



# Administrator's Letter

## December 10, 2010

Dawn Masko, City Administrator

### 1. Santa Run

Santa will be escorted through DuPont on the fire engine with local firefighters and police officers leading the way on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 PM and ending at approximately 7:30 PM. Santa and his helpers will be greeting children of all ages and handing out candy canes. Due to safety considerations, Santa will only be stopping at intersections. Map routes for each day are posted on the City's website at [www.ci.dupont.wa.us](http://www.ci.dupont.wa.us).

### 2. Youth Basketball Program

Youth basketball is off and running for its inaugural season! Many thanks to Mayor Tamara Jenkins, Councilmember Larry Wilcox, and Park Agency Member Linda Cumberbatch for attending this past Monday evenings practice. The kids were also fortunate to have Jajuan Winesberry, a University of Washington basketball player, inspire them with a talk on never giving up. His brother Jaire Winesberry attended an earlier practice and was a big superstar as well. Thank you to Jeff Kroeschell for arranging these visits, creating special memories for our basketball players.

Our participation in this new program has surpassed 200 families! The youth basketball committee recently took orders for "fan wear" and will be offering another fan wear sale in mid-January. Basketball schedules are still being determined and will be posted as soon as they are available.

### 3. Flood Control Zone District Board Meeting

The first meeting of the recently formed Pierce County Flood Control Zone District originally scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup> has been rescheduled to December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at Pierce County Council Chambers. Actions being considered by the Board are establishing a Flood Control Improvement Service Charge, adopting a 2011 budget, and approving a 2011 work plan. Additional information about the Flood Control Zone can be found at [Flood Control Zone](#).

### 4. Santa Breakfast

Many thanks to all who joined our friends from the North Pole at this year's Santa Breakfast. With a packed house, Santa was busy gathering his list and is sure to be checking it twice! A heartfelt thank you is due to America's Credit Union for sponsoring such a fun-filled event.

### 5. DuPont Museum Gift Shop

The DuPont Museum's Gift Shop may be tiny, but they carry some great, inexpensive Christmas gifts. They have DuPont baseball caps, DuPont golf-style shirts in men's and women's sizes, books on local history, unique old-fashioned door knockers, DuPont ornaments, and more! They also have inexpensive ideas for teacher's gifts too. Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, sock monkeys, hand-made items, walking sticks, and stocking stuffers for kids are also available for sale. Proceeds from gift shop sales benefit Museum events. Call (253) 964-2399 for operating hours and additional information. The Museum is located at 207 Barksdale Avenue in the Historic Village.

### 6. Upcoming Meetings – Week of December 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

- Planning Agency Meeting Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
- Tree Board Meeting Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

## **7. Council Agenda Items – December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

- Consent Agenda Items: Claims Vouchers List; Renewal of Road Services Agreement with Pierce County; Ordinance Amending DMC Title 7 – Household Pets (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading); Resolution Adopting Wellness Policy
- Department Reports: SEPA DNS Decision – Bell Hill Lots 1 & 2
- Unfinished Business: Contract for Community Services Consultant
- New Business: Second Readings – Final 2010 Budget Adjustment Ordinance; and Ordinance Adopting 2011 Budget

## **8. AWC Mayor’s Exchange**

Mayor Jenkins participated in the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Mayor’s Exchange this past week in Olympia. The Mayor’s Exchange program offers a valuable opportunity for elected officials to work together and share ideas. The focus was on how to effectively communicate cities agendas to the State Legislature, and the additional tools, flexibility and partnerships that we need to better deliver services to our communities. Some of the AWC legislative priorities to help cities include:

- New approaches to containing personnel and public records costs.
- Fiscal and regulatory flexibility (such as expanding use of locally collected Real Estate Excise Taxes (REET) or delaying adoption of new stormwater regulations until existing ones are successfully completed).
- Strategic infrastructure investment (such as maintaining critical funding for the Public Works Trust Fund or continued funding for stormwater).
- Continued distribution of state-shared revenues to cities (such as liquor excise tax and profits, city-county assistance account, state sales tax mitigation, criminal justice assistance account, etc.).

## **9. DUI Victim’s Panel Award to DuPont Officer**

The Tacoma-Pierce County DUI Victim’s Panel recognized DuPont Police Officer Larry Holt for his dedication and efforts to make the community safer at its annual awards event on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Fife. Officer Holt, who was also recognized last year, made 23 DUI arrests this past year. Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor presented Officer Holt with a community service excellence award at the candlelight vigil. Thank you to Officer Holt and all of our DuPont police officers for helping to keep our community safe!

## **10. DuPont Fire Department Equipment Grant**

The DuPont Fire Department received notification this week that they are part of a coalition of Fire departments that received a grant for life safety equipment for water rescue. DuPont Fire will receive 5 sets of surface water rescue equipment. Each kit will include a specialized PFD (floatation device), fins, snorkel, mask, cutting tool, and glass breaking tool. DuPont firefighters receive annual training on surface water rescue techniques and receiving this equipment will allow them to utilize that training if necessary.

## **11. 2011 Car Show**

The City of DuPont’s Tourism Board and the Northwest Landing ROA is pleased to announce the day of July 16<sup>th</sup> for its Annual Car Show. The 2011 Car Show will take place at Clocktower Park.

## **12. Pierce Transit Fall 2010 Report**

Pierce Transit recently distributed its Fall 2010 Report to the Community. The Report is intended to keep the community informed about Pierce Transit and their PT Tomorrow efforts. This third edition of the Report features people who participated in community workshops, and includes a summary of actions taken by the Board of Commissioners earlier this year. The Report is posted on Pierce Transit's website at [PT Tomorrow Fall 2010 Report](#).

In July, the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners elected to put forward a ballot proposition on February 8, 2011. Proposition 1 will ask Pierce County voters to authorize a three-tenths-of-one percent sales tax increase which preserves current service levels with the goal of providing financially sustainable public transportation that the public values and uses. The Report explains what will happen to local public transportation service levels if the tax measure passes and what will happen if the tax measure fails.

## **13. Building & Planning Activity**

- Hampton Inn & Suites – The DuPont Hearing Examiner will hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at DuPont City Hall, located at 1700 Civic Drive, to take testimony on a Type III land use application for Hampton Inn & Suites, City File No. LU-10-01.
- Bell Hill Lots 1 & 2 – On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 DuPont issued the Bell Hill Lots 1 & 2 SEPA decision. The SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) decision can be viewed on the City website at <http://www.ci.dupont.wa.us/development/planning-department/index.html>. The SEPA decision appeal period closes on January 3, 2011 and a notice of public hearing will be issued 30 days prior to the hearing. Public testimony will be taken at the hearing.

## **14. Sequalitchew Creek/Edmond Marsh Committee**

The Sequalitchew Creek/Edmond Marsh committee held their second meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and heard from Mark Savoca, USGS Hydrologist, regarding aquifers science, and Joe Gibbens, Joint Base Lewis-McChord Water Program Manager, regarding JBLM's perspective on surface water management. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

## **15. Metro Fire Chiefs Training Program**

DuPont Fire Department will host the January monthly training program for Metro Fire Chiefs. Pierce County Fire Chief's Association offers monthly training opportunities for fire officers to enhance their management skills. The class, Essentials of Leadership, will be taught by nationally recognized Battalion Chief Mark Emery from Woodinville Fire & Life Safety and will take place on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Public Safety EOC building in DuPont. DuPont fire officers and Chief Cooper will be in attendance.

## **16. El Rancho Madrona Water Main Connection**

The water main extension project to connect the El Rancho Madrona neighborhood's distribution piping to the City's main water system was completed November 29<sup>th</sup>. This new connection ties this area of the City into the main water distribution system, providing greater reliability for customers and better functionality for our water system and fire fighting operations. Additionally, they are now tied into a reservoir system which has backup power to keep wells pumping in the case of an extended power outage. The City will now be able to move forward with steps for removal of the old water facilities and replacement of the again water system infrastructure in El Rancho Madrona, planned to occur in the coming year.