



September 10, 2020

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

**On July 13, we signed a 20-year lease with USPS and on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, San Juan County approved our Shoreline Conditional Use Permits!** These logistical steps solidify the future of The Olga Store building as the new location for the Olga Post Office and Orcas Food Co-op and bring us to our final phase:  
Restoration, Renovation and Construction!

### **We bought it. Now we build!**

In just over a year, our community has come together to purchase the historic Olga Store Building, raising more than \$680,000 to re-establish a Post Office and small grocery into the heart of Olga once again. This collective dream-come-true, was made possible through the efforts of volunteers and by 344 donations which include:

- 127 neighbors from Olga
- 64 neighbors from Eastsound, Orcas, Deer Harbor
- 56 neighbors from the mainland
- 97 online donations

### **Restoration, Renovation and Construction**

Our opening date now depends on this final push to raise \$300,000 to complete this historic renovation. The Post Office and Orcas Food Co-op are ready to move in and we are urgently preparing to accommodate, once our building permit is in-hand.

Volunteers have already begun to accomplish some of the listed maintenance projects, including installation of a new porch railing. Our contractor, Olga-local Taylor Robinson, has submitted a detailed estimate of costs for labor and materials. This list, along with final drawing and designs by Plan4Space, is available at [TheOlgaStore.org](http://TheOlgaStore.org).

Together we are creating the future we want to see in Olga, and restoring this community anchor for generations to come!

Sincerely,

  
Gay Paresky, Vice President  
Friends of the Olga Store Building

***Preserving History,  
Building Community!***