



THE DUPONT DISPATCH

June 2020

Jambo, (Swahili for “Hello”)

We’ve been Staying Home and Staying Healthy for over two months now. Life is a bit different and we’re all doing our best to adjust to it. With all this newfound time on our hands, did anyone have the idea to learn a new language? I did and I didn’t but I haven’t given up yet!

A group that has really had to make lemonade out of lemons is our Steilacoom High School graduates. On behalf of City staff, we wish you a bright future filled with many successes and adventures. This is only one part of your story.

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](#)



Beautiful spring day outside of City Hall!

DID YOU KNOW...

Sea turtles can hold their breath for several hours, depending upon the level of activity. A resting or sleeping turtle can remain underwater for 4-7 hours. If you think that’s crazy, look up pictures of their throats.

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](#)



Belle, Elsa, and Cinderella at last year's Princess Tea in spring 2019! We can't wait to see which princesses will arrive this year!

Parks & Recreation

Summer Camp Update

We know that many of you are awaiting the opening of our 2020 Summer Camps. We can't thank you enough for your continued patience and understanding. We are hopeful to open registration for City of DuPont camps soon pending the current phases of opening the state. If all goes well, we are optimistic to still maintain our current summer camp schedule, with updated safety provisions in place. Looking for the camp schedule? Please see the following link (<https://www.dupontwa.gov/188/Activities-Classes-Camps-Sports>)

Princess Tea New Date Announced

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Princess Tea has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 3rd at The Home Course. Tickets that have already been purchased will be honored. If you have requested and received your refund, you will need to repurchase your tickets. Please contact Amy Walker at (253) 405-9698 should you have any questions. Please don't delay, tickets sell quickly!

Teen Activities

Many thanks to the teens who have completed our Teen Programming Survey. Mom and Dad, if you are reading this, please direct your teen to the following link to complete the survey. (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPSZZMZ>) Your input will determine the type of programming the City will offer for teens in 2020!

Our teens have continued to meet via Zoom during COVID-19 and have come up with some great ideas for upcoming programming. If you have a teen who would like to participate in our Teen League or Middle School Youth committee, please give call Amy Walker a (253) 405-9698 and she will connect you with the group leaders.

Summer Concerts

Please watch for our Summer Concert Series Schedule announcement. We are hopeful that we are able to hold these concerts, as they are a community favorite.

National Trails Day Bird House Watch

Celebrate National Trails Day with us on Saturday, June 6th!

While we won't be gathering together in person, help us celebrate and protect trails together. Snap a great photo on our trails and share by tagging @Americanhiking and using the #DuPontTrailsDay.

Be on the lookout for 8 birdhouses to be hidden around DuPont's citywide trails. The lucky folks who find the birdhouses are encouraged take them home and will win ice cream for two from Bruce's! See our [Events](#) page for details.

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**

So many of our young people are missing out on important milestones as we navigate school closures. Our youngest daughter is dealing with the loss of some important milestones as a senior in college. She is now home with us, instead of enjoying her last quarter of school with her sorority sisters, and will not be able to experience her college commencement ceremony. Personally and professionally, I completely understand how difficult the current situation is for students and families.

Our Steilacoom High School Class of 2020 will not have the typical end-of-year experience like past graduating seniors, but we are working hard to make it special for them.

We recently held a graduation gear pick-up at SHS and had an incredible response of support from parents and teachers. Of our 224 graduating seniors, all but eight students were there to pick up their regalia.

Here are some of the ways in which we are recognizing the Class of 2020:

- We are using social media to highlight each senior athlete who missed their spring sports season.
- Our ASB purchased yard signs for all our seniors. You will see these great signs posted in yards throughout our communities.
- The SHS administrative team meets regularly with our Class of 2020 officers and their advisor, as well as parents and staff, to discuss strategies in support of students for the remainder of the year. A weekly video series, produced by SHS administration, answers student and parent questions and recognizes SHS Sentinels.
- We look forward to recognizing the seniors chosen by their classmates. These students best represent our PRIDE principles (Passion, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Excellence). Our team is also planning creative ways to host Senior Scholarship Night and the Class of 2020 Graduation ceremony.

Principal Mike Miller shared, "The support from the families, the continued engagement from our students, and teachers going above and beyond to continue to build relationships has been really inspiring to see. Our Class of 2020 is leaving a great legacy for the rest to follow. They are leading us through this with a lot of grace."

We are incredibly proud of our students as they continue to stay engaged with schoolwork and represent our school community with resilient spirits.

Dr. Kathi Weight, Superintendent

What's all the stink about dog poop?

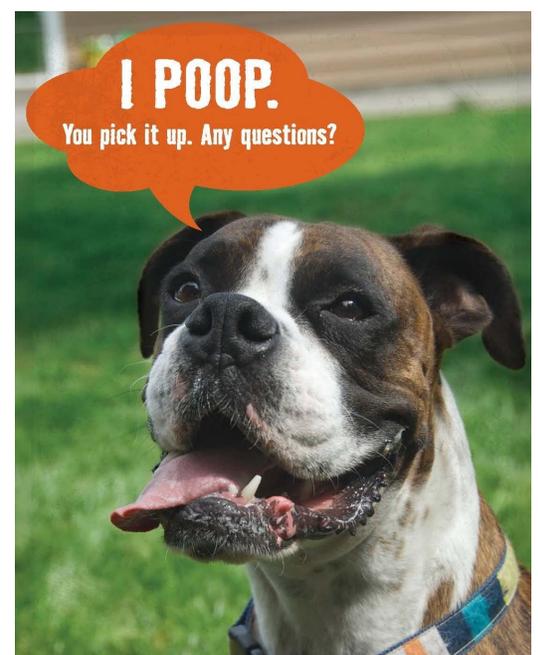
Not picking up after your pet is against the law! (DMC 7.07.005) Your dog poop could cost you \$100.

It's a health risk

Dog poop is more than just gross - it's a health risk to dogs and people, especially children. Dog poop is full of bacteria like Giardia and E. coli that can make people sick.

Rain makes it worse

When it rains, the dog poop is washed into our storm drains where it's carried to the nearest stream, making the water unsafe.



[Check out the newly updated City of DuPont Parks & Facilities Page!](#)

The City currently owns and maintains 50 acres of developed parks, over 12 miles of designated trails and bike lanes, and nearly 500 acres of open space and natural areas.

Instead of having to look up our 14 parks, you can now *search for a park that has a particular feature*. How handy is that?!

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!



DuPont & Northwest Landing's 2020 4th of July Hometown Celebration Postponed

In a joint decision with the Parks & Recreation Agency, City Council, and City staff the City of DuPont and Northwest Landing have postponed their annual 4th of July Hometown Celebration for 2020, which includes the fireworks show. This decision was made with an abundance of caution, in keeping with the Governor's phased re-opening,

Current public health guidelines, well into the summer, would only allow gatherings up to 50 people while maintaining physical distancing.

"The health and safety of our community, volunteers, and staff is the foundation for all our decision making. While postponing this event is a disappointing decision, it is the most responsible one" said Mayor Frederick

However, in keeping with the guidelines, smaller alternative family activities will be offered. These will be announced on the City of DuPont and Northwest Landing websites in the coming weeks. We look forward to coming back bigger and better in 2021!

"This was a difficult but necessary decision, and we look forward to future celebrations" said Northwest Landing Director David Sadlemyer.

Both the City of DuPont and Northwest Landing look forward to when we can come together again and celebrate the events that make our community so special.

Public Works

Basketball Courts

Basketball courts at PowderWorks, Edmonds, and Chief Leschi parks have been power washed! Court striping will be scheduled when there are consistent days of no rain.

Irrigation

Ever wonder why those pesky sprinkler heads are going off randomly? It's because staff has been inspecting the city irrigation system which covers all of the city parks, the length of Center DR, as well as portions of street strips where the city maintains a water or stormwater facility. This work goes through the months of April and May as the staff examines and repairs the irrigation heads and lines for any damage sustained during the winter.

Historic Village Alley Maintenance

This work is typically completed in April and October, potholes and wheel ruts from turns are filled, leveled and compacted with crushed rock in the Historic Village alleys. However, with the recent health crisis, our normal supplier for crushed rock had shut down as the larger WSDOT projects had shut down. Historic Village Alley Maintenance will be rescheduled in June after the reopening.



The beautiful Cherry Blossoms at City Hall—photo taken our extraordinary Public Works Director! Who knew Blackberry phones could take such good photos and that they still existed.

**Who you gonna
call...**

City of DuPont!

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

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

**Lakewood Animal
Control: (253)-830-5010**

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

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

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[https://www.dupontwa.gov/96/City-
Council](https://www.dupontwa.gov/96/City-Council)