporary or permanent connection between a public water system or consumer's potable (i.e., drinking) water system and any source or system containing no potable water or other substances. An example is the piping between a public water system or consumer's potable water system and an auxiliary water system, cooling system, or irrigation system.

Please remember, if you are thinking about installing an irrigation system yourself, a permit from the City of DuPont is required.

