



# Administrator's Friday Letter

June 18, 2010

## 1. Powderworks Park Play Fields

The DuPont PowderWorks Park athletic fields will be closed for scheduled repair and maintenance from June 21st thru June 30<sup>th</sup>. The fields will reopen for public use on Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. No practices, games, or other use of the fields will be authorized during this period.

## 2. Collaboration with JBLM

Chief Goodpastor, Chief Hull, and Chief Cooper attended a meeting with Special Forces Command at Joint Base Lewis McChord this week. The purpose of the meeting was to examine opportunities for joint cooperation between Special Forces and the Police and Fire Departments of DuPont. Joint Base Lewis McChord has a moving target shooting range that they are making available to police department personnel. This range provides a much needed and hard to find training opportunity. Special Forces have two skill sets that they are able to provide to DuPont on a mutual aid basis; high angle rescue and a water rescue team. The chiefs and personnel of Lewis McCord pledged to continue looking for opportunities to work together and share resources.

## 3. City Council Plans for Historic Preservation

On Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup> the City Council held a worksession to review progress being made to protect and promote the rich history of DuPont. The Council heard from representatives of the DuPont Historical Society, Descendents of the Fort Nisqually Employees Association, Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Nisqually Point Defense Fund, and many citizens of the community. It was clear that great strides have been made to acquire and protect historic sites. The Historical Society and DuPont Tourism Board were able to enumerate many completed promotional projects including trail maps, interpretive markers, and brochures. An issue of primary interest was the Methodist Mission Site which is the subject of ongoing discussion. The underlying property is in private ownership and zoned MRP (Manufacturing and Research Park). How the Mission Site will be protected elicited many passionate comments. The Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Places have some oversight jurisdiction and are currently involved in an investigation of the site.

## 4. Council Continues to Press for Improved Bus Service

Councilmember Penny Coffey represented the City Council at a special public hearing held by Pierce Transit on Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss service levels. The City receives no service from Pierce Transit but is included within its taxing district. Pierce Transit committed to adding service to DuPont. The City will continue to keep pressure on Pierce Transit to deliver service.