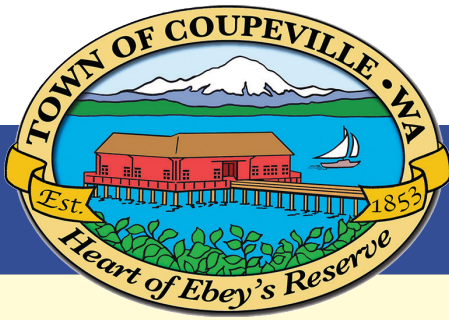


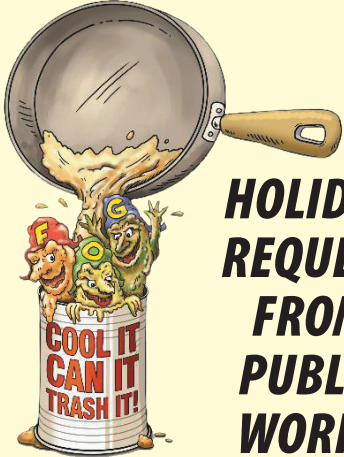


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HOLIDAY REQUEST FROM PUBLIC WORKS

After you enjoy the turkey, gravy and stuffing for Thanksgiving, and maybe again for Christmas, please don't pour the grease and gravy down the drain. The Wastewater Plant sees a notable increase in fats, oils and grease (FOG) during the holidays. These fats, oil and grease (FOG) can plug up sewer lines and pumps and is hard on the overall system to treat. Thanks for helping us take care of our critical infrastructure!



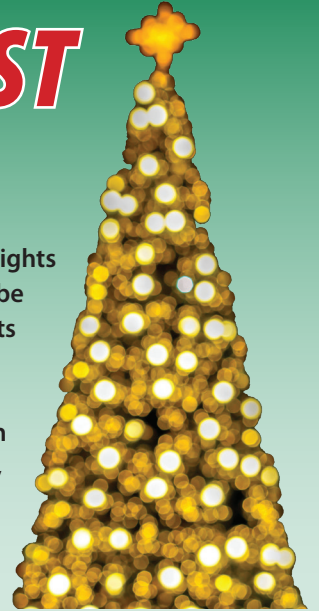
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, Nov. 1 | 2 a.m.

Turn your clocks back (fall back) one hour. You will get an extra hour of sleep and the next morning will be brighter. But beware of the dark evenings. Wear reflective clothing and put something reflective on your dog and your bike. Watch out for kids and deer on the streets.

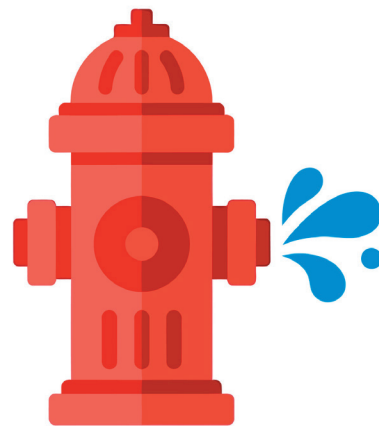
HOLIDAY CONTEST FOR KIDS!

Enter to be the one who 'flips the switch' and turns on the lights in Cooks Corner Park during the Greening Celebration! Or be the one who leads the countdown from 10 to turn the lights on! 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 Dec. 5 to flip the switch or lead the countdown. Good Luck!



Watermain Flushing & Hydrant Maintenance

Week of October 13-16, 8 am to 3 pm



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 Ex. 112

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 keep up with what's happening is to check out the special websites from the Chamber and Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association. Don't miss anything! Practicallymagichalloweekend.com and Hauntingofcoupeville.org.

Gave These Dates

Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony

November 11 at 11 a.m. the Town of Coupeville will be holding its 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. On our country's 250th birthday, it is especially important to remember we would not be the country we are without our military.



Community Thanksgiving Dinner



November 26, noon to 2 p.m. in the Rec Hall. Please join us for the now over 20-year-old tradition that is the Coupeville Community Thanksgiving Potluck! Bring a dish to share if you can, and your own dishes and utensils. We will provide donated turkey, ham, and gravy.

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, it should be delivered to the Rec Hall by 11 a.m. Please contact Lisa Bernhardt at 360-421-8736 to let her know you're donating. Volunteers are very much appreciated for set-up in the late afternoon of Nov. 25 and clean up Nov. 26.

Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting

December 5. You might not get your next Town Newsletter in time for the parade, so we want to remind you of this fun event now. The Christmas parade, carols, tree lighting, the Christmas boat parade from Oak Harbor Yacht Club, and late night shopping are a few of the events to look forward to. These events, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, are a wonderful way for your family to kick off the holiday season! Check the Chamber's website for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY TEAM (NET) DRILL

International Shakeout Day | Oct. 15

**ShakeOut.
Don't Freak Out.**

October 15, 2026

Register: ShakeOut.org



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. 15, don't worry, this is only a drill!

This is also a good day to check out your own emergency supplies. For island residents, it is suggested you have enough supplies to last 3-4 weeks. Do you have enough water for your family and pets? How about food? Do you have the supplies to shelter in place, sanitary supplies, first aid supplies, medications, outdoor clothing, communication devices, a family plan of how to contact each other? Do you have cash in small bills and copies of all your important documents ready to go; drivers license, passport, banking info, credit cards, birth certificates? Being prepared for an emergency will provide peace of mind for you and your family.

Coupeville Net Coordinator Needed

The Neighborhood Emergency Team, or NET, is a group of highly trained and dedicated volunteers that work for the Town of Coupeville in case of emergency. NET does things like welcoming every new resident to town with emergency preparedness information, conducting education and outreach, running drills twice a year, monthly emergency radio checks, keeping an inventory of supplies ready for use at a moments notice, opening shelters in extreme hot or cold weather, organizing and assigning volunteers to help, providing comfort and communication, providing a pet center so owners don't have to leave their animals (dogs and cats) at home if it is unsafe and helping neighbors work together to help each other out during an emergency. There are 35 very committed volunteers who meet on a regular basis and many dozens of "call me when you need me" volunteers. The coordinator is a very part time position, 5-10 hours a week, who organizes meetings and speakers, works with team leaders on the annual drills, finds ongoing training for the volunteers, and acts as the Town's liaison for the group. Hours for this position are very flexible. We are looking for an organized, energetic person, who ideally has experience working with volunteers and an interest in emergency preparedness. If you would like more information about this very important role, please contact the mayor (mayor@townofcoupeville.org or 360-678-4461 x102).

Did You Know

The most common injury as a result of an earthquake is cut feet. People tend to jump out of bed and run through the house to check on kids or pets. There is often broken glass from windows or household items on the floor. It's a good idea to keep an old pair of shoes under your bed, something with a hard sole you can slip on quickly before walking on any floors.

**NATIONAL
FIRE
PREVENTION
MONTH
OCTOBER**

Inspect phones, e-bikes, scooters, tools, etc., and use manufacturer-approved chargers for lithium-ion batteries to prevent fires.

Replace the batteries in your fire and carbon monoxide alarms.

Make sure fire extinguishers are charged and fire blankets are located in the appropriate locations in your home. Make sure your family knows the location of all safety equipment and how to use it.

Practice a home fire plan with two ways out of every room.

Unattended cooking is the number one cause of house fires. Stay close, turn pot handles in, enforce a kid-free zone around stove, wear clothes with short, rolled up or tight fitting sleeves, smother grease fires with a lid or fire blanket.



Coupeville **SENIOR HUB** Lunch & Learn

AFTER LUNCH PROGRAMS • OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

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

October 7- Sweet Bingo

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

October 14 Terry Magnuson Music

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

October 21-Whidbey Island Growers

Whidbey Island Grown's will be here to discuss the Food Hub and how
it connects island residents and food producers through an online
marketplace.

October 28: Let's Talk Dementia

This will be a time to ask questions and learn about living with cognitive
change, in hopes of making the dementia journey more comfortable.
Presented by Ginger from Northwest Regional Council.

November 4 - Sweet Bingo

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

November 11-Happy Veterans Day

No Lunch/Closed

November 18-Medicare Enrollment Information Class

Tina Windelr will provide information on how to sign up for Medicare
and how to enroll

November 25- Coffee Filter Poppies

In honor of Veterans Day, we will be making poppy flowers using
everyday household items.

LUNCH

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

**\$10 Suggested
Donation**

October 7

Penne Bolognese
w/Beef & Pork

October 14

Chicken

Tikka Masala

October 21

Shepherd's Pie
w/ Beef & Lamb

October 28

Chicken Teriyaki
w/rice

November 4

Chicken Dijon

November 11

Veterans Day

No Lunch

November 18

Thanksgiving
Roasted Turkey

November 25

Chicken Curry

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 Trans it
360.678.7771**

Coupeville United Methodist Church
608 N Main St • Coupeville, WA

Meals and Programs are subject to change without prior notice.

OCTOBER 17, 2026 * 2-6 PM



PRESENTED BY THE COUPEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

\$25 PER TICKET

INCLUDES A SPELLBOOK
WITH MAGICAL DEALS,
COLLECTIBLE PIN, PRIZES
AND A CHANCE TO WIN A
NIGHT AT THE HAUNTED
CAPTAIN WHIDBEY INN!



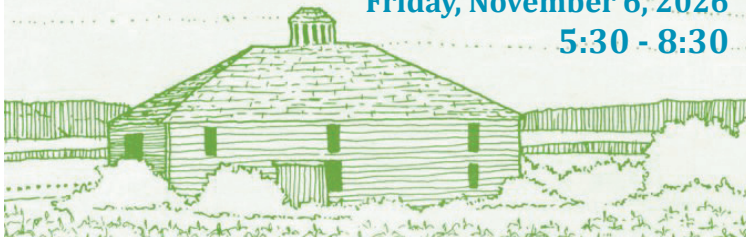
WALK • EAT • DRINK • SHOP
GROUP WITCH PHOTO.
WITCH WALK & DANCE.
COSTUME CONTEST!
TICKETS ONLINE:
COUPEVILLECHAMBER.COM



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

The 18th Annual **Community Potluck**

At the Historic Crockett Barn
Friday, November 6, 2026
5:30 - 8:30



A CELEBRATION OF HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY

Bring a dish to share and bask in the warmth of community -
a time for good food, good company, and gratitude
for all we've achieved together

Don't forget your own plates, cups & utensils.

Free & open to the public - all are welcome!

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.



**Whidbey
ISLAND BANK**
A Division of Heritage Bank



Practically Magic HALLOWEEN October 22nd-25th, 2026



Torchlight Parade & Street Dance The Great
Coupeville Pumpkin Race Scavenger Hunt Movie
Screenings Walking Tours The Gilded Toad

★ ★ Event Information at ★ ★

www.practicallymagichalloween.com

Pacific NorthWest
ART SCHOOL

We are turning 40!

JOIN US NOVEMBER 7TH FOR AN
EVENT TO BE REMEMBERED!

- ★ JURIED ARTIST SHOW
- ★ ARTIST BATTLE
- ★ ROAMING MAGICIAN
- ★ CARTOONIST CARICATURES
- ★ RAISE THE PADDLE

FOR INFO, PLEASE VISIT:
PACIFICNORTHWESTARTSCHOOL.ORG



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