



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, January 9, 2026

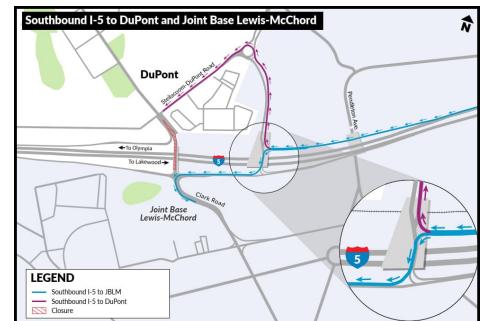
Steilacoom-DuPont Road Overpass

Out with the old: New Steilacoom-DuPont Road overpass set to open early 2026

Article from WSDOT: If the weather cooperates, a portion of the new I-5 interchange in DuPont will open by mid-January. Workers will also fully open the new roundabout in DuPont.

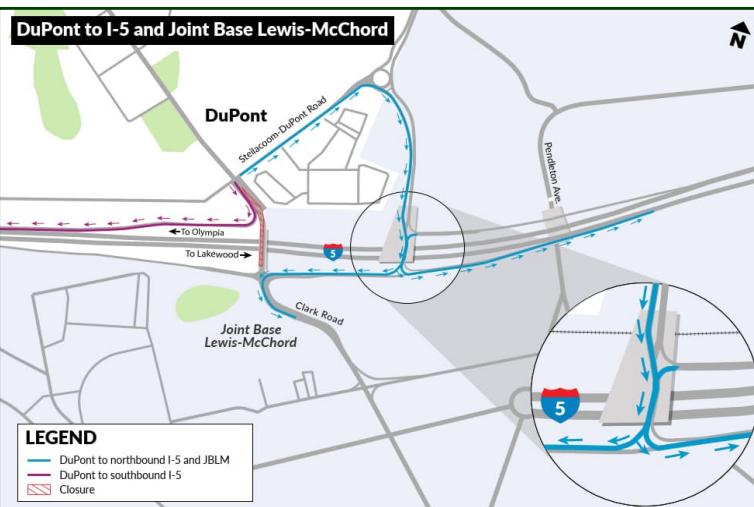
New overpass opens to southbound I-5 travelers

Once southbound travelers on I-5 begin using the [new exit 119](#) to Steilacoom-DuPont Road, they will notice a few changes. Those going to DuPont will turn right toward the new roundabout, while people heading to Joint Base Lewis-McChord will turn left and take the overpass. [Click images, logo, and for details.](#)



People on northbound I-5 going to DuPont or JBLM will continue to use the existing exit and the 1957 Steilacoom-DuPont overpass.

WSDOT will announce the exact date for the opening of the new interchange once it is scheduled.



Temporary changes to travel between DuPont and JBLM

When the new overpass opens, the older will close to southbound traffic. DuPont travelers will use the [new Steilacoom-DuPont overpass](#) to reach JBLM or northbound I-5. The old overpass will provide access from JBLM to DuPont or southbound I-5. For more information, please visit the [online open house](#).



Washington State Department of Transportation

Project information

The I-5 Mounts Road to Steilacoom-DuPont Road Corridor Improvements project is expected to be complete in late 2026.

The \$240 million project is part of a [suite of improvements](#) within the I-5 Mounts Road to Thorne Lake Corridor Improvements project. Previous improvements added new HOV and auxiliary lanes in both directions of I-5 and rebuilt the Berkeley Street and Thorne Lane interchanges, including improved access for people who walk, bike and roll.

Travelers are encouraged to sign up for [email updates](#) for the project. Real-time traveler information is also available from the [WSDOT app](#) and the [WSDOT statewide travel map](#).

City of DuPont and the Patriot Athletic League

Registration is now open for the 2026 Spring T-Ball, Baseball and Fast-Pitch season for ages 4–15. Register [here](#). (If class registration is closed, you will need to obtain approval from the Parks & Recreation Coordinator.)

The City of DuPont's Parks & Recreation Youth Sports program encourages children to have fun, be active, learn new skills, and feel good about participating in youth sports. We strive to provide enjoyable sports programs for children, regardless of their athletic ability. Our program is about developing self-esteem and good sportsmanship through meaningful and fair sports competitions.

**Click [here](#) for more information.
Read the Code of Conduct [here](#).**



T-Ball / Machine Pitch

Let's play T-Ball! Families can register online and choose the division that fits their player's age and readiness. Our focus is simple: a fun, safe, and development-first baseball experience for young athletes.

Playing Divisions:

- Lil Slugger (Age 4)
- T-Ball (Ages 5–6)
- Machine Pitch – AA (Ages 7–8)

Season Timeline:

- Practices start around the third week of March.
- Regular season: mid-April through June 13. (Championship Saturday).
- No practices or games will be held on Memorial Day Weekend.
- Coaches will share specific team schedules and field assignments in early March.

Early Bird Registration:

- 1/15/2025 - 1/31/2026
- Cost: \$60.00 - \$120.00

Regular Registration:

- 2/1/2026 - 3/1/2026
- Cost: \$80.00 - \$140.00

Program Duration:

- 3/20/2026 - 6/20/2026

Spring Baseball

Patriot Athletic League is accepting players for all "Kid-Pitch" divisions offering age-appropriate competition, development-focused coaching, and a clear progression from 46/60 baseball through full-size diamonds.

Playing Divisions:

- AAA (Typically 9–10 year olds)
- Majors (Typically 11–12 year olds)
- Junior Ball (13–15 yr olds)

Season Timeline:

- Regular-season practices begin mid-March.
- Games through mid-June.
- No league activities during Memorial Day weekend.
- AAA and Majors teams will compete in the End-of-Season Double-Elimination Tournament concluding on 6/13/2026.
- All-Star player window runs 15 June to 1 July.

Early Bird Registration:

- 12/11/ 2025 - 1/31/2026
- Cost: \$160.00 - \$200.00

Regular Registration:

- 2/1/ 2026 - 2/28/2026
- Cost: \$180.00 - \$220.00

Program Duration:

- 3/1/2026 - 6/30/2026

Fastpitch Softball

Our Fastpitch Softball teams will compete in the Thurston County Fastpitch Association (TCFA) Spring League. Please refer to the Fastpitch page for information or contact Dennis Downey at the following email address:

Fastpitch@patriotathleticleague.org

Playing Divisions:

- 8U
- 10U
- 12U
- 14U

Season Timeline:

- Practices begin the week of March 9th.
- Practices will be held in either DuPont or Steilacoom.
- The season begins mid-March and concludes mid-June.
- The majority of games will occur in Steilacoom, DuPont, or Thurston Co.
- TCFA Opening Day Ceremony / games - 4/11/26.

Early Bird Registration:

- 12/19/ 2025 - 1/31/2026
- Cost: \$110.00 - \$155.00

Regular Registration:

- 2/1/2026 - 2/20/2026
- Cost: \$125.00 - \$170.00

Program Duration:

- 3/8/2026 - 6/14/2026

Website - Tip of the Week

Q: Where can I find the Staff Directory?

A: Go to www.dupontwa.gov and click the **ABOUT US** tab in the top green bar at the top of the page. Next, click **STAFF DIRECTORY** from the list. Search by first or last name or use the category list.

Q: Does the Staff Directory include Councilmembers and the Mayor?

A: Yes, the directory does include Councilmembers and the Mayor. You can find them by searching for their names or by clicking the correct category.

Q: How can I get in touch with a Municipal Agency member (Civil Service, LTAC, Park & Recreation, Planning, and Tree Advisory)?

A: Learn about meeting times on our website, www.dupontwa.gov, by clicking on the **GOVERNMENT** tab in the green bar at the top of the page and then **COMMISSIONS**. You are also welcome to call City Hall (253-964-8121) to ask which staff member is associated with each agency. The staff member associated with the agency can help assist connecting you with the agency member.



Rental Housing Business License Renewal



At this time, the City has suspended issuing Rental Housing Licenses for 2026. New information will be posted to our website [here](#).

Reminder: City Hall will be closed on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, 1/19/26.



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!**

YOU'RE INVITED...

Please join us for DuPont's
State of the City Address
&
Ceremonial Swearing In

Councilmembers Winkler, Elliott, Walton & Thakor
Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 1700 Civic Drive

Live feed at [Pierce County TV](#) and [City of DuPont YouTube Channel](#).

Parks & Recreation

CITY OF DUPONT IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH THE TOWN OF STEILACOOM



3rd ANNUAL PUZZLE COMPETITION

MARCH 21, 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

\$20 PER PERSON / \$80 PER TEAM
*TEAMS MUST BE 2 OR MORE
INCLUDES: PUZZLE TO TAKE HOME, PRIZES, RAFFLE,
APPETIZERS & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

REGISTRATION REQUIRED,
SPACE IS LIMITED

1ST PLACE TEAM: \$400
2ND PLACE TEAM: \$200
3RD PLACE TEAM: \$100

LOCATION:
STEILACOOM COMMUNITY CENTER
2301 WORTHINGTON ST,
STEILACOOM, WA 98388



AMERICA 250



CITY OF DUPONT
PARKS & RECREATION

CALLING LOCAL
BUSINESSES &
NON PROFITS

INTERESTED IN SPONSORING
A TABLE AT OUR ANNUAL

**BUNNY
BREAKFAST**

APRIL 4, 2026

SPONSOR A TABLE: \$50
ARTS & CRAFTS: \$200
BREAKFAST BUFFET: \$500

PLEASE CONTACT AMY WALKER
AT (253)405-9698 OR
AWALKER@DUPONTWA.GOV

A pink circle and a pink arrow point to the text "INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A TABLE AT OUR ANNUAL BUNNY BREAKFAST".

Parks & Recreation continued...

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

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



CITY OF DUPONT

CELEBRATE 250 YEARS OF AMERICA

VOLUNTEER FOR DUPONT'S 4TH OF JULY PARADE

VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP:

- RECRUIT PARADE PARTICIPANTS
- SUPPORT PARADE COORDINATION
- CREATE A MEMORABLE, PATRIOTIC EXPERIENCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY



THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME CELEBRATION
AND WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO BE PART OF IT!

INTERESTED? PLEASE CONTACT AMY AT AWALKER@DUPONTWA.GOV

DuPont Police Department



Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*

Total Calls for Service 12/29/25– 1/4/26: 217

Average per day: 31

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

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 04 Agency Assist
- 02 Citizen Assist
- 03 Civil Issue
- 01 Juvenile Issue
- 01 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 02 Possible Fireworks
- 01 Suspicious Prowler
- 77 Traffic Stops
- 03 Welfare Check

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

- 01 Fraud
- 02 Court Order Violation

ARRESTS/REFERRALS

- 01 Cite and Release – Driving Without Ignition Interlock Device
- 01 Arrest – Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Driving While License Suspended, Assault 3rd Degree, Resisting/Interfering with Police – booked into jail

NEWS FROM PATROL

- During a routine patrol, an officer observed a vehicle driving recklessly on Center Drive. The driver voluntarily performed a field sobriety test after officers stopped the vehicle. Once the test was completed, officers determined that the driver appeared to be driving under the influence. Additionally, the driver was also found to have a suspended license.
- A driver was stopped on Center Drive for speeding 22 miles over the posted speed limit during a traffic emphasis. In a separate traffic stop, a driver was found to be without a court ordered ignition interlock device.
- Officers were dispatched to assist Washington State Patrol with a vehicle collision on I-5.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Officers completed in-person and online training.



DuPont Police Department continued...

COMING SOON!

DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT 2026 CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Classes begin February 12, 2026

STAY TUNED FOR MORE
DETAILS!



IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING



HAVE AN EMERGENCY? DIAL 911
NON-EMERGENCY (253) 287-4455

South Sound 9-1-1 dispatches both emergency and non-emergency calls for the DuPont Police Department. Dispatchers are available to answer your call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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.



[Sign Up for PCAALERT](#)

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 **last week of 2025 (12/29-31/2025)** 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	1	17	
(31) Medical assist		5	
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	7	634	
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		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		51	
(56) Unauthorized burning		2	
(60) Good intent call, other		5	
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		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)	1	31	
(80) Severe weather and natural disaster		2	
(91) Citizen complaint		0	
Unknown		0	
TOTALS		9	1047

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore	1	
Capital Med. Ctr.	1	
Madigan	2	153
Mary Bridge	1	25
St. Clare		155
St. Joseph		26
St. Peters		14
Tacoma General		22
Wellfound B.H.H.		1
TOTAL	3	398

ALS	5	396
BLS	2	327

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	4	234
0800-1659	3	512
1700-2359	2	301
TOTAL	9	1047

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	133	
Monday	3	177
Tuesday	4	155
Wednesday	2	162
Thursday		148
Friday		167
Saturday		105
TOTAL	9	1047

Mutual/Automatic Aid-Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	0	68
DPF Provided	0	95
Multiple Calls	3	126

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

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore	0	0
Capital Med. Ctr.	0	0
Madigan	3	3
Mary Bridge	0	0
St. Clare	2	2
St. Joseph	0	0
St. Peters	0	0
Tacoma General	0	0
Wellfound B.H.H.	0	0
TOTAL	5	5

ALS	9	9
BLS	5	5

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	5	5
0800-1659	8	8
1700-2359	3	3
TOTAL	16	16

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	5	5
Monday	0	0
Tuesday	0	0
Wednesday	0	0
Thursday	7	7
Friday	2	2
Saturday	2	2
TOTAL	16	16

Mutual/Automatic Aid-Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	1	1
DPF Provided	1	1
Multiple Calls	4	4

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Fire Department continued...



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.



1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths involves heating equipment.



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.



FEMA



U.S. Fire
Administration



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

Kids, check out [NFPA Kids!](#) You'll find videos, games, activities, and reading fun!



VIDEOS



GAMES



ACTIVITIES



FIRETRUCKS



SPARKY

Meeting Information, Links, and Calendar Events

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

- State of the City address.
- 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
January 11 Teen Knit/ Crochet Club	12 S.A.I.L. fitness class Tree Com. Mtg. Planning Com. Mtg.	13 SR Lunch/Movie Civil Service Mtg. Council Meeting (State of the City)	14 S.A.I.L. fitness class Savvy Seniors	15 Teen D & D Club	16	17
January 18 Teen Knit/ Crochet Club	19 City Hall closed for MLK Day S.A.I.L. fitness class	20	21 S.A.I.L. fitness class	22 Teen D & D Club	23	24
January 25 Teen Knit/ Crochet Club	26 S.A.I.L. fitness class	27 Council Meeting	28 S.A.I.L. fitness class Savvy Seniors	29 Teen D & D Club	30	31
February 1 Teen Knit/ Crochet Club	2 S.A.I.L. fitness class Park & Rec Com. Mtg.	3	4 S.A.I.L. fitness class Savvy Seniors	5 Teen D & D Club	6	7
February 8 Teen Knit/ Crochet Club	9 Tree Com. Mtg. Planning Com. Mtg.	10 SR Lunch/Movie Civil Service Mtg. Council Meeting	11 Savvy Seniors	12 Teen D & D Club	13	14
February 15 Teen Knit/ Crochet Club	16	17	18 Savvy Seniors	19 Teen D & D Club	20	21

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

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