



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, January 5, 2024



City News

STATE OF THE CITY & CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBERS

On January 9, 2024, at the Regular Council Meeting, the Mayor will address the citizens of DuPont with the State of the City. The agenda for this meeting will also include the ceremonial swearing in of the new Councilmembers, Shawna Gasak, Tom Wargo, and re-elected Councilmember Kevin Ballard and Mayor Ronald Frederick.

The meeting will be streamed on YouTube Live on the City's You Tube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A).



Parks and Recreation

NATURE & PEOPLE PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

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Parks & Recreation
www.DuPontWA.gov



NATURE WITH KATE LYNCH
SATURDAYS • 10AM - NOON • \$139

CLASSES:
January 20, 27,
February 10, 2024

FIELD TRIP:
February 3, 2024

REGISTER HERE:
www.DuPontWAPhoto.com



PEOPLE WITH LYNSEY STRADER
SATURDAYS • 1PM - 3PM • \$139

Nature & People Photography Classes

Whether you want to capture birds in flight or a beautiful scene in one of Washington's parks, your ticket to stellar images is knowing how to use your digital camera and understanding visual composition. Parks & Recreation is proud to offer a fantastic opportunity to learn the photography of people and nature this winter.

Classes will be taught by professional photographers Kate Lynch and Lynsey Strader starting January 20. This would make a fantastic gift for the holidays! Registration information can be found here:

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes>

Parks and Recreation



City of DuPont Parks & Recreation

Senior 2024 LUNCH & MOVIE

January 16
February 6
March 19

\$10 + TAX
INCLUDES LUNCH & MOVIE TICKET!

EVENT REGISTRATION AND MOVIE CHOICES WILL BE POSTED WITHIN 5 DAYS OF EVENT DATE

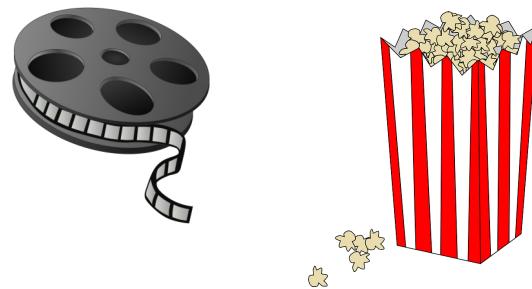
<https://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors>



Senior Lunch and Movie

The best deal in town! Grab a friend and join DuPont Parks & Recreation for lunch and a movie. After meeting at DuPont City Hall we caravan to the agreed upon lunch spot to follow with your movie of choice. \$10 includes lunch and a movie ticket. Transportation not provided.

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors>



City of DuPont Parks & Recreation

NEW YEARS SENIOR LUNCHEON

Celebrate the New Year with us!
Bring a friend or make a new one!

JANUARY 26, 2024 | 11:00AM - 12:30PM

Join us for lunch, warm drinks and new friendships!

\$10 Please RSVP by calling
253-964-8121
by Jan 22. Payment at door.

Community Center
303 Barksdale Ave.
DuPont, WA

New Year Senior Luncheon

Ring in the new year right at the Parks & Recreation New Year Senior Social scheduled for January 26 at the Community Center in Historic Village. The cost is just \$10 and includes lunch, warm drinks, raffles and an opportunity to catch up with friends around town. Please RSVP to City Hall at (253) 964-8121 no later than January 22. To simplify the registration process for our seniors, payment will be accepted at the door. (Cash or card) Be sure to bring your friends, we can't wait to see you!

[Adults & Seniors | DuPont, WA - Official Website
\(dupontwa.gov\)](https://www.dupontwa.gov)



City of DuPont Parks & Recreation

TEEN Night OUT

MINUTE TO WIN IT

Race the clock in these fast paced, minute to win it games! Have some laughs, dinner and maybe even win some prizes!

AGES 13-18 **\$10 PER TEEN**
PRICE INCLUDES DINNER

JAN. 19 2024 | 6:45 - 8:15 PM
DuPont Community Center - REGISTRATION
303 Barksdale Ave. DuPont CLOSES JAN. 16

January Teen Night Out - Minute To Win It

Friday, January 19, 2024
6:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Bring a friend and test out your skills as you race the clock in these fast-paced, minute to win it games! There is a game for everyone! Have some laughs, dinner and maybe even win some prizes. \$10 per child, includes all games and dinner. Sign up by January 16th!

Sign up here:

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens>

Museum Valentine event

Stop by the DuPont Historical Museum on February 10th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm for some Valentine's Day fun. Create your very own Valentines' card for that special someone in your life. Supplies and treats will be provided at no cost. Please VP by leaving a message at (253) 820-3656 to help us plan accordingly.



Film screening funded by Puyallup Tribe of Indians Charity Trust and Nisqually Delta Association

BUFFALO SOLDIERS: Fighting on Two Fronts

Post-Film Q+A w/filmmaker Dru Holley



Winner of the 2023 Public Media Award for Best Historical Documentary

BLACKBALD films

4:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4th 2024
Eagle's Pride Golf Course
1529 Mounts Rd SW, DuPont, WA

**\$3 SUGGESTED
DONATION**

recommended for ages 13 and up

DupontHistoricalMuseum@gmail.com
(253) 820-3656 www.dupontmuseum.com



2024 Cherry Blossom Tea

The annual Cherry Blossom Tea put on by the DuPont Historical Society will be held at Eagle's Pride. This year's theme is "Stitches in Time" where we will explore the history of quilting. The guest speaker will be quilt historian Phyllis Beaver who will have a few of her own quilts on display.

Join the Historical Society on Saturday, March 9, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a wonderful afternoon of tea and hors d'oeuvres. This event is sponsored by CalPortland.

Tickets on sale now. For ticket sales or more information contact duponthistoricalmuseum@gmail.com or (253) 459-4339.

Eagles Pride Golf Course -
1529 Mounts Rd SW, DuPont, WA 98327

Valentine Card Making

Enjoy an afternoon of card making and Valentine treats

February 10, 2024 2-4PM

Please RSVP by leaving a message at (253) 820-3656 to help us plan accordingly

DuPont Museum
207 Barksdale Ave.




Buffalo Soldiers Film Screening at the DuPont Historical Museum

The documentary film "Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting on Two Fronts" will be shown at Eagle's Pride Golf Course and followed by Q&A with filmmaker Dru Holley. "In 1866, six all-Black cavalry and infantry regiments were created after Congress passed the Army Organization Act. They came to be known as Buffalo Soldiers. The film explores the often contradictory role played by the Buffalo Soldiers throughout American history, with particular emphasis on the settling of the American West."

The film won the 2023 Public Media Award for Best Historical Documentary. The event is funded with grants from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Charity Trust and the Nisqually Delta Association.

Recommended for ages 13 and up.

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DUPONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

Stitches in Time
2024 CHERRY BLOSSOM TEA

featuring Phyllis Beaver, Quilt Historian

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Eagle's Pride, DuPont, WA

Advance \$35 per person
tickets only: \$264 per table of 8

BENEFITING THE DUPONT MUSEUM



Reservations & info: 253.459.4339 or duponthistoricalmuseum@gmail.com

 **DUPONT**  **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. Corridor Improvements

Beginning in late summer 2023, contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin construction on Interstate 5 in DuPont near Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is the third in a series of projects that widens I-5 to add HOV lanes between DuPont and Lakewood.

Improvements coming to DuPont and JBLM

In addition to extending the I-5 HOV lanes, construction crews will make improvements that enhance mobility and safety in DuPont and near the JBLM DuPont Gate at exit 119, including:

- A new bridge spanning I-5 and the railroad. The new bridge will feature a partial Diverging Diamond Interchange and a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists between JBLM and DuPont.
- Direct access between JBLM and both directions of I-5.
- A new roundabout connecting Steilacoom-DuPont Road and the new overpass.

The project will also add a new signal at the intersection of the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Mounts Road (exit 116) and improve the I-5 vertical clearance over Pendleton Avenue.

What you can expect

Construction will begin in summer 2023 and is expected to be complete in 2026. The project consists of multiple stages that involve overnight and weekend ramp closures, lane shifts onto temporary pavement, potential speed limit reductions, and bicycle and pedestrian detours. Crews will contain dust and debris to the construction site and will minimize noise as much as practical. Clear signage will indicate required detours throughout the project.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information: This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing the Office of Equity and Civil Rights at wsdotada@wsdot.wa.gov or by calling toll free, 855-362-4ADA(4232). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may make a request by calling the Washington State Relay at 711.

Title VI Notice to Public: It is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) policy to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our non-discrimination obligations, please contact OECR's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7090. 23-08-0293



The project extends HOV lanes in both directions into DuPont.

Stay connected

Follow us on Twitter [@WSDOT_Tacoma](https://twitter.com/WSDOT_Tacoma)

Check out our Facebook page: facebook.com/WSDOT

Project hotline: **206-467-2171**

Scan the QR code or visit: wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-projects/i-5-mounts-rd-steilacoom-dupont-rd-corridor-improvements



For updated weekly ramp and lane closure schedules, visit: wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/

WSDOT: I-5 Mounts Rd to Steilacoom-DuPont Road Corridor Improvements outreach links:

Online open house:

<https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/i-5-mounts-to-steilacoom-dupont-rd/>

WSDOT Blog:

<https://wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2023/09/i-5-hov-dupont-jblm.html>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIDRY3j6DNI&t=1s>

The WSDOT Facebook page also has a post linking the blog and online open house:

<https://www.facebook.com/WSDOT/>



STEILACOOM HISTORICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION **SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE**

**SHEF CELEBRATES
30 YEARS OF GIVING!**

**DONATE
TODAY!**

**WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR
SHEF 30th ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP!**

**This special scholarship will be funded fully by YOU
– our community!**

**Join us in a celebration of 30 years of impact and
to support a Steilacoom HS Graduating Senior.**



Join us with a gift of \$30, \$130 or whatever you feel comfortable giving. Please select the Anniversary Scholarship in the donation process. To donate: Scan the QR code, go to our website Shefonline.com and scroll down to the donate button on the home page or send a check. Thank you for your support!
SHEF, P.O. Box 88576, Steilacoom, WA 98388. Please contact SHEFinfo@gmail.com with any questions.



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City News

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed on the following upcoming days:

- Monday, January 15th, in celebration of MLK Day.
- Monday, February 19th, in celebration of Presidents' Day.



DuPont Fire Department

Response Information: The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past two weeks and the "Year" statistics include all responses for 2023. Please note the weekly figures are based off raw data.



(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other		1	5
(11) Structure Fire		6	
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire		7	
(14) Natural vegetation fire		11	
(15) Outside rubbish fire		0	
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition		1	
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other		2	
(31) Medical assist		16	
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		24	628
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		3	42
(33) Lock-In		0	
(35) Extrication, rescue		1	
(36) Water or ice-related rescue		2	
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other		0	
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks		6	
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition		3	
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem		1	
(50) Service call, other		2	56
(51) Person in distress		13	
(52) Water Problem		1	
(53) Smoke, odor problem		2	
(54) Animal problem or rescue		2	
(55) Public service assistance		3	41
(56) Unauthorized burning		1	
(60) Good intent call, other		10	
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		1	50
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found		2	
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		12	
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency		1	
(70) False alarm and false call, other		1	19
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		4	
(73) System or detector malfunction		31	
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		1	21
(91) Citizen complaint		2	
Unknown		0	
TOTALS		36	999

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	6	129
Mary Bridge	1	66
St. Clare	8	138
St. Joseph	1	45
St. Peters		14
Tacoma General	1	19
TOTAL	17	412

ALS	Current	Year
BLS	9	417

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):	Current	Year
0000-0759	6	211
0800-1649	22	482
1700-2359	8	306
TOTAL	36	999

Calls by day of the week:	Current	Year
Sunday	2	114
Monday	7	121
Tuesday	8	151
Wednesday	6	178
Thursday	3	169
Friday	5	141
Saturday	5	125
TOTAL	36	999

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:	Current	Year
DPF Received	1	75
DPF Provided	4	61
Multiple Calls	4	122

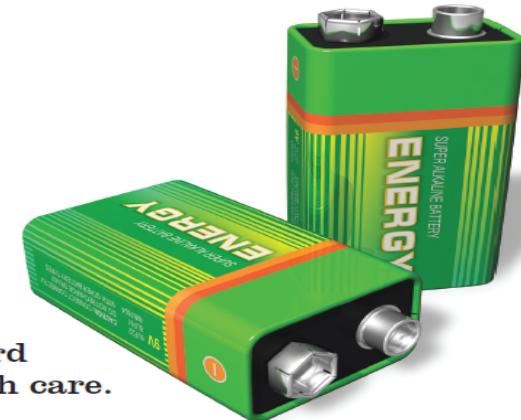
Safety Message - 9-Volt Battery Safety

9-volt Battery Safety

9-volt batteries power our smoke alarms, household items and toys. They can be found in most homes. But these batteries can be a fire hazard if not stored safely or disposed of with care.

The problem

- » 9-volt batteries can be dangerous. The positive and negative posts are close together. If a metal object touches the two posts of a 9-volt battery, it can cause a short circuit. This can make enough heat to start a fire.
- » It is unsafe to store 9-volt batteries in a drawer near paper clips, coins, pens, or other batteries. Do not store common household items such as steel wool, aluminum foil, and keys near 9-volt batteries. If these items touch the two posts, there is a greater risk of a fire starting.
- » Weak batteries may have enough charge to cause a fire. Some fires have started in trash when 9-volt batteries were thrown away with other metal items.



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Safety Message - 9-Volt Battery Safety Continued.....

Storing 9-volt batteries

- » Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects.
- » Keep them someplace safe where they won't be tossed around.
- » Store batteries standing up.
- » 9-volt batteries should not be stored loose in a drawer. Do not store them in containers with other batteries.

9-VOLT BATTERY STORAGE

Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects.



Disposal

- » 9-volt batteries should not be thrown away with trash. They can come in contact with other batteries or pieces of metal.
- » 9-volt batteries can be taken to a collection site for household hazardous waste.
- » To be safe, cover the positive and negative posts with masking, duct, or electrical tape before getting rid of batteries.
- » Some states do not allow any type of battery to be disposed of with trash. Check with your city or town for the best way to get rid of batteries.

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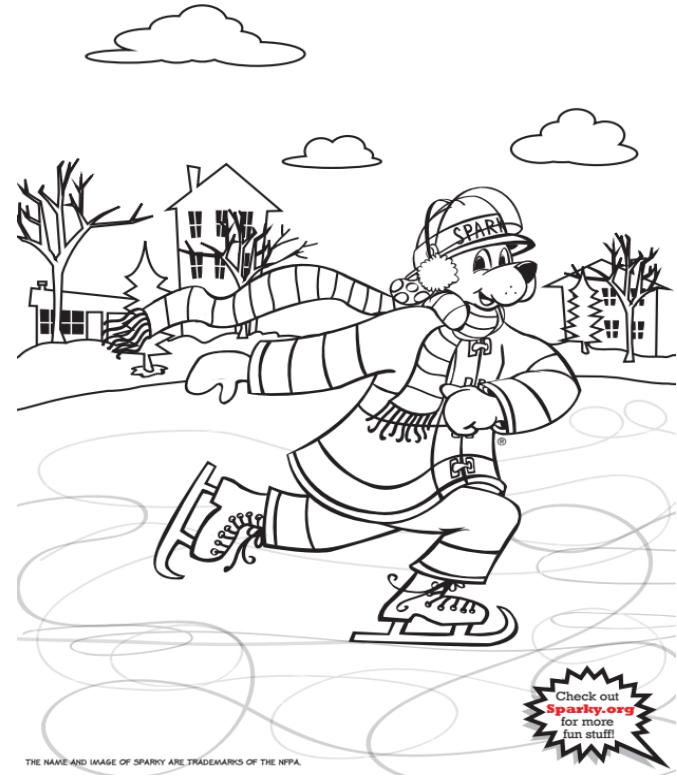


Your Source for SAFETY Information

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KIDS!! - COLORING ACTIVITIES



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Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*

Total Calls for Service 12/18/23 – 12/31/23: 410
Average per day: 29.28

The “Total Calls for Service” statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

<u>EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS</u>	<u>PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES</u>
<p>13 Agency Assist 05 Citizen Assists 04 Civil Issue 10 Community Oriented Policing 01 Disorderly / Fight 02 Disorderly / Verbal Altercation 05 Domestic Violence / Verbal 03 Motor Vehicle Collision 01 Neighbor Dispute 02 Noise Complaint 01 Runaway (located) 01 Suicide Threat 02 Suspicious Person 05 Suspicious Vehicle 01 Traffic Complaint 98 Traffic Stops 02 Unwanted Person 06 Welfare Check 01 Lewd Conduct</p>	<p>01 Residential Burglary 01 Commercial Burglary 02 Theft 01 Theft from Vehicle 02 Vandalism 03 Graffiti 01 Motor Vehicle Collision / Hit & Run</p>

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

02 Fraud/Identity Theft
01 Rape (Open Investigation)



DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Command Staff welcomed new City Council Members at the police station and provided a tour.
- Officers participated in an ice cream social at a local school to celebrate the successful conclusion of a holiday sock drive.
- An officer was present at a holiday choir concert at a local school.
- Speed emphases were conducted throughout the city.
- DuPont officers greeted students, parents, and staff at the local schools.
- Officers conducted a parking emphasis to identify vehicles that were parked too close to fire hydrants.

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.

DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!



City Council and Calendars

Next regular City Council Meeting will be held on January 9, 2024 and will include the following agenda items:

- 2024 State of the City presentation.
- Swearing in of the Mayor and new Councilmembers.
- Resolution No. 24-001 Adopting ARPA Small Business Grants Policy.
- Proclamation: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Helpful Meeting Links:

- ◊ **City of DuPont Meetings** can be watched live or later at: City's YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A).
- ◊ **Regular Council Meetings** can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel and/or at: Pierce County TV (<https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings>).
- ◊ **Agendas**, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available at the following link: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7771>.
- ◊ **Minutes**, after they are passed, are available at: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/>.

Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

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".



 [Download Agenda](#)

Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
1/8/2024	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
1/8/2024	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting - CANCELED
1/9/2024	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
1/9/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
1/10/2024	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting
1/15/2024		City Hall CLOSED
1/22/2024	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting
1/23/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting

Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
1/16/2024	Senior Lunch & Movie	Adults & Seniors DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
1/20/2024	Nature Photography Class - Part 1	https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes
1/20/2024	People Photography Class - Part 1	https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes
1/26/2024	Senior Luncheon	Adults & Seniors DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
1/19/2024	Teen Night Out: Minute to Win It	Teen Events and Programs DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
1/27/2024	Nature Photography Class - Part 2	https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes
1/27/2024	People Photography Class - Part 2	https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes

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