



WEEKLY REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Friday, April 2, 2021

DUPONT COMMUNITY GARDEN

The [DuPont Community Garden](#) on Power Line road is accessible from Center Drive by Creekside Apartments. There are over 80 garden beds available for a yearly rental both outdoors or in one of the two greenhouses. The garden provides seeds, irrigation and fertilizer to get started.

For more information, contact the garden at idcgardens@gmail.com and check out the [DuPont Community Garden Facebook page for updates](#).

IRS TAX DEADLINE EXTENSION

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service [announced](#) that the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021.

PUBLIC WORKS

Parks Maintenance

- The City and their vendor installed soft fall chips in the play toys area of the following parks.
- Completed 3/23, 3/25, 3/29: Garry Oaks, Jensen, Sellers and Hoffman Hill Neighborhood and Bell Hill Community (Lower) Parks.
- Our staff completed seasonal turf edging and routine leaf/debris pick up at Ross Plaza, Clock Tower, and Edmond Village Parks.



Utility Trenching for New Public Works Facility, Civic DR

- Our contractor for the new Public Works facility is trenching and installing a new sewer line that will travel from the end of Civic DR and past the rear fenced gate of the Public Safety Bldg.
- This work was scheduled for 3/22 to 4/2, but will spill over to 4/5. When completed (4/5), the trench will be filled in and there will be asphalt to drive over. Final asphalt will be done later in the project.

Drive In Vaccination Clinic 3/29

- The City assisted Pierce County Emergency Management in hosting a 2nd shot, COVID-19 vaccination clinic on the grounds of the State Farm Insurance campus, Wilmington DR. Over 1,150 vaccinations were administered.
- Pierce County Emergency Management provided the contract clinicians, internal traffic control, and logistics to operate the clinic.
- The City provides assistance with police officers controlling the entry from Wilmington DR, installation of barriers/signs on Wilmington DR and Palisade BLVD.

Washington Conservation Corps 3/29 – 4/1

- The City is hosting the Washington Conservation Corps crew for maintenance work at our storm water facilities; Sinclair DR Pond and Bob’s Hollow LN / Hammond AVE.
- This crew will remove opportunity grown shrubs/plants/trees, as well as thorny vines.



Spring Clean Up

- Scheduled for Saturday 4/3
- These event will be curbside pick-up only, as the bulky waste site (vacant lot by city hall) is temporarily occupied as a contractor’s material and equipment site for construction of the new Public Works building, which has started.

Historic Village Alley Maintenance

- Completed 3/30 – 31. Staff filled in ruts and holes in the Historic Village alleys using crushed rock. Extra material was used to fill in ruts and holes along Ross Trail.

Water Distribution Maintenance

- Staff has started back flow testing at City Facilities. Expected completion is 4/9.

FIX A LEAK!

Are you ready to chase down leaks? Household leaks can waste nearly 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide. [Find and fix leaks](#) inside and outside your home to save valuable water and money all year long.

PARKS & RECREATION

July 4th

As discussed at the March 23rd Council Workshop, staff will be making our final recommendation to Mayor Frederick regarding upcoming July 4th festivities. Phase 3 currently allows for outdoor gatherings of up to 400 participants. Regardless of the decision, staff and volunteers will assure a safe and responsible Independence Day celebration.

Private Theater Rentals

Parks & Recreation will be privately renting the Lakewood AMC Theater on two occasions for a teen and senior night at the movies. AMC is currently allowing private rentals for up to 20 guest per rental. We have two showings scheduled in April that will most likely sell out. (April 19th and April 27th)

Citywide Yard Sale

The Annual Citywide Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 15th. All residents throughout DuPont are encouraged to participate and are responsible for advertising their own sale and taking signs down upon completion of the sale.

DUPONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 03/24/2021 – 3/31/2021: 19

Call Highlights

- A private ambulance was available 25% of the time with an average response time of 23 minutes.

DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 3/22/21 – 3/28/2021: 138

Average: 19.71 calls per day

Weekly activity included, but was not limited to:

- Miscellaneous calls for service, including proactive, protective patrols: (Includes suspicious persons, vehicles, and activity) – 44
- Property Crimes – 1
- Arrests/Referrals to Prosecutor – 3
- Domestic Violence Response – 3
- DUI - 2

Incidents of Note and Department News:

- DPD responded to an indecent exposure – subject was detained and involuntary committed.
- As a result of a criminal traffic stop (adult male driver arrested), as female runaway was recovered and subsequently turned over to CPS, (possible human trafficking).
- Assisted a resident with an attempted fraud.

- As part of an ongoing school zone emphasis, the electronic reader board was moved to a new location on Center Drive to warn motorists of the speed zone for schools.
- New hire orientation is still being conducted.
- State mandatory and department online training continues.

Emergency Preparedness Tips: Build A Kit

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for several days. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Make sure your emergency kit is stocked with the items on the checklist below. Download a printable version to take with you to the store. Once you take a look at the basic items, consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets or seniors.

- Water (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- Food (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

(Source: Ready.gov. For more information, visit <https://www.ready.gov/kit>)

SPEEDING



Please watch your speed and obey the speed limit. School is back in session, be aware and drive carefully around Pioneer Middle School and Chloe Clark Elementary School.

Citizens have expressed concerns about excessive vehicle speeds, especially when trying to cross the intersection.

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.](#)



RECYCLE & REDUCE WASTE



The City of DuPont has glass and cardboard recycling containers in the City Hall parking lot. In the glass container -please ensure the glass has been rinsed with no lids or bags. In the cardboard container-, please NO packing materials.

Check out the following links from [Pierce County](#) below for helpful recycling and reducing waste information.

* [Recycling & Garbage](#)

* [Why Can't I Recycle....](#)

* [Shred Events](#)

LEASH LAW & PET WASTE

The City of DuPont has a leash law (DMC 7.06.005) and pet waste removal law (DMC 7.07.005). The first violation is a \$100 fine. For the safety of all, it is important that owners can properly control their pets leash while walking them and clean up after them.



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 dine in, takeout and delivery services.

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

APRIL 13, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- Council Rules
- Regular City Council Start Times
- Facility Use for Outside Areas

APRIL 27, 2021 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Business Meetings		
April 12	Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
April 13	Civil Service Commission Meeting - CANCELED	City Hall*, 11:00 AM
April 13	City Council Meeting	City Hall*, 7:00 PM
April 15	Tree Board Meeting	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
April 20	City Council Committee – Finance & Governance	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
April 20	City Council Committee – Planning & Public Works	EOC*, 7:00 PM
April 21	City Council Committee – Public Safety	EOC*, 6:00 PM
April 26	Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
April 27	City Council Workshop	City Hall*, 6:00 PM

*City Hall & EOC meetings will be through Zoom

Activities		
April 3	Spring Clean Up	8:00 AM, Curbside
April 9	Teen Hike	11:00 AM, Sequalitchew Creek
April 11	High School Teen League	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Zoom
April 25	High School Teen League	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Zoom

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

DuPont City Hall: (253) 964-8121

Police & Fire Non-Emergency: (253) 287-4455

Lakewood Animal Control: (253) 830-5010

LeMay Trash Service: (253) 875-5053

Northwest Landing ROA: (253) 964-1289

Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and then go and do that, because what the world needs is people that have come alive." – Howard Thurman