



TOWN HALL NEWS

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NEW FACES AT TOWN HALL

We are pleased to announce **Owen Dennison** will be joining our town team this month as the new Planning Director. He comes to us from the City of Snohomish and has experience with historic districts, comprehensive plan updates, code updates, Shoreline and SEPA permitting as well as the day-to-day operation of a planning department. Owen is very excited to begin work in Coupeville and he and his wife will be moving to the island soon. Owen's first day will be April 11th. Welcome Owen!

Amanda Apsey is our new Utility Clerk, some of you might recognize her from her last job at Heritage Bank. Amanda and her husband currently live in Oak Harbor but are building a new home in Coupeville. As the first smiling face you see as you enter Town Hall, Amanda is looking forward to helping you with all your utility billing questions. Welcome Amanda!

Shelly Maier has been promoted from Utility Clerk to Fiscal Clerk. Her new responsibilities include accounts payable, accounts receivable, and payroll. She's been a part of the team since August, 2014 and we've all come to depend on her meticulous work and helpful, can-do attitude...along with her constant supply of Tootsie-Rolls. Congratulations Shelly!

COMMUNITY GARDEN ON VACATION THIS YEAR

The Town has decided to give the garden a rest this year and do some needed improvements.

We are considering installing a permanent water line to the garden. This will keep the water from getting stagnant in the water tank, make watering easier for our gardeners and save staff time from refilling the tank.

During this rainy, rainy winter there has been standing water in and around the garden which has kept town staff from completing their regular winter maintenance. We hope to be able to rototill and enhance the soil this year in preparation for next year's planting season. There is also a group of volunteers interested in experimenting with some raised beds and we will be working with them on plans for 2017.

Keep those garden tools ready for next year!

PSE LIGHTING PROGRAM

Save on purchasing high efficiency LED's and learn how PSE can help you reduce energy use in your home or business.

Friday, April 29 • 10 am - 2 pm

1 NE 6th Street, Coupeville

Commissioners Hearing Room

Courthouse Annex Building • Room #B102

Lighting experts from TechniArt will be joined by a PSE Energy Advisor who will provide energy-saving tips and explain PSE programs that help customers reduce energy use, and learn about fee services and rebates that cover a portion of the cost for energy upgrades.

You will also have the opportunity to purchase a Home Efficiency Kit for \$10 (value \$75) Each Kit includes six LED bulbs, a 1.5 gpm showerhead and three aerators.

TIPS FOR BETTER LIVING

- After an earthquake always put on shoes before walking about the house or outdoors. Keep hard soled slippers next to your bed. Don't accidentally add cut feet to the challenges of the day. - NET: your Neighborhood Emergency Team
- The lighting in your home can represent up to 20% of your energy use. One of the easiest and most inexpensive ways to save energy is to switch to ENERGY STAR LED bulbs. - PSE
- Higher than normal usage as reflected on your water bill could mean your water system is leaking. Even an intermittent drip can add up to considerable water loss over time. Check for leaks inside and out. - Sound Water Stewards/Whidbey Island Conservation District
- The American Medical Association has stated that sitting for extended periods of time can be bad for personal health. The remedy? Standing! Standing is like walking: it can increase energy, burn extra calories, tone muscles, improve posture, increase blood flow, and boost metabolism. - JustStand.org