



WEEKLY REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Friday, November 20, 2020

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

WSDOT ONLINE OPEN HOUSE - STEILACOOM-DUPONT ROAD/EXIT 119

The Washington State Department of Transportation has created an [online open house](#) for people to learn more about the Interstate 5 JBLM Vicinity Congestion Relief Project South Study Area SEA. Comments on the SEA will be accepted starting, Monday, Nov. 16, through Wednesday, Dec. 16.

SUPPORT LOCAL RESTAURANTS

To better help our local eateries, the City has created [a page on the City website](#) of local DuPont food establishments that are offering takeout and delivery services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council discussed and approved public comments moving forward at the November 17th Council Workshop. Public Comments will be on the agenda for the November 24th and December 8th Council Meeting. [Click here for directions on how to participate.](#)

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

To stay up to date on the latest COVID-19 numbers in Pierce County visit the [Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department website.](#)

SEQUALITCHEW CREEK RESTORATION PLAN

The beginning of the Sequatchew Creek Restoration Plan is currently under way. To view the plan [click here.](#)

UPDATED MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Council approved an ordinance to amend the dates and time of the Council's meeting schedule. Starting December 1, 2020 the meeting schedule moving forward will be as follows:

- 2nd Tuesday-Business Meeting (Regular Council Meeting)
- 3rd Tuesday/Wednesday Council Committees
- 4th Tuesday Council Workshops

December 8th will be the last Council meeting of year.

MAYOR'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Mayor's Citizen of the Year Award was created to recognize those outstanding DuPont citizen volunteers whose unselfish and dedicated service to DuPont has made a significant difference to our community.

Nominations for the calendar year are due by December 5, 2020, and will be awarded in January.

For more information visit: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/560/Mayors-Citizen-of-the-Year-Award>

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The Civil Service Commission conducted an eligibility list for the Police Department lateral officer openings which include one vacant position and one new position.

BUDGET

The 2021-2022 budget cycle is underway at this time. Due to COVID-19, the General Fund Departments were decreased in both years in order to help preserve staffing. At the November 24th Council Meeting, the final budget will be presented with a final vote by the City Council at the December 8th meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Fall Leaves

- Our Billy Goat branded leaf vacuum that blows into a covered stake bed truck is repaired and back into operation. For large fields, such as Clocktower Park staff uses a riding Buffalo Blower to push leaves, alongside with other staff using back pack blowers. Work continues at our larger areas Civic Center, Clocktower, and Ross Plaza. Robinson Park and PowderWorks Park is being worked this week.
- Saturday and Sunday, 11/14 – 11/15, staff was operating our street sweeper to catch up with leaf build up along our main roads of Center DR, Wilmington DR, McNeil ST, Ridge View DR, and Hoffman Hill BLVD. During this week our street sweeper is working in the area bounded by Bob's Hollow LN, McNeil ST, and Center DR. Also later this week will be the Hoffman Hill area.
- We are trending 200 cubic yards of leaf debris each week.
- The City's landscape contractor continue to pile leaves along Center DR greenspace for collection and removal. This will continue through mid-December, or until all of the tree leaves have fallen.

Wind Storm

- Puget Sound experienced a wind storm on Tuesday 11/17 from 8 am to 5 pm. Sustained winds 25 – 35 MPH, and gusts up to 45 MPH.
- During the day, staff completed damage assessment drives through the City, on the lookout for any fallen trees, or major branches to be collected or removed during the day.

- While there was tree debris (small branches) falling throughout the City, only one tree had fallen. It was a Douglas Fir from a green space, onto Ridge View DR.
- Localized Urban Flooding: During the same wind storm was short duration of increased rain. There was localized flooding on Barksdale AVE (near the entrance of the Historic Village) and on Louviers AVE. The flooding subsided within a few hours after the rain storm.



Bid Opening

- The City will open bids for a Small Works Project, replacing the on-site chlorine generator at Hoffman Hill Water Well 1 facility. The engineer's estimate is \$44K.
- The bid opened on Thursday 11/19 at City Hall.

DUPONT-STEILACOOM RD

DuPont-Steilacoom Road will be expanded from 1 lane in each direction to 2 lanes in each direction, doubling the existing capacity of the road. Wharf Road is the northern limit and Pendleton Avenue is the southern limit. There will be a future connection to I-5 as part of WSDOT's improvements along the I-5/JBLM corridor. The State of Washington funds provides \$3.9M for this project.

- Advertise: December 7, 2020
- Bid Opening: January 11, 2021
- Council Award: January 26, 2021(Special Meeting/Workshop)
- First working Day: April 1, 2021

DUPONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 11/12 – 11/18/2020: 19

Call Highlights

- A private ambulance was available 27% of the time and averaged a 19-minute response time.
- Crews participated in Multiple Company Ventilation Training with West Pierce at the Building at Center and DuPont- Steilacoom Road.

DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 11/09 – 11/15/2020: 157

Average: 22.43 calls per day

Weekly activity included, but was not limited to:

- Security Checks (Includes suspicious persons, vehicles and activity) – 78
- Property Crimes - 4
- Domestic Violence Incidents/Responses – 4
- Arrests - 1

Incidents of Note and Department News:

- Participated in a procession for a fallen Pierce County Deputy to the medical examiner's office.
- Conducted training on vehicle impounds, search warrants and chain of custody.
- Hosted/Received Taser Instructor Training. Social distancing protocols were in place for all trainings.
- DuPont Officers were dispatched to the area of Exit #118 and I-5. Passersby were notifying 9-1-1 of a collision, and an unknown subject involved in the collision was in danger of being hit by cars while he was out of his vehicle, trying to flag down other vehicles. Conditions were dark and wet, and WSP had an unknown response time. Due to the life-safety concerns, WSP requested that DPD locate and stabilize the scene while they (WSP) were en route. DPD Officers shortly located the incident, and began to protect the parties involved. DPD Officers found the subject who was out of their vehicle, and attempted to "corral" him for his safety. It was later determined that the subject who was "flagging down" traffic appeared to be having some type of emotional or mental episode. Once DPD Officers identified this, they immediately began to de-escalate the situation and care for this individual. While doing so, an unrelated vehicle caused a collision at the scene. Due to the fast actions of the DPD officers and their efforts to protect the scene, there were no injuries.
- DuPont units were requested for priority backup by a neighboring agency reference a vehicle fleeing from police, travelling northbound on I-5 towards DuPont. DuPont Officers monitored exit 118 and 119 in case suspect vehicle exited into the city. Once the pursuit had passed jurisdiction, DuPont police units cancelled.

JOB OPENINGS

The City of DuPont has several open positions. To view job opportunities [click here](#).

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.

YOUTUBE LIVE

The City now streams Council Committee Meetings on **YouTube Live**. These meetings will be available to view on the [City's YouTube channel](#). Workshops and Council Meetings will be filmed by **PCTV** and **YouTube Live**.

UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 24TH COUNCIL MEETING

- 2021/2022 Budget
- Property Tax Levy Ordinance
- 2019 EMS Levy Ordinance
- Budget Amendment
- Pierce County Flood Control Zone District (PC FCZD) Grant
- Resolution adopting the amended Council Rules and Procedures

Business Meetings		
November 23	Planning Commission Meeting - CANCELED	City Hall*, 7:00 pm
November 24	City Council Meeting	City Hall*, 7:00 pm

*City Hall & EOC meetings will be through Zoom

Activities		
November 22	High School Teen League	Zoom, 3 pm – 5 pm

*City Hall meetings will be through Zoom

“Don't Let Yesterday Take Up Too Much Of Today.” – Will Rogers