



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, September 27, 2024

City News

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF DUPONT



RONALD J. FREDERICK

MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2024, an estimated 310,720 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in U.S. women, and 42,250 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer accounts for 12.5% of all new annual cancer cases worldwide, making it the most common cancer in the world; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, an estimated 2,790 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society and its affiliates support those patients currently battling breast cancer, as well as those who have lost their lives to the disease and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of DuPont are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about breast cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; and

WHEREAS, there are ways to lower your risk for breast cancer, which include staying at a healthy weight, engaging in physical activity several times per week, and limiting or avoiding alcohol; and

WHEREAS, every year, too many people are touched by the pain and hardship caused by breast cancer, and the City of DuPont supports these individuals and their families and commits to continue working toward a future free from cancer in all its forms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of DuPont hereby proclaims October as

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

to honor those who have lost their lives to breast cancer, recognize the courageous women and men who are living with this disease, and celebrate breast cancer survivors.

Signed this 24th day of September 2024.



Ronald J. Frederick, Mayor

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

Fall Farmers Market October 13, 2024 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Clocktower Park - 1301 Palisade Blvd. DuPont WA. 98327

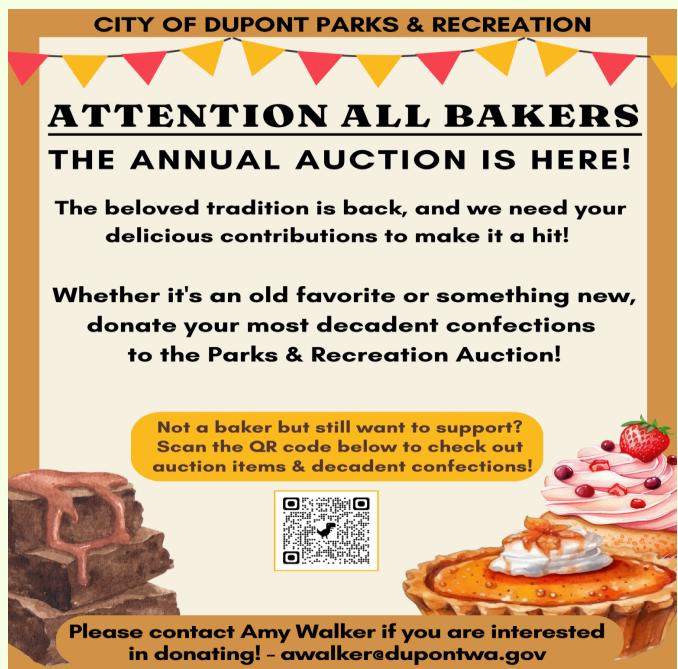
Put on your flannel and beanie, and head to Clocktower Park on October 13 for the DuPont Fall Farmers Market! Don't miss out on fresh autumn produce, unique gifts, food truck treats, and all-day fall activities in the park!

Interested in being a vendor? Contact Emma Wiegand at: ewiegand@dupontwa.gov.
<https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events>



It's the sweetest part of the auction!

The beloved Annual Parks & Recreation Auction is back, and we're calling on all bakers to contribute their most delicious desserts. Whether it's a classic favorite or something new, your confections will help make this event a hit! If you are interested in donating, please contact Amy Walker at awalker@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!)



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!

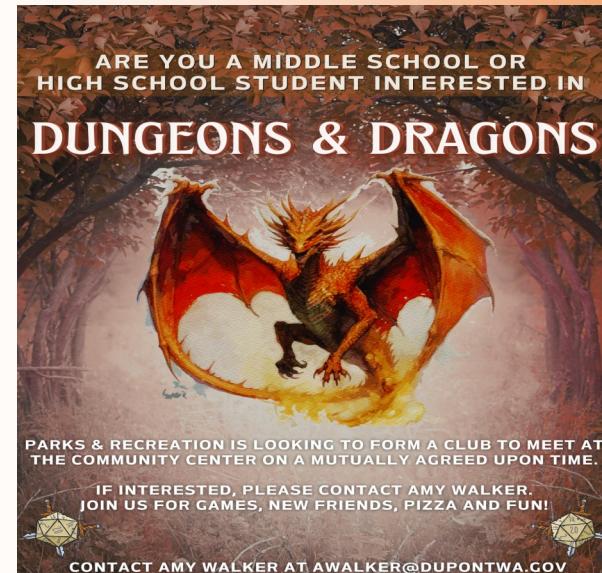
<https://valorconservatoryofdance.com/>



Gentle Yoga Class

August 10 - October 12, 2024
7:30 - 8:30 AM

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.



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!

[Catalog - City of DuPont WA Parks & Recreation](#)

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

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

Parks and Recreation (Sports!)

Youth Basketball

2024/2025

Registration is now open for Dupont's most popular youth sports program: Youth Basketball! Open to boys and girls from Kindergarten through 9th grade. This city-run league offers a fun and safe environment to learn and play basketball while promoting good sportsmanship. We're also looking for enthusiastic coaches to join the team!

The season runs from December 2024 to March 2025, and player registration is open until October 18 at 3 PM. Spots fill up fast!

Learn more and register here: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/549/Youth-Sports>

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

CITY OF DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS

YOUTH RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL 2024-2025



K - 9TH SEASON RUNS DEC 2, 2024 - MAR 1, 2025
REGISTRATION CLOSES OCT 18, 2024 AT 3PM
FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:
[DUPONTWA.GOV/549/YOUTH-SPORTS](https://www.dupontwa.gov/549/YOUTH-SPORTS)

THE STEILACOOM HISTORICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT SPONSOR OR ENDORSE THIS EVENT/INFORMATION AND THE DISTRICT ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT.



City News

MULTIPLE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES! The City of DuPont is looking for citizens to fill vacant positions on the Park & Recreation Commission and the Tree Advisory Commission.

Park & Recreation Commission - The purpose of the Park and Recreation Commission is to advise the City Council on various parks and recreation issues, including the capital facilities plan, land acquisition, park development, park facilities and recreation programs, and other matters as directed by the City Council. The Park and Recreation Commission also collaborates with the Planning Commission as needed on matters relating to parks elements of the comprehensive plan. The Park and Recreation Commission currently has several filled positions that will expire at the end of 2024.

Tree Advisory Commission - The Tree Advisory Commission advises and provides information to the Mayor and City Council on matters relating to urban forestry and helps the city meet the requirements of the [Tree City USA program](#). The Tree Advisory Commission currently has a vacant position and two that are currently filled but will expire at the end of 2024.

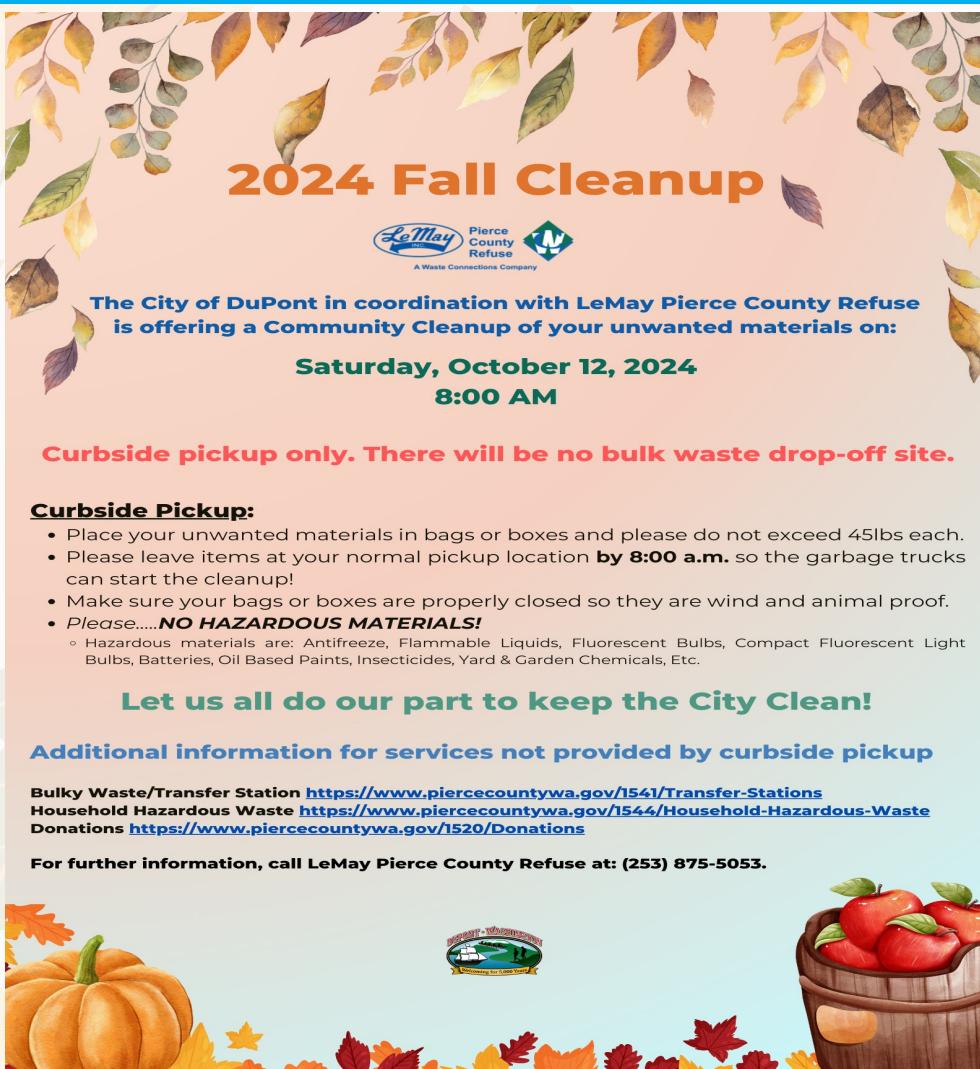
For citizens interested in applying, detailed information about Park & Recreation Commission and Tree Advisory Commission responsibilities and meeting times can be found on the City's website at <https://www.dupontwa.gov/83/Commissions>. **The deadline to submit an application is October 31, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**

The current application can be found at: <https://portal.laserfiche.com/t7629/forms/MunicipalAgencyApplication>.

PLEASE NOTE: If you currently hold a position and your term expires in 2024, and if you are eligible, you will need to reapply to fulfill another term. You may not use your previous application on file; **the application has been updated and a new application is required.**



Community News



2024 Fall Cleanup

LeMay Pierce County Refuse
A Waste Connections Company

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

**Saturday, 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.

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



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		2	2
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire		3	3
(14) Natural vegetation fire		14	14
(15) Outside rubbish fire		4	4
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition		0	0
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other		2	2
(31) Medical assist		1	1
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		4	428
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		1	68
(33) Lock-In		1	1
(35) Extrication, rescue		1	1
(36) Water or ice-related rescue		1	1
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other		0	0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks		5	5
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition		0	0
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem		0	0
(46) Accident, potential accident		1	1
(50) Service call, other		1	40
(51) Person in distress		1	4
(52) Water Problem		20	20
(53) Smoke, odor problem		1	1
(54) Animal problem or rescue		2	2
(55) Public service assistance		30	30
(56) Unauthorized burning		2	2
(60) Good intent call, other		1	1
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		29	29
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found		0	0
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		11	11
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency		0	0
(70) False alarm and false call, other		22	22
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		0	0
(73) System or detector malfunction		28	28
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		1	25
(91) Citizen complaint		0	0
Unknown		0	0
TOTALS		9	747

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore	1	1
Madigan	130	130
Mary Bridge	14	14
St. Clare	1	94
St. Joseph	23	23
St. Peters	8	8
Tacoma General	1	9
TOTAL	2	279

ALS	3	222
BLS	2	218

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	1	187
0800-1649	5	342
1700-2359	3	218
TOTAL	9	747

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	114	114
Monday	3	112
Tuesday	1	104
Wednesday	2	125
Thursday	2	106
Friday	1	99
Saturday	87	87
TOTAL	9	747

Mutual/Automatic Aid-Multiple Calls		
DPF Received	1	64
DPF Provided	1	60
Multiple Calls	0	91

Safety Message - Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, 2024

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) announced “Smoke alarms: make them work for you!™” as the official theme for [Fire Prevention Week™](#), October 6–12, 2024. [NFPA announces 2024 Fire Prevention Week Theme](#)

Key messages for this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, “Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!” include the following:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or don't respond when tested.



To learn more about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, “Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!” visit [fpw.org](#). Additional Fire Prevention Week resources for children, caregivers, and educators can be found at [sparky.org](#) and [sparkyschoolhouse.org](#).

[Fire Prevention Week](#) is celebrated throughout North America every October and is the oldest U.S. public health observance on record. For more than 100 years, Fire Prevention Week has worked to educate people the risk of home fires and ways to minimize them. Local fire departments, schools, and community organizations play a key role in bringing Fire Prevention Week to life in their communities each year and spreading basic but critical fire safety messages.

How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

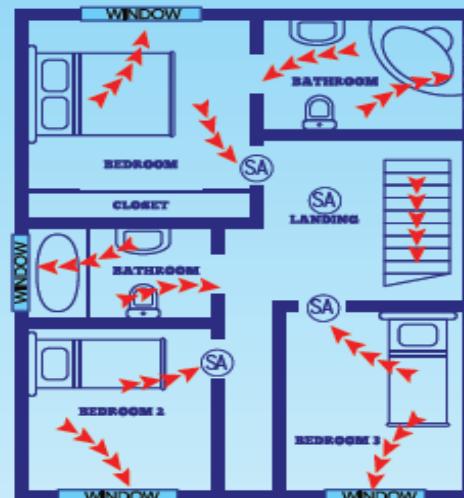
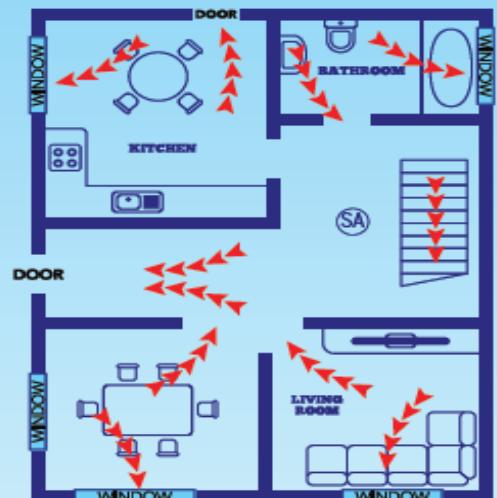
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™



Visit Sparky.org for more activities!

- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- The house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Everyone in the home should know the fire department's emergency number and how to call once they are safely outside.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

Sample Escape Plan



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Memorize your fire department's emergency phone number and write it below:

How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™



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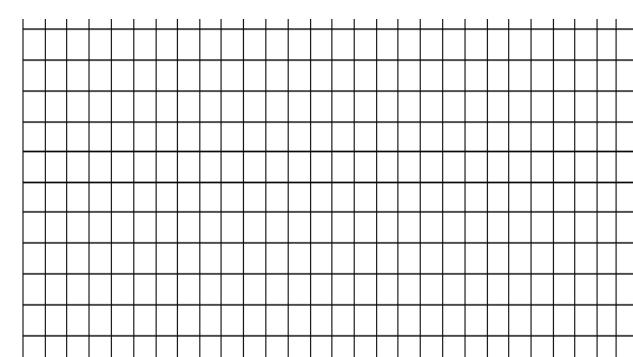
Meeting Place

1st FLOOR

2nd FLOOR

Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.

- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms with **(SA)**. Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!



Grown-ups: Children don't always wake up when the smoke alarm sounds. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs.

For more fire safety resources, visit sparky.org and sparkyschoolhouse.org.

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Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*

Total Calls for Service 9/16/24 – 9/22/24: 208

Average per day: 29.71

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

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

06 Agency Assist
04 Citizen Assist
13 Community Oriented Policing
02 Disorderly/Verbal Altercation
01 Disorderly/Fight (verbal)
01 Disorderly/Neighbor Dispute
01 Domestic Violence/Verbal
02 Juvenile Issue
01 Motor Vehicle Collision
01 Missing Child (located)
02 Runaway (located)
02 Suicide Threat
02 Suspicious Person
03 Suspicious Vehicle
41 Traffic Stops
01 Traffic Complaint
02 Unwanted Person/Loiterer
05 Welfare Check

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

01 Vandalism
01 Theft



NEWS FROM PATROL

- Several reports of a suspicious person on a local trail were reported. Officers investigated and contacted an individual who did not have permanent housing. The individual declined assistance and voluntarily left the area.
- Officers assisted Washington State Patrol with a motor vehicle collision on the I-5 overpass near Barksdale. During the investigation trains were stopped from crossing the Barksdale intersection. It was determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol and arrested for DUI.
- Officers assisted DuPont Fire Department with a residential fire.

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.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Students and staff at local schools were greeted by officers.
- Officers completed required online training.



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September is National Suicide Prevention Month

Need help? Know someone who does? Contact the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline if you are experiencing mental health-related distress or are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

**Call or text 988
Chat at 988lifeline.org**

For Veterans and their loved ones – you don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to connect:

Dial 988 then Press 1

Text 838255

Connect with a trained crisis counselor. 988 is confidential, free, and available 24/7/365. Visit the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline for more information at 988lifeline.org.

City Council and Calendars

Tuesday, September 24, City Council Meeting overview:

- Mayor Frederick proclaimed the month of October as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” in the City of DuPont.
- Study session - Fire Chief Gillie presented the Fire Code official review, inspection and Fire Code fees.
- Study session - Public Services Director Kincaid and Lisa Klein of AHBL presented the Subarea Plan update.



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
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
11/4/2024	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
11/11/2024		City Hall - CLOSED



Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
10/5, 10/12	Gentle Yoga Classes	Classes DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
10/5, 10/12	Knitting Club	Teen Events and Programs DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24	Dungeons & Dragons Club	Teen Events and Programs 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)