



# THE DUPONT DISPATCH

May 2020

## Welcome,

To the first edition of “The DuPont Dispatch”! We hope this online newsletter helps you stay up to date on all the goings-on in the City (and there’s a lot!) from roadwork to teen events and everything in between.

This is a stress-inducing time and so while the purpose of this newsletter is informative you can expect to see some lightheartedness in it.

After reading this, please let us know your thoughts! Is this valuable? Helpful? Interesting? Would you like to see it continue? [We want to know!](#)

## Sources for City Information

[City of DuPont Website](#)

[City of DuPont Facebook](#)

\*Blue & underlined text is a hyperlink. Click on the link for more information.



DuPont has over 12 miles of trails and designated bike lanes!

## *DID YOU KNOW...*

*One large tree can provide a day’s supply of oxygen for up to four people.*

## COVID-19

As the current situation unfolds, information is being updated daily if not hourly. The City of DuPont is working hard to keep you informed. Below are hyperlinks to COVID-19 resources on the City website. Stay home, stay healthy, and we’ll see you soon.

[COVID-19: Status updates, safety precautions, and links to more information.](#)

[Resources for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[COVID-19, Community Resources](#)



Public Works trying to not look freezing on a sunny, but cold, winter morning.

## Public Works Facility

The Public Works Department is in dire need for a replacement Facility and Yard. The present facility and yard is undersized, and missing functions that a public works department needs. Design for the Public Works Facility is nearly completed and pending scheduling for review by Hearing Examiner. Afterwards the design can be completed, and will move straight to advertising and bidding. Due to present health crisis, scheduling the Hearing Examiner is pending. This project WILL NOT raise taxes.

## Public Works

### DuPont-Steilacoom Rd. Update

Study for Improvements to DuPont Steilacoom RD between Wharf RD and the new I-5 Exit 119 is nearly completed. Completion of this environmental and design work is March 31, 2020. Construction funds were secured in the State’s 2019 – 2021 biennial budget for \$3.9M, has been released again. Due to scheduling for advertising and bidding in May, and not having the full Summer to execute this work, the advertising and bidding will push to Fall 2020 for improved bidding climate and allow the contractor to work in Spring to Summer 2021 season.

### Hoffman Hill Reservoir Interior Coating for Corrosion Preservation

This project will remove corrosion on the interior of the 3M gallon steel tank reservoir. Awarded 9/10/2019 for \$873K. This work will start in December and the reservoir will be restored into service by end of April 2020. This work will take the reservoir from service and wells at Hoffman Hill will be used in extreme condition, such as a major fire.

### Automatic Meter Reading

The Automatic Meter Reading design will start in 2020, and construction will be in 2021 – 2022.

## NEPA Phase 1 Solo Point Multi Field Sports Complex

This project selected a consultant to complete the scoping for a future NEPA study. Award is pending in April 2020. Work will start in September 2020, assuming the health crisis is completed, and completion date will be end of December 2021. This project is funded by a Pierce County LTAC grant.

### 2020 Census

It has never been easier to self-respond on your own – whether online, over the phone or by mail – without ever having to meet a census taker.

<https://my2020census.gov/>

## **Dr. Kathi Weight, Superintendent Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1**

I have always been impressed with how our community rallies around one another in times of need. We tackle challenges with optimism, adapt quickly, and most importantly, we take care of each other. This challenging time is no different and we sincerely appreciate our community's support and patience as we navigate this difficult school closure.

Our district staff continues to put our students first as we have worked to change our brick and mortar learning environment into temporary virtual classrooms. We are serving over 8,500 free meals per week to children age 0 to 18 at meal sites around the district. The Town of Steilacoom stepped up immediately to provide daily childcare services for families who are first responders and healthcare workers. Chromebooks were provided to more than 200 families. We donated our district's protective personal equipment to Pierce County Emergency Management to distribute where most needed.

We also continue to send out our social emotional learning (SEL) messages with tips on how to stay emotionally healthy during this stay-at-home order. Families have appreciated the SEL challenges we have posed and the resources provided. Even our littlest learners are benefitting from our district's emphasis on SEL. Prior to the school closures, we visited our Anderson Island preschool, where our three and four year olds receive daily instruction in SEL and emotional regulation. As the morning lesson progressed, the teacher had her preschoolers articulating emotions and had seamlessly infused relationship-building strategies into the curriculum.

I came away from the preschool visit with a new favorite story that conveys the joy of working in schools. One of the smiley preschoolers could not remember my last name, so declared he would rename me "Superintendent Sparkles." After a morning as "Superintendent Sparkles," I could not help but recognize how lucky I am to be working in schools. We miss our students and cannot wait to have them back with us.

I am thankful for being a part of this community and truly appreciate the outpouring of support, encouragement, and kindness shared.

Kathi Weight  
Dr. Kathi Weight, Superintendent

## **Botanical Business**

**For the 11th year in a row the City of DuPont was named a 2019 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.**

## **Leash Law Reminder**

The City of DuPont enforces a leash law (DMC 7.06.005) in order to protect people and their furry friends. For the safety of all, it is important that owners can properly control their dogs or cats or whatever is on a leash while walking them.

The first violation is a \$100.



**"Leashes are cool!" says one DuPont dog.**

## Recycling

Recycling can get confusing. Metal cans, papers (boxes, bags, cardboard), and certain plastics can be recycled. Our friends at Pierce County have this [handy guide](#) to help you!

## CivicReady

The City of DuPont has partnered with CivicReady to implement a free 90-day mass notification solution. [Please sign up as we test this new program!](#)

Currently, there is only an "Emergency Alerts" category. The City is looking into adding more categories that are relevant and important to citizen life.

Your participation is key in determining communication strategies!



## Public Safety Tip from the DuPont Police Department: Coronavirus Stimulus Checks

The U.S. government is issuing a one-time stimulus payment in light of the coronavirus pandemic. For DuPont residents who qualify, and who haven't provided their direct deposit information to the government beforehand, these checks will may come via the U.S. Mail on the form of a paper check. An estimated 101 million payments could be sent this way.

Please be aware of the following:

- Check your mail frequently – Criminals will be looking for unsecured mailboxes to steal these checks. Also, be aware of your surroundings and suspicious people when checking your mail for your check. **Don't hesitate to call 9-1-1 if you feel unsafe, or notice anything suspicious.**
- Paper checks are susceptible to fraud and counterfeiting, which could include someone asking to deposit a check into your bank account in exchange for cash. Be aware that someone offering this service may not be legitimate.
- Guard personal information that could be used to unlock prepaid debit cards, if the government decides to send stimulus payments in that form.
- If you have questions, be sure that you are using the verified IRS website. Do not respond to emails allegedly coming from the IRS or any law enforcement agency, or click on any links included in those messages.
- If you receive a letter in lieu of payment, you should report it to the IRS.

For more information, you can visit:

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-and-economic-impact-payments>

## Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation is excited to announce a series of summer camps right here in DuPont. Pending any COVID-19 restrictions, we look forward to sports and art camps beginning in July. Families can register on our [website](#) for all camps beginning May 15th.

- **Skyhawks Sports Camp: June 29 - July 2**
- **Art Camp: July 13 -16 or August 10 -13**
- **All Sports Summer Olympics Camp: July 20 -24**
- **Challenger Soccer Camp: July 27 - July 31**

Many heartfelt thanks to our residents who adopted a senior at Patriot's Landing during their isolation throughout COVID-19. Parks & Recreation will be delivering potted flowers and candy grams the week of Memorial Day. Not to worry, all deliveries will be done with the safety and well being of the residents in mind.



# Who you gonna call...

## City of DuPont!

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**DuPont City Hall:**  
**(253)-964-8121**

**Police & Fire Non-Emergency Line:**  
**(253)-798-4721**

**Pierce County Animal Control: (253)-830-5010**

**LeMay Trash Service:**  
**(253)-875-5053**

**Northwest Landing ROA:**  
**(253)-964-1289**

**Looking for Council Reports?**

**Find them here:**

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/96/City-Council>