



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, October 25, 2024

City News

City of DuPont Earns Risk Management Awards

The City of DuPont was recognized at the AWC Risk Management Service Agency (RMSA) Annual Meeting in Chelan for their hard work and dedication to proactively managing their risks, improving community safety, and contributing to lower insurance costs. Improving their liability claims experience over the past year earned them both RMSA's Risk Management Achievement Award and the Claims Improvement Champion Award.

Utilizing excellent risk management practices is especially important in today's landscape of skyrocketing insurance premiums. Actively managing liability risks helps keep municipal operations running effectively, reduces overall costs, and promotes stronger, more resilient communities.

RMSA members share in the costs of coverage as part of a pool of local governments. Proactive risk management efforts benefit RMSA members by keeping loss experience low through increased community safety, which positively impacts costs and attracts more favorable insuring partners.

A program of the Association of Washington Cities, RMSA is a municipal risk pool protecting the employees, assets, and officials of 108 of Washington's cities, towns, and special purpose districts from property and liability risks and costs. RMSA strives to solve problems before they happen and protect its members' futures when they do.

The Planning Commission Public Hearing for the Old Fort Lake Subarea Plan has been canceled for Monday, October 28th and will be held at a Special Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 6:00pm.

Planning
Commission



2025 Part A Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Grant Applications Now Open!

City of DuPont LTAC grant applications (for activities in 2025) will be accepted from October 15, 2024, until November 8, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered for grant funding. To apply, click here: https://portal.laserfiche.com/t7629/forms/LTAC_Application

LTAC grant funding is available to non-profits and public agencies for projects that assist with tourism development and promotion in the City of DuPont. The grant program is made possible through taxes paid by consumers when they stay in paid lodging in the City of DuPont and overseen by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. To learn more about LTAC Grants please read the Grant Guidelines: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1631/Appendix-B-Guidelines-for-Use-of-Lodging-Tax-Revenue?bId=1>

More information can be found on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Page: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/87/Lodging-Tax-Advisory-Committee>

Please contact Finance Director Carma Oaksmith at COaksmith@dupontwa.gov if you have any questions.

Parks and Recreation (A Big Thank You!!!)

THANK YOU SO MUCH

FOR SUPPORTING THE 2024
PARKS & RECREATION
ANNUAL AUCTION

Success at the Annual Parks & Recreation Auction!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the Parks & Recreation Annual Auction! Thanks to your incredible support, we were able to surpass our goal. Whether you donated, placed bids, baked desserts, or helped in any other way, we deeply appreciate it. These proceeds go back into the DuPont community, and every little bit helps.

We are especially grateful to our friends at Glacier Northwest, Amazon and Farrelli's for supporting this event annually. We truly could not do it without you!

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

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.



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/>

DuPont Parks & Recreation

GENTLE Yoga Classes

Saturdays 7:30 - 8:30 AM
October 26 - January 4, 2025

\$150
10 weeks

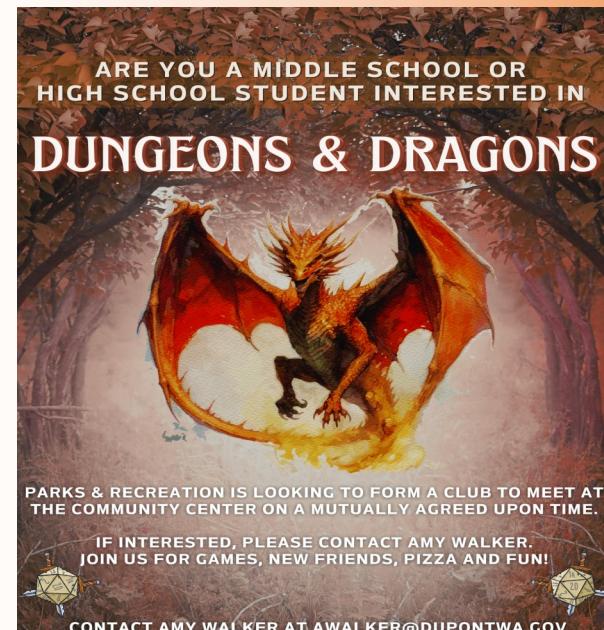
DuPont Community Center -
303 Barksdale Ave. DuPont WA 98327

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

Gentle Yoga Class

October 26 - January 4, 2025
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. [Sign up here today!](#) DuPont Community Center - 303 Barksdale Ave. DuPont, WA



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 \(rec1.com\)](#)



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

Parks and Recreation (Savvy Seniors!)



Savvy Seniors

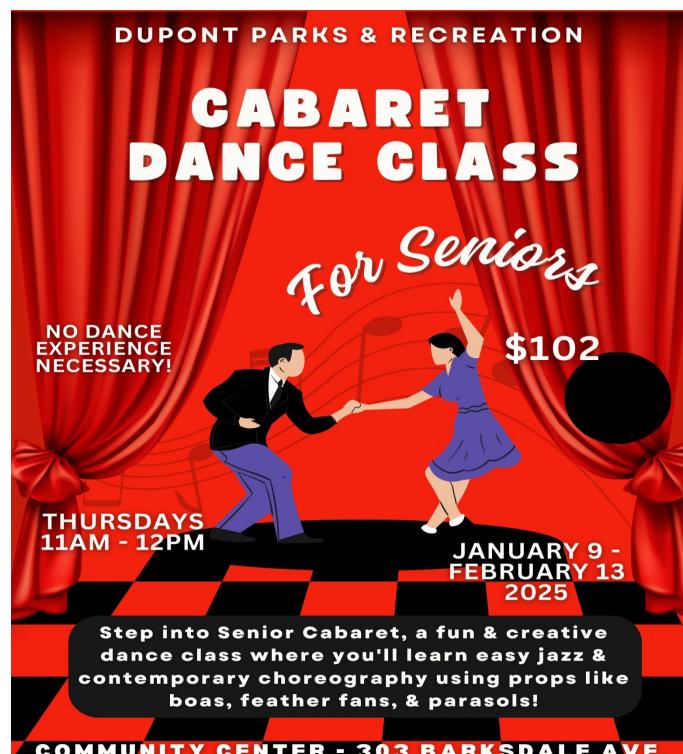
All seniors are invited to attend Savvy Seniors at the DuPont Historical Community Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the winter. Seniors will gather together for great conversation, games and finish up those unfinished craft projects. Bring a friend and enjoy fresh cup of coffee. There is 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.



Senior Lunch & Movie
Join us for lunch and a movie!

Movie choices & departure time will be announced either the Wednesday or Thursday before the event.
Transportation is not provided.
[Sign up here today!](#)



Senior Cabaret Dance Class
January 9 - February 13, 2025
Thursdays, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join the Senior Cabaret Dance Class at Dupont Parks & Recreation! This fun and creative dance program runs from January 9th to February 13th, 2025. Where seniors can learn easy jazz and contemporary choreography using props like boas, feather fans, and parasols. No dance experience required! [Sign up here today!](#)

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

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.**



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

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



For updated weekly ramp and lane closure schedules, visit: 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 - Sunday, December 15, 2024

Activities for kids and light refreshments

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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



How do you think the military impacts our community?

The City of DuPont is a member of the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership. The organization serves as a valuable link between the military - including Joint Base Lewis-McChord - and the communities that surround the military base.

South Sound Military and Communities Partnership, or SSMCP, is conducting a short survey to gauge people's perceptions of the impact of Joint Base Lewis-McChord on the local economy and community. The survey is short - less than 5 minutes - and completely anonymous. Anyone can take it - whether you are active duty, retired military, military affiliated (or not), a local business owner or a resident.

Please take a few minutes to take the survey to let our partners at SSMCP know how you think JBLM impacts our local economy and the South Sound.

Find the survey at the link below. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your responses. This survey will remain open until November 1st.

[**Take the Survey**](#)

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		4	
(31) Medical assist		1	
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		14	467
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		3	75
(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		1	6
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition		0	
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem		0	
(46) Accident, potential accident		1	
(50) Service call, other		45	
(51) Person in distress		5	
(52) Water Problem		21	
(53) Smoke, odor problem		1	
(54) Animal problem or rescue		1	3
(55) Public service assistance		33	
(56) Unauthorized burning		2	
(60) Good intent call, other		2	
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		33	
(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	27
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		0	
(73) System or detector malfunction		1	31
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		2	27
(91) Citizen complaint		0	
Unknown		0	
TOTALS		23	822

Safety Message - Halloween Safety Tips

Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



Trick or Treat With an Adult

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.



On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.



See if you can find: a snake, bat, hot dog, kite, comb, zipper, diamond ring, sneaker, ice cream cone, chess pawn, palette, mushroom, pancakes, bowling pin, sand shovel, coffee pot, battery, fried egg, football, hockey stick

Smoke Alarm Safety Hidden Pics



The name and image of Sparky are trademarks of the NFPA.

Sparky says... "Hear the BEEP where you sleep!"

- Have working smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- Have a working smoke alarm inside every bedroom.
- Have a grown-up test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Have a home fire escape plan with two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place.

CHECK OUT SPARKY.ORG FOR MORE FUN!



Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*

Total Calls for Service 10/14/24 – 10/20/24: 217
Average per day: 31

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

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

02 Agency Assist
05 Citizen Assist
05 Community Oriented Policing
01 Disorderly/Verbal Altercation
03 Domestic Violence/Verbal
03 Motor Vehicle Collision
02 Missing Person (located)
01 Report of possible fireworks/shots heard
01 Attempted Suicide
01 Suicide Threat
02 Suspicious Person
02 Suspicious Vehicle
39 Traffic Stops
01 Threat
06 Welfare Check

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

01 Motor Vehicle Collision - Hit & Run
02 Theft
01 Drive While Suspended

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

01 Fraud

ARRESTS/REFERRALS

01 Arrest - Driving While Suspended 2nd Degree - Cite and Release

NEWS FROM PATROL

- A verbal domestic violence incident was reported between two family members. The incident also included a possible threat of violence directed at a family member. Officers interviewed both individuals and advised them to separate for the evening.
- Officers responded to three vehicle collisions in the city. Two of the collisions were caused by drivers who did not yield to an oncoming vehicle. An additional collision was caused by a driver running a red light. Injuries were reported.
- Officers were dispatched to a report of a possible attempted suicide. When officers arrived on scene, an individual was found to have taken a high dose of medication. The individual was responsive and transported to an area hospital.
- A traffic stop was conducted on a driver who was driving with a suspended license. The driver was cited for not having insurance and driving while suspended in the 2nd degree.
- A call regarding a driver who was seen traveling on the wrong side of Center Drive was received by dispatch. The car was gone when officers arrived at the location.
- A passerby reported seeing a deer tangled in a soccer net at PowderWorks Park. DuPont Police and Fire worked together to free the deer without injury.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- An officer attended a grant writing class.
- Officers completed online and simulator training.
- Students and staff at local schools were greeted by officers.

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.



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 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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 22, City Council Meeting Overview:

- Mayor Frederick read the Preliminary Budget Message.
- Rena Leago was appointment to the DuPont Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC).
- Resolution No. 24-022 Adopting the 2025 TBD Budget was passed.
- Ordinance regarding amending DMC 25.20.060, Complete Community Overlay District, First Reading.
- Res. No. 24-023 Authorizing the appointment and spending of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was passed.
- Ordinance regarding the second quarter Budget Amendment, First Reading.
- Deputy Mayor Winkler gave an update on the 2025 Legislative Priorities.
- Finance Director Oaksmith reviewed of the 2025-2026 Budget Funds.
- Public Services Director Kincaid presented on Impact fees/Transportation level of service.
- Public Services Director Kincaid presented on the Old Fort Lake Subarea Plan.



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
10/28/2024	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting - CANCELED
10/29/2024	5:00 PM	City Council Special Meeting
11/4/2024	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
11/11/2024		City Hall - CLOSED
11/11/2024	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting - CANCELED
11/11/2024	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting-- CANCELED
11/12/2024	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission Meeting
11/12/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
11/13/2024	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special 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
11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30	Knitting Club	Teen Events and Programs DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
10/31, 11/7	Dungeons & Dragons Club	Teen Events and Programs DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
10/31/2024	Downtown Trick or Treating	Events DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES - Reminder: City Hall will be closed Monday, November 11th in honor of Veterans Day and Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in celebration of Thanksgiving.

