



TOWN HALL NEWS

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STAFF CHANGES AT TOWN HALL

Malcolm Bishop served as public works director for the Town since 2000. He retired on July 1. He came to the Town when we had no utility staff and had our utility operations managed by an outside contract. Since then, we have hired our own staff and made many improvements to the water and sewer systems, as well as street improvements. The best compliment that we can give him is that he left this place in much better condition than he found it!

We have taken this opportunity to reassign some duties and rearrange some responsibilities.

Larry Smith has been promoted to the new position of Public Works Superintendent. He has been with the Town since 2005, and is responsible for the water and sewer utility elements that are in the ground - the pipes that distribute water and collect sewage, for the streets, parks and also for storm water. Larry and his crew are also the folks that keep our roadsides trimmed, flowers watered, parks in good repair. His private sector experience in general construction compliments his role on our Town staff.

William LaRue has been promoted to the new position of Utility Superintendent. He has responsibility for the operations of our water and sewer utilities - the wells, the treatment facilities, the reservoirs. This is a serious responsibility, and his previous experience as Plant Manager for the City of Anacortes has given us a highly qualified supervisor.

Both Larry and Willy remain working supervisors, and they have been given greater responsibilities.

Greg Cane has been hired for a half time position, his title is Town Engineer. He will be responsible for permit management for clearing and grading, right of ways, storm water, water and sewer hookups, and reviewing land use applications for consistency with our development codes and storm water oversight. His past experience working for the City of Oak Harbor and in private practice provided him with municipal experience that will be very useful to our community.

Bob Snyder has been hired as Town Building Official. He replaces Len Eserhut who served in this role since 1997 and recently retired. Bob has served as Building Official and code enforcement officer for the City of Langley for 18 years. Bob is a member of the Washington Association of Building Officials and serves on their Technical Code Development Committee.

The changes in staff have resulted in different levels of accountability and some changes in pay rates, but overall there was no increase in cost.

ROCK THE BULB!

Have you heard about Puget Sound Energy's Rock the Bulb? It's a cool way to cut your energy bill by hundreds of dollars by trading in 10 of your old incandescent light bulbs for up to 10 FREE energy efficient CFL bulbs (with several varieties to choose from). Each bulb can save you up to \$40 in energy costs over its lifetime, so 10 free bulbs represents a whole lot of savings!

You can exchange your bulbs at Ace Hardware in Oak Harbor, Aug 13-14, 10 - 4 pm.

WHIDBEY GREEN SEAL



The Whidbey Green Seal is a certificate program that publicly recognizes organizations (business, non-profit and tax-supported entities) that actively implement resource conservation measures, demonstrate a culture of environmental awareness in their operational activities, and practice social responsibility in their community.

This program is promoted Whidbey Island wide and is sponsored by the Sustainable Whidbey Coalition.

We are proud of the following area businesses that have achieved their Whidbey Green Seal. They have demonstrated their commitment to responsible use of resources and the environment. Look for the seal on the doors of:

- The Anchorage Inn
- The Blue Goose Inn
- The Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce
- The Oyster Catcher
- The Town of Coupeville Facilities
- The Whidbey Examiner
- Whidbey General Hospital

The Town of Coupeville has been working on sustainability in our operations for many years. One measure of our success is the high scores we received in all categories of the Whidbey Green Seal Application checklist.

✓ 85% in Energy Conservation

Note: Demonstrated reduction in energy use between 2008 and 2010 of 9% with a savings of over \$8000

✓ 81% in Transportation

✓ 100% in Water Conservation

✓ 92% in Waste and Toxic Pollution

✓ 100% in Community

✓ 100% in Local

✓ 86% in Purchasing

For more information on how to apply, contact:

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Visit our website at <http://www.sustainablewhidbey.org/projects/greenseal> and note other businesses on Whidbey Island who have met the standards of the green seal.