

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington. I'm Diane Walker with your local news and commentary for Thursday, April 24, 2025.

According to the Port Townsend *Leader*, the following finalists have been announced for the position of Jefferson County Administrator: County Commissioner Greg Brotherton, the county's community development director, Josh Peters, and two out-of-county candidates: Roxanne Miles and Sheri Patterson.

- Brotherton, who has served as county commissioner since 2019, has owned and operated four retail businesses in Jefferson County.
- Peters, who has served as the county's director of community development since 2023, previously worked as the county's senior planner and principal transportation planner.
- Miles, who has served as the parks and recreation director for Pierce County since 2017, spent 15 years with Metro Parks Tacoma as its business and strategic planning/recreation services manager.
- And Patterson, who has served as the budget and finance director for Hood River County in Oregon since 2022, previously served as the chief financial and operating officer for the Boys & Girls Club of Salem, Marion, and Polk counties in Oregon.

Selecting a county administrator will ultimately be up to the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners. Brotherton will be recusing himself from the decision process, leaving it up to commissioners Heather Dudley-Nolette and Heidi Eisenhour to make the final choice. Eisenhour is confident they will reach an agreement. "I am committed to a fair process and trust the rest of the interview teams will be, too, she wrote. "This is an incredibly important decision for Jefferson County."

If Brotherton is appointed county administrator, the remaining commissioners will then be tasked with appointing a commissioner to fill his position until a special election is held. On April 29, from 5 to 6:30pm, the Jefferson County Library will host an in-person public meeting with the candidates, allowing members of the public to participate in a moderated question-and-answer session. Formal interviews will take place on April 30, and the position will be offered to the top candidate the first week of May, with a target start date in mid-June.

On Tuesday, Senator Maria Cantwell joined her colleagues in announcing the reintroduction of the West Coast Protection Act to permanently prohibit the Department of the Interior from issuing a lease for the exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any area of the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, or Washington. "We must protect our coastal communities, economies, and ecosystems against the risk of an oil spill," Sen. Cantwell said. "Washington's \$45.9 billion maritime economy supports over 174,000 jobs from fisheries, trade, tourism, and recreation – but it could all be devastated in an instant by an oil spill."

This Saturday is Drug Takeback Day. In Jefferson County, medications may be dropped off year-round at the following locations:

- Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, on Elkins Road in Port Hadlock, from 9am to noon and from 1pm to 4pm on weekdays.
- Port Townsend Police Department, 1925 Blaine Street, from 10am to 3pm weekdays.
- The QFC Pharmacies in Port Hadlock and Port Townsend, from 8am to 8pm weekdays, from 9am to 6pm on Saturdays, and from 11am to 6pm on Sundays.

- And the Port Townsend Safeway, from 8am to 1:30 and from 2pm to 8pm weekdays, and from 10am to 1:30 and from 2pm to 6 on Saturdays.

Syringes, needles and other sharps may also be dropped off at Jefferson County Public Health office, 615 Sheridan St. in Port Townsend. The collection bin outside of the building is accessible 24 hours a day.

And finally, East Jefferson Fire Rescue will offer a CPR course this coming Tuesday, April 29, from 6 to pm at Chimacum Fire Station 6 on Rhody Drive. Although this is not a CPR certification course, the knowledge and skills learned could prove extremely helpful, as 70% of cardiac arrests occur in the home. To register for the course, visit the EJFR website at ejfr.org or click the link on the transcript for this podcast:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/86031537-f8f3-4e64-976f-3a1fa471a9b5>

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