



# WEEKLY REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Friday, May 7, 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.

## **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>

## 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.

## PARKS & RECREATION

### Summer Activities

Parks and Recreation is slowly opening programs under the current COVID-19 phase for outdoor gatherings of 200 or less. These programs include the Princess Tea, guided museum walks, Fairy Trails, and Safari on Sequalitchew. More information on these programs can be found [here](#).

### Tourism

The Home Course is hosting the NCAA Division II Regional qualifier this week. The tournament has brought in 26 teams from throughout the country to compete for a bid to the 2021 National Championship. Over 400 hotels rooms have been booked for this individual tournament.

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Parks Maintenance

- 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.
- Mondays: Empty trash cans and dog waste stations. Clean park restrooms (Iafrati, Clock Tower, and PowderWorks). Parks mowing at Clock Tower, Edmond, and Civic Center.
- Tuesdays: Parks Mowing at Iafrati, Robinson, Ethel Lumsdon, and Sellers.
- Wednesdays: Parks Mowing at Powderworks, Garry Oaks, and Jensen.
- Thursdays: Parks Mowing at Ross Plaza, Park View, Pola Andre, and Chief Lesci.
- Fridays: Empty trash cans and dog waste stations. Clean park restrooms (Iafrati, Clock Tower, and Powderworks). Parks mowing at Hoffman Hill, Bell Hill Upper and Lower.



### New Public Works Facility

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

### **DuPont Steilacoom RD Improvements**

- This project is advertised with a bid opening of 4/30. Award 5/11. Expected start of work is Summer 2021 with completion by October 2021.

### **New Water Service Connection for Fire Dept. Connection and Fire Hydrants**

- Staff on site at the new Public Works Facility, and the new developed near Center DR / International PL. Staff on site for valve control/isolation, and testing associated with new Fire Dept Connection and Fire Hydrants at these sites.



### **1843 Fort Site**

- Staff will access this site to field mow on 5/6 and 5/7. This will allow for better access for future historical site tours.

### **Recruitment underway for 4 vacant positions in the Dept.**

- Stormwater Specialist
- Sidewalk Team: Project Supervisor
- Sidewalk Team: Laborer
- Museum Coordinator

## **DUPONT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Total Calls for Service 04/29/2021 – 05/05/2021: 17**

### **Call Highlights**

- A private ambulance was available 10% of the time with an average response time of 25 minutes.
- This week DuPont Fire started training with Amtrak. Amtrak provided both engines and passenger rail cars for this training. We have more 2 training dates set for the 24th and 25th of May.

## **DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Total Calls for Service 4/26/21 – 5/02/2021: 162**

***Average: 23.14 calls per day***

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

### EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS:

- 87 - Security Checks/Foot Patrol
- 10 - Medical Aid Calls
- 7 - Agency Assists
- 3 - Wellness Checks

### CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY:

- 2 - Vandalism

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

- 1 - Felony Warrant Arrest

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS:

- 1 - Domestic Violence/Disturbance

## **DEPARTMENT NEWS:**

- Training:
  - One (1) officer undergoing Field Training
  - Two (2) officers undergoing Basic Law Enforcement Academy Training
  - Administrative personnel completed First Aid/CPR Training
- DPD hosted Critical Incident Decision Making: Use of Force training and De-Escalation training at the department.
- Based on traffic concerns, officers have increased area checks for speeding and other traffic violations.

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 (Emergencies, dial 9-1-1), we appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

You can reach us via email at [Police@dupontwa.gov](mailto:Police@dupontwa.gov) or by telephone at 253-964-7060. Our administrative offices are staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (Closed for holidays).

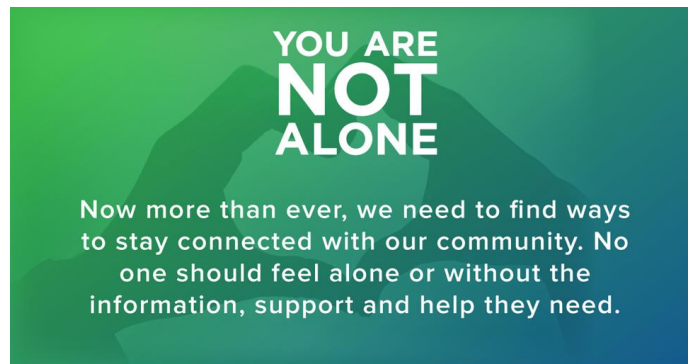
## **REPORTING AN EMERGENCY?**

- 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**

May is the awareness month for several good causes, the least of which is National Mental Health Awareness. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) would like you to know:

*“Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. During May, NAMI joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health. Each year we fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families.”*



For more information, you may visit the NAMI website at:

<https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>

## **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**.

## 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

<b>Business Meetings</b>		
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

<b>Activities</b>		
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

*“People Who Are Crazy Enough To Think They Can Change The World, Are The Ones Who Do.” – Rob Siltanen*