



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, December 6, 2024

City News

Return of the Dynamite Train Boxcar



The historic boxcar from the legendary Dynamite Train has officially rolled back into town - fully restored to its former glory. A heartfelt thank you to the talented team at Historic Railway Restoration for their incredible craftsmanship and to all our generous donors who made this possible. Your support brought history back to life!

The DuPont Historical Society will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception at the museum in the Historic Village (207 Barksdale Ave.) at **2:00 PM** on **Saturday, February 1, 2025**, to unveil the restoration - hope to see you there. Please join us as we celebrate this remarkable milestone!



Find more information about narrow gauge trains and the DuPont Powderworks Plant [here](#).

SNOW & ICY ROAD CONDITIONS INFORMATION

When does the City Sand/Plow? Spot spreading of sand and/or salt is the first step of the City's snow and ice control. This is done to provide reasonable driving surfaces in the winter road conditions. Drivers should always use caution while driving when snow or icy conditions are present. Plowing typically begins when two or more inches of snow has accumulated on the roads. Primary routes will always have the first priority, with hills and intersections on primary routes plowed first.



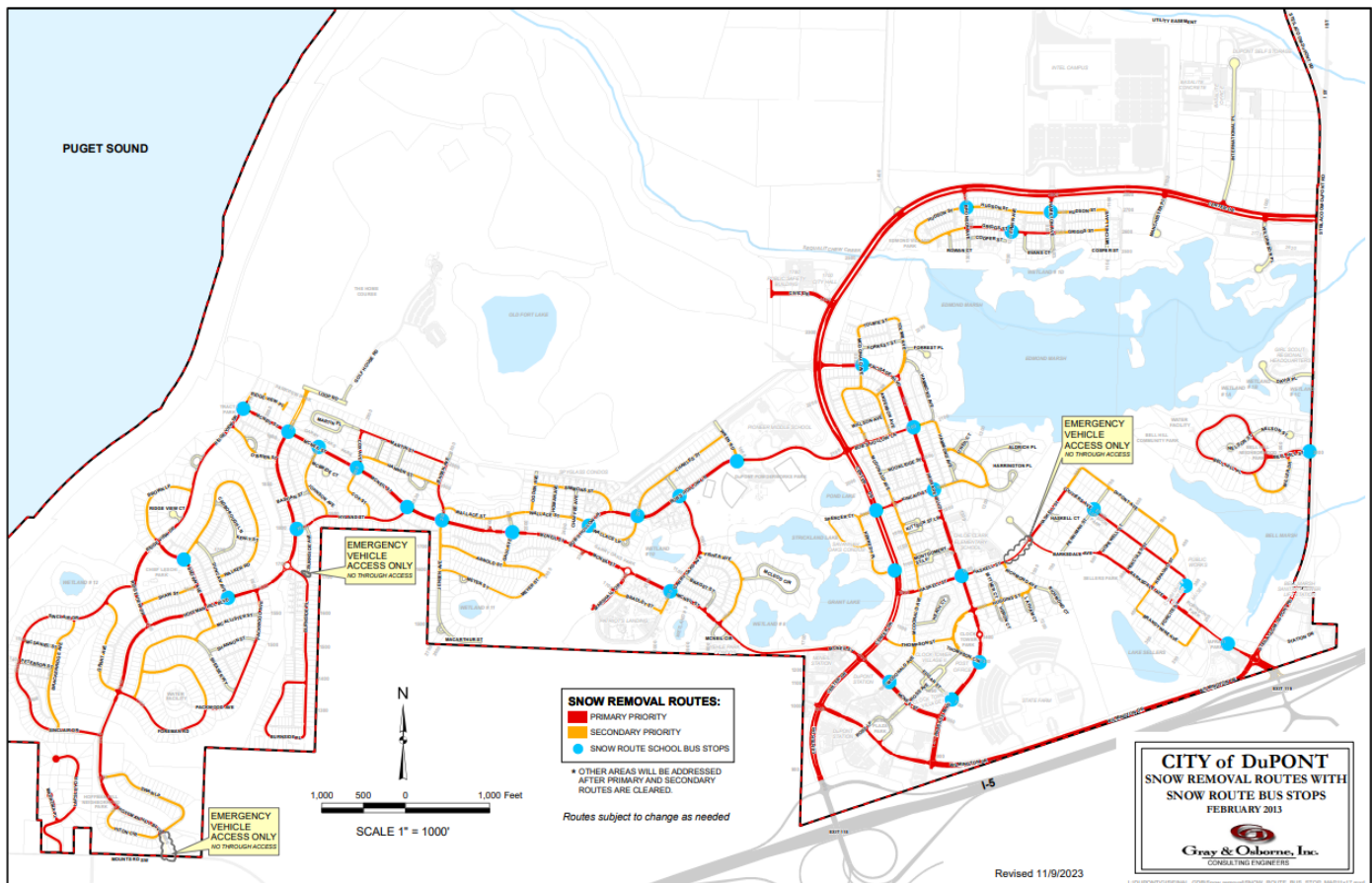
What streets have priority to be plowed? The Public Works Crew plows main streets to allow citizens access to services and to help provide access for Fire, Police and emergency services. Hills, curves, bridges and intersections on these routes will receive treatment first. When primary routes are treated and safe for travel, snow plows then move to secondary routes and may address residential streets, however, depending on the severity of the event, residential streets may not be plowed for some time. See the route map below for primary route information.

Should I pass a snow plow? No, not if it is plowing the road. They are making the roadway safer for you to travel on. Remember to stay a safe distance – at least 3 car lengths behind the snow plow.

How do I report a hazardous roadway? Call the Public Works Department at (253) 964-8121 during regular business hours, or for after hours emergencies, please call (253) 912-5389.



Where can I find more information on the City's website? Go to <https://www.dupontwa.gov/229/Snow-Ice-Removal> to find the PDF of the map below, where you can zoom in for street details and more clarity.



Puget Sound Energy - Reporting Street Light Issues



If you see a street light problem, please report the issue.

It's simple to report an issue!

1. On the City's website (www.dupontwa.gov), under the carousel of pictures, click on **"Report a Concern/Compliment."**
2. Under "Other important numbers," choose **"Street Light Outages-Puget Sound Energy."**
3. Complete the PSE form and, for best assistance, enter the pole number (see picture to the left as an example). This will direct PSE to the exact pole that is experiencing an outage so they can address the issue.

Washington State Department of Transportation

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

What to expect from 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1 to Thursday, Dec. 19 to 4 a.m.:

- Pendleton Avenue between West Way and Main Street will close nightly.
- A signed detour will be provided.
- Travelers on Joint Base Lewis-McChord who use Pendleton Avenue below I-5 are encouraged to plan for a series of night closures.

Link to more information:

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

Sign up for email updates:

[Washington State Department of Transportation](#)



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Department of Transportation



Tree Advisory Commission

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](#).



DuPont Historical Museum



DuPont Historical Museum's Gingerbread Open House

Sunday, December 15, 2024 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

207 Barksdale Ave, DuPont

Meet Santa 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Decorate a Gingerbread House: All supplies provided while they last. All ages (under 8 with an adult) Join museum staff and Historical Society volunteers for good cheer, refreshments, and holiday gift shopping. Admission is always free!

Parks and 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.



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.

Gentle Yoga Class

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 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



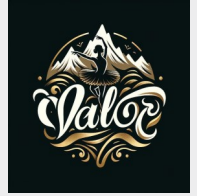
Parks and Recreation continued...

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.

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/>





In partnership with the City of DuPont, WA

Mindful Eating

Workshop

Tired of diets that don't work?
Eat on a 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

During this workshop you will learn:

- To reject the diet mentality
- How to recognize physical hunger and satiety cues
- How to choose food that is pleasing and nourishing
- How to engage with your senses, explore, savor, and taste
- To recognize emotional triggers
- Includes 1-hour yoga practice and meditation

Limited Space. Scan QR code to sign up



Learn Basic Principles of Mindful Eating with
Masha Power, MS, MBA, E-RYT500,
YACEP, C-IAYT

Mindful Eating Workshop

Discover how to cultivate a mindful and balanced relationship with food at this engaging workshop.

Led by Masha Power, our local yoga instructor, the session will guide you through practices to savor your meals, recognize your body's needs, and enjoy food without stress!

Join us at the DuPont Community Center for practical tips and a light yoga and meditation session.

Sign up here today!

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/547/Classes>

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 **TWO** weeks 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		27	536
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		3	89
(33) Lock-In			1
(35) Extrication, rescue		1	2
(36) Water or ice-related rescue			1
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other			0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks		1	9
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition			1
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			0
(46) Accident, potential accident			1
(50) Service call, other		2	48
(51) Person in distress			7
(52) Water Problem			21
(53) Smoke, odor problem			1
(54) Animal problem or rescue			3
(55) Public service assistance		3	38
(56) Unauthorized burning		1	3
(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			30
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		1	1
(73) System or detector malfunction		2	34
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		2	32
(91) Citizen complaint			0
Unknown			0
TOTALS		43	938

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	4	163
Mary Bridge		18
St. Clare	6	117
St. Joseph	4	33
St. Peters		10
Tacoma General	1	13
Wellfound B.H.H.	1	1
TOTAL	16	356

ALS	16	290
BLS	12	277

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	11	226
0800-1649	16	432
1700-2359	16	281
TOTAL	43	939

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	7	137
Monday	3	137
Tuesday	4	134
Wednesday	7	160
Thursday	5	142
Friday	9	129
Saturday	8	119
TOTAL	43	958

Mutual/Automatic Aid-Multiple Call		
DPF Received	4	79
DPF Provided	5	81
Multiple Calls	5	111





Safety Message: As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!



Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.



Heating equipment is involved in **1 in every 6** home fires and **1 in every 5** home fire deaths.



Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.



Keep portable generators **outside, away from windows, and as far away** from your home as possible.



Install and test carbon monoxide alarms **at least once a month.**



Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/winter and nfa.org/winter.

DuPont Police Department



Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*



Total Calls for Service 11/18/24 - 12/01/2024: 418
Average per day: 29.86

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

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 05 Agency Assist
- 06 Citizen Assist
- 17 Community Oriented Policing
- 01 Death Investigation (natural causes)
- 01 Disorderly/Road Rage
- 04 Domestic Violence/Verbal
- 02 Littering/Illegal Dumping
- 03 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 03 Report of possible fireworks/shots heard
- 02 Suicide Threat
- 01 Suspicious Person
- 01 Suspicious Vehicle
- 108 Traffic Stops
- 02 Traffic Complaint
- 01 Unwanted Person
- 08 Welfare Check
- 01 Arrest – Domestic Violence – Assault 4th Degree – booked into jail

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

- 03 Motor Vehicle Collision/Hit & Run
- 01 Shoplift

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

- 01 Malicious Mischief 3rd Degree
- 01 Domestic Violence - Assault 4th Degree

ARRESTS/REFERRALS

- 01 Referred to Prosecutor - Harassment, Malicious Mischief 3rd Degree

PLEASE NOTE:
*This report covers
two (2) weeks.*

NEWS FROM PATROL

- A local gas station reported that juveniles were causing disruption inside the business and playing with the gas pumps. Officers located the juveniles and contacted their parents.
- Officers assisted the DuPont Fire Department at a local business for an elevator that had stopped working with occupants inside. All occupants were rescued once an elevator technician arrived on scene and opened the doors. No injuries were reported.
- Numerous vehicles throughout the city were marked with warnings for being improperly parked.
- Officers responded to multiple reports of possible shots fired in the historic village and Sequalitchew Creek trail area. No individuals or shell casings were found.
- Officers responded to a report of a verbal domestic violence incident. The reported victim stated they jumped from a moving vehicle and were hiding in a bush to get away. The victim then contacted a resident asking for help. After officers arrived, it was determined that the victim's phone had been broken and they had been threatened with physical violence by the individual they were with. As a result, recommended charges for harassment and malicious mischief were forwarded to the prosecutor.
- An individual was reported to be outside of the police station requesting assistance due to having suicidal thoughts and possible intentions of harming others. After speaking with an officer, the individual was voluntarily transported to a hospital.
- Officers were dispatched to a physical domestic violence incident between spouses. After interviewing both individuals, one spouse was arrested and booked into jail for Assault in the 4th Degree.

DuPont Police Department continued...

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- The department welcomed a new recruit. Recruit Lynch will begin the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in December.
- Students and staff at local schools were greeted by officers.
- Four officers completed First Aid and CPR certification training.
- Online training was completed by officers.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



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!



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

City Council update from the meeting on 11/26/2024:

- Ordinance No. 24-1152 passed regarding the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.
- Resolution 24-024 passed regarding the amended ILA with Pierce County for specialized law enforcement services.
- Resolution No. 24-025 approving the Council's 2025 Legislative Priorities.

Upcoming agenda items for the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024:

- Appointments / reappointments of Municipal Agency commissioners.
- Approval of minutes, claim vouchers, and payroll.
- Resolution approving the 2025 Part A Lodging Tax grants.
- Resolution renewing the AXON contract.
- Resolution approving a Braun NW ambulance contract.
- Ordinance regarding amendment to DMC 3.11 authorizing investment of public funds, a First Reading.
- 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).
- **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/7/>.

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.



[Click this logo to go to our website!](https://www.dupontwa.gov)

Date	Time	Upcoming Meetings
12/9/2024	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
12/9/2024	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting -- CANCELED
12/10/2024	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission Meeting -- CANCELED
12/10/2024	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
12/16/2024	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting
12/23/2024	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting -- CANCELED

Date	Activities	Location/Information
12/15/2024	Museum's Gingerbread Open House	DuPont History Museum Events
12/15/2024	Mindful Eating Workshop	Classes 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