

# TOWN HALL NEWS

## TOWN OF COUPEVILLE

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### BOARDWALK AND SIDEWALK UPDATE

By the time you receive this newsletter the Boardwalk should be done or down to the last few days for completion. The contractor has guaranteed it will be done and cleaned up before set-up begins for the Arts and Crafts Festival Aug. 8. They are completing this project on time, even with all the surprises that came up during the job: native midden, an abandoned heating oil tank, a deeply buried rotten log that had to be removed, and trees needing to come down because their roots were full of midden. Whenever there was a slowdown or a loss of a day or two, the contractor moved to the North Main Street sidewalk completion. Vegetation has been removed, backfill done, forms built, and the footing for the retaining wall has been poured. By the time you see this I'm sure more will be done on the sidewalk.

### Thank You!

I want to thank Valdez Construction and our own Public Works team for working together every time the unexpected happened in order to stay on schedule.

I also want to thank the businesses for their patience during this much needed project. The Boardwalk will be safe for decades to come, and the final block of Main Street sidewalk will allow pedestrians to walk the entire length without crossing the street if they don't want to.

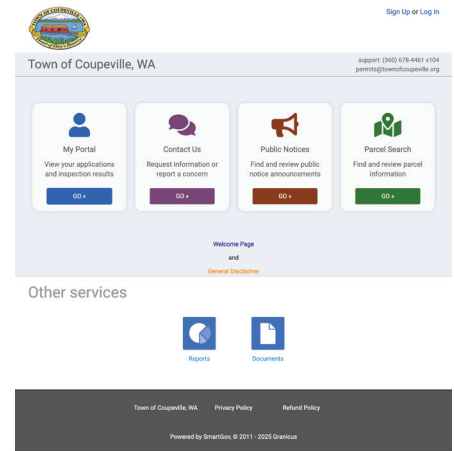


### SMART GOV

You can now apply for permits online! The Town is transitioning to online permitting software from Smart Gov. For your upcoming projects requiring permits, you can create an account, upload permit documents, and streamline the review process by visiting [twncoupeville-wa.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home](http://twncoupeville-wa.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home). Contractors and homeowners can both use the portal!

Benefits include:

- being able to upload digital documents directly to the portal.
- receive status updates and track where permits are in the process
- pay permit fees through the portal
- receive approved permits immediately once our review is complete and payment is received



### Car Show and Concert

The Coupeville Creative District is reviving old favorites and creating new traditions! First up is the Coupeville Classic Car Show to be held Aug. 23 at Town Green from 10 a.m. to 2p.m. Visit the Farmers Market and check out the cool cars. The Creative District is registering 40 cars for their first show: [coupevilleclassic.com](http://coupevilleclassic.com). There is a \$25 registration fee for your car, FREE admission.

Back after a long absence, live music returns to the Town Park Pavilion. Sept. 21 from 2-4 p.m., Wild Man Cooley and the Missing Sisters will be playing toe tapping music, spanning decades and genres. Bring your blankets and chairs and spend the last day of summer with your neighbors enjoying a FREE concert in Town Park. Sponsored by the Creative District, Crows Roost and the Coupeville Historic District.



### Shellfish Safety Update

For the most updated information on recreational shellfish harvest beach statuses, please see the following website: [fortress.wa.gov/doh/biotoxin/biotoxin.html](http://fortress.wa.gov/doh/biotoxin/biotoxin.html)

The following areas are now closed for the recreational harvest of all species of shellfish due to biotoxin (excluding crab or shrimp – clean crab well and do not consume the guts and butter:

- Saratoga Passage, including Penn Cove and Holmes Harbor

### Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission

We are looking for volunteers for our Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission! Serving on these commissions is an important and interesting way to serve your community. You can find more information and the volunteer application form on the Town's website here: [townofcoupeville.org/government/boards-commissions](http://townofcoupeville.org/government/boards-commissions)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## WEDNESDAYS THRU AUGUST

**Wednesday Busker Series**  
4 pm

Brought to you by the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association. Come on down and shop, eat and listen to some music. [www.coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com/busker-series](http://www.coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com/busker-series)

## EVERY SATURDAY

**Farmers Market**  
10 am – 2 pm

The Coupeville Farmers Market will be closed for Arts and Crafts Festival weekend

## AUGUST 9 &amp; AUGUST 10

**Coupeville Arts & Crafts Festival**  
Aug. 9, 10 am – 6 pm  
Aug. 10, 10 am – 5 pm

A 61 year tradition in our Town. Come and see all the unique artisan items, have some food, see your friends. [www.coupevillefestival.com](http://www.coupevillefestival.com)

## AUGUST 9

**Race the Reserve**

Run 5K, 10K or half marathon courses through beautiful Ebey's Reserve. Proceeds support safe and sober graduation activities at Coupeville High School. [racethereserve.com](http://racethereserve.com)

## AUGUST 11-15

**Pacific NorthWest  
ART SCHOOL****Whidbey Plein Air Paint Out  
from the Pacific NW Art School**

Plein Air artists will be in Town and the Reserve. Purchase this art at the art school Aug. 15-17. [pacificnorthwestartschool.org/product/plein-air-gala](http://pacificnorthwestartschool.org/product/plein-air-gala)

## AUGUST 16

**Tour de Whidbey**

Ride for a good cause. Races raise money for WhidbeyHealth Foundation. Six different routes from 10 to 162 miles. Pedal with a purpose! [www.whidbeyhealthfoundation.org/tourdewhidbey](http://www.whidbeyhealthfoundation.org/tourdewhidbey)

## AUGUST 23

**Classic Car Show**  
10 am – 2 pm, Farmers Market

Brought to you by the Coupeville Creative District. Small fee to enter your car, free to check out the cars! [www.coupevillecreativedistrict.org](http://www.coupevillecreativedistrict.org)

## AUGUST 23

**Wander/Wonder Dance Event**  
1-3 pm at Price Sculpture Forest

Professional, national caliber dancers will be in the park performing choreography created specifically for the park's sculptures. Check it out, it's rally cool! Admission by donation. [sculptureforest.org](http://sculptureforest.org)



## AUG. 31 &amp; SEPT. 28

**History Sails on Schooner Suva**  
1-3:30 pm

Join Island County Museum docent and historian Patrick Hussey to learn more about the Ebey family, the Reserve and Sea Captains who founded Coupeville. [www.schooner.suva.org/tickets](http://www.schooner.suva.org/tickets)

## SEPTEMBER 21

**Free End of Summer Concert**  
2-4 pm in Town Park

Wild Man Cooley and the Missing Sisters. Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy the Fall Equinox set to music.

## BOLLARDS

The Town and the Coupeville Festival Association has partnered to increase security at some of our larger events. The Festival paid for, and the Public Works staff built, 29 bollards, which can be installed around the downtown area. You may have seen our crew out drilling holes and installing the sleeves in cement. This project will be done in time for the Festival in August. We have installed the sleeves on streets for all three Festivals, the Pride and Halloween Parades, and the Christmas Tree Lighting. As we all know, there is no 100 percent fool proof safety measure to protect large crowds. However, the bollards will stop a driver who is not paying attention, stop a vehicle that loses its brakes, and stop the driver who hits the gas instead of the brakes.....this actually happened one year. This is another example of the Festival giving back its profits to benefit our community. Thank you Arts and Crafts Festival and our Public Works Team for making this project happen.

## SUMMER TIPS

If you must water your lawn, do it in the early morning or evening when it will be less likely to evaporate. Better yet, don't water at all, protect our aquifer.

**"Our grass is brown, that's how we roll in Town!"**

During these hot months, PSE appreciates all of us conserving energy.

- Keep your doors and drapes closed so your home stays cool.
- Turn off lights not in use.
- Unplug appliances on your kitchen counter when not in use.
- Turn monitors off in the evening.
- Try to use less electricity in the late afternoons and early evenings when demand is high.

When you start that back-to-school shopping, look out for great deals on supplies you need for your emergency kit: flashlights and batteries, battery or hand crank radio, first aid kit, shelter items like tents, tarps and rope, dust masks, wipes and garbage bags, manual can opener, and multipurpose fire extinguisher. You need food and water for at least 10 days on the island. Two to four weeks is better. You need one gallon of water per person and pet per day. It's smart to prepare an emergency kit for work, home and car.

[www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html](http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html)

*"Life's most important and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"*

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

# COUPEVILLE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

FARMERS MARKET & LIVE MUSIC  
Free admission

Register your car at <https://coupevilleclassic.com>

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**  
**COUPEVILLE LIBRARY**  
788 NW ALEXANDER ST.  
BENEFITS THE COUPEVILLE CREATIVE ARTS DISTRICT

**Pedal for a Purpose**  
tourdewhidbey.com  
REGISTER TODAY

WhidbeyHealth FOUNDATION PRESENTS  
**Tour de Whidbey**  
AUGUST 16

Skagit RADIOLOGY INCORPORATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
Heritage BANK  
WhidbeyHealth MEDICAL STAFF  
Celerity Cycles  
corebridge financial

# COUPEVILLE Arts & Crafts Festival

**August 9 & 10, 2025** | [coupevillefestival.com](http://coupevillefestival.com)  
SAT: 10 AM - 6 PM  
SUN: 10 AM - 5 PM

Peoples Bank  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SKAGIT-WHIDBEY COUNTY  
COREY OIL & PROXYNE  
Prairie Center MARKET  
Whidbey INTO SOLUTIONS  
SAMI BIRD DESIGN  
JBC 360-262-2100  
COUPEVILLE CREATIVE DISTRICT

free  
**End of Summer music concert!**  
@ Coupeville Town Park Pavilion  
**SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 2 - 4 pm**

Music returns to the Cove with the energizing sounds of *Wild Man Cooley* and the *Missing Sisters!*  
Bring your chairs, blankets, and enjoy the Fall Equinox set to music.

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# Coupeville SENIOR HUB Lunch & Learn

## AFTER LUNCH PROGRAMS • AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

Wednesdays 12:30 – 1:30 • Coupeville UMC Fellowship Hall

### August 6 - Sweet Bingo

Everyone wins during sweet bingo. No buy-in, this game is free to play and has sweet treats as the prizes.

### August 13-Maple Ridge Senior Living Facility

Come learn about the Maple Ridge senior living facility and all the amenities they offer here on the island.

### August 20-Naval Air Museum

Learn about the rich naval history of the Pacific Northwest. Hear about the unique exhibits, historical artifacts and flight simulators available at to see at the museum.

### August 27- Flower Arranging

Join Julia Gotsch in an exciting flower arrangement demonstration of different flower arranging techniques.

### September 3- Sweet Bingo

Everyone wins during sweet bingo. No buy-in, this game is free to play and has sweet treats as the prizes.

### September 10-Coupeville Museum

A museum representative will provide an update on the latest developments at the museum and discuss the history of Native Americans on Whidbey Island.

### September 17-Sweet Sounds of Guitar

Come enjoy the sweet sounds of guitar while you enjoy your lunch.

### September 24-Saratoga Orchestra

Saratoga Orchestra will fill the room with beautiful music.

## LUNCH

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

**\$10 Suggested  
Donation**

### August 6

Turkey Enchilada  
Bake

### August 13

Baked Potato  
w/Beef Chili

### August 20

Meatballs & Penne  
Marinara

### August 27

Chicken Curry  
w/Rice &  
Vegetables

### September 3

Roasted Pork Loin

### September 10

Saag Paneer

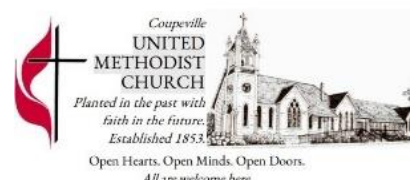
### September 17

Pepperoni Pizza  
w/Marinara

### September 24

Chicken Alfredo

## SPONSORS



QUESTIONS: Julia Gotsch • Coupeville UMC Office Admin

staff@coupevilleumc.com • 360.678.4256

Island Senior Resources

reception@islandseniorservices.org • 360.321.1600

CALL FOR A RIDE: Para Transit

360.678.7771

Coupeville United Methodist Church

608 N Main St • Coupeville, WA

Meals and Programs are subject to change without prior notice.