



# CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, May 3, 2024

## Purple Heart Sign Unveiling and Congressional Gold Medal Award Ceremony

On Thursday, May 2, the City of DuPont hosted a Purple Heart Sign Unveiling and Congressional Gold Medal Award Ceremony honoring fallen and wounded veterans by becoming a Purple Heart City and honored Filipino and American Veterans of World War II. The Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project, Region 8, and the Purple Heart Chapter 407 co-sponsored the event. The following were recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal.

**Staff Sgt. Joe M. Bomersback†**  
**Katherine B. Baranowski, Daughter**

**Sgt. Lawrence E. Cassidy†**  
**Jason Cassidy, Grandson**

**Harvey J. Drahos**

**Sgt. Clyde W. Dye†**  
**Dennis Dye, Son**

**Sgt. Lysle J. Fleming†**  
**Rhonda F. Frederick, Daughter**

**Staff Sgt. Pastor Palumbarit† (PS)**  
**Helen T. Palumbarit, Daughter**





# Public Services

## Backflow Device Testing

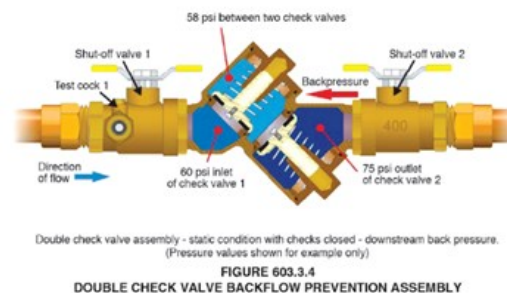
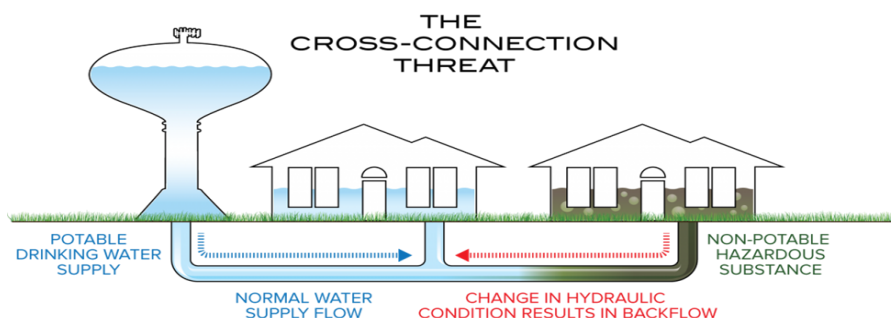
With warmer temperatures right around the corner, the City of DuPont's water division staff is focusing on backflow.

More than 1500 backflow devices are scheduled for testing during the months of March, April, May, and June, aligning with the start of the irrigating season.

Washington State DOH requires that ALL in-service backflow preventers be tested annually. (Whether in use or not).

Certified city staff are testing backflow devices to comply with Washington State regulations and to ensure our devices are ready should backflow conditions occur.

Thank you for doing your part to keep your neighborhood's water safe!



## City News

### 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week

#### Celebrating the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week!

May 5 through May 11, 2024 will be the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week. Initiated in 1969 by IIMC and endorsed by all of its members throughout the United States, Canada and 15 other countries, the week is a time of celebration and reflection on the importance of the Clerk's office. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation that officially declared Municipal Clerks Week the first full week of May. In 1994 and 1996, President Bill Clinton also signed proclamations confirming Municipal Clerks Week. A big shout-out to **DuPont's City Clerk, Karri Muir and Deputy Clerk, Marci Miess!**



# Parks and Recreation

## Bicycle Maintenance Class for Kids!

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>

**DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION**

# Fairy Trails

**JUNE 1, 2024 10AM - 12PM**

Embark on a magical journey where you'll encounter whimsical creatures, big and small, that call the beautiful Sequelitchew Trail their home!

After your walk, unleash your creativity with magical crafts & capture unforgettable moments with our photo opportunity alongside the enchanted creatures!

**\$10 per child**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED** **RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 2-8** **\$10 PER CHILD 2 & UNDER FREE**

JOIN OUR ANNUAL SEQUALISHOOT PHOTO CONTEST AS YOU MAKE YOUR WAY DOWN THE TRAIL!

**SEQUALITCHEW TRAILHEAD - 1700 CIVIC DR. DUPONT WA. 98327**

## 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 Sequelitchew Creek Trail.

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

**DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION**

# BICYCLE MAINTENANCE CLASS FOR KIDS!

**INTRO TO BASIC BIKE MAINTENANCE**

**THURSDAYS 6:00 - 7:30 PM**  
5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23

**\$25**

**BRING IN YOUR BIKE!** **LIMITED SPOTS! SIGN UP TODAY!**

AIMED TOWARDS 4TH - 8TH GRADERS WHO ARE GROWING INTO THEIR FOREVER BIKE!

**DUPONT COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1700 CIVIC DR**

## 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](#)

**National Trails Day - DuPont, WA**

# 2024 SequaliShoot

**DuPontWAPhoto.com**

**24-Hour PHOTO CHALLENGE**

**JUNE 1 & 2, 2024**

**NOON Saturday to NOON Sunday**

Take the SequaliShoot Photo Challenge and give it your best shot!

Shoot any trail in DuPont in 24 hours - from noon June 1 until noon June 2.

Enter your 3 best images in the SequaliShoot Challenge

**All ages and abilities**

1st and 2nd Place and People's Choice Awards

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



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

## 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

## 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!

**\$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**  
bakery | deli | provisions  
DuPont, WA  
1495 WILMINGTON DR.  
DUPONT, WA.

**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.

**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>

**DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION**

## KIDS SUMMER CAMPS '24

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

6/17-6/20.....WEEK OF SLIME  
6/24-6/28.....CHALLENGER SOCCER  
6/24-6/28.....VALOR DANCE  
6/26-6/27.....VALOR DANCE  
7/1-7/3.....VALOR DANCE  
7/8-7/11.....OUTSIDE THE LINES ART WEEK  
7/15-7/18.....DINO MANIA  
7/15-7/19.....SKYHAWKS MULTI-SPORTS CAMP  
7/22-7/26.....VALOR DANCE  
7/22-7/26.....CHALLENGER SOCCER  
7/29-8/1.....LEGO ENGINEERING  
8/5-8/8.....UNICORNS, RAINBOWS AND FRIENDSHIPS  
8/5-8/9.....SKYHAWKS BASKETBALL CAMP  
8/19-8/24.....VALOR DANCE

**REGISTER TODAY!**

SEE THE CITY WEBSITE FOR DETAILS - [DUPONTWA.GOV/548/CAMPS](https://dupontwa.gov/548/CAMPS)

## Summer Camps

Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce a little something for everyone this summer with our 2024 Summer Camps! Registration is now open for art and sports camps. <https://www.dupontwa.gov/548/Camps>



# 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



## DuPont Parks & Recreation

# CHAIR YOGA CLASSES

A low-impact, joint-friendly workout for all ages!

Fridays 7:30 - 8:30 AM  
May 31- August 2, 2024

**\$150** 10 weeks

### About the Instructor

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DuPont WA 98327

## Chair Yoga Classes

Revitalize your mornings with chair yoga! Offering a gentle and low-impact workout tailored for individuals with age-related changes in joints and muscles, ensuring a safe and injury-free exercise option.

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



## PATRIOT ATHLETIC LEAGUE NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

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

Mark your calendars! Come enjoy a day of fun and baseball with Patriot Athletic League at Cheney Stadium. Your ticket is \$20 and includes a reserved seat with a ballpark meal (hotdog, snack, water), and a portion of every ticket sold will go back to the league. All members of the league in uniform will be invited to participate in a pregame parade. Be sure to be lined up by the grass berm by 6:20PM!

### \$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](http://WWW.PATRIOTATHLETICLEAGUE.COM)

TICKETS ON SALE THRU MAY 11TH FOR GUARANTEED SEATING | RAINIERS HAT ON SALE AT CHECKOUT

ARE YOU A MIDDLE SCHOOL OR  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT INTERESTED IN

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS



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](mailto:AWALKER@DUPONTWA.GOV)

## 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)

ARE YOU A  
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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT  
INTERESTED IN

## Knitting & Crocheting



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## 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



## 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 **Tuesday, May 21st**.

[Adults & Seniors | DuPont, WA - Official Website](#)  
([dupontwa.gov](http://dupontwa.gov))



## DuPont Historical Museum

## City News

### HISTORIC DUPONT VILLAGE WALK

10:00 AM, SATURDAY  
MAY 11TH, 2024

Led by museum volunteers

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.



DUPONT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DUPONTMUSEUM.COM  
DUPONTHISTORICALMUSEUM@GMAIL.COM  
(253) 820-3656

FREE &  
open to all

Rain or  
shine!



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<https://www.dupontwa.gov/list.aspx>

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and notifications!



### Stay informed!

Sign up for the City of DuPont's Alerts, Notifications, Calendar Events and the Weekly Bits & Bytes publication. Go to [www.dupontwa.gov](http://www.dupontwa.gov) and near the top of the page under the picture banner click "Notify Me" in the blue section or go to the following link: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/list.aspx>.



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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/>

## New energy code requirements for water heaters!!

Insulation required under all hot water heaters on concrete floors or in unconditioned space.

See link for detailed code requirements on water heater installation.

[https://www.dupontwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7763/Water-Heater-Requirements?bidId=.](https://www.dupontwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7763/Water-Heater-Requirements?bidId=)



## ADOPT A STORM DRAIN

Did you know storm drains feed directly into our local lakes and rivers, unfiltered? That's why it's so important to adopt a drain and keep them clear for cleaner and healthier water.

Here's how easy it is:

1. Find a drain to adopt near you at <https://adopt-a-drain.org/>
2. Name your drain. Bonus points for fun or creative drain names!
3. Take a few minutes to clean up the street and sidewalk near your drain if needed. Dispose of the debris properly (we show you how to do that too)
4. Report the amount you collect on your Adopt-a-Drain account
5. Repeat as necessary, we recommend about 2x/month
6. Email report to the City to [publicworks@dupontwa.gov](mailto:publicworks@dupontwa.gov) so we can say **Thank You** for helping out!!

You can make a difference! Every little bit helps. Together we can make a difference.



We protect our water

Sweep up! Rake up! Pick up!

Adopt a Drain



Benefits of Commute Trip Reduction

Services and strategies

Performance targets

Engagement

Demographic questions

## Commute Trip Reduction - Online Open House

The Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program works to reduce air pollution, traffic congestion, and fuel consumption by encouraging alternative transportation options throughout Washington State. The state requires jurisdictions to adopt a 4-year Commute Trip Reduction Plan every four years.

Input from the community, along with employers in Pierce County, is being sought to develop comprehensive CTR plans for jurisdictions in Pierce County. The goal is to develop strategies that address community needs and challenges and enhance mobility and quality of life for everyone.

Click on the link to the Online Open House for more information, to participate, and to leave your feedback.

[Commute Trip Reduction \(alchemer.com\)](http://Commute Trip Reduction (alchemer.com)).

# 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!



**WALLER HALL**  
2140 LIGGETT AVE  
LEWIS-MAIN, JBLM



**FOOD AVAILABLE  
ON-SITE FOR PURCHASE**



Scan or click  
this code  
to see all  
DHR flyers

jblmDHR

\*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.

The Steilacoom Historical School District will be changing the times for **school zone lights** in the City of DuPont effective May 6, 2024. Based on a review of other school district practices, and in an effort to create more consistency within the school district, school zone lights will be activated on the following schedule:



### Chloe Clark Elementary

AM: 8:35 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

PM: 3:25 p.m. to 4:05 p.m. (M, T, Th, F)

Wed PM: 2:25 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.

### Pioneer Middle School (including Center Drive and Bob's Hollow Lane)

AM: 7:40 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

PM: 2:30 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. (M,T, Th, F)

Wed PM: 1:30 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.

The intent of the changes is to have school zone lights activate in the morning 30 minutes before the start of school and stay on until 10 minutes after school starts. In the afternoon, the lights would activate 10 minutes before the end of school and stay on 30 minutes after the end of the school day. Whenever school is not in session, the district plans to deactivate the school zone lights, including during Spring Break, Winter Break, other scheduled non-school days, and snow days.

The district is working with the Town of Steilacoom to make similar changes in the near future.





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](https://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



**PLANNING & PUBLIC  
WORKS**

The following things will not be accepted.

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



**YOU CAN NOW PUT FOOD IN  
YOUR YARD WASTE CART!**

If you can eat it, we can compost it!



LEARN MORE AT

[PierceCountyWA.gov/YardWaste](https://PierceCountyWA.gov/YardWaste)

# 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	2
(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		8	195
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		4	36
(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	21
(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	10
(56) Unauthorized burning			1
(60) Good intent call, other			1
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		1	12
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found			0
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		1	7
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency			0
(70) False alarm and false call, other		1	2
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm			0
(73) System or detector malfunction			14
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)			12
(91) Citizen complaint			0
Unknown			0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>343</b>

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	4	69
Mary Bridge		8
St. Clare	2	41
St. Joseph		13
St. Peters		4
Tacoma General	3	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>140</b>

<b>ALS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>BLS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>99</b>

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	9	92
0800-1649	5	157
1700-2359	4	94
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>343</b>

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	3	50
Monday	3	55
Tuesday	3	42
Wednesday	2	62
Thursday	3	48
Friday	2	44
Saturday	2	42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>343</b>

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	0	17
DPF Provided	5	27
Multiple Calls	0	34

## Safety Message - Spring Cleaning Tips: Fire Safety Edition

**Clean your grill**-Some families grill year-round, while others break it out again in the spring and summer. While your grill sits over winter, grease, and build-up can harden and make it easy work for fire to catch. Before firing it up this spring, inspect it for damage and remove any trapped grease or debris that may have lingered there. A thorough cleaning will help avoid preventable grill fires in the future.



**Maintain your yard**-Dried leaves can be especially flammable and need to be removed from any areas near your household structures, garages, and sheds. Debris is one of the top fire-causing factors in home fires, but your risk can be reduced with simple yard maintenance. Pay special attention to twigs and branches, and dead plant life that could catch fire easily when dried.

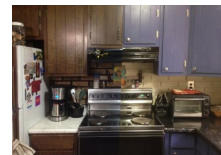




# DuPont Fire Department

## Safety Message - Spring Cleaning Tips: Fire Safety Edition continued....


**Kitchen & cooking**-Cooking is the number one cause of homes fire, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. Whether you're frying, grilling, or broiling, stay in the kitchen whenever you are cooking and never leave a hot stove unattended. When you're tackling kitchen cleaning this spring, remove any items that may be on or around the stove that could catch fire; napkins, wooden utensils, cookbooks, etc. Redesignate safe areas for these items to go while keeping your stovetop clean and clear from your everyday household items. Pro tip: Keep pot and pan handles towards the back of your stove when in use to avoid them getting bumped!



**Smoke alarms**-Changing out your filters and light bulbs this spring? Add checking your smoke alarms to your list and grab extra batteries at the store as needed. If your smoke alarm is older than 10 years, it needs to be replaced. Test your smoke alarms throughout the house, making sure you have one in every area as designated by your local fire department and zoning/building codes. Test your alarms regularly (once a month is recommended) and be sure to have one on every level. Most children who die in fires live in homes without working smoke alarms – err on the side of safety and do your spring-cleaning smoke alarm due diligence.



**Escape plan**-An escape plan for your home is a great thing to revisit during spring, and at least twice per year. Your plan should have two ways out of each room, and a designated safe meeting spot outside of the home where everyone in the household knows to go in the event of a fire.



## Fire Safety Scavenger Hunt

Are you Fire Safe just like Firefighter Kyle? Here is a Fire Safety Scavenger Hunt to check and see.




- ☐ Find two ways out of your home. **10 points**
- ☐ Listen to the noise your smoke alarm makes (ask your parent to help with this). **10 points**
- ☐ Have a fire drill at home. **10 points**
- ☐ Clean your room. **10 points**
- ☐ Know your address by heart. **10 points**
- ☐ Know your phone number by heart. **10 points**
- ☐ Tell your teacher what you would do if you found matches or lighters. **10 points**


How many points did you get? \_\_\_\_\_

If you got all **70 points** you are Super Fire Safe! Good for you!

If you got **50-60 points** you are making a good effort to be Fire Safe! Keep up the good work!

If you got **40 points** or less you are still learning about being Fire Safe. Keep working on it and soon you will be Super Fire Safe!






## 911 is for Emergencies


An emergency is something where a person's life might be in danger.

Look at all the pictures below. Circle the ones that are emergencies.


Draw an X through the ones that are not emergencies.



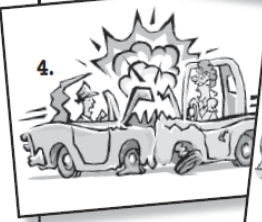
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9 '8 = X



## Weekly Activity Report

*Duty \* Professionalism \* Dedication*



Total Calls for Service 4/22/24 – 4/28/24: 212  
Average per day: 30.29

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

### EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

07 Agency Assist  
04 Animal Complaint  
03 Citizen Assist  
12 Community Oriented Policing  
01 Domestic Violence/Verbal  
01 Disorderly/Road Rage  
01 Harassment  
04 Motor Vehicle Collision  
01 Order Service  
01 Possible Narcotics Activity (Unfounded)  
03 Special Emphasis  
01 Suicide Threat  
03 Suspicious Person  
06 Suspicious Vehicle  
34 Traffic Stops  
01 Unwanted Person  
03 Welfare Check

### PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

01 Motor Vehicle Theft  
02 Theft from Vehicle

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

02 Fraud/Identity Theft

### ARRESTS/REFERRALS

01 Arrest—Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance—booked into jail.

### DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Officers completed required online training.
- An officer conducted a crosswalk emphasis on Bobs Hollow
- Speed emphasis was conducted on McNeil Street.
- Two officers attended a leadership class.



### 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.



# DuPont Police Department

## R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense)

Earlier this month, DuPont PD hosted a R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) 3-day self-defense and safety course for women, which consisted of educational lectures, supervised drills and scenarios designed for women of all ages and abilities. In this course, students were able to apply their learned skills during hands-on demonstrations with the instructors. A big THANK YOU to our R.A.D. instructors, Jim and Sandra Baylor, for offering this fantastic experience to the women of DuPont, and to Councilmember Beth Elliott for her involvement and support!



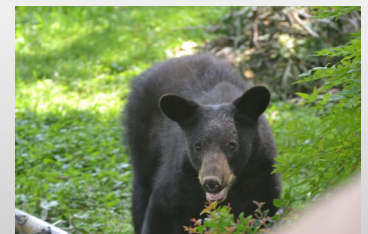
## FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS:

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/](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

Next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th.

## 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/>.



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

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



 Download Agenda

Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
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
6/3/2024	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
6/10/2024	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
6/10/2024	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting



Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30	Dungeons & Dragons Club	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens">https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens</a>
5/11, 5/18, 5/25	Knitting Club	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens">https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens</a>
5/18	Teen League Meeting	<a href="https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens">https://www.dupontwa.gov/546/Teens</a>
5/9, 5/16, 5/23	Bicycle Maintenance Class for kids	<a href="#">Kids   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>
5/15/24	April Showers Bring May Flowers	<a href="#">Teen Events and Programs   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>
5/17/24	Patriot Athletic League Night Out	<a href="#">Calendar • Patriot Athletic League Night Out (dupontwa.gov)</a>
5/21/24	Lunch at the Landing	<a href="#">Adults &amp; Seniors   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>
5/29/2024	Senior Lunch & Movie	<a href="#">Adults &amp; Seniors   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>
5/31/2024	Chair Yoga Classes	<a href="#">Adults &amp; Seniors   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>
6/1/2024	Gentle Yoga Classes	<a href="#">Adults &amp; Seniors   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>
6/1/2024	Fairy Trails	<a href="#">Kids   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>
6/1-6/2/2024	2024 SequaliShoot 24-Hour Photo Challenge	<a href="#">Events   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>