



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, December 13, 2024

City News



Thank you



Thank you to everyone who came out to the City of DuPont's annual Tree Lighting. A huge thanks to all of our amazing supporters who made it possible and helped throughout the night: Bliss Ice Cream, ACU, and DuPont's Fire, Police, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation Departments. A special thank you to the Chloe Clark choir for their wonderful performance—it made the evening even more magical!

Left: Christmas tree at Ross Plaza; Top right: Fire and Police personnel with Santa; Middle right: Santa with Suzette Frederick; Bottom right: Santa reading at Bliss Ice Cream.

2025 DuPont's Municipal Agency Members



Appointments

On October 22nd and December 10th, Mayor Frederick appointed and reappointed, with confirmation from the Council, the following 2025 Municipal Agency members: Rena Leago, Chalon Burns, Chris Castignanie, Christopher Fletcher, Lee Stansfield, Dayna Mueller, and Bridget King. The list to the right shows the 2025 members for each municipal agency. The City is very grateful to all the volunteers who serve on these agencies.

Current Vacancies

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, please visit the following link: [Tree Advisory Commission | DuPont, WA - Official Website](#). The online application can be found [here](#).

| | Term | Position |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Civil Service Commission | | |
| Eric Koivisto | 7/1/21-6/30/27 | 1 |
| Larry Wilcox (Chair) | 10/24/2023-10/24/29 | 2 |
| Ron Stewart | 7/1/19 - 6/30/25 | 3 |
| Lodging Tax Advisory Committee | | |
| Shawna Gasak (Chair) | | Council |
| Justin Gravatt | 1/1/2024-12/31/2026 | User of funds |
| Ann Swanson | 1/1/2024-12/31/2026 | User of funds |
| Rena Leago | 1/1/2024-12/31/2026 | Provider of funds |
| Chalon Burns | 1/1/2025-12/31/2027 | Provider of funds |
| Park & Rec Commission | | |
| Chris Castignanie | 1/1/2025-12/31/2028 | 1 |
| Christopher Fletcher | 1/1/2025-12/31/2028 | 2 |
| Justin White | 1/1/2023-12/31/2026 | 3 |
| Jessica Fester | 1/1/2023-12/31/2026 | 4 |
| Lee Stansfield | 1/1/2025-12/31/2028 | 5 |
| Robin Barrow (Co-Chair) | 1/1/2023-12/31/2026 | 6 |
| Kimberly Forbes (Co-Chair) | 1/1/2025-12/31/2028 | 7 |
| Dayna Mueller | 1/1/2025-12/31/2028 | Alternate |
| Planning Commission | | |
| Lee Chase | 1/1/2024-12/31/2027 | 1 |
| Jugal Thakor | 1/1/2023-12/31/2026 | 2 |
| Lauren Burlison | 1/1/2023-12/31/2026 | 3 |
| Kathleen (Kate) Lynch | 1/1/2024-12/31/2027 | 4 |
| John Colvin (Vice Chair) | 1/1/2024-12/31/2027 | 5 |
| Melinda Schou | 1/1/2023-12/31/2026 | 6 |
| Jeff Foe (Chair) | 1/1/2024-12/31/2027 | 7 |
| Caroline Henry | 1/1/2023-12/31/2027 | Alternate |
| Tree Advisory Commission | | |
| Muhammad Shaukat | 1/1/2024-12/31/2026 | 1 |
| Kelsie Clark | 1/1/2024-12/31/2026 | 2 |
| Bridget King | 1/1/2025-12/31/2027 | 3 |
| VACANT | 1/1/2025-12/31/2027 | 4 |
| VACANT | 1/1/2025-12/31/2027 | 5 |

Finance Department

Learning about the finances of the City of DuPont is as simple as navigating to DuPont's [website](#)!

The Finance Department provides professional accounting and financial services that monitor, safeguard, and report on City activities and resources in support of sound financial management. From the Finance Department webpage, find information about accounting, budgets, business information, financial reports, per diem rates, utility billing, and taxes, fees, and charges.

Functions and services provided:

- Accounts payable
- Accounts receivable
- Budget
- Business license and taxation
- Financial reporting
- Utility billing

2025-2026 Budget information can be found below:

- [2025-2026 Adopted Budget](#)
- [2025-2026 Preliminary Budget](#)
- [Mayor's Biennial Message](#)
- [City's financial policies \(PDF\)](#)



Steilacoom Historical School District

The best education for every student

Steilacoom Historical School District

We celebrate School Board Recognition Month in January and we hope you join us in acknowledging the value of our school board's commitment to our district and community. SHSD's School Board has a strong history of providing extraordinary service toward helping students reach their full potential. Our school board directors volunteer hundreds of hours to assure our schools are providing the best education for every student. They are responsible for developing a collective vision that guides our school district for years to come. I am fortunate to work alongside our school board directors and appreciate their advocacy and dedication to public education and to our students.

Recently, our school board was recognized by the Washington State School Director's Association (WSSDA) as a 2024 Board of Distinction. Each year, a small number of school districts in Washington are awarded this prestigious honor. The WSSDA Board of Distinction program is based on rigorous, evidence -driven criteria related to student achievement. To receive this recognition, a school board must demonstrate how a strategic district initiative aligns with the Washington School Board Standards and show measurable, positive impacts on closing opportunity gaps for students. We are extremely fortunate to have our dedicated School Board of Directors working to support our schools and their commitment is evident throughout our entire organization.

Thank you for your continued support of our students. We are grateful for your partnership.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Kathi Weight, Superintendent

Letters to Santa Mailbox



The museum can help get your letters to Santa until December 22nd. Stop by and drop off your letters in the red "Letters to Santa" mailbox.

DuPont Historical Museum Hours

Wednesday through Friday • 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday • 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday • Scheduled appointments only

Admission is free — donations are welcome!

www.dupontmuseum.com

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](#)



Pet Licensing

Pet licensing requirements

- Pet licenses in DuPont expire on **December 31st** of every year.
- Tags must be renewed by January 31st or late fees may apply.
- **All cats and dogs three months of age or older** must be licensed by the City and be current on required vaccinations.
- **Rabies vaccinations are required by Washington State Law by the time your pet is three (3) months of age**, or a vet note excusing the vaccination is to be provided. Proof of current vaccination must be presented at the time of licensing.
- New residents have **30 days** to license cats or dogs who are three months of age or older.
- **Service Animals**- Documentation is required for a reduced rate. *Emotional-support animals are exempt of this reduced rate.*

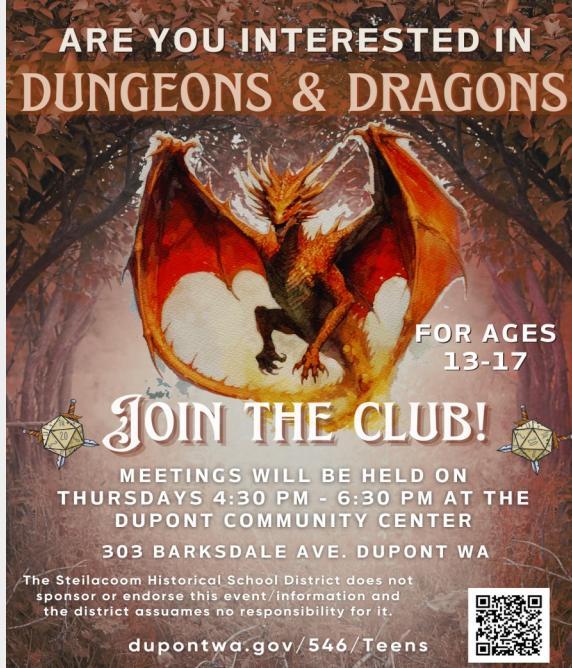


Visit www.dupontwa.gov/244/Animal-Control-Pet-Licensing for more information.

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.



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

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!

Parks and Recreation continued...



City of DuPont Parks & Recreation

Senior 2025 LUNCH & MOVIE

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

January 7
February 4
March 4

\$10 + TAX
INCLUDES LUNCH & MOVIE TICKET!

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

QR code for registration

Join us for the 2025 Senior Lunches & Movies!

Spend a delightful afternoon with the City of DuPont Parks & Recreation, enjoying a delicious lunch, a fantastic movie, and great company!

www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors



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

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.

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/>



S.L.A.M.[®]

SWEAT LIKE A MOTHER

Olympia

Join S.L.A.M. and discover the power of fitness and community! This high-energy workout group brings women together, not just as moms but as athletes, in a supportive space where you can show up as you are and leave feeling stronger than ever. Meet in Olympia or DuPont to crush your fitness goals, connect with other amazing women, and inspire your little ones by lifting each other up!

Find out more at <https://sweatlikeamother.com/olympia/>.

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 | | 8 | 544 |
| (32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries | | | 89 |
| (33) Lock-In | | | 1 |
| (35) Extrication, rescue | | | 2 |
| (36) Water or ice-related rescue | | | 1 |
| (40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other | | | 0 |
| (41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks | | | 9 |
| (42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition | | | 1 |
| (44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem | | | 0 |
| (46) Accident, potential accident | | | 1 |
| (50) Service call, other | | | 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 | | 2 | 40 |
| (56) Unauthorized burning | | | 3 |
| (60) Good intent call, other | | | 3 |
| (61) Dispatched and canceled en route | | 2 | 39 |
| (62) Wrong location, no emergency found | | | 0 |
| (65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke | | 1 | 12 |
| (66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency | | | 0 |
| (70) False alarm and false call, other | | | 30 |
| (71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm | | | 1 |
| (73) System or detector malfunction | | 2 | 36 |
| (74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire) | | | 32 |
| (91) Citizen complaint | | | 0 |
| Unknown | | | 0 |
| TOTALS | | 15 | 953 |

| Transport | Current | Year |
|------------------|----------|------------|
| Allenmore | | 1 |
| Madigan | | 163 |
| Mary Bridge | 1 | 19 |
| St. Clare | 2 | 119 |
| St. Joseph | 1 | 34 |
| St. Peters | 1 | 11 |
| Tacoma General | | 13 |
| Wellfound B.H.H. | | 1 |
| TOTAL | 5 | 361 |

| ALS | 4 | 294 |
|-----|---|-----|
| BLS | 4 | 281 |

| Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks): | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 0000-0759 | 2 | 228 |
| 0800-1649 | 9 | 441 |
| 1700-2359 | 4 | 285 |
| TOTAL | 15 | 954 |

| Calls by day of the week: | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Sunday | 0 | 137 |
| Monday | 3 | 140 |
| Tuesday | 5 | 139 |
| Wednesday | 2 | 162 |
| Thursday | 1 | 143 |
| Friday | 1 | 130 |
| Saturday | 3 | 122 |
| TOTAL | 15 | 973 |

| Mutual/Automatic Aid-Multiple Call | | |
|------------------------------------|---|-----|
| DPF Received | 1 | 80 |
| DPF Provided | 1 | 82 |
| Multiple Calls | 4 | 115 |

Safety Message: Live Christmas Trees

Here are some tips to keep your home safe from Christmas tree fires:

- Choose a fresh tree with fresh, green needles that are hard to pluck. Avoid trees that shed needles easily or have a trunk that bounces on the ground.
- Water the tree. Keep the tree hydrated by adding water to the stand daily. A dry tree can burn quickly and very hot.
- Position the tree at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles, and heat vents. Also, make sure the tree doesn't block an exit.
- Use lights safely. Use lights that are labeled by an independent testing laboratory. Replace any lights with broken cords or loose bulbs. Don't use extension cords, as they can overheat and cause a fire. Instead, use a power strip.
- Turn off the tree lights before you leave home or go to bed.
- Dispose of the tree properly; get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it's dry.
- Use battery-operated flameless candles instead of traditional candles.
- Inspect all cords on your tree lights and power strips for wear and tear.



DuPont Fire Department continued...



Santa is coming through
DuPont neighborhoods again
this year so save the dates!

- Day 1: Hoffman Hill to Pioneer on Wednesday, December 18th, starting at 6:00 p.m.
- Day 2: Bell Hill to Palisade and Palisade to Historic Village on Friday, December 20th, starting at 6:00 p.m.

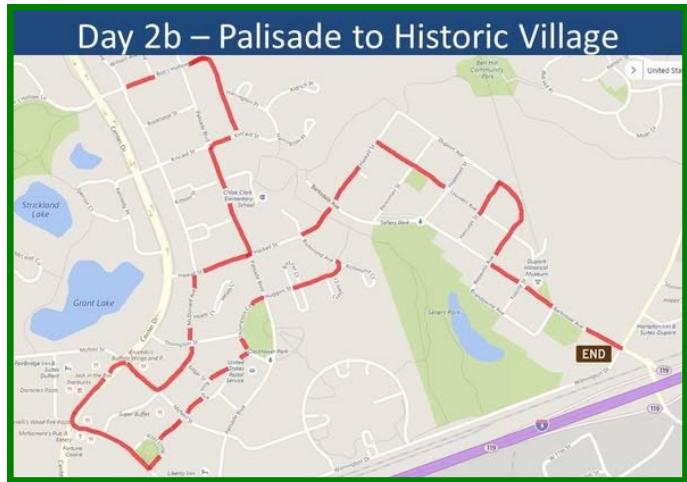
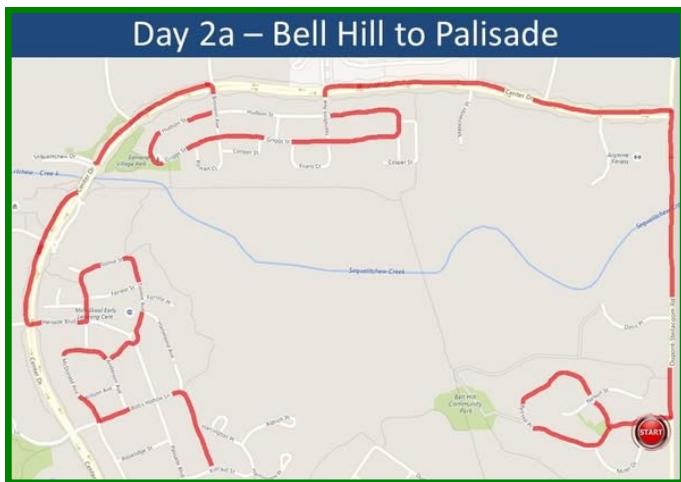
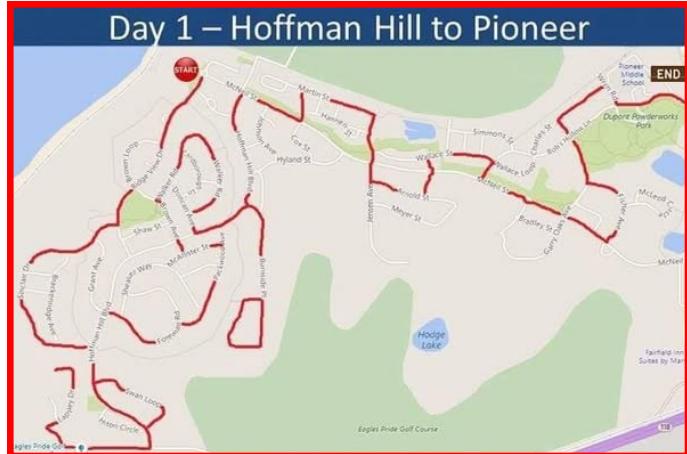


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DuPont Police Department



Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*

Total Calls for Service 12/02/2024 - 12/08/2024: 201
Average per day: 28.71

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

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 03 Agency Assist
- 04 Citizen Assist
- 01 Code Compliance
- 01 Disorderly/Verbal Altercation
- 01 Littering
- 01 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 01 Noise Complaint
- 01 Special Emphasis
- 06 Suspicious Vehicle
- 05 Parking Problem
- 57 Traffic Stops
- 01 Traffic Complaint
- 01 Unwanted Person/Loiterer
- 03 Welfare Check

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

- 02 Motor Vehicle Theft
- 01 Theft
- 01 Stolen Vehicle Recovery

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

- 01 Possible Order Violation
- 01 Assault

ARRESTS/REFERRALS

- 01 Prosecutor Referral – Assault

NEWS FROM PATROL

- Officers were dispatched to an intoxicated individual lying on the ground near a park in the Hoffman Hill area. When officers arrived, the individual was identified and given a courtesy ride home.
- Dispatch received a call from a local business for an unwanted person who was yelling at staff. When officers arrived, the individual left the premises.
- Officers were dispatched for a report of a juvenile that had run away from home. The juvenile was located and returned home.
- While on patrol, an officer checked on the license plate of a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of a local business. It was confirmed by South Sound 911 that the license plate was stolen. After speaking with the registered owner, who denied knowing where the plate came from, the license plate was removed from the vehicle and booked into evidence.
- Traffic control and public safety was provided by officers at the annual City of DuPont Christmas Tree Lighting.
- Officers received reports of two vehicle thefts. Both suspects involved in the thefts are acquaintances of the registered owners. One vehicle has been recovered.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- The department hosted a law enforcement leadership class in the EOC.
- Students and staff at local schools were greeted by officers.
- Online training was completed 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.

City Council Information and Calendars

City Council update from the meeting on 12/10/2024:

- Appointments / reappointments of Municipal Agency commissioners, see page 2.
- Approval of minutes, claim vouchers, and payroll.
- Resolution No. 24-026 approving the 2025 Part A Lodging Tax grants passed.
- Resolution No. 24-027 renewing the AXON contract passed.
- Resolution No. 24-028 approving a Braun NW ambulance contract passed.
- Ordinance No. 24-1153 amending DMC 3.11 authorizing investment of public funds passed.
- Old Fort Lake Subarea Plan update.



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/7771>.
- **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.



[Click this logo to go to our website!](#)

| Date | Time | Upcoming Meetings |
|------------|----------|---|
| 12/16/2024 | 6:00 PM | Planning Commission Special Meeting |
| 12/17/2024 | 11:00 AM | Special Civil Service Meeting |
| 12/23/2024 | 6:00 PM | Planning Commission Special Meeting — CANCELED |
| 12/24/2024 | 6:00 PM | Regular Council Meeting — CANCELED |
| 1/6/2025 | 6:00 PM | Park & Recreation Meeting |
| 1/13/2025 | 5:00 PM | Tree Advisory Commission Meeting — CANCELED |
| 1/13/2025 | 6:30 PM | Planning Commission Meeting |
| 1/14/2024 | 6:00 PM | Regular Council Meeting |
| 1/28/2024 | 6:00 PM | Regular Council Meeting |

| Date | Activities | Location/Information |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 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 |

REMINDER: City Hall will be closed on December 25, 2024 and January 1, 2025.