



# CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

## Friday, October 11, 2024

### City News

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING OVERVIEW FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

##### Proclamations:

Mayor Frederick proclaimed October 6-12, 2024 as "Fire Prevention Week" in the City of DuPont. The proclamation can be viewed here: [City of DuPont - Document Center \(civicweb.net\)](#)



Mayor Frederick proclaimed the month of October as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" in the City of DuPont. The proclamation can be viewed here: [City of DuPont - Document Center \(civicweb.net\)](#)

##### Consent:

Resolution 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 was passed. The resolution can be viewed here: [City of DuPont - Document Center \(civicweb.net\)](#)

##### New Business:

Resolution No. 24-020 approving Fund 631/TBD revised project list was passed. The resolution can be viewed here: [City of DuPont - Document Center \(civicweb.net\)](#)

Resolution No. 24-021 approving an MOU with Flock Safety for use of existing 77 - 84 Flock Services was passed. The resolution can be viewed here: [City of DuPont - Document Center \(civicweb.net\)](#)

##### Study Sessions:

Budget Review: Finance Director Oaksmith presented the Budget Review for Public Works Streets 2025-2026 Budget, including Road & Street Maintenance Fund 101 and Street Depreciation Fund 102 revenue and expenditures. The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed here: [PRESENTED FN 1 2025-2026 Streets](#)

Revenue Forecast: Finance Director Oaksmith presented the Revenue Projections 2025-2026 Biennial Budget, including new revenues, General Fund revenue projections, Non-General Fund revenues. The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed here: [PRESENTED FN 2 2025-2026 Revenue](#)

Subarea Plan Update - Transportation Impacts: Public Services Director Kincaid introduced David Sherrard of D.E. Sherrard & Associates, and Lisa Klein of AHBL. They presented the DuPont Old Fort Lake Subarea Plan Transportation Briefing. The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed here: [PRESENTED DP OFL Subarea CC Trans Pres DESA](#)

- ◊ **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>.

# 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](mailto: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, Clubs and Seniors!)



## 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!

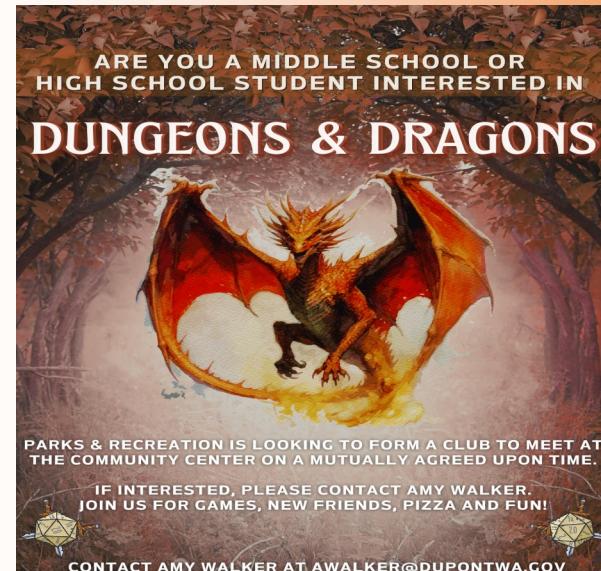
<https://valorconservatoryofdance.com/>



## Savvy Seniors

All seniors are invited to attend Savvy Seniors at the DuPont Historical Community Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the winter. Seniors will gather together for great conversation, games and finish up those unfinished craft projects. Bring a friend and enjoy fresh cup of coffee. There is no cost to attend, as this event is funded through proceeds from the Parks & Recreation Annual Auction.

Pre-registration is not required, but we kindly ask that all seniors sign a participation waiver at the door.



## 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](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov)

# 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](mailto: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 3 PM

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:  
**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.

**Volunteers Needed**

## 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.**



## 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](tel: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/>



## Holiday Open House - Save the date!

Activities for kids and light refreshments

**Early December, date TBD**

**DuPont Historical Museum**

**207 Barksdale Ave, DuPont**

Join DuPont Historical Museum staff and volunteers for a celebration of 2024! Santa may even drop by.... check back for more details to come.

## Community News

When I stepped into the role of superintendent, I was unprepared for the intense sense of pride that comes with leading a school district - especially in a military-connected community. Being part of a team that supports our military-connected community is an absolute privilege and the initial sense of pride I felt 12 years ago just continues to grow stronger with each passing year.

As a school system supporting over 40% military-connected students, we consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have these resilient young people in our schools. Steilacoom Historical School District is one of 12 school districts recognized by the state as a "Purple Star District". Purple Star Districts provide unique educational and social-emotional supports to students and their families as they transition to new schools.

SHSD prioritizes strong relationships in order to foster the cognitive, social, and emotional development of each student. We care deeply about the hearts and the minds of our learners and the Purple Star designation highlights our dedication to supporting our military-connected families.

In addition to the amazing programs aimed at ensuring a strong sense of belonging for military-connected students transitioning into our schools, we are extremely grateful for the opportunities we receive to directly impact students' academic trajectory.

SHSD has been awarded several Department of Defense Educational Activity (DoDEA) grants to support innovative programs that benefit all learners. DoDEA grants aim to enhance educational outcomes, reduce achievement gaps, and offer academic programs for districts with a high number of military-connected students. The District currently manages two DoDEA grants: one focused on the expansion of world language course offerings for students and another dedicated to early literacy enrichments in K-5. Our early literacy grant has allowed us to establish after-school Literacy Labs at our elementary schools, provide explicit and systematic phonics professional development for staff, and offer dyslexia certification for teachers through a partnership with Pacific University. In the first year of this incredible instructional initiative, we saw K-4 literacy scores increase by over 7%.

Our military-connected students bring so much joy to our schools and the unique support we receive as a military-connected community allows our school system to be innovative in addressing the social-emotional and academic needs of our students. We are grateful for our supportive community and appreciate these valuable opportunities, which directly benefit our students.

Dr. Kathi Weight,  
Superintendent



**WASHINGTON STATE  
PURPLE STAR AWARD**



Washington Office of Superintendent of  
**PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**



# DuPont Fire Department



**DuPont Fire Department**

**PUMPKIN PATCH**  
**Sat. Oct. 26th**  
**10am-1pm**

**1780 CIVIC DRIVE | RAIN OR SHINE**

**BLOOD DRIVE 9AM-3PM**

**FREE Family Fun and Activities**

**DUPONT PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS STATION 25**

**GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIVES**

It's that time of year for families to join us at our annual **DuPont Professional Fire Fighters** Pumpkin patch! **Saturday, October 26th 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

We are also hosting an **Bloodworks Northwest** blood drive and are in need of **SEVERAL** more donors to save a life and donate! **9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 1780 Civic Drive, Dupont, WA.**

Click the link below to schedule your donation:

<https://www.bloodworksnw.org/.../08/redirectgroup.html...>

You can also scan the QR code in the flyer.



## Weekly Activity Report

*Duty \* Professionalism \* Dedication*

Total Calls for Service 9/30/24 – 10/06/24: 153  
Average per day: 21.86

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

### EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 08 Agency Assist
- 06 Accidental 9-1-1 Call
- 03 Citizen Assist
- 07 Community Oriented Policing
- 01 Domestic Violence/Verbal
- 02 Parking Issue
- 01 Suspicious Vehicle
- 09 Traffic Stops
- 02 Traffic Complaint
- 06 Welfare Check

### PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

- 01 Motor Vehicle Theft

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

- 01 Fraud



### NEWS FROM PATROL

- Officers assisted Lakewood PD and Pierce County Sheriff's Office in the search for a juvenile burglary suspect with a weapon that resulted in a modified lockdown of a school in a neighboring city.
- The suspect was located and arrested.
- A resident reported being a victim of a phone scam. A caller claimed to be a member of the victim's bank and gave them instructions to transfer money from their bank account to a Bitcoin ATM. As a result, the victim lost a significant amount of money.
- An officer assisted Steilacoom PD with a physical domestic violence incident involving a juvenile.

### 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.



### DEPARTMENT NEWS

- A DuPont Officer and a Pierce County Prosecutor visited the local middle school to talk to students about the repercussions of making violent threats.
- The department welcomed a lateral officer to the team.
- Officers completed required online training.
- Students and staff at local schools were greeted by officers.

# DuPont Police Department



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## **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 Overview:

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- Study Session:
  - Budget Review; Revenue Forecast; Subarea Plan Update—Transportation Impacts.



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

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- ◊ **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
10/14/2024	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
11/12/2024	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission Meeting
11/12/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
11/25/2024	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting
11/26/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting



Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30	Knitting Club	<a href="#">Teen Events and Programs   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>
10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7	Dungeons & Dragons Club	<a href="#">Teen Events and Programs   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>
10/26/2024	Boo Breakfast	<a href="#">Events   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>
10/31/2024	Downtown Trick or Treating	<a href="#">Events   DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)</a>