



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, April 12, 2024

City News

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL 9, 2024



Representative Mari Leavitt Legislative Update

Representative Mari Leavitt, gave a legislative update on bills that passed, highlighting housing, grants, law enforcement, behavioral health regarding the opiate and fentanyl crisis, education, childcare, economic development and small business grants, digital equity, Pers 1 and 2 COLA, National Guard educational assistance, tax exemptions, transportation, and PFAS.

To view the presentation click the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7p6qVUEEfk0&t=5332s>



DuPont Historical Society's Annual Presentation

Carol Estep shared the annual presentation from the DuPont Historical Society which included a review of 2023 and priorities of 2024.

To view the presentation click the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7p6qVUEEfk0&t=5332s>

To view the presentation document click on the following link: [City of DuPont - Document Center \(civicweb.net\)](https://www.civicweb.net/DocumentCenter/View/10000)

Parks and Recreation



Board Game & Bingo Blowout at Bliss!

Join us for the Board Game Blowout at Bliss on **Wednesday, April 17th, from 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM!** Spend an delightful afternoon at Bliss Ice Cream in DuPont with friends, games, and of course ICE CREAM! Bring your favorite game or play a new one there. Remember to pre-register today to secure your spot for just \$5 per child, which includes a delightful serving of ice cream! <https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens>

City News



This event will be held rain or shine. The walk is approximately 2.5 miles round trip and should take anywhere between 1-2 hours. DuPont has been a Tree City for 15 years & we are excited to share our arborous adventures with the community!

Parks and Recreation



2024 Grand Marshal Nominations

Parks & Recreation is currently accepting nominations for the 2024

July 4th 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 no later than May 17th, 2024. We can't wait to hear your nomination!



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 BY MAY 17TH.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE JULY 4TH COMMITTEE.

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



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!

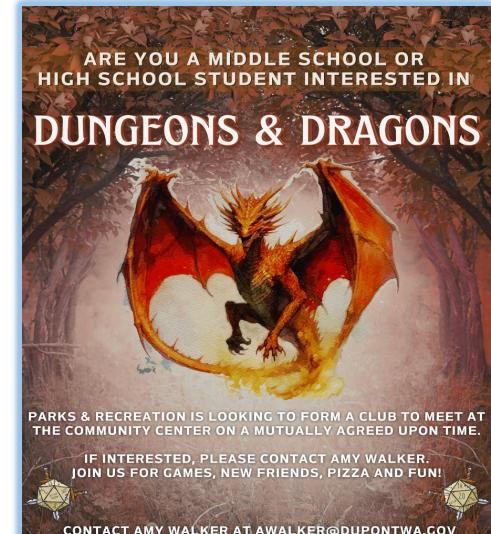
Basket sponsorships are \$150 per basket and include a commercial size basket, maintenance, and advertising on an A frame in front of the stage during events all summer long!

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



ARE YOU A MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT INTERESTED IN

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT AMY WALKER. JOIN US FOR GAMES, NEW FRIENDS, PIZZA AND FUN!

CONTACT AMY WALKER AT AWALKER@DUPONTWA.GOV



ARE YOU A MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT INTERESTED IN

Knitting & Crocheting

PARKS & RECREATION IS LOOKING TO FORM A CLUB TO MEET AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON TIME. JOIN US FOR GAMES, NEW FRIENDS, PIZZA AND FUN!

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT 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

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>



CITY OF DUPONT Recreation Guide MARCH - JUNE 2024



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.

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!



Parks and Recreation



Senior Lunch & Movie - May 29

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)
(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.

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

Parks and Recreation

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>



PATRIOT ATHLETIC LEAGUE

NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

GATES OPEN 5:30PM | FIRST PITCH 7:05PM

\$20 PER PERSON TICKET INCLUDES:

- RESERVED SEAT
- BALLPARK MEAL
- PREGAME PARADE ON THE FIELD

\$15 HAT ADD ON:

COMPLETE YOUR LOOK
WITH A LIMITED
EDITION TACOMA
RAINIERS HAT.
\$15 PER HAT.



FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

Tom Wargo

secretary@patriotathleticleague.com | (253) 208-0750

HAT IS REDEEMABLE AT CUSTOMER SERVICE ON THE DAY OF YOUR GAME. MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE THROUGH YOUR LEAGUE.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
WWW.PATRIOTATHLETICLEAGUE.COM

TICKETS ON SALE THRU MAY 1ST FOR GUARANTEED SEATING | RAINIERS HAT ON SALE AT CHECKOUT

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

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!



MINCE MERCANTILE -
1495 WILMINGTON DR.
DUPONT, WA.

\$15 PER CHILD
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

YOUR PARKS & RECREATION
2023 AUCTION PROCEEDS AT WORK!

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



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/195/Events)
(dupontwa.gov)

DuPont Historical Museum

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

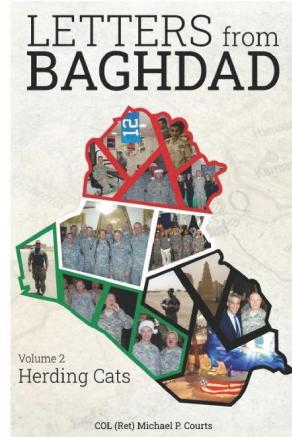
Letters from Baghdad Vol. 2 Herding Cats continues documenting COL (Ret) Mike Courts' Iraq experiences through weekly letters. During the 2009-2010 period, Mike deployed as Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS) for I Corps.

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.



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

HISTORIC DUPOINT 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.



City News



THE CITY OF DUPONT
INVITES YOU TO

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.

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](#)

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/>



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 \(wa.gov\)](#)

WUI Emergency Rule: https://www.sbcc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/WSR24-07-060_OTS-5271.1_Combined_03152024.pdf

Update

Building Code Update

Effective March 15, 2024, the adopted Building Codes for the State of 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



Community News

The Steilacoom Historical School District was one of the leaders in advocating for the 2023 legislation to establish the Purple Star Award Program in our state. Washington state is home to thousands of military-connected families, which our school district is proud to serve. The award recognizes school districts that have incorporated military-friendly practices and demonstrate a commitment to military-connected students and families.

To receive the award, school districts must successfully address the educational, social, and emotional barriers that students may experience when their parents/guardians are deployed or when relocating and transferring to a different school. School districts must also demonstrate a commitment to military-connected families and students by providing students with the tools and supports needed for success in their education and in their futures.

Steilacoom Historical School District (SHSD) is one of 12 school districts across Washington to earn the Purple Star Award in 2024. Our district will retain the designation for two years.

SHSD is proud to support our military-connected families throughout the year, with a special focus during the month of April. The Steilacoom Historical School District Board of Directors recently passed Resolution 919-03-20-24 declaring April the Month of the Military Child. The district, in conjunction with community partners, planned an exciting month of celebrations designed to bring all our military and civilian families together for fun-filled activities and resource sharing.

Thank you for supporting military families and their students. To be recognized for our dedication to student well-being and achievement is an honor.

Sincerely,

K. Weight

Dr. Kathi Weight, Superintendent



KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

who?
Students living in the Cherrydale Primary School boundaries who are 5 years old on or before August 31, 2024

what?
Kindergarten enrollment for the 2024-25 school year

where?
CHERRYDALE PRIMARY
1201 Galloway Street
Steilacoom, WA

when?
WEDNESDAY May 1
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.



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CHLOE CLARK ELEMENTARY
1700 Pallade Blvd
DuPont, WA

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



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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

Scan or click this code to see all DHR flyers

Joint Base Lewis-McChord Directorate of Human Resources

jbilmDHR

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

2024 Spring Cleanup

LeMay Pierce County Refuse
A Waste Connections Company

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.

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!**



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	11	147	
(32 2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	31	
(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		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		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	
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		10	
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found		0	
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		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)		10	
(91) Citizen complaint		0	
Unknown		0	
TOTALS		13	271

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore	1	
Madigan	2	54
Mary Bridge		5
St. Clare	5	31
St. Joseph		11
St. Peters	1	3
Tacoma General		1
TOTAL	8	106

ALS	7	109
BLS	6	74

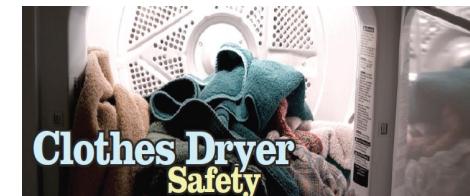
Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	4	72
0800-1649	6	125
1700-2359	3	74
TOTAL	13	271

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	1	41
Monday	1	44
Tuesday	1	34
Wednesday	4	52
Thursday	1	36
Friday	4	32
Saturday	1	32
TOTAL	13	271

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	0	14
DPF Provided	2	19
Multiple Calls	1	28

Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.



AND DON'T FORGET.....

Dryers should be properly **grounded**.

Check the **outdoor vent** flap to make sure it is not covered by snow.

Keep the area around your dryer **clear** of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

Clothes that have come in contact with **flammable substances**, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.



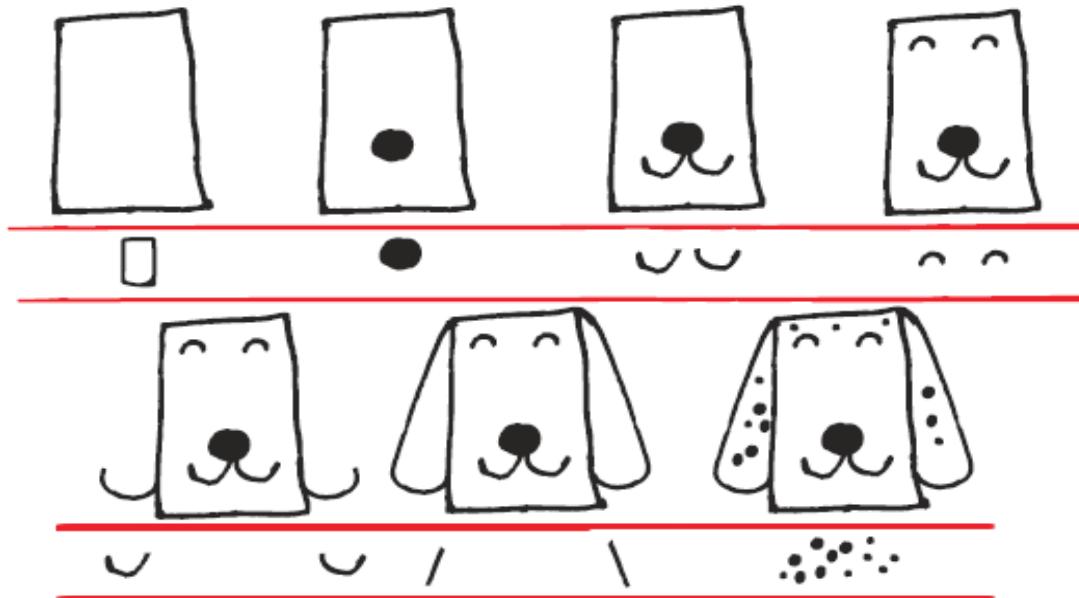
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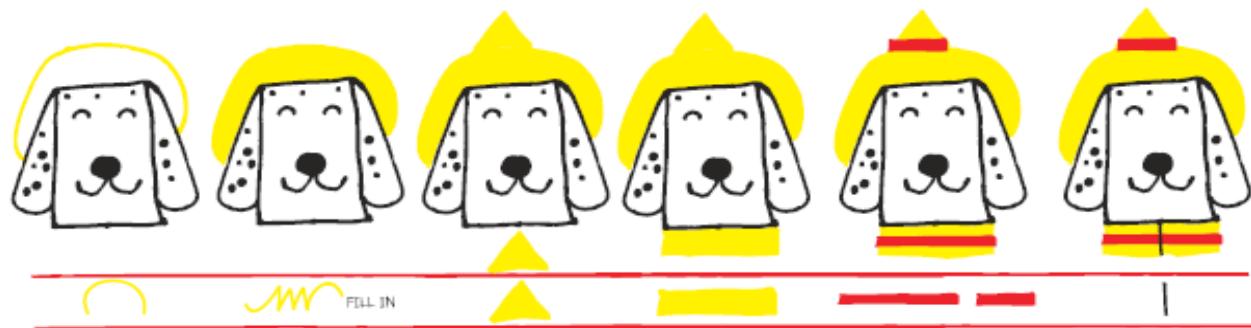
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Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*

Total Calls for Service 4/1/24 – 4/7/24: 204
Average per day: 29.14

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>
08 Agency Assist 08 Animal Complaint 02 Citizen Assist 01 Community Oriented Policing 03 Motor Vehicle Collisions 01 Problem Oriented Policing 01 Suicide Threat (unable to contact) 35 Traffic Stops 01 Traffic Complaint 01 Unwanted Person 02 Welfare Check	03 Motor Vehicle Collision 01 Residential Burglary 01 Shoplift 04 Theft from Vehicle 01 Vandalism

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Officers completed required online training.
- An officer patrolled the beach and trails.
- Officers conducted parking emphases throughout the city.



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

- Keep shrubs trimmed to 3 feet and prune the lower branches of trees up to 7 feet to maintain clear visibility, especially under windows.
- Keep the home clean and well maintained.
- Use walkways and landscaping to direct visitors to the proper entrance and away from private areas.
- Provide appropriate illumination to sidewalks and all areas of the yard.
- Add a gate with a latch to the front yard fence – this will require a few extra seconds for someone to open it.
- Replace inadequate door and window locks with good security hardware such as deadbolts.
- Fully illuminate all doorways that open to the outside.



DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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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.

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Ask Duke

By Duke Newman

Wednesday, April 3, 2024



Dear Duke,
I love my dog Fido and want him to be happy! We often go for walks around the neighborhood and sometimes I see other dogs walking without a leash. Should I let him off leash, too? I mean...would he be happier if I let him run free? I'm torn - please help!

Sincerely,
Devoted to Dogs

Dear Devoted,
First of all, thanks for being such a caring canine parent! As a dog myself, I have a special place in my heart for people like you. It sounds like you want Fido to live his best life, and while it may seem like a good idea to let him "run like someone left the gate open," that's not necessarily what's best for him. My advice to you is to keep Fido on his leash, and here's why:

- You can protect Fido from accidental ingestion of dangerous substances.
- You can control his speed, which reduces the chance of injury.
- You can keep him at a safe distance from other dogs or animals, who could potentially attack Fido.
- When Fido is under your control, he's less likely to get into something he's not supposed to.
- Take it from me - dogs like to chase! Bikes, squirrels, cars, etc. Keeping Fido on a leash protects everyone, including him.
- Just because Fido is friendly does not mean EVERY dog is friendly.
- And lastly, It's the law (which means you might be subject to fines - yikes!)

To sum it up, keeping Fido on a leash is one of the best ways to ensure he stays safe and happy for many dog years to come.

And remember, friends...
Always be the person your dog thinks you are!

DUPONT DOG LOVERS: "ASK DUKE"

Spring has sprung, and with it – our furry friends are out and about. Your friends at DPD are animal lovers too, and we are pleased to introduce one of our four-legged volunteers - Canine Correspondent Extraordinaire, Duke!

Duke (a rescue adoption, and an important member of Chief Newman's family) is here to impart his wisdom, experience and some friendly reminders of the ordinances and laws regarding pets in our community.

Enjoy the first edition of this "advice column," and stay tuned for more from Duke and other DPD furry family members...Atta boy, Duke!



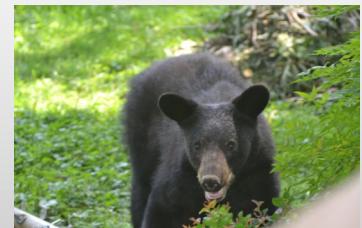
FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS:

DPD has received several reports of bear sightings in the Hoffman Hill and Palisade areas of DuPont. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has been notified.

Bears tend to avoid humans; however, prevention is the best advice. Access to food sources is the number one reason for conflict – Pet food, bird feeders and unsecured trash are some of the things that could attract a bear. When possible, put your garbage out shortly before the truck arrives.

If you're walking the DuPont trails, never travel alone, keep small children near you at all times, and always make your presence known by talking or making loud noises. Report any sightings to 9-1-1 and remember to keep a safe distance if you encounter a bear.

For more information on black bears, please visit the WDFW website at: [Black bear | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#)



City Council and Calendars

Tuesday, April 9 City Council Meeting overview:

- Representative Mari Leavitt gave a Legislative update.
- Carol Estep shared the annual presentation from the DuPont Historical Society.
- Mayor Frederick proclaimed April 22, 2024 as “Earth Day” in the City of DuPont.
- Executive Assistant McRea reviewed the new website.
- Finance Director Oaksmith reviewed the “SeeClickFix” software.
- Finance Director Oaksmith gave an update of the traffic cameras.
- Public Services Director Kincaid gave an update regarding the Comp Plan.



Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th 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
- 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
4/23/2024	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
5/6/2024	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
5/13/2024	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
5/13/2024	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
5/14/2024	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
5/14/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting



Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
4/18, 4/25, 5/2	Dungeons & Dragons Club	https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens
3/2-5/4	Gentle Yoga Classes	Classes DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
4/20, 4/27	Knitting Club	https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens
4/20, 5/1	Teen League Meeting	https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens
4/17/2024	Board Game and Bingo Blowout at Bliss	https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens
4/19/2024	Lunch at the Landing	https://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors
4/20/2024	Spring Cleanup	Calendar • 2024 Spring Cleanup (dupontwa.gov)
4/24/2024	Letters from Baghdad - DuPont Museum	DuPont History Museum Events (dupontmuseum.com)
4/27/2024	Park Appreciation Day	https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events
4/28/2024	Arbor Day Heritage Tree Walk	Calendar • DuPont, WA • CivicEngage (dupontwa.gov)
5/2/2024	Purple Heart Sign Unveiling & Congressional Gold Medal Award Ceremony	Calendar • Purple Heart Sign Unveiling and Congressional Gol (dupontwa.gov)
5/4/2024	Mother's Day Market	Mother's Day Market DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)