



The Current

News for April 2022



From Our Community



Welcome New Port of Coupeville Commissioner Patrick Kennedy

Patrick is honored to have been elected by his neighbors to represent our community on the Port of Coupeville for the 2022-2026 term. Patrick's career is focused on corporate finance and organizational leadership, guiding organizational systems to become more efficient. He is currently helping First Interstate Bank build an enhanced commercial and nonprofit banking business. To further his credentialing, in 2021, Patrick realized his goal of earning an Industrial/Organizational Leadership PhD. He looks forward to helping the port move to the next level.

Patrick also contributes to several local community nonprofits, which combine elements of building community, providing essential services/economic development for the underserved, and promoting environmental sustainability. Since moving to his Greenbank home in May 2017, he has contributed through leadership roles helping Goosefoot Community Fund, EDCIC, Whidbey Camano Land Trust, Whidbey Community Foundation, among others.

Aside from his work, Patrick enjoys conversations and just spending time with his wife Melissa, play time with his Australian Shepherd Addie, with regular visits from his Seattle based daughter, Shanleigh and her fiancé, Eric.

Midday Black Midnight Blue Film Premieres

The movie *Midday Black Midnight Blue*, with several scenes filmed on The Coupeville Wharf last summer, makes its world premiere at the Seattle International Film Festival this month!

WA residents who prefer to view the movie at home may stream it online from April 14-24. Those who wish to see it on the big screen will have two opportunities at Pacific Place in Seattle at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 and 12:30 p.m. on Friday April 22.

Writers/directors Samantha Soule and Daniel Talbott, producers Lovell Holder and Addie Johnson Talbott, and actor McCaleb Burnett are all scheduled to attend the in-person screenings. To purchase tickets for the performances or to view it streaming visit: <https://www.siff.net/festival/midday-black-midnight-blue>



Port of Coupeville New Hire



A message from our new Community Administrative Specialist, Linda Manz. Linda manages day-to-day tasks from our Greenbank Farm office. Stop by and say hi! "I am so excited to join the Port of Coupeville team!"

I have lived in Florida and Eastern Washington, but my home town is Renton, Washington. My husband has been a long-time resident of Whidbey Island. He inherited a cabin in Lagoon Point in Greenbank 46 years ago.

It was always our dream to build our home here and reside as full time Islanders. Our dream came true in 2017 after a 7 year adventure getting our home built. I bring with me a long history of customer service and enjoy working with people. I have held many positions that challenge me, and I love personal growth. My husband and I are avid boaters and enjoy the time with our adult children. I have two biological children and two step children and two grandbabies.

I look forward to meeting everyone in the future!"

On the Wharf

Public Restrooms Are Open!



The back-to-back storms in November and December caused significant damage on the Wharf. High winds blew off sections of the roof, and huge waves impaired our water and sewer lines, which shut down the restrooms. But the good news is the restrooms have re-opened!

Thank you for your patience, and as you probably know – contractors on the island are very busy and Wharf work requires highly specialized skills given the historic preservation standards we adhere to.

The Wharf cap & piles project is (still) waiting for a permit from the National Marine Fisheries

Service. We're entering our third year, so hopeful we will be able to move forward soon.

Wharf Café to Open in May! We're looking forward to the reopening of the Wharf café in May – stay tuned on social media for more details.

Whale Watching Season Orcas have recently been sighted in Penn Cove, viewing them is a highlight of being on Whidbey Island! Listen for our whale bell, it means someone saw a whale.

At Greenbank Farm

It's Spring on the Farm

Greenbank Farm farmers were featured in a recent video, you can hear them talk about their work via the link below, it's the Central Whidbey video.

Farmers featured include Salty Acres, Lesedi Farm, Growing Veterans, and Willow Farm.

Lesedi Farm has opened a retail space at Greenbank Farm, you may have seen them at local farmers markets – but now you can stop by weekends at the Farm for a delicious taste of Africa.



<https://www.whidbeycd.org/whidbey-farmwalks.html>

Pea Patch – For the third year in a row, our community Pea Patch is 100% full! If you want to get on a waiting list, please contact us at 360.222.3558.

Upcoming Events

Wed, April 27, 6 p.m.:

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,
Zoom Conference Call. For instructions on participating, visit the Port website here:

<https://portoc.org/commission-meetings/meeting-agendas/>

Wed, May 11, 10 a.m.:

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,
To participate, see instructions above.

Sat, May 14, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.:

Penn Cove Water Festival

A mini version of the popular Water Fest is back! Stay tuned for more details.

Wed, May 18, 4 - 5 p.m.

Waterfront Wednesdays

Busker Series Kicks Off

Save the date, every Wed thru June!

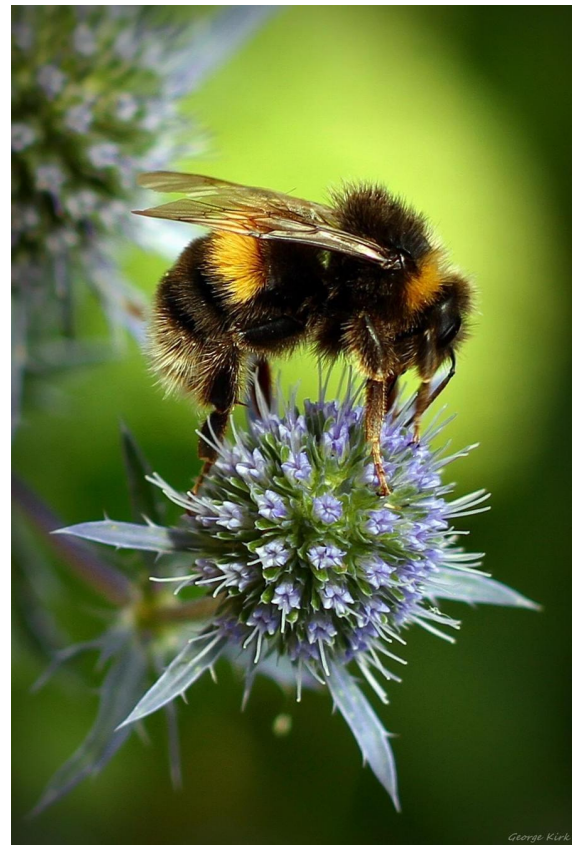
Wed, May 25, 6 p.m.

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,
To participate, see instructions above.

Stay updated on ALL of our upcoming events by check our [events calendar](#).

We Love Our Wildlife

Native bumblebees enjoy our gardens' pollinator plants!



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on the link below.

Greenbank Farm is available for weddings and events. Call us at 360.222.3558 or click on the link below for details on how to rent the farm.

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