



The Current

News from the Port of Coupeville

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Dear Friends,

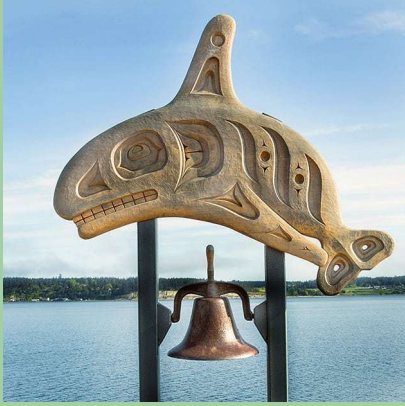
We are pleased to bring you ***The Current***, our latest effort to strengthen communication and transparency about Port activities on Whidbey Island. Each month, you'll hear what's happening at our two historic properties--the Coupeville Wharf and Greenbank Farm. You'll learn of new projects, programs and events as we expand our community partnerships. We also welcome suggestions for topics you'd like to see in the future. So read on and be sure to share this newsletter with anyone who cares about our work. You can subscribe or unsubscribe by clicking the link at the end of this page. On behalf of our team at the Port, thank you for your ongoing support. It's our privilege to serve you.

Chris Michalopoulos, Executive Director

On the Wharf

Makeover for Wharf Entrance

The Port has teamed up with the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association and Ebay's National Historical Reserve to redesign the Wharf entrance. Plans will create an improved gathering space with



more seating, plus new signs and kiosks for education about wharf history and the marine environment. Public input on preliminary designs will be sought later this fall. Questions? Call us at 360.222.3558.



A Warm Welcome Awaits

Have you met these friendly faces on the Coupeville dock? Bree, one of our summer staff members, greets and assists boaters on arrival. Here, she gets a hand from Gigi, our official Wharf mascot. Next time you're on the causeway, be sure to stop and say ahoy!



Restoring a Landmark

Want to learn more about the condition of our 1905 Wharf? Join us this fall when we host a series of meetings about the challenges of restoring this beloved yet aging landmark. Meetings will include a tour of the Wharf building, pending restoration efforts, and future plans for rehabilitation. Stay tuned or [sign up](#) to be notified of dates-times.

At Greenbank Farm

Grants Fuel Improvements

Nearly \$100,000 has been procured to fund improvements at Port properties. Thanks to Puget Sound Energy, \$15,000 in interior lighting upgrades have been completed at Greenbank Farm, reducing energy usage and costs. Awards through Island County's Rural Economic Development Program will support three critical projects: \$46,000 for farm pond restoration; \$18,000 to replace roof sections on the main barn; and \$10,000 will repair a failed rafter at the Wharf.



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Acts of Service

Nearly a dozen active duty volunteers and family members from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island travelled to Greenbank Farm in July to tackle improvement projects and learn about careers in agriculture and land use. The team built a fence line, cleared thistles and restored a greenhouse. Thank you NASWI, along with Anza Muenchow, Trish Heimer and Craig Holmquist. We're grateful for your service to community.



Meet our Commissioners

Get to know your Port Commissioners in this and upcoming issues. These locally-elected officials help govern and guide Port operations for the benefit of our community. Please join us in recognizing them for their service and leadership.

John Mishasek is currently President of the Port's Board of Commissioners. He and his wife Meg came to Whidbey Island in 2014 after retiring from his podiatric healthcare practice in Colorado. "We thought moving to an island in the Pacific Northwest would be an adventure after forty years in the Rockies," he said. "Coupeville's location in the rain shadow sealed the deal." After learning of...



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Upcoming Events

August 8, 10 a.m.:

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting, Masonic Lodge, 804 Main Street N, Coupeville. Open to the public.

August 8, 2 - 6:30 p.m.:

Orca Network's Annual Orca Capture Commemoration, Coupeville Wharf. Open to the public. [Details](#)

August 11, 11 a.m.:

Second Saturday, Greenbank Farm, with family activities. Open to the public.

August 19:

WAIF Wag 'N' Walk, Greenbank Farm, [Details](#)



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