



TOWN HALL NEWS

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SUMMER WATER RATES IN PLACE

Coupeville, like other utility systems in the State, is required to encourage conservation of water use. To accomplish this, the water rates are increased in the summer to discourage an increase in water use for landscaping purposes. Water rates increase June-September from \$.0275 per cubic foot to \$.0412. Water rates are calculated to generate sufficient revenue to operate the system. If rates were at the same level all year, the winter rate would have to be increased to ensure the same amount of revenue is generated in a year.

Our highest demand for water use is on hot summer days. We are required to build and maintain a system as if the peak day of water use happened 365 days a year. So, when you conserve water, you also help to keep rates down. If you must water outdoors, there are a few things you can do to maximize benefit to the plants and to minimize use of water:

- Water in the evening or during early morning hours when evaporation is less. Drip irrigation may be used during the day with minimal loss due to evaporation and helps deliver water directly to the plant.
- Consider water consumption when selecting plants. Some plants use more water than others. Consult a good gardening book to determine low water-using and drought tolerant plants. WSU Master Gardeners are a great resource for such information and are often at the Farmer's Market and other public events.
- Use mulches to help planting beds retain moisture.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Each year the Town prepares an Annual Water Quality Report. This report conforms to a federal regulation requiring water utilities to provide water quality information to customers each year.

Your drinking water is highly regulated by Washington State Department of Health (DH) and US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All of the Town's test results fall well below the EPA and DOH standards and advisory levels.

The report will be posted on the Town's website on July 1, at www.townofcoupeville.org. If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact Utility Superintendent Joe Grogan, 360-914-0314 or utilities1@townofcoupeville.org

WELCOME ED JONES & KIM HINDS!

The Town is happy to welcome two new members to our team. **Ed Jones** is our new Building Official. He is the go-to man when it comes to building codes, building permits, inspections and plan review. Ed joins us with experience as both a municipal Building Official and a contractor so he has worked from both sides of the permitting process.

Kim Hinds is our new Town Engineer. Kim has been a professional engineer for 15 years. She has worked for Pierce County Utilities and private engineering firms on many municipal projects. Her career has included work on utilities, parks, streets, and she is especially experienced with the latest storm water regulations.

We believe Ed and Kim bring experience and knowledge to our planning department that will enhance our customer service and response times. **Welcome aboard!**

COMMUNITY GARDEN IS OPEN

The garden got off to a great start with many positive comments about the improvements to the water system. A water line was run to the garden and three faucets have been installed inside the gate. If you are a first time gardener, the Master Gardeners have a booth at the Farmers Market every Saturday and are happy to answer any questions you have. It's not too late to reserve a garden plot. Applications are on the Town's website.

SUMMER FUN - SAVE THE DATE

Coupeville Farmers Market – buy locally, invest in fresh, health food, enjoy hand-made crafts, see friends and neighbors, support local farmers. Open every Saturday from 10 am – 2 pm.

Coupeville Lions Garage Sale – A Coupeville tradition for 38 years. Preview on June 30 from 1-6 pm. Sale on July 1 from 9 am – 4 pm and July 2 from 9 am – 1 pm.

4th of July – the Town of Coupeville allows the discharge of WA State approved fireworks on July 4th only, between the hours of 9 am and 11 pm. Have fun, stay safe.