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REMINDER...

Dog licenses will expire Dec. 31. Residents in the town limits are required to license dogs over six months old. The owner must provide proof of current rabies vaccination. Keep your dog's license information current so we are able to contact you if your pet gets lost or injured. Licenses are available at Town Hall.

- * \$5 for neutered or spayed dogs
- * \$25 for all other dogs
- * No charge for service dogs.

Central Whidbey Hearts & Hammers 2025 Workday Saturday, May 3

Central Whidbey Hearts and Hammers is a nonprofit organization made up of all volunteers who assist homeowners within the Coupeville School District who are unable (physically and financially) to make needed repairs to keep their home safe for daily living. If your home needs work, the time to sign up is now! Applications made after Feb. 15 are not guaranteed for the May 3 workday. Check out the website to find out how to apply for help, how to volunteer to help, and how to make donations for repair supplies. Also, don't miss the annual community dinner Friday, Feb. 7 in the Rec Hall. Come enjoy dinner with your neighbors, learn more about the program and make a donation to the cause. Neighbors helping neighbors, This is what Hearts and Hammers is all about! cwheartsandhammers.org

Thanks for a Great 2024!

As 2024 draws to a close I'd like to express my thanks and gratitude for another great year in Coupeville! Our little town depends on so many to keep it the place we all want to live in and people want to visit. It takes a talented and dedicated staff to keep things humming 365 days of the year. It takes the Town Council and volunteer community boards to help the town determine our priorities and how to make them happen. It takes the exceptional nonprofits, protecting our neighbors and our environment. It takes the many businesses, large and small, who serve our residents as well as our tourists. It takes shared preservation values to keep Ebey's Reserve and historic buildings protected and preserved. It takes our Port District saving our iconic wharf. It takes our schools educating the next generation of leaders. So many talented people give of their time and talents to keep our town special and unique. I always feel lucky to live here and grateful to have the opportunity to serve the town and my neighbors. Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones and a healthy, successful and happy 2025!

Mayor Molly

FROM OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Community Survey

There is still time to let the town know what your priorities are for the next 10 years. Take the Community Survey before Dec. 15. There are questions about housing, park and recreation and climate. Let us know now, what you would like to see in Coupeville's future, don't wait until the plans are final. You will find the survey on the town's website, townofcoupeville.org/coupevilles-2025-comprehensive-plan-periodic-update/. This page also has a lot of great information about the process, where we're at in the process, and documents you may want to read. Thanks for your participation!

Draft Middle Housing Code

The draft of the new Middle Housing Code, required by the state, is now online and we would love to get your comments. The next meeting about the draft will be at the Planning Commission meeting Jan. 7, 2025. You can view the code changes at townofcoupeville.org/middle-housing-development-regulations/.

Sign Code

A reminder that Coupeville town code 16.28.050 only allows one temporary sign, (2 sq. ft. max) in residential zones. Additionally, neon/similarly lighted signs and A-frame signs are prohibited in commercial zones. We have not enforced the sign code in a while, and it shows. We will be working on enforcement in the new year and you can help us by removing all prohibited signs before January.

FROM OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

If you filled out the two questions about your waterlines from the last water bill, and returned it to Town Hall, a big THANK YOU! If not, we would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the questions on the bottom of the enclosed flyer. This inventory is a new requirement of the EPA and we need your help. Thank you.

GET READY FOR WINTER

We have already had some BIG windstorms. Now is the time to get ready for snow and ice, low temperatures and power outages. The extremely freezing temperatures were responsible for hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages last winter, broken pipes all over town. We are lucky to live on beautiful Whidbey Island but in the case of a big earthquake, getting on or off the island may be tricky. We are advised to have enough emergency supplies for two weeks.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS
EMERGENCY: 911
 Non-emergency I-COM:
 360-679-9567
 PSE: 888-225-5773
 PSE Outage Map: www.pse.com.

- **WATER:** Enough for 2 gallons per day for each member of the family and your pets.
- **FOOD and PRESCRIPTION MEDS** for you and your pets.
- **Tent, camping stove, water purifier and gas for your generator.**
- **Flashlights, batteries, radio, LED flares, reflective vest or tape for clothing**
- **Multi-function tool, rope, tarp, duct tape and lighter**
- **Survival blanket, extra socks, sturdy shoes, work gloves, warm gloves and hand warmers**
- **Copy of your ID, emergency contact information, cash. Write down phone number in case cell towers are down and you can't get them off your phone.**
- **KEEP A SMALLER KIT IN YOUR CAR:** food and water for three days, flashlight, LED flares, jumper cables, signal mirror, whistle, multi-function tool, survival blanket, extra socks, work gloves, chains, hand warmers, basic first aid and copy of your ID and emergency contacts.

If you have been working on your emergency supplies (congratulations!) but don't have everything you need yet, you can find some great sales this time of year. Stay warm, stay safe!

NET - COUPEVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY TEAM

NET is a team of volunteers, sponsored by the Town, who would help the town and our residents in an emergency. There might be a big emergency like an earthquake or flooding but yearly windstorms, power outages, and extreme temperatures are also situations they are trained to help with. The Town is broken down into 11 neighborhoods and each one has a Captain and Co-Captain. We have a large group of volunteers who are active with training, drills and education. We also have a list of "call me when you need me" volunteers. NET is ready to set up a Volunteer Registration Center, a Comfort/Information Center and a Pet Center in case of a long-term emergency. They drill every year for a large emergency and drill for 'neighborhood assessments,'

a process of going door to door to check on the folks living in their neighborhood. An assessment check might be done in a long-term power outage because a resident has medical equipment that needs electricity or to check on disabled or single folks.

NET is working on building up their 'Community Organizations Assisting in Disaster,' or COAD resources. We have started working with businesses for things like Contractors' heavy equipment, lighting and drywall heaters, food and space for shelters. We have contacted banks for cash, the hospital for medicine, and churches for space for displaced people. We would like to develop a COAD list with residents' resources. Examples would be heavy equipment, four wheel vehicles, boats, and RV's. Are you a nurse,

WHAT'S HAPPENING

DEC. 7

Christmas Parade, Caroling with the Shifty Sailors, Tree Lighting & Boat Parade!

All of these activities take place Saturday, Dec. 7 starting at 4 p.m. See the enclosed Chamber flier for all the details. Thank you Coupeville Chamber for organizing these events every year to kick off the holiday season in Coupeville!

THRU DEC. 21

Red Ticket

For every \$20 you spend at participating business you will receive one red ticket. Winners will be drawn Sunday, Dec. 22 for cash prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500 and \$100! The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. in front of the museum. Must be present to win. Shop Local! Win Big!



DECEMBER



Santa's coming to town and he's riding a fire truck!!

Once again, Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue has somehow managed to get Santa to ride the big red fire truck all over town, during his busiest month of the year. How do they do it?! Santa and his firefighting friends will be visiting neighborhoods all over the fire district. The schedule can be found on the Santa Tracker at www.cwfire.org. Santa will be collecting nonperishable food donations for our local food bank, Gifts from the Heart. See Santa and share your holiday spirit by making a food donation.

