

The Current

News for December 2022



From Our Community



Shop Local Whidbey Island

Holiday Market
@ Greenbank Farm

'Tis the season for gift giving. The annual holiday market at Greenbank Farm happens two weekends in December!

> *Santa* visits from the North Pole on the first weekend from 1:00 - 3:00.

Market Dates: Sat & Sun 11:00 - 4:00

- Dec 3rd and Dec 4th
- Dec 10th and Dec 11th

Enter the raffle to win great prizes from Greenbank Farm shops and

the Greenbank Garden Club. Proceeds go to the Farm playground!

Coupeville Wharf News



Greening of Coupeville Parade December 3, 2022 4 PM

The Port of Coupeville will be participating in this year's parade, we're excited to celebrate the joyous season of Christmas with your family and friends!

The parade starts at First and North Main Street and continues down North Main to Front Street, onto NW Alexander and across Coveland to the library. Be sure to welcome Santa to town – and enjoy the many decorated community floats adorned with holiday lights, walkers, and more!

Wharf Repair News A Note to the Community from Port Director

Three years ago, our Island County Commissioners awarded the Port of Coupeville a grant to repair the piles/caps on the Wharf. I am very excited to share with you that we are in the final stages of the process and have signed off on our nearshore mitigation credit, which means a permit for the repairs will be awarded within weeks!

This is an exciting time for the Wharf, as well as our community. We have already started the Wharf re-roof project, which is now in the final permitting stages. We anticipate the roof repair and new metal shingle roof to be completed in March. We are hoping to execute the pile project around that timeframe as well.

We are also in the process of working with our engineers for the seismic stabilization of the walls, and hope to execute that next fall. And we're finalizing the process of purchasing three new sets of double doors (front, back entryway, and Penn Cove Outfitters), which should be completed by January.

We will begin a complete restoration of the siding, windows, and remaining doors in 2024.

I am hoping by the end of 2024, beginning of 2025, the Wharf building will have been completely rehabilitated to the highest standards for historic structures, from its shiny new roof, gutters and trim, down through the walls, windows, doors onto the new piles and caps, possibly complete with new deck planking as well.

We will also be starting the permitting process for the replacement of the boat dock in 2023.

It is a joy share this information with you, thank you for your patience as we navigate the complex process.

Happy Holidays!

Chris Michalopoulos Executive Director

Two Wharf Businesses For Sale

More change is in the air on the Wharf. The Cove Cafe and the kayak rental businesses are both for sale! If you are interested in more information, please email: thecoveonpenncove@gmail.com





Port of Coupeville In the News

In case you missed it, the Port of Coupeville has been in the news recently:

A *Whidbey News-Times* article covered the new Port partnership with King County's natural resource department to monitor Penn Cove water quality.

Read all about it here: <u>Penn Cove water quality study</u>

The *News-Times* also reported on the Port's new commissioner, John Callahan.

Read more about the new Port commissioner

Whidbey Island Conservation District



Native Plant Sale

The Conservation District's annual Native Bare Root Plant Sale is an excellent opportunity to save on native plants for your home landscape, working lands, and restoration projects.

Online ordering has begun with pick up in person February 25th at Greenbank Farm.

Order here

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/

Sat & Sun, Dec 11 & 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Greenbank Holiday Market Shop local and support local artisans

Wed, Dec 14, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Port of Coupeville Board Meeting, To participate, see instructions above.

Wed, Dec 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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Happy Holidays!

From all of us a the Port of Coupeville, we wish you merry holidays and a prosperous new year!



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