



# CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, November 15, 2024

## City News

*Big Thanks to our volunteers!*

The City of DuPont is thankful to our numerous volunteers who give their time and talents throughout the year. Together, we were able to celebrate all of their success at our Annual Volunteer Celebration on November 7<sup>th</sup>.



*We truly could not do it without you!*

### Two positions available on the Tree Advisory Commission

The City is looking for two volunteers to serve on the Tree Advisory Commission. Regular monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at 5:00 PM. Special meetings are scheduled as needed. If you would like to learn more about this municipal agency, please visit our website at the following link: [Tree Advisory Commission | DuPont, WA - Official Website](#). The online application can be found [here](#).



**REMINDER:** City Hall will be closed on November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving Holidays and reopen on Monday, December 2nd.

# Parks and Recreation



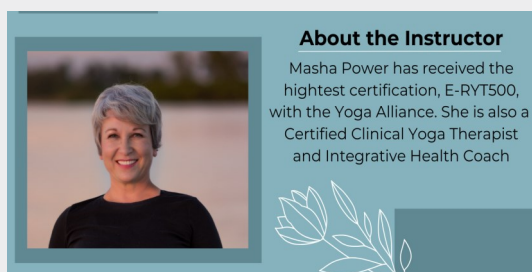
Kick off the holiday season with the City of DuPont's **Tree Lighting**! Celebrate an evening filled with community spirit and holiday cheer, featuring festive treats, warm cocoa, and a special performance by the Chloe Clark Choir! Don't miss the highlight of the night as we light up the tree and welcome a visit from Santa.

## 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).



**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!](#)



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](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov).



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



# Parks and Recreation

## Savvy Seniors



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



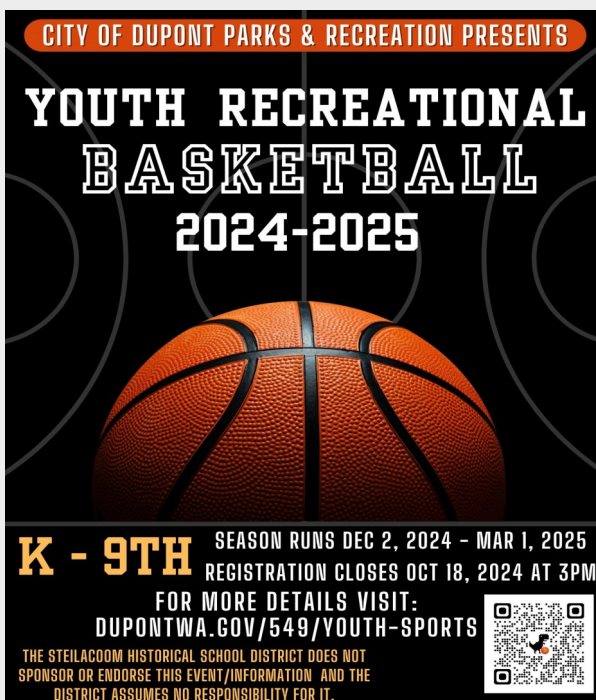
Movie choices & departure time will be announced either the Wednesday or Thursday before the event.

Transportation is not provided.

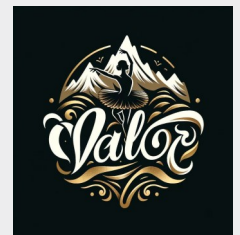
[Sign up here today!](#)

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

Volunteer coaches needed! Contact Amy at [awalker@dupontwa.gov](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov).



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/>

# Parks and Recreation

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](https://dupontwa.gov/195/Events)

THE HOME COURSE - 2300 GOLF HOUSE RD.

## 2024 Annual Santa Breakfast

Don't delay purchasing your tickets for the Santa Breakfast.  
Seats are selling fast!

[Purchase your tickets here!](https://dupontwa.gov/195/Events)

## 2024 Santa Breakfast Sponsors

Become a sponsor at the annual Santa Breakfast hosted by DuPont Parks & Recreation! This festive event offers local businesses the chance to support a beloved community tradition while promoting their brand. Each sponsorship includes signage and the chance to display your business information at the event on December 7, 2024. For more information, contact Amy Walker at [awalker@dupontwa.gov](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov).



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

AT THE ANNUAL

### Santa Breakfast

TABLE SPONSOR: \$35 ART & CRAFTS: \$100

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!

~~HOT COCOA BAR: \$150~~ SANTA BUFFET: \$250

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES SIGNAGE & THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY  
INFO ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AT OUR EVENT ON DEC. 7, 2024

## DuPont Historical Museum



### Holiday Open House - Sunday, December 15, 2024

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! Activities for kids and light refreshments.



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

**Maintenance I-5 both directions: Overnight and early morning lane closures on I-5 near Dupont Nov. 19-21.**

**10 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 to 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20:**

- Double lane closures on southbound I-5 approaching the railroad bridge overpass.

**8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 20 to 4:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21:**

- Double lane closures on northbound I-5 approaching the railroad bridge overpass.
- Northbound I-5 exit 116 to Mounts Road will also close.

**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](#)



## **REMOVAL OF ELECTION SIGNS**

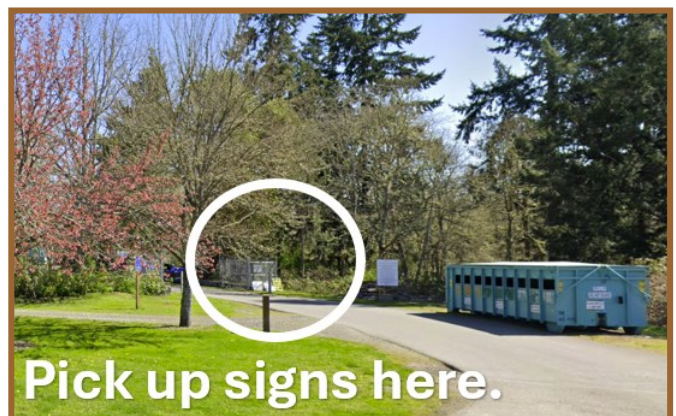
Did you know that the DuPont Municipal Code (DMC) requires political signs be removed within five (5) working days following an election? **With the election on November 5th, signs were required to be picked up by November 13th.**

If you or someone you know posted a sign during this election, please act responsibly and pick it up.

The Public Works crews have started collecting them and it's a big job.

Signs will be placed on the right side of the gateway entry to the Public Works site in the Historic Village, located at 301 Forcite Street, DuPont. If they are not picked up in a timely manner, the city will have to dispose of them.

**DMC LINK:** [Chapter 25.116 SIGN CODE](#)



## Avoid injury and a repair bill by contacting 811 before you dig

More than 40% of people don't contact 811 because they think their project is too shallow to require it. Before doing any kind of digging in your yard, call 811 because underneath your lawn may rest a variety of buried utilities.

Simple gardening projects like planting a tree, removing tree roots, staking tomatoes or installing a retaining wall all require a call to 811. Hitting a buried line can not only cost money to repair but could cause serious injury.

No matter the size of your project, be safe and contact 811 at least two business days (not counting the day you call) before you do any project to have the location of buried utilities marked for free. Learn more at [digsafewa.com](https://digsafewa.com).



## If you suspect a gas leak, warn others, leave immediately, and call 911 from a safe place!

### RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF A GAS LEAK



#### SNIFF

SMELL OF ROTTEN EGGS



#### LISTEN

HEAR HISSING, BLOWING, OR ROARING SOUNDS



#### LOOK

SEE BUBBLES IN WATER OR DIRT BLOWN FROM THE GROUND

Your safety is our top priority. At Puget Sound Energy, we want to make sure you and your family are safe and sound in your home and business. That's why we're committed to maintaining a reliable and secure natural gas system.

We're always on the lookout for potential issues, monitoring our system 24/7, 365 days a year. Our team of experts, along with our partner Hydromax USA, regularly inspect every inch of our gas mains and services, from the street to your gas meter. We use sensitive equipment to detect any leaks or problems, and we always meet or exceed regulatory requirements.

But leaks can happen in places that we can't get to – inside your home. That's why a special odorant, called mercaptan, is added to natural gas, to give it a distinct sulfur or rotten egg smell, though it may smell differently to you.

If you suspect a gas leak indoors, please follow these simple steps:

- Leave the area immediately and call us at 1-888-CALL-PSE or dial 911. We'll send a technician right away, for free!
- Don't flip any switches or try to investigate - this could cause a spark.
- Don't open windows to vent the air.

You can also keep an eye out for signs of a gas leak outdoors, such as:

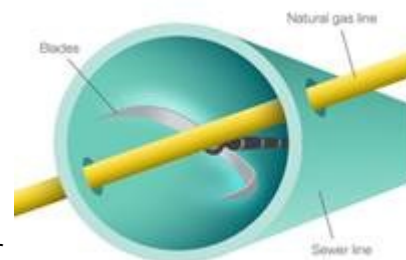
- Bubbles escaping through a puddle.
- Dead vegetation where you wouldn't expect it.
- Dirt blowing up from the ground.

If you notice any of these signs, please give us a call. For more information or to request a gas safety brochure with a mercaptan scratch-n-sniff, go to [pse.com/detectaleak](https://pse.com/detectaleak).

## Call PSE before clearing a blocked sewer line

If your sewer is blocked beyond the walls of your house, call PSE when your plumber is on their way to clear it. Or have your plumber call. Some natural gas lines have inadvertently been installed through sewer and septic lines, causing a cross bore. Clearing the pipes with a cutting tool could break the gas line, allowing gas into your house and creating a dangerous situation.

PSE will meet your plumber on-site – for free – and ensure the sewer or septic line is safe to clear. This can happen to homes not served by natural gas. Don't take a chance. Before your plumber clears an exterior blockage, either you or your plumber should call PSE at 1-888-225-5773. Learn more at [pse.com/sewersafety](https://pse.com/sewersafety).



# 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		10	496
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		2	86
(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		2	8
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition			1
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			0
(46) Accident, potential accident			1
(50) Service call, other			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		2	35
(56) Unauthorized burning			2
(60) Good intent call, other			3
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		2	37
(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			28
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm			0
(73) System or detector malfunction			32
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		1	30
(91) Citizen complaint			0
Unknown			0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>879</b>

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	2	156
Mary Bridge		18
St. Clare	2	108
St. Joseph	1	29
St. Peters		10
Tacoma General		12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>334</b>

ALS	Current	Year
ALS	6	268
BLS	6	258

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	3	211
0800-1649	7	408
1700-2359	9	261
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>880</b>

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	1	128
Monday	2	129
Tuesday	3	127
Wednesday	4	145
Thursday	5	130
Friday	1	113
Saturday	3	108
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>880</b>

Mutual/Automatic Aid-Multiple Call		
DPF Received	0	74
DPF Provided	2	75
Multiple Calls	1	103



## **Safety Message:** November is Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Month

### **Check your CO detectors:**

Ensure your carbon monoxide detectors are working properly and placed according to manufacturer instructions, typically outside each sleeping area and on every floor.

### **Inspect fuel-burning appliances:**

Schedule annual inspections of furnaces, fireplaces, water heaters, and other fuel-burning appliances to check for potential CO leaks.

### **Proper ventilation:**

Ensure adequate ventilation when using gas appliances like ovens, stoves, and fireplaces.

### **Never use generators indoors:**

Always operate generators outdoors in a well-ventilated area, away from windows and doors.

### **Be aware of symptoms:**

Recognize signs of CO poisoning like headache, nausea, dizziness, fatigue, and confusion, and seek medical attention immediately if you suspect exposure.



# DuPont Police Department



## Weekly Activity Report

*Duty \* Professionalism \* Dedication*



**Total Calls for Service 11/04/24 - 11/10/24: 207**  
**Average per day: 29.57**

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

### EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

06 Agency Assist  
02 Citizen Assist  
02 Civil Issue  
10 Community Oriented Policing  
01 Disorderly/Possible Fight  
01 Disorderly/Road Rage  
02 Domestic Violence/Verbal  
01 Juvenile Issue  
01 Motor Vehicle Collision  
06 Parking Issue  
01 Report of possible fireworks/shots heard  
56 Traffic Stops  
01 Traffic Complaint  
02 Welfare Check

### PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

01 Commercial Burglary  
01 Motor Vehicle Collision/Hit & Run  
01 Found Narcotics  
01 DUI  
01 Theft from Vehicle  
01 Vandalism  
01 Littering (under investigation)

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

01 Malicious Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree/Domestic Violence

### ARRESTS/REFERRALS

01 Charges referred to prosecutor – Malicious Mischief 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree/Domestic Violence  
01 Charges referred to prosecutor -Minor in Possession  
01 Arrest – DUI – booked into jail

### NEWS FROM PATROL

- Officers provide additional security checks in the area of the ballot box during the election.
- Assistance was requested by dispatch for a DuPont officer to locate a vehicle that was reported on the railroad tracks at Station Drive. The vehicle was located, and the driver was safely removed from the vehicle. Pierce County Deputies arrested the driver for DUI.
- Officers responded to a verbal domestic violence incident. After interviewing one of the individuals involved, the other half was found to have damaged property in the home. As a result, charges were referred to the prosecutor for Malicious Mischief in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.
- An officer stopped a speeding driver for driving 71 miles per hour in a 35 mile per hour speed zone.
- Officers were dispatched to a report of a juvenile that was found to have narcotics. Charges were referred to the prosecutor.
- Multiple items were dumped on private property next to a local business. This is an ongoing issue and is under investigation.
- A local business reported a burglary. Individuals entered the building by prying open a lock. This incident is under investigation.
- Officers received a report of several juveniles that were heard talking about placing a rock on the railroad tracks in an attempt to derail a train. The juveniles were located.



# DuPont Police Department continued...

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Officer Reed was sworn in as the newest DPD lateral officer.
- An officer conducted a ride along with a citizen.
- Officers completed required online training.
- Students and staff at local schools were greeted by officers.

## WELCOME OFFICER REED!



# 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 DuPont locations:**

- DuPont City Hall - 1700 Civic Dr.
- DuPont Pierce County Library – 1540 Wilmington Dr.
- McNamara's Pub & Eatery – 1595 Wilmington Dr.
- Farrelli's Pizza – 1590 Wilmington Dr.
- Patriots Landing – 1600 Marshall Circle



 **MARINE CORPS RESERVE**

**TOYS FOR TOTS**



## 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.



# City Council Information and Calendars

## Overview of the City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024:

- Study sessions related to budget and OFLS Plan.
- Proclamation: November 1st as National Family Literacy Day.
- Nisqually Indian Tribe Land Acknowledgement.
- Approval of minutes, claims voucher list, and payroll.
- Public Hearings related to the OFLS moratorium, Regular Property and EMS levies, and the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.
- The following Ordinances passed:
  - ◊ 24-1147 regarding the 2nd Quarter Budget Amendment.
  - ◊ 24-1148 regarding amendments to DMC 25.20.060 Complete Community Overlay.
  - ◊ 24-1149 regarding OFLS moratorium extension.
  - ◊ 24-1150 regarding the 2025 Regular Property Tax Rate.
  - ◊ 24-1151 regarding the 2025 EMS Levy Rate.



## 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A)).

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.



Date	Time	Upcoming Meetings
11/25/2024	6:00 PM	Special Planning Commission Meeting
11/26/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting, with Public Hearing for the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget
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
12/10/2024	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission Meeting
12/10/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
12/23/2024	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting-- CANCELED

Date	Activities	Location/Information
11/28 & 29/2024	City Hall Closed	Thanksgiving holidays
12/6/2024	City of DuPont Tree Lighting	<a href="#">Events   DuPont, WA - Official Website</a>
12/7/2024	Santa Breakfast	<a href="#">Events   DuPont, WA - Official Website</a>
12/15/2024	Museum's Holiday Open House	<a href="#">DuPont History Museum   Events</a>
Sundays 10-11 AM	Knitting & Crocheting Club	<a href="#">Teen Events and Programs   DuPont, WA - Official Website</a>
Tuesdays 10-11:30 AM	Savvy Seniors	<a href="#">Adults &amp; Seniors   DuPont, WA - Official Website</a>
Wednesdays 1-2:30 PM	Savvy Seniors	<a href="#">Adults &amp; Seniors   DuPont, WA - Official Website</a>
Thursdays 4:30-6:30 PM	Dungeons & Dragons Club	<a href="#">Teen Events and Programs   DuPont, WA - Official Website</a>
Saturdays 7:30-8:30 AM	Gentle Yoga	<a href="#">Adults &amp; Seniors   DuPont, WA - Official Website</a>