



# Administrator's Friday Letter

October 2, 2009

## 1. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. 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.

## 2. 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<sup>th</sup>, 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 vacuum replacement operation proposed by Communal.

## 3. FEMA Flood Insurance Issue Under Review

The City Administrator's Office has recently received calls regarding availability of Flood Insurance. The City of DuPont declined participation in the Federal Flood Insurance program years ago (we believe about 1983). The Management Team will review this issue and likely bring the subject to the City Council for discussion.

## 4. Emergency Operations Center Training

Members of our Management Team received hands on training on Monday to activate the Emergency Operations Center. The process for activating laptop computers and telephones and uses of WEBEOC software were reviewed. Thanks to Bob Bartro of DEM for facilitating the training.

## 5. Parks and Recreation Directors Sound Funding Concern.

Peter Zahn attended the Pierce County Area Parks Directors meeting Thursday. Adjusting to declining revenues and bracing for the impact of proposed anti-tax and fee measures was the primary theme. The group will continue to explore ideas to meet the regions recreational needs through more effective collaboration and economies of scale.