

This is Casey Dolan with your local news for Wednesday, September 28, 2022 on KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington.

A staffing shortage at the Household Hazardous Waste/Moderate Risk Waste Facility in Port Townsend is forcing a permanent closure of the facility, according to the Jefferson County Department of Public Works. The last day of operations will be September 30, 10am to noon and from 12:30pm to 4:30pm. After this date, Public Works will continue to offer this service with collection events outside of the Moderate Risk Waste Facility. The facility at 282 10th Street, Building 19, inside the Port of Port Townsend's Boat Haven, had been slated for closure at the end of 2024, according to Al Cairns, Solid Waste manager for the department speaking to the Peninsula Daily News, but a dearth of staff forced an early closure.

The department hopes to hold at least four collection events a year, rotating between Port Hadlock, Port Ludlow, Port Townsend, and Quilcene, Cairns said. There may be more such events, depending on the public response. The first collection will be October 15 from 10am to 4pm in Port Hadlock at the Road Maintenance Division building on Chimacum Road. This will be for residential customers only. Accepted items include gasoline and other fuels, household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, and aerosol sprays. Unaccepted items include ammunition, car and alkaline batteries, and latex paints.

A 36-year-old Sequim man was arrested and booked into the Clallam County jail on multiple felony charges relating to drugs, the Clallam County Sheriff's Office said last week. Detectives with the Olympic Peninsula Narcotics Enforcement Team (OPNET) arrested Sequim resident Joshua R. Dickinson last Wednesday in the investigation of delivery of a controlled substance and possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance (methamphetamine and fentanyl). He remains in the Clallam County jail on \$25,000 bond. Authorized by a search warrant, detectives conducting a search of Dickinson's possessions, vehicle, and hotel room located about 468 fentanyl pills (approximate street value \$2,300), approximately 6.5 grams of methamphetamine (approximate street value \$130), a scale, cash and a 9 mm handgun, according to the sheriff's office. OPNET was assisted in the arrest by the Sequim Police Department and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

The Jefferson County Historical Society's Mary P. Johnson award goes to the Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building following the restoration and preservation of the Galster House, the home of the Ajax Café in Port Hadlock for 44 years. The vote was unanimous. The award is presented to one historical place per year and has an extensive list of criteria that must be met as outlined by the Secretary of the Interior. The Galster House was built in 1890 by Samuel Hadlock and has served as a community gathering place and public house since 1906, when Lena and William Galster operated it as a saloon. When the boat school purchased the property, it extended a long-term lease to the cafe to keep it operating in the building.

Residents of Kala Point, Irondale, and Port Hadlock woke up to a different sort of morning alarm yesterday. Naval Magazine Indian Island (NMII) has a series of security training exercises scheduled this week that will continue through Thursday and at approximately 9am, a distant loudspeaker announced the imminent exercises. This was followed by the firing of automatic weaponry with blank ammunition. On its Facebook page, the Navy says it "conducts these types of security exercises at installations across the world to ensure readiness and verify response procedures. NMII thanks the community for their continued support and understanding."

And, finally, if you think the weather has been unseasonably warm and dry lately, you'd be right. September 2021 saw temperatures in the 50s and 60s with rain. September 2022 shows temps in the 60s and 70s with no rain until...possibly...today.

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