

# The Current

News from the Port of Coupeville

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## PLANS FOR PIER RESTORATION UNDERWAY *Port seeks grant funding for critical repairs*

More than 50 community members joined the Port in April to learn more about planned restoration efforts for the 1905 Wharf. The public events focused on highlights from a marine engineering assessment of the pier, which noted areas of severe deterioration. A tour during low tide gave guests a chance to see rotted pier pilings and caps which are also threatening the stability of the building. Port Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos said phase one will focus on repairs to the pier infrastructure, estimated to cost just under \$1 million. The project will take one to two years, depending on permitting. A second phase will focus on restoring the building. The Port is seeking funding for the projects and will use a portion of its own reserves, bolstered by grants and donations. The marine engineering assessment report, updated in 2018, was made possible with grant funding from Island County's Rural Economic Development Program. To attend a future wharf presentation, or schedule a presentation for your group, please [contact us here](#).

## *At the Wharf*



### Highlights from the Pier Engineering Assessment

In 2015, the Port of Coupeville hired Echelon Engineering to conduct a structural assessment of the 1905 wharf. Results identified major damage to 38 pier piles from mechanical, fungal and marine borer damage. The pierhead section was found to have heavy damage to 15 fender piles. Cap timbers beneath the building and under the deck area ranged from fair to poor

condition with significant insect damage. It was recommended that the damaged caps and piles be replaced to avoid further deterioration and potential destabilization of the building. The Port will proceed with permitting for the project this fall.

[See the timeline.](#)

## Meet Port Commissioner Mohammad Mostafavinassab

Recently, we caught up with Commissioner Mostafavinassab, who represents Port District 3. He reflected on his role and upcoming Port priorities. "I've worked in state government for more than 26 years. When I retired and moved to Whidbey, I wanted to become part of driving improvements." He added giving back to community is important to him. He foresees several projects looming that will require the Port's full attention. "Rehabilitation of the Wharf is a huge opportunity, as well as increasing usage of Greenbank Farm. As a Port, we should be the economic driver for our community and ownership of these treasured properties gives us that edge."



Meet Our Commissioners



## David Day Named Interim Commissioner

Please join us in welcoming David Day as Interim Port Commissioner for District 1. Commissioner Day fills the position vacated by William Bell, who resigned earlier this year. Commissioner Day attended his first board meeting in May, where he expressed his strong support for restoring the aging wharf. Commissioner Day brings direct experience having previously served as the Port's executive director in 2014. [Read more.](#)

## At Greenbank Farm

### Dog Park Advisory Group Recommends Fencing Border

A community advisory group has finalized recommendations to the Port for improvements to the dog park area at Greenbank Farm. The group's members have suggested the Port begin fencing the eastern perimeter of the dog park



that borders leased farm land to better protect crops and plantings. They also recommended the Port enforce on-leash use in all areas of the farm, except within the designated off-leash park. The Port will begin fencing this summer and new maps will outline park boundaries. Stay tuned for updates. *(photo courtesy Brady Wakely)*

### Dog Park Safety Tips

## Commemorative Kiosk To Honor Daughter

Greenbank Farm is nearing completion of a new kiosk just inside the Highway 20 entrance to the trail system, thanks to a generous donation from Nancy Manjikian. Ms. Manjikian wanted to create a memorial tribute to her daughter Ani, who was a frequent visitor to the farm with her beloved dogs. The kiosk, built nearly entirely of cedar, will feature a plaque remembering Ani, and will serve as a model for replacing other farm kiosks in the future. The Port extends its gratitude to Ms. Manjikian for her meaningful gift to the community.



[Learn more about donor opportunities](#)

## Maintaining Landmarks A Labor of Love

It's time to shine the spotlight on one of the Port's unsung heroes, Brian Hutchins (left), facilities-maintenance technician. Brian has been quietly accomplishing improvements on a tight budget since joining the Port. At a recent Port board meeting, Michelle Lynn, owner of The Cove Restaurant, told commissioners Brian's work ethic is exemplary and he is appreciated by all he works with. Brian has recently been joined by Randy McDonald, who is bringing neglected gardens at the farm back to life.



## Harvest Faire Returns Sept. 29

Greenbank Farm will once again host Harvest Faire, a celebration of our farming heritage on Sunday, September 29. Last year's event drew more than 800 locals and guests to enjoy art, live music, a pie-eating

contest, vendors, tractor rides and more. So mark your calendars and get ready for some old-fashioned fun. For vendors interested in a booth space, please contact Kim at [Salty Acres Farming](#).



For Vendor Booths at Harvest Faire 2019, contact us here!

## Upcoming Events

**July 10, 10 a.m.:**

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

**July 13, 11 a.m.:**

**Second Saturday at Greenbank Farm.**  
Join farm merchants for activities and tours.

**July 13:**

Ragnar returns to Greenbank Farm, all day.

**September 29:**

**Greenbank Farm's Harvest Faire,**  
celebrating our farming heritage. Part of  
Whidbey Island Grown Week.

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