



WEEKLY REPORT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Friday, July 16, 2021

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CANDIDATE FORUM

The League of Women voters hosted a candidate forum for DuPont City Council positions 3 & 7. The forum is available to [watch online](#).

PARKS & RECREATION

Concert in the Park

Parks & Recreation hosted our second Concert in the Park of the season on July 8th with an estimated attendance of over 1000. The Olson Brothers attracted followers from several cities and some attendees were as far as Walla Walla to see them perform.

Baseball Camp

Parks & Recreation has partnered with DuPont Baseball to host a series of youth baseball camps this summer at Clocktower Park. Families welcome the safe return to outdoor gatherings and activities.

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.

Street Light Banners and Flags



- Swap out of Red-White-Blue Banners to the Home of Golf Banners occurred this week. 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.



Water Meter and Setter Installation

- Staff took advantage as a training opportunity to install the setter and meter for the irrigation at the new Public Works Facility

Water Production May

- Production for the month of May was 44.1M Gallons or 5.9M Cubic Feet. This matches our historical trend.

Street Markings Installation

- Tuesday 7/13 to Thursday 7/15
- Street markings are large reflective arrows, stop lines, and crosswalks.
- Thompson, Haskell, Kennedy, Kincaid, all by Center DR
- Expect local traffic impacts while work is occurring 8 am to 3 pm.



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 was 7/8. Expected start of work is Summer 2021 but there are long lead items (stormwater and traffic light) that will push this schedule further out and into 2022 due to winter.

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.
- City Council approved Award 7/13.
- Completion by 10/1 with a 60-day performance period.

New Water Treatment Plants

- Design is underway with completion October 2021. The Dept. of Health has approved the City's pre-design report based on Pilot Model.
- 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 7/12. 3 engineering firms submitted statements of qualifications. Future interviews to be scheduled, and then selection for award of Design work. 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 1 vacant position in the Dept.
 - Sidewalk Team: Project Supervisor

DUPONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 07/08/2021 – 07/13/2021: 14

- A paramedic ambulance was not available at all over the last 7 days.
- DFD has a crew of 2 along with Brush-25 deployed to the Dry Gulch Fire, they are part of a structural protection strike team.



Fire Safety Message:

Care must be taken to prevent mulch fires.

How Mulch Fires Start:

- In many mulch fires, the smoldering mulch tunnels under the surface and then breaks out into open flame.
- Mulch that is piled too deeply, more than a few inches, can build up heat and spontaneously catch fire.
- Factors such as below-average rainfall, dry conditions, warm temperatures, and high winds increase the risk of mulch fires.



- Disposing cigarettes irresponsibly in and around mulch can cause it to catch fire.
- Add a 2 to 3 foot rock bed around your building creating a barrier between the mulch and your property, to prevent your homes siding from catching fire.

Be a Responsible Smoker:

- Put It Out. All the Way. Every Time.
- If you smoke, remember to properly dispose of all smoking materials.
- Always use appropriate receptacles for disposing of smoking materials and matches.
- Do not discard cigarettes in mulch or potted plants.

DUPONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total Calls for Service 07/05/21 – 07/11/21: 145

Average: 20.7 calls per day

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS:

- 70 Security Checks/Foot Patrol
- 7 Medical Calls
- 7 Agency Assist
- 5 Wellness Checks
- 1 Motor Vehicle Collision
- 1 Driving Under the Influence

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS:

- 3 Domestic Violence (2 Physical, 1 Verbal)

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY:

- 2 Thefts (Bicycle, Weapons)

ARRESTS/REFERRED TO PROSECUTOR FOR CRIMINAL CHARGES:

- 2 Arrests (1 Driving Under the Influence, 1 Domestic Violence)
- 1 Referral to Prosecutor (Domestic Violence)

DEPARTMENT NEWS:

- Training:
 - Two (2) officers undergoing Basic Law Enforcement Academy Training
- On-duty officers attended the City of DuPont’s Farmers Market.
- Officers participated in a multi-agency Active Threat training exercise on July 8 and 9.

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.

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

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 jdcgardens@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.](#)

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>

UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETINGS

JULY 27, 2021 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

- Comcast Franchise

Business Meetings		
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 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

“The measure of intelligence is the ability to change” -Albert Einstein