



WEEKLY REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Friday, February 26, 2021

PIERCE COUNTY VACCINATION EVENT

Pierce County Department of Emergency Management & Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department held a vaccination event in DuPont on February 24th at the State Farm Building. They were able to vaccinate 1200 individuals.

Thank you so much to PCEM, TPCHD, healthcare workers, DuPont Public Works, DuPont Police Department, State Farm, and everyone involved. Together let's all do our part - mask up, social distance, and get vaccinated.



PARKS & RECREATION

Farmers Market

Staff attended both Washington State Farmers Market Association Boot Camp and conference this week. We have been surrounded by market managers who are sharing their experiences and wisdom as we develop our first market.

Parks and Recreation will be utilizing a portion of the tree nursery to plant flowers and vegetables to sell at the market. This will serve as a fundraiser for water access to the off leash area.

Smith Brothers Farms

Smith Brothers Farms will be hosting drive-thru pop-up events in the cow car where they will bring chocolate milk and cookies for children and cold brew coffees for adults. They will announce the locations and times on local Facebook pages.



SPEEDING

In the United States in 2018, speeding killed 9,378 people. Speeding endangers not only the life of the speeder, but all of the people on the road around them, including law enforcement officers.

Please watch your speed and obey the speed limit. Citizens have expressed concerns about excessive vehicle speeds, especially when trying to cross the intersection.

School is getting back in session, be aware and drive carefully around Pioneer Middle School and Chloe Clark Elementary School.

NEW NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

South Sound 911 has a new non-emergency phone number: **253-287-4455**. Please save this number and use for non-emergency police, fire, and medical assistance.



RECYCLE & REDUCE WASTE

Check out the following links from Pierce County below for helpful recycling and reducing waste information.

- [Recycling & Garbage](#)
- [Shred Events](#)
- [Why Can't I Recycle...](#)

PUBLIC WORKS

Water Meter Reading

- Staff completed the over 3,000 water meter reads from last week into this week. Utility Billing will be mailed out at the end of the month.
- Identified 10 residential water meters that will be replaced and 6 meters that staff performed leak checks.

2020 Annual Water Quality Report

- Report is available on the City Website:
<https://www.dupontwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4480/2020-Water-Quality-Report-Final>
- This same link will be listed in the upcoming utility billing.

Parks Maintenance

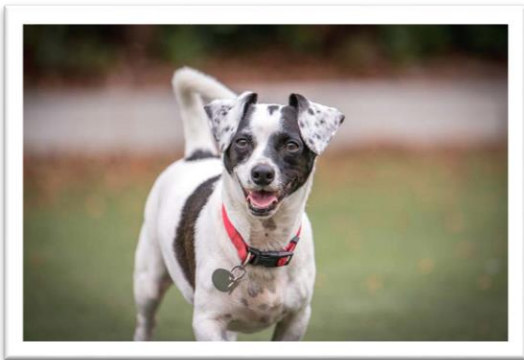
Staff is working this week to remove invasive weeds, specifically thorny plants, at the Hoffman Hill Neighborhood Park, located near Hoffman Hill BLVD and Hiton CIR.

Street Sweeping

Our street sweeper continues to operate this week to pick up sand used during the snow storm of 2/11 – 2/14. To date we have collected 15 cubic yards.

Drive In Vaccination Clinic 2/24

- The City assisted Pierce County Emergency Management in hosting a 1st shot, COVID-19 vaccination clinic on the grounds of the State Farm Insurance campus, Wilmington DR.
- Pierce County Emergency Management provided the contract clinicians, internal traffic control, and logistics to operate the clinic.
- The City provide assistance with police officers controlling the entry from Wilmington DR, installation of barriers/signs on Wilmington DR and Palisade BLVD, and an application of anti-ice solution on the campus parking lots due to overnight freeze.



PET LICENSES

All cats and dogs over 3 months of age within the City of DuPont must be licensed. Proof of vaccination must be presented at the time of licensing. New residents have 30 days to license their cats or dogs, who are three months of age or older. [Applications can now be submitted online.](#)

DUPONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 2/17/2021 – 2/13/2021: 15

Call Highlights

- A private ambulance was available 40% of the time with an average 24-minute response time.
- On February 20th, we competed live fire training with all three shifts The Fire Marshal and Fire Department crews continue to be extremely busy with construction projects in the City.

DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 2/15/21 – 2/21/2021: 166

Average: 23.71 calls per day

Weekly activity included, but was not limited to:

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- Property Crimes – 1
- Welfare Checks - 9
- Arrests/Referrals to Prosecutor – 1

Incidents of Note and Department News:

Officers responded to...

- Nine (9) separate welfare checks on residents of DuPont.
- An alarm at a local school. A subject was found inside and was subsequently booked into jail for Criminal Trespass, and officers have been conducting extra foot patrols of both schools located within DuPont city limits.

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.

WASHINGTON'S COVID-19 VACCINE PHASES

The Department of Health has released phases for vaccine distribution. For complete information visit the [Department of Health's website](#). To find out when it's your turn visit [FindYourPhaseWA.org](#).

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](#).

JOB OPENINGS

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

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

MARCH 9, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

- Integrated Pest Management Plan
- Building Access Policy
- City Council Policies & Procedures

MARCH 23, 2021 COUNCIL WORKSHOP

- Point Defiance Bypass

Business Meetings		
March 1	Parks & Recreation Agency Meeting	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
March 8	Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
March 9	Civil Service Commission Meeting	City Hall*, 11:00 AM
March 9	City Council Meeting	City Hall*, 7:00 PM
March 16	City Council Committee – Finance & Governance	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
March 16	City Council Committee – Planning & Public Works	EOC*, 7:00 PM
March 17	City Council Committee – Public Safety	EOC*, 6:00 PM
March 22	Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
March 23	City Council Workshop	City Hall*, 6:00 PM

*City Hall & EOC meetings will be through Zoom

Activities		
March 6	Hunt for Gold	1:00 PM, Robinson Park
March 24	Ina Garten Ice Box Cake Class	1:00 PM, Zoom

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“Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity.” — Henry van Dyke