

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington. I'm Diane Walker with your local news and commentary for Friday, September 6, 2024.

Because there is a heat advisory in effect until 11pm tonight, Jefferson County PUD will not conduct disconnects due to non-payment until the temperatures cool. Customers who have been disconnected may request reconnection for the duration of the advisory.

Jefferson County has compiled a list of places you can go to cool off, including the Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock, the Port Townsend Library, the Port Townsend Rec Center, the Nest in Port Townsend, and the Brinnon, Quilcene, and Tri-area Community Centers. Some of these locations may offer extended hours during high heat times: for more information visit the Jefferson County Public Health Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/jeffersoncountypublichealth>).

Today marks the opening of this year's Wooden Boat Festival, so expect a lot of extra activity downtown and try to use public transit whenever possible. The City has alerted us to some road and parking lot closures: The Skate Park (Key City) Parking Lot will be used for ADA parking only, and will remain closed to the general public through Sunday's end of the festival. Designated parking will be marked for those with appointments at offices in the adjacent businesses. Madison Street between Water Street and Washington Street will be closed starting at 4:30 this afternoon and for all of Saturday and Sunday for a Crafts by the Dock event with vendors setting up.

Parking spaces on Water Street in front of Pope Marine Park (between Monroe and Madison) on the park side will be used as a pedestrian drop off and pick up area on Saturday and Sunday. The good news is that the ferry system plans to add a second boat to the Port Townsend Coupeville route for the Boat Festival weekend, so it should be easier to escape the madness – if that's your inclination!

This from the *Kitsap Sun*: the driver of an Amazon delivery van is suspected of pointing a gun at a central Kitsap homeowner during a delivery Wednesday afternoon. Apparently, he then left the scene and threw packages at random through a neighborhood, ramming several cars, and threatening police before he was stopped and arrested. The driver, a 31-year-old man from Port Orchard, was eventually apprehended by Kitsap County Sheriff's deputies (KCSO) just after 3pm near the intersection of Madison Road and Brownsville Highway, which is just north of the Brownsville Marina. Madison Road was closed between Brownsville Highway and Walker Road, and buses from nearby Brownsville Elementary School were delayed to avoid the scene. At least six KCSO patrol cars responded during a low-speed chase that concluded when deputies used a taser and shot multiple rounds of bean-bag ammunition to subdue the driver. A sheriff's dog also bit the suspect, who was booked into Kitsap County Jail Thursday evening.

The Port Townsend *Leader* reports that the board of the Fort Worden Public Development Authority (PDA) has put into place an aggressive timetable for dissolution, saying money for operations has run out and it is essential it be shut down in an orderly fashion. The items to be completed include data sharing agreements with the State Parks and the City of Port Townsend, final notices to tenants and vendors, collection of final tenant invoices, finalization of PDA accounts payable, and other financial matters, tenant meetings, and a public open house

slated for the week of September 23. The timetable of tasks of tasks to be accomplished before they turn off the lights and lock the doors for the last time won't become effective, however, until the Port Townsend City Council votes to approve dissolution – which is expected to happen following a public hearing on October 7. According to PDA staff, by October 7, the organization will not be able to pay its bills or meet payroll.

PDA board president David King has stated he plans to resign on October 7, before the City Council hearing, and he's recommended that his fellow board members do the same, in order to send a message to City Council that the PDA board wants dissolution and there'll be no board left to sort things out should the City Council delay their decision. "The morning of October 8 there will be no staff," said Celeste Tell, PDA's interim executive director, who added that attempting to continue beyond October 7 is "a financial luxury we don't have."

KPTZ 91.9 FM broadcasts your local news Monday through Friday at noon and 5pm and at noon on Saturday. You can contact us at news@kptz.org. I'm Diane Walker. Thank you for listening and have a great weekend.