

# TOWN HALL NEWS

## TOWN OF COUPEVILLE

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### HOLIDAY CONTEST FOR KIDS!

Ever wanted to be the one who 'flips the switch' and turns on the lights in Cook Corner Park during the Greening Celebration? How about being the one who leads the countdown from 10 to turn the lights on? Here's your chance! During the month of November there will be an entry box in the Coupeville Library. If you are between the ages of 5 and 12, you can enter to win a chance to flip the switch or lead the countdown. Free to enter. If you are the winner, you will be notified by Dec. 1. You must be available Saturday evening, Dec. 6 to flip the switch or lead the countdown. Good Luck!



### TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

PLEASE remember to wear reflective clothing and put something reflective on your dog when you are out after dark!

## Park & Rec Community Open House!

**November 3 at 6 p.m. in the Rec Hall**

A wonderful group of residents has been working on ideas to better use our park and open spaces in town. This group represents different ages and interests, some have lived here a long time and some are new to Town. They have been looking at more than updated playground equipment. They have looked at trails, water recreation, pickleball, garden space, passive uses, signage, funding and a whole lot more. We are excited to show our community their ideas. We are excited to get your ideas. We are looking to create a long-term Park and Rec Plan that prioritizes our community's desires while balancing funding and staff resources. We will have an open house Monday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Rec Hall. Please come and hear the ideas we have come up with and share your ideas. This will be a fun meeting!

## OCTOBER IS CIVILITY MONTH

"Let's not forget that American democracy started with 'We the People' agreeing to work hard to create 'a more perfect union.' We've lost the idea that politics begins at home with what happens in families, in neighborhoods, in classrooms, in congregations. We called this democracy into being – and if we want to call this democracy back to its highest values, it's got to be the us doing that calling. That's not going to happen if 'We the People' don't know how to talk to one another with civility and hold our differences in a creative, life-giving way."



~ Parker J. Palmer

## GET INVOLVED, HELP SHAPE YOUR TOWN!

We have vacancies on the Coupeville Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission. Information about the responsibilities of these positions and a volunteer application can be found here: [townofcoupeville.org/government/boards-commissions/](http://townofcoupeville.org/government/boards-commissions/).

## PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Planning Commission Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan will be Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Island County Commissioners hearing room. This is your final chance to provide comments. It's been a long road, we are almost at the finish line!

## UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Six years ago, the town conducted an extensive rate study to see if our utility revenues were able to pay for our utility expenses. Since water rates had not increased in 12 years, we were not surprised that revenues were not meeting expenses. The result was a six-year plan to raise rates every October. The last planned utility rate increase will be reflected on your next bill in November. To learn what to expect, visit [townofcoupeville.org/departments/utilities](http://townofcoupeville.org/departments/utilities). Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click Ordinance No. 768 to view the rates chart. Our utility department works hard to provide safe and reliable utility service while stretching our revenues as far as possible. We appreciate your support.

# NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY TEAM (NET) DRILL

## *International Shake Out Day- October 16*

Your Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) volunteers will be taking part in the International Shake Out Drill when emergency preparedness groups all over the world practice for a major earthquake. On Whidbey Island, this means the county, the Navy, police and fire departments, ham radio operators, and specially trained groups of volunteers like our very own NET, drill for a major earthquake to make sure they are prepared to handle their own areas and are prepared to work together. If you see NET volunteers in your neighborhood Oct. 16, don't worry, this is only a drill!

This is also a good day to check out your own emergency supplies. Do you have enough water for your family and pets to last 14 days? How about food? Do you have the supplies to shelter in place for a while, first aid supplies, medications, outdoor clothing, communication devices, a family plan of how to contact each other? Being prepared for an emergency will provide peace of mind for you and your family.

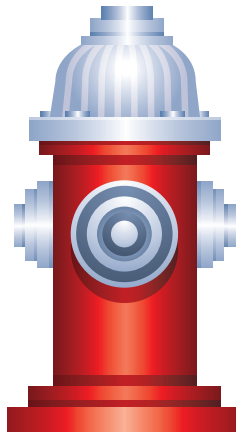


## Water Main Flushing & Hydrant Maintenance

**Water main flushing and hydrant maintenance will be the weeks of Oct. 13-17 and Oct. 20-24 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The Town flushes water mains to remove iron and manganese sediment that can settle in the lines. The Town will also be inspecting and repairing fire hydrants in town. During this time, the water in the mains may become turbid (dirty looking). The turbid water is not hazardous to health but may cause staining to your laundry. We suggest you refrain from doing laundry during the flushing hours. If your tap water looks dirty, run your faucet for a few seconds to clear the line. Prior, individual notices of daily flushing will not be given.

Questions should be directed to Public Works Field Lead, Jesse Lynn. 360-678-4461 x. 112



**Hello**  
*Fall*

*“There is something so special in the early leaves drifting from the trees – as if we are all to be allowed a chance to peel, to refresh, to start again.”*

~ Ruth Ahmed

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### PRACTICALLY MAGIC, HALLOWEEND, THE HAUNTING OF COUPEVILLE

... whatever you call it, there's a lot going on in October! The best way not to miss anything is to check out the special websites from the Chamber and Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association. The Chamber's website lists events all over central Whidbey. Don't miss a thing! [hauntingofcoupeville.org](http://hauntingofcoupeville.org) and [www.practicallymagichalloweekend.com](http://www.practicallymagichalloweekend.com)

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

**Ebey's Reserve  
 Community Potluck  
 5:30 – 8 p.m.  
 in the Crockett Barn**

Enjoy a nice evening with your neighbors and friends celebrating our heritage and community. Bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils. Free and open to the public.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**Veterans Day  
 Remembrance Ceremony  
 11 a.m.**

The Town of Coupeville will be holding our annual Veterans Remembrance Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial near the County Courthouse at Center and 6th Street. Join us in honoring the men and women who have served in our military, remembering the sacrifices they and their families have made.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner  
 Noon to 2 p.m. in the Rec Hall**

Please join us once again for our truly hometown Community Thanksgiving potluck. Bring a dish to share if you can, and your own dishes and utensils. We will provide turkey, ham and gravy and even offer to wash your dishes for you. Join us for some yummy food and warmth of community. If there are leftovers we send you home with them, or a plate for someone who cannot make it to the Rec Hall. If you would like to donate a cooked turkey or ham to the event, please contact Lisa Bernhardt at [lisa@pacificnorthweststartschool.org](mailto:lisa@pacificnorthweststartschool.org). Volunteers are very much appreciated for set-up in the late afternoon of Nov. 26 and clean up Nov. 27.



## Coupeville SENIOR HUB Lunch & Learn

### AFTER LUNCH PROGRAMS • OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

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

#### October 1- Sweet Bingo

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

#### October 8- Fire Prevention

Come learn how to stay safe in your home from fire.

#### October 15-Sweet Sounds of Guitar

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

#### October 22 - Groceries that Nourish

Amila Wood presents how to shop and cook for healthy blood sugar and insulin.

#### October 29 - Crafting with Fall Leaves

Julia will show you how to use fall leaves to create a wonderful table topper.

#### November 5 - Sweet Bingo

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

#### November 12-S.H.I.B.A

Washington state's SHIBA ( Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors) provides free, unbiased, and confidential help with Medicare to people of all ages and backgrounds.

#### November 19-Coupeville Ukus

Come and hear the joyful Coupeville Ukus play on their ukuleles.

#### November 26-Christmas Card Making

Come and bring your scrapbook supplies and get a head start on making your Christmas greeting cards.

### LUNCH

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

\$10 Suggested  
Donation

#### October 1

Chicken Verde  
Enchilada

#### October 8

Beef & Pork Penne  
Bolognese

#### October 15

Chicken  
Tikka Masala

#### October 22

Margherita Pizza

#### October 29

Chicken Teriyaki

#### November 5

Pork Carnitas Bowl

#### November 12

Chicken Curry  
w/vegetables

#### November 19

Thanksgiving Meal

#### November 26

Italian Sausage Pizza

### 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.

# ANNUAL COUPEVILLE BOOSTER CLUB DINNER AND AUCTION

AN ATHLETICS PROGRAM FUNDRAISER



**SATURDAY  
NOV. 8,  
2025**

**COUPEVILLE  
REC HALL  
901 NW ALEXANDER ST.**

**RAFFLES THRU-OUT THE NIGHT!**

**BUY YOUR TICKETS: BOOSTER TENT OR A BOOSTER CLUB MEMBER**

**4:30 PM**  
DOORS OPEN/  
SILENT AUCTION

**6 PM**  
DELICIOUS  
DINNER

**6:30 PM**  
DELECTABLE  
DESSERT AUCTION

**7 PM**  
INCREDIBLE  
LIVE AUCTION

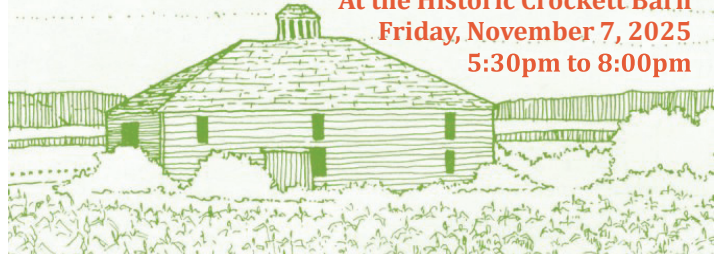
**TICKETS PER PERSON: \$55 • TABLE OF 10: \$500**  
CALL 360-325-3769 FOR MORE INFORMATION • FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

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**Edward Jones**  
Member Since 1997

The Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve & Friends of Ebey's invite you to the

## The Annual Community Potluck

At the Historic Crockett Barn  
Friday, November 7, 2025  
5:30pm to 8:00pm



A CELEBRATION OF HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY

*Join us to celebrate the Harvest Season as we gather  
once again for the annual Community Potluck!*

The Community Potluck is a time to gather with friends and neighbors and share the bounty of our landscape and all we have achieved together. As always, bring a dish to share, along with your own plates, cups & utensils.

*Free & Open to the public.*

The Crockett Barn is located at 1056 South Crockett Farm Road in Coupeville.  
*\* The Trust Board Members will be present, however, this is not a meeting and no business will be transacted.*



Goupeville Chamber of Commerce

# THE HAUNTING OF COUPEVILLE

• It's Practically Magic •

**OCTOBER 2025**

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Coupeville Heritage Bank

Where there's a little witch in all of us...  
CASTING A SPELL ON COUPEVILLE'S HISTORIC WATERFRONT, OCTOBER 2025

# PRACTICALLY MAGIC HALLOWEENKEND

Shopping + Dining + Community Events + Halloween Fun for All!

Witch Hunt! An October-Long Scavenger Hunt  
Practically Magic Movie Nights (21+) October 23, 24 & 25  
Ales & Apothecary Brew Garden (21+) October 25  
Torchlight Parade & Street Dance October 25  
The Great Coupeville Pumpkin Race October 26

www.practicallymagichalloweekend.com