



DuPont Friday Letter

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From the Police Chief:

Please remember to close and lock all your doors to your residence, including garage doors. That goes for locking your car, too. Don't leave valuables or your garage door opener in vehicles, even if they're locked. (Remember, that's the chief, he's a pretty cautious guy and we pay him to keep things safe and sound. In this case, perhaps we can all compromise and settle on at least not leaving the remote in plain sight?) Remember, criminals are always looking for opportunities to commit crimes, so don't give them a reason or make it easy. As always, PLEASE call 911 in case of emergency. Our non-emergency number is (253)-798-4721 but if you can't decide which number to use, go with 911. If you see something...say something!

A New Legend?

Recently, we've heard reports of two sightings of something rarely seen and oft-debated in DuPont. Not Squatch or his relatives the Yeti or Chupacabra. It was a mountain lion, puma, cougar, mountain cat or catamount-your choice on what you call it, but it's not from WSU.

Last week one was reportedly sighted at Solo Point. Yesterday, rumors were floating around about one lurking in the Historic Village. So here, for the very first time, a bit of rumor control: Solo Point was never confirmed and yesterday's was not reported to police as a cougar sighting.

According to Fish and Wildlife, it would be extremely unusual (kind of like the Broncos showing up to play in a Super Bowl, sigh) to have a mountain lion in the area. Not saying it couldn't happen (there's always next year!) but they were not concerned after gathering the facts. Yesterday, the police checked out a report of someone having seen something. The "something" in actuality being an "I don't know" instead of "it was a cougar".

We take these reports seriously and will absolutely check them out. We coordinate with our neighbors like Steilacoom and JBLM, too. We report on to Fish and Wildlife and get their help when needed. Stay vigilant and call 911 if you think you see something. But uh, if I may: let's not get too crazy or try to make this into our very own DuPont legend. A person like me already has enough to worry about with Sasquatch and D.B. Cooper out there.



Community Announcements & Reminders

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

FEB 3: #?#! BRONCOS... Congrats to the Seahawks.

Feb 10 and Feb 13 Parks Master Plan Re-write Committee 6:00 p.m. City Hall.

Feb 10 Planning Agency Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall.

Feb 11 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. Council will be considering landscape maintenance at Ross Plaza and Clock Tower Park and the Youth Council will visit.

Feb 12 Steilacoom Schools ACE Day.

Feb 12 Tourism Board 9:30 a.m. City Hall

Feb 12 School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Great Job!

The DuPont Lions Club and DuPont Fire Department gathered over 120 blankets during their recent Blanket Drive! Blankets were donated to the Tacoma Rescue Mission. Thank you to both of those fine organizations and to Forza Coffee for hosting the event. Thanks also to Travis Sherman who ran the effort at DFD. Most especially, thank you to everyone who donated or came out. It was a great event and I'll be featuring the coloring contest in an upcoming issue.

Oh all right: great job to the Hawks, too!

Parks and Rec Survey: We're updating the Parks and Rec Master Plan and need your help.

Please visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/cityofdupontparksandrecreation and tell us what you think! Open until Tuesday, February 12.