



# TOWN HALL NEWS

## TOWN OF COUPEVILLE

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### TO GARDEN OR NOT TO GARDEN?

#### *That is the Question*

After years of dwindling interest in the Town's Community Garden (located behind Living Hope Church on Broadway), we decided to shut it down this year. The very few folks who were using it did not justify all the staff time required to get it ready each year and to maintain the garden space and the fence. But of course, when we shut it down it seemed unhappy gardeners were popping up everywhere. The Town wants to support a community garden if the desire is there.

So here's the question: Will you COMMIT to renting a garden space for Spring 2020? \$30 covers the deer proof space and your water. You can grow for your family, grow for the food bank, grow flowers and herbs. Get your kids involved, garden with a friend or your book club, have fun and grow healthy veggies! We have sponsors to cover the rental fee if you need financial help or you are growing for the food bank.

Email [mayor@townofcoupeville.org](mailto:mayor@townofcoupeville.org) with your promise to rent a space next year and do it by September 1st of this year. If we get commitments for 20 spaces, we will open the garden again!

### WELCOME TIM ORSINO

We are happy to welcome new Utility Clerk, Tim Orsino to our Town Hall family. Tim will be responsible for all town utility bills and payments. He is the one to call with questions about your bill. He is also the first smiling face you see upon entering Town Hall so he has jumped right in to learn all he can in order to provide excellent customer service. You wouldn't believe the variety of questions that our front counter people are asked! Tim is excited to work for Coupeville and to serve our residents.

### FOLLOW THE THREE C'S

#### *to Healthy and Fun Shellfish Harvesting!*

- **CHECK** the DOH Shellfish Safety Map before you head out, make sure your favorite beach is open. Shellfish should be harvested as the tide goes out. If the temperature is high, pass them by.
- **CHILL** as soon as possible after collecting. Bring a cooler of ice with you.
- **COOK** at 145 degrees for 15 seconds to destroy Vibrio bacteria, wash your hands frequently and don't mix raw and cooked shellfish. Thank you Department of Health!

### STATE OF THE TOWN

The Mayor will present the annual State of the Town address at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, September 24th 6:30 pm. All are welcome to hear about your tax dollars at work. Your town staff has been working hard and there's a lot of good news to share. Council meetings are held in the Island County Commissioners Hearing Room, 1 NE 6th Street, Room B102.

### PLEASE MOW TALL GRASS/WEEDS

Just a reminder that grass and weeds above 12" tall must be mowed, both in the right-of-way and on your property. This time of summer, tall grass and weeds become a fire hazard, not to mention look unsightly. The Town Staff, the Fire Department and your neighbors thank you!

### CATCH MORE CRAB!

- Avoid placing pots in areas of high marine transit and ferry lanes.
- Make buoys more visible with a second buoy or flag.
- Use a weighted line to sink below the surface to avoid being cut by passing boats.
- Weight your pot so they do not move with currents or tidal changes.
- Use 1/3 more line than the water depth to allow for tide changes.
- Secure lid and escape panels with cotton, biodegradable cord so crab can escape from lot pots.

*Thank you Partners in Marine Conservation*

### SUMMER DATES!

#### COUPEVILLE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Aug 9 - Art Reception, Rec Hall - 7 pm  
Aug 10, 10 - 6pm • Aug 11, 10 - 5pm

on the water front...  
**COUPEVILLE FESTIVAL**  
ARTS & CRAFTS for over 50 years

#### COUPEVILLE LIONS SALMON BBQ

September 8 - Town Park



#### FREE SUMMER CONCERT

September 8, Town Park, noon  
Sponsored by the Town



#### STATE OF THE TOWN PRESENTATION

Sep 24, 6:30 pm • Town Council Meeting  
IC Commissioners Hearing Room

### WHO TO CONTACT AT TOWN HALL • 678.4461 • [www.townofcoupeville.org](http://www.townofcoupeville.org)

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Questions about law enforcement issues

**Molly Hughes, Mayor**, Ext 2  
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Questions about land use, design review

**Claudia Golden, Fiscal Clerk**, Ext 5  
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Questions about accounts payable/ accounts receivable

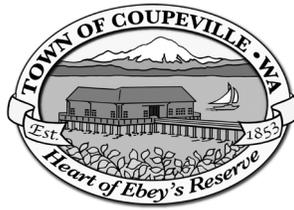
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Questions about utility bills

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Questions about meetings, budget and finance, public records

**René Beliveau, Building Official**  
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Questions about building permits, building codes, inspections and plan review

**Joe Grogan, Utility Superintendent**  
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Questions about water quality, water & sewer plant operations

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



## **BIG NEWS!**

**The new water treatment plant is operational as of July 18, 2019.**

**The granulated activated carbon (GAC) tanks are now treating the Town of Coupeville's water for PFAS.**

## **BIGGER NEWS!**

***The GAC system is treating all testable, PFAS compounds to a level of non-detection.***

To recap how we got here, PFAS was introduced 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 for PFOA and PFOS, the Navy has been proactive and agreed to treat the Town's water. After exhaustive research GAC was determined to be the best form of treatment for Coupeville's water.

When the Town first became aware of PFAS back in November of 2016, the only approved test monitored for six compounds. Later the EPA approved a test for 14 PFAS compounds and just recently they approved a test for 18 compounds. Currently, only PFOS and PFOA have advisory levels and this is what the plant was designed to treat. However, all testable PFAS compounds respond to GAC treatment and the first set of test results from the new system confirm that Coupeville's water is at a non-detect level for all 18 compounds. This is important because first, we want to deliver the best possible water to our customers and second, State and Federal agencies are considering changing 'advisory' levels to 'mandatory' requirements, possibly lowering acceptable levels of certain compounds and possibly adding other PFAS compounds to the mix. When and if any of these changes occur, the Town of Coupeville's water is already at a non-detect level for all testable compounds. Although the actual water plant building is not yet complete we wanted to get the GAC system up and running as soon as possible. The GAC filters will be treating the drinking water as the plant construction continues.

- I want to thank the US Navy for paying for the design and construction of the new plant and for their commitment to pay for the ongoing maintenance and operation of this new 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.
- I want to thank NAS Whidbey Island Commanders Captain Geoffrey Moore and Captain Matt Army for their steadfast support of the decision to treat our water and to see it through to completion.
- I want to thank again the Town's Utility Superintendent, Joe Grogan for being an outstanding advocate for the Town.
- And I want to acknowledge and thank Kendra Leibman, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command NW-Project Manager assigned to Coupeville. We have been working with Kendra from day one and her patience with us civilians and her attention to every tiny detail of this huge project has resulted in an amazing final product for our Town. Thank you Kendra!

On the back of this letter you will find a copy of the very first water test results. In the result column you will see that all 18 PFAS compounds are marked with a "U" which means the compounds were not detected. Samples and tests were conducted at many different locations along the treatment process. The results I am sending are from samples taken at the end of the line, or where the water has gone through treatment and is being sent to our distribution system - the water that comes out of your tap at home. As we have done for the past two and a half years, the Town will continue to post all water test results on the Town website.

Sincerely,

*Molly Hughes*

Molly Hughes, Mayor

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# Report of Analysis

<b>Client Sample ID:</b> WI-CV-FCWTP-EF209-071119	
<b>Lab Sample ID:</b> FA65972-1	<b>Date Sampled:</b> 07/11/19
<b>Matrix:</b> DW - Drinking Water	<b>Date Received:</b> 07/13/19
<b>Method:</b> EPA 537.1 REV 1.0 EPA 537 MOD	<b>Percent Solids:</b> n/a
<b>Project:</b> ITVAVAB: TCWTS; Coupeville, WA	

	File ID	DF	Analyzed	By	Prep Date	Prep Batch	Analytical Batch
Run #1	Q61609.D	1	07/19/19 11:25	NAF	07/18/19 08:00	OP75956	SQ1398
Run #2							

	Initial Volume	Final Volume
Run #1	250 ml	1.0 ml
Run #2		

## Perfluorinated Alkyl Acids

CAS No.	Compound	Result	MCL	LOQ	LOD	DL	Units	Q
<b>PERFLUOROALKYLCARBOXYLIC ACIDS</b>								
307-24-4	Perfluorohexanoic acid	2.0 U		4.0	2.0	1.0	ng/l	
375-85-9	Perfluoroheptanoic acid	2.0 U		4.0	2.0	1.0	ng/l	
335-67-1	Perfluorooctanoic acid	2.0 U		4.0	2.0	1.0	ng/l	
375-95-1	Perfluorononanoic acid	2.0 U		4.0	2.0	1.0	ng/l	
335-76-2	Perfluorodecanoic acid	2.0 U		4.0	2.0	1.0	ng/l	
2058-94-8	Perfluoroundecanoic acid	3.0 U		4.0	3.0	2.0	ng/l	
307-55-1	Perfluorododecanoic acid	3.0 U		4.0	3.0	2.0	ng/l	
72629-94-8	Perfluorotridecanoic acid	3.0 U		4.0	3.0	2.0	ng/l	
376-06-7	Perfluorotetradecanoic acid	3.0 U		4.0	3.0	2.0	ng/l	
<b>PERFLUOROALKYLSULFONATES</b>								
375-73-5	Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid	2.0 U		4.0	2.0	1.0	ng/l	
355-46-4	Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid	2.0 U		4.0	2.0	1.0	ng/l	
1763-23-1	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid	2.0 U		4.0	2.0	1.5	ng/l	
<b>PERFLUOROOCCTANESULFONAMIDOACETIC ACIDS</b>								
2355-31-9	MeFOSAA	6.0 U		8.0	6.0	4.0	ng/l	
2991-50-6	EtFOSAA	6.0 U		8.0	6.0	4.0	ng/l	
<b>NEXT GENERATION PFAS ANALYTES</b>								
13252-13-6	HFPO-DA (GenX)	10 U		20	10	6.0	ng/l	
919005-14-4	ADONA	4.0 U		8.0	4.0	2.0	ng/l	
756426-58-1	9CI-PF3ONS (F-53B Major)	4.0 U		8.0	4.0	2.0	ng/l	
763051-92-9	11CI-PF3OUdS (F-53B Minor)	4.0 U		8.0	4.0	3.0	ng/l	
<b>CAS No.</b>	<b>Surrogate Recoveries</b>	<b>Run# 1</b>	<b>Run# 2</b>	<b>Limits</b>				
	13C2-PFHxA	105%		70-130%				
	13C2-PFDA	108%		70-130%				
	d5-EtFOSAA	86%		70-130%				
	13C3-HFPO-DA	117%		70-130%				

U = Not detected      LOD = Limit of Detection  
MCL = Maximum Contamination Level (40 CFR 141)  
E = Indicates value exceeds calibration range

J = Indicates an estimated value  
B = Indicates analyte found in associated method blank  
N = Indicates presumptive evidence of a compound