



DuPont Friday Letter

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Happy Summer!

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What's Going On Redux...

Not sure why "redux" is so popular these days, but since all the cool people are using it, I will, too. This week brings a short update on things going on at the City. For all you grammar mavens out there, stay tuned for "flummox" and "guffaw" in upcoming editions. Great words when talking politics. Albeit not a tough challenge to do that.

Fire Department

DuPont Fire Department has finalized mutual training and support agreements with JBLM. Why does that matter? We can get more training, respond to more incidents, and even have JBLM sit in our station when our crews are at all-day training events away from DuPont. For free. Quietly accomplished, this is a really big deal for our City. Thanks to the Chief and JBLM for making this happen!

DuPont Police Department (DPD)

DPD has hired two new officers who are in the academy this month. A few months ago, another new officer graduated from the academy. I hope you're going to Coffee with the Chief and Community Policing events where we're discussing how you want police to cover the city and what emphasis items are important to you. Speaking of Community Policing, the next meeting is Sep 25, save the date, details to follow, yada yada yada. Anyway, at that meeting, I'm getting Tased! A Taser demo on yours truly should be a hoot for all. Except me. I intend to scream "Don't Tase me, bro!" so get up for it. Water cooler chatter has City Council wanting to take turns on me, but that's a no-go, sorry. This will be a one-time good deal, by the way.

Center Drive Median

By now, hopefully, you've seen our efforts on Center Drive. We're taking out the dead heather. Later this year, we'll put in kinnicknick which won't need near as much water or long-term maintenance. Council put an extra \$30,000 in the budget this year for work on Center Drive and thanks to them, the median will be looking really good again soon.

Graffiti, Vandalism and Dumping

DPD arrested and charged a suspect in the recent downtown and Hoffman Hills graffiti incident; the case is in the courts now. Long-term, we are looking at establishing a special graffiti program and getting cameras in the business areas. We are partnering with local businesses so we can stop vandalism, illegal dumping and graffiti before it starts.

Community Announcements & Reminders

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

IF YOU DON'T READ ANYTHING ELSE READ THIS: No access to I-5N from Exit 118 Fri, Jul 25, 11:00 p.m. until Mon, Jul 28, 4:00 a.m. AND at night next week from Mon, Jul 28 until Thurs, Jul 31 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. No access to I-5 N from Exit 118 and weigh station closed. Everything else is unaffected. Use Exit 119 to go North during closure times. This is part of the effort by the state to relieve congestion on I-5 through the JBLM corridor. <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/SR510CongestMgmt/Revisions.htm>

Mondays with the Mayor. Mon, Aug 4, 2:00 p.m. Patriot's Landing. Caring for our Seniors.

No City Council activities scheduled next week.

Planning Agency Meeting Mon, Jul 28 Cancelled.

Wayfarer Signs and Light Pole Banners

The Tourism Board is helping DuPont look even better. The Board is a volunteer agency that advises the City Council and Mayor on tourism policy and issues. They approved the design (more banner designs are on the way) and got the wayfarer signs repainted a much more visible green. The money came from the lodging tax, not general fund (regular tax) dollars. More great work accomplished by our wonderful volunteers in DuPont!

Door-to-Door Solicitors

The City can't stop someone from knocking on your door. We *can* require a license, though, and we do. If this type of behavior bothers you, either don't answer the door (right?), or ask to see their DuPont business license. A state license isn't good enough, by the way, they need our endorsement. Odds are the people causing these problems don't have a license, so they should get the message and leave DuPont alone. If they won't leave when asked, don't have a license, or you feel uncomfortable, please call the police! We'd love to help.