



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, October 4, 2024

BREAST CANCER

AWARENESS



Breast Cancer Facts & Stats

1 in 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. In 2024, an estimated **310,720 women and 2,790 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer**. Chances are, you know at least one person who has been personally affected by breast cancer.

But there is hope. When caught in its earliest, localized stages, the **5-year relative survival rate is 99%**. Advances in early detection and treatment methods have significantly increased breast cancer survival rates in recent years, and there are currently over 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.

Awareness of the facts and statistics surrounding breast cancer in the United States is key in empowering individuals to make informed decisions about their health. <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-facts/>

Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) is October 6-12, 2024

This year's FPW campaign, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™" strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home. [Learn more about the history of FPW.](#)

[NFPA announces 2024 Fire Prevention Week Theme](#)

To learn more about Smoke Alarm Safety, please see pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter under the DuPont Fire Department.

SMOKE ALARMS
Make Them WORK For You!™

NFPA FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

fpw.org

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

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

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.



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 (which includes the \$10 bidding access ticket), featuring a delicious meal from Farrelli's Pizza and a gift card to Bliss Ice Cream. If you choose the dinner package, be sure to purchase the dinner package for \$50 and the online bidding access ticket for \$10. They are listed as two separate items.

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

CITY OF DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS THE ANNUAL AUCTION IS HERE!

The beloved tradition is back, and we need your delicious contributions to make it a hit!

Whether it's an old favorite or something new, donate your most decadent confections to the Parks & Recreation Auction!

Not a baker but still want to support?
Scan the QR code below to check out auction items & decadent confections!



Please contact Amy Walker if you are interested in donating! - awalker@dupontwa.gov

CITY OF DUPONT
PARKS & RECREATION



**FALL
FARMERS MARKET**
OCTOBER 13, 2024 11AM-4PM

GRAB YOUR FLANNEL & GET TO THE PARK!

JOINS US AT CLOCKTOWER PARK
FOR FRESH AUTUMN PRODUCE,
UNIQUE GIFTS, FOOD TRUCK
TREATS, AND ALL-DAY FALL
ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK!

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>

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

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>



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.

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



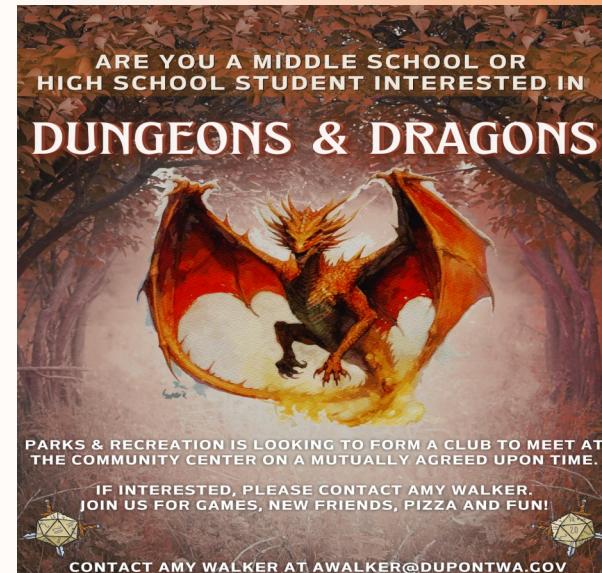
Parks and Recreation (Classes and Clubs!)



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/>



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

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.

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.**



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.



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	
(11) Structure Fire		2	
(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		2	
(31) Medical assist		1	
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	10	438	
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	69	
(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	
(46) Accident, potential accident		1	
(50) Service call, other	1	41	
(51) Person in distress	1	5	
(52) Water Problem		20	
(53) Smoke, odor problem		1	
(54) Animal problem or rescue		2	
(55) Public service assistance	1	31	
(56) Unauthorized burning		2	
(60) Good intent call, other		1	
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	2	31	
(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		22	
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		0	
(73) System or detector malfunction	2	30	
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		25	
(91) Citizen complaint		0	
Unknown		0	
TOTALS		18	765

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore	1	
Madigan	2	132
Mary Bridge	1	15
St. Clare	1	95
St. Joseph		23
St. Peters		8
Tacoma General	1	10
TOTAL	5	284

ALS	3	225
BLS	8	226

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	4	191
0800-1649	10	352
1700-2359	4	222
TOTAL	18	765

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	1	115
Monday	2	114
Tuesday	3	107
Wednesday	2	127
Thursday	5	111
Friday	1	100
Saturday	4	91
TOTAL	18	765

Mutual/Automatic Aid-Multiple Calls		
DPF Received	1	65
DPF Provided	1	61
Multiple Calls	1	92

Safety Message - Smoke Alarm Safety

Smoke alarms save lives. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Fire spreads fast—working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Statistics

- Roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

Source: [NFPA Research](#)

Safety Tips

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms so that when one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Working smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.

Fire Safety Checklist for Homeowners and Renters

If there is a fire, you may have less than 3 minutes to get out of your home. Talk about what you should do to be safe. Make sure everyone in your home knows what to do if there is a fire.



Put a check in front of each statement that is true for your home.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms are on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms are inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Smoke alarms are tested each month.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.



Test your alarm regularly.

Your smoke alarm is working if it makes a noise when you press the "test" button.

Cooking Safety

- The cooking area has no items that can burn.
- People stay in the kitchen when they are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- Pot handles are always turned toward the back of the stove.

Escape Plan

- There is a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.
- Everyone knows where the safe meeting place is outside the home.
- Everyone living in the house practices the escape plan 2 times a year.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.

Electrical and Appliance Safety

- All electrical cords are in good condition and not broken or cut.
- People clean the dryer of lint after every use.
- All plug outlets are safe and do not feel warm when you touch them. (If they are warm, call the landlord or an electrician.)

Candle Safety

- Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over.
- Adults blow out all candles when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Candles are kept out of reach from children and pets.



Children are sometimes curious about fire.

If you have children in your home, lock up any items that can start a fire (matches, lighters, cigarettes, etc.) and make sure children cannot reach candles.



Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*

Total Calls for Service 9/23/24 – 9/29/24: 189

Average per day: 27

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

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

04 Agency Assist
07 Citizen Assist
02 Civil Issue
11 Community Oriented Policing
01 Domestic Violence/Verbal
01 Motor Vehicle Collision
01 Missing Person (located)
02 Report of possible fireworks/shots heard
02 Suspicious Vehicle
20 Traffic Stops
01 Traffic Complaint
01 Unwanted Person/Loiterer
01 Welfare Check

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

01 Theft from Vehicle

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

01 Assault

ARRESTS/REFERRALS

01 Arrest - Assault 4th Degree - booked into jail



NEWS FROM PATROL

- Officers responded to the report of an individual who was hit in the face by a coworker at a local business. After investigating the incident, it was determined that an assault had occurred. The coworker was arrested for Assault in the 4th Degree.
- A local business reported a person who would not leave after being requested to. Officers responded and after identifying the individual found that person to be reported as missing from another city. The individual was reunited with family.
- An individual was found sleeping behind a dumpster by an employee at a local business. After identifying the individual, officers provided transportation to a neighboring city where social services are available.

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

- Officers completed required online training
- Students and staff at local schools were greeted by officers.
- A ride along was conducted for a citizen interested in a law enforcement career.

DuPont Police Department



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HELP OUR FIREFIGHTERS KEEP YOU SAFE!

Pursuant to RCW 46.61.570, parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant is illegal and subject to enforcement. When seconds count, our firefighters cannot waste time maneuvering their hoses around blocking vehicles to access a hydrant.

DPD patrol officers will be looking for these violations. Help us help our fire department keep this community safe – THANK YOU.



CALLING ALL CANCER FIGHTERS - IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN – HELP DPD ARREST CANCER!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Team DPD will be participating in our annual "Pink Patch Project!" Partnering with the South Sound Care Foundation, DPD Officers will be wearing pink patches and badges in order to promote breast cancer awareness within our community during October.

Pink patches are sold to the public for \$12.00 per patch, or 2 for \$20.00. 100% of the proceeds from the Dupont police pink patch project will be donated to the South Sound Care Foundation. The public can purchase patches in person at the DuPont Police main station, Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. CASH ONLY PLEASE:

DuPont Police Department
1780 Civic Dr., Suite #100
DuPont, WA 98327

The South Sound CARE Foundation is a local cancer research and support organization that provides residents with cancer treatment options, which may be otherwise unavailable to them. South Sound CARE's board includes cancer survivors and medical professionals who strive to eradicate this deadly disease by working together to bring clinical trials to the South Sound region. For more information visit: <https://www.southsoundcarefoundation.org/>



City Council and Calendars

Tuesday, October 8, City Council Meeting Items:

- Proclaiming Oct. 6-12 as "Fire Prevention Week" in the City of DuPont.
- Proclaiming the month of October as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" in the City of DuPont.
- Res. No. 24-019 approving an inter-local agreement with Pierce County allowing use of PCSD specialized law enforcement services at the request of the DuPont Police Department.
- Res. No. 24-020 approving Fund 631/TBD revised project list.
- Res. No. 24-021 approving an MOU with Flock Safety for use of existing Flock Services.
- Study Session:
 - Budget Review; Revenue Forecast; Subarea Plan Update—Transportation Impacts.



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/UCInrLK1wNfpq3_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 - CANCELED
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
10/15/2024	3:00 PM	Hearing Examiner Meeting - DuPont West (formerly DuPont 243)
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
10/12/2024	Gentle Yoga Classes	Classes DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9	Knitting Club	Teen Events and Programs DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31	Dungeons & Dragons Club	Teen Events and Programs DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
10/8-10/12/2024	Annual Auction!	Parks & Recreation Annual Auction DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
10/12/2024	Fall Clean up	Calendar • 2024 Fall Cleanup (dupontwa.gov)
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