



**Shelter Bay Office Closures**

Office Closed for In-Service  
Thursday August 1st

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

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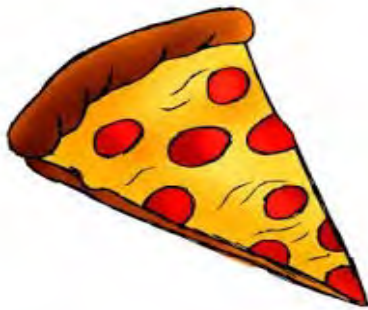
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In Loving Memory

Robert 'Steve' Drummond

June 24, 2019



**Back  
To School  
PIZZA PARTY  
August 27th  
12:30 to 2:30 pm  
Clubhouse  
Breezeway**

All Shelter Bay young people and their families  
are invited. Hope to see you there!

**Music on the Green**

Please join us for some family fun on  
Saturday, August 10, 2019

Music starts at 4:30 p.m.

The Social and Recreation Committee  
Presents "Mary Ellen Lykins & the CC Adams Band"



Plan to come around 4:00 p.m. and get settled in your lawn  
chairs and blankets, grab a picnic table, and cook your dinner  
on the BBQ before or during the show. Plates, tableware, and  
water will be provided. BYOB. Come and bring the kids for  
some great musical entertainment in the grassy area next to the  
lower pool.

*This great event is sponsored by YOUR  
Social & Recreation Committee*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Be Prepared:** This is the Boy Scout Motto. Be prepared for what? Be prepared for a potential catastrophic event, such as a major earthquake, a tsunami or a raging fire. I understand that the tectonic plates off our

coast have not moved for some time and therefore might move abruptly and result in a severe earthquake or tsunami. Fire risk is real. Just look what has happened in California and British Columbia. Our Safety Committee has focused on these potential events. They have held several Town Hall meetings to educate the community members as to what measures we should undertake to best deal with such events should they occur.

Unfortunately, attendance at these meetings was relatively sparse. However, there are pamphlets available in the office which outline what we each as individuals can do to Be Prepared. I encourage you to use this resource to assist you to Be Prepared.

So, what is the Shelter Bay Community doing to prepare beyond the best efforts of the Safety Committee. John Koch, Chair of the Facilities Committee, has rallied local municipalities and utilities to examine what might be done to minimize the impact on this community in the event of a catastrophic event. Within this year's Budget, the Community is funding \$25,000 for CERT, the Community Emergency Response Team, for a storage unit containing emergency supplies to support the membership at large should such an event occur. The Board of Directors and our Community Manager will also be addressing the location of a control center for such an event.

**Community Upgrades:** I suspect that you have

noticed the construction underway along Shelter Bay Drive at the Golf Course. A safer, more functional and attractive walkway is being built under the direction of Ric Henderson of the Facilities committee. The project will include installation of a gazebo overlooking the Golf Course and Marina facilities. I believe that you will be quite pleased with this work when completed. Take a look at the recently resurfaced lower Tennis Court, too. It looks terrific, is safer, and better supports both tennis and pickleball activities. A project to complete the necessary major maintenance on the clarifiers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is underway. It was needed to sustain the reliable operation of this facility.

**A New Master Lease:** Before we moved to Shelter Bay, I called the then Community Association President, Judy Colby, to inquire about a new lease. Judy responded indicating discussions were underway and that a new lease was most likely to happen because a longer-term lease was in the best interests of both the Swinomish Tribe and Shelter Bay Community. With Judy's remarks in consideration, we decided to buy our home here in Shelter Bay. That discussion took place in 2004, 15 years ago now. In my way of thinking, 15 years seems like an adequate gestation period to give birth to a new lease.

As you are aware, in 2014 the Swinomish Tribe proposed a new lease. The community voted to expend funds to obtain expert legal, economic, utility and appraisal input relative to the proposed lease. The results of those efforts were shared with the community through town hall meetings in 2017. A team was established to negotiate better terms than those provided in the Tribe's proposal. Earlier this year the Tribe returned to the terms of their 2014 offer as final. The proposal was in the form of a two-page outline of terms and conditions. We have repeatedly requested, but have not yet received, the full text of the proposal. The lease proposal is the primary issue that the board is addressing.

### Please Pick Up After Your Pet



It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you're liable to step in one such reminder! Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter. It is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. When walking your dog in our community, remember that it must be leashed. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Special Meeting of July 8, 2019**

- 1) Issued the Oath of Office and seated new Directors Steve Swigert and John Oldow.
- 2) Elected Board Officers: President Tom Napier, Vice President Roland Miller, Secretary Laurie Wishkoski, and Treasurer Judi Slajer.
- 3) Adopted Resolution 19-12 authorizing the named Board Officers as signatory to all Shelter Bay Community bank and investment accounts.
- 4) Determined that bank/shoreline repair and maintenance be the responsibility of the affected lot holder.



**Special Joint Board and Stockholder Meeting of July 8, 2019**

- 1) Seated the Board of Directors and Officers to be the same as those of Shelter Bay Community, Inc.
- 2) Adopted Resolution 19-03 authorizing the named Board Officers as signatory to all Shelter Bay Company bank and investment accounts.



**Come Learn to Partner Dance – *Do the Hustle***

August 5th, 12th, 19th, 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm

In the Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Come join us at the Clubhouse for some free dance lessons! Lois Watson and Keith Stobie will be teaching beginning 4-count hustle, a great dance for many varieties of music, including music at weddings, parties, etc. Sign up at the office. Space is limited to 20 people. Partners are very welcome, but not required.

**Coming attractions from the Social & Rec Committee**

- September 9th, 23rd, and 30th, 7:00 pm: **Rumba class**. Sign up in the office.
- **Mexican cooking class by Vickie Napier**: September 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm - Learn how to make Chile Rellenos. Sign up in early September at the office.

## Manager's Corner - David Franklin

**Dead Trees in Shelter Bay** - Consecutive years of drought continues to take a toll on the beautiful conifers in Shelter Bay. The Greenbelt Committee is collecting bids for the removal of many of the dead and dying trees in the Community's greenbelts, but there are many more to be removed on private lots. The Committee will make recommendations to the Board for a contract award in August. Work should begin soon after.

**Nextdoor La Conner Solicitation** - The Front Office has received numerous complaints regarding solicitation from the online community website called "Nextdoor". Shelter Bay has made attempts to contact the company to cease these solicitations and has referred the matter to the Swinomish Police.

**Lower Pool Hours** - The Lower Pool will operate under the same summer schedule with Pool Attendants through the day after Labor Day, Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. After that date, the pool will be open to Members through Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 7pm.

**Cut-Off for Payments Received in the Office** - Please be advised that payments received after 8am on the first of the month, either by mail or in person, will be considered late. The Office has received numerous complaints from Members about late payment notifications so please keep this cut off time in mind. Also remember, bank checks through your online bill pay can take up to 7–10 business days to reach our office. If you've had problems with late payments in the past because of bill payment delays, consider automatic withdrawal. Its fast, convenient, and free. Contact the Office for more details.

**Walking Path** - The Walking Path along the Golf Course designed to improve pedestrian safety is about halfway completed. In mid-August a gazebo will take shape with volunteer help at an overlook point along the path. Please reduce your speeds through the construction zone and expect more walking traffic in the future.

**New Clubhouse Audio Visual System** - A new audio-visual system has been installed in the Clubhouse to improve the sound quality at Board of Directors Meetings and other functions. A high definition projector has also been installed that will be used for presentations.

**Cascade Natural Gas????** - What ever happened to Cascade Natural Gas? We have been getting a lot of inquiries lately on this subject. Cascade has indicated that they are still evaluating the survey data and determining costs of system installation.

**NextGen 911** - We have not heard of any timeline regarding address changes required for the NextGen 911 system that will affect all homes in Shelter Bay. The Tribal GIS Office has been working with Skagit County 911 to finalize address numbers. One possible change that may occur is that streets or cul du sacs that serve more than 4 homes that currently have an adjacent street address may be given new names. This could affect the Fidalgo Homeowners Association and the cul du sacs along Shoshone. Stay tuned for more developments.

I hope you all are having a wonderful summer.

David Franklin, Shelter Bay Manager

## TREASURER'S REPORT

A Time to Serve-

As a consequence of the May election, a new Board was organized the first week of July. In addition to two new members and two returning members, the Board elected its new officers. I have the privilege of being elected Treasurer for the coming year. Many, many thanks to outgoing Treasurer Don Newby who led the Board toward a better understanding of our role outside of Shelter Bay.

This past year we've continue to place more building blocks toward a financially strong community. Previously we had an accounts receivable problem, where a number of members were not paying their assessments and utilities timely or at all. This placed a burden on all the rest of the membership so the Community could continue to pay its bills. The Finance Committee, along with help from the Board, implemented policies that strengthen our ability to collect delinquent accounts. The threat of losing a Member's sublease was a significant one, even the banks that were holding real estate and not paying, took notice of this change in policy. This past year having this new policy in place (along with a strong housing market) resulted in a significant collection of past due accounts. Another significant change implemented as of July 1, 2018 (FY 2019) was the Community leasing, from the Company, the marina assets, which moved all the marina under the jurisdiction of the Community and all its assets appear now on the Community's balance sheet. There were numerous other policy changes which Don Newby has previously mentioned, these two I'm repeating because of their effect on the FY 2018-2019 finances. So, what does the Finance Committee do now.

In addition to monitoring and analyzing budget performance, in the coming months, it will review all the financial management policies and make them compatible with the new financial management software put in place. While this new software was being implemented, the financial management policies were suspended, now we must get back to having written rules again. For instance, when a payment is made, how is it applied, to the oldest balance (assessment, utilities, rent, etc.) or the most current balance. For another example, do we shut off water if a member doesn't pay or how much latitude is given to that member.

There are many more meatier issues coming to the Finance Committee in the future. The Finance Committee will soon be discussing how we charge members their share of the master lease rent because the date for collecting a new rent is swiftly upon us. We must begin collecting the 10-year new lease adjustment rent (for July 1, 2023) beginning on July 1, 2022. This is only two budget years away. No later than the budget that is presented to the Community in May 2022.

Now, we wait for the Annual Audit for last year to see exactly how close we were to budget, but all indications are that we are very close. A new budget was adopted by the membership in May to begin July 1 and we are already tracking, analyzing and reviewing our progress with this budget as we move forward into the current fiscal year. One of the primary functions of the Finance Committee is to monitor budget performance, which we do through reports from the Manager and by reviewing the monthly financial reports.

Thank you. Judi Slajer, Treasurer

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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? There are many opportunities and right now there is a need for volunteers for keeping the Community Library organized. You could 'job share' this one. The Library hours are Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm, Saturday 11:00am to 4:00pm, and closed Sundays. Staff opens and closes the Library during the work week, but the Volunteer would be responsible for opening and closing on Saturdays, re-shelving books and keeping the Library in order. Contact the office for a form to sign up!

## SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

### 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:** Monday August 5th 1:30 pm  
**Book:** "Carnegie's Maid"  
 By Marie Benedict  
**Host:** Carol Silhan  
 848 Kalispell Drive  
 Silhan@gmail.com 360-466-4348

### YOGA

**Where:** The Clubhouse  
**When:** Monday, Wednesday\*, & Friday  
 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*

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