



# CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

## Friday, April 5, 2024



### April is Month of the Military Child

#### From the U.S Department of Defense's website:

"The Defense Department celebrates military children during the month of April. There are more than 1.6 million military children who face many challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parents' service. While military members serve around the world, we often forget the challenges faced by their children. Military families move on average every two to three years, impacting military children through changing schools and support networks. Each year, the DOD joins national, state and local government, schools, military serving organizations, companies and private citizens in celebrating military children and the sacrifices they make."

More information can be found here: <https://www.defense.gov/Spotlights/Month-of-the-Military-Child/>

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF DUPONT



RONALD J. FREDERICK  
MAYOR

#### PROCLAMATION

#### April is Month of the Military Child

**WHEREAS**, military youth of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and involved populations in our Nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, the physical, social, and emotional well-being of children in military families is essential to their success and has direct impact on the resiliency of military families serving our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, military youth are essential to the City of Dupont as our population is predominantly military families; and

**WHEREAS**, our efforts and support can improve the lives of military youth and help pave the way for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, observing the Month of the Military Child demonstrates our support for military children who make daily sacrifices so their parents can keep our Nation safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dupont urges everyone to take time to honor our military youth and the family members who care for them.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, Ronald J. Frederick, Mayor of the City of Dupont, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as

#### Month of the Military Child

in the City of Dupont and encourage all citizens in Dupont to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 26th day of March 2024.

Ronald J. Frederick, Mayor

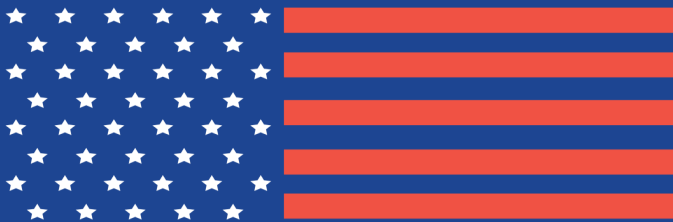
### Mayor Frederick also declared April as:

National Child Abuse Prevention Month: [City of Dupont - Document Center \(civicweb.net\)](#)

Sexual Assault Awareness Month: [City of Dupont - Document Center \(civicweb.net\)](#)

## Parks and Recreation

### CITY OF DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION



## JULY 4TH PARADE GRAND MARSHAL NOMINEE

★★★ 2024 ★★★

PLEASE READ THE CRITERIA BELOW AND NOMINATE YOUR CHOICE

1. MUST BE A DUPONT RESIDENT OR A CORPORATE CITIZEN OF DUPONT FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS.
2. MUST BE A FORMER OR CURRENT LEADER IN DUPONT.
3. MUST BE A PERSON WHO DISPLAYED OUTSTANDING SERVICE, PRIDE AND COMMITMENT THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM OR THEIR PROFESSION.
4. MUST ATTEND JULY 4TH PARADE AND CELEBRATION.
5. MAY NOT BE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR RUNNING FOR OFFICE

IF YOU KNOW OF A DESERVING CANDIDATE, PLEASE  
SUBMIT A 1-2 PARAGRAPH SUBMISSION TO AMY WALKER  
AT [AWALKER@DUPONTWA.GOV](mailto:AWALKER@DUPONTWA.GOV) BY MAY 17TH.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE JULY 4TH COMMITTEE.

### 2024 Grand Marshal Nominations

Parks & Recreation is currently accepting nominations for the 2024 July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Grand Marshal. If you know of a deserving candidate, please review the criteria, and submit your nomination to:

Amy Walker at [awalker@dupontwa.gov](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov) no later than May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We can't wait to hear your nomination!



# Parks and Recreation

## DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION

### SPONSOR A BASKET & SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS!

Help keep the Clocktower Park stage blooming all summer long!

Business name and logo will be showcased on a large A-frame sign in front of the stage!

**\$150**

Price includes commercial size basket, advertising and maintenance of basket

To participate, please contact Amy Walker with Parks & Recreation at [awalker@dupontwa.gov](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov)



### *Help Keep Clocktower Blooming All Summer Long!*

Help us keep Clocktower Park blooming all summer long by sponsoring a basket to be hung on the stage. These baskets add color, joy and seasonal flair to our events!

Basket sponsorships are \$150 per basket and include a commercial size basket, maintenance, and advertising on an A frame in front of the stage during events all summer long!

We have six baskets to sponsor and we anticipate that these sponsorships will go quickly. Interested in participating? Please contact Amy Walker with Parks & Recreation at (253) 405-9698.



### Dungeons & Dragons

Are you looking to meet other local Dungeons & Dragons players for adventures and fun!? DuPont Parks & Recreation has been getting some requests to start a D&D group in DuPont and we are here for it! Explore fantastic worlds, clash with dark monsters, spin lore and commit heroic feats while playing the greatest RPG of all time! If interested, please reach out to Amy Walker at [awalker@dupontwa.gov](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov)



### Knitting & Crocheting

Are you interested in knitting and crocheting? Or maybe wanting to share your skills with some beginners? DuPont Parks & Recreation is looking to start a knitting and crocheting group!

If you are interested in joining this cozy of knitters, please reach out to Amy Walker at [awalker@dupontwa.gov](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov)

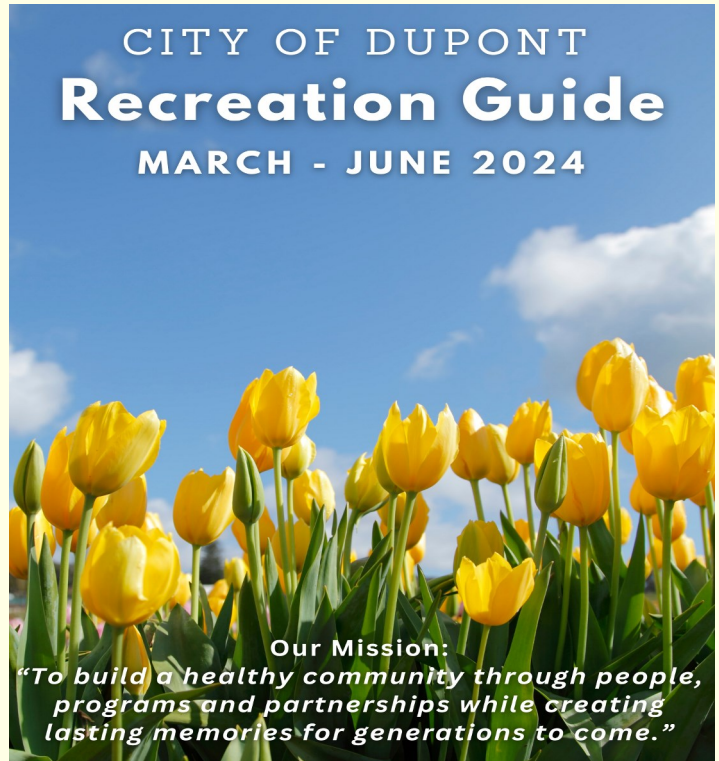


# Parks and Recreation

Parks & Recreation is pleased to release our **2024 Spring Recreation Guide!** Within these pages you will find programming for all ages, spring break activities and a variety of new programs.

Here is the link to the guide:

<https://dupontwa.gov/187/Parks-Recreation>



## Have a Blooming Good Time on the Parks & Recreation Instagram Page!

Parks & Recreation is actively looking to increase our following on social media. Follow us between now and May 4th and you will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a beautiful hanging basket, just in time for Mother's Day!



## Chief Leschi Park

Parks & Recreation is hosting several opportunities for public input on upgrading playground equipment and picnic shelters at Chief Leschi Park and we need your help. Please mark your calendars to plan to attend at least one of the following opportunities to have your voice heard about the future of Chief Leschi Park. Aren't able to attend any of these meetings? Please email your suggestions to Amy Walker at [awalker@dupontwa.gov](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov).



# Parks and Recreation



## Senior Lunch & Movie - April 10

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>



## Senior Lunch at the Landing

Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce an invitation for all seniors in our community to have "Lunch at the Landing." The next senior luncheon at Patriots Landing is scheduled for **Friday, April 19th**. Registration for this event will close, **Tuesday, April 16th**, don't delay.

[Adults & Seniors | DuPont, WA - Official Website](https://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors)  
([dupontwa.gov](https://www.dupontwa.gov))



## Mother's Day Market

Snack, sip, shop and celebrate motherhood from **10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on May 4th**, at our Mother's Day Market!

DuPont Parks & Recreation is delighted to announce our very first Mother's Day Market! We will be celebrating the Mothers in our lives with local businesses and vendors, fresh flowers, food trucks, performances from local artists, delicious treats, and much more! If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Emma at [ewiegand@dupontwa.gov](mailto:ewiegand@dupontwa.gov).

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/707/Mothers-Day-Market>





# Parks and Recreation

DuPont Parks & Recreation

## GENTLE Yoga Classes

Saturdays 7:30 - 8:30 AM  
March 2 - May 4, 2024

**\$150**  
10 weeks

DuPont Community Center -  
303 Barksdale Ave. DuPont WA 98327

**About the Instructor**  
Masha Power has received the highest certification, E-RYT500, with the Yoga Alliance. She is also a Certified Clinical Yoga Therapist and Integrative Health Coach



## Gentle Yoga Classes

Saturdays, 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

March 2 - May 4, 2024

Gentle yoga is designed for those new to yoga or those who like a slow-paced practice that incorporates traditional postures and breath techniques. This 60-minute practice is focused on alignment, strength, balance, and flexibility, but in a very gentle way with the use of props and modifications. We will move gradually in and out of each posture until finding a holding position. This gentle movement protects and nurtures the joints, muscles, and connective tissue.

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



DuPont Parks & Recreation

## Board Game & Bingo Blowout AT BLISS!

Wednesday, April 17th, 2024  
2:00-3:15

Calling all Middle Schoolers!  
Come hang out at Bliss Ice Cream in DuPont for an afternoon of bingo, board games, friends and ICE CREAM!!

**\$5**  
PER CHILD

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
SPACE IS LIMITED!

Your Parks & Recreation 2023 Auction proceeds at work!

*If there is a financial hardship that prevents your child from attending please reach out to DuPont Parks & Recreation. We want everyone to be able to attend!*

Bliss Small Batch Creamery  
1520 Wilmington Dr., DuPont, WA



## Board Game & Bingo Blowout at Bliss!

Sign up today to spend your afternoon at Bliss Small Batch Creamery with friends, games and of course ice cream!

Wednesday, April 17 from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

[Teen Events and Programs | DuPont, WA - Official Website](https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes)

CITY OF DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION

## PARK APPRECIATION DAY 2024

Join the City of DuPont Park Commission as we spruce up our parks as a community!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**

Volunteers MUST check in at the DuPont Historical Museum or with their established Park Captains between 9-10 am

Light breakfast items will be provided at the Historical Museum between 9-10 AM for registered volunteers

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED** → 

Volunteers are asked to please bring their own tools!



Questions? Call Amy Walker at (253) 912-5245 or email at [awalker@dupontwa.gov](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov)

## Park Appreciation Day!

Saturday, April 27

Please join our Park Commission as we spruce up our parks as a community. Volunteers are asked to bring their own tools, rakes, shovels, gloves, etc.

Pre-registration is required.

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events>

DuPont Parks & Recreation

## APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

**WED. MAY 15, 2024**  
2:00-3:15 OR 3:15-4:30  
SELECT YOUR TIME DURING THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

**MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT AT MINCE!**

COME HANG OUT AT MINCE MERCANTILE ON AN ACE WEDNESDAY TO MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER FLOWER BASKET, HANG WITH FRIENDS AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS TREAT!

 **\$15 PER CHILD**  
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**YOUR PARKS & RECREATION 2023 AUCTION PROCEEDS AT WORK!**

*IF THERE IS A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THAT PREVENTS YOUR CHILD FROM ATTENDING PLEASE REACH OUT TO DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION. WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND!*

MINCE MERCANTILE -  
1495 WILMINGTON DR.  
DUPONT, WA.



## April Showers Bring May Flowers

May 15, 2024

2:00 - 3:15 PM or 3:15 - 4:30 PM

Middle Schoolers! Spend your early out on Wednesday with friends at Mince Mercantile! Enjoy making spring crafts and indulging in a delicious treat baked by none other than, Mince Mercantile! \$15 Pre-registration required.

For more information and to sign up click the following link:  
[Teen Events and Programs | DuPont, WA - Official Website](https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes)  
(dupontwa.gov)

# DuPont Historical Museum

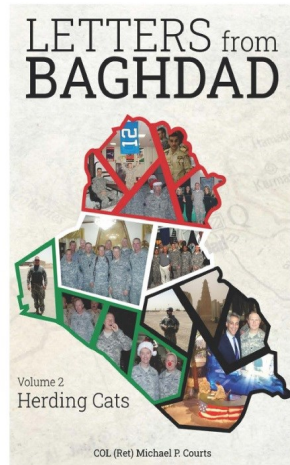
## DuPont Historical Society & Museum presents Reading & book signing by Mike Courts

**Letters from Baghdad Vol. 2 Herding Cats** continues documenting COL (Ret) Mike Courts' Iraq experiences through weekly letters. During the 2009-2010 period, Mike deployed as Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS) for I Corps.

As 2009 began, the United States moved from the Bush to the Obama Administration. The Iraq mission moved from a multi-national effort to a U.S.-only mission. As the U.S. began a planned drawdown, six major HQs were consolidated into one.

**6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
April 24, 2024**  
DuPont Museum  
207 Barksdale Ave.  
DuPont WA

A large staff provided drama and comedy, as life in the Al Faw Palace on Victory Base was never dull. Vol 2 contains weekly lessons learned that assist readers in understanding the broader implications of the U.S. mission in Iraq.



*A resident of DuPont, Mike Courts was raised in an Army family and graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point. Mike is a career Army Aviator who has two tours each in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Iraq. He was DuPont City Councilman 2012-15 and Mayor 2016-19. He is married to Robbie B. Courts and has two children.*



**DUPONT** ☆  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

**Historic DuPont Village Walking Tour**  
led by museum volunteers  
**10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 11, 2024**  
meet at DuPont Historical Museum  
207 Barksdale Ave, DuPont

## HISTORIC DUPONT VILLAGE WALK

**10:00 AM, SATURDAY  
MAY 11TH, 2024**  
Led by museum volunteers

**FREE &  
open to all**

**Walking tour meets at  
DuPont Historical Museum  
207 Barksdale Ave.**

Please arrive 5 min early to sign in.  
(Ages 12 & under must be with an adult.)

Walking on sidewalks, the tour will cover about 1.5 miles discussing historic DuPont Company homes, Johnson Brothers General Store, Carsten's Meat Market, School District #7 and its schools, the still-active 1917 Presbyterian Church, and more.

Tour will last about 90 minutes. Rain or shine, come prepared.



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DUPONTHISTORICALMUSEUM@GMAIL.COM  
(253) 820-3656

**Rain or  
shine!**



## Public Services

### WUI Code Update

The Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Code will no longer be adopted by the state; an emergency rule was filed on March 15, 2024 at the last State Building Code Council meeting. The reason for this emergency rule was in response to bi-partisan bill ESB 6120. Final passage of the bill in question was February 29th, and the bill was sent to the Governor's office for signature on March 11th.

This bill will require new mapping to be created by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR is now required to produce maps based on hazard and risk. Based on the legislation, upon completion of those maps, the state will re-evaluate the adoption. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ray Shipman, the Building Official for the City of DuPont.

**SBCC:** [Emergency Rule Adopted: Rescinding 2021 Wildland-Urban Interface Code | SBCC \(wa.gov\)](https://www.sbcc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/WSR24-07-060_OT5-5271.1_Combined_03152024.pdf)

**WUI Emergency Rule:** [https://www.sbcc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/WSR24-07-060\\_OT5-5271.1\\_Combined\\_03152024.pdf](https://www.sbcc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/WSR24-07-060_OT5-5271.1_Combined_03152024.pdf)

Update





AUGUST 2023

## 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.



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](https://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](https://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/](https://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/>



## Building Code Update

**Effective March 15, 2024**, the adopted Building Codes for the State of the Washington have changed. The 2021 edition of the Codes will replace the 2018 edition. In the City of DuPont, all building permit application plans and supporting documentation must comply with the adopted 2021 Washington State Building Code beginning on March 15, 2024.

**BUILDING CODE  
UPDATE  
EFFECTIVE  
MARCH 15, 2024**



## CITY COMMISSION OPENING

Looking for ways to get involved in the community? Consider serving on a City agency, board, or commission and add your voice to local government.

Current opening:

### Park & Recreation Commission

For more information: [Vacancies | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](https://www.dupontwa.gov/vacancies)



## The City of DuPont Recognized as 2023 Best Commuter Business

*Ride Together Pierce's Best Commuter Business Leadership Program Recognizes Employers for Supporting Sustainable Transportation Options*

Pierce County's Commute Trip Reduction program, Ride Together Pierce, recently announced the City of DuPont as one of the county's Best Commuter Businesses of 2023. This designation recognizes the City of DuPont Employee's commitment to reducing car congestion, fuel consumption and air and water pollution in our region. This was accomplished through providing commuter benefits to our employees, engaging with our employees to promote sustainable transportation options, and successfully reducing the number of employees driving to work alone.



The City of DuPont is one of 28 employers across Pierce County to receive this award for the year 2023. Since the program's inception in 2019, Ride Together Pierce's Best Commuter Business leadership program has recognized over 31 unique employers and over 48 worksites across Pierce County with a bronze, silver or gold level designation.

Ride Together Pierce works with local jurisdictions, employers, and schools to develop transportation solutions through programming and marketing strategies. The Best Commuter Business leadership program recognizes employers' efforts to reducing drive-alone rates and provides employers with a roadmap to improving their commuter benefits. Strong commuter benefits attract and retain top talent, reduce employee parking demand, and demonstrate environmental responsibility. Supporting sustainable transportation options also assists with employers' equity efforts and aids the local economy.

To learn more about the Ride Together Pierce's Best Commuter Business program, visit [RideTogetherPierce.com/BCB](https://RideTogetherPierce.com/BCB).



### A PURPLE HEART SIGN UNVEILING AND CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD CEREMONY

HONORING FALLEN AND WOUNDED VETERANS BY BECOMING A PURPLE HEART CITY AND IN HONOR OF FILIPINO AND AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II



THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024  
1:00 PM  
CLOCKTOWER PARK  
1301 PALISADE BLVD., DUPONT WA 98327



On Thursday, May 2, the City of DuPont will host a Purple Heart Sign Unveiling and Congressional Gold Medal Award Ceremony honoring fallen and wounded veterans by becoming a Purple Heart City and in honor of Filipino and American Veterans of World War II.

**Thursday, May 2nd, 2024, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Clocktower Park, 1301 Palisade Blvd., DuPont WA 98327**

The Congressional Gold Medal is an award bestowed by Congress and is the highest civilian award in the United States. The decoration is awarded to an individual or unit who performs an outstanding deed or act of service to the security, prosperity, and national interest of the United States.





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EST. 2019  
**PINE & MOSS**  
LIFESTYLE BOUTIQUE



**27 West**  
BOUTIQUE



*Studio D*  
SALON



**DuPont**  
Physical Therapy



SMALL BATCH  
*Bliss*  
CREAMERY



*DuPont*  
SMALL BUSINESS HOP  
*April 8-14*

Join us on a fun filled adventure to see what DuPont has to offer! Stop on by all 6 small businesses and say hello!

Pick up a card April 8-14 at one of the participating locations, visit all 6, drop off the completed card for a chance to win amazing prizes!



*DuPont, WA*  
BUSINESS OWNERS

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

who?	what?	where?	when?
Students living in the Cherrydale Primary School boundaries who are 5 years old on or before August 31, 2024	Kindergarten enrollment for the 2024-25 school year	<b>CHERRYDALE PRIMARY</b> 1201 Galloway Street Stellacoom, WA	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>May 1</b> 3:30 - 6:00pm

### What do I need to bring when I enroll my kindergarten student?

- You will need ...
- Your child's birth certificate
  - Your child's immunizations from your doctor's office or state immunization portal (visit the [WA State Department of Health website](#) for children born in Washington).
  - Verification of residency document (we will accept one of the following): utility bill, garbage/recycling bill, or lease/rental agreement (no home ownership documents). The lease/bill must include your name and address and be dated within the last 30 days.

### Does the district provide transportation?

Bus transportation is provided for all resident students who live farther than one mile away from school; students living within a one-mile radius are not eligible for bus transportation. Parents of kindergarten students are required to be at the bus stop for pick-up and drop-off. School bus assignments will be available in August.

### Can I find out who my child's kindergarten teacher will be?

Cherrydale Primary School will notify parents of teacher assignments in late August.



Stellacoom Historical School District No. 1 provides equal access to all programs or activities without discrimination based on race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Allegations or concerns can be reported to Susanne Beauchaine at 511 Chambers Street, Stellacoom, WA, 98388, 253-983-2222 or sbeauchaine@stellacoom.k12.wa.us.

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

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Students living in the City of DuPont boundaries who are 5 years old on or before August 31, 2024	Kindergarten enrollment for the 2024-25 school year	<b>CHLOE CLARK ELEMENTARY</b> 1700 Palisade Blvd DuPont, WA	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>May 1</b> 3:30 - 6:00pm

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Chloe Clark Elementary School will notify parents of teacher assignments in late August.



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## Let's SHRED!

Only shred portions of documents with sensitive information.



**10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
Or until the truck is full.



**Saturday**  
April 13<sup>th</sup>



**Dupont City Hall**  
1700 Civic Dr. Dupont, WA



Shredded paper is  
not accepted in your  
curbside recycling bin.



Attendees can shred up  
to 3 shopping bags of  
paper at each event.

## DuPont Community Garden

### PLANT SALE



**May 4 & May 5**

**9 am-1 pm**

**Powerline Rd.**

**located off Center Dr.**

**past Creekside Apts.**

**PLANTS**

**VEGETABLE STARTS**

**HANGING BASKETS**

Cash and Credit Accepted

Find us at the DuPont Farmer's Market:

**June 27, July 11, Sept 5 and the Steilacoom Apple Squeeze**

Proceeds to support the DCG's mission of supporting local food banks.

For more information see the DCG FB page or

[dupontcommunitygarden.org](http://dupontcommunitygarden.org)

## 2024 Spring Cleanup



The City of DuPont in coordination with LeMay Pierce County Refuse is offering a  
Community Cleanup of your unwanted materials on:

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**  
**8:00 AM**

**Curbside pickup only. There will be no bulk waste drop-off site.**

### Curbside Pickup:

- Place your unwanted materials in bags or boxes and please do not exceed 45lbs each.
- Please leave items at your normal pickup location **by 8:00 a.m.** so the garbage trucks can start the cleanup!
- Make sure your bags or boxes are properly closed so they are wind and animal proof.
- Please.....**NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS!**
  - Hazardous materials are: Antifreeze, Flammable Liquids, Fluorescent Bulbs, Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Batteries, Oil Based Paints, Insecticides, Yard & Garden Chemicals, Etc.

**Let us all do our part to keep the City Clean!**

**Additional information for services not provided by curbside pickup**

**Bulky Waste/Transfer Station** <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/1541/Transfer-Stations>

**Household Hazardous Waste** <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/1544/Household-Hazardous-Waste>

**Donations** <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/1520/Donations>

For further information, call LeMay Pierce County Refuse  
at: (253) 875-5053.



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## 2024 Spring Cleanup

**Saturday, April 20, 2024, curbside  
pickup only**

- Place unwanted materials in boxes or bags – not to exceed 45 lbs. each.
- Make sure boxes/bags are closed for wind and animals.
- Leave at normal pick-up locations by 8:00 AM.
- Curbside pickup only. There will be no bulk waste drop-off site.
- ABSOLUTELY NO  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS!**





# JBLM 2024

# RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY



**ALL  
BRANCHES  
& AGES**

**EXPLORE THE WORLD OF RETIREE BENEFITS & SERVICES**

## SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28 ★ 8AM - 3PM, WALLER HALL**

A day devoted to providing services, information, and valuable resources to Military Retirees and their Families.

**ID CARDS  
MEDICAL SCREENS  
LEGAL SERVICES  
VEHICLE PASSES**

**VETERANS  
SERVICE  
ORGANIZATIONS  
AND MUCH MORE!**



**WALLER HALL**

2140 LIGGETT AVE  
LEWIS-MAIN, JBLM



**FOOD AVAILABLE  
ON-SITE FOR PURCHASE**

\*New ID Cards will be issued to those within six months of expiration; two forms of unexpired ID are needed for renewal. Widows seeking ID Cards will need to bring a death certificate. Former spouses seeking ID Cards will need their original divorce decree with a judge's stamp and DD 214 to begin the process.



# 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 week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1st of this year. Please note the weekly figures are based off raw data.



(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other			0
(11) Structure Fire			1
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire			2
(14) Natural vegetation fire			0
(15) Outside rubbish fire			1
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition			0
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other			0
(31) Medical assist			1
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		9	136
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		3	29
(33) Lock-In			1
(35) Extrication, rescue1			1
(36) Water or ice-related rescue			0
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other			0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks		1	3
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition			0
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			0
(50) Service call, other			17
(51) Person in distress			1
(52) Water Problem		1	19
(53) Smoke, odor problem			1
(54) Animal problem or rescue			0
(55) Public service assistance			8
(56) Unauthorized burning			1
(60) Good intent call, other		1	1
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		1	10
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found			0
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		2	4
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency			0
(70) False alarm and false call, other			1
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm			0
(73) System or detector malfunction			10
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		1	10
(91) Citizen complaint			0
Unknown			0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>258</b>

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore	1	1
Madigan	2	52
Mary Bridge	1	5
St. Clare		26
St. Joseph		11
St. Peters		2
Tacoma General		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>98</b>

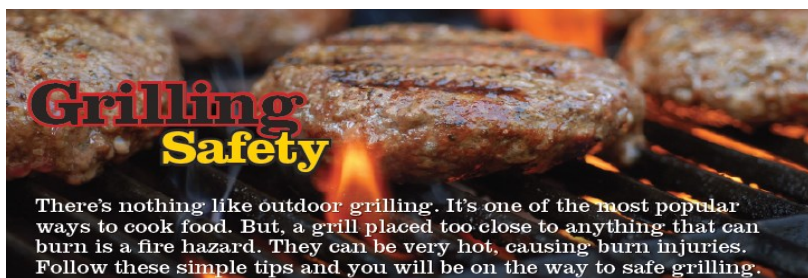
<b>ALS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>BLS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>68</b>

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	6	68
0800-1649	7	119
1700-2359	6	71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>258</b>

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	2	40
Monday	1	43
Tuesday	5	33
Wednesday	0	48
Thursday	1	35
Friday	4	28
Saturday	6	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>258</b>

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	2	14
DPF Provided	3	17
Multiple Calls	1	27

## Safety Message - Grilling Safety



### SAFETY TIPS

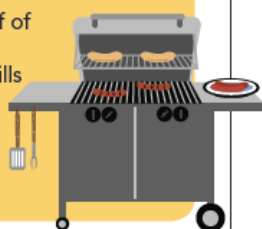
- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

### CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

### FACTS

- July is the peak month for grill fires.
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



### PROpane Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Cooking safety starts with YOU!



**Sparky says:** Have a 3-foot (1-meter) “kid-free zone” around hot things like the grill or stove. Stay away from things that get hot.



**Kids**

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# DuPont Police Department



## Weekly Activity Report

*Duty \* Professionalism \* Dedication*



**Total Calls for Service 3/25/24 – 3/31/24: 205**  
**Average per day: 29.29**

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

### EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

03 Agency Assist  
06 Citizen Assist  
03 Animal Complaint  
12 Community Oriented Policing  
02 Domestic/Verbal  
02 Disorderly/Fight or Verbal Altercation  
02 Unwanted Person/Loiterer  
02 Juvenile Issue  
02 Hazard – Traffic or Misc.  
02 Suspicious Person  
61 Traffic Stop  
02 Civil Issue  
03 9-1-1 Hangup/Open Line  
05 Welfare Check  
01 Warrant Service

### PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

01 Theft  
01 Theft from Vehicles  
01 Vandalism  
02 Hit and Run  
01 Death Investigation (Active)

### ARRESTS/REFERRALS

01 Warrant Arrest - Tacoma PD Warrant/DV Order Violation - Individual was arrested and booked into Pierce County Jail.

### DEPARTMENT NEWS

- The department hosted a 2-day RADAR/LIDAR instructor course, which two DPD officers attended. Two additional officers completed 2 hours of mandatory online training.
- Officers greeted students, parents, and staff at the local schools.



### 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](mailto:Police@dupontwa.gov) or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

### DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!







## April Is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Distracted driving has become a deadly epidemic on our roads. Cell phone use — specifically, texting, talking, and social media use — has become the most common distraction. Other risky actions include adjusting the radio or GPS, applying makeup, eating and drinking. By driving distracted, you're robbing yourself of seconds that you may need to avoid a close call or deadly crash.

### Drive Responsibly

In 2021, [distracted driving](#) killed 3,522 people. April, which is national Distracted Driving Awareness Month, is a good time to regroup and take responsibility for the choices we make when we're on the road. Follow these safety tips for a safe ride:

- Need to send a text? Pull over and park your car in a safe location.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter" to respond to calls or messages.

Do not scroll through apps while driving. Struggling not to text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of the vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

### The Consequences

During a portion of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, from April 4 through 8, you may see increased law enforcement on the roadways as part of the national paid media campaign [Put the Phone Away or Pay](#). This campaign reminds drivers of the deadly dangers and the legal consequences — including fines — of texting behind the wheel.

### Take Action

- Remind your friends and family: If you're in the driver's seat, it's the only thing you should be doing. No distractions.
- If your driver is texting or otherwise distracted, tell them to stop and focus on the road.

Ask your friends to join you in [pledging not to drive distracted](#). You could save a life. Share your pledge on social media to spread the word — #JustDrive.

# City Council and Calendars

## Tuesday, April 9 City Council Meeting agenda items:

- Representative Mari Leavitt - Legislative update.
- DuPont Historical Society's Annual presentation.
- Earth Day Proclamation.
- New DuPont Website overview.
- "SeeClickFix" software overview.
- Traffic Camera update.
- Comp Plan update kickoff.



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

## 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](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/777/>.
- ◇ **Minutes**, after they are passed, are available at: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/>.

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".



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Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
4/8/2024	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
4/8/2024	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
4/9/2024	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission Meeting
4/9/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
4/13/2024	9:00 AM	Public Input for Chief Leschi Park - PowderWorks Park
4/23/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
4/27/2024	10:00 AM	Public Input for Chief Leschi Park - Chief Leschi Park
5/4/2024	12:00 PM	Public Input for Chief Leschi Park - Clocktower Park



Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2	Dungeons & Dragons Club	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens">https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens</a>
4/13, 4/20, 4/27	Knitting Club	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens">https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens</a>
4/20, 5/1	Teen League Meeting	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens">https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens</a>
4/10/2024	Senior Lunch & Movie	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors">https://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors</a>
4/13/2024	Opening Day Baseball Jamboree 2024	PowderWorks Park 1775 Bobs Hollow Ln, DuPont
4/13/2024	Shred Event	10:00 am - 1:00 pm, City Hall
4/17/2024	Board Game and Bingo Blowout at Bliss	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens">https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens</a>
4/19/2024	Lunch at the Landing	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors">https://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors</a>
4/20/2024	Spring Cleanup	<a href="#">Calendar • 2024 Spring Cleanup (dupontwa.gov)</a>
4/24/2024	Letters from Baghdad - DuPont Museum	<a href="#">DuPont History Museum   Events (dupontmuseum.com)</a>
4/27/2024	Park Appreciation Day	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events">https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events</a>
5/2/2024	Purple Heart Sign Unveiling & Congressional Gold Medal Award Ceremony	<a href="#">Calendar • Purple Heart Sign Unveiling and Congressional Gold Medal Award Ceremony (dupontwa.gov)</a>
5/4/2024	Mother's Day Market	<a href="#">Mother's Day Market   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>