

The Current

News from the Port of Coupeville

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FUTURE VISION

Learn more about plans to restore the Coupeville Wharf

Join us and other community stakeholders as we host a special presentation on the state of the Coupeville Wharf and plans for restoration. You'll hear comments from Port Commissioners and staff, tour the historic pier and learn more about preservation efforts for the historic landmark. Presentations will be held on Tuesday, April 23 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; and again on Thursday, April 25 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Reservations are appreciated due to limited space. To attend, please call 360.222.3558 or [email us](#) with your date of choice. We look forward to seeing you there!

At the Wharf



New Horizons for Commissioner Bell

Last month, William Bell, who has served as a Port Commissioner since 2016, announced his resignation. Mr. Bell said he plans to move out of the area and will no longer be able to serve. He added that during his tenure he worked to accomplish two goals--establish a Port management team that integrates policy and healthy management of fiscal and community responsibility; and return the Port to a governing body that builds financial reserves. Chris

Michalopoulos, the Port's executive director, expressed gratitude. "Mr. Bell contributed to significant progress as a commissioner and we wish him the very best in his next endeavors."

Study Examines How Dungeness Survive

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community has initiated a study examining the larval and juvenile stages of Dungeness crab in hopes of learning more about their survival to adulthood. This spring, traps will be deployed at five locations on Fidalgo and Whidbey island, including the Coupeville Wharf. Larval crab drawn into light traps will be retrieved, counted and released the following day. Monitoring will be conducted with the help of volunteers. If you are interested in lending a hand, please email [Claire Cook](mailto:claire.cook@swinomishtribe.com) or call 360.391.3652.



[Learn More](#)

At Greenbank Farm



[Dog Park Safety Tips](#)

Dog Park Improvements Underway

A community advisory group is finalizing recommendations to the Port of Coupeville for improvements to the dog park area at Greenbank Farm. The group, whose members have been meeting since November, is expected to encourage improved park signage and identification of the off-leash park boundaries. The Port plans to install fencing along the eastern agriculture zone this spring to protect leased farm parcels. New maps outlining park boundaries and rules will be provided at kiosks. Stay tuned for more in our next issue.

Trimming the Trees

The farm's orchard was recently pruned after years of neglect by island tree specialist Dan Vorhis of Muscle and Arm Farm. Dan tackled six apple and pear trees with the help of facilities lead Brian Hutchins. With a little water and nutrients, the sixty-year old trees are expected to rebound beautifully. The Port hopes to expand the orchard this spring with peach and other tree varieties.



[Learn More](#)

Gardens Thrive Under Club Care

The Port sends a big shout out to members of the Greenbank Garden Club for their tireless efforts to restore the farm's gardens to health. In recent months, members have spruced up the entryway, cleaned up the sculpture garden, and joined Port staff in replanting an all-white wedding garden next to the barn. You can support the group by stopping by their annual plant sale, Saturday, April 13 from 9-4 p.m. in the main barn. Look for perennials, native plants and garden accessories.



Breathing Life Back into the Farm

Cultivating Crops

For the first time in years, several acres of land are under cultivation thanks to Boots to Roots Veterans Farm Program, Salty Acres and Lesedi Farm. Look for flowers, pumpkins, raspberries and more sprouting in farm fields this summer.

Land and Paddocks Available

Join our growing community! The farm currently has some agricultural parcels for lease and paddocks suitable for small livestock. If you are interested in learning more about opportunities at the farm, contact the Port at 360.222.3558.

What's a farm without a tractor?

A tractor for farm chores has been on the Port's wish list for some time. Now a reality, the Port was able to acquire a 1988 John Deere from a neighbor in Greenbank. Dubbed 'Daisy,' she'll be well used digging, mowing and keeping weeds at bay. (*Brian and Daisy at right.*)



Find out more about farm opportunities!

Upcoming Events

April 10, 10 a.m.:

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,
Masonic Lodge, 804 N. Main, Coupeville.

April 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

Greenbank Garden Club Plant Sale Main Barn, Greenbank Farm.

April 13, 2-5 p.m.:

Second Saturday at Greenbank Farm.

Join farm merchants for activities and tours. During April, Ravenrocks Gallery will host a special showing, ***Faces and Places: the art of Sydnee Elliot***. Find out more at ravenrocksgallery.com.

April 23 & 25, 3:30-5 p.m.:

Coupeville Wharf Presentations, main foyer, at the Wharf. Event is free but reservations are encouraged. To attend, [email the Port](#).

May 4, all day:

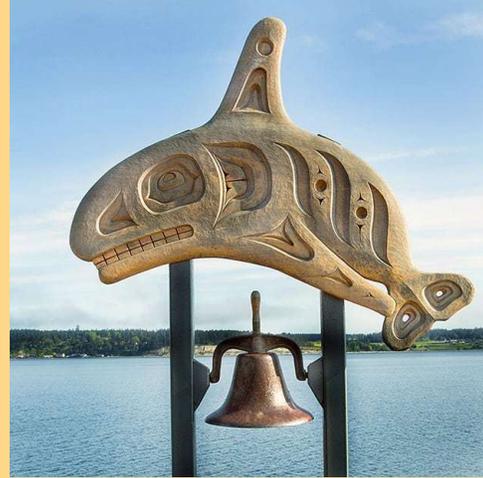
Penn Cove Water Festival, celebrating Pacific Northwest Native Culture. Find more [information here](#).

May 11, 4 p.m.:

Welcome home historic schooner SUVA. Celebrate her return with crew and community at the Coupeville Wharf.

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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