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Community Survey

INPUT DESIRED FOR TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

*The Coupeville Planning Commission and Town Council
want to hear from you on a new Vision Statement for the Comprehensive Plan Update.*

The Comprehensive Plan is a document that expresses the community's vision for the future for growth and development over a 20-year period to 2042. The process to update the Comprehensive Plan encourages us to think about how we will achieve our vision. It provides a strategic direction on important topics such as housing, parks and trails, transportation, historic preservation, land use, the natural environment, transportation, and others.

We encourage you to complete the community **survey enclosed** with this newsletter or online by clicking the link below. **Your thoughts and opinions are extremely helpful to formulate a new Vision Statement for our community.** To view the current Vision Statement and to complete the survey online, go to: townofcoupeville.org/comp-plan/

Please complete and submit your survey by December 31, 2021. If you choose to fill out the paper version, you can include it with your utility payment for no additional postage.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

JOIN US!

Community workshop COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

January 18, 2022 • 6 PM
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WINTER EMERGENCIES

AUTO EMERGENCY KIT

Our Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) advises that you should always carry a small emergency kit in your car, especially in bad weather. Now is the time to gather a kit or update the contents.

- Flashlight, LED flares, reflective vest or tape for clothing.
- Survival blanket, extra socks, work gloves, warm gloves, hand warmers.
- Rope, duct tape, collapsible utility shovel, multi-function tool.
- Winter tire chains, jumper cables.
- Extra pair of waterproof shoes or boots if you have them and a rain poncho.
- Water or other beverages and power bars. Pet or infant supplies as necessary.

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

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 7, 2022.**

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

Welcome New Fiscal Clerk TONI PAYNE!

Toni is our new Fiscal Clerk in Town Hall. Toni joins our team with extensive accounts payable, financial reporting and customer service experience. She has worked in the financial departments of public health care and education organizations and private corporations. Toni is commuting from the Everett area right now but looks forward to moving to the island soon.

Prior Fiscal Clerk, Claudia Golden, moved back to Santa Barbara to be closer to family and friends. We will miss her but wish her well.

Keep them clean and flowing! STORMWATER DITCHES & CULVERTS

During this rainy and windy time of the year it is so important to keep leaves and debris out of stormwater ditches and to keep your driveway culverts clean. Plugged up culverts and ditches will cause stormwater to back up on your property and your neighbors downstream. **Thank you!**

NEW UTILITY RATES

This is the first utility bill to include increased rates for water and sewer service. The Town conducted a year long utility rate study, the Utility Advisory Board and the Town Council looked at many different options, several public meetings and two public hearings were held and the new rates went into effect on October 1. Rates were raised for both the monthly base rate and the consumption. If you have questions about you bill you can contact the Fiscal Clerk or the Utility Clerk:

360-678-4461 • Ex. 107 and 106
or fiscalclerk@townofcoupeville.org
utilityclerk@townofcoupeville.org

INSTALLING A HEAT PUMP OR GENERATOR?

With heat waves and power outages, the demand for heat pumps and generators has surged...pun intended! If you have purchased a heat pump or propane generator, or are on a waiting list for one, be sure to have your installer or provider contact the Town's Building Official to obtain a mechanical permit. It's easy and fast. Most importantly, it is required under the Building Code *for your safety*. To find out more, contact the Town at buildofficial@townofcoupeville.org or **360-678-4461 ext. 108**

CHRISTMAS PARADE

THE CHRISTMAS PARADE IS BACK!

Saturday, December 4 at 4:30 pm

The Chamber is excited to announce that the Coupeville Christmas Parade will be back this year. Even though this is an outside event, we encourage everyone to wear a mask and spread out over the entire parade route; North Main Street from 1st to Front Street, Front Street to Alexander and Alexander from Front to Coveland. Please use both sides of the streets and stay with your family units. We are very happy to bring back this Coupeville tradition and want all of our residents to stay healthy. coupevillechamber.com



“KEEP IT LOCAL” RED TICKET

Support our business community by ‘Keeping it Local’ this holiday season. Check out our small retail stores before ordering online. Dine in one of the many family-owned restaurants on the island. Use service businesses on island first. We know we can support local business and still be safe by wearing masks and distancing. The Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association (CHWA) will be holding their Red Ticket campaign again this year. For every \$20 you spend at participating businesses, you will receive a Red Ticket. On December 19th there will be a drawing, held live

on Facebook, for prizes of \$1,500, \$500 and \$100. See their website for all the details and participating businesses and remember to “Keep It Local!”

coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com/2021/11/14/keep-it-local/

MORE HOLIDAY CHEER!

Special thanks to the many individuals, businesses and nonprofits who fill Coupeville with holiday cheer; the Chamber, CHWA, volunteers, Central Whidbey Fire, the ‘Paint Shop’ and Santa just to name a few!

- The Town will decorate Cooks Corner Park (North Main and 9th) with Christmas lights and it will be lit up every night in December. Because we don't want to encourage large gatherings before the holidays, there will not be a lighting ceremony this year. The lights will be turned on for the Christmas Parade on December 4th.
- The Chamber is putting up wreaths and snowmen throughout town.
- The Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association is putting up wreaths and white lights in the commercial district.
- Santa will be making the rounds in a big red fire truck with the Central Whidbey Fire and Rescue crew. Santa will also be collecting nonperishable food for the food bank to help local families. Check the Santa Tracker to see what night he will be in your neighborhood. www.cwfire.org