



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, April 19, 2024

City News

The City of DuPont Launches New Service Request, Resident Reporting, and Relationship Management Software

DuPont, WA – The City of DuPont has partnered with CivicPlus®, a leading government technology company, to release a new tool to empower residents to report quality-of-life issues and request government services. The application called “SeeClickFix” is available for all residents to download on any iOS or Android device. You can access the system from a desktop computer via the City of DuPont’s website at: https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/WYnFf8y7KrVAZ5iwpJ56uDQq/report/category/.

The “SeeClickFix” app allows DuPont residents who identify community repair or service request needs to submit photos, location information, and request details directly to City administrative staff members. In addition, the platform provides City officials with a centralized system to manage issues from creation to resolution — engaging residents throughout the process.

The software also enables duplicate detection so that if a resident begins to submit a request already in the system, it will promptly notify them and enable them to follow the existing request. This reduces duplicate requests and increases the City’s services.

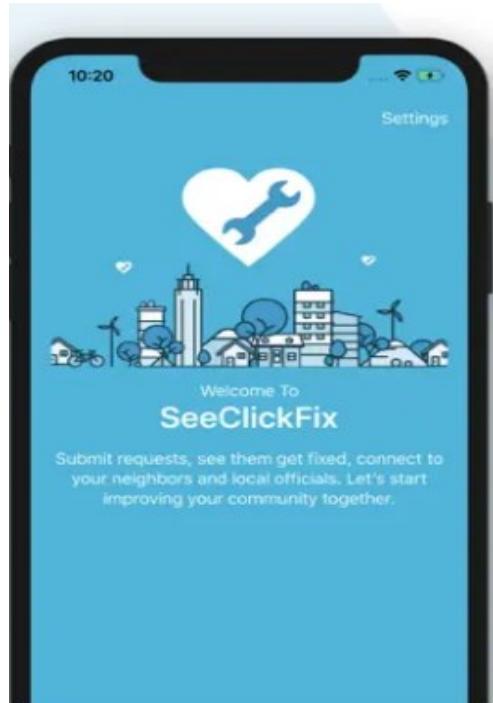
The technology allows community members to report problems to their government leaders and view, and follow issues submitted by their neighbors. Residents can even create their own “watch areas” to receive notifications about all the reports in their community, enabling them to follow the progress of all service requests—not just the ones they submit.

“We are pleased to partner with the City of DuPont on a technology solution that empowers their residents to initiate and support community improvements and enable staff members to easily and transparently respond to such requests,” said Jennifer Elliott, CivicPlus Director of Product Marketing.

About CivicPlus

CivicPlus® is a technology company focused on building trust in government by fostering consistently positive digital experiences for residents and staff. With over 12,000 global customers, CivicPlus solutions are used daily by over 100,000 administrative staff members and over 340 million people in the U.S. and Canada alone. For more information, visit www.civicplus.com.

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SeeClickFix reporting categories

Need to report a pothole on a city street?

Download the app or go to: https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/WYnFf8y7KrVAZ5iwpJ56uDQq/report/category/.

Then select the “Pothole” category to start the process.

There are many categories to choose from including:

Abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping, malfunctioning sprinklers, potholes, private property issues, fallen trees water quality issues, street lights, sidewalk damage, and many more.

Report an issue on **SeeClickFix**

Parks and Recreation

Bicycle Maintenance Class for Kids!

5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Get ready to roll into summer confidently with our bike maintenance class tailored for 4th to 8th graders! From fixing flat tires to adjusting brakes and gears, this hands-on workshop equips young riders with essential skills to care for their bikes, ensuring smooth rides all season long. Join us and pedal into a summer of fun!

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/553/Kids>



FAIRY TRAILS

Parks & Recreation is excited to invite all for fairy dust and glitter, giggles, and more at our Annual Fairy Trails scheduled for **Saturday, June 1st**, down the Sequalitchew Creek Trail.

Registration information is located here: [Catalog - City of DuPont WA Parks & Recreation \(rec1.com\)](https://Catalog - City of DuPont WA Parks & Recreation (rec1.com))



Sign up for SequaliShoot 2024!

June 1 & 2, 2024 - In conjunction with "National Trails Day"

Take your best shot in this annual photography challenge! Shoot photos on any DuPont trail in a 24-hour period from noon on June 1 until noon on June 2. Enter your best 3 images!

All ages and abilities welcome. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and People's Choice.

Photo Experiences - DuPont WA Photography - DuPontWAPhoto.com



NOON Saturday to NOON Sunday

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All ages and abilities
1st and 2nd Place and People's Choice Awards

[Sign up at www.DuPontWAPhoto.com](https://www.DuPontWAPhoto.com)



Sponsored by City of DuPont - dupontwa.gov

The Steilacoom Historical School District does not sponsor or endorse this event/information and the district assumes no responsibility for it.



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!

Parks and Recreation

April Showers Bring May Flowers

May 15, 2024

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

Middle Schoolers! Spend your ACE Wednesday with friends at Mince Mercantile! Enjoy making spring crafts and indulging in a delicious treat baked by none other than, Mince Mercantile! Registration is now open.

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

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
bakery | deli | provisions
DuPont, WA

\$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!



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

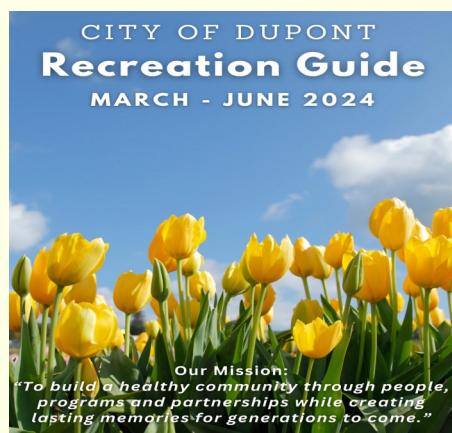


Help Keep Clocktower Blooming All Summer Long!

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.



CITY OF DUPONT
Recreation Guide
MARCH - JUNE 2024



Our Mission:
"To build a healthy community through people, programs and partnerships while creating lasting memories for generations to come."

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>



PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHIEF LESCHI PARK

DuPont City Council has approved funding for improvements at Chief Leschi Park. Parks & Recreation will be hosting public input opportunities to gather community feedback.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Monday, March 4th 4:30pm - 5:30pm
DuPont City Hall

Saturday, April 13th 9:00am - 11:00am
DuPont PowderWorks Park

Saturday, April 27th 10:00am - 11:00am
Chief Leschi Park

Saturday, May 4th 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Clocktower Park during the Mother's Day Market

Can't make it? Please email your comments to Amy Walker awalker@dupontwa.gov



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.

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>



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 **Tuesday, May 21st**.

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



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>



Shop, sip, snack, & celebrate the mom in your life at the DuPont Mother's Day Market!

From delicious food trucks to beautiful flowers & handmade goods, we can't wait to show you all the amazing things local vendors have prepared!

Clocktower Park -
1400 Palisade Blvd. DuPont. WA.

[Shop for Mother's Day at the Market!](#)



Parks and Recreation

Gentle Yoga Classes

Saturdays, 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

June 1 - August 3, 2024

Start your mornings with some gentle movement by signing up for this class! Gentle Yoga offers a serene 60-minute practice perfect for beginners, emphasizing alignment, strength, and flexibility through traditional poses and breath techniques, all while nurturing your joints and muscles with gentle movements and modifications.

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



DuPont Parks & Recreation
GENTLE
Yoga Classes
Saturdays 7:30 - 8:30 AM
June 1 - August 3, 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.



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

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



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

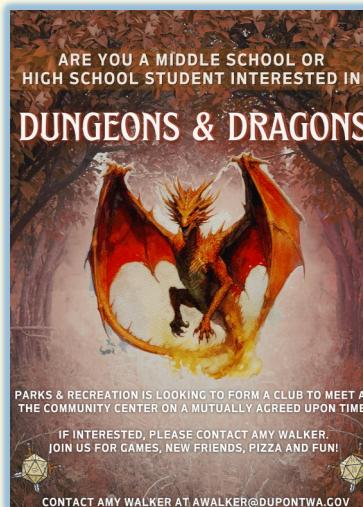
Park Appreciation Day!

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>



ARE YOU A MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT INTERESTED IN
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
A DRAGON IS FLYING IN THE FOREST.
PARKS & RECREATION IS LOOKING TO FORM A CLUB TO MEET AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON TIME.
IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT AMY WALKER.
JOIN US FOR GAMES, NEW FRIENDS, PIZZA AND FUN!
CONTACT AMY WALKER AT 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



ARE YOU A MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT INTERESTED IN
KNITTING & CROCHETING
A CROCHET HOOK AND BALLS OF YARN ARE IN THE FOREGROUND.
PARKS & RECREATION IS LOOKING TO FORM A CLUB TO MEET AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON TIME.
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DuPont Historical Museum

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

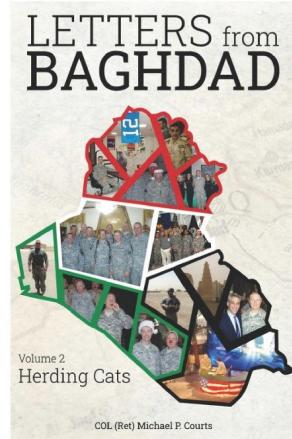
Letters from Baghdad Vol. 2 Herding Cats continues documenting COL (Ret) Mike Courts' Iraq experiences through weekly letters. During the 2009-2010 period, Mike deployed as Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS) for I Corps.

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=IDRY3j6DNI&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

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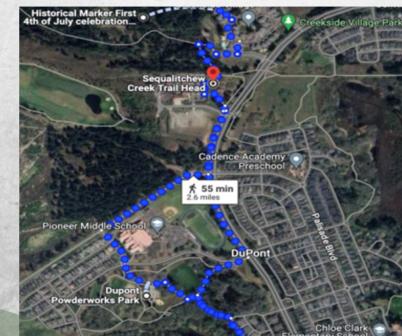
Celebrate

Arbor Day with a Heritage Tree Walk

Sunday, April 28th at 10:00 a.m.

Sequalitchew Trail Head

The City of DuPont Tree Advisory Commission invites you to our inaugural heritage tree walk to see the first trees being nominated as heritage trees. Come out to meet your tree commissioners and celebrate the trees in our community.



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 arboreal adventures with the community!

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

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!
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WALLER HALL
2140 LIGGETT AVE
LEWIS-MAIN, JBLM

ON-SITE FOR PURCHASE

FOOD AVAILABLE

*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 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



Saturday, Apr 27
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DEA TakeBack.com



***Lewis Main-Parking lot behind Texas Roadhouse**

***McChord Field-Main Exchange near the main entrance**

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. That's why it was great to see thousands of folks from across the country clean out their medicine cabinets and turn in - safely and anonymously - prescription drugs and over the counter medication that is no longer needed, expired or wanted.

Keep Them Safe. Clean Them out. Take Them Back.

Stay informed!

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Community News



Put Your Food Waste in Your Yard Waste Cart! Pierce County's curbside residential yard waste program now accepts food waste! You can now put all food and yard waste in your existing yard waste container. Newly accepted items include dairy, eggs and shells, grains and bread, spoiled leftovers, and meat and poultry (including bones). Fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and filters, and tea bags were already accepted. These new guidelines apply across Pierce County, regardless of your service provider. Check out the new guidelines at PierceCountywa.gov/YardWaste.

No bags, cups, utensils, pizza boxes, or paper items, even if they are labeled "compostable or biodegradable." These items will not break down in our system.

Preventing wasted food in the first place has the greatest environmental benefit. When food and yard waste end up at the landfill, the nutrients never return to the soil. The organic material rots and produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, but now your food scraps can be composted instead of buried in the landfill. Compost reduces soil erosion, improves water quality, helps store carbon and increases soil's ability to retain water.

The following things will be encouraged to add to the food/yard waste carts.

- Fruits/vegetables
- Seafood/shells
- Bones
- Meat
- Dairy
- Bread/rice
- Coffee grounds and tea bags



The following things will not be accepted.

- Pizza boxes
- Items labeled compostable (take home boxes, service ware, plastic bags)
- Napkins
- Plastic plates & cups



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	18	165	
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		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	1	18	
(51) Person in distress		1	
(52) Water Problem		19	
(53) Smoke, odor problem		1	
(54) Animal problem or rescue		0	
(55) Public service assistance	1	9	
(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	1	5	
(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	1	11	
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		10	
(91) Citizen complaint		0	
Unknown		0	
TOTALS		22	293

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore	1	
Madigan	4	58
Mary Bridge		5
St. Clare	5	36
St. Joseph	2	13
St. Peters		3
Tacoma General		1
TOTAL	11	117

ALS	8	117
BLS	10	84

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	2	74
0800-1649	11	136
1700-2359	9	83
TOTAL	22	293

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	5	46
Monday	3	47
Tuesday	1	35
Wednesday	6	58
Thursday	3	39
Friday	2	34
Saturday	2	34
TOTAL	22	293

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	1	15
DPF Provided	0	19
Multiple Calls	1	29

Safety Message - Spring Into Fire Prevention

Here are four tips to keep in mind and practice routinely.

- Know two ways out of each room and keep the exits clear.
- Plan your escape around your abilities.
- Make sure everyone can get outside if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Keep necessary objects such as eyeglasses, hearing aids, and a telephone next to your bed.

We want you to always be prepared for any situation that might occur, no matter where you are. Being fully equipped and confident to act fast in an emergency situation will increase your chances of survival.

The three "P's" of being Prepared in the case of a home fire:

- Protect: Always make sure that your heaters are not too close to your furniture, curtains, or other flammable objects. Make sure to remember to turn off your space heater when you leave the room or the house.
- Prepare: Have working smoke alarms on every level of your home. Ideally you should have a smoke alarm inside bedrooms and test them to make sure they are loud enough to wake you up. Also, it is a good idea to keep a fire extinguisher in your home, know where it is and how to use it.
- Plan: Make an escape plan around your abilities and keep objects that you need, such as a cane, hearing aids, and glasses by your bed.

There are many things that you can take to ensure the safety of your home and your loved ones, but the most important thing to keep in mind is your comfortability. No matter what your plan is, make sure you know it well and are confident in executing it safely.

Three "P's"
Protect
Prepare
Plan



Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*

Total Calls for Service 4/8/24 – 4/14/24: 192

Average per day: 27.43

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

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 04 Agency Assist
- 04 9-1-1 Open Line/Hang-up
- 04 Animal Complaint
- 06 Citizen Assist
- 10 Community Oriented Policing
- 01 Disorderly/Verbal Altercation
- 02 Domestic Violence/Verbal
- 01 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 08 Parking Problem
- 32 Traffic Stops
- 02 Welfare Check

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

- 01 Theft from Vehicle
- 02 Vandalism
- 01 Theft



DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Officers completed required online training.
- Officers conducted parking emphases throughout the city.
- The department hosted the Boy Scouts for a course on investigations

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!



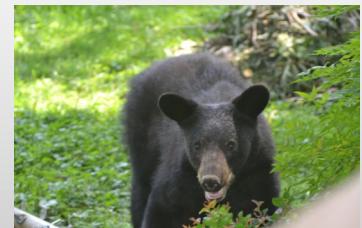
FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS:

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 go to **SeeClickFix** at https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/WYnFf8y7KrVAZ5iwpJ56uDQq/report/category/ for additional reporting. 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 23 City Council Meeting agenda items:

- Proclaiming April 26, 2024 as "Arbor Day" in the City of DuPont.
- Ordinance amending DMC 10.03 prohibiting digging or excavation and the use of metal detection devices within DuPont City Parks or property, First Reading.
- General Fund Update.
- 2024 Council Priorities.
- Revenue ideas.
- Update to the DuPont Fee Schedule.



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>.

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

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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
5/27/2024		City Hall Closed
5/28/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting



Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
4/25, 5/2, 5/9	Dungeons & Dragons Club	https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens
3/2-5/4	Gentle Yoga Classes	Classes DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
4/27/2024	Knitting Club	https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens
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)
5/1/2024	Teen League Meeting	https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens
5/2/2024	Purple Heart Sign Unveiling & Congressional Gold Medal Award Ceremony	Calendar • Purple Heart Sign Unveiling and Congressional Gol (dupontwa.gov)
5/2, 5/9	Bicycle Maintenance Class for kids	Kids DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
5/4-5/5	DuPont Community Garden Sale	Events DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
5/4/2024	Mother's Day Market	Mother's Day Market DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)