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## The Y Hosts First-Ever "Clash at Camp Casey" Flag Football Tournament This Summer

Open to All Boys and Girls of All Ages and Skill Levels



EVERETT, WA, July 2, 2025. – The YMCA of Snohomish County is excited to announce the inaugural Clash at Camp Casey Flag Football Tournament, a dynamic one-day event set for Saturday, August 2, at the scenic YMCA Camp Casey Sports Fields in Coupeville, Whidbey Island. Open to boys and girls of all ages and experience levels, this festival-style tournament will feature fast-paced competition, team spirit, and family-friendly fun, all set on the beautiful shores of the Skagit Sea.



"This is more than a tournament—it's a celebration of youth sports and community," said Chris Bellecourt, Association Director of Youth Sports, YMCA of Snohomish County. "We designed the Clash at Camp Casey to be a bridge from summer to fall, offering a competitive and inclusive environment for kids to grow, connect, and get ready for the season ahead."

The event welcomes current and past YMCA Flag Football teams as well as youth athletes and teams from other leagues and organizations. The \$175 team entry includes access to all tournament amenities, and players without teams can join the YMCA's Free Agent List to be matched with a team.

"This is exactly the kind of opportunity that builds confidence and community," said Jacob Hiatt, Flag Football Coordinator, YMCA of Snohomish County. "We're not just running a tournament—we're investing in young athletes. Every entry supports scholarships so more kids can experience the power of sports and belonging."

### Event Highlights:

- Inclusive format for girls and boys of all skill levels
- Preseason warm-up for youth tackle and other fall sports
- Free agent list for individuals seeking a team
- Festival atmosphere with food trucks, music, and more
- Proceeds benefit YMCA Youth Sports Scholarships

Whether you're coaching a current or past YMCA Flag Football team, leading a group from another sport like soccer, basketball, or volleyball, or simply have a roster of enthusiastic athletes ready to play, this event is open to all youth teams eager for a fun, fast-paced tournament experience.

## 2025 Grant Opportunities from Whidbey Community Foundation Now Accepting Applications!

Whidbey Community Foundation (WCF) is excited to announce that our Nonprofit Capacity Building and Community Health grant programs are now accepting applications! Any organization that operates with a charitable status or for a charitable purpose on behalf of Whidbey Island is eligible to apply for a grant.



WCF's mission is to improve the quality of life on Whidbey Island. Many factors contribute to the conditions that shape a thriving, healthy community. A wide range of factors influence how long and how well we live, including: opportunities for education, income and wealth, safe housing, and the right to shape policies and practices that impact our lives and futures. Community Health grants will be awarded to projects and organizations that take action to improve health and eliminate unjust barriers to opportunity for all who call Whidbey home—now and into the future.

Nonprofit Capacity Building grants support the organizational strength and effectiveness of nonprofits on Whidbey Island. Capacity-building grants are awarded to nonprofits for one-time projects that address a part of the organization's strategic plan to improve the management, governance, and administration of the organization. By strengthening the internal capacity of an organization, WCF believes the programs and services will also be strengthened.

"Our Grants Committee is made up of community members from all across our island and helps WCF determine priority areas for funding. WCF's grant programs are open to all nonprofit organizations serving Whidbey Island. Through our Community Health grant program, we are looking to fund organizations working to improve the health of our Island. Our Nonprofit Capacity Building grant program will fund projects meant to fortify the foundation of organizations serving Whidbey," stated Jessie Gunn, Executive Director "We look forward to reviewing this year's applications and learning more about the work being done in our community!"

Grant applications will be accepted through August 31, 2025. Visit WCF's website [www.whidbeyfoundation.org](http://www.whidbeyfoundation.org) for more information. If you have questions about the grant process, email [info@whidbeyfoundation.org](mailto:info@whidbeyfoundation.org) or call 360-660-5041. For more information, please visit our Grant Opportunities page.

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# What's Going On!

## 3RD ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR OAK HARBOR HELP HOUSE

Friday, July 11, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Registration begins at 11 a.m.; shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Nine-hole, four-person scramble on a walking course. Pull carts recommended (rentals available).

Cash prizes for first- and second-place teams. Contests include longest drive, closest to the pin and putting.

Canned food donations accepted.

Contact Jean at northwhidbeyhelp@yahoo.com or (360) 675-3888 to register or sponsor a player.

## YOGA IN THE BARN

Friday, July 11, 5–6 p.m.  
556 Fort Casey Road, Coupeville

Start your weekend with a restorative yoga session in a historic dairy barn at Ebey's Landing. Beck Diamond leads gentle yoga accompanied by live baroque music performed by local artists from the Whidbey Island Music Festival. Tickets are \$25.

## FLYING FINGERS

Friday, July 11, 5:30 p.m.  
Langley United Methodist Church, 3rd St. and Anthes Ave., Langley

A casual gathering in the Fireside Room. Free parking. We meet to learn sign language and fingerspelling and numbers. A fun part is celebrating birthdays and coming together to share some beverage and snacks. A nice place to meet deaf and hearing impaired who use American Sign Language.

Contact Susan at sisol973@yahoo.com

## WHIDBEY ISLAND GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, July 12

Since 1996, the all-volunteer Whidbey Island Garden Tour has raised funds to support local conservation and environmental education projects. Over 28 years, more than \$550,000 has been granted to causes promoting habitat restoration and beautification. The annual tour features over 80 private gardens, with volunteers guiding visitors and managing the event. Proceeds support stewardship of Whidbey Island's natural environment. For tickets and details, visit the Whidbey Island Garden Tour website.

## OAK HARBOR KIWANIS BAZAAR

Saturday, July 12, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.  
North Whidbey Middle School, 67 NE Izett St., Oak Harbor

The Oak Harbor Kiwanis Bazaar (formerly Beachcomber's Bazaar) returns for its annual summer event featuring antiques, crafts, yard sale finds, and food vendors. Vendor spaces are available for antique dealers, craft vendors, garage sales, fundraising groups, and more.

Admission is free. Food and items available for purchase.

## THE SIREN'S CALL: VENETIAN BAROQUE AND THE SEA

Saturday, July 12, 3–5 p.m., Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge Hall, 63 Jacobs Road, Coupeville

Sunday, July 13, 3–5 p.m., St. Augustine's in-the-woods, 5217 Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland

Experience Venetian Baroque music inspired by the sea, featuring Vivaldi concertos, gondola songs, and more. Jacob Perry, tenor, joins a baroque ensemble performing works by Campra, Vivaldi, Hasse and others. Tickets \$39.

## ESCAPE FROM THE LANGLEY LIBRARY

Saturday, July 12, 6–7:30 p.m.  
Langley Library, 104 Second St., Langley

It's after hours and you're trapped in the library! Work solo, with friends, or as a family to crack puzzles, codes, and challenges. Solve enough clues to escape and earn a prize—or risk being trapped forever (mwa-ha-ha)! Inspired by Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein.

Attend the book group at 5:30 p.m. for a bonus advantage. Reading the book is not required.

## THE REPTILE LADY

Tuesday, July 15, 2–3 p.m.  
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr., Oak Harbor

Snakes, alligators, and lizards, oh my! Reptile Lady April Jackson introduces her reptile friends in this educational celebration of claws, scales, and Summer Reading.

For all ages. Weather permitting, event will be held outdoors.

## TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Wednesday, July 16, 2–3:30 p.m.  
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Meet local community helpers and get a close-up look at the trucks and equipment that keep the town running. This interactive outdoor event is held on the Community Green behind the library. For families with children of all ages.

## PORCH STORIES: HENRIETTA D' JORUP CRANNERY — THE QUEEN OF UTSALADY

Wednesday, July 16, 2–3 p.m.  
Island County Museum, 908 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Richard Hanks, PhD, shares stories of Henrietta D' Jorup Crannery, a notable figure in Utsalady history. The talk is part of the free Porch Stories series held weekly on the museum porch.

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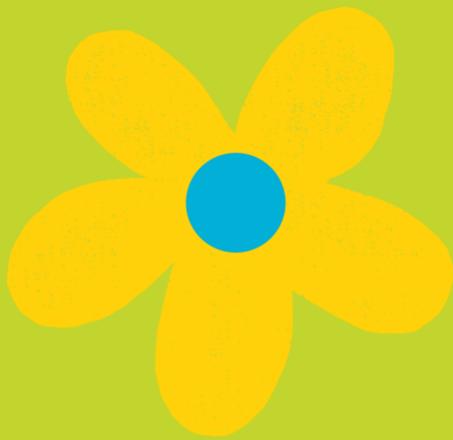
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## Whidbey Watersheds: A Look at Water Quality and What Residents Can Do to Help

Whidbey Island's natural charm—its forests, wetlands, beaches, and open spaces—is supported by more than 200 small watersheds. These vital systems collect rainfall and channel it through the land, into creeks, wetlands, aquifers, and Puget Sound. Island County monitors these watersheds year-round to assess environmental health and potential risks to public safety, shellfish harvesting, and fish habitat.

A recently released 2024 Surface Water Quality Report from Island County Public Health highlights both successes and ongoing concerns across Whidbey and Camano Islands. With most Island residents relying on wells and septic systems, what happens in each backyard matters.

### The Current Condition

County staff monitored surface water across more than 25 watersheds from October 2023 through September 2024. The report reveals that only seven of the 25 streams met the full Washington State standard for E. coli bacteria—a key indicator of fecal contamination. Fifteen streams failed both parts of the standard.

Pollution sources include aging septic systems, pet waste, livestock runoff, and urban stormwater. These bacteria levels can impact shellfish beds, swim beaches, and aquatic life. Maxwellton Creek, Crescent Creek, and Strawberry Point all exceeded limits during critical spring and summer months.

Another concern is dissolved oxygen. Streams with lower oxygen levels can be stressful—or even fatal—for fish and invertebrates. Ten streams tested below the state's minimum oxygen threshold. Temperature trends were more favorable, with most streams staying within healthy limits for salmon habitat.

Island County is also monitoring trends in seasonal flow. Drought conditions and climate variability are reducing stream discharge in several basins, increasing the concentration of pollutants and threatening stream-dependent ecosystems.

### Drinking Water and Septic Systems

Approximately 72 percent of Island County homes use onsite septic systems. While effective when properly maintained, these systems can contribute to contamination if neglected. Many systems on the island are decades old. Shoreline homes, especially on South and Central Whidbey, face added risk from saltwater intrusion into shallow aquifers. Improper water use, overpumping, or outdated well casings can further stress drinking water supplies.

Recent testing in other parts of the island has also raised concerns about emerging contaminants such as PFAS ("forever chemicals"), which are difficult to remove and have been linked to health issues.

### Restoring and Protecting Watersheds

Island County's Surface Water Quality Program operates on a rotating watershed schedule to track conditions over time and guide response efforts. When streams show persistent pollution, staff initiate source identification investigations. This includes "bracketing"—sampling upstream until a pollution source can be pinpointed. Recent efforts have focused on Maxwellton Creek and other high-priority areas.

The County also uses its Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) program to address bacteria at the source, whether that means working with property owners to repair septic systems or partnering with conservation districts on livestock management.

Data from the County is submitted to the Washington State Department of Ecology and can be viewed through the state's Environmental Information Management system. This ongoing effort supports not just water quality, but also salmon habitat recovery, shellfish classification, and safe recreation.

### What Residents Can Do

Local homeowners play a critical role in protecting water quality. According to Island County and regional conservation experts, the following practices can make a measurable difference:

- Maintain septic systems. Pump your tank every 2–3 years and avoid overloading it with water or household chemicals.
- Test private wells annually. Especially for those near the shoreline, testing for bacteria, nitrates, and salinity can help prevent contamination.
- Manage runoff with native landscaping. Use native plants, rain gardens, and permeable surfaces to slow and filter stormwater. Avoid hardscaping that channels water straight into ditches or driveways.
- Pick up pet waste. Dog waste carries bacteria that can wash into streams and beaches. Always dispose of it properly.
- Fence livestock away from streams. Prevent manure from entering waterways by creating buffers and keeping animals on high, dry ground.
- Avoid dumping or draining into wetlands. Wetlands provide natural filtration and flood storage. Draining or altering them without permits is illegal and harmful.
- Use water wisely. During drought, reduce outdoor watering, fix leaks promptly, and spread out heavy water use across the week.
- Get involved. Residents can volunteer for local monitoring efforts or attend County planning meetings on water and development policies.

### Looking Ahead

Island County continues to develop tools to manage water resources, including a coordinated water system plan and groundwater modeling. These planning efforts aim to ensure water security and environmental health in the face of growing development and climate uncertainty.

The 2024 Water Year report represents a snapshot of current conditions, but long-term improvements depend on consistent monitoring, enforcement, and public engagement. For more information, visit Island County's Surface Water Quality Program page at www.islandcountywa.gov or contact Public Health's Natural Resources division.

As the report makes clear: What we do on our land eventually reaches our water. By taking care of our properties, we help preserve the integrity of Whidbey Island's streams, shorelines, and drinking water for generations to come.

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When a new school year is on the horizon, that means families once again must adjust to getting out of the house to the school bus or carpool on time. It is important to begin busy days with a breakfast that will facilitate learning, but parents know convenience is important as well. Parents may want to incorporate some new breakfast options into the mix, particularly ones kids will enjoy.

This tasty recipe for "Banana and Pecan Granola Bowl with Caramelized Bananas" from "Rainbow Bowls" (Sourcebooks) by Niki Webster relies on bananas in two different ways to impart a sweet taste that is hard to beat. The granola makes about four to six portions, so there will be leftovers to enjoy as a snack later in the day or stored away for another time.

**Banana and Pecan Granola Bowl with Caramelized Bananas**

(Makes 2 servings)

**Ingredients**

- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 4 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 very ripe medium bananas
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 100 grams (3.5 ounces) oats of your choice
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened shredded coconut
- 2 tablespoons ground almonds

- 3 tablespoons sunflower seeds
- 3 tablespoons chopped nuts, such as hazelnuts or almonds
- 40 grams (1.4 ounces) pecans
- Pinch of sea salt

**For the caramelized bananas:**

- 2 unpeeled bananas
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil

**To serve:**

- Coconut yogurt
- 1 teaspoon maple syrup (optional)
- Pinch of thyme (optional)

**Instructions:**

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Blend the coconut oil, maple syrup, bananas, and almond extract in a blender until smooth.

Add all the dry ingredients to a large bowl and mix well. Add the wet mixture to the bowl and stir well to combine.

Line a large baking tray with baking paper and then tip the granola mix on to the tray and flatten out. Bake for 25 minutes, until starting to brown. Carefully flip over on the tray, then return to the oven and bake for a further 15 minutes (until you get a nice brown color).

Leave to cool before breaking into smaller chunks, then store in an airtight container for up to 1 week (if not eating straight away).

To make the caramelized bananas, chop off the top end of each of the bananas, then carefully slice through the middle lengthways. Now, peel the bananas.

Melt the coconut oil in a pan on medium heat. Add the banana slices and fry in the oil on one side for 1 to 2 minutes until browned, then flip over to caramelize the other side for another 1 to 2 minutes.

Serve the granola with yogurt, caramelized bananas, a drizzle of maple syrup, and a pinch of thyme if you fancy.

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**

Aries, your emotions are closer to the surface than usual. The 11th could trigger old memories—but healing is possible if you stay present. Home life or family dynamics may shift; lead with compassion.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**

Taurus, this is a week for speaking up. You may be asked to advocate for yourself or someone else, especially around the 12th. Clear communication unlocks new doors—don't sugarcoat your truth.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**

Gemini, money matters are on your mind. Budgeting, investing, or even renegotiating could come up midweek. The 13th brings a practical win if you've done your homework—trust your instincts and act with care.

**CANCER – June 22/July 22**

Cancer, it's your season and you're glowing with emotional power. The 14th is ideal for setting a personal intention or making a bold move in love. Don't second-guess your sensitivity—it's your superpower now.

**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**

Leo, slow down and look inward. The 15th highlights a habit or belief you've outgrown. Use this week to recalibrate before your birthday season begins—what you release now clears space for the new.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**

Virgo, this week emphasizes friendship and connection. The 11th could bring an unexpected reconnection or group project. If you've been feeling isolated, now's the time to lean into community.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**

Libra, your public image or career takes a turn this week. Whether it's praise, pressure, or both, step into the spotlight with grace. The 13th is perfect for showcasing your leadership skills.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**

Scorpio, you're ready for a change of scenery—physically or mentally. The 12th is powerful for breaking a routine or shaking off a mindset that's kept you stuck. Follow your curiosity wherever it leads.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**

Sagittarius, your depth shows this week. Emotional or financial entanglements surface on the 14th—lean in with honesty, not avoidance. Intimacy grows when you stop pretending you're unaffected.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**

Capricorn, relationships come into sharp focus. The 10th offers a mirror—someone may reflect something back to you that's hard to ignore. Growth happens when you stay in the discomfort and choose maturity.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**

Aquarius, this is your week to get things in order. Focus on the small stuff—health, errands, routines. The 15th brings a moment of surprising clarity: structure can actually set you free.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**

Pisces, joy takes center stage. A creative project or romantic moment lights up your week—especially on the 12th. Don't be afraid to shine or take a risk. You're allowed to be seen.



### Astrology for July 10 - July 16 2025

#### Full Moon in Capricorn, Saturn Retrograde

**July 10** brings the full Moon in Capricorn at 18°. The Moon forms a sextile to the North Node in Pisces at 20°, a trine to the South Node in Virgo at 20°, and a wide trine to Mars in Virgo at 13°. As the full Moon forms harmonious aspects to the nodes, we are encouraged to tie up loose ends. We are supported in arriving at completions, culminations, and conclusions that have some weight in moving us forward. However, the ruler of this full Moon, Saturn, is barely moving at this time, as it prepares to station retrograde in just two days. This can signify that endings, although supported, are delayed or slowed. We can feel the weight of responsibilities and tasks that must be taken care of, yet frustrated by the pace, timing, or process. Overall, this full Moon is an illumination of the work that lies ahead in moving towards new chapters, both internally and externally.

On **July 12**, Saturn in Aries stations retrograde at 1°, still holding a conjunction with Neptune retrograde in Aries at 2°. With both a full Moon and outer planets changing direction, there is a lot of weighty energy to this weekend. The Moon will be in Aquarius today, promoting some much needed emotional detachment and birds-eye-view of the circumstances in our lives. There can be an intense contemplation about what needs to be organized in order to reach our current and future goals. We are in a pocket of very business-focused energy here, and frivolous activities or attempts to escape commitments will be difficult to agree to. The task of deep introspection is in order no matter what external responsibilities tug on our patience. Handle business. Do not ignore internal cues and feelings.

On **July 13-14**, the Moon moves into Pisces and immediately squares Uranus in Gemini at 0°. Although lunar aspects pass quickly just over the span of a few hours, other minor motions in the sky, such as Mercury in Leo applying a square to Juno in Scorpio at 16°, the asteroid of commitments and contracts, it is safe to say that the rest of the week invites some discomfort and unexpected feelings as we try to navigate the aftermath of the full Moon. What is our plan? How can we communicate with care to our partners about our findings? Not every detail will be revealed, and not everyone that demands information on our plan of action will be satisfied by what we share. However, the Moon does meet the North Node in Pisces at 19° later in the day. We can receive revealing downloads from our emotional fields should we find the time to be alone and listen.

On **July 16**, the Moon moves on to conjunct Neptune retrograde and Saturn retrograde in early Aries. More of the same weighty energy here. Moon meeting these outer planets can create feelings of isolation and loneliness in whatever we are dealing with. These days that follow the full Moon and Saturn retrograde are potentially emotionally complicated. Let's remember to give grace to each other while we sort out feelings, downloads, and plans for the way forward. Don't forget about optimism, options, and sudden unpredictable changes brewing with Uranus in Gemini in the background. We are positioned to continue organizing present energies and releasing what does not serve our goals as we move towards the upcoming new Moon in Leo on July 24.

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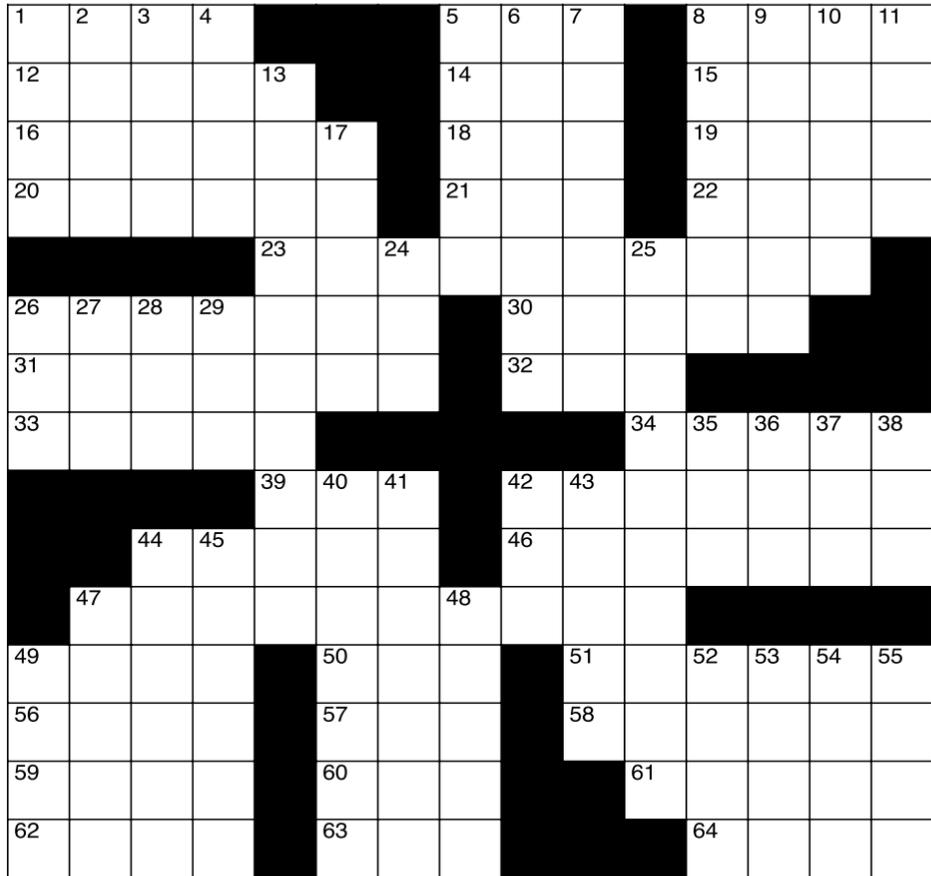
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. 50 percent
- 5. Records electric currents
- 8. Charlize Theron flick " \_\_ Flux"
- 12. More frosty
- 14. Disfigure
- 15. Sky color
- 16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
- 18. Actress de Armas
- 19. Spend time in a relaxed way
- 20. California peak
- 21. Lodging option
- 22. Small amount of a thing
- 23. Expresses sorrow
- 26. Keeps an ear warm
- 30. Babies (Spanish)
- 31. A conceited and self-centered person
- 32. No seats available
- 33. Pouches
- 34. Hip joints
- 39. A place to bathe
- 42. Evading
- 44. Minute, one-celled unit
- 46. Losing one's hair
- 47. A country in W Africa
- 49. One point north of northeast
- 50. Pointed end of a pen
- 51. Extreme
- 56. Norse personification of old age
- 57. Doctors' group
- 58. Member of U.S. Navy
- 59. Mens' fashion accessories
- 60. A way to allow
- 61. Gloomy
- 62. Grads wear one
- 63. Between south and southeast
- 64. Jaguarundi cat

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Snakes do it
- 2. Hormone
- 3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey
- 4. Fixed charges
- 5. Electronic communication
- 6. Artilleries
- 7. "Strangers on a Train" actor Farley
- 8. Burning
- 9. Makes ecstatically happy
- 10. Greek liqueurs
- 11. Tropical Old World tree
- 13. Someone who takes vengeance
- 17. Style of cuisine
- 24. Select
- 25. Immunized against disease
- 26. Old world, new
- 27. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 28. Court case: \_\_ v. Wade
- 29. Supervises interstate commerce
- 35. Not divisible by two
- 36. Twelve
- 37. Commentator Coulter
- 38. Encourage
- 40. Plumbing fixtures
- 41. Early
- 42. One point north of due east
- 43. King of Thebes
- 44. Short-tailed martens
- 45. Impose a penalty on
- 47. Consort of Poseidon
- 48. A way to lessen
- 49. Brooklyn hoops team
- 52. Female of a horse
- 53. Do as one is told
- 54. A way to prepare meat
- 55. Unit of measurement

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**YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST**

Thurs, July 10 North Isle H-65°/L-52° South Isle H-65°/L-55°	Fri, July 11 North Isle H-65°/L-56° South Isle H-69°/L-57°	Sat, July 12 North Isle H-65°/L-56° South Isle H-68°/L-57°	Sun, July 13 North Isle H-68°/L-57° South Isle H-71°/L-58°	Mon, July 14 North Isle H-68°/L-57° South Isle H-72°/L-58°	Tues, July 15 North Isle H-71°/L-58° South Isle H-73°/L-61°	Wed, July 16 North Isle H-72°/L-58° South Isle H-76°/L-59°
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## OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

How did you choose Greenbank to live over the other towns on Whidbey?



**Hollie Swanson, Greenbank**

I chose to live in Greenbank because I own a small business at Greenbank Farm and I love this part of the island. We get to interact with more of the island living here than people who live south and never go north, or vice versa. It is a long island and being in the middle is convenient to both ends, so I feel like I experience more of the island living here.

**Jen Pennington and husband, Greenbank**



Twenty years ago, my husband and I set out to find forested acreage to call home. We chose Greenbank—it was far enough from the ferry to feel remote, but not too far north, and more affordable than other towns at the time. While commuting back and forth to Seattle, we began building our forever home.

We were drawn in by the towering Sitka Spruces, Douglas Firs, and Cedars, and stayed for the stillness, the wildlife, and the chorus of frogs at night. Greenbank barely qualifies as a town, but we love the familiar faces at the local deli and post office.

There's a genuine sense of community here -quiet, grounded, and deeply connected to the land. It's exactly what we were hoping to find.



**Simon Shelley, Greenbank**

I was adopted at the age of 4 with 2 other biological siblings from Ethiopia in Africa and brought to America living on whidbey island in Greenbank Washington. I've been here for 20 years now, and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Even though I was born in Africa, I call whidbey island my home.

**Marcie Bovetz, Greenbank**



We chose to move to Greenbank because we found a house in the Lagoon Point neighborhood on the water. We came to visit friends and quickly decided we wanted to live there too! We have a shared dock on a canal so we had a larger boat for years. Now we just have a couple of little boats but still love being on the water with the beach nearby. We can see the mountains from our house and enjoy beautiful sunsets with our western exposure. Lagoon Point is quiet and peaceful—a lovely spot for our retirement years.

The Greenbank area is all residential and forests with very few shops or restaurants. We have a state park and the Trillium nature preserve with walking trails to explore. Though shopping and dining out is a way off in Freeland or Coupeville, we enjoy the wonderful Greenbank Pantry and Deli and our tiny, friendly post office. You must love peace and quiet to live in Greenbank—and we do!

### Joyful saying of the week

"Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are."  
- Marianne Williamson.

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## FARMERS MARKETS

**OAK HARBOR FARMERS MARKET**  
32630 State Route 20, Oak Harbor  
Thursdays through August 28, 4-7 p.m.  
Enjoy local produce, handmade goods, and community spirit every Thursday this summer.

**COUPEVILLE FARMERS MARKET**  
788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville  
Saturdays through October 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Find fresh food, crafts, and more at this long-running market. Closed Aug. 9 for the Arts and Crafts Festival.

**BAYVIEW FARMERS MARKET**  
Corner of SR 525 and Bayview Road, Langley  
Saturdays through October, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
A vibrant market with local food, crafts, live music, and more. Celebrate the 25th season with the community every Saturday.

**SOUTH WHIDBEY TILTH FARMERS MARKET**  
2812 Thompson Road, Langley  
Sundays through October, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Family-friendly market in a meadow setting, featuring fresh produce, plants, crafts, and prepared food. SNAP and nutrition program benefits accepted.

### How'd you do?

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### VOLUNTEER

**Coupeville and Oak Harbor Farmers Markets are looking for board members and volunteers for our 2025 season.**  
Please email us at [whidbeyfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:whidbeyfarmersmarket@gmail.com) if you would be interested in learning more about volunteering with the market! Fun group with flexible volunteering.

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Brian Fakkema and Shirley and Jeff Dalton who lost their home, cars, and everything in it. They also lost their son, Mark Fakkema, who died in the explosion, which caused the fire. A GO FUND ME ACCOUNT now has \$4 545, the goal is \$120,000. Or you can support them by contributing to a bank account set up at Whidbey Island bank in their name. The family is very appreciative of anything you can do to help them at this time.

### RESOURCES

Basic Food Benefits Community Services Office: 275 Pioneer Way #201, Oak Harbor 877-501-2233

Food Banks: -Gifts From the Heart, 203 N Main St, Coupeville 360-672-5502  
Distribution on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m.  
-Good Cheer, 2812 Grimm Rd, Langley 360-221-4868  
Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
-North Whidbey Help House, 1091 SE Hathaway St, Oak Harbor 360-675-0681  
Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (5 p.m. on Tues)  
Closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch

Island Church of Whidbey Soup Kitchen: 503 Cascade Ave., Langley 360-221-0969  
Tues & Thurs 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
SPIN Café: 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor Daily, 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

St. Hubert's Catholic Church Wednesday Soup Kitchen All are Welcome! 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
804 3rd St., Langley 360-221-0969  
Ask about our Thursday Dinner HUB After School: 301 Anthes Ave., Langley 360-221-0969  
Food and activities for middle and high school youth. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday 2-6 p.m., Wed 1-6 p.m.

Ryans House for Youth: Food, fun, support, 19777 SR 20, Coupeville 360-331-4575  
Drop-in center for adults ages 18-24; Daily 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m., 35 SE Ely St, Oak Harbor 360-682-5098  
Drop-in center for youth ages 12-21; Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Women, Infants & Children (WIC): -Oak Harbor/North Whidbey: 1791 NE 1st Ave. Mon-Thurs 360-240-5554 Text: 360-544-2239

### CRISIS LINES

9-1-1: Call for threats to life, fire, accident or crime  
-Non-emergency lines:  
Oak Harbor Police Department-360-279-4600  
-Island Communications Dispatch (ICOM) - 360-679-9567  
9-8-8: Suicide and crisis lifeline, free & confidential  
- 741-741: 24/7 Crisis Text Line -800-584-3578:  
24/7 Northwest Washington Crisis Services - 360-678-7880: Island County Behavioral Health  
866-488-7386 Trevor Project: 24/7 support for LGBTQIA2S+

### SHELTERS/HOUSING

CADA Emergency Shelter - Confidential crisis shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence/sexual assault/stalking. This is NOT a homeless shelter. Office: 360-675-7057 Crisis Line: 360-675-2232 Toll Free: 800-215-5669

Island County Housing Support - 105 NW 1st St., Coupeville 360-678-8284  
For homeless or at risk of losing housing. Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Ryan's House for Youth - 19777 SR 20, Coupeville 360-331-4575

For at-risk adults ages 18-24  
Whidbey Homeless Coalition - Serving Island County 360-900-3077

The Haven Overnight Shelter is a night-to-night shelter for up to 30 individuals. Must follow check in rules and must register daily between 4:00 and 4:30pm Mon. thru Fri. and 3:45 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays at the SPIN Café, 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor.

House of Hope Emergency Housing, Langley, 360-708-4533. Transitional housing for families and adults at severe risk of homelessness; to apply, contact the Housing Support Center or call the number above.

Oxford Houses - Recovery housing [oxfordhouse.org](http://oxfordhouse.org)  
-Men:360-246-4101  
- Women & Children: 360-682-5773

### MONTHLY MEETING

Monthly Meeting for Mental Health Hosted by NAMI for All Adult Individuals who have a family or friend suffering from depression, anxiety, bi-polar disorder, or other mental health conditions. Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland, Lower Building Closest to the Highway 18341 WA-525, Freeland 3rd Wednesday of the Month 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
Email for more information: [karens@nami-sno-isle.org](mailto:karens@nami-sno-isle.org)

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

MEMORY CAFE Every 1st and 3rd Tues of the Month 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church 1050 SE Ireland Street Oak Harbor, WA. Join our bi-monthly gathering for people with memory loss and their family to enjoy a time of fun, conversation, music and laughing (and snacks). This is a dementia friendly setting. For information: 360-720-4535

SOUTH WHIDBEY NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP meets every Wednesday at 6pm at the Langley Methodist Church, 301 Anthes in Langley. We meet in the Fireside Room, rear of church. Karol:360 914 7695.

Have a problem with drinking? It doesn't cost anything to attend A.A. meetings. Local Meetings are in Coupeville, Freeland, Langley, Clinton, and Oak Harbor. There are no age or education requirements to participate. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about their drinking problem. A.A.'s primary purpose is to help alcoholics to achieve sobriety. We're here to help. For local meetings search aa.org or call 888-360-1564

Have you ever been affected by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon may be for you. AL-ANON: Tuesdays at 5:30-6:30 Oak Harbor Lutheran Church Library 1253 NW 2nd Ave. There is help and hope: Contact for more info: Rebecca 425-773-6937

Gamblers Anonymous Meeting. Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland Ave, Mount Vernon Any questions, call Washington State Gamblers Anonymous hotline at 855-222-5542, or visit <https://gawashington.org/>

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS Tuesdays 7 PM to 8 PM Langley United Methodist Church 301 Anthes Ave. Room 224 Langley, Washington 98260 For local meeting information and support call: Kevin 206-395-9622

Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families meeting, Tuesdays 2-3 pm, Langley Methodist Church - 301 Anthes Ave, Langley - Fireside room. Contact: [acawhidbey@gmail.com](mailto:acawhidbey@gmail.com)

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