

News

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Shelter Bay Community

Conversation with La Conner Schools Superintendent, Whitney Meissner

Wednesday October 24th 6:00pm

Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Superintendent Dr. Whitney Meissner and local school board directors will be available to hear and respond to your questions and concerns about La Conner schools. Curricula, activities, upcoming levies/taxes, and the impact of new State education laws and funding model - come and let the district leaders know what you are thinking about related to school issues. The conversation starts at 6pm on October 24th in the Clubhouse, and will last about an hour.



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YOUR SOCIAL AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO THEIR
ANNUAL COMMUNITY
POTLUCK SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, October 13th, 5:00 pm

Please sign up in the office by 5:00 p.m. October 5th and specify whether you will be bringing homemade soup, salad or dessert (enough for 8)



SRC will be providing beverages, bread, butter and all utensils. Please feel free to bring your own "special" beverages.

Questions? Call the Committee Secretary, Renote Box, 180, 466-1805

Shelter Bay Office Closures

Monday, October 1st - In Service Day Thursday, November 1st - In Service Day

Office opens at 9:00 am on Tuesdays
To accommodate administrative
staff meetings



In Loving Memory

Dale Eiffert, Sr. August 2018

Frances Lee Kent September 8, 2018

Bob McDaniels ~former resident~ August 26, 2018

Russ Roberts
September 5, 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -ANNE HAYS



Capital Projects in the Works. Our facilities committee has been working overtime, prioritizing and executing plans for a host of capital projects. The first priority was the Storage Lot

which will be on the verge of re-opening when this Newsletter lands on your doorstep. They have also formed a pool study group to evaluate options for the future of Shelter Bay's aging swimming pools, both the Upper Pool and the Clubhouse Pool. Once the recommendations have been received by the Board, we will schedule a Board Work Session to receive input from the Community on the recommendations before a final decision is made.

Marina Improvements. The replacement dock for the soon to be decommissioned C Dock is scheduled to arrive on November 4. This is an impressive and precise logistical on-the-water feat. The Marina Business Plan provides a fully vetted and well-planned process for renewing the aging infrastructure of the Marina, which continues to pay 10% of the annual Master Lease rent payment. Keeping our marina competitive and profitable allows us to continue to underwrite a portion of the lease expense.

New Master Lease Proposal. And last, but by no means least, we have confirmed an October meeting date with the Swinomish Senate Tribal Reps. I will be updating the Community at the October 17 Board of Director's meeting.

Marina Reserves Allocation

The Board moved forward to close our fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 books by allocating reserves to the various cost centers: water, sewer, community general, marina, etc. In order to make these allocations, the Board first needed to separate the Company (Lease and Marina) cost center reserves so that the Marina portion can be moved to the Community Balance Sheet starting July 1st, 2018. Although not an easy task, a good faith effort was made to arrive at a split of the Company's expenses and income between Lease and Marina back to 2004 to arrive at a net reserve amount for each the cost center classes: Lease and Marina. Due of the magnitude of the amount due the Marina (net approx. \$233,000) from the Lease class, the Finance Committee and Board sought a reasonable option other than assessing the sublessees to make the Marina cost center whole. Additionally, there settlement with the Fee Simple owners that no portion of their assessments will be used to pay is also a prior for lease related expenses. So, the Board and Finance Committee sought an approach what would also make the Fee Simple owners whole. The Board approved a Plan to loan the Marina up to \$1.5 million of interest free construction money over the next 10 years, not charging the 3% interest or approx. \$235,000. And, the Board approved that the Company will pay, in the next budget year, the Fee Simple owners a one-time payment (roughly \$248) to make them whole. Now, that this portion of the reserve allocation is complete, at the next meeting the remaining allocations can be made.

Changing Times

- ~ Effective October 2nd, the **Gate to Martha's Beach** will open at 8:00 am (no change) and close at 7:00 pm for the fall/winter season
- ~ The Front Gate Guard shift time will also change, with the Guard's shift starting at 7:00 pm 3:00am

Special Meeting of August 31, 2018

- 1) Amended the FY 2018-2019 Capital Improvements Project Budget to include additional funds needed for the Marina's Security/Surveillance System bringing the total available funding for systems at the Front Gate, Storage Lot, Clubhouse, Lower Pool, and Marina to \$100,000 and authorized awarding the contract for design and installation to Security Solutions of Bellingham.
- 2) Approved execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and Shelter Bay Community agreeing to further explore the possibility of obtaining water supply from the Swinomish Utility Authority and allowing for either party to terminate the agreement at any time and for any reason.

Regular Meeting of September 19, 2018

- 1) In order to meet the construction schedule for the replacement of C Dock, authorized a fine of \$100 on any Marina tenants who do not remove their vessels from C dock by October 24, 2018.
- 2) Approved the content and distribution of a Member Survey intended to develop a database of member interests and expertise within the Community.
- 3) Approved the repayment of Lease Class funds owed to the Marina Class via an interest free loan from Capital Reserves to the Marina and payment of the lost interest revenue to the 44 fee simple lot owners.
- 4) Retained the services of the VanNess Feldman law firm to assist in the Community's due diligence on the water supply issue.
- 5) Directed the Community's legal counsel to respond to a member demand for reimbursement of bank stabilization costs.
- 6) Appointed the following Committee Chairs: Ric Henderson to Building Committee, Carole Miller to Greenbelt/Lot Committee, Rick Parnell to Harbor Committee, Cheryl Westlake to Communications Committee, Tom Napier to Facilities Committee, and Lou Grogan to Social and Recreation Committee.
- 7) Appointed Janelle Miner and Susan Olsen as Alternate Members of the Rules Committee.
- 8) Appointed Bruce Romero as an Alternate Member of the Harbor Committee.



Great Shakeout: Earthquake Drill, Thursday, October 18th.

Not the real thing, but a great time to think about what to do during and in the days following an earthquake. Fire District 13, the Swinomish Dept of Emergency Mgmt., CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and HAM Radio operators will participate in this nation-wide preparedness day with a drill. A CERT Trailer Command Post, set up at the Clubhouse, will gather status and report conditions via Ham radio to the Emergency Communications Center on Snee-Oosh, Station 2, Fire District 13.

You are the help until help arrives for your household and neighbors. In a major event, electricity, drinking water, internet, cell phones may be out for weeks and first responders unable to meet the demand for help. Shelter Bay residents should be prepared to help their families and neighbors through these difficult days/weeks/months and know how to get in line for the limited resources for life threating conditions. Stop by the trailer or ask a person with a CERT vest or HAM radio for more information.

Manager's Corner - David Franklin

Cougar Sightings – The latest information regarding cougar sighting:

From: Swinomish Police Department

Greetings Everyone,

We are actively working with our wildlife biologists and fish and game partners to determine the whereabouts of the cougar that has been seen here at Swinomish.

If you should see it in the neighborhood, please call 911 to report the sighting immediately.

The following link provided by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife contains valuable information about the animal as well as information on how to deal with them.

https://wdfw.wa.gov/living/cougars.html

Bill Payment Portal Update -

Shelter Bay will soon have available through the website portal, self-directed electronic payment and credit card payments. A self-directed electronic payment will cost the member \$1.95/transaction and a credit card transaction will cost the member approximately 3% of the amount being charged. In addition to self-directed web-based payments, you can also choose to "set it and forget it" by filing an authorization form with Shelter Bay to allow automatic withdrawal from your bank account to pay your assessments. There are many reasons to choose this option for payment; it's convenient, it's safer than a check, you'll never have to search for an envelope or stamp again, you'll never forget to pay your bill again, and it is the most efficient and least costly transaction to process. The last reason is not without real significance. Remember Shelter Bay is a co-op so every expense is your expense. Staff has calculated that if adopted by all members, the saving from electronic funds transfer and processing could reduce yearly operating cost by \$20,000.

Storage Lot Project – The Storage Lot Refurbishment Project is currently under budget and on schedule to open for business Friday October 5th, 2018. Improvements include:

- Improved drainage and resurfacing
- · Automated gate with card access
- New security cameras and lighting
- New space signage and space delineation
- Improved sewage dump site
- Increased electrified spaces from 50 to 100

Purchase of security fobs will be required for entry into the Lot. The fobs are now available in the Office for \$10/each with a limit of two per household.

Drainage – May through August of 2018 have been the driest ever recorded in the North Sound making it is easy to forget that it normally rains a lot around here. With the rainy season approaching, members should keep an eye on drainage ditches near your home, and remove accumulated debris to allow for free flow of stormwater. Maintenance will be out identifying problem areas and restoring capacity where it has been lost, but member effort is imperative to making sure the overall drainage system works as designed.

Political Signs – It's election season again and members should familiarize themselves with the Shelter Bay Lot Committee Guidelines regarding election signage:

11.14 Political signs may be displayed for candidates running for political office and/or ballot issues in any election in which all members of the community can be eligible to vote. Political signs shall be limited to one sign per candidate and per issue, shall be placed within the boundaries of the lot, shall not exceed 2' by 2' in size, and shall be attached to the structure or on a post not over 4' high. If attached to a post, the sign shall be located within the boundaries of the lot and located in such a manner as to not obstruct the view of the roadway. Political signs may not be posted in a greenbelt area. Political signs may be posted up to four weeks prior to the election, and must be removed within 48-hours after the election.

Please abide by these guidelines while celebrating your rights to free and fair elections.

SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

Hi Everybody!

I hope you all have enjoyed the summer festivities that the SOCIAL & RECREATION COMMITTEE provided, i.e. The Margaritaville Party, The End of School Bash, The Tempest, Music on the Green and the Gnocchi Making Event. It was fun!

AN APPEAL: So many of us on the committee travel or take residence in other areas of the country during the fall and winter seasons, thus limiting our ability to provide even the simplest of gatherings. I have always thought of the S&RC as the Fun Committee and I'm inviting you, yes you that have thought perhaps of being a member of the "Fun Committee" or may now be considering participating with Social & Recreation Committee to join us. WE NEED YOU!

COME ON DOWN to the office and fill out an application to participate with your community.

WE WANT YOU. Do you have any questions? Call Kathy Develle at 360-466-0408.

<u>SEWING GUILD</u> Neighborhood Grou

Skagit Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild

Where: The Clubhouse

When: Tuesday, September 18th 1:00pm As this is the start of our "new year", please bring ideas for programs that you would like to see/hear, programs you could give, and possible field trips. Don't forget to bring your "sew and tell!" as we'd like to see what you sewed this summer. Sue Donaldson will be traveling at the time of this meeting, so Randi Freidig will chair. If you have any questions, call her at 360-399-1900.

YOGA

Where: The Clubhouse

When: Monday & Wednesday* 11:45am *3rd Wednesday of the month 8:45am, no holidays

Bring your yoga mat and join us for an hour of gentle yoga and relaxation.

Hours may vary. Check the Calendar on page 11.

EXERCISE CLASS

Where: The Clubhouse

When: Monday, Wednesday & Friday

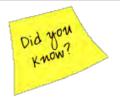
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Men & women, all levels and strengths.

Hours may vary. Check the Calendar on page 11

It is with regret that your Social & Recreation Committee will be unable to host the annual Thanksgiving Dinner this year.





- 1. If you are reading this newsletter on the web, that a lot of the website addresses and email addresses are links. Just click on them to see the website or to send an email.
- 2. That if your home is used as a rental, it is the owner's responsibility to provide the office with a "Tenant Information and Statement of Understanding" form. In case of an emergency, we need to know who is living in the home and their contact numbers. Please call the office for more information.

What is your Super Power?

As you know, the Shelter Bay Community is run by a cadre of a volunteer board of directors and volunteer committees, assisted by a small, paid staff. We know that volunteering on a regular basis can be a daunting thought that prevents folks from participating. What if you had short-term options for volunteering? A one-time presentation, a 3-part series of classes, a special project or other possibilities? This is your opportunity to tell us about the "super powers" that make you special. We would like to develop a database of community members who are willing to share their expertise with others. We might call on you for a special, short-term project or ask if you'd lead an evening event or a field trip in your area of expertise. The possibilities are endless, but we need to know who our super heroes are! Please take a few minutes to tell us about yourself:

Complete Survey

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Sandra Pahler Bell, Owner of A Additions Hair Salon from Atlanta, GA



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WHAT IS SOMEONE WHO SPECIALIZES IN FINE THIN HAIR?

Well a lot of what I do is talk...I talk to each client about their wants and needs concerning their hair. Consulting with clients is very important to a happy outcome for everyone. The consultation is so important that there is no charge. My consultations are FREE, yes FREE. If you are just curious come in and talk to me about the possibilities for your hair.

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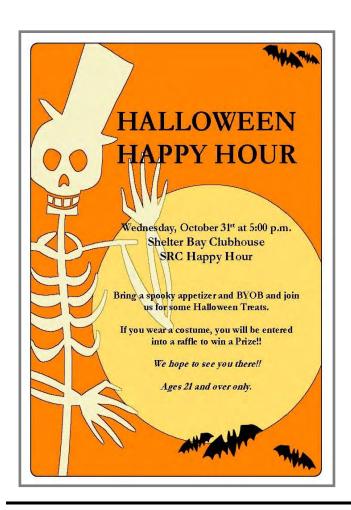
October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	-In Service- Office Closed 9:30 Tap 10:30 Exercise 3:00 Safety	9:00 Building 3:00 Rules 6:30 CERT	10:00 Exercise 11:45 Yoga	5:00 Chorus	8:00 Facilities 10:00 Exercise	
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