



DuPont Friday Letter

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Happy Labor Day...

Unless it's that kind of labor in which case, best wishes!

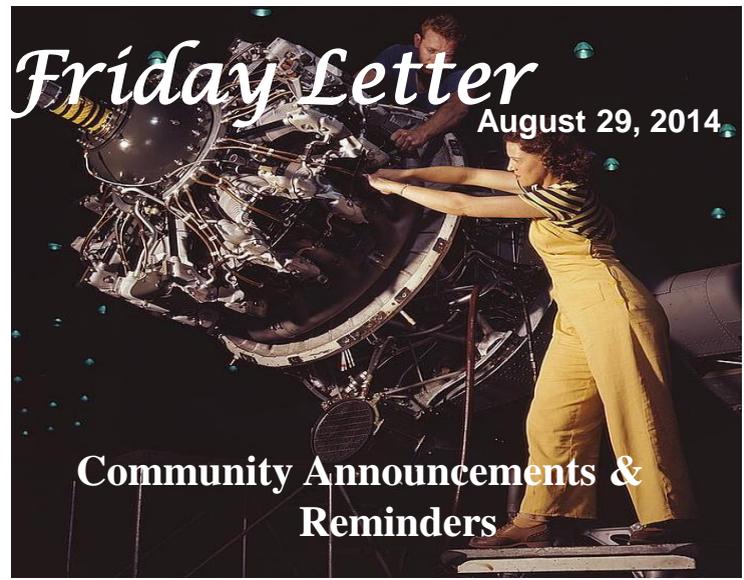
Yes, it's been a while. The summer was very Dickens-esque as "it was the best of times, it was the worst of times". Throughout it all, we managed to buy a house in DuPont, so now we are official, card carrying DuPonters, DuPontites, DuPontonians or whatever we call ourselves. We pick up (always) after our licensed dogs (it's the law) that don't run loose (on purpose) or bark (a lot). *Sorry-that was an underhanded way to ensure the summer break hasn't eroded the very fabric of neighborly, DuPont behavior.* Sadly, I have received no calls or letters of outrage for not having published many of these letters this summer. How sobering to get hit upside the head (a Southern phrase for "wake up call") by the epiphany of your true place in the world. Sigh. But, like the early American workers who built this country, and the 1000s of women who kept us going during WWII, I shall forge ahead even if it means a few must suffer. As recompense, if you are one of the burdened, and are the first person to correctly e-mail me the rest of the quote above, I'll treat you to a free coffee. Conversely, if you don't want coffee with me, you can have two coffees and take someone you like. It's my new effort to embrace my place; on to business.

Fire Safety

I was out with DFD last week and we had a close call. A pan caught fire and almost got away (the fire, not the pan). PLEASE have fire extinguishers checked and ready to go in your house...you just never know. While you're at it, check the smoke detectors and remember to change the batteries twice a year. Last week's fire was put out after a neighbor ran over with an extinguisher. The smoke alarms didn't sound until after the fire was out. The DuPont Fire Dept likes to help with home safety, so give them a call or stop by. They'll talk you through it, or even come to your house to lend a hand. Their non-emergency number is (253) 964-8414. If no one answers, they're either on a call or conducting training.

Comp Plan Update

I covered what the Comp Plan Update is a while back, but a few words to tell you where we're at (that's Texan what with the dangling preposition and all). In Sep and Oct, look for ways to get your thoughts about the



Community Announcements & Reminders

<http://www.dupontwa.gov/events.php>

Mon, Sep 1. Labor Day. City Hall Closed.

Today, Aug 29. DuPont FD MDA Fill the Boot. 3:00-6:00 p.m. Center Dr and McNeil St. Annual MDA fundraiser. Watch for firefighters and consider giving.

Wed, Sep 3. ACE Day. 1 hour early release from school.

Wed, Sep 3. Civil Service Meeting Canceled.

Sat, Sep 6. Youth Soccer Opening Day & Pictures. PowderWorks Park (1750 Bob's Hollow Ln).

No City Council Meeting or Workshop Next Week

future of DuPont considered in our long range planning. There will be Storefront Salons, public hearings, public testimony, surveys and more. Starting in a few weeks, keep an eye on our website and stay tuned to Council meetings.

Please Remain Seated for the Following Announcement

We are close to going to a new website that will be easier to use AND allow online bill paying, online registration and licensing, and provide an online City budget tool. (Hold your jokes: it's shocking how many companies have to get together and how much software has to be integrated to make this work). Staff gets training on the new website Sep 8, then about 6 weeks after that, you'll see the new website. All the online tools and improvements will be rolled out after the new website is up and running, but we're on our way. Believe me, the Mayor, Council and staff are as happy to hear this as you are.

Did you Know?

Labor Day came about as a day to recognize the efforts of the American worker. Oregon was the first state to pass legislation in 1887 and by 1894, 30 states had Labor Day before the federal government passed a law in the same year establishing Labor Day as a federal holiday. <http://www.dol.gov/laborday/history.htm>