



TOWN HALL NEWS

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GOOD BYE AND GOOD RIDDANCE 2020!

This will be the last utility bill and the last Town Newsletter for 2020. I wanted to take just a minute to **thank the Citizens of Coupeville** for staying strong, wearing masks, supporting local business, helping your neighbors, being appreciative of our first responders and essential workers, supporting nonprofits, remaining civil and respectful toward each other, and trying to keep a positive attitude during the stress and uncertainty of this past year. There's no other place I'd rather be 'locked down' than on Whidbey Island with the good people of Coupeville.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy Holiday Season and I'm looking forward to starting a new year with you!

Mayor Molly

TOWN HALL CLOSED... AGAIN

After happily reporting that Town Hall was back open in the last utility newsletter, I'm afraid we have had to close down again because of increased COVID cases in our State and County. Town staff is all still working, in the field and in Town Hall, and we will continue to provide the best level of service possible.

Our residents can take care of most administrative business by phone, email or the drop box at the front door of Town Hall. Please call in advance if you need an in-person appointment or inspection from our Building Official: **René Belliveau**
360.678.4461, Ext 108

WELCOME Allison Gubata

We are happy to announce we have a new Utility Clerk in Town Hall, Allison Gubata. She moved to Coupeville a year ago after spending a couple years on the south end of the island. Before that she worked for the City of Sammamish and comes to us with municipal, utility and planning experience. Allison is looking forward to learning more about our town and community events. We are very fortunate to add her to our team.

Prior Utility Clerk, Tim Orsino, moved to Bellingham to be closer to family. We will miss him very much but wish him well in his new home and job.

WINTER EMERGENCIES

PREPAREDNESS PROCEDURES

We have already experienced a couple big windstorms and a prolonged power and internet outage. Now is the time to check your supplies for the winter as well as your longer term emergency kits.

- Food and water for three days in the house, 14 days in your kit. Don't forget the pets.
- Flashlights, batteries, radio, LED flare, reflective vest or tape for clothing.
- Multi-function tool, rope, tarp, duct tape, lighter.
- Survival blanket, extra socks, work gloves, warm gloves, hand warmers.
- Basic first aid supplies, prescriptions for you and pets.
- Copy of your ID, emergency contact info, paper and pencil, cash.
- Tent, camping stove, water purifier, gas for generator.

Central Whidbey Hearts and Hammers "HEART" HELP

The good volunteers with Central Whidbey Hearts and Hammers (CWHH) are moving ahead with their annual work day next year: **May 1, 2021**. CWHH serves homeowners in the Coupeville school district make repairs that keep them safe, healthy and able to stay in their homes.

They also make emergency repairs that cannot wait until the annual workday through their **Home Emergency Action Repair Team (HEART)**. Check out their website for information on eligible projects, how to volunteer and how to sign up for help.

www.cwheartsandhammers.org

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Emergencies – 9 1 1
(I need the police now!)

I-COM - 360.679.9567
(I need a police offer to respond but not immediately or utility problem)

PSE - 888.225.5773
report power outage

PSE Outage Map
www.pse.com
to look at status of outage

VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR COMMUNITY!

Start the new year by getting involved in your community. We have some Volunteer Commissions and Groups who do important work for the Town and you can be a part of that effort. If any of these opportunities sound interesting, call or email the Mayor. Volunteer applications can be found at www.townofcoupeville.org/join-our-team/

- **PLANNING COMMISSION** – This group meets once a month, on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. They work on important land use issues, Comp Plan updates, and make recommendations to the Town Council on town policy and code changes.
- **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)** – This group meets once a month on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. The HPC is a Town and County Commission who provide recommendations for design on new construction and remodels of historic buildings. They consider such things as adaptive reuse, tax credits, design, placement and preservation.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY TEAM (NET)** - NET meets every other month at 7 pm. This is a very active group of volunteers who provide emergency preparedness education, training and response for the Town. They conduct annual emergency drills, divide the Town into 10 neighborhoods so all residents can be checked in the case of an emergency. They are prepared to set up a Comfort Station, a Volunteer Registration Center and a Pet Center immediately and will work with Town staff if needed.

HOLIDAY CHEER

- The Town will have Cooks Corner Park (North Main and 9th) all lit up as usual. There will not be a lighting ceremony, but look for the lights every night in December.
- The Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association has put up beautiful wreaths and white lights in the historic commercial district.
- The traditional snowmen will soon appear on North and South Main Street. This year look for some additional snowmen displays in the Front Street area thanks to the Coupeville Chamber. This will be a cute picture opportunity for your family!
- Santa will be making the rounds and a big red fire truck with the Central Whidbey Fire and Rescue crew. Check the Santa Tracker to see what night he will be in your neighborhood. www.cwfire.org/santa

Special thanks to the many, many people who dress up Coupeville for the holidays: the Town's Public Works Team, Lynda Eccles, Vickie Chambers, Malcolm Bishop, Matt Iverson, the 'Paint Shop', dozens of volunteers and of course, Santa!



SHOP LOCAL RED TICKET

This year, more than ever, your local small businesses would appreciate your business during the holiday season. Make a trip into Coupeville (or other cities on the island) before sending that order to an online company.

While we want folks to stay healthy by wearing their masks and washing hands frequently and social distancing, you can still support your hometown businesses safely. This includes take out orders for our local restaurants, retail and lodging. The Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association is sponsoring their Red Ticket event again this year. From November 15 to December 19, for every \$20 you spend in a participating business you will receive one red ticket. On December 20th the winning tickets will be pulled live on Facebook! Prizes will be \$1,500, \$500, and three \$100. There will also be weekly tickets pulled for gift baskets. Check out all the participating businesses at www.coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com/events/red-ticket-holidays/

WHAT'S CANCELLED

The **Jingle Trail Fun Run**, the **Christmas Parade** and the **Greening of Coupeville Lighting Ceremony** have all been cancelled. *We look forward to sharing these, and many other traditional Coupeville events, with you next year.*

BE SAFE!

Wear a mask. Stay 6' apart. Shop Local!!