



DuPont Friday Letter

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An Interesting Point...

At the last Council meeting, a citizen brought up a very valid frustration about a sign having fallen down into the entrance of a crosswalk. It was there for about three days. Apparently, the sign was making it hard or impossible for those with disabilities to use the crosswalk. I would add it didn't make us or DuPont look good, either.

I listened to the remarks and wished that people would give City Hall a ring if something isn't right. Before I started in city government, I thought cities couldn't possibly miss obvious things like blocked crosswalks, downed trees, malfunctioning lights, etc. If I saw it more than once, I reasoned *someone* must have reported it by then, ergo the city didn't care. Now that I sit on this side of the fence, I don't like it when we miss stuff like this. But we do occasionally, as you know. Although, truth be told and looking at the bright side of things, I must say I'm really glad I'm not the City Administrator of Atlanta right now having to explain how we missed that one. In any case, my thoughts are please don't assume we know and if you happen to be the third or fourth person reporting a problem, we'd be able to tell you what we were doing to fix it. We do care, and we know it reflects on you when things don't look good or seem right. Please be that someone who lets us know!

The mayor had an additional thought on this subject. Okay, I hear the snickering. For the record, I too, can have two thoughts at the same time, I just didn't at that particular moment and he did. Point to the mayor. Anyway, he mentioned that if you see something like that, feel free to fix it yourself. No one here will give you a hard time and if anyone else did, he'd be by your side. Now, we're not asking you to do our work. It's more like my New Year's Resolution: do what you can to make DuPont a little better. So don't be afraid to stand a sign upright. We would certainly appreciate it and DuPont will be the better for it.

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 February 12.



Community Announcements & Reminders

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

FEB 2: Go BRONCOS! Yeah, yeah. Tell me if you moved to Denver you wouldn't still root for the Hawks... Good job to staff for "12th-Fanning Me"! Go to the mayor's and City's Facebook page for more. 😊

TRAFFIC EMPHASIS PATROL. Feb 3-7 on Ridgeview between McNeil and Brown (see Jan 17 letter for details).

Yoga Classes Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Community Center 4 sessions starting Feb 5. 5 person minimum! Sign up form and information here http://www.ci.dupont.wa.us/files/library/1d068e7e035e4472_o.pdf or call instructor Davida Braun at (253)301-8461 or Parks and Rec (253)912-5245.

Feb 3 Youth Council at 6:00 p.m. and Parks Agency at 7:00 p.m. City Hall.

Feb 5 Steilacoom Schools ACE Day.

Feb 5 Tree Board at 4:00 p.m. and Civil Service Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. City Hall.

Great Job!

Elizabeth Anderson, Perry Atwood, Adysen Barkhurst, Trisha Beadle, Angelica Bliss, Whilamina Brock, Zoe Buoniconti, Analise Christenson, Sariah Crow, Maxwell Elkins, Samantha Gayler, Riley Gautier, Josiah Hampton, Helaina Kaufmann, Raj Kumar, Julie Landes, Grace Lemmon, Abigail Lovell, Lindsey Marchant, Kyla Raygor, Jaminfaye Reduque, Wilmary Rolon, Sachiel Santos, Taylor Stowers, Payton Svoboda, and Benjamin Waight **are on their way to All State Choir in Yakima! Well done!**