

News

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Skagit County Novel Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID19) Information

If you are an at-risk individual who is on quarantine or isolation, and you find yourself in need of assistance with getting/picking up supplies or food, or knowing where to call to get such resources delivered to you, call the Skagit County Resource Assistance Line at:

360-416-1892 between 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. daily You can find more local information on the Skagit County Department of Health website:

https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/HealthDiseases/coronavirus.htm







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In Loving Memory

Marianna Metke

May 24, 2020

Shelter Bay Office Closures

Office closed In-Service Thursday July 2nd. Closed Friday July 3rd for Independence Day weekend. Office remains closed to the public but staff can be reached by email, phone, and by appointment.

~ Thank you for your patience ~

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Presidents Report

Coronavirus: Our little Shelter Bay Community has been pretty much closed up for four months now and to our knowledge we have no cases of COVID-19 infections. Shelter Bay operates under the

sovereign governmental jurisdiction of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. Therefore, we look to the Tribe to take the lead in specifying the conditions under which we will operate relative to any phased reopening approach of our community. Currently, the Tribe remains in Phase 1.

Our Manager, David Franklin, and the Safety Committee have been proactive and developed a Preparedness Plan for a phased reopening of our Community. The Board believes that the use of our swimming pools and any large gatherings such as the annual Concert on the Green are not likely to be able to occur this summer. We are hopeful conditions will improve to allow the Social and Recreation Committee to host the Thanksgiving Dinner again this year. That seems like a long way off.

Speaking for my household, we know that it is growing increasingly difficult to stay in a locked down state; however, we must remember that being safe is much better than being sorry. So far, our Community members and staff are doing a great job at keeping ourselves and each other safe. With 80% of our membership 60+ years young, we are a vulnerable population. There appears to be a resurgence of cases in both Washington State and our nation, so being cautious is being wise.

A New Lease: My wife and I moved to Shelter Bay fifteen years ago. Before buying a home here I consulted with Judy Colby who was then President of Shelter Bay, and she indicated that the Community and the Swinomish Tribe were working on a new lease. She further indicated that a new lease was very likely because it was in the best interest of both parties to have a new long term lease. Fifteen years later we are still working on a new lease and I too believe a new lease is in the best interest of both parties.

So, what might we do differently to get this to happen? Last month I sent a letter to Tribal Chairman Steve Edwards stating that the lease on the table was not in the best interest of either Shelter Bay or the Swinomish

Indian Tribal Community and the individual landowners/allottees. In a follow up phone call with Chairman Edwards, he indicated that the letter was circulated among the Senate and their staff, and that there was a general agreement to start anew.

Up until now our approach has been for either party to develop a lease proposal with a set of terms that we simply argue over. We plan to start at a different point. We plan for the Tribal Senate and the Shelter Bay Board to meet later this month to begin with focusing on some basic principles that would be a guiding framework within which we could reach agreement on a new lease. The principals would state, in part, that the landowners deserve fair market rent for their land and the Shelter Bay lot holders/sublessees deserve to retain full equity in their homes. We intend to jointly develop a lease that would be in harmony with the stated principles.

As I shared last month we have retained the services of consultants who are members of both the Shelter Bay and Tribal communities. This provides us with a better understanding of Tribal culture, the people and the politics to help communicate that Shelter Bay is a valued long term asset to the Tribe.

Fires at Martha's Beach: Earlier this year a fire was started in an improvised rock ring fire pit on Martha's Beach by a non-Shelter Bay resident. A concerned upland resident seeing the fire called 911. Shelter Bay's Rules and Regulations prohibit fires on this beach. Both the Swinomish Police Department and Fire District #13 responded to the call but were not able to take any action because they are not responsible to support Shelter Bay's governing documents.

Open fires at Martha's Beach pose a serious fire hazard. We have consulted with both our Safety Committee and Fire District #13 on this matter and both recommend that we request the Swinomish Tribal Senate adopt Tribal Code prohibiting fires at this beach, thus providing the local police and fire departments authority to intervene. I have written the Senate Chairman with that request. Hopefully they will act upon that request and thus help us to be safe from a devastating fire emanating from Martha's Beach.

Shelter Bay Garden Club

A Shelter Bay Garden Club has formed. We are seeking interested people to participate and volunteer in our activities to build community pride. We'd love for you to join us as we plan future activities and projects.

Please contact either -

*Michele Petitti at petittimic@msn.com or 425.785.6348

*Nancy Culver at nancy.culver@gmail.com or 206.947.8143

From Your Rules Committee:

In an attempt to inform our community members of what we do, an article about the Rules Committee seems appropriate. The Mission Statement of the Rules Committee reads as follows:

"In accordance with the By-Laws, to interpret, enforce and propose changes to the By-Laws, Protective Covenants, and any regulations made by the Board, and impose such fines and take such actions as may be necessary and proper for the enforcement of any of these documents. The Rules Committee, in coordination with the committees, is responsible for reviewing committee guidelines for compliance with the governing documents."

Our committee is composed of seven voting members, two of whom are Shelter Bay Board members, we have two alternates, but we can have more and are always asking for interested Community members to join our ranks.

Upon recommendation from any Standing Committee the Rules Committee may impose a fine. The Management and Compliance Office may fine without the oversight of the Rules Committee.

All appeals to fines are conducted by the Rules Committee. A \$100 fee is charged for an appeal. This past year the Rules Committee conducted two appeals, one enforced the fine and the second forgave the fine. The Shelter Bay Board of Directors has the ultimate decision about fines.

We spend a lot of time writing and re-writing Shelter Bay's Rules and Regulations. Our efforts are to make our regulations easier to understand and to follow. This past year we created a Code of Conduct for Community Members, at the request of the Board of Directors; we revised the Member Responsibilities section regarding Lot Lines to make it more understandable; and we revised the Marina Liveaboard Policy (did you even know we have a Liveaboard policy?).

Our most recent efforts involved the Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC). Their guidelines are vast and not always easily understood by the layman. ACC is doing a rewrite of the guidelines and the Rules Committee has made some suggestions for clarity and ease of understanding.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 3:00 pm, normally in the Clubhouse meeting room, more recently on Zoom. Please let Debbie Byrd know if you would like to join us as a member or just sit in on one of our meetings.

Judy Bennett. Chair Rules Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT



The new Fiscal Year began July 1st. As we look back on the past year and think about all the Board's progress, let us take a little 'Did You Know?' test.

Did You Know?	The Community receive	d an unqualified opinion	from our Auditor for	the year ending
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June 30, 2019, which signifies a 'clean' audit, the best we can get.

Did You Know? Financial Policies were updated including changes in the Water Disconnect procedures

and policies for collecting delinquent moorage fees.

Did You Know? The last phase of Marina reconstruction, new docks in Division 5 and some dredging, is

a project that began last year with soil testing and will continue until January of 2022. Amending the US Army Corps of Engineers permit is in the works, then dredging and

reconstruction of the Division 5 docks – estimated cost of \$2.7 million.

Did You Know? The Community is appealing the Tribe's \$7.37 million assessment on the Marina.

Did You Know? The Community has the lowest level of delinquent accounts since the early 2000's.

Did You Know? Three (3) potential break-ins at the Storage Lot have already been thwarted with the

security camera and fencing upgrades.

Did You Know? Penalty and interest on delinquent accounts is being waived on a month-to-month basis

to assist members during this time of financial adversity.

Did You Know? Storage Lot spaces are being realigned to provide ore 50' spaces for longer units,

resulting in increased revenue.

Did You Know? Marina slips are almost 100% rented which is good for Marina revenues and our ability

to finance the last Phase of the Marina Reconstruction Project.

Did You Know? The Community completed over \$2.5 million of capital projects this past year, including

upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, new A & B docks in the Marina, security upgrades at the Marina and Storage Lot, Marina restroom exterior repairs, tennis court resurfacing and striping, drainage improvements, new Clubhouse audio system, continued engineering at Klamath, and constructing a section of walking path with

gazebo.

Did You Know? New Storage Lot and Marina moorage fees went into effect July 1st.

Did You Know? An engineering firm is soon to be engaged to evaluate the water distribution system,

review fire flow capabilities and options, and analyze options for future water suppliers, staying with the Town of La Conner or contracting with the Swinomish Tribal Utility.

Did You Know? The Tribal Senate has agreed with the Community's request to use an index method for

the 2023 lease rent adjustment. An agreement needs to be finalized.

Did You Know? The Communication's Committee has been asked to develop a Community Survey of

preferences for improvements which is to involve all the committees to do some

long-range fiscal and community planning.

Did You Know? The 2020 Reserve Study update is complete and outlines the known future

improvements to Community facilities and systems, their costs, years needed, and

financial impact. The report is available at the Financials page on the website at

www.shelterbay.net.

Did You Know? The Board is hard at work with constant Zoom meetings on preparing a Coronavirus

Preparedness Plan for the phased reopening of Shelter Bay consistent with State and

Tribal policies.

Manager's Corner - David Franklin

Stay Home Order, COVID-19, and Safety of Members and Employees Update –

Things we know:

- Shelter Bay is under the jurisdiction of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and the Stay Home orders issued by the Swinomish Senate and not those issued by the state of Washington.
- This has caused some confusion with residents and the Shelter Bay Community administration as we all try and figure out how to appropriately gauge our current and future response. Visit the Tribe's website for updates at: http://www.swinomish.org/community/coronavirus-information-updates.aspx
- The Tribe is "recommending", but not mandating, the wearing of masks as of June 26, 2020.
- The Tribe is not employing a phased reopening approach mirroring the State. Social distancing, masks, limiting gathering sizes will all likely be part of the mitigation strategies for months to come, but there is no forward guidance to date to provide to members (i.e. Under what health metrics will 10 people be allowed to gather, or when administrative services like the office will be allowed to open).
- The Shelter Bay Board continues to recognize the vulnerability of Shelter Bay residents to COVID-19. 80% of Shelter Bay residents are over 60 years old and at higher risk of serious complications due to the disease. With this in mind, Shelter Bay will likely take an even more cautious approach to opening than local health officials prescribe.
- Because of current COVID-19 public health guidance, recent increases in virus transmission, and the difficulty in conforming to COVID-19 sanitation requirements for pool facilities, the Lower Pool is unlikely to open this year.
- The Swinomish Reservation has had one of the lowest virus transmission rates in Skagit County. Now is not the time to relax as we see spikes around the country.

Things we do not know:

- How closely the Swinomish Tribe's reopening orders will mirror Skagit County's orders
- When larger groups will be able to gather.
- When we will be able to safely open the Office, the Clubhouse, the Pool etc.
- How the Stay Home Order and the COVID-19 outbreak will affect Shelter Bay economically.
- Whether the virus will dissipate in the coming months or increase in the fall as some experts predict.

Summer Projects

Summer is construction time in Shelter Bay. Crews and contractors will be working on several projects during the dry and warmer summer months. As with all community work, residents are asked to use caution and keep a safe distance when driving or walking near work areas.

• Line Striping – The Maintenance Crew will be re-striping the roads, including the yellow center lines, white fog lines and stop markings. Parking lot lines will also be refreshed.

Fireworks and Potential Threat of Fire – Even though it has been a traditional Northwest start to summer, dry summer conditions will soon arrive in Shelter Bay and with that the threat of wildfire. Please be advised that fireworks are strictly prohibited in Shelter Bay as is most outdoor burning activities, Please refer to Shelter Bay Rules and Regs Part I Section 2.4 for more detailed information: https://app.pilera.com/file_library/3447/agegunuby-3447-636040.pdf

For almost all of us, this is our first global pandemic. There isn't a playbook or instruction manual. So, remember, be patient, be kind, and be thankful for what you have, especially for those you love and who love you back. I hope all of you have a safe and fun filled summer despite the coronavirus restrictions.



Board of Directors Action Items

Regular Meeting of June 17, 2020

- 1) Thanked Vice President Roland Miller for his many years of service to the Community as both a member of numerous committees and serving on the Board of Directors for the past 3 years.
- 2) Approved requesting that the Swinomish Tribal Senate revise the Tribal Code to make all fires at Martha's Beach an unlawful activity in order to allow the Swinomish Police Department to be the enforcement agency.
- 3) Approved requesting a formal Appeal Hearing of the Swinomish Taxing Authority in order to appeal the 2019 assessed valuation of the Marina.
- 4) Adopted Resolution 20-10 revising the Fee Schedule to set new assessments and fees in accordance with the Member ratified Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating and Capital Improvement Projects Budget.
- 5) Appointed Ric Henderson as Project Manager to oversee the planned maintenance needed at the Upper Pool and to make recommendations for the hiring of a Public Pool Engineer to provide a report on the condition of both pools. Mr. Henderson will report to and work under the oversight of the Community Manager.
- 6) Acknowledged receipt of the annual Reserve Study update. Study is posted at the Website.
- 7) Authorized renewal of the Community's Liability, Directors & Officers, Auto, Marina and Umbrella insurance policies.
- 8) Scheduled a Special Board Meeting for 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2020 to seat the new Directors, Elect the Board Officers, and appoint the Committee members.
- 9) Appointed Michelle Petitti as an Alternate Member of the Facilities and Amenities Committee.
- 10) Appointed Gail Romero as a member of the Ad Hoc Communications Committee.
- 11) Appointed Director Don Newby as Acting Chair of the Ad Hoc Communications Committee.
- 12) Accepted the resignation of Tim Good from the Ad Hoc Communications Committee.



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Regular Meeting of June 17, 2020

- 1) Approved the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Shelter Bay Company Budget with Master Lease rent income and expense at \$2,044,000 and income from the \$20.00/month/sublease Admin Fee assessment to pay for anticipated lease related expenses.
- 2) Authorized renewal of the Shelter Bay Company Directors & Officers insurance coverage policy.



Do you want to do something that is satisfying and of great service to your community? Shelter Bay needs volunteers for committees and projects and we'd love your help! Of particular need at this time are those members with a background or interest in communications and event planning. However, our committees are also a place for those members interested in construction, finance, engineering, policy and compliance issues, urban forestry, Marina and harbor matters, and safety concerns.

The Committee Member Application is available in Forms at <u>shelterbay.net</u> or by emailing the Shelter Bay Board Secretary, Debbie Byrd at <u>dbyrd@shelterbay.net</u>.

FIRE PREVENTION

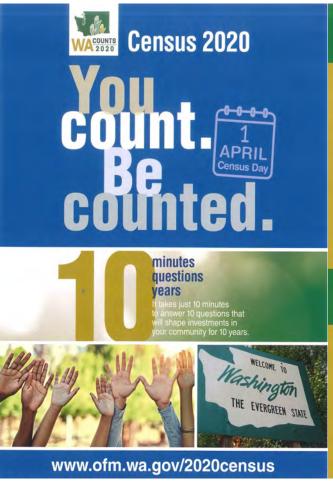
It's hard to believe with a wet May and a soggy first half of June that fire should be a Community concern. But it only takes a week of sunny dry summer weather to dry out the woods to the point where a major fire can develop.

The north half of Shelter Bay nestles among the evergreens with the potential for a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) fire. Fire District 13, your Fire Department, is already drilling on wildland fire operations, to ensure the fastest possible response to any brush or timber fire. The Washington Department of Natural Resources is predicting a summer with higher than average temperatures and heightened fire risk. And, there's always the problem of fireworks starting fires.

What should Shelter Bay Community members do? Think Fire Prevention, recognizing that any fire that gets away could be disastrous for Shelter Bay.

- No fireworks in Shelter Bay.
- No weed burning in Shelter Bay.
- No open burning in Shelter Bay.
- Fires on Martha's Beach are limited to charcoal briquettes in the existing barbecues. Be very sure that any barbecue fires are fully out when you leave.

Be safe and keep the Community safe! ~ Shelter Bay Safety Committee





www.ofm.wa.gov/2020census

SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

Exercise Class
Tap
Book Club

These activities are still canceled until further notice. But stay tuned, and watch this space for updates as Shelter Bay resumes activities.

~ Please Respect Shelter Bay Facilities ~

The Golf Course & Tennis Courts are for MEMBERS ONLY and THEIR PERSONAL GUESTS!

All facilities in Shelter Bay are private and not for general public access.

~ Thank you ~



Join us via Zoom!

Understanding Race Discrimination

Wednesday, July 8 - 4:00-5:30pm

What is race? Where does it come from? Why is race discrimination such a problem in our country? What is our part of the problem? What can be done to make sure everyone has a real and equal chance for the "American Dream"?

Class is FREE. <u>Registration is REQUIRED.</u>
Register at <u>ShelterBay.net</u>.
Registration closes July 6th

NOTE: this is a virtual class. <u>Registrants will be sent</u> the link via email to join the class.

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No donations accepted for the foreseeable future.



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ALL must wear face masks

Hand sanitizer will be provided

Six feet distancing

No more than six customers in the store



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- Glenda Leonard



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July 2020

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Wed

			1:00 Special Board Meeting (TELECONF)	Office Closed -In Service Day 9:00 Facilities (TELECONF)	3 Office Closed -July 4th Holiday Weekend	happy Athor
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Look for information on attending meetings by teleconference on the meeting Agenda posted at the Website.

Interested Shelter Bay residents are encouraged to attend.

Please visit the Calendar page @ www.shelterbay.net for updates.

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Christ the King Community Church "Always a place for you." Sundays, 9:30am

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498 N. 6th St., La Conner Directly behind the La Conner School District Office

Service Led by Pastor Jon Skiffington ONLINE:

Open YouTube on your computer, phone or smart TV - search for: La Conner CTK Online.

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Search in Google for: La Conner CTK Online. Click on the video that says "live service".

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