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NO COMMUNITY GARDEN THIS YEAR



We are sad to announce the Town will not be opening the Community Garden this year. Even after making yearly improvements to the soil and water system and advertising the garden every way we could think of, interest

in garden spots decreases each year. Last year we hit an all-time low of

only three gardeners. We can no longer justify using Town resources to keep the garden in shape for so few participants.

If you have any ideas to **grow** interest in the garden next year, please **plant** them with the Mayor!



TOWN EMAIL LIST

Would you like to be "in the know" about what's happening with your Town? Just send an email to Kelly Beech, our Clerk Treasurer, and ask to be added to our email list. We won't bury your inbox with constant emails but we will send you agendas and minutes of town meetings, notices of Town events like Spring Clean Up Day, construction updates and important information in case of an emergency.

THANK YOU PUBLIC WORKS!

A quick shout out to the hard working Public Works team. February threw snow, freezing temperatures and broken water lines at them. There were many ten and twelve hour days, working through the weekends, repairing lines and getting soaked in below freezing temps, and emergency repairs to overworked equipment.

They were able to keep traffic moving as safely as possible on our streets and helped more than a few residents with weather related emergencies. And they kept coming back with smiles on their faces to do it all over again, day after day of snow.

Thanks Kelly, Jim, Tony and DJ!

TOWN PARK RESTROOM REMODEL

You may have noticed that the restroom in Town Park is closed and has been replaced by a porta-potty. This is temporary as the Public Works crew remodels the inside of the restroom. Soon there will be all new sheetrock, fixtures, partitions, waterproof wall board, lights and a newly finished floor.

This restroom was originally built for the Town by the Coupeville Lions and was in need of a facelift to go along with the new roof it got last year. The remodeled space will be nicer for our residents and visitors and easier to maintain by our staff.

MOWING SEASON

This is one more reminder that it is your responsibility to keep the right-of-way in front of your home mowed and maintained. This includes storm water ditches, driveway culverts and grassy areas. Town staff will continue to maintain all town owned property, parks, trails and gravel paths and open spaces. Thanks for your help is keeping our town looking good this Spring!

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



April 6

Coupeville Farmers Market Opens
www.coupevillemarket.com



May 4

Penn Cove Water Festival
www.penncovewaterfestival.com



May 25

Memorial Day Parade and Picnic
www.coupevillechamber.com

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DRINKING WATER UPDATE

Construction of the new water treatment plant got underway this month! The new plant is being built to treat PFAS in the town's water supply. PFAS got into the aquifer as a result of the Navy using firefighting foam at the Outlying Landing Field (OLF). While testing shows the town's water has never exceeded the EPA's lifetime advisory level, the Navy is being proactive and providing treatment. There are currently eight private wells, outside of the town limits, that do exceed the advisory level and the Navy will also be connecting those homeowners up to town water.

The treatment that has been selected is Granulated Activated Carbon, or GAC. GAC has been shown to treat PFOS and PFOA (the only two PFAS compounds with a health advisory level) to non-detect levels, be environmentally friendly, waste less water in the treatment process, require less maintenance, and cost less than other types of treatment. As an added bonus the carbon should improve the taste of our water.

The GAC tanks will be housed in a new building that will connect to our existing water treatment plant. The Town will continue to treat for iron and manganese and chlorinate the water as we always have. The new construction includes larger water pumps, upgraded electrical and telemetry capabilities, a new emergency generator and room for the system to grow as demand increases. The new plant and treatment system are extremely flexible and will be able to adapt if new state or federal regulations are put in place.

The Navy is paying for construction of the new plant, all necessary equipment and extended water lines. The Navy will also be signing an ongoing agreement with the Town to pay for the operation and maintenance of the new treatment system. After construction is complete the Navy will be turning over this infrastructure to the Town and we will be the proud owner of a state-of-the-art, \$3 million dollar, water treatment plant at no cost to our water customers.

Construction, testing, and approval by the Department of Health is expected to be complete in June. It took a long time to get to construction but once we did the project is moving along quickly. I want to thank the Navy, their engineering firm Jacobs, and the construction contractor APTIM for their persistence and in getting the job done and their commitment to a long term, high quality solution. I also want to acknowledge the long hours and dedication our Utility Superintendent, Joe Grogan has given to this project. The Town is lucky to have his level of experience and knowledge representing us throughout the planning and implementation.