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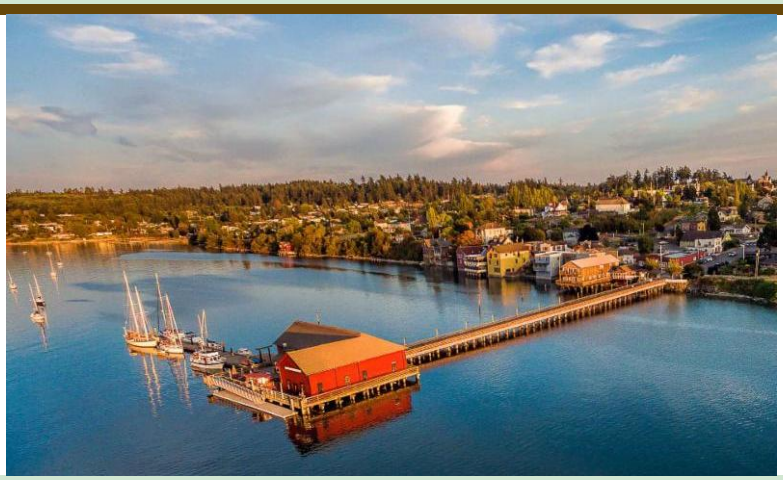
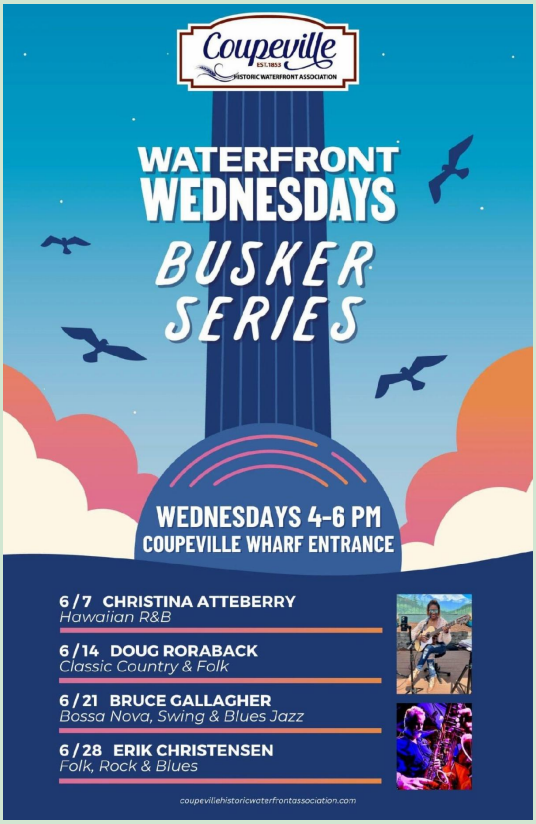


From Our Community



Waterfront Wednesdays @ Coupeville Wharf

It's back! The summertime Waterfront Wednesdays music series takes place through summer, from 4-6.

The "busker" series features Whidbey Island musicians.

So come on down and support them – and our local businesses! Check the link below for the schedule.

Coupeville Busker Series

Know Your Weeds Workshop: Invasive Thistles



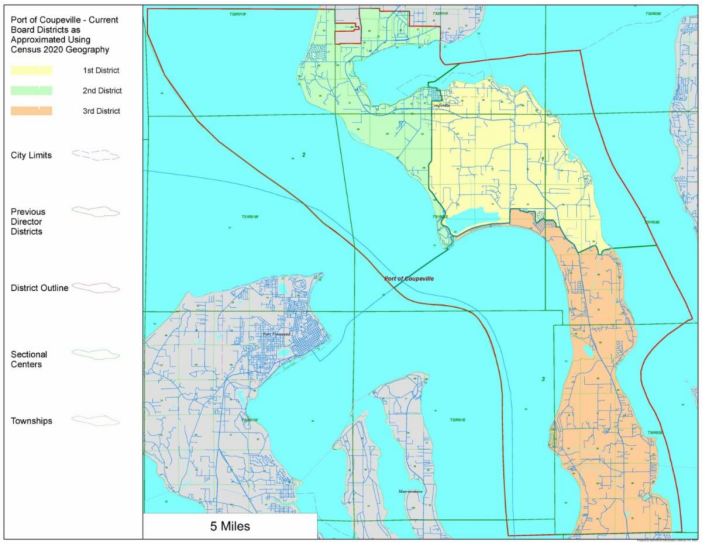
Friday, August 11
Greenbank Farm

Workshop – 10:00
Work Party – 11:00

Last but not least in this excellent education series "Know Your Weeds" is the August workshop that focuses invasive Bull & Canadian Thistle.
The afternoon work party helps remove thistles from the grounds at Greenbank Farm.

Thanks to all volunteers for their ongoing help!
You can learn more, and register here:
Invasive Thistles

Port Commissioner District 1 Position Open



The Port of Coupeville Board of Commissioners seeks candidates for the District 1 seat, which covers an area east and south of the town of Coupeville.

Commissioner David Day will not seek re-election. No one filed in the recent filing period, so the county will hold another filing period in coming weeks.

We encourage those interested in our local maritime and farm heritage to consider becoming a Port Commissioner!

Port Commissioner District 3 is also on the November ballot. Two candidates filed their intent to run: incumbent Commissioner John Callahan and newcomer Angela Ewert.

Candidates must live in the Greenbank area, which is the yellow section of the map. For questions and/or more information, please email executivedirecotr@portofcoupeville.org.

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Coupeville Wharf Rehabilitation 2023



The major rehabilitation of the Coupeville Wharf continues. We'll be reviewing two RFPs in early July, one for the Cap & Pile project, and one for new fuel tanks at the dock.

In addition to the recently completed work that replaced the Wharf roof, other improvements include:

- New water line
- New sewer line
- New sewage pump out for boaters
- Fiber optic internet run out to wharf shack
- In process of engineering options for a more efficient septic system

And as we've reported here previously, we'll also be embarking on a seismic upgrade of the Wharf in the winter.

Thank you to our staff and contractors for their hard work and dedication to preserve and protect this historic building!

New Heaters in Greenbank Farm Barn

While we won't need them for a while, the Port of Coupeville staff took advantage of the down time to install new state-of-the-art heaters in the event barn.

Our historic barn was built in 1904 and hosts many community events throughout the year. You can check the event calendar on the webpage, and we also preview events in the newsletter -- see below.

The barn is available for rent, for more information please visit the link:

Rent the Farm





Midday Black Midnight Blue Movie Gets National Distribution

This movie was filmed on Whidbey Island, and there are many shots in the movie you will recognize – including the Coupeville Wharf and Schooner Suva!

The movie first appeared at film festivals, and has been picked up for national distribution. You can view the movie trailer at the link below.

Movie Trailer

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, July 12, 10 a.m.
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Sat, July 15, 7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Orca Recovery Day

Save the Date: Sat, October 14

Greenbank Farm will once again be the host site for this important annual event – so mark your calendars.

Puget Sound Conservation Districts work every day to make conditions better for local orcas, and will present a region-wide event to give everyone the opportunity to join in this work.

Ragnar Relay
Greenbank Farm

Wed, July 26, 1 p.m.
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Sat, July 29, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Flea Market
Greenbank Farm

Fri, August 11, Sound Water Stewards – Invasive Thistles
Workshop – 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Work Party – 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Greenbank Farm

Sun, Sept 10, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Harvest Festival @ Greenbank Farm

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.

Find out more

The single biggest threat to our local orca whales is that their primary food source, Chinook Salmon, are also endangered. Eighty percent of the Southern Resident Killer Whale diet is salmon.

Due to habitat degradation and increasing pollution, local salmon populations are a fraction of what they used to be. The info below has ideas for things you can do to help.

Orca Recovery Day 2023



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