



Hello Coupeville,

### **Thank You!**

I hope this message finds you all well. I want to thank you for your continued efforts to follow Governor Inslee's Stay Home, Stay Safe directives. You are all doing a fabulous job and I know for most of us this comes at great personal sacrifice. We are all missing personal contact with our friends and family, we are missing shopping at our favorite businesses, we are missing the home projects that come with spring, we are missing seeing our friends at the nonprofits we belong to and participating in community service. But be assured, your vigilance to social distancing and staying home is paying off. There have only been 8 new COVID 19 cases confirmed in Island County in the last ten days. Our curve here is flattening and that is due to your efforts. Staying home works, let's keep it up and be Coupeville Strong!

### **Property Taxes**

A quick reminder that if you need to make payment arrangements for your property taxes because of COVID 19, now is the time to call the Island County Treasurer. Payment arrangements must be made before they become past due. Make your arrangements by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Information is available from the Island County Treasurer's office at this website.

<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/Treasurer/Pages/Current-Year-Property-Tax-Payment-Plans.aspx>

### **Town Utility Bills**

The Town of Coupeville is happy to make payment arrangements with any of our utility customers who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID 19. If you would like to make payment arrangements please contact

[utilityclerk@townofcoupeville.org](mailto:utilityclerk@townofcoupeville.org).

### **Puget Sound Energy**

PSE is also mindful of financial hardship to their customers during this time. PSE will not be disconnecting customers and has payment options available. To find out more, visit [pse.com/covid19](https://pse.com/covid19).

### **A Message From Our Utility Department**

**Myth:** These wipes are flushable.

**Fact:** No, no they are not, even if they are labeled that way. "Flushable" wipes, facial tissues, paper towels, cloth wash cloths, and diapers (yes diapers!) were not designed to break down the same way as toilet paper, and they are causing blockages at the treatment plant and in your plumbing. If you are out of toilet paper, and using something else, then throw it in the trash. Please do not flush anything besides toilet paper and what came out of you.

### **Happy Earth Day!**

Today is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. A lot has improved in the last 50 years but we have new environmental issues to tackle too. The Town planned to celebrate Earth Day with a community volunteer event of planting 50 trees in our open space off of Broadway, behind the Living Hope Church. We had been working with the Whidbey Island Conservation District and the Whidbey Camano Land Trust. Everything was planned and ready to go but we were getting so much interest from community members that we became afraid too many people would show up. Normally, this would be a wonderful problem to have but during these unusual times we did not feel we could pull off the event while ensuring social distancing and everyone's safety. The Town is now the proud owner of 50 trees which we are storing at our Wastewater Treatment Plant where they are fenced and safe from the deer until we can plant them this fall. We will have a belated 50<sup>th</sup> birthday for Earth Day, hopefully this fall, when we can all come together to celebrate.

In the meantime, Stay Home, Stay Safe and Stay Well,  
Mayor Molly Hughes