



WEEKLY REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM CITY ADMINSTRATOR ANDY TAKATA

Friday, August 14, 2020

COVID-19 MOBILE TESTING TRAILER

The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department mobile testing trailer tested 244 people last Saturday in DuPont. Results of this testing are not available at this time.

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, 2020. This is a one-time grant with \$7,000 being the maximum amount awarded per applicant.

Applications will be reviewed and if eligible, will be awarded in order using 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.

DRIVE-IN MOVIE CANCELED

The City of DuPont Parks & Recreation and P.A.R.C.S. have made the difficult decision to cancel the Drive-In Movie scheduled for August 29, 2020.

Due to low turnout, it was not feasible to continue with the event. Tickets have been refunded.

Parks & Recreation is working hard to bring safe, accessible, and enjoyable events to the community this fall.

FALL/WINTER RECREATION GUIDE

The Fall/Winter Recreation Guide will be available online September 1st. The Recreation Guide will cover September – December and feature virtual programming.

Parks & Recreation decided to move to an online Recreation Guide, which will be a yearly savings of \$12,000.

LTAC APPLICATIONS

2021 LTAC Applications opened on July 27th. The application deadline, which was originally August 14th, has been extended and will now close at the end of the business day on Friday, August 21, 2020.

As of August 13th, the City has received 19 applications.

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance & Governance Committee is moving forward with the fee schedule, with the exception of the proposed Community Development fees. The committee will review those fees once they have more information. There will also be a removal of deposit fees for hearing examiner appeals.

POLITICAL SIGNS

Primary elections have concluded. Per DMC 25.116.110, the temporary political signs shall be removed within five working days following an election, with the exception of signs of a candidate who is successful in a primary election; they may remain until five days after the final election. Most unsuccessful candidates in the primary election removed their signs. However, staff had to remove the remaining unsuccessful candidate political signs on 8/11/2020 and subsequently destroyed them.

MEYER'S STORMWATER POND MAINTENANCE

The stormwater pond located between Meyer ST and MacArthur ST is undergoing removal of buildup of silt, soil and vegetative debris. This maintenance work restores the original construction capacity of the pond.

CLOCKTOWER PARK WORK

The trellis by the Clocktower Band Stand had an upper beam fall down due to rot, this past weekend. The trellis was caution taped to prevent entry underneath it. Further investigation by staff found most of the overhead wood beams had the same amount of rot. Public Works removed/demolished all of the beams. The concrete columns will remain. The beams will not be replaced until Spring 2021.



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.

LETTERS FROM SERVICE LINE WARRANTIES OF AMERICA

Letters from Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) were mailed out and should be in residents' mailboxes this week. The City partnered with the National League of Cities and its service provider Utility Service Partners (now called SLWA) to provide a utility insurance program with Resolution 18-031. The utility insurance program covers the cost for repair or replacement of utility lines that are on private property. This program covers water and sewer/septic lines. Private residential owners are responsible for the utility line between the house and the public utility meter or service main. This insurance program is voluntary.

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 wearing your mask.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

With a weekly report now going to the Mayor and Council and being made available to the public, the City is reviewing whether or not to continue with the monthly newsletter since it is duplicated information. The September "DuPont Dispatch" will be published on September 1st.

DUPONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 8/5 – 8/12/2020: 17

Call Highlights

- Smoke in a residential home, this was determined to be a pan that was left on the stove and smoked up the house. E-25 crew checked for extension and removed the smoke from the home.
- Brush fire with exposure, the exposure was a home and a gas meter. On arrival, the side of the home was on fire with possible extension into the attic. Crews from DuPont, West Pierce, and JBLM responded. The response was handled by E-25 and E-23 crews from West Pierce; the other units were canceled. Crews on scene checked the attic for extension and overhauled the exterior to confirm the fire was out.

DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 8/5 – 8/11/2020: 156

Weekly activity included, but was not limited to:

- Security Checks (Include suspicious persons, vehicles and activity) - 63
- Welfare Check – 9
- Domestic Violence (DV) Calls - 4
- Traffic Stops – 30
- DUI Arrest – 1

Incidents of Note:

Thurston County Sheriff's Department initiated a vehicle pursuit in Thurston County for a felony crime, which traveled northbound on I-5. Various law enforcement agencies assisted in a pursuit after it led into the City of DuPont. DPD officers assisted in calling out geographical locations so that additional law enforcement agencies were aware of the direction of travel of suspect vehicle. The suspect left the City of DuPont within a few minutes. No property damage or injury to person(s) occurred while the suspect was in the City of DuPont. The suspect vehicle and individual were taken into custody within the City of Steilacoom. No injuries to responding DuPont or Steilacoom Officers.

Officers assisted WSP in looking for a vehicle that had reportedly drove off the road and into a fence along I-5 southbound near exit 119. DPD officers located the driver and assisted in the arrest for DUI.

Department News and Training:

DuPont Police Officers conducted use of force training (firearms qualification). In addition, field-testing of the body-worn cameras was conducted at the firearms training site.

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 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

*City Hall meetings will be through Zoom

Activities		
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

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