



# CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, December 27, 2024

# Happy New Year!

From all of us at the City of DuPont!

## A checklist for the New Year

- ◇ License your pets; [click here](#).
- ◇ Sign up for Utility Billing Auto-Pay; [click here](#).
- ◇ Save the dates for the Parks & Recreation programs (seniors to youth); [click here](#).
- ◇ Mark your calendars for upcoming Council and Municipal Agency meetings; [click here](#).
- ◇ Follow DuPont's [Facebook](#) and [X \(Twitter\)](#) pages.
- ◇ Sign up for DuPont's alerts, notifications, and calendar events; [click here](#).



### Upcoming Office Closures:

- January 1st— New Year's Day
- January 20th— Martin Luther King Day

# Parks and Recreation

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).



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/>



Join us for a whimsical afternoon at **Tutus and Twirls** on January 25, 2025, from 2-3:30 PM at the DuPont Community Center, featuring cupcake decorating, story time, crafts, and twirl time with ballerinas from Valor School of Dance. For just \$20 per family (no limit on kids), you can enjoy this magical event together. Don't miss out on the fun, creativity, and sweet memories!

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events>



DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION

WE ARE TUTU EXCITED FOR

## *Tutus and Twirls*



JANUARY  
2025 **25** 2 - 3:30 PM

**\$20** Per Family  
NO LIMIT ON KIDS PER FAMILY

- CUPCAKE DECORATING
- BALLERINA STORY TIME
- RAFFLE
- TWIRL TIME WITH BALLERINAS FROM VALOR SCHOOL OF DANCE
- BALLERINA ARTS & CRAFTS

DUPONT COMMUNITY CENTER -  
303 BARKSDALE AVE. DUPONT WA.

## 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



### 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](http://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors)



**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/>.



## Parks and Recreation continued...

### DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION

# SAVVY SENIORS

**HEY SENIORS!  
GET OUT AND ABOUT ON  
THESE WINTER DAYS!**

**TUE**

**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

CARDS, DOMINOES,  
AND OTHER GAMES

**WED**

**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

CRAFTS, LECTURES, AND  
DEMONSTRATIONS

**CHECK IN WEEKLY FOR EVENT HAPPENINGS!**

**LIGHT SNACKS & BEVERAGES PROVIDED**

MEET AT THE  
DUPONT COMMUNITY CENTER -  
303 BARKSDALE AVE. DUPONT WA. 98327

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. More information: [Adults & Seniors | DuPont, WA - Official Website](#)

## 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](http://dupontwa.gov/546/Teens)



Explore fantastic worlds, clash with dark monsters, spin lore and commit heroic feats while playing the greatest RPG of all time! Contact Amy Walker at [awalker@dupontwa.gov](mailto:awalker@dupontwa.gov).  
[Catalog - City of DuPont WA Parks & Recreation](#)

### DUPONT PARKS & RECREATION

# CRAFTY CRITTERS OPEN HOUSE

COME SEE WHAT ALL THE BUZZ IS ABOUT!

**SAT. JANUARY 11TH. 2025**  
**1-2:30**

CATCH THE BUZZ AND SEE WHATS  
HAPPENING AT CRAFTY CRITTERS!  
MEET OUR NEW ART INSTRUCTOR & SIGN UP  
FOR A FUN COMMUNITY ART CLASS FOR KIDS!

THIS IS A FREE EVENT OPEN TO AGES 5-9

PLEASE TEXT EMMA AT  
(253) 290-1096 TO RSVP

DUPONT COMMUNITY CENTER -  
303 BARKSDALE AVE.

Join us for the Crafty Critters Open House! Meet our new art instructor, explore what Crafty Critters has to offer, and sign up for a fun community art class for kids ages 5-9. This free event is open to all—come see what the buzz is about and get creative with us!

**Please RSVP to Emma at  
(253) 290-1096.**

**FREE**

## Parks and Recreation continued...

### Puzzlers Unite:

#### 2025 Competition Coming Soon!

Calling all puzzle pros and jigsaw enthusiasts! DuPont Parks and Recreation is **assembling** an exciting Puzzle Competition to kick off in the new year.



Date? Still **puzzling** that one out. But keep an eye on our socials and website for updates. It's sure to be a **piece-ful** and fun challenge you won't want to miss!

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events>

### Happy New Year from Parks & Recreation

Happy New Year! Dupont Parks and Recreation wants to thank our incredible community and all who participated in our programs in 2024. Your energy, enthusiasm, and support make everything we do so meaningful. We're so grateful to serve this amazing community and can't wait for another fantastic year together in 2025!



## WA State Dept. of Transportation

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

- No work scheduled News Years Eve and New Years Day.
- Travelers on Joint Base Lewis-McChord who use Pendleton Avenue below I-5 are encouraged to plan for a series of night closures. People can expect night lane closures as early at 7 p.m. between Center Drive and 41st Division Drive. The lane closures generally are planned each Monday through Thursday night.
- 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. each following day through Monday, Jan. 6:
  - ⇒ Pendleton Avenue between West Way and Main Street will close.
  - ⇒ A signed detour will be provided.
- 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.
- 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.
- Crews are building a new traffic signal at the southbound I-5 exit to Mounts Road. The traffic signal will be activated during late 2025.

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](#)



# DuPont Historical Museum



On Dec 14th, several volunteers helped decorate the Dynamite Train behind the museum. We thank them for their work and hope everyone has a chance to stop by and see the train!

The museum appreciates the volunteers in the picture to the left who helped decorate the train for the holiday season.

Pictured left to right: Roy Coffey, Carol Estep, Fred Foreman, and Marilee Darling. Volunteer decorator not pictured is Lee McDonald.

On December 15th, the DuPont Museum welcomed nearly 70 people to the museum to enjoy an afternoon of decorating gingerbread houses, making cards, and spreading holiday cheer! The guests and volunteers had a wonderful time!



For museum hours, events, activities, history, and more, click [here](#).



DuPont Historical Society presents



*Tea with Queen Victoria,*  
a birthday celebration

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (doors open 1:15)  
The Home Course, DuPont WA

Advance tickets only    \$35 per person  
                                 \$264 per table of 8

Limited seating available. Ages 8 and up, please.  
Tea attire appropriate; vintage attire encouraged!

Reservations & info: 253.459.4339 or  
[duponthishistoricalmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:duponthishistoricalmuseum@gmail.com)

*2025 Cherry Blossom Tea*

Tea & delectable light fare  raffle & silent auction

with history interpreters Karen Haas and Elizabeth Korsmo



DUPONT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



# 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                                    |         |           | 3           |
| (13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire                    |         | 1         | 4           |
| (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        |         | 15        | 574         |
| (32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries            |         | 2         | 92          |
| (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         | 2           |
| (54) Animal problem or rescue                          |         |           | 3           |
| (55) Public service assistance                         |         | 3         | 44          |
| (56) Unauthorized burning                              |         |           | 3           |
| (60) Good intent call, other                           |         |           | 3           |
| (61) Dispatched and canceled en route                  |         | 1         | 40          |
| (62) Wrong location, no emergency found                |         |           | 0           |
| (65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke               |         | 1         | 13          |
| (66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency           |         |           | 0           |
| (70) False alarm and false call, other                 |         | 1         | 32          |
| (71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm                |         |           | 2           |
| (73) System or detector malfunction                    |         | 2         | 38          |
| (74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire) |         |           | 32          |
| (91) Citizen complaint                                 |         |           | 0           |
| Unknown  |         |           | 0           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  |         | <b>27</b> | <b>1000</b> |

| Transport        | Current  | Year       |
|------------------|----------|------------|
| Allenmore        |          | 1          |
| Madigan          | 2        | 174        |
| Mary Bridge      |          | 19         |
| St. Clare        | 4        | 126        |
| St. Joseph       |          | 34         |
| St. Peters       |          | 12         |
| Tacoma General   |          | 14         |
| Wellfound B.H.H. |          | 1          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>6</b> | <b>381</b> |

|            |          |            |
|------------|----------|------------|
| <b>ALS</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>310</b> |
| <b>BLS</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>298</b> |

| Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks): |          |            |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 0000-0759                           | 1        | 233        |
| 0800-1649                           | 3        | 451        |
| 1700-2359                           | 1        | 295        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>5</b> | <b>979</b> |

| Calls by day of the week: |           |             |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Sunday                    | 4         | 144         |
| Monday                    | 5         | 147         |
| Tuesday                   | 3         | 145         |
| Wednesday                 | 4         | 170         |
| Thursday                  | 3         | 150         |
| Friday                    | 3         | 134         |
| Saturday                  | 5         | 130         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>27</b> | <b>1020</b> |

| Mutual/Automatic Aid-Multiple Call |   |     |
|------------------------------------|---|-----|
| DPF Received                       | 2 | 83  |
| DPF Provided                       | 4 | 88  |
| Multiple Calls                     | 5 | 122 |



Santa enjoyed his trip through DuPont before Christmas and hopes to see everyone again next year!

Photo by Kate Lynch Photographs

**Click [here](#) to learn more about our DuPont Fire Department.**

## **Safety Message: Fire safety tips to keep in mind after Christmas**

- Take down wrapping paper and other decorations from around your tree, fireplace, and heating vents.
- Have your dried-out tree picked up as soon as possible. Don't leave it in your garage or leaning against your house.
- Test your smoke alarms and make sure everyone knows your home's fire escape plan.
- Turn off all lights before you leave the house or go to bed.
- Keep them out of reach of children and in a locked cabinet.
- Water a live tree every day to prevent it from drying out and becoming brittle.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Don't burn wrapping paper in your fireplace, recycle it.



Wishing you a  
**Fire-safe** Holiday!



CHECK OUT **SPARKY.ORG** FOR MORE FUN!  
THE NAME AND IMAGE OF SPARKY ARE TRADEMARKS OF THE NFPA.



# DuPont Police Department



## Weekly Activity Report

*Duty \* Professionalism \* Dedication*



**Total Calls for Service 12/16/24– 12/22/24: 193**  
**Average per day: 27.57**

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

### EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

04 Agency Assist  
01 Accidental Discharge  
08 Citizen Assist  
07 Community Oriented Policing  
01 Disorderly/Verbal Altercation  
01 Death (natural cause)  
02 Domestic Violence/Verbal  
01 Juvenile Issue  
03 Motor Vehicle Collision  
01 Report of possible fireworks/shots heard  
05 Suspicious Vehicles  
39 Traffic Stops  
02 Welfare Check

### PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

04 Motor Vehicle Collision/Hit & Run  
02 Vandalism  
01 Vehicle Theft

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

01 Abuse (under investigation)  
01 Possible Domestic Violence/Physical  
01 Fraud/Identity Theft

### ARRESTS/REFERRALS

01 Arrest – Puyallup felony warrant – suspect transferred to Puyallup officer  
01 Arrest – Auburn misdemeanor warrant – suspect transferred to Auburn officer

### NEWS FROM PATROL

- While on patrol, an officer contacted an individual at a local business. The individual was found to have a misdemeanor warrant from the Auburn Police Department. The individual was arrested and transferred to an Auburn officer.
- A speed emphasis was conducted on Center Drive and Steilacoom DuPont Road. A driver was cited for driving 69 miles per hour in a 45 mile per hour speed zone. Three drivers were cited for not possessing a driver's license.
- An officer responded to a report of employees on strike at a local business, possibly causing traffic concerns.
- Officers assisted neighboring agencies with locating a wanted individual who may be on a bus that was scheduled to stop in DuPont. After searching the bus upon its arrival in DuPont, the individual was not found.
- An officer observed two individuals at a local business who were having issues with their vehicle. After obtaining the identities of the individuals, it was discovered that one of them had a felony warrant from the Puyallup Police Department. The individual was arrested and transferred to a Puyallup officer.
- Theft of a vehicle from a residential area in DuPont was reported to officers. A crime in a nearby city was committed using the stolen vehicle.

### DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Students and staff at local schools were greeted by officers.
- Online training was completed by officers.

## DuPont Police Department continued....

### 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.



## Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!

The DuPont Police Department would like to remind everyone to celebrate the season responsibly. If you're going to drink, plan for a designated driver. Even one drink can cause impairment.

[#DriveSober](#)

# City Council Information and Calendars

## City Council News:

- The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on January 14th and the Mayor will present the annual "State of the City."



## 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/filepro/documents/777/>.
- Minutes**, after they are passed, are available at: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/>.
- Public Comments** are welcome at all Council and Municipal Agency meetings. Important information regarding public comments can be found at the bottom of the Clerk's Public Notices page: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/116/Public-Notices>.

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.



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

| Date                 | Time               | Upcoming Meetings                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| 1/6/2025             | 6:00 PM            | Park & Recreation Meeting                              |
| <del>1/13/2025</del> | <del>5:00 PM</del> | <del>Tree Advisory Commission Meeting</del> — 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   |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1/7/2025               | Senior Movie & Lunch       | <a href="#">Adults &amp; Seniors   DuPont, WA - Official Website</a>     |
| 1/11/2025              | Crafty Critters Open House | <a href="#">Kids   DuPont, WA - Official Website</a>                     |
| 1/25/2025              | Tutus and Twirls           | <a href="#">Kids   DuPont, WA - Official Website</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>     |

## REMINDER:

**City Hall will be closed on January 1st of 2025!**