



DuPont Friday Letter

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“Fast Facts...”

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Pay no attention to the grammar English teachers one and all, here come fast facts in no particular order...

Elections Election Day is 3 Nov; register online at <http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/myvote/olvr.html>;

call (253) 798-VOTE; ballot drop-off at Ross Loop

Campaign Signs It's against the law to mess with campaign signs; they're ok in the planting strip and on private property with owner's permission; they can't be in an intersection, block the sight line or create a distraction for drivers, so no signs in center medians; we remove signs that violate the code; see something, say something- we'll check it out for you

Community Policing DuPont is starting Village Community Policing; Safe Streets will help set up a comprehensive community-based safety program; the new Community Resource Officer (CRO) will play a large role; stay tuned for upcoming village meetings

Off-leash Area Community meeting at City Hall on 30 Sep at 6:30 pm; materials will be donated; ongoing upkeep needs community support before we commit; please bring your thoughts and expertise

Police Service **Call 911 for emergencies** or when you're in doubt about which number to call; (253) 798-4721 is the non-emergency number that dispatch at Pierce County answers, not DPD; our **tip line** (253)964-4275 is an answering machine that DPD checks every duty day- pass along things that seem out of the ordinary but don't necessarily require a police officer; **DPD office is (253)964-7060**

Facebook is not 911 we do not have the ability to monitor social media in real time, so please call 911; social media is a challenge for law enforcement because original observations rarely get passed on without added comment or editorial; getting to the bottom of things is really hard when there are 50 competing versions of the event; calling 911 gets the fastest and best response; recent posts on Facebook stress calling the police, so thank you and keep it up

School Zones they're baaaaack...slow down, please!

ROA Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off Canceled

WA Small Business Fair Saturday 26 Sep, Renton Technical College online info www.bizfair.org



Pedestrian Safety intersections in WA whether marked or not are crosswalks; right turns on red are involved in many pedestrian-car collisions; never step into the street, even marked crosswalks, unless it's clear; no texting and crossing the street, either for that matter

Bike Helmets are mandatory for all ages in DuPont; lots of children are not wearing helmets for some reason; parents are subject to a \$124 ticket for their helmetless children; \$7 bike helmets (plus tax, it being WA and all) available in most sizes at the fire station; the first person that comes by City Hall and asks gets a free child's helmet on me (paid for, not worn by)

Kam Chancellor is back; big whoop; go Broncos!

2016 City Budget Mayor Grayum proposed a balanced 2016 budget on 22 Sep; the city's finances are sound; he proposed funding reserves and adding a rainy day fund; expanded services coming; it's City Council's task to set the budget, so come to their meetings to learn about and discuss the budget

New Museum Hours The DuPont Historical Museum has new, expanded hours Tue-Fri 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Sun 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (yes, even during Hawks games); stop by and check it out; for more information, visit their website at <http://www.dupontmuseum.com/>

Local Artist Showcase Each quarter, the work of a local artist will be featured at the DuPont Historical Museum; see the beautiful watercolors of Bridget King through November; contact tourism@dupontwa.gov to find out how to have an artist's work featured

Building Home 2 Suites has resumed at Barksdale Station; Fairfield Inn and Suites will start soon downtown; IKEA moved into the new facility on International Place; work continues on a new building at the corner of Center and DuPont-Steilacoom; my neighbors have finished their fence- well done B&P