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WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT Receives 2011 Outstanding Performance Award

Washington State Department of Ecology has awarded the Coupeville Wastewater Treatment Plant the 2011 Outstanding Performance Award.

The Dept. of Ecology evaluates plants in Washington for compliance with effluent limits, monitoring and reporting requirements, spill prevention planning, pretreatment, and overall operational demands of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. 108 of the approximately 300 plants statewide were awarded this recognition.

It's not easy to operate a wastewater treatment plant 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, without violations. Coupeville has a professional and dedicated team, led by Utility Superintendent William LaRue and Utility Operators Paul Vinsant and Paul Knight.

Coupeville has received this award 3 of the last 4 years. Congratulations to the utility staff for their dedicated work and the recognition at a State level of outstanding performance!

FROM COUPEVILLE TO YOUR CUP

Thursday, Aug 30 • 6:30-8 pm • Coupeville Rec Hall

The Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association, the Island County Historical Museum and the Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce invite you to a celebration honoring coffee pioneers Jim and Dave Stewart, founders of Seattle's Best Coffee. Share a fun evening with Jim and Dave, learn about the early years on Whidbey, sample coffee inspired desserts and enjoy ice cream. For information: 360-678-5434

RV DUMP STATION TO CLOSE

The RV dump station at Capt Coupe Park (boat launch) does not meet current standards. The cost to improve it is \$10-\$15,000.

Of equal concern is the fact that often the dump station is used by commercial cleaners, private companies emptying portapotties, which makes us concerned about contamination of our waste water treatment plant.

In addition, a survey in this newsletter last year indicated only minimal use by Coupeville residents. This has been confirmed by observation by our staff.

Since the Town of Coupeville has no overnight camping facilities, we feel it is not a good use of our local funds to provide a facility for others. The closest RV dump station is in Oak Harbor at Windjammer Park. Boaters can access the facilities at the Coupeville Wharf.

The dump station will be closed in August.

COMMUNITY GREEN PLANNING Saturday • Sept 8 • Farmers Market

A committee has had several meetings with Landscape Architect Craig Lewis to brainstorm a master plan for what has been called the Community Green (the grass field the Town owns behind the library) where the farmers market is located on Saturdays.

The consensus of the group is to keep the area looking like a green, grass field, but improve its utilization for special events and overflow parking. In addition, now that the Town has located the old Holbrook Barn on this property, we are considering potential uses for the barn.

We would like your input! Craig and Town Council members and staff will be present at the Coupeville Farmers Market on Saturday, September 8, with drawings and possible options and would welcome your comments. This should be a great opportunity to meet on site, and provide input for the future use of this area. The market is open 10-2.

TOWN RECEIVES AWARD for Municipal Excellence

Each year the Association of WA Cities recognizes cities and town for exceptional projects and accomplishments.

This year the Town received the Municipal Excellence Award for Small Cities for the Central Whidbey Nonprofit Fair that has been held the last two years in conjunction with the Coupeville Farmers Market.

Nonprofit organizations in our community add so much to the quality of life. We are fortunate to have so many folks who are willing to share their time and resources to support this community.

The Nonprofit Fair is the brainchild of Councilmember Molly Hughes. Local nonprofits are invited to have a booth at the Farmers Market, which gives them an opportunity to share with others what they do and invite additional participation. Reports from participants indicates the interaction with other nonprofits has been as beneficial as meeting the public - just a great opportunity to network and share ideas.

The Fair has been a joint project of the Town of Coupeville and the *Whidbey Examiner*. Kasia Pierzga, publisher of the *Whidbey Examiner* has been responsible for developing a printed guide with information about all the nonprofits. The guide is distributed at the Fair and throughout the year by the Town and the Chamber of Commerce.

2012 Nonprofit Fair
Sept 8 • Farmers Market
To participate contact:
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In addition to the *Whidbey Examiner*, the Fair is supported by the Coupeville Farmers Market. Last year sponsors also included the Coupeville Library, Cort Communications, Hertlein Grant Writing and Cascade Insurance Agency.