



Administrator's Letter

July 1, 2011
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1. July 4th Parade & Celebration

The community-wide July 4th celebration is just a few days away and your committee has been hard at work planning a fantastic event! The festivities begin at 8:00 AM with an ROA sponsored pancake breakfast to directly benefit the Historical Society. Adults are \$5.00, children are \$3.00, and kids 4 and under are free. Thanks to the Forever Young Seniors who lovingly prepare the pancakes each year.

The main parade begins at 10 AM in the Historic Village, with Grand Marshall Bert Wyant helping to lead the way. Bike, Buggy & Pet participants should plan on lining up in front of Chloe Clark Elementary at 10:30 AM to join the parade. The route is a bit shorter this year to help accommodate all walkers.

Upon completion of the parades the celebration begins at Clocktower Park. Join your friends and neighbors for live music, a BBQ lunch from Carrs, bouncy houses, and our new and improved Red, White & Blue Alley. This year's alley is staffed by the DuPont Lions and includes ice cream, cotton candy, sno- cones, strawberry lemonade, popcorn, strawberry shortcake and much more. Everything in the Alley fits the patriotic theme and is sure to be a hit for the entire family!

Many thanks to the July 4th Planning Committee and the event volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication. Event information and the parade route can be easily accessed on the City's website at www.ci.dupont.wa.us.

2. New Fireworks Rules

The DuPont Police and Fire Departments want to help keep families safe this Independence Holiday and make citizens aware of the code changes that take effect this year for the 4th of July celebration. In the City of DuPont it is only legal to discharge fireworks on July 3rd and 4th between the hours of Noon and Midnight. It is illegal to discharge fireworks on any public property, including streets, sidewalks and public parks. Illegal fireworks in DuPont are firecrackers, bottle rockets and individual missiles and rockets, cherry bombs, and any altered or homemade fireworks. Legal fireworks in DuPont include roman candles, cones and fountains, reloadable tubes and multiple aerals. A comprehensive list of legal fireworks devices and illegal explosive devices can be found [here](#).

The City encourages its residents to have a safe and fun 4th of July and enjoy the liberty of discharging fireworks, but please do so safely and with consideration for others and within the limitations of City law. Please contact the Police Department (253-964-7060) or the Fire Department (253-964-8414) for additional information, or (253) 798-4721 to report non-emergencies.

3. DuPont 2011 Settlement Agreement

Information on the recently released Settlement Agreement is available on the City's [website](#). The presentation from the June 30th Town Hall meeting is posted and the video of the meeting will be available soon. The City Council's first discussion of this topic will occur at their July 12th City Council meeting.

4. Upcoming Meetings – Week of July 4th – 8th

- City Hall offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day
- Tree Board Meeting scheduled for July 5th has been rescheduled to July 26th at 1:00 PM

5. Parks & Recreation

Please call (253) 912-5245 or go to the City's website at www.ci.dupont.wa.us for registration information, questions on Parks & Recreation activities, or for volunteer opportunities.

- The summer session for Kidz Love Soccer kicks off on July 13th. Registration is now open. The fee is \$70 for a seven week session that runs through August 31st. Ages 2 thru 12 are encouraged to participate.
- Visit the Parks & Recreation booth at the July 4th celebration to learn about upcoming summer and fall events and programs, including the new Youth Council. While you are there, be sure to spin the wheel for great prizes!
- The date for the 6th Annual Holiday Bazaar has been set for November 19th. Applications will be available online after July 15th. Mark your calendars & look for more information to come.
- Join other baseball enthusiasts on Wednesday, July 27th for the City of DuPont Parks & Recreation Day at Cheney Stadium. The cost is \$12 per participant and includes a reserved Tacoma Rainiers game ticket, ballpark meal, game program, and a special autograph session after the game. Cheer on the Rainiers as they take on the Sacramento Rivercats! Participants may reserve their seat by contacting Parks & Recreation. Transportation to and from Cheney Stadium is not provided.
- Are you wanting to host a birthday party or special occasion outside this summer? Consider reserving one of our City parks or picnic shelters. Dates are filling up fast! Please contact (253) 964-8121 to inquire about availability.
- Visit our website for information on other programs and events including Yoga, Cheerleading, Dance4Life, Karate, and more!

6. Fire Department Update

- It has been a cool, wet spring but we are now finally entering the summer season. Soon the green spaces and forested areas will dry out and the fire danger will move to a high level. All trail heads have been posted with signs notifying users that burning is not allowed on public property. This includes the beaches along Puget Sound where the danger of fire burning up the banks and into the residential areas is high. Please use extra caution and help us keep DuPont safe.
- Speaking of high temperatures, one of the risks all of us face during warmer weather is heat stroke and dehydration. Residents are reminded to consume extra fluids during hot weather and limit their time in direct sun to decrease chances of overheating. On days that the temperatures reach 90 degrees and above, the Fire Department will open a Cooling Center at the Emergency Operations Center (1780 Civic Drive). Residents who feel the need for immediate relief from the extreme temperatures may come to the Cooling Center between the hours of Noon and 10:00 PM. Tables, chairs and water will be available. For more information, please call the DuPont Fire Department at (253) 964-8414.

7. Tourism Update

- The Tourism Board is seeking volunteers to serve on a committee to help preserve the Heirloom Orchard in DuPont. The committee hopes to parallel the efforts of the Curran Apple Orchard in University Place. Interested volunteers are asked to contact DuPont Parks & Recreation at (253) 912-5245.
- Interested in volunteering for the committee to help plan the Fall Festival? Contact Fall Festival Volunteer Coordinator Gina Irvin at irvjam@msn.com.
- Calling all car enthusiasts! Start your engines for the Third Annual Car Show at Clocktower Park on Saturday, July 16th. All makes and models are encouraged to attend. Carr's and Farrelli's will be offering BBQ burgers and lasagna throughout the day. This event is proudly co-sponsored by the City of DuPont's Tourism Board and Northwest Landing ROA.
- Want to know more? Like us on Facebook at "City of DuPont Parks, Recreation & Tourism" or visit us at www.visitdupont.com.

8. 2010 Census Information

Interactive census maps are available at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/popmap>. Other facts can be found at <http://factfinder2.census.gov>. Additional data products from the 2010 census will be released between now and 2013. For more information visit the census website at www.census.gov/population/www/cen2010/glance.

9. Community Development Department Update

- The City is seeking interested residents for appointment to the City's volunteer Planning Agency. Eligible applicants must be residents of DuPont for at least one year. Please submit a letter of interest that includes your relevant professional experience, your reasons for desiring to be appointed to this position, and your thoughts on the most significant planning issues facing the City in both the short and long term, to the City Clerk at City Hall, 1700 Civic Drive, DuPont, WA 98327.
- The Planning Agency held a public hearing on a proposed electric vehicle infrastructure ordinance on June 27th. The Agency recommended two text changes and requested that the ordinance be forwarded to the City Council for consideration and adoption.
- The document titled "*Next Steps of the DuPont Shoreline Master Program Update*" has been revised and is available on the [Shoreline Master Program Update](#) page on the City's website.
- The foundations have been constructed for three buildings of the DuPont Trax Project. Expect more activity from framers, plumbers and electricians as the building go vertical.
- Chain link fencing has been installed around the Hampton Inn & Suites project site. DuPont and Pierce County are ready to issue construction permits, with construction starting soon.

10. AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer Position Opening

The Dupont Fire Department has been awarded an AmeriCorps grant for a Vista Volunteer through the Washington Service Corps. This grant will provide a person to work in the arena of disaster preparedness throughout the City of DuPont. The City is now recruiting and accepting applications for this full-time position. The position duties, benefits, terms, service areas, and required skills can be found at [DuPont Vista Volunteer](#). For more information please contact Human Resources Manager Bernadette Moreland at (253) 912-5212.

11. Police Officer Completes Field Training Program

Recently hired Police Officer Chris Bailey completed the Field Training Officer (FTO) program and has been released to solo patrol effective today. The Field Training Officers were impressed with Officer Bailey's abilities and how quickly he has acclimated to our department. Congratulations Officer Bailey on passing the FTO program!

12. Rain Water Programs

The Pierce Conservation District, in collaboration with the UW-Tacoma Environmental Program, is offering the following two classes on rain water collection:

- *Cisterns: The Next Step in Water Collection* Saturday, July 9th 9:00 – 11:00 AM
This class will cover the basics and benefits of cisterns and how cistern systems work, how to customize a rainwater harvesting system for your indoor and outdoor needs, and where to turn for local resources. The class is being held at the Summit Library in Tacoma and has a \$10 fee per household. Pre-registration is required through this [Class registration](#) link or by calling (253) 845-9770 x 106.
- *Rain Water Collection for the Home* Monday, July 11th 6:00 – 7:30 PM
This class will guide participants through assembly of their very own rain barrel – a great water conservation tool to be used this summer when the rains decrease, but irrigation demands increase. Instructions will be given on how to install rain barrels and connect them to the roof runoff system on your home. In addition, uses for collected rain water and instructions on how to set up and connect multiple barrels will be given. Barrels with assembly kits are \$60 each. There is no limit to the number of barrels purchased per household, although those not making a barrel are welcome to come at no cost. This class is being held at the UW-Tacoma Campus. Pre-registration is required at [Class registration](#) or by calling (253) 845-9700 x 106.

13. Pierce Transit Service Reduction Plan

The Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners approved a plan on June 13, 2011 for the final 15% service reduction scheduled for October. The October reduction plan focuses on maintaining ridership, improving cost efficiency, and serving the largest number of people. A press release is available at <http://www.piercetransit.org/press.htm>. Specific route-by-route information is available on the [Pierce Transit](#) website or by calling Pierce Transit Customer Service at (253) 581-8000.

14. Displaced Military Spouses Grant

Help in starting new careers and seeking new jobs after being relocated is now available to military spouses and civilian defense workers residing in Pierce and Thurston counties. The majority of a recent \$4.8 million grant will help 600 displaced military spouses who relocated to Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) with their husbands or wives. Additionally, the grant will provide training and job-seeking assistance to 225 Department of Defense civilian workers who were laid off as a result of the merger of the two military bases in early 2010. It is the goal of the grant program to enroll 825 people into the job assistance program this summer. Individuals interested in participating in the grant program can call (253) 966-7366. Businesses that are interested in hiring from this talent pool should call (253) 591-5450.

15. Tiptoe Through Tidepools

Bring your family to explore the beach, learn about tide pool life and have lots of fun during one of the lowest tides of the year! Get an up close look and feel for the marine life at Titlow Beach on Saturday, July 2nd from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Touch tanks and low-tide exploration provide fun for the whole family to enjoy. For more information call (253) 591-6439 or visit [Tacoma Nature Center](#).

16. Traffic Safety

School is out and the weather is finally starting to look more like summer! The DuPont Police Department would like to remind drivers of some important traffic safety tips to help ensure a safe summer for everyone.

When driving, please be sure to watch for pedestrians. There are going to be a lot more kids in the neighborhoods and parks now that school is out. Remember that you are required to yield to pedestrians crossing the roadway anywhere— and not only at marked crosswalks. Pedestrians should also use caution as well when crossing roads and shouldn't dart out into traffic. Keep in mind that kids are not always thinking about that so be sure to watch out for them.

For kids (and adults) who are riding bikes, scooters or skateboards – always wear protective gear. Helmets are required when using any of the above in DuPont. It doesn't matter how big you are, we can all still be injured if we hit our heads when falling. Remember adults, you set the example for our kids!

If you are traveling out of town, take a few minutes to inspect your car. Make sure all lights are functioning such as headlamps, tail lamps, turn signals, reverse lights, and brake lights. Be sure to also check the condition of your tires and the air pressure in them, as well as your vehicle's coolant levels. It's easier to do some quick checking before you hit the road instead of having to call a tow truck later.

Please keep your mind and eyes on the road. The law requires drivers to only utilize a cell phone with a "hands free" device; even then, it is easy to get distracted. A GPS unit is also a great tool, especially when travelling in unfamiliar areas. Be sure to mount it properly in the bottom corner of your windshield. Remember that you are driving the car, not the GPS, so if it tells you to do something that is contrary to what a traffic control device or traffic sign says – don't do it! There have been several stories in recent news regarding travelers being injured or killed by following the ill-advised directions of their GPS units. Please use common sense.

Let's all watch out for each other and our children so that we can all enjoy a great and safe summer!