

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend. I am Jim Burke, with your local news and commentary for Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

This first story is from *The Peninsula Daily News*:

A boater stranded on a boat on the rocks on the east side of Marrowstone Island was rescued Saturday. A second person on the boat was able to swim to safety, according to a press release from East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR). Several agencies were alerted about the problem just after 5pm Saturday, and EJFR units worked in conjunction with the Coast Guard to plan the rescue. A US Coast Guard (USCG) fast boat and EJFR Marine Unit 7 stood by in the vicinity while the USCG helicopter made the rescue. The Coast Guard helicopter dropped a swimmer on the vessel and retrieved the boater by basket just after 6pm. The copter flew the rescued boater to the Jefferson County International Airport, where they were evaluated by a waiting EJFR Medic unit. The other boater was evaluated and declined aid.

From *The PT Leader*: Construction on Discovery Road has recently reached some minor milestones, as the project continues with a scheduled June 15 ribbon-cutting and most of the major work anticipated to wrap up in May. Work on the bikeway paving and construction in front of Salish Coast Elementary is scheduled from March through April, and a big date on the project calendar is March 21, when the current closure of the eastbound lane of Discovery Road, going into town, is expected to end. At that time the westbound lane of Discovery Road will close, and construction on the north side of the street can start.

The lane closures are designed to allow the city's contractor, Lakeside, to work safely on each side of the road in turn, and as has been the case during the eastbound lane closure, all adjacent property owners will still have access to their driveways during the westbound lane closure, as will any neighbors who live on side streets connected to Discovery Road.

Until March 21, traffic coming into town on Discovery Road will still detour at the roundabout on Rainier Street toward Upper Sims Way, or head east on 14th Street. Traffic will remain westbound only on Discovery Road between McClellan and 14th streets heading out of town. Laura Parsons, project manager for the city, said, "We want to thank the community for their patience during these disruptions to their routines. The adjacent property owners have been very accommodating."

The Washington State Fire Marshal's office wants you to know: Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas that is created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In homes, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide. CO poisoning can result from gasoline and diesel fueled vehicles idling inside garages. It can occur from malfunctioning or improperly vented equipment such as heaters, furnaces, and portable generators. In a report completed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), in 2016 fire departments responded to 79,600 carbon monoxide incidents, and data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported that in 2017, 399 people died of unintentional non-fire carbon monoxide poisoning. The State Department of Health reports that from 2016 to 2022 there were forty-four deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning in Washington. The SFMO offers the following safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- Install CO alarms in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.

- For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms so that when one sounds, they all do.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month and replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.
- Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter.
- A portable gas generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors, and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills should only be used outside, as they can produce deadly CO.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.

For more information, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at 360-596-3929.

Two quick reminders:

- The Presidential Primary is one week from today and registered voters in Washington should have already received their ballots in the mail.
- And yesterday's health report to the County Commissioners has been postponed to NEXT Monday, March 11 and will air during the Jim B. Show at 9:45am. That gives listeners until NOON this coming Friday, March 9 to submit questions to Public Health Officer Dr. Allison Berry or Director of Emergency Management Willie Bence. Please email your questions to contactus@kptz.org no later than noon this Friday.

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