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Online Survey Now Available

Those who were not contacted directly by the City of DuPont's survey consultant, PRR, have an opportunity to participate in the community survey online. The purpose of the survey is to get residents' opinions about the City, community priorities, and expectations regarding City services. We would like to include your opinion. All responses will be completely anonymous and will only be reported in aggregate with those who complete the questionnaire. The link to the survey is now available on the City website at www.ci.dupont.wa.us. The survey parameter will only allow one response per computer. Access to the survey has been extended to October 16.

Polish Delegation Results in Great Collaboration

A delegation from Poland was hosted by the City of DuPont and other partners on September 29, 30, and October 1st. This is the second time the City has helped host a delegation from Poland. A very successful collaboration with other entities resulted in a very rich experience for our guests. Proper thanks are in order for the following entities' great help: Municipal Research and Services Center and their Director Rich Yukubousky, Washington City County Management Association and their President Ben Yazici, Seattle Chamber of Commerce/Trade Commission and their staff member Bill Stafford, and the Nisqually Tribe and their Chair Cynthia Iyall. Personal thanks to those that hosted guests in their homes: Bill and Lee McDonald, Penny and Roy Coffey, Donna Downing, and Kathy Trotter and Ruth Egger. These exchanges are under the auspices of one formal government cooperation agreement and a formal professional affiliation agreement. All involved agree that these events result in increased understanding of local government issues and greater appreciation for the cultures of our two great countries.

Residential Sprinkler Issue Still Active

The Fire Department and City Administrator's Office continue to push for completion of all sprinkler replacements docketed under the voluntary settlement reached with the Federal Trade Commission and Tyco. The State Fire Marshall's Office has issued a letter, dated September 24, 2009, taking issue with language in the waiver that had been used by Communal. In addition, our Fire Department and Building Official are completing work on terms for a Master Permit and performance measures for the use of a vacuum during replacement operations proposed by Communal. Further information and questions can be directed to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Stormwater Outreach Finds Regional Approach

As part of the ongoing efforts to develop stormwater public education and outreach to our communities, a coalition of more than 300 Puget Sound organizations, including cities and counties, environmental and stewardship groups, businesses and universities, have been working together to create a regional campaign. We are pleased to announce that the "Puget Sound Starts Here" campaign to stop the daily flow of 140,000 pounds of toxic chemicals from entering Puget Sound was recently launched. The campaign acquaints residents how changes in their everyday actions can help save the Sound. The effort is the largest in history to save Puget Sound. It is led by the Puget Sound Partnership, S.T.O.R.M. (Stormwater Outreach for Regional Municipalities) and the Washington Department of Ecology. Information regarding the campaign and public outreach materials is available at www.pugetsoundstartshere.org. This link is also available on the City's website.

Bill Pay Utility Payments

If you use Bill Pay through your bank to pay your City utility bill, please verify that your bank has our current address on file (1700 Civic Drive, DuPont, WA 98327). Also, to ensure proper credit, please make sure your water utility account number is referenced correctly through Bill Pay. We're asking those who have moved to new homes within the City to especially take the time to verify this information. We have found that some of you are still using account numbers assigned to you in the 90's, prior to our change in utility billing software, resulting in payments being applied incorrectly. You can find your current account number on your utility statement under account information.

Evening With A Cop

DuPont Parks & Rec and DuPont Police have teamed up to host Evening With A Cop. Kids ages 14 and up will discuss/experience the rules of the road, a mock DUI scene, minor in possession, and an introduction to a parent/teen driving contact. Pizza will be provided.
 Thursday, October 15 6:30PM-8PM Cost: \$20 City Hall

Halloween Ghost Stories

Everyone loves a good ghost story, especially this time of the year! Join your friends and neighbors (Ages 9 and up, please) for an evening of spooky tales told by a professional story teller. Festive refreshments will be served.
 Thursday, October 22 7:00-8:30 PM Cost: \$5 Community Center

Jewelry Making with Rebecca Kinney

This class is a perfect opportunity to get an early jump on holiday gift making. Join other craft enthusiasts for an evening of bracelet and earring making. (Ages 9 and up, please)
 Friday, November 6 6-8 PM Cost: \$25 Community Center

4th Annual Holiday Bazaar

Vendors Wanted! Vendor applications are now available online for the Annual Winter Wonderland Holiday Bazaar. 10X10 booths are \$25. Please call Parks & Recreation at (253) 912-5245 with any questions.
 Saturday, November 14 9AM-5PM Chloe Clark Elementary School

It's time fore the 1st Annual Golf Show & Sale!

Local golf vendors and golf courses will be on site for our first annual show. Learn about the upcoming US Amateur and US Open and how you can get involved. Be sure to attend the instructional seminars by local golf professionals.
 Saturday, November 21 9AM-5PM Cost: Free Chloe Clark Elementary School

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	2	3 Scarecrow Fashions (11AM) @ PowderWorks Park
4	5 Parks Agency (7PM)	6 Tree Board (1PM) Council Workshop (6PM)	7	8	9	10
11	12 Tourism Board (10AM)	13 Council Meeting (7PM)	14	15 Evening w/ A Cop (6:30 PM) @ City Hall	16	17
18	19	20 Council Workshop (6PM)	21	22	23	24
25	26 Planning Agency (7 PM)	27 Council Meeting (7 PM)	28	29 Baby Signs (10:30AM) (Community Center)	30	31

NOVEMBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Tourism Board (10AM) Parks Agency (7 PM)	3 Tree Board (1PM)	4 Council Workshop (6PM) Civil Service (6PM)	5	6 Jewelry Making (6PM) @ Community Center	7
8	9 Planning Agency (7PM)	10 Senior Potluck (Noon-1:30) @ Community Center Council Meeting (7PM)	11 City Hall Closed	12	13	14 Holiday Bazaar (9AM) @ Chloe Clark Elementary
15	16	17 Council Workshop (6PM)	18 Operation Make A Soldier Smile Packing Party(6:30PM) @ 1780 Civic Drive	19	20	21 Golf Show & Sale (9AM) @ Chloe Clark Elementary
22	23 Planning Agency (7PM)	24 Council Meeting (7PM)	25	26 City Hall Closed	27 City Hall Closed	28
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City meetings will be held at City Hall (1700 Civic Drive) unless otherwise specified. The Community Center is located at 303 Barksdale Ave.