

## Shelter Bay Office Closures

New Year's Day  
Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>

Office Closed for In-Service  
Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup>



## In Loving Memory

Myrna Lou Johnson  
December 11, 2019

## FIREWISE CUTS BEGIN

Precision Tree Service will be starting our Firewise cuts on Martha's Beach on January 2-3. The next area will be Kloshe Way. There is a map in the main office that shows the areas that will be cut in 2020.

No work in Division 4 Tract E4 will be done until the new fiscal year of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

If you have any questions about Firewise, please attend a GLot Meeting.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

Please email your location to [brittgjol@gmail.com](mailto:brittgjol@gmail.com) by noon Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and have your tree down at the end of your driveway by 8:00am Sunday. 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.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**A Special Spirit:** Last night as I sat in our living room, I felt a sense of joy and satisfaction admiring our two Christmas trees. One tree is our traditional tree decorated as always with shiny ornaments and lots of bright lights including a silver star at

its peak. The other tree sits on our fireplace mantle. It is kind of scrawny, less than two feet tall, and decorated with one lone ornament. It's a Charlie Brown tree.

I would like to tell you the origin of that tree. A week before Thanksgiving 2010 I took a nasty fall from a ladder in our garage that resulted in a broken hip and shoulder. After spending 8 days at Harborview Hospital in Seattle and a month in a convalescent home in Bellevue, Vickie drove us home on a cold bleak December day shortly before Christmas. After hobbling into the house, I notice that it felt kind of bleak as well, cold with none of our usual gay Christmas décor. And then there was a knock at the door. It was Judy Colby, then President of our Shelter Bay homeowner association. She welcomed us home and then presented us a gift wrapped in a triangular box. Inside was the Charlie Brown tree, our Christmas decoration for that year. That tree shines with the special spirit of caring and support, and I believe it exemplifies the Spirit of this community.

**Education about Earthquake Preparedness:** Next month on Friday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the

Clubhouse, the Shelter Bay Safety Committee and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) are sponsoring a Winter Potluck along with a presentation about earthquake preparedness. Guest speaker will be Dr. Eugene Kiver, local geologist and earthquake expert. Last month I shared with you some steps our Safety Committee is taking to think through the consequences of a major catastrophic event and that effort is underway and ongoing. Please call Carolyn Caporgno if you have any questions at 209-609-1182. A little prior planning and preparedness will be invaluable in the event of a serious earthquake.

**Thank You Volunteers:** Over the past years I have had the opportunity to serve on almost every committee in Shelter Bay. It certainly has been a pleasure to see our Community volunteers share their energy, expertise and dedication to help Shelter Bay function as well as making it a more inviting, attractive, and safe place to live. I applaud the commitment and dedication of all of you. If you are not serving the community at present I invite you to consider doing so. It will bring you a sense of satisfaction and purpose, and provides the opportunity to get acquainted with more great folks who live in and serve this Community.

**I wish you all Happy and Safe Holidays. May this coming year bring you much joy and satisfaction.**

Sincerely,  
Tom Napier  
President Shelter Bay HOA



**Road Sanding and Plowing Priorities** - The Shelter Bay Maintenance Department is equipped to plow and sand the roads when conditions require it. The plowing of the roads is prioritized according to traffic volume.

- **Priority One** is for Shelter Bay Drive, as it is the main arterial for the entire community, and it is essential to keep clear for emergency services.
- **Priority Two** roads are the collector roads providing service to community sub-areas, and includes Shoshone, Swinomish, Snohomish, Klamath, Lummi, and others.
- **Priority Three** are the remaining roads with limited access.

Depending on how severe weather conditions are, it may take a couple of days before the crew can get to these roads. There are a few roads that cannot be plowed due to the severity of the road slope such as Klamath Way, or due to extremely limited maneuverability as is found in some of the small cul-de-sacs. **In severe weather conditions, residents may park their vehicles in the Shelter Bay parking lot, and the emergency exits on Muckleshoot-Indian Road, and Shelter Bay Drive-Pull and Be Damned will be open during the day.**

**Regular Meeting of December 18, 2019**

- 1) Adopted Resolution 19-13 revising Rules and Regulations, Part I – General, the Social and Recreation Committee Guidelines, and the Fee Schedule to limit Clubhouse rentals to members only and to remove the requirement for paying a damage/security deposit.
- 2) Adopted Resolution 19-16 revising Rules and Regulations, Part I – General and the Architectural Compliance Committee’s Construction Guidelines to incorporate policy regarding requirements for private dock easements.
- 3) Adopted Resolution 19-17 revising Rules and Regulations, Part I – General to codify the Community member’s responsibility for determining their property lot lines.
- 4) Adopted Resolution 19-18 revising the Communications Committee’s website and newsletter advertising guidelines to remove the option for real estate agents to place ads on the website due to a lack of interest in utilizing this opportunity.
- 5) Approved the FY 2020-2021 Budget Development and May 16, 2020 Annual Membership Meeting calendar setting deadlines and meeting dates. The calendar provides numerous opportunities for member participation in the budget development/approval process.
- 6) Authorized the expenditure of \$64,015 for Firewise fuel reduction work in several greenbelt areas by Precision Tree Service.
- 7) Approved the Community Manager’s Annual Evaluation.

**DEADLINE FOR THE  
FILING OF BALLOT ISSUES  
FOR THE MAY 16, 2020 ANNUAL ELECTION**



**Deadline for the Filing of Ballot Issues:**

Please be advised that any ballot issues proposed for consideration at the May 16, 2020 Annual Membership Meeting and Election must be received by Debbie Byrd, the Board’s Executive Secretary by **5:00 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2020.** 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,  
Don Newby  
Board Secretary Pro Tem

## Manager's Corner - David Franklin

**A and B Dock Project** – On Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>, the new A and B docks should be towed into the Shelter Bay Harbor Basin (weather dependent). If you haven't seen the choreography on water of a dock replacement, you should come down to the Marina or the new Gazebo on the Walking Path and have a look. The project will likely last 2 to 3 weeks before the docks are completely installed, and boats placed in their permanent slips on the new docks.

**Storage Lot New Hours** – Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 the Shelter Bay Storage Lot hours will be restricted to enhance security. The Lot will be open from 5:00am until 10:00pm. The reduction in hours has been recommended by our security contractor and the Swinomish Police Department, who will be called to the scene when an intrusion has been detected. Restricting hours at night will ensure Members do not cause false alarm events.

**How to make Sense of the Dollars and Cents: Budgets for 2020-2021** - 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 24<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00pm Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00pm Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> (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.

**Payment Deadline Reminder** – One of the most common complaints the Front Office receives each month is from Members who receive statements that do not show their payments that were made a week or so after the end of new month. As a reminder, payments are considered past due if they are received after the last of the month and cannot be reflected on a statement that has already been printed and mailed. The payment will be reflected on the next month's statement. If you are paying with an online bill payment system from your bank, it can take up to 10 days for the bank to send a paper check. Consider using an automated electronic payment instead. Contact the Office for more information on options available to you.

**Do you know the boundaries of your lot?** - Knowing the boundaries of your leased or fee simple lot is essential information when adding, altering, or removing anything on your lot, especially if you are applying for a Shelter Bay Certificate of Compliance or a Tribal Permit. But, even member activities that do not require official approval can cause problems if you do not know your boundaries. In one recent instance, a member mistakenly cut down a hedge on his neighbor's lot, which he believed to be his.

For years, Members have been requesting that Shelter Bay provide them with their lot lines with many insisting that it is Shelter Bay's responsibility. A recent inquiry with the Community's legal counsel confirmed the fact that **members are responsible for identifying their lot lines** and ensuring that any work performed at their lot is done within that boundary.

In response for the need for clarification on this issue, the Board of Directors has codified this member responsibility into the Shelter Bay Rules and Regulations, Part I, as follows:

*Members have possessory interest of their lot and are responsible for knowing and being able to verify the property lot lines. If the member cannot determine their lot lines, the member is responsible for having the lot professionally surveyed. The Community's responsibility is to provide the original survey plat maps and the lot's legal description.*

**Thank you to the Yacht Club for the wonderful Clubhouse Christmas Decorations** - The decorations really enhanced the facility for 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!



**SHELTER BAY RESIDENTS  
WINTER POTLUCK**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Eugene (Gene) Kiver  
Local geologist and earthquake expert

Friday, January 24, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Please sign up for this event at the office by January 21, 2020  
and specify whether you will bring a main dish, salad, or dessert.

Plates, utensils, coffee, and water will be provided.

**The Shelter Bay Safety Committee and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)  
are sponsoring this event.**

Please call Carolyn Caporgno if you have any questions at 209-609-1182.

*Thank you, Santa, for stopping by to share a cookie with us!*



## SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

### BOOK CLUB

**When:** Monday January 6th 1:30 pm

**Book:** "The Library Book"

By Susan Orleans

**Host:** Kathy Develle

482 Wanapum Place

Kathy.develle@gmail.com

360-466-0408

### EXERCISE CLASS

**Where:** The Clubhouse

**When:** Monday, 10:30 am

Wednesday & Friday 10:00 am

Men & 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, January 21st, 1:00pm

We will discuss the future of our group and future programs.

Duplicate Bridge group looking for experienced bridge players. Every other Friday 11AM - 4PM. If interested call Gary Ladd 253-355-6130 for more information.

### YOGA

Yoga classes will resume in the Spring.

We will update you to the new schedule as soon as we have it confirmed.

## Shelter Bay Thanksgiving Dinner

In November, 76 Shelter Bay Members shared Thanksgiving dinner together. The food, décor, table settings and sharing a feast together with friends, old and new, was wonderful. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this happen!





For more information or to register, visit [ShelterBay.net](http://ShelterBay.net)

Classes are held in the Shelter Bay Clubhouse

**Global Warming -  
Facts, Human Contribution,  
Consequences**

Monday, Jan. 6  
6:30-8:30pm  
Registration closes Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

**Winter Birds of the Salish  
Sea**

Tuesday, Jan. 21  
6:30-8:30pm  
Registration closes Jan. 18th

**Memoir Writing**

Tuesday, Jan. 28  
6:30-8:30pm  
Registration closes Jan. 25<sup>st</sup>

**Food for Thought -  
Nutrition, Exercise & Lifestyle  
for a Healthy Brain**

Sunday, Jan. 12  
3:00-5:00pm  
Registration closes Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>

**Taking a Deep Dive into  
the Types of Alzheimer's  
Disease with Targeted  
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Sunday, Jan. 26  
3:00-5:00pm  
Registration closes Jan. 23rd

**Feeding Wildlife...the  
Good, the Bad and the Ugly**

Wednesday, Jan. 29  
6:30-8:30pm  
Registration closes Jan. 26<sup>st</sup>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>  Office Closed 10:00 Exercise	<b>2</b> Office Closed In-Service	<b>3</b> 8:00 Facilities 10:00 Exercise	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 Christmas Tree pick Up	<b>6</b> 9:30 Tap 10:30 Exercise 3:00 Safety 6:30 Communi- versity; “Global Warming”	<b>7</b> 9:00 Architectural Compliance 3:00 Rules	<b>8</b> 10:00 Exercise 3:00 SRC	<b>9</b> 9:00 GLOT 1:00 Finance	<b>10</b> 10:00 Exercise	<b>11</b>
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<b>26</b> 3:00 Com- munity; “Alzheimer’s”	<b>27</b> 9:30 Tap 10:30 Exercise	<b>28</b> 6:30 Com- munity - “Memoir Writing”	<b>29</b> 10:00 Exercise 5:30 Communi- versity - “Feeding Wild- life”	<b>30</b> 5:00 Chorus	<b>31</b> 10:00 Excercise	

**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 @ [www.shelterbay.net](http://www.shelterbay.net) for updates.**



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