



WEEKLY REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR ANDY TAKATA

Friday, August 7, 2020

COVID-19 TESTING TRAILER

Pierce County and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department mobile COVID-19 testing trailer will be stationed in the lot adjacent to City Hall on Saturday, August 8, 2020 from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Testing is free and open to everyone.

COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

The DuPont COVID-19 Small Business Grant Application is online now. Applications will only be accepted from August 10th – 21st. This is a one-time grant with \$7,000 being the maximum amount awarded.

This grant is available to businesses that meet the following requirements:

- 20 employees or less, including the owner
- Physical address located in DuPont city limits
- Active and licensed in the City of DuPont and Washington State
- Must be currently permitted/licensed, in good standing, by both the City and the State.
- Must have experienced a loss of income directly related to the effects of COVID-19.
- Must have been operating for at least one year.
- Cannot be owned, partially owned, controlled or involve any type of financial or pecuniary interest or control by a City employee or public official or family member(s) of the same.

Applications will be reviewed and determined by the postmarked date and/or email date.

For questions, contact Finance Director Carma Oaksmith at coaksmith@dupontwa.gov.

For full details and the application, visit the [Small Business Grants](#) page.

DUPONT-STEILACOOM ROAD 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 website 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 an opportunity on the website to provide comments.

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.

Before the Stay at Home order, the team completed most of the Palisade Blvd to Bob's Hollow block, identified in green below. The red area below has not completed but will be soon. Currently, they are working at Palisade Blvd and Center Dr, in yellow below, and will move to the orange areas next.



PARKS & RECREATION AGENCY

The City of DuPont would like to take a moment to thank the wonderful service from Mary Debec to city. She's proven to be a dedicated volunteer and will be missed!

HOFFMAN HILL ODOR

There have reports of an odor in the Hoffman Hill area. Pierce County Waste Water checked the sewer pumps and manholes. They were not able to detect a smell. Depending on the winds and tides, the Nisqually Delta can emit an odor, which could be the source.

STARBUCKS STATION DRIVE

The Starbucks at Station Drive is now open. The City worked with the developer to keep on schedule for the opening date.

MASK UP CAMPAIGN

The Mask Up Campaign is ongoing and receiving a positive response. If you would like to be a part of it, please email Communications Coordinator Erin Gowenlock at egowenlock@dupontwa.gov with a photo of you in your mask.

DUPONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 7/29 – 8/5/2020: 14

Call Highlights

- Electrical fire at a DuPont hotel
- Water rescue call

On August 4, 2020, the DuPont Fire Department, with aid from Anderson Island and West Pierce Fire & Rescue, performed a water rescue. Three teens were playing on the cement barge when the tide came in trapping them. The Anderson Island boat was able to get the teenagers on board the fireboat and transport them to the Sequelitchew Creek Trail where DuPont Fire Department evaluated and determined no medical aid was needed. They were taken by ATV to the top of the trailhead to be reunited with their parents.

DuPont Fire would like to bring to your attention the following information:

Tides can be dangerous. If you intend to venture into these areas, please consult the NOAA Tide Chart. If you do not understand tide charts, it is not recommended that you venture beyond the beach area near the trail.

DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 7/29 – 8/4/2020: 138

Weekly Activity Highlights

- Security Checks (includes suspicious persons, vehicles, and activity) - 38
- Traffic Stops – 19
- Verbal Warnings – 13
- Stolen Vehicle Recovery – 2
- DUI – 1

Arrests:

- Felony – 1
- Misdemeanor – 2

Wildlife Calls:

Officers received a call on a person walking up Sequelitchew Trail with what was thought to be an abandoned or injured baby seal. An officer met the individual on the trail and the seal was taken back down to the beach. After contacting wildlife experts for information, citizens on the beach were educated on the importance of leaving the young seals alone, as it is common for mother seals to leave their young on the beach while hunting and return later to feed them.

Reports of bear sightings continue. So far, the bear has eluded capture by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), as it continues to move back and forth between the areas

of JBLM, DuPont, and Nisqually. Citizens are encouraged to IMMEDIATELY report these sightings as they occur to 9-1-1 to allow WDFW to accurately pinpoint the bear's location.

UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETINGS

AUGUST 18TH COUNCIL WORKSHOP

- City Clerk Karri Muir will give a presentation
- Discussion regarding the PARCS and City of DuPont contract

AUGUST 25TH COUNCIL MEETING

- Fire Department presentation
- Resolution to adopt the Fee Schedule
- Appointment of Parks & Recreation Agency member

Business Meetings		
August 10	Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall - 6:00 pm
August 11	Civil Service Commission	City Hall - 11:00 am
August 11	City Council Committee – Finance & Governance	City Hall - 6:00 pm
August 11	Planning & Public Works	City Hall - 7:00 pm
August 12	City Council Committee Meeting – Public Safety	City Hall - 6:00 pm
August 18	City Council Workshop	City Hall - 6:00 pm
August 19	Hearing Examiner Meeting (if needed)	City Hall - 1:00 pm
August 24	Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall - 6:00 pm
August 25	City Council Meeting	City Hall - 7:00 pm

Activities		
August 9	High School Teen League	City Hall -3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
August 18	Senior Virtual Bingo	Zoom, 11:30 am
August 22	Citywide Yard Sale	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
August 23	High School Teen League	City Hall – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
August 29	Drive-In Movie	City Hall – 7 pm

*City Hall meetings will be through Zoom