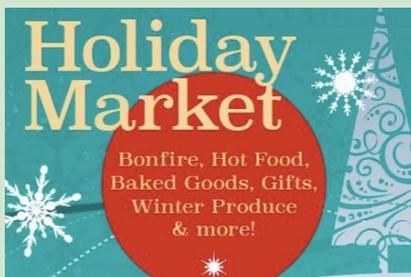


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From Our Community



Shop Local @ Whidbey Island Holiday Markets

'Tis the season for holiday gift giving, and there are some great local markets happening on Whidbey Island in November & December. Shop for crafts and artisan products, winter produce, and local food and beverages. Enjoy live music!

Greenbank Farm Holiday Market

Sat & Sun 11:00 - 4:00
Dec 3rd and Dec 4th
Dec 10th and Dec 11th

South Whidbey Tilth

Sundays, 11:00 - 2:00
Nov 27, Dec 4 and Dec 11

Bayview Farmers Market

Fri, 11/25 - 3:00 to 7:00
Sat, 11/26 - 10:00 to 3:00

Whidbey Farm and Market

Holiday Market runs 11/17 through Dec

Whidbey Island Grown Food Hub

Order online weekly for holiday goodies



Coupeville Wharf News

Penn Cove Ecosystem Monitoring Project



The Port of Coupeville has been invited by King County to partner on an exciting new science project to monitor the "biogeochemistry" of Penn Cove.

Biogeochemistry is **the study of how chemical elements flow through living systems and their physical environments**. It investigates the factors that influence cycles of key elements such as carbon, nitrogen and phosphorous.

Sensors and solar panels will be installed at monitoring stations around the Coupeville wharf. Stay tuned for more information as the project progresses.

Introducing Port of Coupeville's New Commissioner – John Callahan

The Port of Coupeville is pleased to announce the appointment of our new commissioner, John Callahan! John joins the commission after the departure of commissioner Kennedy.

John joins the Port after 27 years of distinguished service in the Commissioned Officer Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). His experience includes progressively responsible engineering, executive, administrative and legal positions, as well as Command of three vessels. After retirement from NOAA, he worked for 18 years as a consultant/instructor of Government Contract and Appropriations Law, teaching courses to over 17 government agencies nationwide. He retired from teaching in 2019 and remains active in a number of non-profit and community services. He and his spouse reside in Ledgewood Beach Coupeville, WA.

Port commissioners accept responsibility to oversee the Port's local maritime and farm heritage. They caretake the health and future of the Port's historic properties: Greenbank Farm and the Coupeville Wharf. Port of Coupeville commissioners also contribute to the economic vitality and growth within the communities we serve.



Meet New Port of Coupeville Staff



Narissa Davis – Community Administrative Specialist

Hafa Adai, Aloha, and greetings my fellow Whidbey Islanders!

I have served the public in Washington state since 2012. We moved to Whidbey from San Diego to be closer to family and to enroll my children into a better school district. My boys have since graduated and started careers. My oldest son, Noah, serves in the United States Marine Corps. and Nolan works locally with Waste Management. As an empty nester, I returned to school full-time and I'm pursuing a Business Management degree with University of Arizona's online program.

I'm excited about the opportunity to serve my community as the Port of Coupeville (PoC) Community Administrative Specialist. It is an absolute privilege to work here, to be part of the PoC team – and to serve the Whidbey Island community!

Mary Hogan – Project Manager

After 24 years teaching elementary students, I made the jump into a new line of servitude here at the Port of Coupeville as the new Project Manager. My family first visited Whidbey Island in 2018 when we came to visit my son for Thanksgiving, who is stationed with the Navy here at NAS Whidbey. We found our heaven, and moved here in August of 2019.

Something I was taken aback by was the rich history of the area, all the

organizations that work together to preserve it, and have taken advantage of all the offerings to learn all I can. I truly appreciate the Port's commitment to preserving the history and serving my new community. I have two adult children and two who are attending Oak Harbor Public Schools, as well as a granddaughter.



Giving Tuesday Tuesday, November 29

Each year, Giving Tuesday is a special day during the "giving season" to support our local nonprofit organizations.

Save the date!

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, Nov 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,

To participate, see instructions above.

Wed, Nov 23, 11 a.m.- 2 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.

Happy Thanksgiving

From all of us at the Port of Coupeville, we wish you – and your families – a bountiful Thanksgiving.



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