



A huge *thank you* to Shelter Bay's Vickie Napier and the Social & Recreation Committee for making the MEXICAN COOKING CLASS such a huge success! The chili rellenos were delicious, and Vickie's recipe can be picked up in the office lobby.





Thursday, October 31st is Halloween, and with that comes trick-or-treaters. According to Shelter Bay Rules and Regulations, "Solicitation of Shelter Bay Dwellers is prohibited *except by invited contact.*"

So, here's how it works: Trick-or-treating may be done between the hours of 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. An "invitation" to trick-or-treaters is indicated by leaving your front porch light on. If you don't want trick-or-treaters to show up at your doorstep, please leave your light off.

Trick-or-treaters of all ages are invited to stop by the Business Office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Halloween for a treat!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Marina Upgrade: Recently the Board authorized \$1.6 million to replace A and B Docks. The Marina's docks are sorely depleted and this upgrade is necessary for

continued safe operation. The Marina is a source of revenue that helps pay our annual lease payment to the Swinomish Tribe and thus lowers our individual lease rent payments. Working closely with Manager David Franklin, the dock replacement project is led by Project Manager Pat McGarry. The new docks are being fabricated in Tacoma and will be towed by tug to Shelter Bay and installed in January 2020. If you are in the area at that time, you might want to swing by the marina and watch the work being done.

As part of the marina upgrade, the docks are being reconfigured to accommodate larger vessels that better fit market demand. So far, the reconfiguration and sizing slips to meet demand has helped to raise Marina occupancy to near 100%. Currently, Marina occupancy is made up of 40% Shelter Bay residents and 60% non-residents.

Communiversity: As promised Shelter Bay is launching an effort to bring high level education courses to the membership. The effort is being sponsored through both the Social and Recreation, and Communication Committees. The inaugural course is a two-hour presentation titled "*First People*

into North America" by Jim Barrett. The course will focus on the earliest history of our Native American neighbors. Class will be in the Clubhouse on Wednesday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m. and repeated on Sunday, October 6th at 3:00 p.m. But that's not all folks. The next course will be "Understanding World-Wide Religions" This is a 6week course beginning on Wednesday, October 9th. Next is "Diabetes: What it is, How to prevent it, and How to Reverse it". This class will be presented Monday, October 14th. On November 12th the subject is "Alzheimer's Disease: The Most Dreaded Disease Nobody Is Talking About". You can register for these courses either online or at the office. How wonderful it is to live in a Community focusing on continuing education. This is an outstanding example of what makes Shelter Bay one of the most desirable communities in the Pacific Northwest.

What's Cooking? On Tuesday September 17th my wife Vickie presented a cooking class to about 30 attendees on how she makes one of my favorite dishes, Chile Rellenos. I always request this dish for my Happy Birthday meal. Folks not only had a cooking demo but also had a Chile Rellenos and refried bean dinner. Vickie really enjoyed the opportunity to share part of her heritage and cooking expertise and I think those present enjoyed the event as well. My hope is that this event will be the kickoff where others will be willing to share their culinary skills. Anybody cook Italian? What great opportunities!

The Lease: We are working on it!

Fall is here and the Social and Recreation Committee is already thinking of THANKSGIVING DINNER. Have you made your plans yet? We are in the planning process and hoping you'll be joining us on that special day.

We are looking for a few Volunteers who would like to help the day prior and/or the day of Thanksgiving with jobs like setup, decorating, etc. If you would like to assist, send me an email with your availability and phone information.

Sign ups for dinner will be in mid October.

Kathy Develle, Chair, S&R Committee kathy.develle@gmail.com

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Board of Directors Action Items

Regular Meeting of September 18, 2019

- 1) Referred draft policy language to codify member responsibility for knowing their property's lot lines to the Rules Committee for review.
- 2) Approved an expense authorization and award of a contract with Precision Tree Service at \$16,231 for the removal of deceased trees in the Community's Greenbelt areas.
- 3) Appointed Rick Parnell as Chair of the Harbor Committee.
- 4) Changed Corky Culver from an Alternate to a Regular Member of the Harbor Committee.
- 5) Accepted Cate Grinzell's resignation from the Greenbelt/Lot Committee.
- 6) Approved releasing of the surveillance video footage from the pool break-in incident to the Swinomish Police Department and pressing charges against the adults involved.



Regular Meeting of September 18, 2019

1) Approved continued use of the current Supplemental Rent distribution methodology for collecting the rent due under the Master Lease.



First People Into North America

This two-hour class presents information on when the first people entered North America, where they came from and what they likely met upon arrival into this new land empty of human occupation. We will cover what science says about the earliest history of our Native American neighbors, the controversies surrounding the archeological discoveries, the new genetic DNA data and some of the more extreme opinions will also be discussed.

> Sun. Oct. 6, 3:00-5:00pm Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Registration closes Oct. 1, 2019.

Understanding World-Wide Religions (6-week course)

Religion impacts all of us every day: foreign policy, government decisions, social interactions, and the wars we fight. What is religion, why do people believe, where did it come from, and why don't most people talk openly about it? What are the similarities, the differences, and the benefits to followers of the major religions? What trends can we identify? These and other questions will be discussed as well as your own experiences with religion, in this "no-judgment" course.

> Wed., Oct. 9, 16, 23; Nov. 6, 13, 20, 6:30-8:30 pm Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Registration closes Oct. 2, 2019.

Diabetes: What it Is, How to Prevent It, and How to Reverse It

With so much controversy and seemingly contradictory information regarding Type II Diabetes, we will set the record straight as to what diabetes really is - what does it mean to be pre-diabetic; how you can safeguard yourself against becoming diabetic; as well as being given the practical tools you can implement now to reverse this lifestyle-related condition. Also discussed will be the dreaded Type III Diabetes, a term used when Alzheimer's disease is triggered by insulin resistance in the brain.

Mon. Oct. 14, 6:30-8:30pm Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Registration closes Oct. 7, 2019.

For more information or to register, visit ShelterBay.net. Don't have a computer? You may use the community computer located at the SBC office.

Manager's Corner - David Franklin

NextGen 911 Address Changes – The Swinomish Planning Department has received results from Skagit County 911 address conformity testing for all addresses on the Reservation. Unfortunately, 42% of addresses in Shelter Bay failed the test accounting for 92% of the total failed addresses on the Reservation. These percentages assure that all addresses in Shelter Bay will need to change to a five-numeral series in the future. The deadline for address changes was to be the fall of 2018, then the summer of 2019, and now sometime in 2020. The deadline has slipped due to the severe underestimation of the number of counties and other jurisdictions that are completely unprepared for this change. Skagit County and the Swinomish Tribe are, by comparison, way ahead of others. We will keep the Membership apprised of any developments to implementation timelines as they become available.

Member's Responsibility to Determine Lot Lines – It is common for Members to come into the Office and request that Shelter Bay determine the boundaries of their leasehold or fee simple lots. Although it was the responsibility of the original developer to plat and survey each lot, that responsibility was transferred along with the possessory interest in each lot when they were originally sold. Each time the lot changes hands, it becomes the responsibility of the purchaser to determine the bounds of their real estate interest. The Board recently reviewed this issue and has instructed the Rules Committee to prepare language for inclusion into Shelter Bay's Rules and Regulations under Owner Responsibilities. Some of the original ½" iron pipe boundary stakes can still be found at the corners of lots, while many have been removed by owners over time. If you cannot find the original stakes, you should have your lot surveyed by a professional surveyor.

Lower Pool Closes Early for the Season – The Lower Pool was closed a week earlier than scheduled this season due to damage sustained to the access control lock mechanism when a group of Members forced their way into the pool after hours. A replacement mechanism was not available in time to repair the gate and restore the pool to scheduled use. The Members responsible for the damage were identified and have been fined for the violation.

Drainage – Fall rains have returned and leaves have begun to fall. With the change of season, members should keep an eye on drainage ditches near their homes and remove accumulated debris from adjacent drainage ditches 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 available online or in the Office. Remember, political signs may be posted up to four weeks prior to the election and must be removed within 48-hours after the election. 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. Please abide by these guidelines while celebrating your rights to participate in the democratic process.

Removal of Dead Trees – Contractors have begun work removing many of the dead trees in the greenbelt areas throughout Shelter Bay. Although many trees were identified for removal in July, some have since shown symptoms of decline and have yet to be marked for removal. This will be an ongoing effort. The Greenbelt Committee will also be scheduling Firewise work in October for the following Greenbelts:

Tract R greenbelt between Snohomish Drive and Shelter Bay Drive

Martha's Beach Tract E Wanapum, Shushwap, Hoonah, Nehalem Tract P behind Lot 517 Tract S behind Lots 237, 238, 261



TREASURER'S REPORT

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW and FUTURE!

This is just a blush of the financial management improvements made in the past few years.

ACH - Save Yourself \$\$'s and Your Community \$\$'s. It's easy, stop sending checks to the Office. Sign up for ACH (Automatic Clearinghouse) payments for your monthly assessments. I've been making ACH payments for years on some of my other accounts and find it simple and cost effective. I don't have to write a check, buy a stamp or mail the envelope. It's painless. With ACH, payments are automated. Just consider the other work staff would accomplish with time now spent on manual tasks. Currently 273 or 29% of members are signed up. We need the rest of you to do the same.

RECEIVABLES (90-days past due). Three years ago, members owed us \$336,000 and now receivables are \$77,400. Improving collections has been a high priority. When someone doesn't pay, then the Community doesn't have the \$\$'s to pay its bills without borrowing. It took from 2008 to this past Spring for the full back rent to be collected. New to the collections' tool kit is use of the cancellation clause in the sublease. Implementing this policy has led to Shelter Bay owning several properties which have either been sold or rented and accounts brought current. Fifteen accounts are now 90-days past due with just 5 over \$1,000. This compares with 42 accounts in 2015. These efforts have greatly improved our financial health.

PAYING MASTER LEASE RENT WITHOUT BORROWING. This year we paid the lease rent, without borrowing and without paying interest. In years past, there's been insufficient rent collected, on-time, to pay the BIA/Tribe without borrowing; the cash wasn't there. Receivables don't pay rent. This has been a goal since the lease was purchased in 2004. Having \$2 million in cash to pay the rent, without borrowing, is a big deal.

NEW SOFTWARE RUNNING. The new Financial Management Software System implementation was a multi-year project that's almost complete. The former multi-systems had different parts that didn't talk to each other requiring the manual transferring of data from one system to another; marina billing was on one system, budgeting on another, utilities on another, assessments on another, as well as accounting and payroll on their own systems. Staff has implemented an integrated system which offers an amazing amount of efficiencies and functionalities, saving time on tasks, less errors, better response time, etc. Work to implement the compliance, architectural control, and work order functions is in process. There are additional opportunities with this new system that offer compliance tracking, so, for instance, you may receive a form letter if you stored your boat too long or the grass on your vacant lot needs to be cut.

FUTURE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT FINANCE are likely -Storage Lot Fees graduated by length (like marina slips) Sewer rates based on water usage (adjusted for summer months) Mandatory ACH signup for new members

Appreciate your time, Judi Slajer, Treasurer

SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

EXERCISE CLASS

Where: The ClubhouseWhen: Monday, 10:30 am Wednesday & Friday 10:00 amMen & women, all levels and strengths.

Hours may vary. Check the Calendar on page 11

SEWING GUILD

Skagit Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild

Where: The Clubhouse

When: Tuesday, October 15, 1:00pm Anyone interested in sewing and quilting, please join us!

BOOK CLUB

When: Monday October 7th 1:30 pm Book: "Where the Crawdads Sing" By Delia Owens Host: Diane Dailey 657 Muckleshoot Circle

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Duplicate Bridge group looking for experienced bridge players. Every other Friday 11AM - 4PM. If interested call Gary	ļ						
Ladd 253-355-6130 for more information.							
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Hello I am Sandra Pahler Bell. I have just moved from Atlanta, Georgia to Skagit Valley where I grew-up. I owned and operated a full service hair Salon in Atlanta that specialized in fine thin hair and women and men's hair replacement. Now I am bringing those same services and special talents to my friends and family here in Skagit County. I'm at my new location in La Conner.

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by Sandra

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360.466.3300 Art, Marcie & Tony



October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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All Committee Meetings are held in the Clubhouse or Annex Meeting Rooms. Interested Shelter Bay residents are welcome to attend. Please visit the Calendar page @ <u>www.shelterbay.net</u> for updates.



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