



# WEEKLY REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Friday, April 23, 2021

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES - FILING FOR OFFICE IN 2021

Interested in running for City Council? Candidate filing week is May 17 – 21. For complete details visit the [Pierce County Elections page](#).

## PLANNING COMMISSION OPENING

The Planning Commission has a [vacancy](#) for the alternate position term (01/01/20 - 12/31/23). The purpose of the Planning Commission is to advise the City Council on the following topics:

- General land use
- Growth management
- Long-range capital improvement plans
- Transportation planning

The Planning Commission also holds hearings on and develop a comprehensive plan for the City and make recommendations to the City Council on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Code, and the development regulations of the City.

## PARKS & RECREATION AGENCY OPENING

The Parks & Recreation Agency has a [vacancy](#) for the alternate position term (01/01/21 - 12/31/24).

The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Agency is to advise the City Council on various parks and recreation issues, including the capital facilities plan, land acquisition, park development, park facilities and recreation programs, and other matters as directed by the City Council. The Parks and Recreation Agency also collaborates with the Planning Commission as needed on matters relating to parks elements of the comprehensive plan.

## COVID-19 VACCINE IN PIERCE COUNTY

Everyone 16 years and older is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine shot. To view upcoming vaccine events, visit the [Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department site](#).

## 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.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Parks Maintenance**

- Through the month of April, city wide, staff is inspecting, and repairing any winter damage to irrigation systems located in our parks and public right of way. City park water fountains are also being inspected for winter damage, repaired, and returning for service through the month of April.

### **New Public Works Facility**

- Our contractor for the new Public Works facility started work in January 2021. Completion is April 2022.

### **Drive In Vaccination Clinic 4/20**

- 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. Over 1,170 vaccinations were administered. 2nd Shot is scheduled for 5/18 in the same site.
- 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 4/26 – 4/29**

- The City will be hosting the Washington Conservation Corps crew for maintenance work at our storm water facilities; Regional Pond (Jensen AVE / Wallace ST / Ogden AVE).
- This crew will remove opportunity grown shrubs/plants/trees, as well as thorny vines.
- Additionally this crew will conduct trail clearing near Ridge View DR / Sinclair DR.

### **Parks Appreciation Day, Saturday 4/24**

- Maintenance and improvement activities scheduled for Parks at Jensen, Garry Oaks, Robinson and Sellers.

### **DuPont Steilacoom RD Improvements**

- This project is advertised with a bid opening of 4/30. Expected start of work is Summer 2021 with completion by October 2021.

## **March Water Production**

- The City produced 22.0 M gallons (2.9M Cubic Feet) of water for the month of March. This matches our historical trend for the month of March in 2018 – 2020. Winter demand continues at this level.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

### **Park Appreciation Day**

Volunteers will assist with our Annual Park Appreciation Day this Saturday, April 24th from 9AM-Noon. Park improvements and beautification projects are planned citywide for our parks. Several members of our Park Agency will serve as Park Captains for this event. There is still time for volunteers to register to help at the following [registration link](#).

### **Parks Master Plan Update**

The Park Agency will be hosting a series of virtual and in person outdoor open houses to engage in community input for park improvements. These events will begin in early June and last throughout the fall. Please watch the city website for an updated schedule of these events.

## **DUPONT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Total Calls for Service 04/15/2021 – 04/21/2021: 20**

### **Call Highlights**

- A private ambulance was available 30% of the time with an average response time of 23 minutes.

### **Safety tip: “Cook with Caution”**

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

## **DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Total Calls for Service 4/12/21 – 4/18/2021: 142**

***Average: 20.28 calls per day***

## **Weekly activity included, but was not limited to:**

### EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS:

- 59 - Security Checks/Foot Patrol
- 18 - Traffic Stops
- 9 - Medical Aid Calls
- 3 - Welfare Checks
- 2 - Driving Under the Influence Arrests
- Motor Vehicle Collision (Non-Injury)
- Pierce County Force Investigations (PiCFIT) multi-agency team call-out: DPD Investigations responded to the Buckley area to participate in an officer-involved shooting incident involving Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS:

- 2 - Domestic Violence/Disturbance

### CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY:

- Vandalism
- Stolen Vehicles

### ARRESTS / REFERRED TO PROSECUTOR FOR CRIMINAL CHARGES:

- 3

### REPORTING AN EMERGENCY?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
- If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060

## **DEPARTMENT NEWS:**

### Training:

- One (1) Officer undergoing Patrol Field Training
- Department-wide first aid and CPR training conducted

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the lobby of the police department remains closed to walk-in traffic. However, you may call our office at (253) 964-7060 to arrange any of the following:

- Free firearm locks
- Prescription drug disposal

To report traffic concerns, please send an email to [Police@dupontwa.gov](mailto:Police@dupontwa.gov) and include the following information:

- Location of your concern;
- Time of day when the event of concern occurs;
- Description of the concerning behavior or action.

## **COMMUNITY POLICING MESSAGE: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Here are 10 things that you can do to help prevent child abuse:

- 1 **Volunteer your time.** Get involved with other parents in your community. Help vulnerable children and their families. Start a playgroup.
- 2 **Discipline your children thoughtfully.** Never discipline your child when you are upset. Give yourself time to calm down. Remember that discipline is a way to teach your child. Use privileges to encourage good behavior and time-outs to help your child regain control.
- 3 **Examine your behavior.** Abuse is not just physical. Both words and actions can inflict deep, lasting wounds. Be a nurturing parent. Use your actions to show children and other adults that conflicts can be settled without hitting or yelling.
- 4 **Educate yourself and others.** Simple support for children and parents can be the best way to prevent child abuse. After-school activities, parent education classes, mentoring programs, and respite care are some of the many ways to keep children safe from harm. Be a voice in support of these efforts in your community.
- 5 **Teach children their rights.** When children are taught they are special and have the right to be safe, they are less likely to think abuse is their fault, and more likely to report an offender.
- 6 **Support prevention programs.** Too often, intervention occurs only after abuse is reported. Greater investments are needed in programs that have been proven to stop the abuse before it occurs - such as family counseling and home visits by nurses who provide assistance for newborns and their parents.
- 7 **Know what child abuse is.** Physical and sexual abuse clearly constitute maltreatment, but so does neglect, or the failure of parents or other caregivers to provide a child with needed food, clothing, and care. Children can also be emotionally abused when they are rejected, berated, or continuously isolated.
- 8 **Know the signs.** Unexplained injuries aren't the only signs of abuse. Depression, fear of a certain adult, difficulty trusting others or making friends, sudden changes in eating or sleeping patterns, inappropriate sexual behavior, poor hygiene, secrecy, and hostility are often signs of family problems and may indicate a child is being neglected or physically, sexually, or emotionally abused.
- 9 **Report abuse.** If you witness a child being harmed or see evidence of abuse, make a report to your state's child protective services department or local police. When talking to a child about abuse, listen carefully, assure the child that he or she did the right thing by telling an adult, and affirm that he or she is not responsible for what happened.

- 10 **Invest in kids.** Encourage leaders in the community to be supportive of children and families. Ask employers to provide family-friendly work environments. Ask your local and national lawmakers to support legislation to better protect our children and to improve their lives.

For more information, you can visit the Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families website at: <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/safety/prevent-child-abuse>

## 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.

## JOB OPENINGS

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

## 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.

## 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](mailto:idcgardens@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 27, 2021 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

- Discussion on South Sound Housing Affordability Partners – [SSHAP](#) is an organization to help with affordable housing throughout Pierce County

Business Meetings		
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 25	High School Teen League	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Zoom
April 27	Senior Movie Night Out	6:45 PM

\*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

*“I’ve missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed” – Michael Jordon*