



Administrator's Friday Letter

April 23, 2010

1. CERT Class Successful

Last Saturday, April 17th, DuPont's first CERT Class participated in a disaster exercise as a part of their final class. Twenty five (25) citizens graduated from this program that enhances their ability to take care of themselves and their families for at least 72 hours in cases of disaster. The next CERT Class is scheduled for Monday and Wednesday evenings, beginning October 18th. Each class is held at the Public Safety Building from 6:30 PM to 9 PM. The final exercise is on November 6th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Anyone wishing to register for this upcoming class should contact either Colleen Adler at 253-983-4564 or Fire Chief Greg Hull at 253-405-8048.

2. The Fire Department Needs Some Clunkers

DuPont Firefighters are required to attend annual auto extrication classes each year to certify their skills. To accomplish this, the fire department must procure a minimum of 4 cars, and preferably 8 to allow for training and certification. If citizens have a running or not running car that they would like to donate for this training, they are encouraged to call Fire Chief Greg Hull at 253-405-8048. All training is done using environmentally safe procedures and cars are recycled following the training. Donations to the City may be tax deductible.

3. Sign Sweep Sunday was a Success

The City thanks the DuPont Business Association, ROA, and church community for getting the word out about code requirements for temporary signs. Only nine temporary signs were picked up by city staff last weekend. A work group chaired by Dawn Masko will review the sign code to simplify and update language. More at ci.dupont.wa.us.

4. Glacier Feasibility Study Nearing a Final Report

Thursday, the last Glacier NW Feasibility Study stakeholder meeting was held. A Final Report will be issued in 30 days. The meeting on Thursday showed excellent photos of the Sequelitchew Creek watershed from Sequelitchew Lake to the outlet into Puget Sound. A number of major obstacles to stream flow were highlighted, including several beaver dams. After the Final Feasibility Study is issued the signatories to the 1994 Settlement Agreement will begin working on a new settlement agreement.

5. Comp Plan Deadlines Extended

On March 25, 2010 the Governor signed Senate Bill 6611 extending comprehensive plan update deadlines from December 2011 to December 2014.

More on the Economy

Monday, The Conference Board released information for the month of March, 2010. The Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for the U.S. increased 1.4 percent in March, following a 0.4 percent gain in February, and a 0.6 percent rise in January. The U.S. LEI is now at its highest level. Says Ataman Ozyildirim, economist at The Conference Board: "The U.S. LEI has risen steadily for a year, and its six-month growth rate has remained fairly stable in recent months — led by improvements in financial and labor market indicators. Payroll employment made its first substantial contribution to the coincident economic index, suggesting a recovery that is beginning to gain traction."

Adds Ken Goldstein, economist at The Conference Board: "The indicators point to a slow recovery that should continue over the next few months. The leading, coincident and lagging series are rising. Strength of demand remains the big question going forward. Improvement in employment and income will be the key factors in whether consumers push the recovery on a stronger path." More at:

http://www.conferenceboard.org/economics/bci/pressRelease_output.cfm?cid=1