



WEEKLY REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Friday, April 9, 2021

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

Water Distribution Maintenance

- City staff performing backflow testing on all city owned devices.
- Private irrigation water meters energized.

Utility Trenching for New Public Works Facility, Civic DR

- Contractor completed the utility trench will be filled in and there will be asphalt to drive over. Complete final asphalt later. The rear public safety gate is opened and operational.
- Water flushing and bacteria samples for New Public Works Building completed.



Public Works Operations

- Maintained City garbage and Doggy-pot sites.
- Provided traffic control support for Jake Middling Construction selected areas
- Trimmed and cleaned up Hoffman Hill Tank Site
- Performed reads/locates for utilities and work orders

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

Farmers Market Update

Vendor registration for our Farmers Market will close early next week. We currently have approximately 30 vendors, to include eight farmers. In order to be a registered Farmers Market in Washington State, we need to comply with ratios of farmers to crafters. To date, we are almost there. We continue to recruit farmers, but will be closing registration for crafters.

DUPONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 04/01/2021 – 04/07/2021: 18

Call Highlights

- A private ambulance was available 9% of the time with an average response time of 29 minutes.
- On April 7th, we responded to a MVA (motor vehicle accident) at Bronson and Center, this accident destroyed a street light. Both Public Works and Puget Sound Energy were notified.
- During this week, there was one car fire and one building fire. The car fire was confined to the engine, and the building fire confined to a wall heating unit.
- Fire Safety- it's still cold in the morning so please be mindful of the clearance needed around heat sources and follow the recommendation by the manufacture.

DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 3/29/21 – 4/04/2021: 128

Average: 18.28 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) – 32
- Domestic Violence Response – 03
- DUI – 02
- Stolen Vehicle – 01
- Arrests/Referrals to Prosecutor – 06

Incidents of Note and Department News:

- Officers responded to three separate Domestic Violence (DV) investigations, two of which were physical. In both instances of physical DV, probable cause was established for arrest, and the suspects were booked into jail.
- At the request of the proprietor, DPD officers responded to and removed a subject from a place of business. The subject in question was trespassing, acting erratically, and showed signs and symptoms of drug/alcohol intoxication. The subject was subsequently transported to a hospital for evaluation.

Community Policing Message: Spring Cleaning

Spring Break us upon us and it's a great time to implement some general Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles. Here are a few to consider:

- **Trim your bushes and trees** – In general, try to keep all your bushes no taller than 3 feet. Mature trees should be trimmed so the lowest branch is around 7 feet from the ground. This creates a 3 to 7-foot window of observation resulting in fewer places criminals can hide, and also allows police to observe any suspicious behavior around your residence.
- **Lighting** – Set your exterior lights on a timer to turn on at dusk and off at dawn. If you prefer not to leave your exterior lights on for that length of time, look into investing into motion detector lights. Criminals look for dark or poorly lit areas to commit crimes. The less chance a criminal can be seen, the more likely they are to commit a crime.
- **Security Cameras** – Security cameras are a great way to deter crime. They also help police to identify criminals and create a timeline.
- **Consider decorative rocks around your windows** – Did you know that decorative rocks not only look good but can prevent crime? Criminals do not like noise. Walking on rocks can be noisy and discourage criminals from accessing that area. Place decorative rocks to block access to your exterior windows.
- **Get to know your neighbors** – This is a great time to meet and greet your neighbors as well. Ask your neighbors to keep an eye on your residence if you are gone for a few days. Having an alert neighbor is great crime prevention.
- **Vacant house checks** – Notify your police department if you are going away, and fill out a vacation house check form. The police will check on your residence for you while you are gone. You can find the vacation house check form here:
<https://www.dupontwa.gov/217/Vacation-House-Check>

For more information on CPTED, please contact the DuPont Police Department:

Police@dupontwa.gov

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

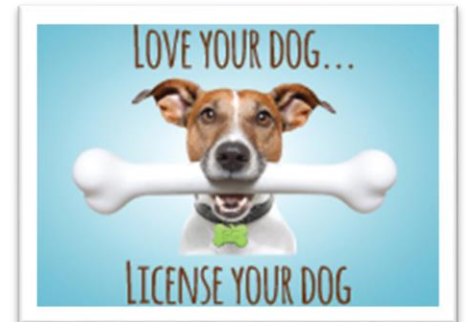


Please watch your speed and obey the speed limit. School is back in session, be aware and drive carefully around Pioneer Middle School and Chloe Clark Elementary School.

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.](#)



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](#).

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 jdcgardens@gmail.com and check out the [DuPont Community Garden Facebook page for updates](#).

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**.

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](#)

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 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

*City Hall meetings will be through Zoom

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

*"A true hero isn't measured by the size of his strength, but by the strength of his heart." -
Hercules*



Safety Tips for Cadet Electric Heaters

Cadet wall and baseboard heaters are a safe and affordable way to warm your home. Follow our simple guidelines and regular heater maintenance tips to enjoy years of comfort for your family.

Keep Safe Clearances

It's critical to keep safe clearances around your heater and not block the flow of air.

- We recommend at least three feet clearance in front of the heater, and twelve inches to the sides and above the heater.
- Keep all furniture, curtains, paper, bedding, and other items which could catch fire away from the heater.
- Make sure the heater is not installed where an open door could block air flow.

Enjoy Confidence and Peace of Mind

Your Cadet heater has safety built in—it's equipped with internal devices that automatically turn a heater off if normal operating temperatures are exceeded.

If a Cadet wall heater is ever dirty, blocked, or malfunctions, the heater will turn off, thanks to its manual limit switch. The heater will stay off until you press the reset button (the "manual" in manual limit switch) or until you turn the thermostat to the "off" or "low" position. Once this limit is tripped, you can quickly check for problems and fix them as necessary. Common causes for tripping the switch include furniture too close to the heater, dirt or dust accumulation, or foreign objects inside the heater.

Many Cadet wall heaters also include a back-up thermal limit switch (also referred to as a "one-shot."). If a heater experiences extreme heating temperatures, this limit will trip. In this case the heater must be repaired or replaced—you will not be able to simply reset the heater.

Cadet baseboard heaters have an automatic limit switch that temporarily shuts the heater off when excessive operating temperatures are detected.

All Cadet heaters bear a mark signifying they have been evaluated and tested to Underwriters Laboratories' (UL) safety standards.

Easy Maintenance

Try to clean out your wall heater at least every six months. It's easy to do!

1. Disconnect the power to the heater at the electric panel board (make sure you lock or tag the panel board so the power isn't inadvertently turned on).
2. Remove the grill (and wash, if necessary).
3. Blow debris down through the top element using a blow-dryer or vacuum on blow cycle.
4. Vacuum the dirt and dust, replace the grill, and turn the power back on.

Baseboard heaters also need periodic cleaning. For these heaters, disconnect the power, and vacuum inside the heater—be careful when working around the aluminum fins.

Thermostat Information

There are two types of thermostats—one can be turned off completely, the other has no true “off” setting.

- Double pole thermostats break both sides of the heater’s power line and have an off setting.
- A single pole thermostat breaks only one side of the heater’s power line and only has a “low” setting and no true “off” setting.

For heaters with a single pole thermostat, if room temperatures dip, the heater will turn on even if the thermostat is at its lowest setting.

Remember, the best way to ensure your heater is off is to disconnect power to the heater circuit at the main disconnect panel.

Heater Safety for Children

As with any other electric appliance, children should be supervised when playing around electric heaters, as grill temperatures will increase during operation.

Make sure toys aren’t pushed inside the unit or stuck in the grill. This can block air flow and impede the fan’s movement.

The Cadet Energy Plus heater has maximum and minimum set-point lock features—a great option for families with children.

With just a little attention, you’ll enjoy years of worry-free comfort from your electric heaters.

Find More Information

Click these links to find helpful information:

- [Identify the model of your Cadet heater](#)
- [Replace an older Cadet heater](#)
- [Hire an electrical contractor in your area.](#)
- [Buy Cadet products](#)
- [Get technical support](#)
- [Learn how Cadet heaters are manufactured in the USA](#)
- [Recall information](#)

Still have questions? Click here to chat with Cadet!