

Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

News and Information for the Residents of Central Whidbey Island

Serious Injury at Coupeville House Fire



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In the early morning hours of September 29, 2016 a fire occurred in a Coupeville residence. The occupants of the home awakened to the smell of smoke and discovered a fire in the living area of their home. A young child was trapped in her bedroom. One of the adult occupants was able to rescue the child, but suffered serious respiratory injuries while doing so. The child suffered minor injuries and the other adult occupant of the home was uninjured. Investigation determined that the fire started on the exterior porch and extended into the home. The home did not have a working smoke detector.

Fire Risk

Adults over the age of 65 have 2.5 times greater risk of dying in a fire than the general population and this risk continues to increase with age and children under the age of four are also at greater risk of injury and death from fire. Two thirds of fire fatalities occur in homes without a working smoke alarm. What can you do? Fires can become fully developed in less than three minutes from ignition. Protecting your family means sleeping with your door closed to provide a barrier to smoke and flames, having working smoke alarms, as well as having and practicing a home fire escape plan.



Home Safety Survey

Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue will check your smoke alarms, install smoke alarms if you do not have them, and help you develop a plan to minimize your risk from fire or injury by conducting a home safety survey. You can request a home safety survey on the District's web site (www.cwfire.org) by clicking on Services or by telephone at (360) 678-3602. Let us be there before you need us!

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Where There Is Love, There are Smoke Alarms



Test to make sure they work!

1. Push the test button
2. Do you hear a loud noise?
 - Yes, it works
 - No, change the battery or get a new smoke alarm



2017 Budget Message

During the 2016 revision of the District's Strategic Plan, community input reinforced the importance of excellent service delivered in a cost effective manner. Toward that end, CWIFR established strategic goals to be fiscally responsible, to operate with transparency, and to ensure adequate and sustainable funding.

Fiscal Responsibility

The District is currently debt-free and operates under a balanced budget. The Board of Fire Commissioners has adopted a comprehensive set of financial policies and guidelines intended to provide a solid basis for fiscal responsibility and in 2015, the District successfully completed its first financial audit by the Washington State Auditor which examined five-years of the District's finances and financial practices. This audit was completed successfully.

Transparency

The District endeavors to be transparent, providing access to the complete Budget Document for download on its website (www.cwfire.org). In addition, the Monthly Budget Position Report, Annual Financial Reports, and Audit Reports are also available for download from the District's web site. The District was honored to receive a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016. This was the third consecutive year in which the District has received this award.

Adequate Funding

The 2017 Adopted District budget is 3.47% higher than in 2016. The majority of this increase is due to onetime expenses related to presenting a bond measure to the District's voters in 2017. Absent these onetime expenses, the increase in the District's 2017 Adopted Budget would be 0.87%. This increase is within the District's long term financial plan and budgeted funds provide for improvement over current service delivery levels with a continued increase in volunteer staffing. Overall, the District is fiscally healthy. We are debt free, with sufficient revenue to meet current operational needs and maintain an adequate ending balance in the General Fund.

Since the establishment of the District's Capital Projects Fund in 2012, considerable progress has been made towards funding of long term apparatus and equipment needs. However, funding is not sufficient to meet capital facility needs identified in the District's Long Term Facilities Plan. Due to constitutional and statutory limits on taxation, the District also faces a challenge in maintaining current service delivery levels beyond 2020 without voter approval for additional revenue.

Fiscal Sustainability

Over the last several years, District staff has worked to develop a Capital Facilities Plan to address the current and future needs of our community and a Long Term Financial Plan to examine how we can address these needs in a fiscally responsible manner. The Long Term Financial Plan examined several options to maintain current service levels while addressing major capital needs including fire station renovation and expansion; and replacement of three fire engines that will reach their end of service life within the next five years. The most effective way to address these capital and operational funding requirements is through a voter approved bond for major capital projects. This approach would allow the District to borrow funds for major capital expenditures with a separate tax levy to fund the debt service (payment on borrowed funds). This would reduce the demand on current revenue for capital expenditures and preserve the general levy to meet the expense of ongoing operational requirements. The District anticipates placing a bond measure before the voters in the fall of 2017.

Feel free to contact me with questions or feedback on the District Budget via e-mail (ehartin@cwfire.org), telephone (360) 678-3602, or in person at Station 53 (1164 Race Road).

Sincerely,

Chief Ed Hartin, MS, EFO, FIFireE, CFO .

| General Fund | Actual 2015 | Adjusted 2016 | Proposed 2017 |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning General Fund Balance | \$2,280,497 | \$2,331,497 | \$2,297,044 |
| Contingency (Administrative) Fund (10% of M&O) | \$189,562 | \$219,816 | \$227,434 |
| Beginning GF Balance (Less Contingency) | \$2,090,935 | \$2,111,680 | \$2,069,610 |
| Revenue | | | |
| Investment Interest | \$4,656 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 |
| Property Taxes Rev (Includes New Construction) | \$2,216,014 | \$2,223,076 | \$2,245,307 |
| Other Taxes/State Assessed Property | \$4,240 | \$2,280 | \$2,280 |
| WGH Contract | \$201,495 | \$201,495 | \$201,495 |
| Other Deposits | \$75,443 | \$44,000 | \$52,000 |
| Voided Warrants & Vendor Credits | \$76,433 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$2,578,280 | \$2,473,351 | \$2,503,582 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Regular Budgeted Expenditures (M&O General Fund) | \$1,895,620 | \$2,198,164 | \$2,274,340 |
| Contingency Expenditures | \$24,675.00 | \$11,700.00 | \$0 |
| Investment Fee | \$158 | \$300 | \$300 |
| Tax Adjustment | \$1,534 | \$200 | \$200 |
| Correction & Vendor Credits | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Expenditures | \$1,921,988 | \$2,210,364 | \$2,274,840 |
| Interfund Transfers | | | |
| To General Capital Projects Fund | \$605,293 | \$288,000 | \$349,000 |
| To Compensated Absences Fund | \$0 | \$9,440 | \$1,814 |
| To Grants Management Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| To Debt Service Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Transfers From General Fund | \$605,293 | \$297,440 | \$350,814 |
| Ending General Fund Balance | | | |
| Contingency (Administrative) Fund Ending Balance | \$164,887 | \$208,116 | \$227,434 |
| Ending GF Balance (Less Contingency) | \$2,166,610 | \$2,088,927 | \$1,947,538 |
| Total Ending General Fund Balance | \$2,331,497 | \$2,297,044 | \$2,174,972 |
| General Capital Projects Fund | Actual 2015 | Budgeted 2016 | Proposed 2017 |
| Beginning Capital Projects Fund Balance | \$933,671 | \$1,074,998 | \$1,317,148 |
| Revenue | | | |
| Bond Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Investment Interest | \$1,048 | \$2,500 | \$2,822 |
| Interfund Transfers | | | |
| From General Fund | \$605,293 | \$288,000 | \$349,000 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Investment Fee | \$13 | \$150 | \$150 |
| Vouchers (Capital Projects Fund) | \$465,001 | \$48,200 | \$106,200 |
| Ending Capital Projects Fund Balance | \$1,074,998 | \$1,317,148 | \$1,562,621 |
| Compensated Absences Trust Fund | Actual 2015 | Budgeted 2016 | Proposed 2017 |
| Beginning Compensated Absences Balance | \$17,672 | \$17,684 | \$27,139 |
| Revenue | | | |
| Investment Interest | \$12 | \$15 | \$64 |
| Interfund Transfers | | | |
| From General Fund | \$0 | \$9,440 | \$1,814 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Investment Fee | \$0 | \$25 | \$25 |
| Vouchers (Compensated Absences) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| All Funds | Actual 2015 | Budgeted 2016 | Proposed 2017 |
| Total Ending Balance (All Funds) | \$3,424,179 | \$3,641,331 | \$3,766,609 |

2016 Santamobile Schedule!

CWIFR is looking forward to assisting Santa Claus in his visits to Central Whidbey this December. Santa will begin his rounds at 5:30 pm, so you better watch out!

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| Coupeville North of Highway 20 | 12/05/16 |
| Coupeville South of Highway 20 & Crockett Lake | 12/07/16 |
| Parker Road, Long Point, Rhodena, & Harrington | 12/08/16 |
| Ledgewood, Bon Air, & Teronda | 12/12/16 |
| Holmes Harbor & North Bluff | 12/14/16 |
| Lagoon Point & Honeymoon Bay | 12/15/16 |
| Race Road, Shangri La, & Admirals Cove | 12/16/16 |



Santa's schedule is dependent on the weather and major emergency incidents occurring within the District. Stay up to date with any late breaking changes to Santa's Schedule at www.cwfire.org.

Calendar of Events

January 12, 2017 Commissioners Meeting

5:00 pm at Station 53

January 28, 2017 CPR/First Aid

9:00 am at Station 53

February 9, 2017 Commissioners Meeting

5:00 pm at Station 53

February 25, 2017 CPR/First Aid

9:00 am at Station 53

March 9, 2017 Commissioners Meeting

5:00 pm at Station 53

March 25, 2017 CPR/First Aid

9:00 am at Station 53

Station 53 is located at 1164 Race Road in Coupeville, just east of the intersection of State Routes 20 and 525.

Learn Hands Only CPR Today: Free training for individuals or groups. Call today (360) 678-3602 to schedule a 10-minute training session at your location or at one of our fire stations!

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