



THE DUPONT DISPATCH

August 2020

Mask up to open up,

The summer weather has finally hit. While this is not the summer any of us had planned, it certainly will be one to remember. Masks are becoming the norm and an essential part of our daily lives to get our businesses to open. Please wear your mask when out in public and together we can fight COVID-19.

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](#)



Valeska, our Stormwater Specialist, masking up!

DID YOU KNOW...

Julius Caesar was once kidnapped and briefly held by Cicilian (southern coast of Asia Minor) pirates and held prisoner. When the pirates asked for a ransom of 20 talents (\$600,000 in today money), he scoffed at them and demanded they ask for 50 talents (\$1.5 million).

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](#)

ATTENTION DUPONT RESIDENTS



Parks & Recreation

Calling all History Buffs!

Join City of DuPont Parks & Recreation and the DuPont Historical Society as we test your knowledge of local and regional history. Join us via Zoom on August 20th at 6PM. (Participants must have access to Zoom. If not, please contact us, we can help) The cost to participate is \$10 and prizes will be awarded! [Register here!](#)

Programming Survey

Parks & Recreation wants to hear from you! While we cannot gather together, we can still be a part of the community. This fall, we are rolling out virtual events and programming which practice social distancing. Please take a couple of minutes to complete this survey to assist with fall programming. We have already heard from many of you with your great ideas! Please keep them coming! [Click here to fill out the comment form.](#)

Senior Virtual Bingo

Attention Seniors! Join DuPont's Parks & Recreation member Emma for Virtual Bingo via Zoom on Monday, August 17th. While it's not the same as us all filling into the Council Chambers and bumping elbows we can still have a blast! Lucky winners will have prizes dropped off on porches within a week of event's completion. Email ewiegand@dupontwa.gov with your address and name for registration. Tell a friend!

Bear Sightings

Bear sightings are still being reported in and around DuPont.

To report dangerous wildlife sightings, please call 9-1-1 immediately and report the location of the sighting.

For all other non-emergency dangerous wildlife complaints, call 877-933-9847, or [submit an online report.](#)

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!](#)

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

We ended the school year much differently than we would have liked due to COVID-19. Our district is busy planning for the reopening of schools in September and we are committed to working with our schools, educators, parents, and community partners to provide equitable support for every student's success during this unprecedented time.

After collecting initial survey data from staff and parents, we created our four planning workgroups, which include almost 300 staff, community, and parent volunteers. These workgroups are working collaboratively to create a solid reopening plan focused on our guiding principles and following the Department of Health requirements. Our Operations Workgroup will ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff in their detailed logistical planning. Our Teaching and Learning Workgroup is focused on providing instructional delivery systems that meet the needs of all students, as well as creating an online virtual academy option for families who are not comfortable sending their children back for in-person instruction yet. Our Whole Child Workgroup are working to ensure that social, emotional, and academic needs are interconnected in all scenarios for the return to school. Finally, our Family and Community Workgroup strategizes on collecting feedback and clearly communicating decisions as they are finalized.

Back-to-school planning efforts will be ongoing throughout the summer and our strategies may need to be adjusted and refined as we head into the school year. Clear and transparent decision-making is a priority for us, and we will provide regular updates (find updates on our [district website](#)) to make sure we are sharing the latest information.

I truly appreciate our community and their support in making these tough decisions. We miss our students and look forward to welcoming them back.

Dr. Kathi Weight, Superintendent

Paw & Order

The City of DuPont enforces a leash law (DMC 7.06.005) to protect people and their furry friends.

For the safety of all, it's 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 fine.

Some good reasons to leash your dog—other than because it's the law.

- 1) It keeps your dog safe.
- 2) It keeps other dogs safe.
- 3) People have a right to enjoy walks without dogs coming up to them.
- 4) You could lose your dog.
- 5) It keeps the peace.



The poster features a dark blue background with yellow brushstroke accents. At the top center is a circular icon of a person walking a dog. Below it, the text reads "DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT" and "Dog Laws" in large, bold letters. A yellow circular badge with the text "LOVE THEM LEASH THEM" is positioned to the right. Below this, a "WARNING" section is divided into three columns, each detailing a specific DMC code and its consequences. At the bottom, there are logos for the DuPont Police Department and the City of DuPont, along with a list of violation fines and a website URL.

WARNING		
DMC 7.13.005 Licenses required	DMC 7.06.005 Dogs off premises to be on a leash	DMC 7.07.005 Animal and household pet fecal matter removal

<http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/DuPont/>

1st Violation- \$100
2nd Violation- \$175
3rd Violation- \$250

Andy's Anecdotes

Anecdotes from our City Administrator Andy Takata

The City continues to operate even though City Hall is closed due to COVID-19. We are offering the same services except the walk-up counter at City Hall. Residents can contact City Hall at (253)-964-8121 for any questions.

Utility bills can conveniently be paid at the drop box on the north end of City Hall or through our website <https://dupontwa.merchantransact.com/>

Police and Fire are working to protect our residents. For non-emergencies, call (253)-788-4721. Please call 911 for emergencies only.

Public Works Staff is out taking care of our streets, water system, landscaping, parks, trails, etc. during these unprecedented times. City Hall Staff continues to work day to day either at City Hall or remotely. All our staff are continuing to service our residents and adapt to work related to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

Stay Safe and Healthy. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or concerns.

DuPont CARES

COVID-19 Business Grants

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and provides fast and direct economic assistance for American workers, families, small businesses, and preserves jobs. The City has received funding through the State of Washington and the Mayor and City Council are pleased to announce that they have allocated \$100,000 to business grants in DuPont for businesses with 20 or less employees.

The application will be available the week of August 3. **Applications will ONLY be accepted August 10th through August 21st.** To submit an application mail it to City Hall or email coaksmith@dupontwa.gov. Applications will be reviewed in order of the postmark date or email date. Mail with post marked prior to August 10 will be not be considered a valid application.

This is a one-time grant with a maximum amount awarded being \$7,000.

[Grant applications will be available on the City website.](#)

DUPONT CARES SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

**Applications accepted
August 10 - 21**



Applications
online August 3

Public Works

DuPont-Steilacoom Rd Virtual Open House

Design is nearing completion for DuPont Steilacoom RD Improvements between Wharf RD and the new I-5 Exit 119. A virtual open house is now available to view online! This web site open house shows the designed road expansion, as well as the details at intersections and connection to the future I-5 Exit 119 connection. There is also an opportunity to provide any comments you may have. [Please check it out!](#)

Street Tree & Sidewalk Team

The Street Tree & Sidewalk team spent the last couple of months supporting other Public Works operations during the Stay at Home order. At the end of July, they returned back to sidewalk repair work. They most recently completed work on Palisade Blvd through the Tolmie Ave intersection. Give them a wave next time you see them!



Street Tree and Sidewalk Team from August 2019

Looking for
Virtual Activities?

[Find them here!](#)

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

Looking for the
City Calendar?

[Find it here!](#)



COVID-19 Testing

Pierce County brings free testing to you.

Anyone can be tested.

Field staff help you register on site. No ID required. Results in 5-7 days.

It's important to get tested if you:

- Experience fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle pain, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.
- Were close to a person with COVID-19 or attended a gathering with many people.
- Are a member of an at-risk community—Alaska Native, American Indian, Black, Hawaiian, Latinx and Pacific Islander.

Saturday, Aug. 8

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

City of DuPont

**Vacant lot across from 1770 Civic
Drive DuPont, WA 98327**



Pierce County



Tacoma-Pierce County
Health Department
Healthy People in Healthy Communities

Learn more at [piercecountywa.gov/mobiletesting](https://www.piercecountywa.gov/mobiletesting) or [tpchd.org/covidtest](https://www.tpchd.org/covidtest).