



# TOWN HALL NEWS

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## WINTER STORM WATCH!

**It's the time of year when windstorms will threaten our electrical service.**

In the event of a power outage, you can call PSE to report the outage. After the outages are initially reported, PSE tries to keep an updated recording to report estimated repair times.

PSE also is in contact with Town staff, since operation of our utilities is dependent on electrical service. In the event of a prolonged outage, we will change the recording on the Town Hall phone to give an up-date, for example "PSE estimates the power outage will be at least 6 more hours, until approximately 10:30 p.m." (Town Hall is powered by a generator, and staff is on call during significant power outages.)

If the power outage occurs during cold weather, and is expected to be extensive, the Town will open an emergency shelter at the Rec Hall. Hot soup will be available, as will cots for sleeping, board games for entertainment, and friends or neighbors with whom you may commiserate!

If a shelter is opened, the recording on the Town Hall phone will include that information, too. In addition, signs will be posted at the post office, the courthouse, and area businesses.

Call 911 for emergency help. Call the non-emergency number for I-Com, 679-9567 for information regarding other shelters and emergency services.

Be prepared for emergencies - make sure you have food, water and medicine to take care of yourself for at least a week.

Water service will continue during a power outage, we have generators to keep the system in operation. Unless we advise you differently, if you have water, you can flush!

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

Magnets are available at Town Hall, with emergency numbers and a place for your personal emergency contact numbers. Also listed are the locations where emergency information will be available. Pick one up, fill it out, and put it on your refrigerator!

## WINTERIZE YOUR WATER PIPES

Freezing temperatures are not far away. Be sure to prepare your outside water pipes to handle the cold weather.

Disconnect and drain hoses. Water pipes exposed to the elements should be wrapped. If you plan to be away from home for an extended period of time this winter, consider shutting off the water at the meter.

Most broken pipes due to freezing temperatures occur after a several day freeze. If you suddenly see a water leak, call 911. I-Com will dispatch a utility worker to turn off the water. Our deputy marshals also have the tools to take care of an emergency shut off.

## SHOP LOCAL!

### Red Ticket Drawing

Beginning October 11, participating downtown merchants will be giving out a red ticket for every \$20 spent at their store.

Red tickets will be entered into a drawing to be held December 21 at 1 p.m. at the Island County Museum. The winner will receive \$1,000!!!!

You'll see posters in the windows of participating business in the downtown waterfront area.

Do your shopping here at home, support your local economy, and win the prize!

## STAY INFORMED!

Comcast subscribers can watch a recording of the Town Council meetings. The recording is shown M-F at 7 p.m. and Sat-Sun at 3 p.m.

Would you like to be added to our email list for agendas and minutes of Town meetings? Contact Judy Thomas at [clerktreasurer@whidbey.net](mailto:clerktreasurer@whidbey.net)