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From Our Community



Growing Veterans & Salty Acres Farm Tour Celebrates Eat Local Month

Save the date: Thursday, September 16 at 10:00 AM to tour Greenbank Farm's Growing Veterans & Salty Acres farms. This farm tour is part of the month-long "Eat Local Month" celebration.

Growing Veterans donates food grown at Greenbank Farm to the North Whidbey Help House. The nonprofit organization works to offer volunteers opportunities that help address social isolation through growing food – and community!

If you can't make the 9/16 farm tour, but are interested in volunteering – you can meet up on Fridays and Saturdays at 10:00 to lend a hand.

[Follow Growing Veterans' activities on Instagram](#)

Eat Local Month celebrates Whidbey Island's rich agricultural bounty. It also gives consumers an opportunity to learn more about our local food system.

[See all Eat Local Month Events here](#)



Coupeville Chosen as a "Friendliest Town" in the US



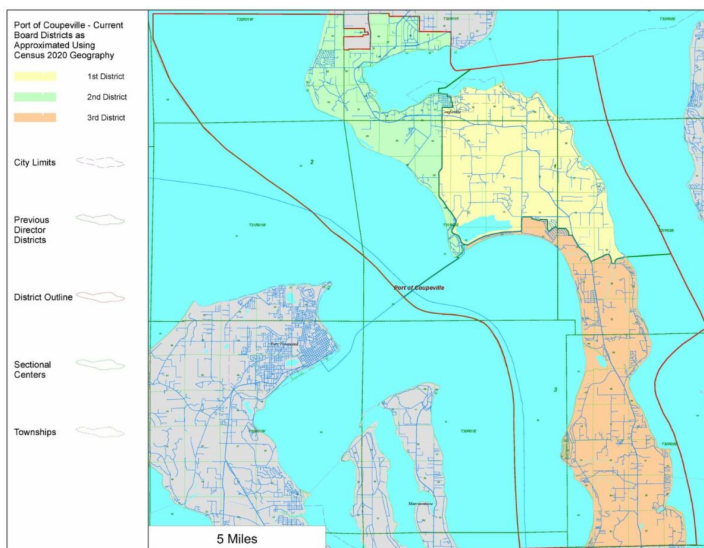
Travel Awaits offers tips on travel destinations around the world. In a recent article, they included Coupeville (and our neighbor La Conner) in their list of the "Friendliest Small Towns in the US."

"Filled with historic seaside charm and 100-year-old buildings, this waterfront village is Washington state's second-oldest community. Front Street features shops, restaurants, and the Island County Museum. Walk out on the wharf for a peek at its iconic red building."

[*You can read the article here*](#)

Interested in Becoming a Port Commissioner?

Port Seeks New Commissioner for District 3 (Greenbank Area)



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

The Port of Coupeville owns and manages three properties: the Coupeville Wharf, 24 Front Street (old

Gillespie's Meat Market and currently Collections Boutique), and the Greenbank Farm.

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, must be a legal adult and reside in District #3.

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

This position is open as we say farewell to Commissioner Kennedy, who is moving. His passion for the Port's work is much appreciated. We thank him for his public service and offer best wishes for his next chapter.

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

Coupeville Wharf Public Dock

The historic Coupeville Wharf in Penn Cove is a popular destination for visitors, and also a favorite for photographers and artists. Not everyone realizes the wharf is also a public dock for travelers by boat. For more than 100 years, the wharf has welcomed visitors by sea. The wharf was recently featured in Welcome Home magazine's article about traveling the Puget Sound by boat:

[Day Trip Cruising by Boat](#)

During summers, the wharf is home to the historic schooner, the Suva that takes passengers out for a sail to experience the spectacular Penn Cove.

[Learn more about Schooner Suva here](#)

For boaters, the wharf accommodates about a dozen powerboats and sail boats. The wharf offers a fuel dock, guest moorage, showers, cafe, gift shop, and kayak rental.

[Coupeville Wharf Marina information](#)



At Greenbank Farm

Orca Recovery Day is Saturday, October 15 – Noon to 4:00

"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 (and uphill!).

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. And "Sustainable Gardening" educational sessions include: geology of Greenbank Farm, native plants, healthy soil, water conservation, protecting pollinators, safe fertilizers, and more!



New Road Sign Greets Visitors

As Labor Day celebrations wind down and we move into fall, we're grateful for all of the work the Port of Coupeville's facilities and maintenance crews do on our properties. The Greenbank Farm crew recently installed a new sign along SR 525 that showcases the Farm's tenants. Be sure to stop by and support local businesses!



Putting Your Garden to Bed Sun, Sept 18 from 1:00-2:00 The Farm's Master Gardener Cottage

Yes, it's that time of year when we can start planning our winter garden! This talk is part of the Island County Master Gardeners' Education Series.

Featured speaker is Eric Conn, a farmer, consultant, and designer. He has been the co-owner/operator of Full Cycle Farm in Clinton for 11 years, growing a wide range of vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers.

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, Sept 14, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,

To participate, see instructions above.

Sun, Sept 18, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Putting Your Garden to Bed Education series by the Master Gardener Foundation @ Greenbank Farm

Sat, Sept 24, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Community Flea Market

Greenbank Farm

Wed, Sept 28, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,

To participate, see instructions above.

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.

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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.



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