

# DuPont City News

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## DUPONT OPENS FIRST GROCERY STORE

Thanks to everyone who joined us in celebrating the grand opening of the **DuPont General Store**, our City's first full-service grocery store in more than four decades. We encourage everyone to support our local businesses!

### Watch the ribbon cutting ceremonies:

- The News Tribune: <http://bit.ly/16pvVea>
- Pierce County TV: <http://bit.ly/19IRY8Z>



**DuPont's emphasis on economic development is working!** We also recently celebrated the grand opening of the DuPont Learning Center, Hampton Inn and Suites, and Trax at DuPont Station—a new mixed-use business and residential development. Next, we will be opening Amazon's new distribution center and the Creekside Village Apartments.

The City is supporting local businesses by streamlining permitting and promoting our community's assets, which include a large supply of available industrial property, easy access to I-5, a highly skilled workforce in the Seattle/Tacoma/Joint Base Lewis McChord area, and championship golf at The Home Course.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are the heart of our community and the City has made it easier for you to help make a positive difference. We've simplified the process and designated Amy Walker to serve as the City's Volunteer Coordinator. Contact her at 253-912-5245 or [awalker@DuPontWA.gov](mailto:awalker@DuPontWA.gov).

### Volunteer opportunities include:

- Adopt-a-street, park, fire hydrant or roundabouts
- Serve on City boards and commissions
- Office/clerical work at the Police Department and City Hall
- Community events and activities

### Accepting applications for new EMS Reserve Program

We created the Emergency Medical Services Reserve program to supplement our career professionals and help enable the fire engine to stay in service during medical transport situations. To volunteer or request more information about this important service to our community, please contact the Fire Station at 253-964-8414.



## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR GRAYUM

I'm honored to serve as your elected Mayor and am excited to share this newsletter to continue improving communication and connectivity in our community.

Together, we are charting the course for a prosperous future.

**We are getting things done** by setting priorities, sharing ideas, and encouraging people to make a positive difference in our community.

**Your ideas and feedback are important.** I encourage you to stay informed and connect with me through the following resources:

### Contact Mayor Grayum:

- 253-912-5218
- [MGrayum@DuPontWA.gov](mailto:MGrayum@DuPontWA.gov)
- [Facebook.com/MayorMichaelGrayum](https://www.facebook.com/MayorMichaelGrayum)



## MAYOR GRAYUM PROPOSES 2014 BUDGET PRIORITIES

On October 8th, Mayor Grayum presented his **2014 Proposed Budget** to the public and City Council. The Mayor's budget emphasizes fiscal responsibility and proposes investments in the following priorities:

- Police, Fire, and Emergency Response Services
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Reducing Debts and Providing Financial Stability

### Budget highlights include:

- **Police Department**—hiring of an additional Police Officer to provide more coverage and reduce overtime as our City expands with new multi-family and commercial developments.
- **Fire Department**—funding to retain a 10th Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician to maintain 3-person minimum staffing and reduce overtime, as well as investments to support our new Emergency Medical Services reserve program.
- **Community Development Department**—investing in an economic development plan to guide us toward a prosperous future, as well as hiring a Senior Planner to keep pace with increasing economic development activity and ensure compliance with all development laws. This position would not be permanent, but conditional upon continued development.

The proposed budget also includes paying back funds borrowed from the Equipment Rental and Replacement Fund ahead of the planned repayment schedule. Additionally, the budget focuses on improving tourism by investing in events that celebrate our significant history and promote DuPont as the home of golf in the Pacific Northwest.

**Join us to share your ideas and perspectives** as City Council members deliberate on the Mayor's budget proposal at public meetings every Tuesday evening into December. Meeting times and materials available at [www.DuPontWA.gov](http://www.DuPontWA.gov).

### 2014 Budget Proposal video:

*(The budget message begins at the 44 minute mark.)*



Mayor Grayum's proposed budget: <http://bit.ly/1c8eYwK>

Public budget meetings calendar:

<http://bit.ly/19VMpLq>

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 5 Election Day
- 11 Veteran's Day  
(City Hall will be closed)
- 12 Youth Basketball & Little Hoopsters Registration Deadline
- 16 Winter Wonderland Holiday Bazaar
- 28 Thanksgiving
- 29 City Hall is closed

### DECEMBER

- 7 Santa Breakfast
- 7 Tree Lighting
- 12 Winter Choir Concert
- 19 Winter Band Concert

Check out the Community Calendar at [www.DuPontWA.gov](http://www.DuPontWA.gov)