



# TOWN HALL NEWS

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*Questions about parks, streets, and water, sewer and storm water issues*

## 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. Use mulches to help planting beds retain moisture.
- 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.
- Another way to conserve water is by using commercial car washes that recycle the wash water. Don't wash your car at home!

## WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES

**If you have a utility emergency after hours, a staff member is called from home. The Town does not have someone on staff 24/7.**

The Public Works and Utility staff are happy to help out in an emergency...a REAL emergency. Examples of real emergencies are; sewer backups in your home, broken water pipes inside your home and you don't have a water shut off in the house, or water surfacing outside and causing property damage.

Examples that are NOT emergencies are: a drippy outdoor faucet, a drippy indoor faucet, or your landscaper wants the water turned off to repair your sprinklers...yes, we have had these afterhours' calls.

If you do have an emergency, **call ICOM at 360.679.9567**. A dispatcher will put you in touch with a staff member who will ascertain the problem and come in to fix it if necessary. Please, NEVER turn the water on or off yourself from inside the meter box. Meters can be easily broken and are expensive to repair.

## COUPEVILLE 101

*You're invited to a Community Open House*  
**Tuesday, June 19 • 5 pm - 7 pm • Rec Hall**

Ever wonder why we have gravel paths vs. cement sidewalks? Want to know more about the Community Green Project? Do you know where all the Town's open spaces are, available for your enjoyment?

The Mayor, Town Council and Department Managers will all be on hand to answer questions and talk about projects going on this year and others being planned. We will share the results of the town survey and take suggestions on additions/improvements needed to our town services. We will have preliminary comprehensive plan information and would love your input. Our new Marshall, Shawn Warwick, will be available for questions.

Come have coffee and cookies, and meet your town staff!

## 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 (DOH) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All of the Town's test results meet or exceed the standards and advisory levels set by these organizations.

The report will be posted on the Towns website on July 1, at [www.townofcoupeville.org](http://www.townofcoupeville.org). If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact Utility Superintendent Joe Grogan, 360.914.0314 or [utilities1@townofcoupeville.org](mailto:utilities1@townofcoupeville.org)

## SUMMER FUN, SAVE THE DATE!

### FARMERS MARKET

**Open 10 - 2 pm every Saturday**

*Buy locally, invest in fresh, healthy food, enjoy hand-made crafts, see friends and neighbors, and support local farmers.*

**Celebrating 40 years • [www.coupevillemarket.com](http://www.coupevillemarket.com)**

### COUPEVILLE LIONS GARAGE SALE

**June 30, 9am - 4pm • July 1, 9am - 1pm**

*Because of construction at the elementary school, the 39th annual sale will be held at the middle/high schools. Come and check out the Island's biggest garage sale.*

**4TH OF JULY • 9am - 11 pm, ONLY**

*The Town of Coupeville allows the discharge of WA State approved fireworks on July 4th only.*

**Have fun and stay safe!**