



Shelter Bay Office Closures

Office Closed for In-Service
Monday February 3rd

President's Day
Monday February 17th

In Loving Memory

Helena Liddil
January 7, 2020

Terrence McDonald

William E. 'Bill' Shears
December 28, 2019

Cheryl A. Westlake
January 6, 2020

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**NOTICE OF MEETINGS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET**



Community members are asked to become familiar with the proposed FY 2020-2021 Operating and Capital Improvement Projects Budget. The proposed draft Budget will be available in the Business Office and at the Members Only section of the Website beginning March 20th. Your input during the development of the Budget is welcome and encouraged.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

1:00 p.m. – Tuesday, March 24 th	FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOINT BUDGET WORK SESSION – Review Draft Budget
1:00 p.m. – Thursday, March 26 th	FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOINT BUDGET WORK SESSION – Continue review of Draft Budget
1:00 p.m. – Tuesday, March 31 st	FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOINT BUDGET WORK SESSION – Continue review of Draft Budget (if needed)
5:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 8 th	TOWN MEETING – Review Draft Budget and introduce the Annual Meeting/Election Ballot Issues
2:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 15 th	BOARD MEETING – Public Comment period and Board of Director approval of the proposed Budget
10:00 a.m. – Saturday, May 16 th	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Members vote to ratify or reject the Board approved FY 2020-2021 Budget

**All Meetings will be held in the Community Clubhouse
COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

Thank you,
Don Newby, Board Secretary Pro Tem

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



New Docks: We are in the process of replacing A and B docks. This is all part of a Marina upgrade plan. Actually, as I write this message, A dock is in place and work is underway to get B dock operational. The

dock was damaged while being towed from Tacoma earlier this month when the severe weather hit. Our contractor, Marine Floats of Tacoma, is responsible for the repairs.

With these two new docks in place, six of our ten docks will have been replaced which encompasses 87% of the slips in our Marina. The upgrades were necessary with our original docks being over 40 years of age and past their prime. The Marina is a focal point for our Community as well as a reliable source of income. Under the oversight of Community Manager David Franklin, this project has been spearheaded by Project Manager Pat McGarry, with the support of Harbor Committee Chair Rick Parnell and the rest of the members of the Marina Business Plan Implementation Team and the Harbor Committee. Many thanks to all.

Please Practice Safe Walking Habits in the Evening: The other evening I was driving through Shelter Bay and was alarmed because it was extremely difficult to see folks walking, especially those wearing darker clothing. Be aware that drivers can be somewhat blinded momentarily by oncoming car headlights. I would encourage those of you who are out walking around dusk or later to consider wearing some reflective attire to make your presence more visible to drivers and to keep you safe. I would not want any of our residents harmed or to be the one responsible for accidentally harming someone.

Community Improvements: Over the past several years a considerable amount of work has been done to stem deterioration or make upgrades

to facilities in our community. Besides restoration of the Marina, the Storage Lot had a significant upgrade which continues with even more security recently added. Both are revenue producers. Our sewage collection system has been upgraded with new pumps and backup generators. The lower tennis court was resurfaced and the walking path along the golf course completed with a new gazebo and benches. Improvements are also being made to the Community's drainage system.

All of this is aimed at stemming the decline in our aging facilities as well as making our Shelter Bay both more attractive and financially viable. Much of this work has been done with the able assistance of John Koch and Ric Henderson and the support of the Facilities Committee. Thank you for your efforts to make Shelter Bay a more inviting and viable community. More work is likely on its way this coming year. Exactly what will happen will evolve during our upcoming budgeting process that commences in March. You are invited and more than welcome to attend the budgeting workshops.

We have lost two Past Community Association Presidents: Over the past few months I am sorry to say that Art Young and Cheryl Westlake passed away. Both were stalwart members of our Shelter Bay Homeowners Association, serving on the Board of Directors and as our Board President during part of their tenure. These two also served on many of our working committees with Art utilizing his construction background at the Building Committee and Cheryl chairing the Lot Committee and then more recently the Communications Committee until her passing. These two didn't just volunteer at the Community governance level, Cheryl was also instrumental in getting our new CommUniversity program off the ground, and Art, along with his wife Claudia, maintained our little Library for many years.



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Board of Directors

Action Items

Regular Meeting of January 15, 2020

-CANCELED-

FILING FOR BOARD

MEMBER CANDIDACY

May 16, 2020 – Annual Membership Meeting/Election

Board Member Candidacy Deadline:

Three (3) three-year positions on the Board of Directors will be elected at the May 16, 2020 Annual Membership Meeting/Election in order to fill the three expiring terms held by Roland Miller, Ralph Roper, and Judi Slajer.

Members wishing to file should complete the Board Candidate Application Form which is available in the Community Office and at the Forms Page on the Website at www.shelterbay.net. Anyone wishing to become a Board candidate must be a member in good standing in the Community.

Board candidates must file by no later than:

Friday – March 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

All interested members are encouraged to file.

Don Newby

Board Secretary Pro Tem

Did you know?

Shelter Bay has it's own library?



The Shelter Bay Library is at the Annex and is open

Monday - Friday 8-5 and Saturday 11-4

There you will find a great selection of both paperback and hard cover novels.

Including, a section of both Romance and Western novels.

We also have a wonderful array of jig-saw puzzles that will keep you busy during these winter months. In fact, we recently received a donation from a community member of “new” puzzles. So, if you're up for the challenge stop by and pick one out.

We'll see you at the library,
Pam and Claudia
Your Shelter Bay Librarians

Manager's Corner - David Franklin

A and B Dock Project – On Wednesday January 15th, the new A and B Docks arrived in Shelter Bay after a 48-hour tow from south Puget Sound. The tug encountered some difficult conditions and a few logs along the way causing some damage to the docks. The contractor was able to make repairs on site and boats were moved onto A dock on Saturday the 18th. On Monday the 20th, the dismantling of B Dock began in earnest. All of the finger piers were removed and rafted together to be reattached. The finger piers were originally installed in 2011-2012 and still have many years left in them. The main walkway of B Dock, all pilings, and water and electrical utilities were the major components replaced during the project. The Harbor Committee has been instrumental in the success of this project, working many hours on behalf of the community. They will be installing 88 dock boxes over the next week preparing the docks for tenants beginning this March.



Seasonal Moorage in the Marina is Going Fast – In years past Members have waited until May to make moorage arrangements for smaller fishing and crabbing boats. Last year many were disappointed to find out that their usual slip had already been rented. This year, the competition for slips appears to be even more intense as we are beginning to see demand in January. So, if you want a slip for the summer, consider leasing a slip today.

Emergency Management – Members of Shelter Bay met with Fire District #13 and Swinomish Emergency Management personnel to discuss unifying and coordinating response in emergency situations. As with any emergency, communication is one of the

most challenging and important aspects of emergency response. It is not just important for first responders, but for the general public as well. In order to help the authorities help you in an emergency, please take the following steps:

Update Contact Information – Make sure Shelter Bay has your most recent telephone and email contact information.

Code RED – The Swinomish Emergency Management Department uses an alert system called Code RED that will alert you to missing persons, evacuation notices, natural disasters, criminal activity, traffic alerts, and shelter in place/lockdowns. Visit the Tribe's website and sign up at:

<http://www.swinomish.org/resources/emergency-management.aspx>

Staff Changes – After 2 years with the Shelter Bay Maintenance Department Braun Mucke found employment with the City of Mount Vernon in November 2019. After two months and some 50 applicant reviews, Shelter Bay has hired Chase Kusilek from right here in Shelter Bay. Chase brings maintenance experience and a strong team ethic to the department, and we welcome him to the Shelter Bay family. We have also hired Jennifer Spritzer temporarily to fill in for our permanent bookkeeper (and community yoga instructor) Kim Coker. Jennifer is doing excellent work for the Community in Kim's absence. Kim is doing well, and we hope to see her return to work and to lead yoga classes again this spring.

Reminder – Every Tuesday, the office has a delayed opening at 9:00am instead of 8:00am to accommodate our weekly staff meeting. Please be advised that the office also has a monthly in-service day at the very end or beginning of the month to accommodate the additional time needed to produce the nearly 1,200 monthly bills that need to be compiled, printed, folded, stuffed, and mailed. Every Member who chooses electronic payment and email delivery of statements, helps reduce this monthly work load. Currently, only 20% of the Membership have opted for this time saving option.



TREASURER'S REPORT



Budget time is again closing in on us. This is the time of year the committees submit their budget requests and our Community Manager begins preparing the rest of the budget. Toward the middle of March, this process is complete, and the draft budget will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Board. The membership is encouraged to attend and participate in these work sessions; the times/dates are:

Tuesday, March 24th – 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 26th – 1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31st – 1 p.m.

There may be a bit more interest in the upcoming capital budget if things proceed as the wind is presently drifting. The Facilities Amenities Sub-Committee will be recommending to Facilities on February 14th the inclusion of some interesting capital projects. Your thoughts may become important to this budget review. A preview of the details of these recommendations is a bit premature, however, they do involve the pools, walking path, playground and a few other community facilities. However, only a portion of your monthly assessment involves the Capital Budget, the other portion is for Operating. At this point, this budget is not developed. Watch for future newsletters and website notices.

Our Financials – For the end of November 2019. Our Operating, Water, and Sewer and Lease budgets are tracking well with approved budgets for that time of year. The Marina Budget was in a very positive position compared to budget which is anticipated to cover the income shortfall when A and B docks are replaced. It is believed the year-end Marina budget will be in good shape.

Accounts Receivables – This is what is owed by members or renters, monies that are outstanding. This has been a serious issue in past years, however, due to very active collection pursuits by the staff, receivables have been significantly decreased. The situation at the end of November 2019 for accounts delinquent over 90 days was:

Community assessments – There are 18 accounts 90+ delinquents with 2 of these owing in excess of \$33,000 and the remaining delinquent accounts are \$5,000 and smaller. The actions being taken to collect these accounts are automatic collection letters including notice of cancellation of the sub-lease, and then finally cancellation of the lease and taking possession. If Shelter Bay takes possession, then it has the responsibility to sell the property or manage the property as a rental.

Marina slip rentals – There are 2 different classes of delinquencies for the Marina; slips that are still rented and those that are not. There are 5 where the owners have removed the vessels from the Marina amounting to almost \$6,000 in delinquencies which likely will be written off, and there are 11 delinquencies of \$418 or less where the vessels remain in the marina. We pursue the latter ones with immediate delinquent notices with the threat of potential seizure and sale of the vessel.

Shelter Bay Company annual lease – As of November 31st, there were 17 unpaid lease accounts; 1 over \$7,000, 6 in excess of \$1,000, with others less than \$730. Our collection efforts include active pursuit which can result in sub-lease cancellation.

My hope is this has been informative,

Judi Slajer, Treasurer

SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

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

YOGA

Yoga classes will resume in the Spring. We will update you to the new schedule as soon as we have it confirmed.

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

BOOK CLUB

When: Monday February 3rd 1:30 pm
Book: "The Eighth Sister"
By Robert Dugoni
Host: Pat Cushman
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SEWING GUILD

Skagit Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild

Where: The Clubhouse
When: Tuesday, February 18th 1:00 pm

The Skagit Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild will meet on Tuesday, February 18th at 1:00 in the Shelter Bay Clubhouse. We will discuss future plans. Don't forget to bring your "sew and tell."

Randi Freidig 206-281-1200



Your Social and Recreation Committee invites you to a special

Valentine Happy Hour

Wednesday, February 12th
starting at 5:00 p.m. Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Please bring your favorite appetizer and BYOB
The Committee will be providing
Champagne & Chocolates.



Social and Recreation Committee

Chili Feed Potluck

Friday, March 13th at the Clubhouse
starting at 5:00 p.m.



Please sign up at the office to bring your choice of a pot of chili, cornbread, salad or dessert,
(enough for 8 people).

BYOB

Any Questions? Call the Committee Secretary
Renata Bos at 360-466-3805



For more information or to register, visit ShelterBay.net

Classes are held in the Shelter Bay Clubhouse

New Year, New You

Sunday, Feb. 2nd

3:00-5:00pm

Registration closes Feb. 1st

Forget about New Year's Resolutions. In this course you'll learn about small, but very powerful lifestyle changes you can apply NOW for a healthier, happier YOU.

Food for Thought -

Nutrition, Exercise & Lifestyle for a Healthy Brain

Sunday, Feb. 9th

3:00-5:00pm

Registration closes Feb. 6th

This course will teach you how to have a sharper brain. With the surprising rise in Alzheimer's Disease, and many having family members affected by it, there is no time like the present to become active in brain preservation. And for those already on the downward slope, or with a diagnosis - there is hope! Sign up for this course and learn the multifaceted ways you can love on your brain or help the brain and memory of a loved one.

Gardening with Native Plants for Pollinators & Birds

Sunday, Feb. 23th

3:00-5:00pm

Registration closes Feb. 20th

A presentation about native plants that work well in our home landscapes, why we should use them and where to find them. There will be plenty of time for specific questions.

Identifying Native Plants and Recognizing Invasive Species

Monday, Feb. 24th

6:30-8:30pm

Registration closes Feb. 21st

Learn the basics of plant identification and become familiar with the resources available for learning to distinguish between native and non-native plants. No prior botanical experience or training necessary. This is a beginner's course.

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Interested Shelter Bay residents are welcome to attend.
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