



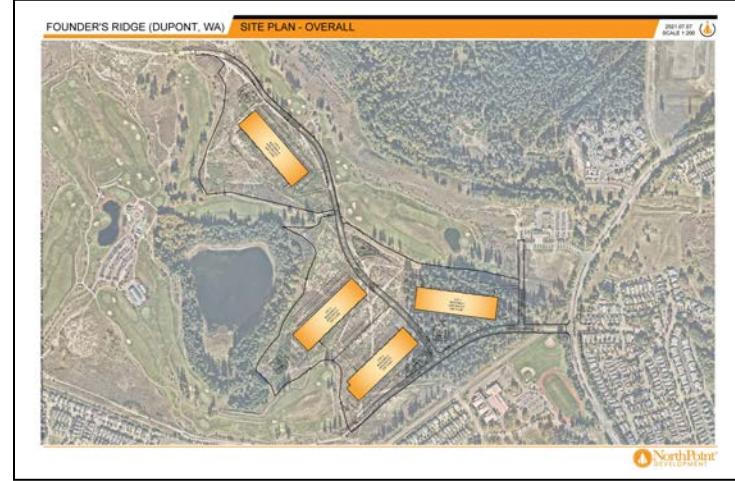
WEEKLY REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Friday, February 4, 2022

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Founder's Ridge Project in Old Fort Lake Subarea

- Public Scoping Open House:
 - The City of DuPont has received permit applications for the Founder's Ridge Project, and you are invited to comment on the proposal on **Thursday February 10, 2022, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** at the City of DuPont Council Chambers, 1700 Civic Dr., DuPont, WA.
 - This event will provide opportunities to view materials on the project and learn about applicable review procedures.
 - All participants will be required to observe current COVID-19 requirements.
 - More details can be found on the City's website at https://www.dupontwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5553/2021221-Combined-NOA-and-Scoping-Notice-PLNG2021-018-019-021-027_correct.
- Moratorium Ordinance, First Reading:
 - At the February 8, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting, the Council will hold the first reading of the ordinance regarding the Old Fort Lake Subarea Moratorium.
 - Documents associated with this project can be found on the Community Development page of the City's website under "**Planning Services**", and then "**Active Development Projects**", or at this link: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/633/Founders-Ridge--Old-Fort-Lake--Applicati>.
 - The meeting agenda can be found on the City's website under the "**Government**" tab and then "**Council Agendas**", or at this link: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777>.
- Public Hearing:
 - Tentatively scheduled for March 8, 2022, a Public Hearing will take place during the Regular Council Meeting. More details to come.



PARKS & RECREATION

Annual Farmers Market

Parks & Recreation is delighted to announce the 2022 Farmers Market and Concert in the Park series for Summer, 2022.

Our market kicks off on Thursday, June 2nd at Clocktower Park. Staff is in the process of reaching out to new and returning vendors to bring a fresh variety of vendors for the season.

The greatest challenge with any market is to recruit and retain farmers from year to year. If you know of any local farms who may want to participate, please contact Amy Walker at awalker@dupontwa.gov. We would love to talk to them!

Market and concert dates are located here:
<https://www.dupontwa.gov/566/Farmers-Market>



Teen League Recruitment Event

The City of DuPont Teen League invites all high school aged youth to attend a Teen League Recruitment event on Sunday, February 27th from 3-5 pm at City Hall.

Teens will enjoy food, drinks and games while learning about leadership and volunteer opportunities within our community. Registration information can be found here: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens>.

Find all Parks & Recreation events on the City's website at <https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events>.



DUPONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Over the past week, DPFD responded to 25 calls and a Private Medic was not available 75% of the time.



Responses	
Medical/Vehicle Accident ALS	8
Medical/Vehicle Accident BLS	2
EMS canceled	2
Combustible liquid spill or leak	1
Service call, other	1
Water problem	1
Steam or other gas alarms	4
Public service	1
Dispatched and canceled	2
System or detector malfunction	2
Unintentional alarm	1
TOTAL	25

Medical / Vehicle Accidents	
ALS	8
BLS	2
EMS canceled	2
TOTAL	12

February is home maintenance month:



- **Change your HVAC filter** - Air quality is important inside and outside your home. Breathe a little easier going into spring by changing your HVAC air filter in the hallways, ceilings, or wherever your vent is located.

- **Check fire extinguishers**

- ✓ Confirm the extinguisher is visible and unobstructed.
- ✓ Verify the locking pin is intact and the tamper seal is unbroken.
- ✓ Examine the extinguisher for obvious physical damage, corrosion, leakage, or clogged nozzle.
- ✓ Confirm the pressure gauge or indicator is in the operable range or position and lift the extinguisher to ensure it is still full.
- ✓ Make sure the operating instructions on the nameplate are legible.





DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
WEEKLY REPORT

Total Calls for Service 01/24/22 – 01/30/22: 198

Average: 28.29 calls per day

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS:

- 78 Security Checks
- 09 Agency Assists
- 03 Motor Vehicle Collisions
- 04 Wellness Checks
- 01 Suicide Threat

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS:

- 01 Hit and Run

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES:

- 03 Vehicle Prowls
- 01 Vandalism
- 01 Failure to Yield
- 01 Theft
- 01 Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 02 Eluding

ARRESTS/REFERRALS TO PROSECUTOR:

- 01 Vehicle Prowl (Referred)
- 01 Hit and Run (Referred)
- 01 Theft

DEPARTMENT NEWS:

- Training:
 - The department has one (1) officer undergoing Field Training
- Officers conducted extra emphasis patrols in and around the city to deter vehicle thefts, car prowls and other criminal activity.
- The department conducted oral board interviews for lateral applicants
- Officers provided traffic control at the State Farm parking lot for a COVID-19 testing site
- The department hosted week 1 of supervisory training titled *The West Point Leadership Model*. Two department members are currently enrolled in this training, which is a 3-week course.

A Note from the Desk of the Chief: Does your call make a difference?

We get a lot of phone calls and emails here at DPD...everything from compliments to complaints to suggestions. We welcome all feedback, and while we cannot please everyone, information from the public helps us try to provide the type of public safety this community wants and deserves.

Crime is on the rise in our region, and unfortunately, DuPont is no exception. The frustration and fear I have heard from the community recently is very real - it is understandable, and it concerns me and every member of our team at DPD.

In reality, we are a very safe community. The odds of being a victim of a crime while living in and visiting DuPont remain very low. However, when YOU are the victim of a crime, statistics do not matter. Whether it is a property crime or a harmful felony, crime leaves victims feeling violated and vulnerable. We do our best to provide follow up information to crime victims, but there are situations when we are forced to be vague when doing so. This is one of the reasons why we have made an effort to provide public safety updates on this platform about notable - but VERIFIABLE - events occurring in DuPont.

Recently, I was asked if we “give warnings” to those who commit crime in our city. The answer is, absolutely not. There are no “warnings” if we have probable cause to arrest someone who has criminally victimized another. If anything, your DPD officers are doing their best to meet rising crime head on with as much visibility and attention as our staffing levels can provide. I know – I see how hard your officers and staff members work every day, and I could not be more proud of them.

In the specific case where I was asked if we give “warnings,” DPD officers apprehended and physically arrested a suspect who attempted to commit a theft from a vehicle in DuPont. This suspect also had an active arrest warrant out of an adjacent county. However, the jail would not take this suspect for booking – and this is not necessarily an uncommon practice. Jails frequently have booking restrictions for reasons such as COVID precautions, medical conditions, or lower level charges – all of which are out of our officers’ control.

Subsequently, the suspect was released and the case was forwarded to the Prosecutor’s Office for review - and hopefully, formal criminal charges will follow. When we have to tell a victim that the perpetrator of their crime was released, it leaves them with the feeling of helplessness and makes others feel like it is useless to call the police in the future, because we will “...just let them go anyway.” These feelings are very understandable, but I ask that you reconsider your position if you feel this way.

In this, and countless other cases, DPD officers did an outstanding job and did everything they could to protect this community. Shortly after this incident, the Pierce County Sheriff’s Office contacted us. Their detectives were working hard to identify a man who was suspected of aiding an alleged hit-and-run driver who, while operating a stolen vehicle, struck two 12-year-old girls, killing one of them, days prior to the above car prow incident in DuPont. Sheriff’s detectives had reason to believe that our suspect may have been connected to their case, and were trying to positively identify him.

Because of our close, cooperative relationship with the Sheriff’s Department, we were able to immediately provide all of the information we had on our suspect, to include vehicle information and detailed images from DPD officers’ body worn cameras taken during our arrest. In the meantime, public information about the unrelated attempted car prow was intentionally vague, as we did not want to release information that could have jeopardized the Sheriff Department’s efforts to identify and locate their suspect.

As it turns out, the DPD car prow suspect was identified as the same person who allegedly was an accessory to the needless death and serious injury of two children. The same suspect has since been located and arrested for his alleged involvement in a heinous, unthinkable crime.

<https://www.king5.com/article/news/crime/suspect-arrested-hit-and-run-12-year-old-girl-killed-pierce-county/281-b1df576f-c5f7-4cdd-827a-5659ddf66ec4>

Effective law enforcement is truly a team effort. Criminals do not respect jurisdictional boundaries, and your police department works with outside agencies on a daily basis with the intent to provide the very best police services we can. This case is a perfect example of inter-agency cooperation, why sometimes we are not at liberty to discuss cases currently under investigation, and why it is **ALWAYS** important to report crime and suspicious activity.

Whether someone is physically booked into jail by our officers, or we have positively identified a criminal suspect and the investigation is forwarded to the Prosecutor’s Office for formal charging review, we do not give “warnings” when we have probable cause to make a criminal arrest. DPD officers consider every contact we make valuable and important. We ensure every contact is documented – as it could lead to a larger investigation.

I sincerely appreciate the understanding and support that our agency has received over the past several months from this very special community. This city truly sets the example for COMMUNITY policing. We cannot thank you enough. I would also like to publicly thank YOUR DPD officers, who did great work in this incident, and all of our partners at the [Pierce County Sheriff's Department](#), who did – and are doing – incredible police work in this horrible case.

Most of all, on behalf of everyone at the DuPont Police Department, I would like to express our very deepest condolences and sorrow to the families of Immaculee Goldade, who was senselessly killed, and her friend, who was seriously injured. They did not deserve this.

REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
- If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060

If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at Police@dupontwa.gov or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "Download Agenda".



Date	Time	Meeting
2/7/2022	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission
2/8/2022	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
2/8/2022	6:00 PM	Transportation Benefit District Board Meeting
2/8/2022	6:30 PM	City Council Regular Meeting
2/10/2022	6:00-8:00 PM	Open House @ City Hall: Founder's Ridge Development Proposal
2/15/2022	6:00 PM	City Council Committee - Finance & Governance
2/15/2022	7:00 PM	City Council Committee - Planning, PW, Econ Development
2/16/2022	6:00 PM	City Council Committee - Public Safety
2/17/2022	6:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission - CANCELED

ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATES

Date	Activity	Information
2/10/2022	Senior Sweetheart Lunch	https://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors
2/11/2021	Party Hearty Paint Night	https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes
2/15/2022	Senior Movie & Lunch	https://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors
2/21/2022	City Hall - CLOSED	Presidents Day and Washington's Birthday
2/27/2022	Teen League Recruitment	https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens