



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, September 13, 2024

City News

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF DUPONT



RONALD J. FREDERICK

MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 17, 2024, marks the two hundred and thirty-seventh anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of The United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of America is the world's longest surviving written charter of government, making the United States of America the world's most enduring beacon of liberty, freedom, and democracy; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document, the oldest instrument of National Government in the world, and the anniversary of its creation; and

WHEREAS, celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution provides an opportunity for all Americans to realize the achievements of the Framers of the Constitution and the rights, privileges, and responsibilities it affords; and

WHEREAS, when honor our Constitution, we must also recognize the duties of citizenship. The City of DuPont celebrates and recognizes the hard-working Americans who contribute daily to the strength of our Nation, and recognizes the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas and at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, who are protecting and defending America; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald J. Frederick, Mayor of the City of DuPont, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through September 23, in the year 2024, to be

Constitution Week

in the City of DuPont and encourage all citizens and organizations to celebrate the Constitution originally adopted by the American Congress of the Confederation on September 17, 1787.

Signed this 10th day of September 2024.

Ronald J. Frederick, Mayor

City News

At 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, the City of DuPont Police and Fire Departments, along with members of JBLM Military Police / 2nd PLT, held a brief memorial event in front of the city hall flagpole in honor of those who were lost on September 11, 2001. City officials, staff and members of JBLM attended the event. Police Chief Bryan Moore and Commander Korpinen of the 170th MP Company said a few words in remembrance of the victims and first responders, followed by a brief moment of silence.



Parks and Recreation (Fall Farmers Market and Annual Auction!)

CITY OF DUPONT
PARKS & RECREATION

Fall Farmers Market

October 13, 2024

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Clocktower Park - 1301 Palisade Blvd.
DuPont WA. 98327

Put on your flannel and beanie, and head to Clocktower Park on October 13 for the DuPont Fall Farmers Market! Don't miss out on fresh autumn produce, unique gifts, food truck treats, and all-day fall activities in the park!

Interested in being a vendor? Contact Emma Wiegand at: ewiegand@dupontwa.gov.

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



CITY OF DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION

Virtual ANNUAL AUCTION

Adventure Awaits

OCTOBER 8 - 12, 2024

TICKET OPTIONS:

\$10 BIDDING ACCESS

\$60 BIDDING ACCESS + DINNER & DESSERT FROM LOCAL RESTAURANTS

PROCEEDS BENEFIT YOUTH, ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMMING

ANY AND ALL NEW ITEMS ARE GLADLY ACCEPTED

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT AMY WALKER
AT AWALKER@DUPONTWA.GOV

2024 Parks & Recreation Annual Auction

October 8 - 12, 2024

It's that time of year again! Tickets are on sale now for the Parks & Recreation Annual Auction, starting on October 8th! From Leavenworth Coaster passes to El Gaucho Steakhouse gift cards, yoga classes, and more, there's something for everyone. Choose from a \$10 bidding access ticket or a \$60 dinner package, featuring a delicious meal from Farrelli's Pizza and a gift card to Bliss Ice Cream.

[Parks & Recreation Annual Auction | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](#)

Parks and Recreation (Ghosts, Goblins and all things Spooky!)

CITY OF DUPONT
PARKS & RECREATION INVITES YOU TO



DOWNTOWN Trick or Treating

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME



October 31, 2024 3-5 PM

Along Wilmington Drive & Neighboring Businesses

Proudly sponsored by City of DuPont & local businesses

Downtown Trick or Treating

Parks & Recreation is delighted to invite all to participate in our annual Downtown Trick or Treating celebration on Halloween Day, **October 31st from 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.** We are grateful to our business owners for opening their doors and providing treats for this annual event that our community looks forward to every fall. If you are a local business without a storefront along Wilmington Drive, please reach out to Amy Walker to coordinate a location along Ross Plaza at awalker@dupontwa.gov or (253) 405-9698.

As a reminder, this event ends promptly at 5:00 p.m. to allow our business owners the opportunity to spend the holiday with their families as well.

Boo Breakfast
October 26, 2024 10:00 AM
DuPont Community Center
303 Barksdale Ave. DuPont WA. 98327

Get ready for a frightfully fun morning at the Boo Breakfast! Dress up in your Halloween PJs or costume and join us for a ghoulishly good time! Each family will receive a goodie bag filled with treats and a Halloween gingerbread house to decorate on-site. Held at the DuPont Community Center, this event is sure to be a scream! Tickets are \$15 per person and must be purchased in advance.

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



City of DuPont Parks & Recreation



Boo! Breakfast

OCTOBER 26, 2024 10:00AM

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR BREAKFAST! COME IN YOUR HALLOWEEN PJS OR COSTUME WITH GHOSTS, GOBLINS AND MORE!

EACH FAMILY WILL RECEIVE A GOODIE BAG AND HALLOWEEN GINGERBREAD HOUSE TO DECORATE ON SITE!

\$15 PER PERSON

BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD AT THE DUPONT COMMUNITY CENTER-
303 BARKSDALE AVE.
DUPONT WA. 98327

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

OCTOBER 26, 2024 10:00AM

Parks and Recreation (Classes and Clubs!)



Digital PHOTOGRAPHY TECHNIQUES



Sponsored by DuPont Parks & Recreation • www.DuPontWA.gov

Saturdays • 1:30-3:30 p.m. • September 21, 28, October 12
October 5 – Scott Kelby's Worldwide PhotoWalk in DuPont!

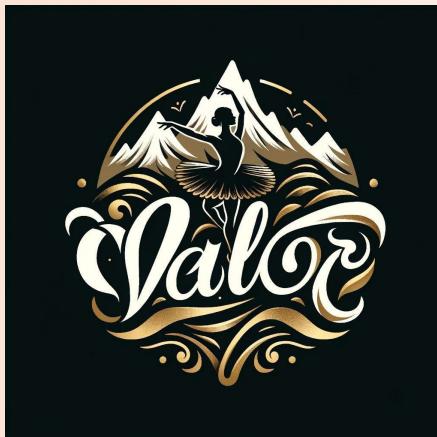
Class meets at DuPont Historical Museum
207 Barksdale Avenue • DuPont WA

- Understand how your camera works
- What equipment do you need to get those stellar shots
- What to do with your photos after the shoot

Class cost: \$150

Led by DuPont-based photographer Kate Lynch

More Info: www.DuPontWAPhoto.com



Valor Conservatory of Dance Classes

Join us at Valor Conservatory of Dance, where classes run all year round for dancers of all levels! Whether you're new to dance or a seasoned performer, the skilled instructors are here to help you grow, shine, and have fun. With a wide range of styles from ballet to jazz, tap, acro, and more, there's something for everyone!

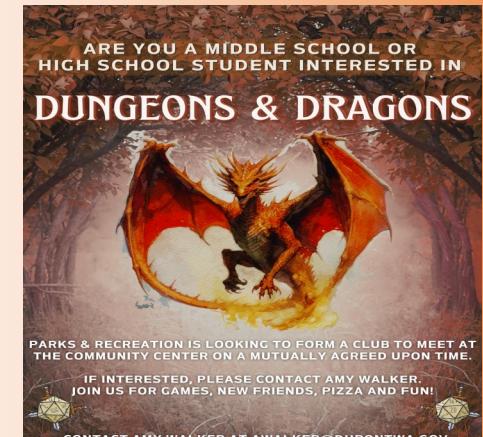
[https://valorconservatoryofdance.com/](http://valorconservatoryofdance.com/)



Knitting & Crocheting

If you are interested in joining this cozy of knitters, please reach out to Amy Walker at:

awalker@dupontwa.gov



Dungeons & Dragons

[Catalog - City of DuPont WA Parks & Recreation \(rec1.com\)](#)

DuPont Parks & Recreation

GENTLE Yoga Classes

Saturdays 7:30 - 8:30 AM
August 10-October 12, 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

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.

[Sign up here today!](#) DuPont Community Center - 303 Barksdale Ave. DuPont, WA

Parks and Recreation (Sports!)

Youth Basketball Registration Opens Mid September

Welcome to the 2024/2025 DuPont Youth Basketball League! Our aim is to help participants enhance their basketball skills, experience teamwork, and build sportsmanship—all while having fun and making new friends. Registration opens in mid-September, so be sure to mark your calendars!

Coaches needed! If you are interested in being a volunteer coach please contact Amy Walker at awalker@dupontwa.gov

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/549/Youth-Sports>



Community News

Around the Town – September 2024

We value the importance of early childhood education programming. Pre-kindergarten programs have a significant impact on a child's emotional, cognitive, and social development. Research indicates that access to high quality, early childhood education offers a range of long-term benefits, including improved readiness for school.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is a legislatively established early learning program for children who are at least 4 years old by August 31 and have been identified through a screening process to be in need of additional preparation to be successful kindergarten students in the following school year. TK is free for families and TK teachers focus on essential academics, social-emotional skills, and learning habits for children as they begin their academic journey.

We are thrilled to be offering Transitional Kindergarten (TK) at Anderson Island Elementary School this year. We are also exploring the option of offering TK at Cherrydale Primary School and Chloe Clark Elementary School, beginning in November, depending on enrollment capacity.

We have created a TK informational page on our district website, which includes an interest form for families to complete if considering TK. Offering a pre-kindergarten, early learning program has been a dream of ours for many years and we are excited for the possibility of offering this learning experience for the children of our community.

Warm Regards,

K. Weight

Dr. Kathi Weight, Superintendent



Community News

2024 Fall Cleanup



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

Saturday, October 12, 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.



City News

Want to know how to make a public comment at a City Council Meeting?

Public Comment at City Council Meetings

The DuPont City Council provides opportunities for public comment at their meetings. The public can comment in various ways: in person, in writing, or remotely using audio / visual technology.

The public is welcome to attend meetings in person to make public comment and submit written comments, as has been allowed in the past. In addition, since 2020, the City of DuPont uses the Zoom platform for the public to attend meetings remotely. The City Council has recently made changes to the City Council Rules of Procedure, revised on July 9, 2024, regarding making public comment remotely using audio / visual technology. The recent change requires requesting access prior to the meeting.

To provide public comment using Zoom, send an email to the City Clerk (kmuir@dupontwa.gov) no later than 10:00 A.M. on the meeting day. Include the following in the email request: the first and last name, the phone number that will be used to call in, and the email address of the caller. Also identify the agenda item (s) the caller wishes to speak about (Public Comment, near the beginning of the meeting; New Business, if there is new business listed on the agenda; and / or Public Hearing, if there is a public hearing listed on the agenda).

A request for remote access can be made after 10:00 A.M. on a meeting day only when an explanation of why the deadline of 10:00 A.M. could not be met. In these cases, the City Clerk or the Mayor may deny the late request at their discretion.

Instructions with the Zoom link, the meeting ID, and password will be sent to the provided email address prior to the start of the meeting. (Requests for access directed to any City official or employee other than the City Clerk, shall be denied.) For the full details, please review Chapter 4.4 Public Comments, found at https://www.dupontwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7993/City-Council-Rules-of-Procedure_revised-06-09-2024.

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		1	1
(11) Structure Fire		1	
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire		3	
(14) Natural vegetation fire		14	
(15) Outside rubbish fire		4	
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition		0	
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other		1	2
(31) Medical assist		1	
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		7	413
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		1	66
(33) Lock-In		1	
(35) Extrication, rescue		1	
(36) Water or ice-related rescue		1	
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other		0	
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks		5	
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition		0	
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem		0	
(50) Service call, other		38	
(51) Person in distress		3	
(52) Water Problem		20	
(53) Smoke, odor problem		1	
(54) Animal problem or rescue		2	
(55) Public service assistance		1	28
(56) Unauthorized burning		2	
(60) Good intent call, other		1	
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		28	
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found		0	
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		11	
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency		0	
(70) False alarm and false call, other		1	22
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		0	
(73) System or detector malfunction		28	
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		23	
(91) Citizen complaint		0	
Unknown		0	
TOTALS		12	720

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore	1	
Madigan	2	129
Mary Bridge	1	14
St. Clare		88
St. Joseph		23
St. Peters		8
Tacoma General		8
TOTAL	3	271

ALS	6	274
BLS	8	216

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	2	181
0800-1649	5	331
1700-2359	5	208
TOTAL	12	720

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	4	110
Monday	0	105
Tuesday	1	101
Wednesday	0	123
Thursday	1	102
Friday	5	95
Saturday	1	84
TOTAL	12	720

Mutual/Automatic Aid-Multiple Calls		
DPF Received	2	60
DPF Provided	0	58
Multiple Calls	0	88

Safety Message - Fall Safety

1. Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms & locate fire extinguishers.
2. Develop a home fire safety and evacuation plan.
3. Bring fire safety to work through proper training and a post-fire recovery plan.

4. Check your Heating System!

Here are a few things you can do to reduce the risk of furnace fires:

- * Regularly replace furnace filters.
- * Keep all areas around the furnace clean and unobstructed.
- * Keep the burner area clean and clear of debris.
- * Keep all combustible items at least six-inches away from the vent pipe.
- * Never close off more than 20% of heat registers
- * If there are any issues with your heating system, contact a professional immediately. For preventative care, have your central heating system cleaned and serviced by a certified HVAC contractor once annually.

5. Keep your fireplace clear of debris, and have it inspected each year.

Additionally, here are a few things you can do to enhance fireplace safety:

- * Use a fireplace screen, guard, or glass doors to keep hot ash and sparks contained.
- * Store extra wood, and other types of combustible materials, at least five-feet away from your fireplace.
- * Never leave a fire unattended.
- * Burn seasoned hardwoods, such as oak, that have been split and stored in a safe and dry environment for at least six-months.
- * Keep fires small – Never overload your fireplace.
- * When building a fire, strategically place logs on a metal grate at the back end of your fireplace; always use kindling to ignite fire.





Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*

Total Calls for Service 9/02/24 – 9/08/24: 202

Average per day: 28.86

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

<u>EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS</u>	<u>CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS</u>
05 Agency Assist 07 Community Oriented Policing 01 Disorderly/Fight 01 Death (natural causes) 02 Extortion 02 Verbal Domestic 02 Domestic Violence/Verbal 01 Juvenile Issue 02 Suspicious Vehicle 52 Traffic Stops 02 Traffic Complaints 01 Threats 06 Welfare Check	01 Fraud 01 Possible Rape (under investigation) 01 Possible Violation of Court Order (under investigation)

NEWS FROM PATROL

- While on patrol, an officer noticed a parked vehicle with one person sleeping inside. After further investigation, the individual was found to have a warrant from the Pierce County Sheriff's Office. The individual was arrested and turned over to a Pierce County Deputy.
- DuPont officers located a wanted subject parked at a local business after eluding Thurston County Deputies during a pursuit. The driver was wanted by the Thurston County Sheriff's Office for eluding, reckless endangerment, driving with a suspended license, and multiple warrants. The driver was taken into custody.
- Officers received a report of a residential burglary. A female suspect was seen entering a home and exiting with an item. This incident is under investigation.
- Vandalism of two vehicles was reported. The suspect may have also violated a court order. This incident is under investigation.

<u>REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT NEWS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060 <p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Officers completed required online training.Officers attended Scenes of Violence training and Drill Opportunities at Tacoma Community College.Students and staff were greeted by officers at local schools.An officer completed Handgun Instructor Level 1 Course.

DuPont Police Department



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We appreciate our partnership with the Thurston County Sheriff's Office!

Thurston County Sheriff

Last night, one of our deputies attempted to stop a recklessly driven vehicle on I5 heading northbound. The vehicle refused to pull over and a pursuit was initiated. Deputies notified Pierce County law enforcement.

The vehicle was able to cut over and take the DuPont exit before our deputy could exit, however our partners at [DuPont Police Department](#) located the vehicle when it parked and the driver was taken into custody. The driver had warrants up and down the I5 corridor for driving on a suspended license in both the 2nd and 3rd degree. He was booked into jail for attempting to elude, DWLS, and two counts of reckless endangerment against his passengers.



City Council and Calendars

Tuesday, September 10, City Council Meeting overview:

- Res. No. 24-013 updates to the DuPont Fee Schedule was passed.
- Res. No. 24-014 approving an interlocal agreement to participate in multi-jurisdictional enforcement specialty teams was passed.
- Res. No. 24-015 amending an interlocal agreement to operate a multi-jurisdictional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team was passed.
- Res. No. 24-016 amending an existing PSA with Pioneer Technologies for environmental consulting on the Old Fort Lake Remediation Project was passed.
- Finance Director Oaksmith gave a budget overview, highlighting the 2024 Budget calendar.
- Public Services Director Kincaid gave an update on the Old Fort Lake Remediation Project.
- The Subarea plan was discussed by Director Kincaid and Lisa Klein with AHBL.



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".

Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
9/23/2024	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting
9/24/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
10/7/2024	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
10/8/2024	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
10/8/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
10/14/2024	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
10/14/2024	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
10/22/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
10/28/2024	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting

Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12	Gentle Yoga Classes	Classes DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12	Knitting Club	Teen Events and Programs DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24	Dungeons & Dragons Club	Teen Events and Programs DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12	Digital Photography Techniques	Classes DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
10/8-10/12	Annual Auction!	Parks & Recreation Annual Auction DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
10/12/2024	Fall Clean up	Calendar • 2024 Fall Cleanup (dupontwa.gov)
10/13/2024	Fall Farmers Market	Events DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
10/26/2024	Boo Breakfast	Events DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
10/31/2024	Downtown Trick or Treating	Events DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)