

In Port Townsend, this is Diane Urbani de la Paz with local news and commentary for Thursday, December 22, 2022 on KPTZ 91.9 FM.

Today and tomorrow are the very last chances to see the brand new play, “New Moon: A Dog’s Tale,” at Key City Public Theatre in downtown Port Townsend. Special student prices and pay-what-you-wish seats have been added to the performances of this family-oriented comedy. It’s a story about love and belonging, and the narrator is Oswald, the family dog. The showtimes for “New Moon” are: 1:30 this afternoon, 7 o’clock this evening, and then again at those same times tomorrow. Both of the 1:30 matinees are family performances with treats for the young folks in the audience. The completely renovated Key City Public Theatre is located at the corner of Washington and Monroe Streets, right next to the skate park. To get the latest about ticket availability, call the Key City Public Theatre box office at 385-KCPT (385-5278), or email boxoffice@keycitypublictheatre.org. And, of course, the website (<https://keycitypublictheatre.org/>) has information, too.

If you can’t or don’t want to drive or walk to your destinations today, Jefferson Transit is an alternative. Many of its bus routes have snow deviations, but they are running. The Tri-Area loop, the Castle Hill bus, and the Upper Sims Loop are among those with modified routes today. The Port Townsend to Sequim bus is not servicing the Jamestown Tribal Center, but otherwise it is running to and from Sequim five times a day Monday through Friday and twice a day on Saturday. The downtown Port Townsend shuttles are also running, as are the buses to Poulsbo, Quilcene, Brinnon, and the Kingston ferry terminal. In Port Townsend, however, the Number Two Fort Worden bus, is canceled until further notice. The agency advises you to expect delays on every single route. <https://jeffersontransit.com/> has updates on all of this, and there is a customer service number, 385-4777. Since early 2020, Jefferson Transit has been providing service to all as a public service.

And, speaking of transportation, we have ferry cancellations. This evening the 5:15 and 6:45 boats from Port Townsend are cancelled due to tidal currents, while the 6:00 and 7:30 ferries from Coupeville tonight are also not running. The Washington Department of Transportation website (<https://www.wsdot.com/ferries/schedule/AddCancelBySimpleRoute.aspx?routeid=8>) has updates.

In business and wellness news, the Fillmore Street Studio in uptown Port Townsend, is open and offering classes, as well as a space for poetry readings and other events. In the wake of the closure of Room to Move, the Fillmore Street spot has mat Pilates, perinatal yoga, restorative yoga, and other offerings. The well-known instructors include Heather Sattva Sky, Ellen Falconer, and Claire Thomas. The studio is at 629 Fillmore Street, between Lawrence and Clay. The website (<https://www.fillmorestreetstudio.com/>) has lots of information about how it came to be.

And finally, the snow and the subfreezing temperatures are still big concerns. We’ve come through a painfully chilly solstice. Now the National Weather Service is forecasting a 30% chance of snow this evening, with winds around 16 miles an hour, and gusts as high as 21 miles an hour. The new snow accumulation is predicted to be less than half an inch, though. Tonight, the steady temperature is expected to be around 27 degrees.

On Friday morning, you can expect, snow, possibly mixed with freezing rain. Tomorrow's high temperature is forecast to be 41 degrees, however, so as the day unfolds, you can expect to see rain, not snow. The same goes for Saturday, Christmas Eve, when the high temperature may reach 49, with more rain.

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