

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend. I'm Diane Walker with local news and commentary for Thursday, April 4, 2024.

The City of Port Townsend has alerted us that the heavy rain yesterday morning caused a city stormwater pipe to fail, washing sediment from the bluff onto the section of the Larry Scott Trail between the Boat Haven and Port Townsend Paper Mill. City crews will clear the trail and resolve the stormwater issue as soon as possible, but in the meantime, they recommend avoiding that area. If you must travel the trail, please use extra caution.

The Port Townsend Parks Department has provided additional information on the proposed park to be built on land at 12th and Hancock Streets which was donated to the City by Courtside Manor, LLC. The plan is for a low-maintenance design that can fit within the current budget. No native trees will be removed for this project; the City will only remove trees that have already been blown down, and will look into creative options to use wood from those trees in the park. Trails and playground surfacing will be ADA-compliant, the park will be accessible in multiple locations, and benches along trails will offer rest spots. Seasonal staff and interested volunteers will assist in maintaining the park and trails. For more information, stop by the community outreach event for the neighborhood at the end of 12th Street this afternoon from 3:30 to 5pm.

The *Peninsula Daily News* reports that the State Department of Transportation (DOT) is looking to install up to four roundabouts on U.S. Highway 101 between Port Angeles and Sequim. The roundabouts – at Kolonels Way, Old Olympic Highway, Taylor Cutoff Road, and Simdars Road – are part of a highway improvement project, although construction has not yet been funded. Additional improvements along the highway would include pedestrian crossings, ramp upgrades, traffic cameras, and improvements to transit stops. DOT representative JoAnn Schueler said Tuesday the department is looking at repaving sections of Highway 101, and the improvements to intersections are a requirement mandated by the Legislature.

The *Kitsap Sun* tells us that a Kingston man was sentenced yesterday to more than 7 years in federal prison after his conviction for taking part in the January 6, 2021 riot at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia, Taylor James Johnatakis, 40, has been sentenced to 87 months in prison and ordered to pay \$2,000 in restitution by U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth. Johnatakis apparently confirmed his presence at the U.S. Capitol that day on his personal podcast, and posted numerous messages to social media revealing his intent to obstruct the election certification, including one in which he is alleged to have said, "I am going to DC, to CHANGE the course of HISTORY #stopthesteal." That same day, he also posted: "[B]urn the city down. What the British did to DC will be nothing..."

And finally, on Tuesday April 2, after receiving information that 51-year old Sequim resident Angela Jacobsen was in possession of several animals that were suffering from extreme neglect, Clallam County Deputies executed a search warrant on her property with the assistance of Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Deputies arrested Jacobsen and booked her into Clallam County Jail for Animal Cruelty in the 2nd Degree. 15 dogs, 2 cats, 1 pig, and 222 poultry, ducks, and geese were rescued from the site, with the assistance of Center Valley Animal Rescue, Clallam County Humane Society, and numerous volunteers.

This was not Jacobsen's first offense: in 2022, after a witness reported there were several animals living in deplorable conditions, unfed and lacking veterinary care, the Clallam County Sheriff's Office served multiple search warrants at the residence and seized a goat, an emu, 2 ferrets, 27 dogs, and 207 poultry, ducks and geese. The Sheriff's Office is very thankful to Center Valley Animal Rescue for their care and treatment of these animals. Donations to Center Valley Animal Rescue (<https://centervalleyanimalrescue.org/>) are very much appreciated to help offset the costs associated with this most recent seizure.

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