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WELCOME TO TOWN HALL!

There are some new faces at Town Hall

Bridget Smith is our new Planner, and is also handling some of the work regarding building permits. Bridget has been on board since May 28. She has a bachelor degree in architecture, from University of Oregon, which will serve her well in working with the Historic Preservation Commission and our local residents processing building permits in Ebey's Reserve.

She has both public and private experience, having worked for the City of Shoreline as Building Official, and in private practice in a variety of positions which included project management, plan check, code compliance, short plats and building within critical areas. Her problem solving skills, systems analysis and focus on process will help us to improve our internal procedures and increase our efficiency.

She has a passion for sustainability and has been involved in many organizations and assumed leadership roles around the topic, as well as in emergency preparedness, green building and low impact development.

Bob Snyder, our building official, recently accepted another position with another municipality. Bridget has assumed responsibility for responding to requests for information and coordination of permit applications. Plan checks and building inspections are being contracted to Island County Building Department.

Bridget is in the office Tuesday-Thursday, and may be reached at planner@townofcoupeville.org

Jesse Lynn has joined the Utilities Department, replacing Paul Knight, who accepted a position with another utility district. Jesse is a long time resident of the Island, graduating from Oak Harbor High School and Skagit Valley College. His past experience in residential and commercial construction and underground utilities are assets in his new position.

Stephanie Rogers joined our Maintenance Department. Another long time Whidbey Island resident, Stephanie's experience with Island County Road Department in a similar position means she has quickly come up to speed on our Town procedures

In addition to these new additions, **Kelly Riepma** was recently promoted to Public Works Superintendent. She came to the Town with good skills and has honed them further in the last five years. She works very well with William LaRue, Public Works Director, Greg Cane, Town Engineer and Bridget Smith. All of these folks work together as a team to serve the residents of Coupeville in areas of public works, utilities and community development.

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

The Town has been served for several years now by volunteers who comprise the Neighborhood Emergency Team. Working with Town staff, these residents have helped to craft our ability to serve you in an emergency, helping to develop emergency shelter, developing an inventory of supplies and equipment that may be needed in an emergency, providing training to our neighbors, developing an overall emergency plan, and creating a database of resources and folks with special needs.

Recently, all residents of Coupeville were mailed a letter and questionnaire. The questionnaire allows you to identify resources you have that may be useful in an emergency (for example: radios, equipment, spare rooms), skills that may be useful (for example: medical skills, equipment operator). There is also a place on the questionnaire to identify persons with special needs that we want to be sure to check on during a long term emergency. We hope to have completed questionnaires back by October 15. If you need another copy, they are available at Town Hall.

"Safe In the Sound" is an hour workshop co-sponsored by the NET and the American Red Cross. The Workshop will be held Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Rec. Hall. The workshop is designed to give solid tips to residents to prepare for emergencies and disasters right here in Coupeville.

COUNCIL MEETINGS ON CHANNEL 10

If you are a Comcast subscriber, you can view a broadcast of the Town Council meetings. The video recording is currently programmed to run Tuesday-Thursday at 7 pm and Saturday at 3 pm.

STAY INFORMED

If you would like to receive agendas and minutes for Town Meetings, please send your e-mail address to Judy Thomas, Clerk-Treasurer, clerktreasurer@townofcoupeville.org. It is a great way to know the issues to be discussed and actions taken by the Town Council, Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission.