

July & August 2022



# The DuPont Dispatch

## Message from the Mayor

Hello Neighbors - I just want to give you a brief bullet point update on recent events and activities in the city. Please read the DuPont Weekly Report for more information.

### **Important Numbers:**

**DuPont CityHall:**

**(253) 964-8121**

**Open Monday - Thursday**

**9:00am to 4:00pm**

**Police & Non-Emergency Line:**

**(253) 287-4455**

**Lakewood Animal Control:**

**(253) 830-5010**

**LeMay Refuse/Recycling Service:**

**(253) 875-5053**

**Northwest Landing ROA:**

**(253) 964-1289**

### **MAYOR:**

Ronald J. Frederick

### **DUPONT CITY COUNCIL 2022:**

Deputy Mayor Mike Winkler

Councilmember Maame Bassaw

Councilmember Beth Elliott

Councilmember Penny Coffey

Councilmember Sonia Garza

Councilmember Kevin Ballard

Councilmember Susan Walton

- The City of DuPont came through two years of the pandemic in good shape.
- We were conservative with the budget, all services were provided, and no city employees were laid off.
- The DuPont Police Department has been very busy with an increased number of calls. In 2020, we received a grant to hire two additional officers and we were the first city in Pierce County to have body-worn cameras for all officers.
- Fire Department ALS - Our Department of Health Licensure has now been upgraded from a Basic Life Support License to an Advanced Life Support License. We already have two Paramedic/Firefighters on staff and expect a full complement of four very soon. After many years of trying to get Advanced Life Support for our community, we are getting close to having 24/7 coverage. Again, this was accomplished without raising taxes and within the current budget. No special levy was needed.
- Parks and Recreation - The 2022 Farmers Market is up and running on Thursdays. You won't want to miss concerts in the park. The bandstand has been cleaned and re-painted at no expense to the city thanks to Mark Miller and his crew of volunteers. We love our DuPont Volunteers. It's time for fun! The 4th of July Parade, street fair, and fireworks are back after a two-year absence. We have many other summer activities so check out the 2022 City of DuPont Recreation Guide. The city is beginning to replace playground equipment this summer. Clocktower Park is first to be followed by Sellers Park and Edmonds Park.
- Public Works - the Public Works and Community Development Departments have merged into one Public Services Department under Director Barbara Kincaid. This will create efficiencies and streamline operations. We will provide improved customer service and bring many functions currently performed by consultants in-house. The new Public Works Building will be completed next month and is co-located at the Civic Center.
- Our PFAS Filtration System for our drinking water will begin construction soon. We received \$5.9 million dollars from the State Capital Projects Budget for this important improvement to our water system.
- The City of DuPont requested and received another \$400,000 from the State Capital Budget to study contamination in the Old Fort Lake area (around the golf course) and to create a remediation plan. This will potentially allow the city to open new recreation areas for the community to enjoy.
- Community Center - We have no serviceable community center for activities and events. We are now planning to remodel/refurbish the old community center in the Historical Village which will provide for some activities while we continue to search for long-term solutions.
- Questions - If you have questions about these items or any other information concerning the city, please contact your City Councilmembers or me.

Have a great summer,

*Mayor Ronald J. Frederick*

City of DuPont

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# Did You Know?

## GARBAGE

- It is unlawful for any person to burn, dump, or deposit on any street or alley, public place or private property, or to collect, remove, or dispose of any garbage within the City of DuPont (DMC 6.01.040)
  - Garbage includes all putrescible wastes, including vegetable waste, animal offal, and carcasses of dead animals (DMC 6.01.010)
  - This includes pumpkins and trees

## NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGES

- Non-stormwater solid or liquid wastes thrown, drained or otherwise discharged directly or indirectly into the municipal storm drain system are prohibited (DMC 22.01.090)
  - These contaminants include, but are not limited to:
    - Trash and debris
    - Petroleum products including oil, gasoline, grease, fuel oil and heating oil (**Comes from car washing**)
    - Antifreeze or other automotive products
    - Metals in either particulate or dissolved form
    - Soaps, detergents, or ammonia (**Comes from car washing**)
    - Domestic animals waste
    - Recreational vehicles
    - Animal Carcasses
    - Food wastes
    - Bark and other fibrous materials
    - Lawn clippings, leaves, or branches
    - Silt, sediment, concrete, cement or gravel (**Comes from car washing**)

## LITTER

- The deposit of any litter on any street, alley or other public property within the City of DuPont is prohibited (DMC 6.02.020)
  - Litter includes any abandoned or discarded paper, wood, metal, glass or organic material (DMC 6.02.010)
  - This includes grass clippings and leaves
  - **Exceptions include material deposited by any public agency or any individual acting under authority thereof**

**Now you know!!**

**Please help keep DuPont looking beautiful and our waterways clean!**

