



TOWN HALL NEWS

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COMMUNITY GARDEN QUESTION

Several years ago the Town of Coupeville created a community garden off Broadway, behind the Living Hope Church. The garden is fenced, the soil is tilled, there's a garden shed with tools to borrow and water is provided to a tank. Gardeners must carry the water from the tank to their plot. The cost has been \$30 to rent a spot, May thru October. Many spots were rented the first couple years but use has dwindled over time. Because of the very wet winter and the garden being underwater till May, the Town decided to give the garden a vacation this summer.

We are thinking about making these improvements next spring:

- Amending/improving the soil when we till.
- Adding a water line and faucets inside the garden area to bring water closer to the plots.

The Town is interested in knowing if this is a good use of our resources.

Question: With these two improvements, would you rent a plot in the Community Garden next year?

Please email mayor@townofcoupeville.org if you are interested.

SUMMER BLUES – ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegal dumping is becoming a big problem in town. Please remember:

- All residents and businesses within the Town limits are required to have an account with Island Disposal. You decide how often you want pick-ups and how many trash cans you need. Once a month pick-up is the minimum.
- The public garbage cans around town and in our parks are for visitors, shoppers and people using our Town facilities. They are not for household garbage, business trash, recycling, cleaning out your car, etc.
- Dumpsters around town are rented by individual businesses and contractors. They are also not for your personal household garbage or recycling.

Please respect these rules and help keep garbage collection costs down for everyone. *Thank you!*

NET TIP

Your Neighborhood Emergency Team would like to remind you to have a plan for your pets in case of an emergency. Build a 'Grab and Go' bag with food, water and any medicines your pet needs. Also make arrangements with a friend or family member who could take in your pets if necessary. *Be prepared, your pet will thank you!*

UTILITY RATES

The Town of Coupeville has been conducting a utility rate study for the past couple years. The Town's water rates have not seen an increase in 20 years and the sewer rates have not increased in 14. State law requires our utility rates to pay for all of our utility expenses. An increase is needed now to catch up on repair and maintenance to our transmission lines and our plants, to purchase capital equipment, and to complete capital projects. We also need to create a storm water utility to fund needed improvements to our collection and treatment of storm water. Hundreds of hours of work has gone into this study to assure we have enough money to operate over the next few years and yet not overcharge our customers.

The Town will be holding **INFORMATION MEETINGS** in the Rec Hall to present the results of the study and to answer questions.

Thursday, August 18 at 5 pm

Tuesday, August 30 at noon

The Town Council will be holding an **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING** on **Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm** in the Island County Commissioner's Meeting Room. This will be your opportunity to give input to the Council on the suggested rates before they take action.

PSE HOMEPRINT ENERGY ASSESSMENT

PSE will be going door-to-door on August 11 and 12, to let their customers know about the HomePrint Energy Assessment Program. This free assessment includes an overview of your home's major energy systems, including heating, insulation and appliances. You will receive a summary of energy savings recommendations, information on possible rebates, contractor referrals and other helpful energy-saving tips.

SUMMER FUN

COUPEVILLE ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

August 12 Art Gallery & Wine Reception
• Rec Hall 7pm

August 13 – Festival • 10am - 6pm

August 14 – Festival • 10am - 5pm

www.coupevillefestival.com

COUPEVILLE NONPROFIT FAIR

September 10

Coupeville Farmers Market • 10am - 2pm

Meet nonprofits serving Central Whidbey

Call 678-8312 for event information

COUPEVILLE LIONS SALMON BBQ

Sept. 11 Town Park • noon, must have ticket

www.coupevillelions.org

FREE SUMMER CONCERT

September 11 in the Park • Concert 12:30 pm

Country & Light Rock

Featuring Patrick McHenry & the Chinook Hooks

www.patmchenry.net