



# CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, November 22, 2024

## Public Services / Community Development

Due to Thanksgiving, the next edition of the Weekly Bits & Bytes will be for Friday, Dec. 6th.

Affinity at DuPont

Patriot's Landing Village

Sequalitchew Creek Restoration

Bell Hill PFAS Treatment Facility

Hoffman Hill PFAS Treatment Facility

Pioneer Aggregates South Parcel Project

DuPont 243 - DuPont West

Past Developments

### Active Development Projects

Did you know the City of DuPont shares project information on the City's website ([www.dupontwa.gov](http://www.dupontwa.gov))?

Project materials are easy to find from the homepage by following this path:

Departments >  
Community Development >  
Planning Services >  
Active Development Projects

You will find all the projects listed on the left. Clicking on each title will lead you to the associated documents and materials.

Give it a try! The list to the left is similar to the Active Development Projects webpage and includes links to the current projects and past development projects. Click on any of the projects on the left to go directly to the project material. (Hold down the **Ctrl** button and click on the project's title.)

### 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](http://www.dupontwa.gov/Tree-Advisory-Commission). The online application can be found [here](#).



**CITY HALL REMINDER:** City Hall will be closed on November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving Holidays and reopen on Monday,

## 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.**

**9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1 to Thursday, Dec. 19 to 4 a.m. each following day**

- Pendleton Avenue between West Way and Main Street will close nightly.
- A signed detour will be provided.
- No work scheduled Thanksgiving Day.

**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](#)



### **A PSA from RMSA—Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) information and tips**

#### **Proper drainage: rain, leaves, and FOG**

Sewer and stormwater cleaning and maintenance is a year-round task. However, this time of year it is more important than ever. The fall and winter rain can overwhelm stormwater drains with dead leaves and washed away debris, leading to flooding and property damage. Be sure you know the locations where deciduous trees and stormwater drains overlap and conduct frequent clearing in the area and street cleaning to prevent leaves and debris from clogging.

#### **Fats, oils, and grease – FOG tips**

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- ◆ Never put FOGs down drains, toilets or sewers.
- ◆ Scrape FOG and food scraps from pots, pans, and dishes and dispose of them in the trash.
- ◆ Use sink strainers to catch food items before they reach pipes and sewer lines.
- ◆ FOGs can be placed in a disposable container to cool and solidify and then put in the trash.



[Evergreen Rural Water of Washington](#) is a non-profit that provides on-site training and technical assistance to water and wastewater systems throughout the state.

# 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 group 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!](#)



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



[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

Movie choices & departure time will be announced either the Wednesday or Thursday before the event. Transportation is not provided.

[Sign up here today!](#)

At the **Mindful Eating Workshop**, led by Masha Power, discover how to cultivate a mindful and balanced relationship with food. The session will guide you through practices to savor your meals, recognize your body's needs, and enjoy food without stress! More information can be found at: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes>.

In partnership with the City of DuPont, WA

## Mindful Eating

Workshop

Tired of diets that don't work?  
Eat on the go and never enjoy your food?  
Experience stress eating?

Mindful eating during the holidays can help you savor your food, enjoy the moment, and avoid overeating.

Sunday, December 15th  
10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
DuPont Community Center

\$25



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**

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!](#)



### Become a Santa Breakfast Sponsor

This festive annual event, hosted by DuPont Parks & Recreation, 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 about your business 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  
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

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



## 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. Santa may even drop by.... check back for more details to come.



# 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		13	509
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		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		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		1	7
(52) Water Problem		21	
(53) Smoke, odor problem		1	
(54) Animal problem or rescue		3	
(55) Public service assistance		35	
(56) Unauthorized burning		2	
(60) Good intent call, other		3	
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		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		2	30
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		0	
(73) System or detector malfunction		32	
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		30	
(91) Citizen complaint		0	
Unknown		0	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>895</b>

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore	1	
Madigan	3	159
Mary Bridge		18
St. Clare	3	111
St. Joseph		29
St. Peters		10
Tacoma General		12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>340</b>

ALS	6	274
BLS	7	265

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	4	215
0800-1649	8	416
1700-2359	4	265
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>896</b>

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	1	130
Monday	3	134
Tuesday	0	130
Wednesday	4	153
Thursday	2	137
Friday	6	120
Saturday	0	111
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>915</b>

Mutual/Automatic Aid-Multiple Call		
DPF Received	1	75
DPF Provided	1	76
Multiple Calls	3	106

## Safety Message: Thanksgiving Fire Statistics:

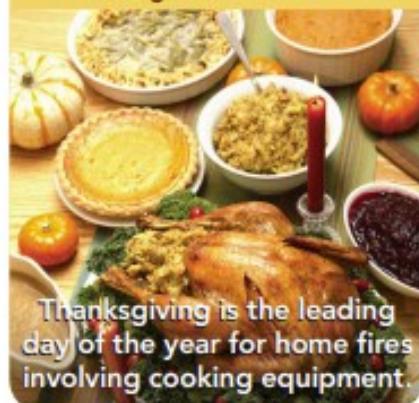
- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires with more than three times the daily average for such incidents. Christmas Day and Christmas Eve ranked second and third, with both having nearly twice the daily average.
- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.
- Cooking causes half (52%) of all reported home fires and nearly two of every five (36%) home fire injuries, and it is a leading cause of home fire deaths (17%).
- On Thanksgiving day alone, an estimated 1,610 home cooking fires were reported to U.S fire departments in 2022, reflecting a 399 percent increase over the daily average.





- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

### Did you know?



**Have activities** that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource  
on fire, electrical and related hazards





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**Color the Thanksgiving Turkey!**



## Weekly Activity Report

*Duty \* Professionalism \* Dedication*



**Total Calls for Service 11/11/24 - 11/17/24: 212**  
**Average per day: 30.28**

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

### EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

05 Agency Assist  
03 Citizen Assist  
07 Community Oriented Policing  
01 Domestic Violence/Verbal  
01 Harassment  
07 Juvenile Issue  
01 Littering  
02 Motor Vehicle Collision  
04 Suspicious Person  
01 Suspicious Vehicle  
49 Traffic Stops  
01 Threats  
01 Unwanted Person/Loiterer  
02 Welfare Check

### PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

04 Theft from Vehicle  
01 Vandalism

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

01 Fraud/Identity Theft

### NEWS FROM PATROL

- Parking enforcement was conducted in the palisade area.
- Assistance was requested from Washington State Patrol for DuPont officers to help locate an individual driving south on I-5 who claimed they had an occupant in the vehicle who had a gun and was trying to steal the vehicle. DuPont officers located an unoccupied vehicle with the engine running on the southbound ramp of Exit 118. The driver was located walking near a local hotel. It was determined that there were no other occupants in the vehicle. The driver appeared to be overwhelmed with personal issues and requested a friend to pick them up.
- An officer was dispatched to a local business for multiple vehicles that were broken into overnight.
- Officers responded to a possible suicide attempt. Following an interview with the person and their spouse, officers determined that this was a verbal domestic violence incident.

### DEPARTMENT NEWS

- To prepare for the transition of new tasers, officers completed training.
- Students and staff at local schools were greeted by officers.
- Online training was completed 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 DuPont locations:**

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



**Happy Holidays and Semper Fi!**



## Vehicle Break-In & Theft Prevention



Crimes of opportunity are easily preventable!

### LOCK YOUR VEHICLE

Locking your vehicle doors is the first step in deterring a thief.

### REMOVE YOUR KEYS

If your key is in the ignition, a thief can simply break a window and drive off. Never leave your vehicle running without someone in it.

### CLOSE YOUR WINDOWS

Keep your windows closed completely. A thief can easily reach into your car through an open window

### PARK IN WELL-LIT AREAS OR GARAGE

Thieves may be deterred if they know they can easily be seen.

### DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR

One way to attract a thief is to leave a purse or wallet, cell phone, laptop, or other high value item in a visible area of your car. If you must leave items in your vehicle hide them where they can't be easily seen.

### BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

If you're concerned about the safety of your vehicle or spot someone prowling around the area, park somewhere else if possible.



**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY!**

### **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

## Upcoming agenda items for the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2024:

- 2nd Public Hearing for the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.
- Resolution to amend ILA with Pierce County regarding specialized law enforcement services.
- Resolution to approve the Council's 2025 Legislative Priorities.
- Study Session regarding the Old Fort Lake Subarea 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](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/>

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.



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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 - <b>CANCELED</b>

Date	Activities	Location/Information
11/28 & 29/2024	<b>City Hall Closed</b>	Thanksgiving holidays
12/6/2024	City's 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>