



# THE DUPONT DISPATCH

July 2020

## Happy Fourth of July!

While we won't be celebrating together, we do hope you have a wonderful holiday and that you're healthy and safe.

We are very much looking forward to next summer when we can hopefully gather to celebrate. Until then, let's remain committed to doing our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. As always wash those hands, stay in when you're sick, and wear a mask in public settings.

After reading this newsletter, 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](#)



Memories of last year's Fourth of July parade!

## *DID YOU KNOW...*

*Around 150 million hot dogs are consumed by Americans on the Fourth of July. That amount of dogs can stretch from Washington D.C. to Los Angeles more than five times.*

## COVID-19

As the current situation unfolds, information is being updated regularly. 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](#)



**Meet Valeska, our Stormwater Specialist! Valeska helps prevent stormwater pollution, works to meet state and federal regulations, and educates the public about how we can reduce the potential stormwater pollution.**

## Public Works

### Spring Clean-Up

The Spring Clean Up, originally scheduled for Saturday April 4, 2020, was cancelled due to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Governor Inslee related to cancelling gatherings that have more than 50 people. Rescheduling this event will be difficult due to coordination with our trash service provider, donation service provider, and not knowing when large gatherings will be allowed. The Fall Clean Up is still scheduled to take place October 10, 2020.

### Center Drive Overlay

Overlay of Center Drive between Hamilton AVE to Powerline RD is completed. The construction started in March with concrete ramp improvements. Removing the top 2 inches of asphalt (grind) and installation of new wear course asphalt occurred 4/7 – 4/9. Installation of paint striping and street markings occurred on 5/8 – 5/9. A ribbon cutting event to celebrate the completion of this job will be schedule later this summer. The team of Lochner (design engineers) and Miles Resources (construction contractor) made for a wonderful experience on this job.

### Hoffman Hill Reservoir

Hoffman Hill Reservoir Interior Coating for Corrosion Preservation is completed. This project removed corrosion on the interior of the 3M gallon steel tank reservoir. This work will started in December and the reservoir was restored into service in early June 2020. Our City Engineer Consultant from Gray and Osborne provided the design and inspection work. Industrial Coatings Unlimited removed the corrosion, made spot repairs, and applied new coating to the reservoir.

## Public Works Facility

Design for the Public Works Facility is nearly completed and comments from the Hearing Examiner were received in June. The design can now be completed, and will move straight to advertising and bidding in the summer and awarded in fall.

## Stormwater Maintenance

Staff is conducting stormwater access inspections and maintenance work in the larger stormwater ponds, and finishing the bioswales along Center DR. Stormwater maintenance started early June and will continue through the remainder of summer through fall. Our new steep slope mower has arrived and staff are making use of it in our stormwater ponds. We will have a crew from the Washington Conservation Corps work for the City for two weeks in September / October to also complete stormwater maintenance work.

## DuPont-Steilacoom Rd

Design is nearing completion for DuPont Steilacoom RD Improvements between Wharf RD and the new I-5 Exit 119. A virtual open house will be hosted early July 2020. This web site open house will show the designed road expansion, as well as the details at intersections and connection to the future I-5 Exit 119 connection.

### 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/>

## Email Notifications for The DuPont Dispatch

“The DuPont Dispatch” is released the first work-day of the month.

To receive email notifications when the latest edition is out sign up below:

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/list.aspx>

You can also sign up to receive City News, Calendar Notifications, and more!



## Fireworks

Fireworks are only permitted under [DMC 9.12.020](#) from 12:00 noon – 12:00 midnight on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12:00 noon – 12:00 midnight on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Fireworks are not allowed on City of DuPont public property, including public streets, sidewalks, and public parks.

We encourage you to celebrate safely and responsibly.

## Fourth of July Alternative Activities

While we may not be gathering together this July 4<sup>th</sup>, we can still celebrate the day! Parks & Recreation has worked on fun alternate activities to keep you, your family, and even your dog in the patriotic spirit!

- Family Fourth Virtual 5k
- Fourth of July Craft Box
  - Patriotic Pups

[Click here for more information!](#)





# Fireworks in Pierce County

These fireworks are LEGAL to possess between June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>:

Novelties



Multi-Aerials



Smoke



Ground Spinners



Helicopters Parachutes



Sparklers/Morning Glory



Wheels



Reloadable Mortars (1 3/4" or less)



Cones & Fountains



Roman Candles

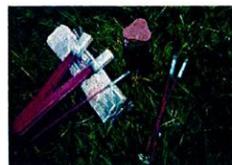


These fireworks are ILLEGAL to possess outside of Tribal Lands:

Firecrackers



Bottle rockets



Missiles & Rockets



These explosive devices are ILLEGAL to possess ANYWHERE:



- M-80's or Larger
- Cherry Bombs
- Tennis Ball Bombs
- Pipe Bombs
- Special, tampered, altered or home-made fireworks

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

As we ended the 2019-20 school year, the question on everyone's mind was, "What will school look like when we return in the fall?"

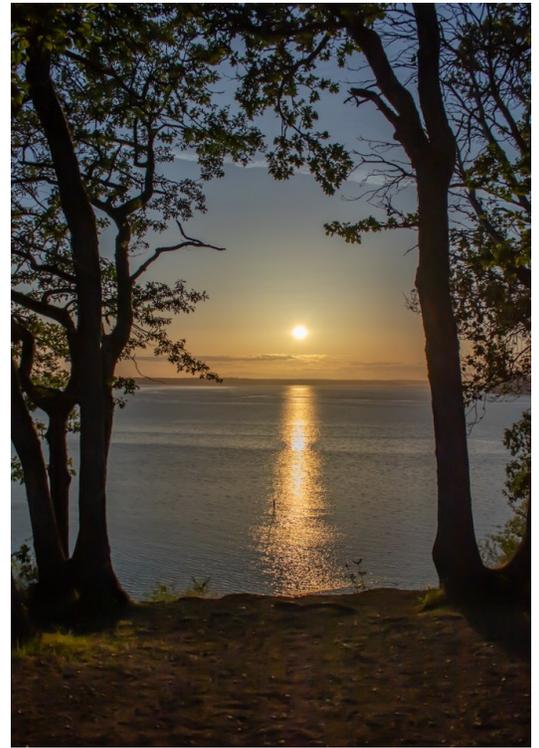
I wish I could confidently say we will be back to a normal, face-to-face, start next year. I understand schools are crucial for families to experience some normalcy, and for parents to be able to return to work. However, our plans must align with state health officials' guidelines. I can guarantee our comprehensive plan for the reopening of schools will keep students safely at the center of our decision-making. We plan to have our draft models ready in early summer, with information sent to families throughout the summer, with the understanding that things could evolve and change.

In planning for fall and beyond, we remain grounded in our commitment to provide the best education for every student. We are designing our plan of action around the 3 Cs: Compassion, Communication, and Common Sense. Our plans will prioritize the health and safety of our students and staff, focus on our collective and individual social-emotional wellbeing, and accelerate learning for all students.

I remain resolute in my belief that public schools, while not perfect, are our greatest source of hope for a better future. Schools are the heart of our democracy and the backbone of our communities. Leading this effort in Steilacoom Historical School District is truly an honor and a moral imperative for me personally. I am confident we will create a great plan to serve our students. Collectively, we will continue to adapt and become an even stronger system.

While the pandemic certainly created a strange and challenging school year, our students continued to rise to the occasion and we were able to celebrate the graduation of 223 seniors, who are on their way to change the world for the better. Those 223 students were offered \$7,425,625 in scholarships and awards, and accepted \$4,884,774 of that amount offered. We are so proud of the accomplishments and resiliency of these students!

Dr. Kathi Weight, Superintendent



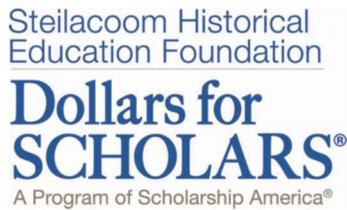
## Trails Update

Here in DuPont, we love our trails! There are over 12 miles of both paved and unpaved trails, as well as several miles of designated bike lanes. We are excited to present the new City Parks & City Trails page on our website!

Explore every city-maintained park and trail with multiple pictures, including our 2019 SequaliShoot winners, and other valuable information!

Interested in a particular trail and want to learn more about it? Check out our trails portal!

[Check out the updated Trails Page!](#)



**SHEF**  
**Steilacoom Historical Education Foundation**  
PO Box 88576  
Steilacoom, Washington 98388

The Steilacoom Historical Education Foundation (SHEF) is a non-profit organization founded in 1993. SHEF awards scholarships to graduates of the Steilacoom School District. Since it was founded, SHEF has awarded over \$370,000 in scholarships to Steilacoom graduates. This year we are awarding over \$24,000 in scholarships to the following students. The money for these scholarships are donated by people and organizations in our communities.

A special thank you to all of our donors for making this possible for our SHS graduates.

- Landon Flake - Arthur Himmler Music Scholarship - \$750
- Adysen Barkhurst - Bair Family Scholarship - \$1,000
- Graig Padgett - Dave Sellars SHEF Scholarship - \$750
- DeAndre Walcott - DuPont Historical Society Scholarship - \$1,000
- Wilkerlyne Noel - DuPont Lions Club Scholarship - \$750
- Tiffany Mendoza - Jaimie Garrett Scholarship for Volunteerism - \$1,000
- Lauren Lazarte - John Anderson Scholarship (1 of 2) - \$750
- Matthew Slater - John Anderson Scholarship (2 of 2) - \$750
- Aaron Mitchell - Kiwanis Scholarship (1 of 4) - \$1,500
- Kaitlyn Parr - Kiwanis Scholarship (2 of 4) - \$1,500
- Katherine Kittlitz - Kiwanis Scholarship (3 of 4) - \$1,500
- Ki'inani Royer - Kiwanis Scholarship (4 of 4) - \$1,500
- Inayah Raheem - Lucas Family Scholarship - \$1,000
- Emily Forbes - Mike & Robbie Courts Military Dependent Scholarship - \$1,500
- Karena Merritt - Mim Billman Memorial - \$900
- Hope Row - Promise Scholarship - \$850
- Connor Beene - SHEF Scholarship (1 of 2) - \$1,000
- Larissa Valenzuela - SHEF Scholarship (2 of 2) - \$1,000
- Charles Southard - SHEF Renewable Scholarship - \$750
- Christian Ashford - Shellabarger Family Scholarship - \$1,000
- Zachary Koivisto - Steilacoom Education Association Scholarship - \$2,500
- Tyler Estep - Teri Litt Scholarship - \$1,000
- George Ramos - We Love Steilacoom Association Scholarship - \$1,000



[www.shefonline.com](http://www.shefonline.com)

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# Parks & Recreation

## Middle School Trivia Night

Wednesday, July 8th - 7PM

Calling All Middle Schoolers! Join us via Zoom for Middle School Trivia Night. Laughs guaranteed with awesome prizes! This event is organized by middle schoolers for middle schoolers. All questions will be Middle School appropriate and on trend with middle school interests. Please RSVP to Emma at ewiegand@dupontwa.gov or by calling Amy Walker at (253) 405-9698.

## Middle School Youth Committee and Teen League

The City of DuPont is currently accepting applications to participate in our Middle School Youth Committee (Grades 6-8) and High School Teen League (Grades 9-12). Both groups focus on volunteerism, planning teen events and making a difference in our community. We are especially grateful to Renee Buck and Jessica Fester for the leadership with the kids. You are greatly appreciated! Questions about the program? Please contact Amy Walker at (253) 405-9698.

[Applications can be found here!](#)

## July 4th...Remembering the Good Times!

Please send us your July 4th photos in DuPont from year's past. Although we cannot gather as a community this year, we would like to share some of your best memories with the community on 4th of July weekend. Please send us your photos for sharing by emailing Emma at ewiegand@dupontwa.gov.



Fourth of July memories of a S'mores station at our 2018 celebration!

## National Trails Day

Congratulations to those families who found our adorable birdhouses that were hidden throughout our trails on June 6th, National Trails Day. Great job DuPont!



One of our eagle-eyed trail-goers found a birdhouse on Trails Day!

## DuPont's Got Talent

Do you have a special talent, recipe, or craft project that you would like to teach the community via Facebook LIVE? Please contact Amy Walker; we would love to hear from you! (253) 405-9698

## Summer Camps

Summer Camp registration is open! Summer Camps will commence in Phase 3, we are optimistic to still maintain our current summer camp schedule, with updated safety provisions in place.

Looking for the camp schedule? [Click here!](#)

## Andy's Anecdotes

Andy is our City Administrator. Every now and then you may see a message from him in here. This is one of those time.

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At the June 16th Council Workshop, I presented our Residential-Commercial Revenues. The next page includes two key slides from the presentation.

[View slides of the presentation.](#)

[Video presentation starts at 1:11:38](#)

## CivicReady

We were able to extend our trial of CivicReady, a mass notification solution, to August 8, 2020.

This service issues urgent notifications, emergency instructions, warnings, and routine communications to subscribed citizens via email, text message, and voicemail alert, to keep citizens safe and informed.

The City will be evaluating if we move forward with this platform.

Thank you to all that signed to receive notifications, your participation is key helping communication strategies.

[Please sign up as we test this new program!](#)



## Hudson's Bay Heritage Days Canceled

The City of DuPont, American Legion Post 53, and the DuPont Historical Society have made the joint decision to cancel our annual Hudson's Bay Heritage Days celebration this summer due to COVID-19.

The health and safety of our community is the top and foremost priority. Under the Governor's Safe Start re-opening plan, while gatherings are allowed in Phase 4, physical distancing and masks are still strongly encouraged. The event attracts 3,000 – 4,000 visitors over the two-day weekend at Clocktower Park. This would mean having to limit the number of visitors in the park at one time and providing more space between vendors. This would just not be feasible for the intent of the event.

"This decision was not made lightly, but I believe it is the best decision we can make to keep the public safe and honor the great traditions of BBQ" said American Legion Post Commander Tom Riggs.

Hudson's Bay Heritage Days will be back bigger and better than ever next summer. We look forward to seeing you at Clocktower Park August 21 & 22, 2021.

[View the full statement from the City of DuPont and American Legion Post 53](#)

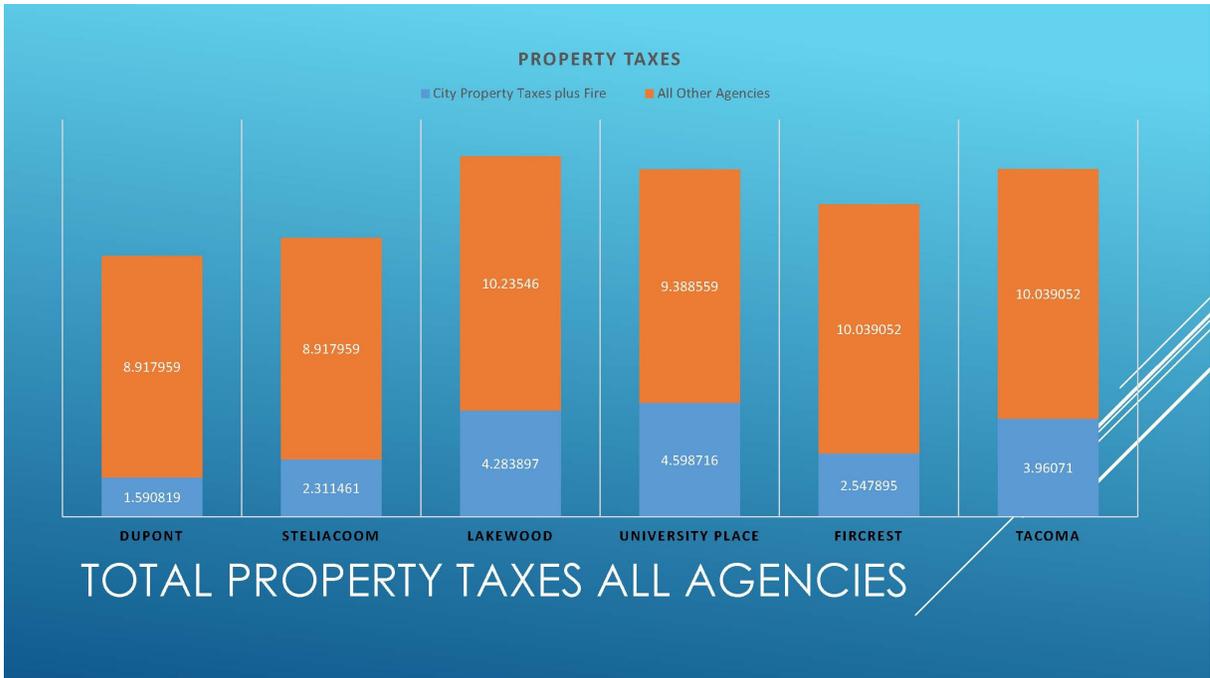
# Andy's Anecdotes Cont.

If you had a house in DuPont that was valued at \$400,000, you would pay approximately \$4,203.51 in property taxes annually.

Of that amount, you would pay the City of DuPont \$443.54 for general property taxes and \$192.79 for EMS. The other \$3,567.18 would go to over agencies. Many of the taxes that go to the other agencies were voted approved bonds. Those other agencies are the Steilacoom School District, Pierce County, State of Washington, Flood Control, Regional Transit Authority, Pierce County Library & Port of Tacoma.

- ▶ Example (numbers were rounded);
- ▶ House Valued at \$400,000 Taxes are calculated on \$1,000 per assessed value.
- ▶ City of DuPont General Property Taxes  $\$400 \times 1.108855 =$  \$443.54
- ▶ City of DuPont Levy Lift (Basic Life Fire)  $\$400 \times 0.481964 =$  \$192.79
- ▶ All Other Taxing Agencies  $\$400 \times 8.917959 =$  \$3,567.18
- ▶ **Total** **\$4,203.51**

## DUPONT PROPERTY TAXES + OTHER AGENCIES



This slide represents the property tax paid by citizens to 6 different cities in Pierce County. The blue on the graph represents how much the regular city property tax collection, any EMS Levies, other Levies, one City has a Park District (which would include those taxes) and any Fire District Levies. The orange represents all other agencies that the citizens property tax dollars go to. DuPont has the lowest property tax, using all levies as well as special districts taxes that serve the cities, out of the other 5.

## #MaskUpDuPont

As we move forward with re-opening our state and activities increase, wearing a mask is a way to help protect others, especially essential workers that come into daily contact with people.

[Effective June 26th, facial covering are required statewide.](#) Please wear a mask when in indoor public spaces or outside when you can't physically distance from others.

To be a part of the solution and help be a positive force in the fight against COVID-19, we started the #MaskUpDuPont campaign on social media. The goal of the campaign is to promote and encourage the wearing of face masks to protect others and reduce the risk of exposure so we can more quickly get to those next phases.

So what are you waiting for? Mask up, DuPont! Use the hashtag and share your photos with us. We can't wait to see them!

For those that want to take it to the next level the State's initiative is #WearAMaskWA. You can submit a 30 second or less video answering the question "Why do you wear mask?". For more information visit: <https://restart.us/wearamaskwa/>



Lisa, member of the Public Works Street Trees & Sidewalk team, masking up to work on the garden outside of City Hall! Can't wait to see the harvest!

# 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**

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

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

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

**Looking for Department Reports?**

**Find them here:**

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