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CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Sunday, January 6th, 2019

Skagit Bay Search and Rescue will pick up your Christmas tree starting at 9:00am for a small donation of \$10.00.

Please have your tree down at the end of your driveway by 8:00 am. Trees must be clean, no tinsel or flocking.

Checks only, no cash, made out to Skagit Bay Search and Rescue or SBSAR. Place the check in a baggie and secured to the tree.

**Skagit Bay Search and Rescue (SBSAR) is a non-profit organization composed of unpaid volunteers who provide marine-related support to the Skagit County Sheriff's Department. SBSAR also provides safety support for many iconic Skagit Bay activities such as "Dash to the Pass", the "Smelt Derby", and the "Rowers Race". If you are interested in joining, please call 360-708-2271.



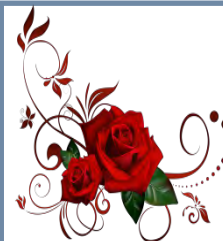
Shelter Bay Office Closures

New Year's Day - Tuesday, January 1st

In Service Day - Wednesday, January 2nd

In Service Day - Friday, February 1st

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



*In Loving
Memory*

**Joseph Menish
December 10, 2018**

**Goff T. Smith
November 29, 2018**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -ANNE HAYS



As we start the New Year, I thought it would be a good time to reintroduce you to our employees. Shelter Bay has 11 full-time and 2 part-time staff members.

I honestly don't know where we would be without them. A big shout out to David Franklin, Community Manager, harbor guru, budget master and occasional plumber; Debbie Byrd, Board Executive Secretary and our keeper of institutional knowledge; and Committee Secretary Renata Bos who rides herd on the various committees and their members.

We are also glad to have Billing Specialist Kendra Emerson, Office Secretary Dorothy Mickleburgh, Bookkeeper Kim Coker and Compliance Officer Brad Stolzenburg taking care of our Community business needs and keeping the candy dish full. In the Maintenance Crew, under the eagle eye of Supervisor Robert Connolly, we have Robert Vandeventer, Patrick Chaires, Braun Mucke, and our newest addition, Brandon Hiles. This multi-tasking and multi-talented crew are professional and adept at keeping the wheels of Shelter Bay turning round. And last but certainly not the least, Harbormaster Mark Hartwick is capable and adept at handling the matters in our Marina.

When you compare our population, which is estimated at 2,000 to the Town of La Conner at about 780 residents, the difference in staffing levels shows we are indeed lucky and privileged to have such excellent people. We have much in common; we both manage and maintain road systems, drainage, wastewater treatment plants, sewage collection systems, and water distribution systems. Shelter Bay has 11 fulltime employees compared to Town of La Conner with 16 employees. Shelter Bay also owns and operates a profitable Marina – indeed the Marina pays 10% of the Master

Lease. What the Town of La Conner doesn't have is our volunteers who make all the difference. When you consider the hours of volunteer board and committee work spent managing our greenbelts, enforcing the covenants, and making view restoration decisions, it really adds up. We also have the Marina Business Plan Implementation Team which has been so valuable in creating a solid business plan with the mission to keep our Marina competitive with other local marinas. Shelter Bay is the clear winner!

So please allow me to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the excellent volunteers who have given literally hundreds of hours in service to their community. Their commitment of time and energy is reflected in our annual budget – we have estimated that the volunteer hours we enjoy at Shelter Bay save us approximately \$400,000 annually. Our committee chairs are Carole Miller for Lot and Greenbelt Committees (these are combined as one because they predominately deal with trees). The Rules Committee is headed by Judy Bennett, Ric Henderson Chairs the Building Committee and the Harbor Committee has Rick Parnell at the helm. Cheryl Westlake Chairs the Communications Committee, with Tom Napier at the Facilities Committee, Don Newby with Finance, Gary Ladd for Safety, and Lou Grogan as our leader of Social and Recreation. Each of these hardworking committees is also assigned 2 members from our hard-working Board of Directors.

So please think about our beautiful community and all the amenities we enjoy as budget time rolls around. And please remember, if you have a complaint or a concern, it's the Board of Directors that makes the policy and your ire should be addressed to me and the Board, not our staff.



Regular Meeting of December 12, 2018

- 1) Adopted Resolution 18-16 designating fund balances for the Operating Reserve Fund and allocating undesignated funds from Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 to the Capital Reserve Fund.
- 2) Authorized up to \$100,000 from Marina funds to have Reid-Middleton coordinate the engineering work needed to apply for a new JARPA Permit for the Marina in order to dredge beneath F, G, and H Docks.
- 3) Accepted the recommendations of the Bluebelt Task Force, referred them to the Building and Harbor Committees for review/comment and sunsetted the Task Force with much appreciation for their work.
- 4) Adopted the Shelter Bay Community, Inc. Statement of Strategic Intent and appointed a Task Force to accomplish the Implementation Plan.
- 5) Re-affirmed the Board's policy for the Greenbelt/Lot Committee's approval process for the removal of reported hazardous trees on member lots and in Greenbelt areas.
- 6) Adopted the May 18, 2019 Election and FY 2019-2020 Budget Development Calendar setting the dates for various meetings and deadlines associated with the Annual Membership Meeting.
- 7) Approved Shelter Bay Community, Inc. paying the employee portion of the Washington State Paid Family Medical Leave Act employment tax effective January 1, 2019.

**Permitting Requirements Through
the Swinomish Tribal
Planning Department**

If you are planning to replace a deck, roof, or do any work on your home including replacing a hot water heater, you may need a building permit from the Swinomish Tribe's Planning Department. If you are on fee simple property, you may need to submit plans to both Skagit County and the Tribe. These governmental entities are responsible for enforcing local building codes, whereas the Shelter Bay Building Committee only has authority to enforce the protective covenants. Adherence to both local building codes and the covenants are required for most projects and Shelter Bay will be working closely with the local planning office to simplify the process and to answer questions that Members may have regarding future permitting requirements. If you have questions as to whether you need a Tribal Building Permit, please call 360-466-7280 or visit their website at:

<http://www.swinomish.org/resources/planning/residential-permits.aspx>

**DEADLINE FOR THE
FILING OF BALLOT
ISSUES FOR THE
MAY 18, 2019
ANNUAL ELECTION**



Deadline for the Filing of Ballot Issues:

Please be advised that any ballot issues proposed for consideration at the May 18, 2019 Annual Membership Meeting and Election must be received by the Board Secretary by **5:00 p.m., Friday, January 25, 2019.** These include proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, or the Protective Covenants which may be proposed by members or the Community Committees.

**Changes in the Protective Covenants by
Member Petition:**

Per Article VI, Section 7, amendments to the Protective Covenants may be proposed by a petition signed by fifty (50) or more members in good standing. The proposed language contained in the petition does not require Board approval; however, it will be forwarded to legal counsel for review to ensure its legality prior to being placed on the ballot.

Thank you,
Laurie Wishkoski
Board Secretary

Manager's Corner - David Franklin

Wind Storm - The Solstice Eve Wind Storm disrupted more than last minute Christmas shopping for a few procrastinators. Wide spread power outages, road closures due to downed trees, and damage to structures were reported throughout Puget Sound. Winds as high as 117mph were recorded at Mt. Baker! A few homes in Shelter Bay were reported as damaged and calls have been coming in regarding leaning and downed trees in greenbelts and on lots. If you have questions about responsibility of wind damaged trees, please contact the office and your concerns will be routed to the appropriate staff or committee.

Power Outages - When power goes out....it also goes out in the office too, rendering the telephones and our computers non-functional. You may be able to leave a message on the phone system, but we cannot access the messages until the power is back up and systems are restored. If you have a life-threatening emergency during a power-outage, you should call 9-1-1. If you have an emergency that requires the attention of our maintenance crew, you can call their On-Call number at 360-202-2391. Please leave a message if the phone is not answered so they can respond in a timely manner.

Volunteer Appreciation Holiday Party Cancelled by Storm - Board Vice-President Don Moore had a marvelous Christmas thank you party for all of the Shelter Bay volunteers set and ready to go.... but the wind storm crashed the party. The party was rescheduled for the following week on the 27th of December. The Committees and Task Forces provide an estimated \$400,000/yr. in donated time to the Community. Please think about volunteering yourself. The work is interesting, rewarding, and you get to interact with a great group of fellow volunteers.

How to make Sense of the Dollars and Cents: Budgets for 2019-2020 - Soon after the Holidays the Board, Finance Committee, and Manager will begin work on developing the budgets for next year. We have made great efforts to encourage the members to become more involved in the budget process by holding a series of Finance Committee Workshops and Board Workshops. Despite our best efforts, Member interest in the process has consistently been limited to only a handful of owners. Please consider attending one or all of the scheduled meetings at the Clubhouse:

1:00pm on Tuesday March 26th

1:00pm Thursday March 28th

1:00pm Wednesday April 3rd (if needed).

In prior years, some members have been disappointed when they attended the last meeting in the process, where the Board adopts the Budget, and felt that they could not suggest changes, even though the budget work sessions were held in advance of that date where Members attended. Moral of the story: get involved early in the process if you want your voice to be heard. We hope to see you at these important meetings.

Thank you to the Yacht Club for the wonderful Clubhouse Christmas Decorations - The decorations really enhanced the facility for the those who took part in holiday gatherings and events.

On behalf of all of the staff, I send best wishes to you and your family for a Healthy and Happy New Year!!

You are invited

HOW TO BE SAFE **In Shelter Bay**



No doubt, everyone has watched the television reports of hurricanes and flooding in the southeastern US and along the Gulf Coast as well as the horrific fires in California, and **we all know that we are not immune to disasters resulting from such things as fires and earthquakes.** These kinds of events can overwhelm the capability of first responders **leaving many neighborhoods to fend for themselves,** sometimes for days or weeks. **Are you prepared?**

Residents of Shelter Bay are encouraged to attend an informational meeting on safety. In the disasters shown above, neighbors depended on neighbors to save lives until first responders arrived. It is only through good preparation that **we can help ourselves, our families, and our neighbors in an emergency.**

Nobody likes to dwell on doomsday scenarios, and that is not the intention of this talk. **This is simply a chance to find out how you can be better prepared to help yourself and others if the unthinkable ever occurs.**

The Shelter Bay Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will discuss:

- Emergency preparedness
- Mapping your neighborhood (MYN)
- The role of Shelter Bay's CERT and Ham Radio and how you can participate

Please join us at:

Shelter Bay Community Clubhouse

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share & BYOB.

Let's make this gathering of neighbors fun as well as informative.

SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

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
10:00 am

Men & women, all levels and strengths.
Hours may vary. Check the Calendar on page 11.

BOOK CLUB

When: January 7th

Book: "Little Coffee Shop of Kabul"

By Deborah Rodriguez

Discussion Leader: Lynn Karns

Host: Lynn Parnell

551 Klamath Drive

Imparnell2366@gmail.com

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SEWING GUILD

**Skagit Neighborhood Group of the
American Sewing Guild**

Where: The Clubhouse

When: Tuesday, January 15th, 1:00pm

Bring your finished Yellow Fabric and Show & Tell project to share. .

TOWN NEWS

This year's Birding Showcase will be on Saturday, January 26th, in Maple Hall. The event, which will run from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm will include educational specialists and artists. The keynote speaker this year will be Dr. Kaeili Swift, a leading researcher on crows, ravens and magpies. Dr. Swift will present at 4:00 p.m. and will also have a booth at the vendor fair.

For more information, visit [LoveLaconner.com](https://lovelaconner.com)
<https://lovelaconner.com/la-conner-birding-showcase-2019/>



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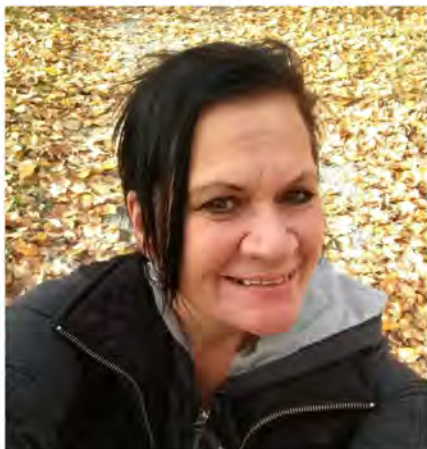


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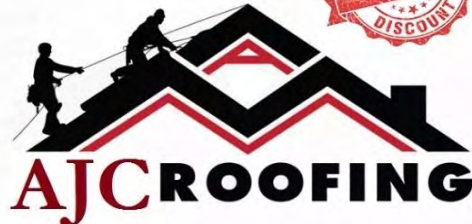
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		1 <i>New Year's Day</i> Office Closed	2 Office Closed -In Service- 10:00 Exercise 11:45 Yoga	3	4 8:00 Facilities 10:00 Exercise	5
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