



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, November 8, 2024

City News



Office of the Washington State Auditor
Pat McCarthy

City of DuPont Receives a Clean Audit

The Washington State Auditor's Office performed a Financial, Accountability and Federal Single Audit for 2023. The City is pleased to report there were no findings in the audit. Auditors looked at procurement, payroll, cost allocation plan, open public meetings, and overall city financial condition from January 2023 through December 2023.

"Congratulations to the DuPont Finance Team for the outstanding results from the 2023 Washington State Audit. They work hard to ensure public trust and to keep city finances on solid footing. I deeply appreciate the efforts of everyone involved," said Mayor Frederick. The City's Finance Director is Carma Oaksmith.

The Washington State Auditor's Office independently serves the citizens of Washington by promoting accountability, fiscal integrity, and openness in state and local government. Working with these governments and with citizens, the office strives to ensure the efficient and effective use of public resources.

The audit report is accessible on the City of DuPont's website at:
<https://www.dupontwa.gov/147/Financial-Reports>.

More information about the Washington State Auditor's Office can be found at <https://sao.wa.gov>.



City Hall closures for November:

- Veterans Day, Monday, **November 11th**.
- Thanksgiving Holidays, Thursday and Friday, **November 28th and 29th**.

Parks and Recreation



LEARN THE BASICS OF CUPCAKE DECORATING

NOV. 16TH 2024 4:00-6:00 PM

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO DECORATE CUPCAKES LIKE A PRO?

This class covers frosting recipes, coloring, setting up frosting bags, using different tips, and hands-on practice perfect for any aspiring baker!

AGES 15 & UP

\$20 Price includes 2 cupcakes for each person & a decorating kit to take home

DuPont Community Center - 303 Barksdale Ave.

Just in time for the holidays! Learn to pipe cupcakes like a pro. Sat., Nov. 16th at the DuPont Community Center in Historic Village as we learn the basics of cupcake decorating. Registration is now open and space is limited: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/>

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 group of knitters, please reach out to Amy Walker at awalker@dupontwa.gov.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN **Knitting & Crocheting** JOIN THE CLUB!

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAYS FROM 10:00AM - 11:00 AM AT THE DUPONT COMMUNITY CENTER 303 BARKSDALE AVE. DUPONT, WA.

FOR AGES 13-17



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

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!](#)

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



Explore fantastic worlds, clash with dark monsters, spin lore and commit heroic feats while playing the greatest RPG of all time! If interested, please contact Amy Walker at awalker@dupontwa.gov.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**

FOR AGES 13-17

JOIN THE CLUB!

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAYS 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM AT THE DUPONT COMMUNITY CENTER 303 BARKSDALE AVE. DUPONT WA

The Stellacoom Historical School District does not sponsor or endorse this event/information and the district assumes no responsibility for it.

dupontwa.gov/546/Teens



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

Parks and Recreation

Savvy Seniors

CITY OF DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION

SPEND SOME TIME ON WINTER DAYS WITH

SAVVY SENIORS

FREE!

NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY

MEET NEW FRIENDS. ENJOY BEVERAGES & LIGHT SNACKS. PLAY CARDS OR BOARD GAMES. SHARE YOUR CREATIVE SKILLS WITH OTHERS

TUESDAYS 10:00AM - 11:30AM: BOARD & CARD GAMES

WEDNESDAYS 1:00PM - 2:30PM: BRING YOUR UNFINISHED PROJECTS TO WORK ON AS A GROUP

DUPONT COMMUNITY CENTER
303 BARKSDALE AVE

SIGNED WAIVER REQUIRED

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

City of DuPont Parks & Recreation

Senior 2024 LUNCH & MOVIE

SPEND THE AFTERNOON ENJOYING A DELICIOUS LUNCH, A FANTASTIC MOVIE, AND GREAT COMPANY!

December 3rd

\$10 + TAX
INCLUDES LUNCH & MOVIE TICKET!

EVENT REGISTRATION AND MOVIE CHOICES
WILL BE POSTED WITHIN 5 DAYS OF EVENT DATE

[Sign up here today!](https://www.dupontwa.gov/549/Youth-Sports)

Movie choices & departure time will be announced either the Wednesday or Thursday before the event.

Transportation is not provided.

[Sign up here today!](https://www.dupontwa.gov/549/Youth-Sports)

Spots fill up fast! Register here: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/549/Youth-Sports>

Volunteer coaches needed! Contact Amy 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.



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

2024 SANTA BREAKFAST

SAT. DEC. 7 10 AM

TICKETS: \$18 + TAX
CHILDREN 2 & UNDER FREE
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
TICKETS WILL NOT BE
SOLD AT THE DOOR

GET YOUR TICKETS AT -
DUPONTWA.GOV/195/EVENTS

THE HOME COURSE - 2300 GOLF HOUSE RD.



2024 Annual Santa Breakfast

Join us at
The Home Course
for a delicious
breakfast,
hot cocoa bar,
holiday crafts,
and of course,
special time with
Santa Claus!

DuPont Historical Museum



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.

I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements

Project overview:

This project is intended to help relieve chronic traffic congestion and improve mobility along I-5 near Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Crews will rebuild the Steilacoom-DuPont Road (Exit 119) interchange and extend I-5 HOV lanes to Mounts Road.

Timeline: 2023-2026

Project status: Construction

Funding: \$233.3 Million

Project hotline: (253-600-1206)

Northbound I-5 travelers will notice lanes have been adjusted between Center Drive and the existing HOV lanes at JBLM. People are encouraged to watch for temporary changes to the roadway.

What to expect:

Crews have created a new work zone in the I-5 median. The new work zone allows crews to build new northbound and southbound I-5 HOV lanes. Work also continues on a new I-5 bridge over Pendleton Avenue. Crews also will continue building a new Steilacoom-DuPont Road interchange and a connecting roundabout from Steilacoom-DuPont Road.

I-5 lane closures:

Travelers can expect regular night lane closures on both directions of I-5. People can expect night lane closures as early as 7 p.m. between Center Drive and 41st Division Drive. The lane closures generally are planned each Monday through Thursday night.

Ramp closures:

Ramps will close no earlier than 7 p.m. and will reopen by 4:30 a.m. the next morning. No more than two consecutive ramps will close at a time. A signed detour will direct drivers to the next nearest on- or off-ramp.



**Washington State
Department of Transportation**

Sign up for email updates:

[Washington State Department of Transportation](#)

Link to more information:

[I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements | WSDOT](#)

Utility Billing

You can access and submit these forms from the City's Utility Billing webpage at :
<https://www.dupontwa.gov/151/Utility-Billing>:

- ⇒ Start Utility Service
- ⇒ Stop Utility Service
- ⇒ Water Lead Adjustment Request
- ⇒ Utility Deposit Waiver

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	2
(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		7	486
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		4	84
(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		6	
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition		1	
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem		0	
(46) Accident, potential accident		1	
(50) Service call, other		1	46
(51) Person in distress		6	
(52) Water Problem		21	
(53) Smoke, odor problem		1	
(54) Animal problem or rescue		3	
(55) Public service assistance		33	
(56) Unauthorized burning		2	
(60) Good intent call, other		1	3
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		35	
(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	28
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		0	
(73) System or detector malfunction		32	
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		1	29
(91) Citizen complaint		0	
Unknown		0	
TOTALS		16	861

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore	1	
Madigan	3	154
Mary Bridge	1	18
St. Clare	3	106
St. Joseph	1	28
St. Peters		10
Tacoma General		12
TOTAL	8	329

ALS	7	262
BLS	4	252

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	5	208
0800-1649	5	401
1700-2359	6	252
TOTAL	16	861

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	2	127
Monday	1	127
Tuesday	2	124
Wednesday	3	141
Thursday	3	125
Friday	2	112
Saturday	3	105
TOTAL	16	861

Mutual/Automatic Aid-Multiple Call		
DPF Received	3	74
DPF Provided	3	73
Multiple Calls	2	102

Safety Message:

The nighttime fatality rate on the Nation's roadways is **three times higher** than the daytime rate, and 76 percent of pedestrian fatalities occur at night.



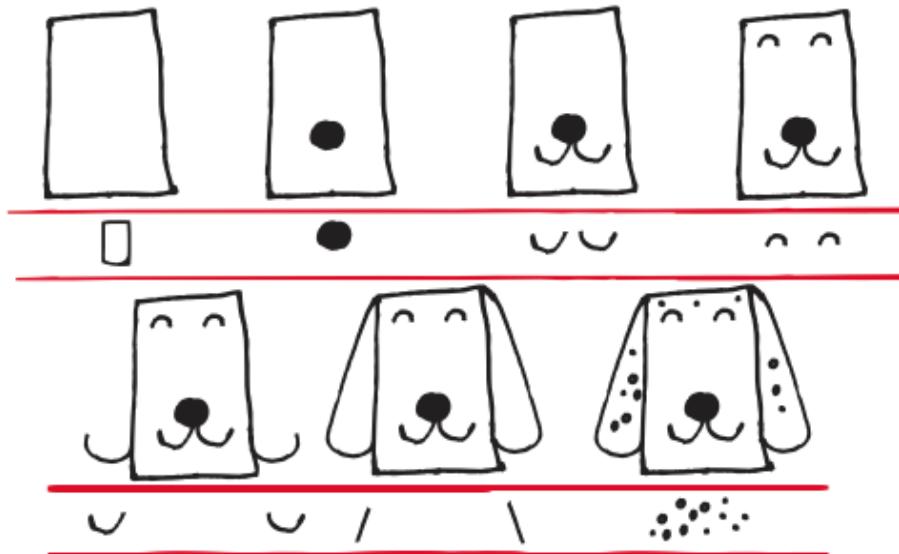


Safety Message continued:

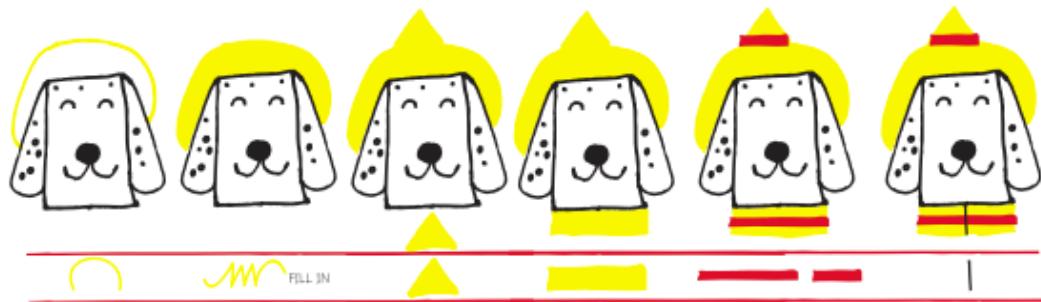
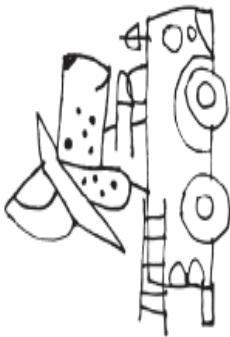
Here are some tips for being seen at night to stay safe:

- **Wear reflective clothing:** Reflective clothing is more effective than bright clothing because it reflects light back in all directions. You can wear reflective jackets, vests, caps, gloves, and more. Add reflective tape or bands to your outfits, backpacks, umbrellas, and more.
- **Use lights:** A small flashlight or headlamp can illuminate the ground in front of you. You can also clip-on lights to your clothing or bag. Flashing lights appear brighter and draw attention faster than steady lights.
- **Cross at crosswalks:** Cross streets at designated crosswalks or intersections. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic, as far from the roadway as you can.
- **Avoid distractions** and make eye contact with drivers when crossing the street.
- **Don't wear headphones:** Headphones mute out one of your much-needed senses. If you must have music, turn the volume down or leave one earbud out to allow some outside sound to enter.

DRAWING A DALMATIAN by ed emberley



EXTRA FOR EXPERTS



© ed emberley 2011 More drawing fun at: edemberley.com

CHECK OUT
SPARKY.ORG
FOR MORE FUN!



Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*



Total Calls for Service 10/28/24 - 11/03/24: 216
Average per day: 30.86

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

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 06 Agency Assist
- 06 Citizen Assist
- 07 Community Oriented Policing
- 01 Harassment
- 01 Juvenile Issue
- 06 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 02 Special Emphasis
- 01 Suicide Attempt
- 70 Traffic Stops
- 01 Traffic Complaint
- 02 Unwanted/Loiterer
- 01 Welfare Check

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

- 02 Motor Vehicle Theft
- 01 DUI

ARRESTS/REFERRALS

- 01 Arrest – DUI – booked into jail



NEWS FROM PATROL

- While on patrol, officers observed a driver on Steilacoom DuPont Road driving erratically and at a high rate of speed. After a traffic stop and subsequent investigation, it was determined that the driver was more than double the legal limit of alcohol. The driver was arrested and booked into jail for DUI.
- Officers assisted the Pierce County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle collision involving injuries on Mounts Road.
- Officers were dispatched to check on a demonstration that involved a large number of people on the Center Drive overpass. The demonstration was found to be peaceful.
- Washington State Patrol (WSP) requested assistance from DuPont officers with locating a possible intoxicated driver that crashed their vehicle on I-5. The driver was located and arrested by WSP on multiple charges.
- Officers responded to an attempted suicide. The individual involved was conscious and transported to a local hospital for treatment.
- DuPont officers assisted with a multi-vehicle accident on I-5.
- A resident reported the theft of their vehicle. The vehicle was recovered in a neighboring city. Several days later, the same resident reported another vehicle stolen from the same location. It was determined that the keys to the second stolen car had been left in the first one.

DuPont Police Department continued...

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Members of the DPD participated in the City of DuPont Downtown Trick or Treat event. Officers provided public safety and traffic control.
- Additional patrols were conducted in residential areas to provide safety on Halloween during trick or treating.
- A Speed emphasis was conducted on McNeil Street.
- Officers were present for a veteran's event at a local retirement community.
- Officers completed required online training.
- Students and staff at local schools were greeted by officers.



Christmas time is near...



For the fifth year, the DuPont Police Department is proud to partner with the Marine Forces Reserve in supporting the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. The DuPont Police station is an official collection center for new, unwrapped toys. The collection box is located just inside the DPD station lobby. Our main lobby is open Monday to Friday, from 8am to 5pm.



Tuesday, December 10th is the last day to drop off a new, unwrapped toy before the collection boxes are picked up!



Additional Toys for Tots collection boxes will be located at the following locations:

- DuPont City Hall - 1700 Civic Dr., DuPont, WA 98327
- DuPont Pierce County Library – 1540 Wilmington Dr., DuPont, WA 98327
- McNamara's Pub & Eatery – 1595 Wilmington Dr., Dupont, WA 98327
- Farrelly's Pizza – 1590 Wilmington Dr., Dupont, WA 98327
- Patriots Landing – 1600 Marshall Cir, Dupont, WA 98327

 MARINE CORPS RESERVE

 TOYS FOR TOTS®



Happy Holidays and Semper Fi!



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.



City Council Information and Calendars

The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

Agenda Items:

- Approval of minutes, claims voucher list, and payroll.
- Public Hearings:
 - ◊ Ordinance amending and extending OFLS moratorium.
 - ◊ Ordinances approving the Regular Property and EMS Tax levies.
 - ◊ Proposed Biennial Budget for 2025-2026, First Reading.
- Ordinance No. 24-1147 regarding the 2nd Quarter Budget Amendment, Second Reading.
- Ordinance No. 24-1148 regarding amendments to DMC 25.20.060 Complete Community Overlay, Second Reading.
- Study Sessions: Budget Review and OFLS Plan.



Helpful Meeting Links:

- **Regular Council Meetings** can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel and at Pierce County TV: (<https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings>).
- **Municipal Agency Meetings** can be watched live or later at: City's YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNjw40A).
- **Agendas**, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board outside of 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/71>.

Published agendas can be found on the City's calendar on the website at <https://www.dupontwa.gov>; click on the meeting date and find "Download Agenda."

Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Date	Time	Upcoming Meetings
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	1:00 PM	Special Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Meeting
11/12/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
11/13/2024	6:00 PM	Special Planning Commission Meeting
11/25/2024	6:00 PM	Special Planning Commission Meeting
11/26/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
12/2/2024	6:00 PM	Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
12/9/2024	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
12/9/2024	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting

Date	Activities	Location/Information
11/11/2024	City Hall Closed	Veterans Day
11/16/2024	Cupcake Decorating	Classes DuPont, WA - Official Website
11/28 & 29/2024	City Hall Closed	Thanksgiving holidays
12/6/2024	City of DuPont Tree Lighting	Events DuPont, WA - Official Website
12/7/2024	Santa Breakfast	Events DuPont, WA - Official Website
Sundays 10-11 AM	Knitting & Crocheting Club	Teen Events and Programs DuPont, WA - Official Website
Tuesdays 10-11:30 AM	Savvy Seniors	Adults & Seniors DuPont, WA - Official Website
Wednesdays 1-2:30 PM	Savvy Seniors	Adults & Seniors DuPont, WA - Official Website
Thursdays 4:30-6:30 PM	Dungeons & Dragons Club	Teen Events and Programs DuPont, WA - Official Website
Saturdays 7:30-8:30 AM	Gentle Yoga	Adults & Seniors DuPont, WA - Official Website