



# CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, January 2, 2026

## State of the City Address & Swearing In Ceremony

Please join Mayor Frederick, the City Council, DuPont staff, and fellow residents to the first Council meeting of the year for the State of the City address and the ceremonial swearing in of returning Councilmembers Mike Winkler (current Deputy Mayor), Beth Elliott, and Susan Walton and newly elected Jugal Thakor. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1700 Civic Drive. If you are unable to attend and want to view the meeting online, Pierce County TV and YouTube will have a live feed at these links:

- [Pierce County TV](#).
- [City of DuPont YouTube Channel](#).



## Low Cost Brine Maker Saves Money

A small investment pays off big! We now have the ability to make our own brine for the upcoming winter weather.

In the past, DuPont purchased brine from Pierce County. While it is important to continue these types of relationships, the severity of weather impacting brine availability has been problematic.



Our brine maker produces brine as needed at a low cost. This improvement saves money and helps to ensure roadway safety during freezing temperatures.



## Residents Webpage - Tip of the Week

The Residents tab on our website connects the community to several city, local, and regional services. Click on Residents to see the links.

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Business

How Do I...?

Animal Control  
Classes & Activities  
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Police Department  
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Recreation Programs  
Residential Owners Association  
Steilacoom Historical School District  
Tax Rates  
Traffic Information  
Utilities  
Volunteer Opportunities  
Voting Information  
Weather

**City Hall will be closed on  
Martin Luther King Day,  
Monday, January 19th.**



## Municipal Agency Opening

If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) or the Park & Recreation Commission, please click on the button to apply.

To learn more about all of the municipal agencies, click the links below:

- [Civil Service](#)
- [Lodging Tax Advisory Committee \(LTAC\)](#)
- [Park & Recreation Commission](#)
- [Planning Commission](#)
- [Salary Commission](#)
- [Tree Advisory Commission](#)
- [Vacancies](#)

VOLUNTEER  
HERE!

# Parks & Recreation

**NEW DATES**

City of DuPont  
DuPont Parks & Recreation



**Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)**

A STRENGTH, BALANCE, AND FITNESS CLASS FOR ADULTS 65+

JAN. 12 - FEB. 4, 2026 4 WEEK CLASS!  
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join S.A.I.L.  
Stay Active & Independent for Life!

SAIL has proven to help improve the quality of life while focusing on fall prevention

- BALANCE
- STRENGTH
- FLEXIBILITY

4 WEEK CLASS  
\$5 DROP-IN FEE OR \$40 PER 4 WEEK SESSION  
(PAY WITH CASH, CHECK OR CARD)

LEAD BY LAUREN,  
CERTIFIED SAIL INSTRUCTOR

BRING 3- OR 5-POUNDS  
WEIGHTS AND WATER

SIGN UP TODAY!  
[DUPONTWA.GOV/545/ADULTS-SENIORS](http://DUPONTWA.GOV/545/ADULTS-SENIORS)

DUPONT COMMUNITY CENTER -  
303 BARKSDALE AVE. DUPONT WA.

CITY OF DUPONT  
PARKS & RECREATION

## SAVVY SENIORS

CALLING ALL SENIORS!  
COME MEET NEW FRIENDS, PLAY CARDS, WORK ON PUZZLES, GET CRAFTY, OR ENJOY A GUEST SPEAKER.

WEDNESDAYS 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
THROUGH MARCH OF 2026

A WEEKLY GATHERING DESIGNED TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER FOR FUN, FRIENDSHIP, & GOOD CONVERSATION. ENJOY SNACKS, COFFEE, & TEA WHILE WE BRIGHTEN UP THE DARK WINTER DAYS!

EXCEPT FOR HOLIDAY WEEKS, THE COMMUNITY CENTER WILL BE OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 1-3 PM THROUGH MARCH.

NEED A RIDE?  
LET US KNOW BY MONDAY AND WE CAN HELP!  
CONTACT EMMA AT (253) 290-1096



DUPONT COMMUNITY CENTER  
303 BARKSDALE AVE. DUPONT WA. 98327

City of DuPont Parks & Recreation



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

January 13  
February 10  
March 3

**\$15 + TAX**  
INCLUDES LUNCH & MOVIE TICKET!

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



2026 EVENTS  
**COMING SOON**

# DuPont Police Department



## Weekly Activity Report

*Duty \* Professionalism \* Dedication*

**Total Calls for Service 12/22/25- 12/28/25: 198**

**Average per day: 28.29**

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

### **EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS**

- 07 Agency Assist
- 04 Citizen Assist
- 03 Civil Issue
- 02 Community Oriented Policing
- 01 Disorderly – Neighbor Dispute
- 01 Death Investigation (natural cause)
- 02 Domestic Violence/Verbal
- 01 Juvenile Issue
- 01 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 48 Traffic Stops
- 01 Traffic Complaint
- 01 Unwanted Loiterer/Person
- 04 Welfare Check

### **CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS**

- 01 Harassment – Domestic Violence
- 01 Violation of Court Order

### **ARRESTS/REFERRALS**

- 01 Arrest - Misdemeanor Harassment - Domestic Violence – booked into jail
- 01 Arrest – Felony Harassment – Violation of Court Order – booked into jail
- 01 Arrest – Driving While Suspended 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree – DuPont Warrant for Reckless Driving – booked into jail

### **NEWS FROM PATROL**

- Officers were dispatched to a residence for threats made by a family member. One person was arrested for Misdemeanor Harassment – Domestic Violence and booked into jail.
- A DuPont resident reported a court order violation by a former spouse, to include threats. After reviewing evidence, the former spouse was arrested and booked into jail.
- An officer stopped a vehicle for speeding on Steilacoom-DuPont Road. The driver was cited for driving 24 miles over the posted speed limit.
- During a routine traffic stop a driver was found to have a suspended license in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and a DuPont warrant for reckless driving. The driver was arrested and booked into jail.
- A speed emphasis was conducted on McNeil and Wilmington Drive.
- Officers assisted a Washington State Patrol Trooper on I-5 with an uncooperative individual.

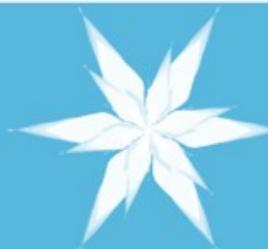


### **DEPARTMENT NEWS**

- Several Officers completed Taser recertification

# DuPont Police Department continued...

## Winter Driving: Preparedness & Tips



Every winter season, DuPont Police Department responds to multiple weather related collisions. Most involve speed too fast for conditions.

**The #1 tip for winter driving safety: SLOW DOWN!**

### CHECK UP

Ensure your defroster, wiper blades, lights, battery and brakes are working properly.

### TRACTION READY

Carry chains. Be sure tires are properly inflated and tread is good.

### DRIVE SLOWLY

Reduce your speed to offset the traction lost due to wet and icy surfaces.

### CHARGE UP

Be sure your mobile phone is fully charged and bring any additional chargers.

### REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON

#### RCW 46.37.420

Studded tires may only be used between November 1 and April 1.

### FILL UP

Check your fuel, windshield wiper fluid and antifreeze. Top off anything that is running low.

### AVOID DISTRACTIONS

When driving, give your full attention to the road. Avoid distractions like eating or using your cell phone.

### INCREASE DISTANCE

Increase following distance, vehicles need more distance to stop on wet and icy roads. Stay 200 meters from snow plows.

### BE INFORMED

Check the weather, road conditions and travel cameras.



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.

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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.



**Sign Up for PCALERT**

**For the City of DuPont Police Department's webpage, click [here](#).**

# 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" columns are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1st of 2025. Please note, the weekly figures are based off raw data.

(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other		2	
(11) Structure Fire		7	
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire		6	
(14) Natural vegetation fire		9	
(15) Outside rubbish fire		2	
(16) Special outside fire		1	
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition		1	
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other		16	
(31) Medical assist		5	
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	14	627	
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	69	
(33) Lock-In		1	
(35) Extrication, rescue		2	
(36) Water or ice-related rescue		1	
(37) Electrical, Rescue		0	
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other		3	
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks		9	
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition		2	
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem		2	
(46) Accident, potential accident		0	
(50) Service call, other		31	
(51) Person in distress		15	
(52) Water Problem		5	
(53) Smoke, odor problem		1	
(54) Animal problem or rescue		2	
(55) Public service assistance	1	51	
(56) Unauthorized burning		2	
(60) Good intent call, other		5	
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	1	60	
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found		4	
(63) Controlled Burning		1	
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		8	
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency		0	
(70) False alarm and false call, other		13	
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm		0	
(73) System or detector malfunction		43	
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		30	
(80) Severe weather and natural disaster		2	
(91) Citizen complaint		0	
Unknown		0	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>1038</b>

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore	1	
Capital Med. Ctr.	1	
Madigan	151	
Mary Bridge	24	
St. Clare	155	
St. Joseph	26	
St. Peters	14	
Tacoma General	22	
Wellfound B.H.H.	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>395</b>

ALS	8	391
BLS	10	325

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	3	230
0800-1659	10	509
1700-2359	5	299
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1038</b>

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	2	133
Monday	5	174
Tuesday	1	151
Wednesday	4	160
Thursday	3	148
Friday	2	167
Saturday	1	105
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1038</b>

Mutual/Automatic Aid-Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	2	68
DPF Provided	2	95
Multiple Calls	2	123

Click [here](#) for the Fire Department's webpage on the City's website.

Follow these pages on Facebook:

- [DuPont Fire Department](#)
- [DuPont Professional Fire Fighters](#)



# Santa & Fire Department continued...



**Safety Message:** Start the year by checking the most important safety features in your home.

## Home Fire Safety Checklist for the New Year

### **Smoke Alarms**

- Check the manufacture date, most smoke alarms and sealed batteries expire after 10 years.
- Replace any outdated units.



### **Carbon Monoxide Alarms**

- Test all carbon monoxide alarms.
- Replace alarms that are past their expiration date or fail testing.



### **Fire Escape Plan**

- Review and practice your family's escape plan.
- Ensure everyone knows two ways out of every room and a designated outdoor meeting place.



### **Kitchen Safety**

- Cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires.
- Stay in the kitchen while cooking and keep flammable items away from the stove.



### **Fire Extinguishers**

- Keep working extinguishers on every level of the home, especially in the kitchen and garage.
- Make sure they are accessible and the pressure gauge is in the green.



### **Electrical & Heating Safety**

- Inspect cords for damage or fraying.
- Avoid overloading outlets.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can burn.

# Meeting Information, Links, and Calendar Events

## City Council's 1/13/2026 Regular Meeting:

- The State of the City.
- Ceremonial swearing in of newly and re-elected Councilmembers.



## Helpful meeting links and information:

- **Published agendas:** [here](#). Click the meeting date and "Download Agenda." Agendas are officially posted on the bulletin board outside of City Hall.
- **Regular Council Meetings:** City's YouTube channel [here](#) and at Pierce County TV [here](#).
- **Municipal Agency Meetings:** City's YouTube channel [here](#).
- **Council Meeting Minutes**, after passed: [here](#).
- **Municipal Agency Meeting Minutes**, after passed: [here](#).
- **Public Comments** are welcome at all Council and Municipal Agency meetings. Important information regarding public comments can be found [here](#).



Each calendar event below is a link to more information.



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<a href="#">January 4 Teen Knit/ Crochet Club</a>	<a href="#">5 S.A.I.L. fitness class  Park &amp; Rec Com. Mtg.</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	<a href="#">7 S.A.I.L. fitness class Savvy Seniors</a>	<a href="#">8 Teen D &amp; D Club</a>	<a href="#">9</a>	<a href="#">10</a>
<a href="#">January 11 Teen Knit/ Crochet Club</a>	<a href="#">12 S.A.I.L. fitness class  Tree Com. Mtg. Planning Com. Mtg.</a>	<a href="#">13 Senior Lunch &amp; Movie  Civil Service Mtg.  Council Meeting (State of the City)</a>	<a href="#">14 S.A.I.L. fitness class Savvy Seniors</a>	<a href="#">15 Teen D &amp; D Club</a>	<a href="#">16</a>	<a href="#">17</a>
<a href="#">January 18 Teen Knit/ Crochet Club</a>	<a href="#">19 City Hall closed for MLK Day  S.A.I.L. fitness class</a>	<a href="#">20</a>	<a href="#">21 S.A.I.L. fitness class</a>	<a href="#">22 Teen D &amp; D Club</a>	<a href="#">23</a>	<a href="#">24</a>
<a href="#">January 25 Teen Knit/ Crochet Club</a>	<a href="#">26 S.A.I.L. fitness class</a>	<a href="#">27 Council Meeting</a>	<a href="#">28 S.A.I.L. fitness class Savvy Seniors</a>	<a href="#">29 Teen D &amp; D Club</a>	<a href="#">30</a>	<a href="#">31</a>
<a href="#">February 1 Teen Knit/ Crochet Club</a>	<a href="#">2 S.A.I.L. fitness class</a>	<a href="#">3</a>	<a href="#">4 S.A.I.L. fitness class</a>	<a href="#">5 Teen D &amp; D Club</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	<a href="#">7</a>

For the City's website, click [here](#).

For the DuPont Historical Museum website, click [here](#).