



# TOWN HALL NEWS

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*Questions about utility bills*

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### An Opportunity to Participate

There are many opportunities to take an active role in your local government. The Town of Coupeville has six citizen boards and commissions on which residents help shape the future of our community by serving in advisory capacities to the Coupeville Town Council. There are current vacancies or terms due for renewal on the following groups. If you would like more information, or an application form, please contact Judy Thomas at 360-678-4461 or [clerktreasurer@whidbey.net](mailto:clerktreasurer@whidbey.net). The application form is also on the Town's website at [www.town.coupeville.wa.us](http://www.town.coupeville.wa.us)

#### CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

- *Three members: one current vacancy and one position due for renewal or new appointment*
- *Meets as needed (approximately three times per year)*
- *Term: Six years*

Responsible for making rules and regulations and exercise the powers and perform the duties established by RCW 41.12 in connection with the selection, appointment, and employment of police, including the town marshal.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

- *Five members: one current vacancy and one position due for renewal or new appointment*
- *Town residency required for three members; two members may reside outside the town limits but must be registered voters in Island County and own and operate a business within the town limits.*
- *Currently meets first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.*
- *Term: Four years*

Responsible for preparing and recommending amendments to the town's Comprehensive Plan. Make recommendations to the Town Council regarding changes to zoning and other land use regulations. Make recommendations to Town Council on land use applications.

#### LIBRARY BOARD

- *Five members: one position due for renewal or new appointment*
- *Currently meets third Tuesday evening of each month*
- *Term: Five years*

Sets policy to govern operations and programs of the library. Serves in an advisory capacity to the Town and Sno-Isle Regional Library District.

#### PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

- *Seven members: one vacancy*
- *Town residency required*
- *Meets several times a year*
- *Term: Three years*

Reviews recreational needs for residents and makes recommendations on beautification and management of parks, recreation areas and facilities.

#### SELECTION PROCESS:

All applicants will be interviewed by the Mayor and a member of the Town Council. The Mayor will recommend appointments to the Town Council for their confirmation.

Applications are due December 21, 2009.

## WINTER STORM WATCH!

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 update - 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!

## GOOD NEWS!

In 2008 the Town drilled a new water well on Keystone Hill Road. The new well is a high producer, 250 gallons per minute, compared to our smaller wells that produce 10-45 gallons per minute. The water is also better quality.

The Town recently was successful in obtaining a grant for \$514,000 from the State of WA, which will pay for installing a water line from the well, 6,600 feet, to the Ft. Casey Water Treatment Plant. This will complete a great improvement to our water system, and provide our customers with better water.

## STAY INFORMED!

Comcast subscribers can watch a recording of the Town Council meetings on Channel 10. The recording is shown M-F at 7 p.m. and Sat-Sun at 3 p.m.

You can be added to our email list for agendas and minutes of Town meetings by contacting Judy Thomas, [clerktreasurer@whidbey.net](mailto:clerktreasurer@whidbey.net)