

The Current

News for February 2026 

MusselFest 40th Anniversary!

Tickets On Sale February 4th
[MusselFest Tickets & Info](#)

Events include two Mussel Mingles, Chowder Tasting,
Mussel Eating Contest + Chef Demos



Tour Penn Cove By Boat

Reserve your space to tour the world-famous Penn Cove Mussel rafts by boat. Boats leave from the Coupeville Wharf dock. See ticket info + tour schedule here:

[MusselFest Boat Tours](#)



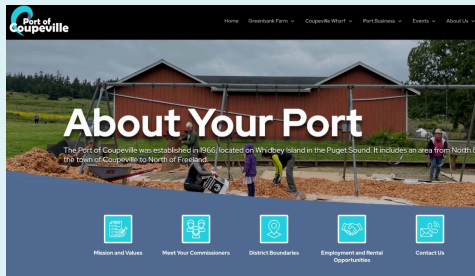
Port Executive Director Job Search Opens



The Port of Coupeville Board of Commissioners has started the process to hire a new Executive Director. Current director Chris Michalopoulos is retiring this May after nine years at the Port.

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, March 3 at 4:00 PM. Interested applicants can find the job description on the Port's website:

[Executive Director Position](#)



Interested job applicants can learn more about the Port of Coupeville's mission, core values, geographic districts, and elected commissioners.

[Learn More](#)

New Coupeville Wharf Dock

Your IDD Dollars at Work!

Construction work has begun to replace the old dock and install a new, custom-built Coupeville Wharf dock.

The new dock is designed to better withstand severe weather, and includes additional safety features.

The first stage is demolition of the old dock, gangway and pilings.

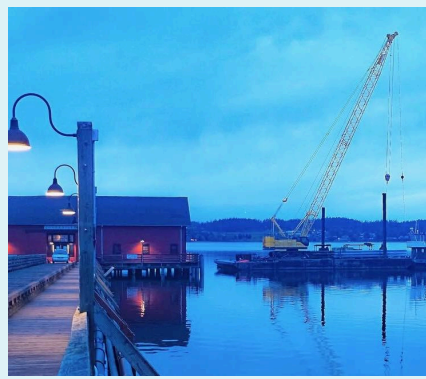
Follow the Port's social media for latest updates.



Dock repair barge arrives



Crane removes old wood pilings



Old dock floats away at high tide

Coupeville Chocolate Walk

Sat, Feb 7 ♥



Celebrate Valentines early at the Coupeville Chocolate Walk

Ticket holders: check in at the Coupeville Rec Hall between 11 and 2 to receive your Chocolate Walk treat bag and map.

Visit all Chocolate Walk participating businesses on the map for the chance to win a Dinner for Two at the Captain Whidbey Inn!

Island County Grant Supports Greenbank Farm Pond Rehabilitation

The Port of Coupeville has received support from Island County's Rural Economic Development Fund (RCEDF).

The program offers grants to local governments and port districts to help finance public facilities that support businesses that create and retain jobs.

The Port is using this grant to improve Greenbank Farm's pond, which is a landmark tourist attraction and place of refuge for island residents. The pond is also an important water source for Farm structures in the event of a fire.

Funds for this program derive from a rebate to Island County from Washington state's share of 6.5% of sales-and-use taxes. The fund has no additional tax for the consumer.

Island County Board of Commissioners approved an allocation of \$112,500 from the RCEDF. Additional funds for pond repairs come from federal grants managed by the EPA.



Pond Rehab Next Steps:

The initial pond repair assessment delivered good news: there is less sediment than anticipated. So, a revised design work plan was created. The focus is to replace a failing clay water supply pipe.

Greenbank Farm Voted "Best of Whidbey"

Thanks to everyone who voted for Greenbank Farm in the "2025 Best of Whidbey" awards. The Farm won in two categories: Best Farm, and Best Greenbank Business!



New Farm Cafe Coming Soon!

A new cafe called Backroads Beastro will open soon at Greenbank Farm.

Stay tuned for more info.



WICD Native Plant Sale Pick-Up



The annual Whidbey Island Conservation District's native plant sale pick-up is
**Sat, March 7,
9:00 – 1:00
at Greenbank Farm.**



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers help prepare plants and assemble plant orders for easy pick up. Find more info + sign up here:

[WICD Plant Sale](#)

Suva Joins National Register of Historic Places!

Big news for Washington's maritime heritage! Schooner Suva has been added to the National Register of Historic Places, thanks to a successful nomination by the Whidbey Island Maritime Heritage Foundation.

At 100 years old, Suva is an iconic piece of Salish Sea and Whidbey Island history, designed by renowned naval architect Ted Geary.

You can reserve a tour on Suva

[Schooner Suva](#)



Suva 2026 Crew Meeting is Sat, Feb 21 at 6:15 at the Coupeville library.

[Suva Crew Info](#)



VOLUNTEER MEETING

If you're interested in helping plan + produce this year's event, a volunteer meeting is at the Coupeville Library, Sunday, Feb 22 from 3:00 – 5:00.

[Water Festival Info](#)

Port Commission 2026 Meetings



Reminder: The days and time for the Port of Coupeville monthly commission meetings have changed. The commission now meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 PM.

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/>

Tues, Feb 10, 1:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Tues, Feb 24, 1:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above

Sat, March 7
WICD Native Plant Pick-Up
Greenbank Farm

Sat & Sun, March 7 + 8
Penn Cove Musselselfest
Coupeville

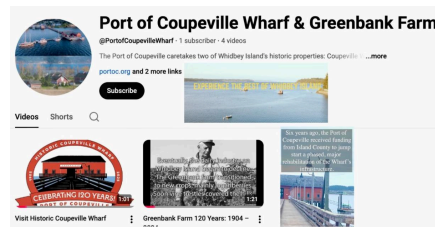
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[Port of Coupeville Wharf & Greenbank Farm](#)



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