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SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN AND HE'S RIDING A FIRE TRUCK!

Once again, Central Whidbey Fire and Rescue has somehow managed to get Santa to visit us on eight different nights in December. Santa must really love Coupeville! Santa rides on a fire truck and visits different neighborhoods. The rides start around 5:30 p.m. You can see a list of which areas he is visiting each night and use the "Santa Tracker" by visiting cwfire.org/mark-your-calendars-santas-coming-to-town-2/. Santa and our firefighters have made these visits even more special by collecting nonperishable food along their route for our local food bank. Each year they collect more and more food and it is especially needed this year. Help your neighbors in need and see Santa, a win-win for all!

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

911

You need the police now or you have a utility emergency

360-679-9567

I-COM – I need a police officer to respond but it's not an emergency

888-225-5773

PSE to report a power outage

www.pse.com

PSE power outage map to check status of outages

Farewell 2025

It was another good year!

As friends and family gather for the holidays and reflect about what they are grateful for, it is also a time to reflect on what we have accomplished. Coupeville and our partners have accomplished a lot this year. First and foremost, your town staff has worked hard to make our priorities come true and provide excellent customer service. They each wear many hats and must be flexible throughout their workday to respond to what is going on at any given moment. This is often not seen or recognized by our residents and visitors as they do it with grace and a smile. I appreciate our mighty town staff of 18 folks who keep everything running smoothly!

I want to thank the members of the Town Council, Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Committee, and Ebey's Trust Board. The groups are filled with volunteers who spend time and energy making sure you are represented and your priorities and concerns are addressed. Our Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) is another group of residents who train, work and prepare for emergencies they hope will never happen. They are dedicated to making sure our town is ready to stay safe and informed if the worst happens.

We are so lucky to have many nonprofits, service groups, businesses and churches who give their time and resources to protect our environment, beautify our town, help their neighbors with everything from food and housing to school supplies and anything else that comes up. You can always find someone to pitch in and help at a moment's notice.

We are lucky to call Coupeville home 365 days a year, a town so many others can't wait to visit and experience. This is because we all work together to make it the special place it is. I am grateful to live and work here and serve the community I love. Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones and a healthy, successful and happy 2026!

Mayor Molly

Ferry Cancellations in January ~ Please Plan Ahead

Washington State Ferries will be doing repair work to the Mukilteo wingwall that was damaged in 2022. This will suspend ferry service for four hours midday for nine days and will also include some overnight work.

Jan. 6, 8, 9, 13, 16 and Feb. 3, 4, 6, 9:

- The last morning sailing from Clinton will be at 8:30 a.m.
- The last morning sailing from Mukilteo will be at 9 a.m.
- Afternoon service will resume with the 1 p.m. from Clinton and the 1:30 p.m. from Mukilteo

Overnight closures Jan. 19-23, 26-30 and Feb. 16-20:

- The last sailing from Clinton will be 11:30 p.m.
- The last sailing from Mukilteo will be at 12:15 a.m.

This schedule may change due to weather, marine mammals or other unexpected reasons. Check WSF rider alerts for the latest information.

THIS AND THAT

- We are in the final stretch of approving our Comprehensive Plan. The final draft can be found on the town website (townofcoupeville.org/comp-plan/). This is the last chance to make comments or suggestions to our Planning Department. Please have all comments in by year end.
- Dog licenses expire Dec. 31. Residents in town limits are required to license dogs over six months old. The owner must provide proof of current rabies vaccination. By keeping your dog's information current, we are able to contact you if your pet is lost or injured. Licenses are available at Town Hall.
- There are postage paid 'drug take back' mailing envelopes in the lobby of Town Hall. Mail your expired, over the counter and prescription drugs to be properly disposed of. Keep them out of the landfill and our aquifer.
- Start out the new year by signing up for Xpress Bill Pay to pay your water bill online. Sign up here townofcoupeville.org/.
- Want to find out about 'budget billing'? We can set up your utility billing on a 12-month average to help with the peaks and valleys of water use. Look for the application here: townofcoupeville.org/departments/finance-budget/other-application-forms/
- If you have questions about Xpress Bill Pay or budget billing call the Utility Clerk at 360-678-4461, Ext. 106.

CENTRAL WHIDBEY HEARTS & HAMMERS

Workday: Saturday, May 2, 2026

Central Whidbey Hearts & Hammers is a nonprofit organization made up entirely of volunteers who assist home owners within the Coupeville School District who are unable, physically and/or financially, to make needed repairs to their home. If your home needs work, so you are safe to live there, the time to sign up is now. Applications made after Feb. 15 are not guaranteed for the 2026 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. They will be having a community dinner Jan. 30, details to come on their website. Enjoy dinner with your neighbors, learn more about the program and make a donation to a good cause. cwheartsandhammers.org



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

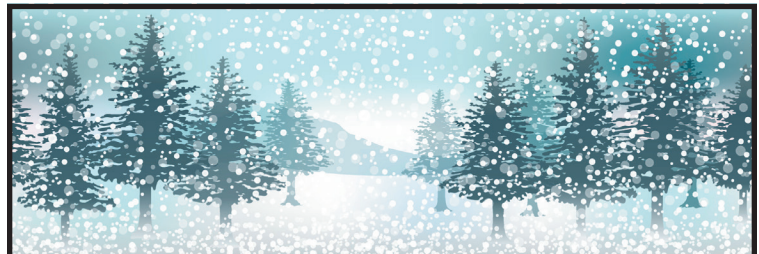
Because of recent elections, terms ending and well, life... we have openings on all of our boards and commissions. Consider starting out 2026 by serving your community in a way you find meaningful and interesting. All of these volunteer positions are appointed by the Town Council, you do not need to run a campaign or be elected. More info about each position and a volunteer application can be found on the town website. townofcoupeville.org/join-our-team/

Planning Commission: Helps the Town's Planning Department prioritize long term planning goals, collects public input on issues, and takes on special tasks from the Town Council. Meets

the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission: Based on the Ebey's Landing Design Guidelines, researches, obtains public input and makes recommendations for Certificates of Appropriateness for projects within the reserve. Meets in the morning the second and fourth Thursday.

Ebey's Reserve Trust Board: The Trust Board is made up of representatives from the Town, Island County, State Parks and National Park Service. The nine-member board is responsible for the administration and management of Ebey's Reserve. Meets two afternoons a month.



Are You Ready for Winter Storms and Power Outages?

- Do you have emergency supplies in your car and your home? Your car needs LED flares, reflective clothing, blanket, socks, gloves, hand-warmers, utility shovel, tire chains, jumper cables, waterproof shoes and a rain poncho, and water and power bars. Your home needs enough water, food, medications, first-aid and sanitation supplies for two to three weeks.
- Don't forget supplies needed for pets, infants and seniors. Medical equipment, prescriptions, formula, diapers and pet food are all needed.
- Do you have emergency contact information for your family, copies of important documents, a family emergency plan and cash on hand?
- Holiday sales are a great opportunity to get any supplies you are missing so you are ready for any storm or emergency.
- Interested in becoming a member of NET, our Neighborhood Emergency Team? This group of dedicated volunteers helps their neighborhoods, and the town, be ready for emergencies. Fill out a volunteer application and turn it in to Town Hall if you are interested.



Presents the Timeless Classic

Peter and THE WOLF

Narrated by Seth Tompkins, Classical KING Morning Host

SATURDAY, DEC 13, 2025
COUPEVILLE H.S. COMMONS
501 S. MAIN STREET

1-2PM **Instrument Petting Zoo**
 FOR ALL KIDS AND KIDS-AT-HEART

2:30-4PM **A Very Merry Whidbey Christmas**
 OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY MUSIC CELEBRATION!

<p>Platinum Sponsor:</p>	<p>Platinum Sponsor:</p>	<p>Gold Sponsor:</p>
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Online Tickets and Information:



www.sowhidbey.com

Suggested ticket price - \$30
 or
 "Pay What You Wish"
 Students 17 and under are always free!



Official Drop Off Site



Coupeville Chamber Foundation Rain Shadow Nursery & Hardware

COUPEVILLE Christmas Corral

Family Fun • Pictures with Santa • Petting Zoo
 Games • Crafts • Cookies • & Much More!

Sunday, Dec. 7th
11 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Free Admission!

Rain Shadow Nursery & Hardware
 107 S Main St, Coupeville



The Coupeville Chamber of Commerce presents

A COUPEVILLE Christmas

- Parade: Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 4pm
 Parade Route: 1st and North Main, Front Street and Alexander to the Library
- Christmas Tree Lighting Following the Parade
- Carols and Holiday Music by The Shifty Sailors at Cooks Corner Park
- Christmas Boat Parade of Lights from the Oak Harbor Yacht Club

For more information, please visit www.coupevillechamber.com.



RED TICKET

NOV. 15 - DEC. 20

Winners will be drawn on Dec. 21 at 1:00pm, at the Island County Historical Museum. Must be present to win!

\$20 Purchase = 1 Red Ticket Entry

Over \$2000 in Cash Prizes!

Shop Local! Win BIG!

Brought to you by



Coupeville SENIOR HUB Lunch & Learn

AFTER LUNCH PROGRAMS • DECEMBER-JANUARY

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

December 3- Sweet Bingo

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

December 10- Crafting with Air Clay Part 1

In part 1, Juliea will show you how to use air-drying clay to make a trinket dish.

December 17-Terry Magnuson on Guitar

Enjoy the sweet sounds of the guitar played by Terry Magnuson while you enjoy your lunch.

December 24- Caroling

Let's get into the Christmas spirit by filling the room with our singing of Christmas carols.

December 31-Decoupage on Air Clay Part 2

In Part 2, Juliea will show you how to decoupage the trinket dish you made in Part 1.

January 7- Sweet Bingo

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

January 14-Beaver Tales

Tony from Beaver Tales Coffee will tell us stories of local indigenous tribes and the history of Coupeville.

January 21-Amelia Wood presentation on Fats

This is the 3rd in the series on eating for diabetes and high blood pressure. Amelia will discuss how fats help our bodies.

January 28-Momentia

Ginger will present " Momentia " caregiving for individuals with memory loss and their caregivers.

LUNCH

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

**\$10 Suggested
Donation**

December 3

Chicken
Tikka Masala

December 10
Beef Enchilada

Bake

December 17
Holiday Meal

December 24
Meatloaf

December 31
Bolognese
Calzone

January 7

Tofu Curry

January 14
Beef Pot Roast

January 21
Meatballs &
Penne

January 28
Mole Chicken
Enchilada