

Hello there! Thanks for tuning in to 91.9 FM KPTZ. I'm Simon Jaynes. Here is the local news for Port Townsend on this Thursday, June 30, 2022.

The month of July begins tomorrow and if you're following the weather forecast for this holiday weekend you know you'll want to get out on the front end of it to enjoy this sunshine. Friday the 1st and Saturday the 2nd are predicted to be mostly sunny with highs in the mid-upper 60's. Then some light showers starting Saturday night. Sunday transitions into cloudier skies and by Monday the 4th, we are looking at a 60% chance of rain and a high of 59 degrees.

Puget Sound Crabbing Season starts tomorrow. The season is July 1 through September 5 and it is important to note that crabbing is only open Thursdays through Mondays weekly – Tuesdays and Wednesdays will be closed. You can find out how to get a license and all the rules involved for catching crab in Marine Area 9, our local waterway at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfishing-regulations/crab/seasons-areas/admiralty-inlet#season>.

Folks in the area are also looking forward to salmon fishing in July. In Admiralty Inlet and the North Sound, fishing is just open July 14–16 as well as July 21–23, and then open daily from July 28 to August 15 if enough of the Chinook quota remains. There are many areas to catch salmon in the San Juans as well, which is a major intersection for kings migrating toward British Columbia or Puget Sound. Fishing in the San Juans (Area 7) is open from July 14-16 as well. Just like all local salmon fisheries with a set quota, it is prudent to make plans to go fishing sooner than later.

For the weekend ahead: The Washington Department of Conservation wants to remind boaters that the Fourth of July is one of the busiest times for boating – and for spreading invasive species in rivers, lakes and other water bodies. State officials encourage everyone to take simple actions, following the mantra Clean, Drain, Dry:

- Clean shoes, life vests, boats, trailers, and other equipment that have been in the water using a stiff-bristled brush.
- Drain any accumulated water from boats or gear.
- Let boats or gear fully dry before using again.

Yesterday marked a milestone in the development of the Evans-Vista Neighborhood project, the 14.5-acre parcel purchased by the city of Port Townsend last year as a site planned for over 100 low and mixed income new housing units. The city purchased the land using a \$1.4 million grant from the State for affordable housing development. The grant includes a 10-year deed restriction that guarantees the property will be used exclusively to develop affordable, workforce, and mixed-income housing. One major question mark for the project's development has been funding for a comprehensive sewer lift station and pipe extension for sewage in the area.

Yesterday, the office of US Representative Derek Kilmer released a statement that: "The House Appropriations Committee has advanced new funding championed by Representative Kilmer (WA-06) to support two infrastructure projects in Jefferson County. Rep. Kilmer secured \$2.5 million to help assist the City of Port Townsend with installing a new sewer pump station that services the Evans Vista neighborhood."

In addition, Rep. Kilmer secured \$3 million to help construct pressure sewer collection lines and publicly-owned grinder pump connections on several key streets in Port Hadlock – enabling connections to the Chimacum Primary School, the Public Library, affordable, multi-family housing, senior housing, small businesses, and a supermarket.

It is important to note that while this funding bill has advanced out of the House committee, it still must be considered by the full U.S. House of Representatives, and we will closely follow its progress once there.

The Evans Vista neighborhood is located just south of the Rainer Street Roundabout on Sims Way. According to a Port Townsend *Leader* article from December of last year, the City is targeting 30 to 50 units that would be affordable to households making 50 to 80 percent at the area median income, as well as another 50 to 100 units for workforce housing, which would be affordable for households making 80 to 120 percent of the area median income, which was \$51,389, according to the Census Bureau in 2019.

The Port Townsend Food Co-op Board Elections are taking place right now. They began on June 28 and run until July 11. This year there are two seats being elected for a 3-year term and the voting takes place online. All active members of the Co-op are eligible to vote and to do so simply need to check their inbox for an email that provides candidate bios and links to the voting site.

That's it for today's local news. KPTZ 91.9 FM brings you local news at noon Monday through Saturday, and at 5pm Monday through Friday. You can contact us at news@kptz.org. I'm Simon Jaynes, thanks for listening and have a great day.