



**A Note from the Mayor:**

A large, close-up, black and white photograph of a woman's face, looking slightly to the right. The image is the background for the survey announcement.

# SPEAK TO YOUR CITY

**What city issues are most important to you?**

**What is the best way to reach you?**

**How would you like to offer feedback?**

City of Port  
Townsend

**Take the resident survey by July 31, 2017:  
PortTownsendSurvey.com**

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**Speak to Your City: Participate in Our Resident Survey**

This month we are excited to launch a survey for residents to help City Hall broaden and improve the ways we share information. Your voice is crucial in this process and we want to hear from you about how we are doing.

Ultimately, the City works most effectively when residents know what we are working on and how they can make their voices heard. Your participation will help us better keep you informed and provide easier opportunities for you to speak out on the issues that matter to you most. We'd love to hear from you.

Take the survey between July 1 and July 31 here: [www.PortTownsendSurvey.com](http://www.PortTownsendSurvey.com)



For more information visit: <https://jeffcountychamber.org/4th/>



## 2017 "Old School" 4th of July Fort Worden, Port Townsend

Mark your calendars for the biggest and best party of the year!

The "Old School" 4th of July is coming back for a 3rd round of community collaboration and celebration!

**Tuesday, July 4th • 4PM - 10PM**

Fort Worden State Park • 200 Battery Way, in Port Townsend, WA

Featuring live entertainment, food vendors, beer garden, hot air balloon, field games, free root beer floats, miniature golf, tug of war and a glorious display of fireworks!

The "Old School" 4th of July is a huge production and truly requires the entire community to bring it to life. Please consider playing a role on the team:

To become a vendor, contact: Daniel Milholland [daniel@thunderbullproductions.com](mailto:daniel@thunderbullproductions.com)

To volunteer, contact: Emily Henry - [emily@weareugn.org](mailto:emily@weareugn.org)

To sponsor, contact: Teresa Verraes - [director@jeffcountychamber.org](mailto:director@jeffcountychamber.org)

HUGE THANKS to major event partners! Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Thunderbull Productions, The City of Port Townsend, East Jefferson Fire and Rescue, Fort Worden Public Development Authority, WA State Parks, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and the primary event sponsor 1st Security Bank and Wilder Auto!

Summer is here and people like to gather with loved ones outside and hang out around the backyard fire pit. Please be mindful of your neighbors, they might not have the same feelings about wood smoke entering their yards and homes.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), wood smoke is a complex mixture of gases and microscopic particles. When these microscopic particles get into your eyes and respiratory system, they can cause health problems such as burning eyes, runny nose, and bronchitis.

The EPA has a Burn Wise program that advises using only properly dried wood, because wet wood can create excessive smoke. To allow wood to properly dry, stack wood away from buildings on rails in a single row with the split side down. Cracked ends on the wood typically means its dry enough to burn.

For more information about the Burn Wise program visit: <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise>.



## TRASH PICK-UP MANDATORY SERVICE

Did you know that both residential and commercial properties in the City of Port Townsend are required to have garbage service through the City's solid waste contractor, DM Disposal?

Garbage service is so necessary for the preservation of public health that the City has regulated disposal of garbage since its incorporation. Ordinance No. 14, adopted April 20, 1878, imposed a fine of between five and twenty dollars for improper disposal of "birds, fish, bones, or any description of carrion or garbage."

Requiring garbage service of all developed properties does two things: by providing for a systematic method of disposing of garbage, it protects public health by reducing the risk of vermin and disease; and, it keeps costs for everyone down by providing a predictable revenue stream both for the contractor and for the County's waste transfer utility.

You may read more about the City's requirements in PTMC 6.04.040(A) online: <http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/PortTownsend/>  
If you don't have active garbage service for your property, you may establish service by contacting DM Disposal at: (360) 385-6612.

Dumping trash in commercial bin or putting your trash in another home's bin or in a dumpster owned by a business, without the owner's permission is illegal – if you are caught you could be fined.

# PORT TOWNSEND LIBRARY

## Master Gardener's "Growing Groceries" Program

Charles Pink House - 1256 Lawrence St.  
Thursday, Jul. 6, 6:00-7:00pm

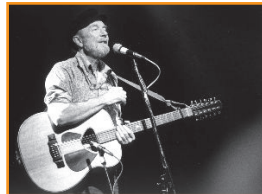
Interested in growing your own food this year? Join Master Gardeners and seasoned gardening experts for a fun presentation to help you get started.



## PETE SEEGER: The Man and the Music

Port Townsend Public Library - Carnegie Reading Room  
Friday, Jul. 28, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Musical duo Hank & Claire take listeners back in time with their banjo and 12-string guitar as they share stories, historic photos, and sing-along songs from Pete's life. Learn about his activism on labor, war, civil rights, and the environment and the back stories of songs like "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" and "Turn, Turn, Turn." For Pete's sake, sing along.



# THE ALL COUNTY PICNIC

August 20th at HJ Carroll Park from 11AM - 4PM

Mark your calendars for the 5th Annual All County Picnic (ACP).

Part festival and part educational event, it's been described as a community fire drill, but far more fun!

The ACP is a free celebration that manages to present the heavy issue of preparing our communities for a large-scale disaster in a creative and engaging way. It is a day full of activities, food and building connections. This year's highlights include free corn on the cob, live music by The Toolshed Trio, kids play zone and a fresh batch of bandanas designed by local artist Annalisa Barelli.

Whether you're hoping to ask a few questions, learn about organizing your neighborhood or just want to enjoy live music and fresh air, ACP has something for everyone! More info at [allcountypicnic.com](http://allcountypicnic.com).

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**The Port Townsend Main Street "LENT"** (Light at the End of the Tunnel) Microloan application deadline is July 3, 2017. The LENT Fund is a tool to offset some of the financial impacts businesses in the commercial historic districts endure from emergency situations, though business development proposals will be considered. Examples: Equipment failure, water/fire damage, construction impacts, theft recovery, moving expenses (within the Port Townsend historic districts). Business growth projects also considered but only in deference to emergency projects. The Port Townsend Main Street Program Mission: To preserve, promote and enhance our historic business districts. Visit [www.ptmainstreet.org](http://www.ptmainstreet.org) or call our office at 360-385-7911 to learn more.

## Downtown rocks with Port Townsend Main Street Program's Concerts on the Dock!

Free, all-ages, concerts every Thursday from July 13th - August 31st  
at Pope Marine Park Plaza.

Sponsored by the Port Townsend Main Street Program, Homer Smith Insurance, Kitsap Credit Union, Uptown Pub & Grill, Windermere Real Estate, LaughinGnome Pottery, KPTZ 91.9 FM, The Peninsula Daily News, The City of Port Townsend and generous local businesses. Local vendors and a Beer/Wine & Cider Garden contribute to the festive atmosphere. Bring a chair or a blanket and settle in for some great tunes. Seating opens at 4:30pm, music from 5- 7:30 pm.

7/13 – Joy in Mudville

7/20 – Grace Love

7/27 – Ranger & the Re-Arrangers

8/3 – Uncle Funk & the Dope 6

8/10 – Rooster Crow

8/17 – Solvents & Famous Lucy

8/24 – The High Council

8/31 – Kevin Mason and the PT All Stars

For more information  
visit [www.ptmainstreet.org](http://www.ptmainstreet.org)

## JULY 19th MERCHANT COFFEE TALK:

Preparing for 4th Quarter Success  
(Girls' Night Out, Downtown Trick or Treat,  
Holiday Promotion)

Join The Port Townsend Main Street Program for informative quarterly merchant coffee talks at the Cotton Building, 607 Water Street. Meetings start at 8:30 am and end at 9:45 am. Come mingle with fellow merchants and hear about a topic of interest to your business.

\$5 for Main Street Members / \$7 Non-members.  
Please RSVP to [admin@ptmainstreet.org](mailto:admin@ptmainstreet.org) or call 385-7911 — Thank you!

## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE WASTEWATER UTILITY

Whether you flush it, pour it, or dump it down the drain or toilet, sewage (wastewater) doesn't just go away. Whatever goes down your sewer system comes back around in some way. Fats, oil, and grease (FOG) can lead to sewer backups and overflows which can cause health hazards, damage to home interior and threaten the environment, and also cause the utility department to perform more maintenance on the system than would be otherwise required.

Here are some other items that should not go down the drain or be flushed down the toilet:

- Diapers - cloth, disposable, flushable
- Facial tissues
- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swiffers
- Napkins - paper or cloth, paper towels
- Dental floss
- Egg shells, nutshells and coffee grounds
- Fats, oils, and greases
- Hair
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or any non-organic material
- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item)
- Clothing
- Sheet plastic or plastic of any kind
- Aquarium gravel or kitty litter
- Food items containing seeds and peelings
- Fruit Labels

The Wastewater Division Thanks You for helping us keep the sewer collection and wastewater treatment systems trouble free.

### Keeping Your Toilet Bowl Lid Down

Our sanitary sewer jet-cleaning machine uses high-pressure water to clean the sanitary sewer system. This high water pressure may affect your home's sanitary sewer plumbing. You may experience gurgling or bubbling water in the toilet bowl or, in rare cases, splash out of the bowl. The water that could come from this type of incident is from the bowl itself. The common causes of air venting into homes during sanitary sewer cleaning are: air movement from normal cleaning operations, the use of higher pressure needed when cleaning sanitary sewer lines that have a steep slope, sewer lines running close to the building, a plugged roof vent, and the size and complexity of the home's wastewater ventilation system. So, to minimize water splashing out of your toilet bowl, make it a habit to keep the lid down. You may smell sewer gas from your basement floor drains and other fixtures. If this does occur, flush your toilet and pour water into your floor drains and sinks. Sanitary sewer cleaning does not damage your sewer system. The water that comes out is the water that is normally in the home's system (drain traps), not the water from the sanitary sewer in the street. For further information you can visit the City's website: [www.cityofpt.us/wwtf](http://www.cityofpt.us/wwtf).

## Have a Safe & Happy 4th of July

**Please be safe and remember that the individual use of fireworks is always prohibited within City limits.**