

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM. I'm Jim Burke, with local news for Jefferson and Clallam counties for Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Happy New Year everyone!

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Yesterday, Water Street near the Port Townsend Ferry Terminal was closed to traffic after part of the hillside collapsed across from the Bayview Restaurant. Traffic was detoured onto Washington Street. The road was closed before 6am and was closed most of Monday morning. According to the *PT Leader*, a frontloader was at the site of the landslide and was clearing the road just after 9am yesterday, and when this reporter drove down Water Street at noon, the sand had been cleared. There was a sign that said LOW HANGING WIRES because a utility pole on the bluff side of the street was leaning between 15 and 20 degrees, and the wires cross Water Street at that point by the restaurant and they weren't any lower than 15 feet. These numbers are estimates as I did not have either a protractor or a tape measure with me at the time.

Elsewhere on Water Street, near Gaines Street and near the site of the recently improved sewage lift station, there was a sewer pipe failure last week due to the storm surge and "king tide." Steve King explained on KPTZ's *Brewocracy Now* last Thursday that the ground around that sewer pipe is fill. The high water and pounding surf undermined that area, as well as other areas all along the Port Townsend waterfront.

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In August of 2018, Seattle-via-Port Townsend's Kilcid Band had the opportunity of a lifetime, opening for Modest Mouse when the beloved Issaquah band played Port Townsend. Kilcid Band had just released their debut EP *The Good Get Gone* after years honing their craft. The EP is chock-full of catchy indie-pop and the earworm title track was the KEXP Song of the Day on September 9 of that year. The five-piece band is made up of vocalist/percussionist Tristan Marcum, guitarist Joel Mars, bassist Kyle Hove, guitarist/keyboardist Conor Sisk, and drummer Christian Powers. The video "The Good Get Gone" directed by Mars and his girlfriend Ashley Campbell, which centers on the sport of hula-hoop jousting, is available on the KEXP website (<https://www.kexp.org/podcasts/song-of-the-day/2018/9/7/kilcid-band-good-get-gone/>).

The Kilcid Band played a New Year's Eve show at the Uptown Pub this past Saturday night, and before Kilcid band, North Beach played a great set including Bob Dylan's "You Ain't Goin' Nowhere." At one point during the Kilcid Band set they played a special song as a tribute to Jeremiah Green, the drummer and one of the founders of the indie rock band Modest Mouse, who died on Saturday at the age of 45. The *Leader* reported yesterday that Modest Mouse and Carol Namatame, Green's mother, both announced his passing on social media Saturday.

Isaac Brock of Modest Mouse said Green had been diagnosed with cancer in an Instagram post last Wednesday. On Saturday, Modest Mouse posted on Instagram: "I don't know a way to ease into this: Today we lost our dear friend Jeremiah. He laid down to rest and simply faded out...I'd like to say a bunch of pretty words right now, but it just isn't the time. These will come later, and from many people. Please appreciate all the love you give, get, have given, and will get. Above all, Jeremiah was about love. We love you." Green and his wife, Lauren, have lived in Port Townsend and have owned the boutique store Thuja in downtown since 2017. Modest Mouse performed at the 2022 THING festival in Port Townsend in August and were scheduled to tour South America with the tour kicking off in Buenos Aires on March 17 for Lollapalooza Argentina 2023.

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In January, the public health briefings for the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners have gone to two per month, but because of two Monday holidays, one was this morning and the next briefing is Tuesday

January 17, on Chris Bricker's show, *Morning on the Salish*. Dr. Allison Berry said our current case rate in Jefferson County 280 per 100 thousand. There is one person currently hospitalized due to COVID-19 and there are no new deaths this week. The rest of the numbers will be available later today if you go to <https://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/1429/COVID-19>.

On the RSV and Flu front, she said we are starting to see those number downtrend, which is good she says, but it's too early to see a "proper bump" of cases due to the holidays. Just your weekly reminder: Wear a well-fitting, high-quality mask in public indoor settings, stay home if you are sick, and if you can, get a flu shot and the bivalent COVID-19 booster shot. Submit your Public Health questions to Dr. Allison Berry and Willie Bence by emailing [contactus@kptz.org](mailto:contactus@kptz.org) by Friday, January 13 at noon, to be answered the following Tuesday, January 17.

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