



WEEKLY REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Friday, April 30, 2021

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN

If your child is 5 years old on or before August 31st, now is the time to enroll in Kindergarten. Full day kindergarten is free and an important part of your child's success in life. [Register here.](#)

TACOMA DOME NOW HOME FOR SIX WEEKS OF VACCINATIONS

Everyone 16 and older is now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine in Washington. A mass vaccination site is now open at the Tacoma Dome from noon to 8:00 pm each day, except holidays. To register go to [FindYourCovidShot.com](https://www.findyourcovidshot.com) or call (253) 798-8900. Group appointments are available through the call center.

You may also visit the Washington DOH Vaccine Locator to find other location options and information.

STEILACOOM HIGH SCHOOL NAMED TO 2021 BEST HIGH SCHOOLS LIST

U.S. News and World Report recently named Steilacoom High School to their “Best High Schools 2021” list. The school also received this honor in 2019 and 2020. Steilacoom High School is ranked 24th out of 689 high schools in the state of Washington. High schools around the nation were ranked on the following indicators of school quality: college readiness, college curriculum breadth, math and reading proficiency, math and reading performance, and graduation rate.

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.](#)

CITY AGENCY, BOARD, & COMMISSION OPENINGS

Looking for ways to get involved in the community? Consider serving on a City agency, board, or commission and add your voice to local government.

Current openings:

- Planning Commission
- Tree Board
- Parks & Recreation Agency

For more information: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/512/Vacancies>

MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

May 2 - 8, 2021 is Professional Municipal Clerks Week. Thank you to City Clerk Karri Muir and Deputy City Clerk Marci Miess for all their hard work.



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, citywide, 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.

Our grounds maintenance staff has started full turf mowing at all of the City Parks, grounds, and right of way locations. This full mowing schedule will continue through end of September 2021.

New Public Works Facility

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

Washington Conservation Corps 4/26 – 4/29

The City is 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.



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.

Training; Traffic Control Flagging Certification, 4/29

The entire operations staff are receiving their training and certification renewal for onsite traffic control. This training is used when staff need establish a lane closure on streets for a temporary work zone.

New Water Service Connection and Modifications

Staff on site at the new Public Works Facility, and the new developed near Center DR / International PL where contractors are installing new water service lines, fire hydrant modifications, fire dept. connections, and water service valves. Staff on site for valve control/isolation, and to witness testing associated with these connections.

Lakewood Municipal Court Crews

This Municipal Court appointed crew assisted the City in spreading wood chips in the planting beds at City Hall.

Public Works staff delivered the wood chips piles and tools for the Court crew to use. City staff directed locations of where to place the wood chips and provided weed removal prior to wood chips installation.

DUPONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 04/22/2021 – 04/28/2021: 16

Call Highlights

- A private ambulance was available 10% of the time with an average response time of 20 minutes.
- Next week, DuPont Fire begin training with Amtrak, they are going to have a rail car(s) next to the park and ride, we will use for these training.

Safety Message:

The weather has been getting dryer and hotter over the last couple of weeks. Throughout our region including Pierce County, Fire Departments are getting calls for brush fires. DuPont Fire is asking that residents keep this in mind while enjoying the outdoors.

Things you can do to lower risk:

- Keep the gutters, roof and outdoor spaces free of debris like leaves and twigs.
- Clear out window screens and attic vents.
- Remove or relocate all combustible materials, including garbage and recycling containers, lumber and trash that are stored against your home.
- Clean all fallen leaves and needles regularly. Repeat often during fire season.
- Remove tree limbs that extend into this zone. No vegetation is recommended within five feet of structures.
- For more info go to: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Preparing-homes-for-wildfire>

DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 4/19/21 – 4/25/2021: 142

Average: 20.28 calls per day

Weekly activity included, but was not limited to:

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS:

- 68 Security Checks/Foot Patrol
- 14 Traffic Stops
- 8 Suspicious Circumstances (Person or Vehicle)
- 6 Motor Vehicle Collision (4 Non-Injury & 2 Injury)
- 5 Medical Aid Calls
- 3 Welfare Checks
- 1 Driving Under the Influence ARREST

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS:

- 1 Domestic Violence/Disturbance

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY:

- 1 Vandalism

ARRESTS/REFERRED TO PROSECUTOR FOR CRIMINAL CHARGES:

- 1 DUI (Collision)

DEPARTMENT NEWS:

Training:

- One (1) Officer undergoing Patrol Field Training
- Once (1) officer undergoing Basic Law Enforcement Academy Training
- Administrative personnel completed First Aid/CPR Training

DPD hosted Crisis Communications and Social Media for Public Safety training for several other agencies.

While the lobby to the department is closed to walk-in traffic during the pandemic, we are still inside working.

- If you have a question, we look forward to answering it.
- If you have a concern, we look forward to addressing it.
- If you need assistance and it's not an emergency, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you.

You can reach us via email at Police@dupontpd.gov or by telephone at 253-964-7060.

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

COMMUNITY POLICING MESSAGE

A message from Chief Newman: April is the Month of the Military Child

Military service is not just an individual effort. Families share the privilege, and burden, of service along with their armed forces loved one. The sacrifices that military families endure are often overlooked, and rarely understood by their civilian counterparts. Military children are frequently the ones most affected by a career of service, which include times of long separation from their patriot-parent, and moving away from friends multiple times during their school-age years.

Recognizing the impact that military children experience, and the important role the military family plays in the overall wellness of our forces, the Department of Defense established "Military Child Month" in 1986.

Team DPD salutes all military families, but especially their children during the month of April. We often receive requests from military families for tours of the police station and meeting our officers. Over the past year, we have had to adjust how we conduct tours and host the public due to COVID restrictions, but the feedback we have received from military families has been overwhelmingly positive - particularly during times of a deployment while a parent is away, or as they prepare to leave.

If you have little ones that want to interact with your police department, don't hesitate to contact us with a request. Military families can also request DPD patrol units conduct "special checks" of their residence during various hours, which also may be helpful while a parent or loved one is serving far away.

During Military Child month, AND EVERY OTHER MONTH, let us know how we can help! Please send any special requests to Police@DuPontWA.gov, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

For more information about Month of the Military Child, you can visit:

<https://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/Military-Child-Month.cfm>

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 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**.

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](#).

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

MAY 11 – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- DuPont-Steilacoom Rd Improvements
- Citywide Catch Basin Cleaning
- PSA for Environmental Consultants
- Adoption of Building Codes/Amendment to DMC 12.03
- Amendment to DMC 1.04.020, Planning Commission
- Amendments to DMC 13.05 Fire Code
- Facility Use for outside areas
- Arbor Day Proclamation
- 6-Year TIP

MAY 25 – CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

- Street Tree and Sidewalk Program Update

Business Meetings		
May 3	Parks & Recreation Agency Meeting	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
May 4	City Council Committee Special Meeting – Planning & Public Works	City Hall*, 6:00 PM

May 10	Planning Commission	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
May 11	Civil Service Commission	City Hall*, 11:00 AM
May 11	City Council Meeting	City Hall*, 6:30 PM
May 18	City Council Committee – Finance & Governance	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
May 18	City Council Committee – Planning & Public Works	EOC*, 7:00 PM
May 19	City Council Committee – Public Safety	EOC*, 6:00 PM
May 20	Tree Board Meeting	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
May 24	Planning Commission	City Hall*, 6:00 PM
May 25	City Council Workshop	City Hall*, 6:00 PM

*City Hall & EOC meetings will be through Zoom

Activities		
May 2	High School Teen League	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
May 16	High School Teen League	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
May 20	Middle School Youth Committee	6:00 PM – 7:30 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

“The road to success and greatness is always paved with consistent hard work. Outwork your competitors, be authentic, and above all else, chase your greatness.” – Dwayne Johnson