

# UTILITIES NEWSLETTER

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## Conserving Water

The City of Port Townsend is asking customers to voluntarily conserve water until autumnal rains replenish flow in the rivers. See page 2 of this newsletter for more information and find water conservation tips at [cityofpt.us/publicworks/page/water-resources](http://cityofpt.us/publicworks/page/water-resources).



*Happy September! We hope everyone is enjoying a warm end of summer and looking ahead to fall days.*

## Thank you for signing up for CivicPay!

It's been just over a year since we rolled out our new online utility payment platform, CivicPay, and we are excited to see that more than half of our customers (almost 2,800) now have an active account. Thank you to everyone who signed up and transitioned to this new platform! If you have not yet created an account, we welcome you to. You can opt in or out of e-billing (opting in is always recommended, even if you get a paper bill, as there are no delays), sign up for autopay, and analyze your consumption history. Visit: [cityofpt.merchanttransact.com](http://cityofpt.merchanttransact.com).

## Join us at these City events and programs in September



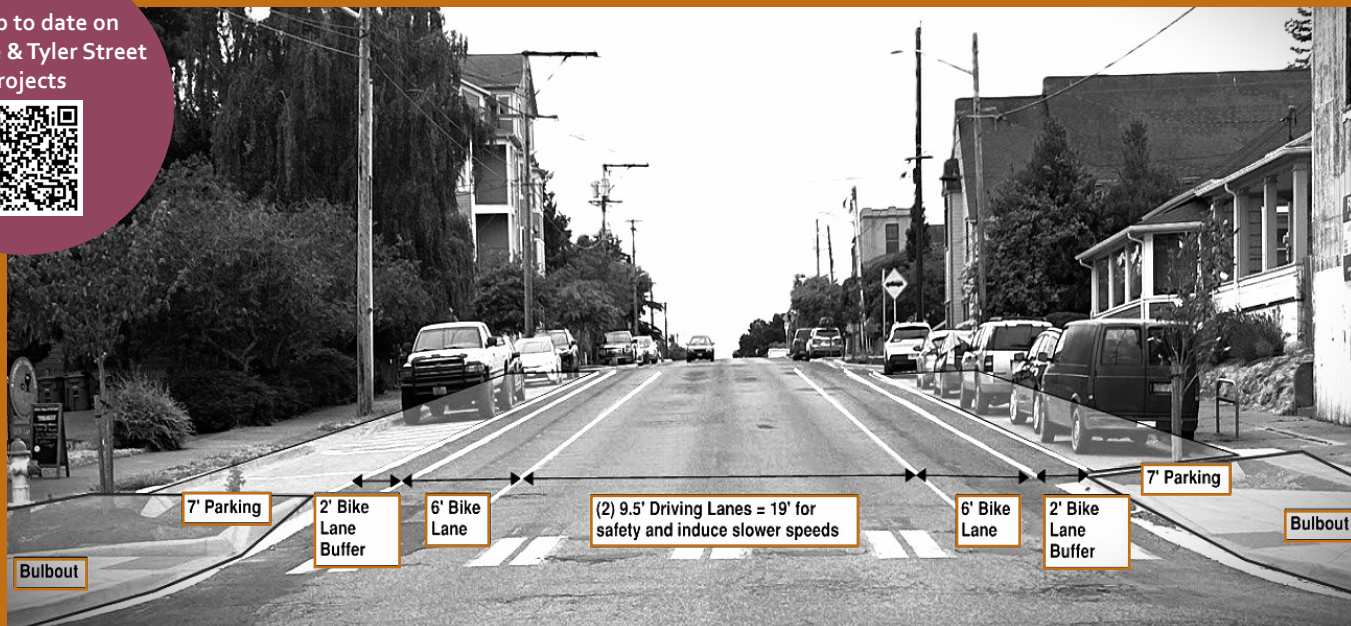
Sign up for the City's E-News! The City of Port Townsend now sends a monthly e-newsletter. Stay up to date on City projects, events, and ways to engage in the future of Port Townsend when you sign up. To join the mailing list, visit [mailchi.mp/cityofpt/city-of-port-townsend-newsletter](http://mailchi.mp/cityofpt/city-of-port-townsend-newsletter)

- **Coffee Chat with the City Manager** continues first Fridays, at Sunrise Coffee. Join John Mauro, neighbors, and friends from 9 – 10:30am on **September 5**. Bring your questions and curiosity!
- Here comes the **Budget Roadshow!** City Manager John Mauro and Finance Director Jodi Adams will talk about the City budget and answer questions at

various locations in September. Schedule and locations at [cityofpt.us/engagept/page/budget](http://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/budget).

- Attend the **Planning for Our Future Open House** on **September 22**, 5 – 7 pm at the PT Senior Center, 620 Tyler Street, to connect with City staff and Councilmembers about streets, parks, walking, biking, and open space long-range planning in the city.

- **Connect with City staff at the Farmer's Market!** We'll be tabling the Saturday market on Tyler Street on **September 27** talking to market-goers about the City budget, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan, and other topics of interest to the community. Come by and say hello!



## Sewer Separation Project

The Lawrence Street Combined Sewer Separation Project is a high-priority public infrastructure investment designed to eliminate stormwater inflow into our sewer system along Lawrence Street between Harrison and Monroe Streets.

This project directly supports the City's General Sewer Plan, improves capacity at the Monroe Street Lift Station, and restores ADA, walking, and biking infrastructure in Uptown Port Townsend. The current approach to this project balances cost, regulatory compliance, and community benefit. The proposed design builds on existing street amenities from Harrison and Tyler Streets.

City staff are now exploring funding options for this project. The total project cost estimate is \$5.8 million. The majority of the project will be funded through low-interest loans from the Public Works Board and Department of Ecology. To support competitive applications, the City will provide a 20% local match totaling approximately \$1.16 million.

This match will be distributed across the Water, Sewer, Stormwater funds, and Transportation Benefit District (TBD) funds, with TBD contribution expected to be less than \$400,000. If funding applications are successful, the project is expected to be completed in 2027-2028.

### Key Features

The proposed design builds on existing street amenities from Harrison and Tyler Streets and includes the following:

- Full separation of stormwater from the sanitary sewer.
- New ADA-compliant curb ramps and sidewalk connections.
- Bulb-outs at Taylor and Quincy Streets for pedestrian safety
- Stormwater treatment using rain gardens.
- Full rehabilitation and strengthening of the sublayers and new pavement
- Continuation of narrow lanes, bike lanes, and on-street parking.

Stay up to date on this project on our website: [cityofpt.us/engagept/page/lawrence-tyler-street-projects](https://cityofpt.us/engagept/page/lawrence-tyler-street-projects).

## Summer 2025 Water Conservation Update

The City of Port Townsend relies on precipitation in the Olympic Mountains to meet our municipal and industrial water needs. Flow in the Big Quilcene River, our primary water source, is typically sustained

by the snowpack through July. By early September it is often necessary to utilize water from Lords Lake, a 500-million-gallon storage reservoir, when low stream flows limit water withdrawals from the rivers. Dry conditions this year have accelerated depletion of the watershed snowpack. Drawdown of Lords Lake Reservoir this year began on August

11. This is approximately one month earlier than in an average year.

While precipitation may minimize lake drawdown at times, the City is asking customers to voluntarily conserve water until autumnal rains replenish flow in the rivers.

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