The Current

News for August 2025



CELEBRATE FARM LIFE

Coming Sat, September 6th
The annual Harvest Faire is just around the corner
Save the Date!





Want To Be A Harvest Faire Vendor?

Local artisans, small businesses and nonprofit organizations are invited to apply to be a vendor at the Harvest Faire. There is no charge for a nonprofit booth (w/no sales). Last year we entertained 5000 people over the course of the day! Find the application here:

Vendor Application

OLD-FASHIONED FARM FUN



Hayrides 11:00 -- 4:00



Pie Eating Contest 3:00

OLD FASHIONED
FARM FUN
EVENT SCHEDULE
SAT, SEPT 6TH
WIN PRIZES!



	**11:00**	**EGG SPOON RACES** Greenbank Farm Playground Lawn Team Sign-ups Start at 10:00
	**1:00**	**EGG TOSS** Greenbank Farm Playground Lawn Team Sign-ups Start at 10:00
	**3:00**	**PIE EATING CONTEST** Barn A Lawn Sign-Ups Start at 10:00, Space is Limited
	**11 - 4**	**HAY RIDES** All Ages
	**all day**	**CORN HOLE GAMES** Beer Garden Lawn All Ages
	**11:30 - 5**	**LIVE MUSIC** Beer Garden Lawn All Ages

COUPEVILLE WHARF

Virginia V + Valkyrie

The Coupeville Wharf dock welcomed two historic ships in July. One of the last remaining Mosquito Fleet ships, Virginia V, joined us for the Wharf 120th Anniversary Party. And the Viking ship Valkyrie visited the dock on its first-ever venture on the Salish Sea!





Coupeville Arts Festival 2025

August 9, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
August 10, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

See the artisan vendors here:
Arts Fest Vendors



Coupeville Wharf Anniversary Party Highlights

A good time was had by all at our community celebration of the Wharf's anniversary. It was a magical day that included Orcas in Penn Cove, a marriage proposal, dancing – and cake, lots of 120th birthday cake!

Thanks to all who attended and helped us make history. And a heartfelt thank you to our valuable volunteers









Thank you to special guests who joined us!



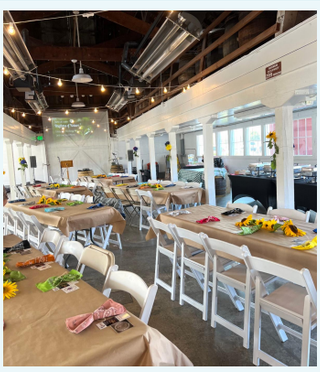
Coupeville Mayor Molly Hughes welcomed the public and read a poem: Ode to the Wharf



Port of Coupeville Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos, US Representative Rick Larsen, Washington Public Ports Assoc Director Eric ffitch

Rent Greenbank Farm's Barn

Nonprofits Receive 50% Discount



Are you planning an event for the holidays, a wedding or another special occasion?



The Port is taking reservations for Greenbank Farm barn rentals.

We are pleased to offer a 50% discount to nonprofit organizations

For more information and to check availability, please visit:

Greenbank Farm Venue Rental

New Business at Greenbank Farm



Learn more here:

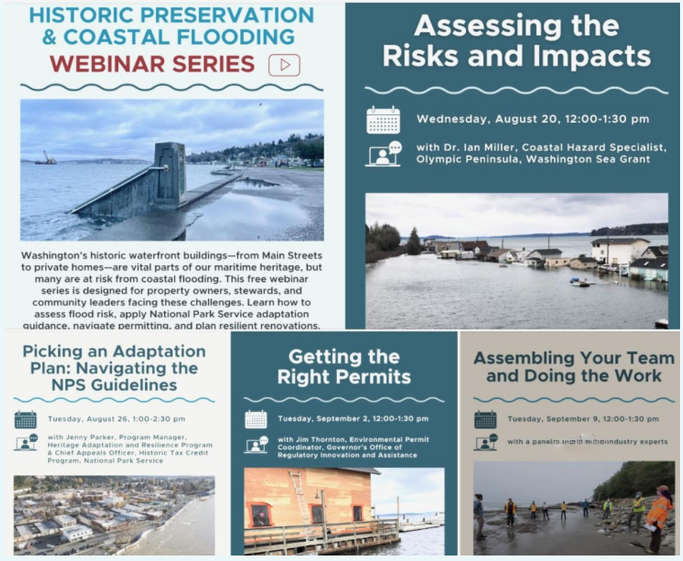
South Whidbey Times Article

Arline & Stella
Vintage Emporium

We're pleased to welcome a new tenant to Greenbank Farm!

The store offers an eclectic mix of items: from clothing, accessories and artwork, to kitchenware, knick-knacks, small furniture.

"Stepping into Greenbank's newest vintage thrift shop feels like entering your grandmother's living room thanks to the mother-daughter team who filled it with retro charm and timeless treasures."



Starting in August – the ***Washington Trust for Historic Preservation*** and **Maritime Washington** are hosting a free webinar series on historic preservation and coastal flooding.

Washington's historic waterfront buildings—from main streets to private homes—are vital parts of our maritime heritage, but many are at risk from coastal flooding.

This free webinar series is designed for property owners, stewards, and community leaders. Learn how to assess flood risk, apply National Park Service adaptation guidance, navigate permitting, and plan resilient renovations. You can register here:

Historic Preservation & Coastal Flooding Webinar Series

Master Gardener Education Series



What To Do About Soil

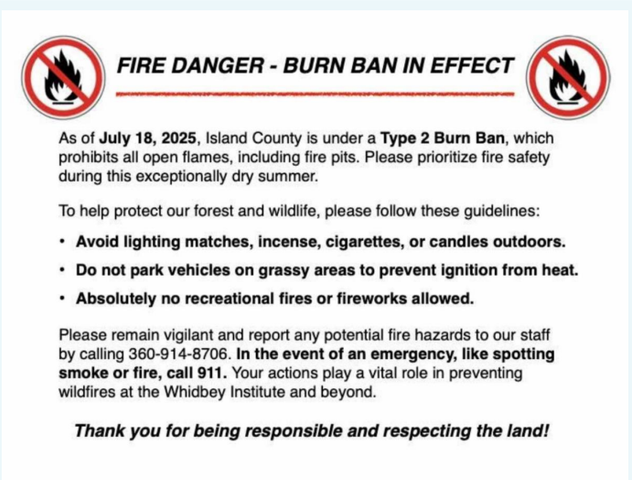
Sunday, August 17, 1-2 pm
Greenbank Farm

Discover important properties of soils with special attention to unique characteristics of Island County soils. Learn how to maintain healthy soils and plants – and how soil promotes human health.

This free workshop is part of the annual monthly garden education series hosted by Island County Master Gardeners. There will be one more workshop in Sept, see the full series calendar here:
Garden Education Series

Preventing Wildfires

The danger of outdoor fires is extreme right now, including at Greenbank Farm. Please use extreme caution with any ignition source (no vehicles on grassy areas).
The **Island County Sheriff's Office** has issued a burn ban: NO OUTDOOR BURNING OF NATURAL DEBRIS – EVEN WITH A PERMIT.



FIRE DANGER - BURN BAN IN EFFECT

As of **July 18, 2025**, Island County is under a **Type 2 Burn Ban**, which prohibits all open flames, including fire pits. Please prioritize fire safety during this exceptionally dry summer.

To help protect our forest and wildlife, please follow these guidelines:

- **Avoid lighting matches, incense, cigarettes, or candles outdoors.**
- **Do not park vehicles on grassy areas to prevent ignition from heat.**
- **Absolutely no recreational fires or fireworks allowed.**

Please remain vigilant and report any potential fire hazards to our staff by calling 360-914-8706. **In the event of an emergency, like spotting smoke or fire, call 911.** Your actions play a vital role in preventing wildfires at the Whidbey Institute and beyond.

Thank you for being responsible and respecting the land!

Business of the Month: Greenbank Farm

Thank you to the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce for recognizing Greenbank Farm as "Business of the Month" for July

Coupeville Chamber
July 9 at 6:00 PM ·

🌾BUSINESS OF THE MONTH- Greenbank Farm!🌾

🌼Congratulations to Greenbank Farm! A true island gem!

🧀From scenic trails and gardens to local shops, cheese, wine, and more, this Port of Coupeville Treasure has something for everyone!

🌻Go take a stroll and see I for yourself. Located at 765 Wonn Rd, Greenbank, WA 98253.



Growing Veterans–Whidbey Receives Foundation Grant

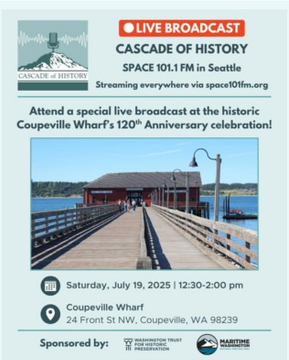
Growing Veterans helps hundreds of veterans and community members find belonging and wellness through what they call "Dirt Therapy." The program brings veterans, transitioning service members, and civilians together to grow food and relationships. As they plant, harvest, and talk, they build a stronger, more connected community.

This year, with support from **Whidbey Community Foundation's** Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant, Growing Veterans–Whidbey outpost at **Greenbank Farm** is launching the Growing Data Project—a practical, tech-focused effort to enhance how they track participation, measure impact, and engage with the community.

From Dirt Therapy to Data: Growing Veterans Plants New Roots on Whidbey

Posted on July 24, 2025





Listen here:
Coupeville Wharf Anniversary Podcast

Cascade of History Podcast

Host Feliks Banel's podcast recorded live from the Coupeville Wharf's 120th Anniversary Party. It's a great listen, and we bet you'll learn something new about our local history!

Special guests include: Coupeville Mayor Molly Hughes; Port of Coupeville Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos; Washington Trust for Historic Preservation's Moira Nadal; Meg Olson from Kingfisher Books; the Shifty Sailors, led by Jim Lightner; Lynn Hyde of Historic Whidbey; Kyle Walker of the recently merged Island County Historical Society/South Whidbey Historical Society; Josh Pitts of Ebey's Reserve; and Ed Brown, historian for Virginia V.

Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA)

The Port of Coupeville is featured in the July issue of WPPA's newsletter, The Manifest. The WPPA advocates for WA's 75 public ports, which drive economic growth in our state. Read the newsletter here:

The Manifest – July 2025



The Coupeville Wharf from the skies above Penn Cove. The Port of Coupeville recently completed a long-term, sweeping rehabilitation of the historic structure. Image credit: Port of Coupeville.

Coupeville Wharf Restoration Project



Your Tax Dollars At Work

In addition to celebrating the Wharf's 120 years, this summer we're also nearing completion of a major restoration project to rehabilitate the historic Wharf. We'll be adding a new dock in the fall.

This project was made possible with our nonprofit + government partners – it takes a village! We especially want to thank residents of the Port of Coupeville's Districts 1-3 for their contribution to the Industrial Development District (IDD) levy.

Watch a short video of the Wharf restoration work over the past six years:

Wharf Restoration Project Video

Island County History Museum
Coupeville



Event Calendar

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, August 10 + 11
Coupeville Arts Festival

Wed, August 13, 10:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Wed, August 27, 2:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Sat, Sept 6, 10:00 - 5:00
Harvest Faire
Greenbank Farm

Sat, Oct 4, Saratoga Orchestra
Oktoberfest
Greenbank Farm

December Weekends
Holiday Markets
Greenbank Farm

Stay updated on all of our upcoming events by checking our ***events calendar***.

Oktoberfest
Greenbank Farm

Sat, Oct 4
Save the Date!



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