



WEEKLY REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Friday, July 9, 2021

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>

PARKS & RECREATION

Through WRPA and AWC, the City of DuPont has applied for outdoor recreational funding for the remainder of the summer. We applied for \$20,000 through the “Summer Education and Enrichment for Kids” grant. Applications were due July 2nd and cities will be notified next week if they are selected.

As we are slowly returning to in person events and programming, Parks & Recreation will return to producing our semi-annual recreation guide. We are currently working on the fall edition, which will cover September thru December programming. We will also highlight our annual auction which will occur virtually again this year November 5th thru November 12th.

PUBLIC WORKS

Operational Highlights

Soccer Field at PowderWorks Park

- The soccer field at PowderWorks Park is shut down for restoration work from June 14 to July 19.
- Field closure signs posted. Unfortunately, continued mischief has removed these signs and barriers, leading to groups using the field when it is closed. When witnessed by staff, these groups are advised of the field status and asked to leave the field. More robust barriers have been installed with metal fence posts and orange fabric fencing.

Parks Maintenance

- Staff doubled up the work to empty park trash cans and City wide dog waste stations before and after the 4th of July holiday weekend. Active park use throughout the City during the holiday weekend.

Street Light Banners and Flags

- Swap out of Red-White-Blue Banners to the Home of Golf Banners by 7/12. The flags along Barksdale AVE and Palisade BLVD will also be taken down with this work.

Street Tree and Sidewalk Program

- The team is presently working in the Palisade Village neighborhood of Aldridge PL / Harrington / Kincaid ST.
- Recruitment of Project Supervisor underway.

Stormwater Facility Inspections

- Private and commercial property stormwater facilities are being schedule for inspection throughout this summer. This work will be completed by our new stormwater specialist.

Heat Impacts: National Weather Service Excessive Heat Warning Friday Afternoon 6/25 to Monday Evening 6/28.

- Loss of PSE Electrical service to the Bell Hill Water Facility, Friday 6/25 at about 8 pm. PSE's contractor installed a replacement transformer and service was restored at about 11 pm. The emergency generator was operating at the Bell Hill Water Facility and was able to produce water through the loss of electrical service. Generator fuel was refilled on Saturday. 6/26.
- Staff published the use of the EOC room as a cooling center in the Public Safety Building over this period. Sign boards were posted on the entry, information was posted on the City website and Facebook page notifying residents.
- Hottest day was Monday 6/28 with 108 degrees F. All normal work by the operations staff was halted by Noon, and transitioned to maintenance work indoors, or under cover.
- Civic Center HVAC units required servicing during this timeframe as some units had stopped operating.

Contracting Highlights

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 was advertised with a bid opening of 4/30. Award 5/11. Pre-Construction Meeting scheduled for 7/8. Will have more details on the construction schedule this summer after the 7/8 meeting. Expected start of work is Summer 2021 with completion by October 2021.

Stormwater Improvements Historic Village

- Work will provide major maintenance to the existing catch basins and outlets.
- Replacement catch basin vaults, settling tanks and underground infiltration gallery will be installed on Barksdale AVE: 1) near Union 76, 2) between Forcite ST / Santa Cruz ST, and 3) between Penniman ST / Haskell ST. This will eliminate the standing water in these areas during winter storms.
- Bid opening and bid review completed. Award 7/13.
- Completion by 10/1 with a 60-day performance period.

New Water Treatment Plants

- Design is underway with completion October 2021.
- Advertisement, Bid Opening, and Award November - December 2021
- Construction January 2022 – August 2022.

Center DR Overlay Phase 6: Exit 118 to McNeil ST

- Design Phase funding is being processed via WSDOT. Advertisement for design work was published on 6/21 and again on 6/28. Request for Qualifications is due 7/12. Design work through remainder of 2021 and into early 2022. Construction phase will be in spring/summer 2022.

Multi Field Sports Complex NEPA Study Phase 1

- This project is kicking off 6/8 and will complete in December 2021. This phase 1 will develop scope, schedule and cost for a 2023 NEPA Phase 2 study that will be expected to be an EIS level study. Funding request will be submitted in January – February 2022.

Staffing Highlights

- Recruitment underway for 2 vacant positions in the Dept.
 - Sidewalk Team: Project Supervisor
 - Museum Coordinator

DUPONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 06/23/2021 – 07/07/2021: 43

- Over the last two weeks, a private ambulance was available 6% of the time with an average response time of 30 minutes.

9-Water Safety Tips For Summer

- Know the tide schedule, beach conditions do change
- No Swimming Alone. One of the first water safety tips you should follow this summer is to make a rule that nobody swims alone.
- Make Sure Kids are Supervised.
- Wear Life Vests When Needed.
- Skip Breath-Holding Games.
- Stay Away from Pool Drains.
- Don't Swim Sick.
- Don't Swallow Water.
- Learn CPR.

Inslee Declares Wildfire State of Emergency, Limited Burn Ban

Gov. Jay Inslee [declared](#) a statewide state of emergency relating to the growing risk of wildfires, including a statewide prohibition on most outdoor and agricultural burning through September 30, 2021.

DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 6/21/21 – 6/27/21: 166

Average: 23.71 calls per day

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS:

- 69 Security Checks/Foot Patrol
- 17 Medical Calls
- 11 Agency Assist
- 5 Wellness Checks
- 3 Motor Vehicle Collisions
- 1 Driving Under the Influence
- 1 Sexual assault
(*under investigation*)

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS:

- 1 Domestic Violence – Physical
- 1 Fraud

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY:

- 1 Vehicle Prowls

ARRESTS/REFERRED TO PROSECUTOR FOR CRIMINAL CHARGES:

- 1 Domestic Violence – Physical
- 1 Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

DEPARTMENT NEWS:

- Training:
 - One (1) officer undergoing Patrol Field Training
 - Two (2) officers undergoing Basic Law Enforcement Academy Training
- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated as a “Cooling Center” for the City of DuPont on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00AM until 7:00PM.
- The Department hosted a small (socially distanced) birthday party for Peter. Peter and his family recently moved to DuPont from another country – WELCOME TO DUPONT!
- Officers attended the City of DuPont weekly Farmers Market.

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

DOWNLOAD THE D.P.D. APP!



The DuPont Police Department (DPD) will utilize technology to help personnel build resilience and avoid the negative long-term effects of high job-related stress, while also connecting with the public.

The public can access the app to receive general information about DPD and crime prevention.

However, there is a significant wellness portion of the app that is only available to DPD personnel. Powered by Cordico, the leader in public safety wellness technology, the app includes a wellness toolkit addressing 60 behavioral health topics such as fatigue, suicide prevention and alcohol abuse, mental health self-assessments, and videos and guides on yoga, mindfulness, nutrition and more. In addition, the app provides contact information for local therapists who have experience working with first responders, and connects users with the DPD Chaplain & Support Program. DPD Personnel and their families will have confidential, 24/7 access to the app to ensure they have the resources they need in their most difficult moments – on or off-duty. Officers will also have access to a variety of training topics and resources.

The DuPont Police Department joins hundreds of agencies and organizations nationwide served by Cordico.

You can view Chief Newman's public message introducing the DuPont Police Department app here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcC2vSIBxeE>

Total Calls for Service 6/28/21 – 07/04/21: 210

Average: 30 calls per day

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS:

- 83 Security Checks/Foot Patrol
- 14 Fireworks Complaints
- 12 Medical Calls
- 4 Agency Assist
- 4 Wellness Checks
- 4 Motor Vehicle Collisions
- 1 Attempted Suicide

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS:

- 1 Fraud (credit Card)

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY:

- 1 Trespass of Unwanted Subject
- 1 Vandalism to Travel Trailer
- 2 Theft of Camping Equipment (SOLVED) and a bicycle (ongoing)

ARRESTS/REFERRED TO PROSECUTOR FOR CRIMINAL CHARGES:

- 1 Referral to Prosecutor for Possession of Stolen Vehicle and Multiple Warrants

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- DPD performed ATV patrol on Sequalitchew Trail on June 30.
- An elderly family staying overnight in the city needed a walker for the night until they returned to their home. They contacted the police department and officers were notified; a walker was located to loan to the family for the evening.
- High visibility Patrols were conducted around Kennedy Pl./Spencer Ct. for Fireworks violations. Several individuals were educated regarding the current Fireworks DMC.
- The Intersection at Center Dr./Bobs Hollow Ln is flashing red all ways indicating a 4-way stop. DOT was notified of this on 07/02/2021.

The DuPont Police Department is OPEN for walk in traffic!

- 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@dupontwa.gov or by telephone at 253-964-7060.

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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.](#)

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

SOUND TRANSIT: POINT DEFIANCE BYPASS

Expect traffic delays at railroad crossings June 1 – July 25

Amtrak will be conducting crew qualifications on tracks parallel to I-5 between Tacoma, South Tacoma, Lakewood, JBLM, and DuPont. This training is being conducted in coordination with Sound Transit and the Washington State Department of Transportation. Due to track testing, individuals will see some activity on or near the tracks.

Trains will run from Tacoma Dome station to the Nisqually Junction on the Lakewood Subdivision. During this period, trains will be running at speeds of up to 79 mph.

Due to track testing, travelers may experience traffic delays at railroad signal crossings. However, it will take less than a minute for trains to pass, from the time gates come down until they come back up again. The public is asked to use extreme caution near the railroad right-of-way.

What

- Potential traffic delays at railroad crossings.

When

- June 1 – July 25. Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.; Saturdays and Sundays 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where

- Potential traffic delays could occur at the following at-grade signal crossing:
- South 74th Street
- Steilacoom Boulevard Southwest
- 100th Street Southwest
- 108th Street Southwest
- Bridgeport Way Southwest
- Clover Creek Drive Southwest
- 41st Division Drive
- DuPont – Steilacoom Road

More

- These tests and trainings are in advance of the eventual resumption of Amtrak Cascades service to the Point Defiance Bypass later this year.
- For more information about train safety, visit the Washington State Department of Transportation.

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](#)

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.](#)

UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETINGS

JULY 13, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- Historic Village Stormwater Improvements
- Award Construction Management for DuPont Steilacoom RD Improvements
- Proclamation-Pierce County Libraries
- Plaque
- Comcast Franchise Hearing
- Legislative Update
- Comcast Franchise
- PFAS

JULY 27, 2021 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

- Comcast Franchise

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

*City Hall & EOC meetings will be through Zoom

Activities		
July 15	DuPont Farmers' Market	3:00 – 7:00 PM, Clocktower Park
July 22	DuPont Farmers' Market	3:00 – 7:00 PM, Clocktower Park
July 23	MoonWalk	7:00 PM, Sequalitchew Trailhead
July 24	Hop, Slither, & Crawl with Reptile Man	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Clocktower Park
July 24	1843 Site Tours	1:00 PM, City Hall
July 25	High School Teen League	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, City Hall
July 29	DuPont Farmers' Market	3:00 – 7:00 PM, Clocktower Park
July 29	Concert in the Park – Buddy, Ritchie, & the Bopper	7:00 PM, Clocktower Park

IMPORTANT NUMBERS/CONTACT INFO

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/ roa@nwlanding.org