

The Current

News for October 2022



From Our Community



ORCA RECOVERY DAY

Saturday, October 15

Noon - 4:00 at Greenbank Farm

"It's All Connected" is the message for the 2022 Orca Recovery Day, an educational event that reminds us all that Orca and salmon health starts upstream.

Whidbey Master Gardeners are partnering with the Island County Conservation District to bring the community a free day of learning – and fun!

Hands-on events include a rain garden volunteer project. Many "Sustainable Gardening" educational sessions are planned, they include: geology of Greenbank Farm, native plants, healthy soil, water conservation, protecting pollinators, safe fertilizers, and more!

Other Orca Recovery Day activities are happening around the island, here's a full list [*Celebrate Orca Recovery Day 2022*](#)



Local Input Sought On Tourism "Values" Survey



Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism wants to hear from you. Tourism contributes to Island County's economy by providing jobs and supporting local businesses (\$283 million in travel related spending in 2021*).

There is a desire to thoughtfully explore ways that tourism can improve the lives of residents, enrich visitors' experiences, and benefit the natural environment of the islands. Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism has enrolled key tourism stakeholders and community members to participate in the Transformational Travel Council's Regenerative Places Program, so that we may genuinely improve and benefit our community.

Local input is essential to this process. Please complete this brief survey of 13 questions. The survey may be submitted anonymously. It closes on October 31, 2022.

Information gathered will be used to help inform the collective values of the islands. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

*According to Dean Runyon Associates Island County Impacts report May 2022

[*Learn more and take the survey here*](#)

"Coupeville 101" History Course

Six Sessions Explore Local History

Join Historic Whidbey and the Coupeville Library for "COUPEVILLE 101" – a six-week course exploring the history of Coupeville and Ebey's Landing. Through primary documents, you can hear first-hand the voices of those who came before.

The course will explore "the good, the



bad and the ugly" of our region's evolution from the Age of Exploration through the town's incorporation in 1910, linking Whidbey Island to the rest of the United States.

When: Tuesday evenings, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., 10/18/22-11/22/22

Where: Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander Street, Coupeville, WA 98239

Cost: The sessions are FREE, but registration through Sno-Isle Libraries is required for each class.

For a list of sessions, and to register please visit [Coupeville 101 Educational Sessions](#)

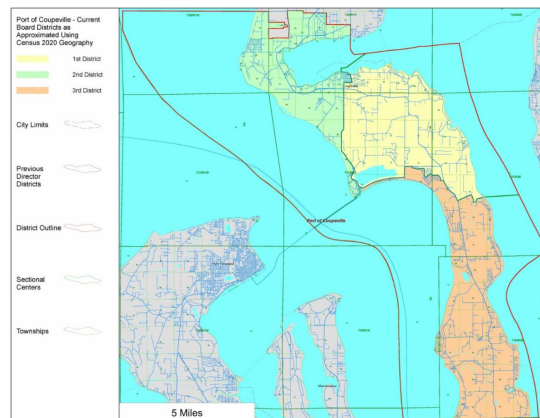
Port Seeks New Commissioner for District 3

We encourage anyone interested in our local maritime and farm heritage to consider becoming a Port Commissioner! This position requires a Commissioner who lives in the District #3 boundaries (the orange section on the map below).

As a Port commissioner, you are responsible for the health and future of these historic properties, as well as the economic vitality and growth within the communities we serve. Each Commissioner serves a four-year term.

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #3: ADMIRALTY #1 (033), ADMIRALTY #2 (061), NORTH BLUFF (062), GREENBANK (012), LAGOON POINT (014)

For more information, and to apply, please contact executivedirector@portofcoupeville.org, or call 360-222-3151



Hike At Greenbank Farm

Greenbank Farm Trails

Greenbank Farm is located at one of the narrowest points of Whidbey Island, just climb the gentle hill to find stunning water views with the Cascade mountains to the east and the Olympic mountains to the west.

Trails include: Ridge, Forest, Meadow and Highway.

The wide open grassy meadow near the farm is an expansive off-leash area and popular with canines of all shapes and sizes. Dogs must be on a leash to venture into the woods on the Forest Trail.



For more information, please visit [WA Trails Association](http://www.watrails.org)



Shop Local

Greenbank Farm is home to many local businesses, including an art gallery, restaurants, wine shop, and more! You can also explore educational gardens including a native plants area.

Upcoming Events

Port of Coupeville Board Meetings
Zoom Conference Call. For instructions on participating, visit the Port website here: <https://portoc.org/commission-meetings/meeting-agendas/>

Wed, Oct 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Holiday Events at Greenbank Farm

The Farm's historic barns are popular venues for holiday events, and many are already scheduled for this holiday season! They include events for island nonprofits, stay tuned for a list of opportunities to share holiday cheer.

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,

To participate, see instructions above.

**Sat, Oct 15, Noon - 4:00 pm
Orca Recovery Day Celebration**

Sustainable Gardening education series by Whidbey Conservation District & Master Gardeners @ Greenbank Farm.

**Wed, Oct 26, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,**

To participate, see instructions above.

**Sat, Oct 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Community Flea Market**

Greenbank Farm

Stay updated on all of our upcoming events by checking our [events calendar](#).

Rent Greenbank Farm

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

Find out more



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