



Shelter Bay Office Closures

In-Service Monday November 2nd

Veterans Day November 11th

Thanksgiving Day & Day After - November 26th & 27th

Office remains closed to the public

*Members may visit the Office **by appointment only**, and will be required to wear a mask, sign in, and take their temperature as required by the Shelter Bay COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.*

~ Thank you for your patience ~

In Loving Memory



J. Patrick Albee
September 15, 2020

Tom Bowman (former member)
September 29, 2020



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Indian Bay - Development Begins October 1968



Indian Bay - Late 1969



Shelter Bay - c. 2018

Clearing of the property for Shelter Bay, formerly known as Indian Bay, began in late 1968. Legislative approval early that summer by Congress enabled the Swinomish Tribe to lease property for the development. Osberg Construction Co. of Seattle was scheduled to build 500 homes.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Rainbow Park Course of Action!

Let us start by saying we, the Board, are most sincerely sorry about how the recent tree removal activity at Rainbow Park was handled. The Board is ultimately responsible for the action of our Committees and acknowledges that things went wrong on many levels.

First and foremost, we deeply regret that not only was there no notice to the Community or to the neighbors but that there was no time set aside for public comments before beginning the work. On a large project such as the work at Rainbow Park the entire Community deserves better communication between our Committees, the Board, the Community, and the Swinomish Tribe.

We are examining all our guidelines, communication requirements, priority setting, and implementation processes. This may take a while, but we need to ensure our volunteers have clear direction to make sure proper procedures are followed. We do love the can-do attitude

of many of our volunteers, but most of the time, a slower, well-thought out plan will result in better execution.

We are actively engaged in developing a replanting design for Rainbow Park. The development plans can move forward in a design phase only, as the Swinomish Planning Office has issued a Stop Work Order on the project. It is performing an investigation and will issue a report, including instructions as to what needs to occur to obtain a Shoreline and Sensitive Area permit. Until such time, we cannot proceed further.

We are looking for better ways to keep everyone informed about how projects are progressing, so we have no more surprises. We want to keep the Community happy and well informed. We plan to do much better.

Thank you for your patience.

Tom Napier, Board President
And the Board of Directors

The GLOT Committee (Greenbelt and Lot) is doing Firewise work in three greenbelt areas. The primary purpose is to reduce the fire load in the greenbelt and to create a vertical firebreak between the undergrowth and the tree foliage by removing ladder fuel. They will be removing dead and down trees, thinning thick strands of small trees, and skirting up remaining trees so as to provide at least a ten foot firebreak. The areas to be worked on are:



LOCATION A



LOCATION B



LOCATION C

FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

As winter and shorter days approach, we need to think about keeping folks safe in Shelter Bay when they are out and about walking in the early morning hours or after dark. If that is you, please consider getting reflective gear for yourselves, and your kids and pets. Harbor Freight has two styles of reflective vests for \$5 and \$6. Amazon has literally 100's of reflective items, from jackets and coats for all ages, and caps and hats, some with LED lights built in. You can also buy snap on reflectors for arms and legs, or adhesive strips for bikes, strollers, and backpacks. Your dog should sport a reflective collar or perhaps a neon glow LED necklace for his afterhours duty call.

When you are driving and approach people out walking, please give them a wide berth, especially after dark. Some of our streets are narrow and winding, and if drivers determinedly stay on their side of the centerline, they can force walkers off the pavement into the ditch or bushes, to say nothing of scaring them to death. So please be aware of who's on the road.

If you'd like to learn more about this topic or the Safety Committee call: MaryLee 206-795-7242

Garden Club Dedicates Adopt A Garden Program and Thanks Many Volunteers

The new Shelter Bay Garden Club was born this past spring and was the idea of Michele Petitti and Nancy Culver. Now that fall has arrived the community has seen a revival of 12 community garden beds that have been adopted by volunteers. These volunteers have agreed to maintain and enhance the gardens for the coming year. At a dedication ceremony held on October 16th the volunteers were given their Adopt A Garden signs to place in their beds as a recognition of their efforts to help clean up and beautify Shelter Bay. Shelter Bay Board members were on hand to thank the volunteers and also David Franklin from management.

When Covid kept us all at home unless we were out walking or gardening, Michele and Nancy decided to roll up their sleeves, load their shovels and tools into their wheelbarrows, and tackle the overgrown and weedy memorial garden by the BBQ Pavilion. Many people stopped to admire the improvement and thank the ladies for their service. Soon others came with their tools, and the volunteer efforts extended to the Dock and Boat Launch gardens. The idea of a Garden Club was born. Any one interested in volunteering was welcomed into the group, and more clean up projects were identified and work parties organized. Two new beds were designed. One, called the Triangle Garden, is at the north entrance to the marina and was undertaken by Gail and Bruce Romero. The second new bed is in the Clubhouse parking lot. This bed was designed and created by Christina Stephens and Michele Petitti. Many of the plants in these two beds were donated by Shelter Bay residents who let the Garden Club members come and extract them from their home gardens. The Shelter Bay Board supported the Garden Club with a \$4,000 budget. This money has helped with garden waste removal, plant purchases, fresh bark and the new signage.

A group took on the Wetland Restoration project lead by Alice McKenzie and Ric Henderson. There is a Dedication sign at the entrance to the wetland behind the tennis courts across from the office. Be sure to see the names of the many volunteers that have worked on this project too.

Michele Petitti is a member of the Shelter Bay Facilities & Amenities Committee coordinating activities and the budget of the Garden Club with the many other projects of the Facilities Committee on behalf of the Shelter Bay Community. Anyone interested in becoming part of the Garden Club, please email Michele Petitti at petittimic@msn.com or Nancy Culver at nancy.culver@gmail.com.



Left to Right: Jana Cushman, Nancy Culver Vice President, Carol Yaw, (back) Gloria Sinclair, Diane Bergland, Tracy Pegg, Michele Petitti President, Tobias Schwind of Grassroots Lawn and Garden.



Join the Club and Adopt A Garden!

ZOOM 101 – An Introduction

Thursday, November 19th

4:00-5:00pm

NOTE: This class will be held online via Zoom. Registrants will be sent the link via email to join the class.

Learn how to use Zoom as a tool to stay connected to family, friends and others during this epidemic of Covid19, as well as how to use Zoom as a participant of an on-line teleconference. The basic features of Zoom will be explained, and you will have a chance to try them all out in a friendly, no pressure, fun Zoom meeting with the staff of Communiversiy.

This is a free class for all Shelter Bay Residents as well as all Swinomish Tribal Members. Registration is REQUIRED.

Registration closes Wednesday, November 18th – NOON

Register at <https://shelterbaycommwa.pilera.com/page/shelterbaycommuniversiy>

Shelter Bay September 11 – October 16, 2020 Facilities Report

Summary



Facilities & Equipment

- a) Performed 15 underground utilities locates
- b) Winterized upper and lower pool facilities
- c) Replaced failed hot water tank at Marina restroom
- d) Replaced worn impeller and volute assembly in dewatering pump

Water System

- a) Bi-monthly water sampling per IAW Department of Health regulations
- b) Completed water meter readings for all Shelter Bay Marina service connections
- c) Repaired 2” pipe water leak at Palouse & Kootenal Pl. Entire standpipe & control valve replaced due to severe corrosion.

Wastewater Treatment Plant & System (WWTP)

- a) Weekly & Monthly Preventive Maintenance on treatment plant & sewage lift stations
- b) Performed 8 liquid bio-solid haul-outs to La Conner wastewater treatment center
- c) Found #2 clarifier sweeper arm not operating. Main gear assembly had a sheared shaft key. Gearbox & main drive shaft removed & repaired at local machine shop. Unit reinstalled and successfully operated.

For the complete Facilities Report see the latest Board of Director Agenda packet for 10-21-20, page 29 and 30, on the website (you need to be logged in) at: <https://shelterbaycommwa.pilera.com/page/yourboardoftrustees>

Manager's Corner - David Franklin

COVID -19 Update - As of October 25th, 2020

- The **Swinomish Medical Clinic** is reporting 0 positive cases in the last 29 days.
- **Skagit County** - As of October 22nd, the Skagit County Health Department released this statement: “Skagit County, we’re in trouble. COVID-19 cases are rising at an alarming rate, and we need your help to reverse the trend and keep us out of major trouble. Our rates are going up dramatically with 27 confirmed cases and many more probable cases in the last few days alone. At this rate of increase, we will soon be over 75 cases per 2 weeks per 100,000 population and back in the high-risk category. We are also seeing more hospital admission and ventilator usage recently”. The target rate is 25 cases per 100,000 people.
- **Shelter Bay** - Shelter Bay continues to follow our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan by keeping our office closed to the public with limited administrative staff onsite and others working from home. According to the plan, this will be the case until Skagit County moves into Phase III or until the Board determines otherwise. Efforts are ongoing to provide a safe response to the COVID-19 epidemic for both Members and Staff.

Communicating with Staff and Processing Requests During COVID

To better assist Members and Marina Tenants reaching out to staff for answers to questions or specific actions, either online or over the phone, it would be more efficient to include as much detail as possible, and to narrow down your query to the appropriate staff person. You can find the appropriate Shelter Bay staff member for your query, and their email address, listed on the website under "Shelter Bay Staff" tab.

Firewise Greenbelt Projects

The Greenbelt Committee will be scheduling Firewise work in November for the following Greenbelts:

- Division 2 Tract J at lots 83 ,93 ,94, 95
- Division 5 Trac B at Lots 833, 834, 887, 888,
- Division 4 Tract C View Park at lots 743,744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 800

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Renata Bos McCauley at rbos@shelterbay.net. You can also see maps of these areas on page 2 of this newsletter.

Tree Trimming Along Shelter Bay Drive

Crews will be trimming trees that have encroached or “tunneled” the roadway from Klamath Drive to the Upper Pool in the month of November. We will provide further notice when the work is scheduled. Shelter Bay Drive will be closed for a few hours in the middle of the day to all but homes on Shelter Bay Drive to provide for safety. Through traffic will be detoured up Wanapum and Coquille.

Preparing for Winter

With winter quickly approaching it is a good time to get ready for the inevitable. November is traditionally the month of windstorms and power outages. Remember that the office does not know any more than you do as to when the power will come back on. So the best advice is to call Puget Sound Energy directly at 1-888-225-5773, or better yet, download PSE’s app at Google Play Store or the Apple App Store for iPhone. This way you can monitor outages from your cell phone! It even tells you estimated restore times. When you finish reading this newsletter, take a few minutes to prepare an emergency kit, insert fresh batteries in flashlights, and consider winterizing your water pipes to prevent freezing. Even though power outages and severe weather conditions don’t usually last more than 24 hours, good preparations can minimize their effect. Also, keep an eye on drainage ditches near your home. Remove accumulated debris to allow for free flow of stormwater.

A Few Reminders

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00am Sunday November 1st - Remember to change your clocks on Sunday and enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

Vote on November 3rd - Get your ballot in, and remember for those of you who have political signs in your yards, please be sure they are removed by November 5th.

Special Meeting of October 19, 2020

Declared that slope stabilization takes precedence over view restoration, and issued a moratorium on any view restoration work that could destabilize the Skagit Ridge bluff.

Regular Meeting of October 21, 2020

- 1) Appointed a Sub-Committee of President Napier, Vice President Galbraith, Director Newby, and Manager Franklin to reach a solution for the electronic sign/reader board at the Front Gate and to implement that solution without requiring further Board action unless a budget amendment is needed.
- 2) Determined Shelter Bay will follow CDC and Skagit County Guidelines and disallow Trick-or-Treating on October 31st.
- 3) Accepted the resignations of Facilities and Amenities Committee Chair John Koch, Facilities and Amenities Vice Chair Ric Henderson, and Safety Committee Chair Jerry Anderson.
- 4) Appointed Judy Bennett as Chair of the Rules Committee.

**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>



Shelter Bay Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner

Unfortunately, due to COVID -19 restrictions, Shelter Bay Community will not be able to hold our Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner this year. Sponsored each year by the Social and Recreation Committee, this has been one of the most popular community events bringing people together to share a meal and each others company. We sincerely hope to be able to resume sponsoring this event in November of 2021. Until then, be thankful for what you have and we hope to see you in the Clubhouse next year.



How not to navigate the Swinomish Channel -



Boaters – please do your homework and keep an eye on your navigation charts when cruising our Puget Sound waters. As for the south end of the Swinomish Channel, keeping those markers aligned will get you to your destination without a side trip to the repair yard.



Brad Stolzenburg, our Shelter Bay Compliance Officer, recently went for a ride with the La Conner School District bus driver on their route around Shelter Bay, in order to identify tree branches and shrubbery that needed to be pruned back for visibility.



SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

SHELTER BAY BOOK CLUB

The Shelter Bay Book Club is back and it's Book List for 2020-2021 is complete! The meetings will be by ZOOM, and generally on the first Monday of the month at 1:30 pm. All Shelter Bay residents are invited to

When: Monday, November 2nd, 1:30 pm
Book: "Hotel Angeline: A Novel in 36 Voices"
By Garth Stein, Jennie Shortridge...
Discussion Leader: Carol McIntosh

When: Monday, December 7th, 1:30 pm
Book: "How to Be an Antiracist"
By Ibram X. Kendi
Discussion Leader: Lynn Karns

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November 2020

Sun
Mon
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Fri
Sat

1	2 Office Closed ~In-Service~ 1:00 Safety	3 9:00 Architectural Compliance 3:00 Rules	4 3:00 Finance	5 9:00 Facilities	6	7
8	9	10 3:00 Harbor	11 Office Closed ~VETERAN'S DAY~ 	12 9:00 Greenbelt/Lot	13	14
15	16	17 9:00 Architectural Compliance	18 2:00 Board Meeting	19 1:30 Communica- tions	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Office Closed ~THANKSGIVING~ 	27 Office Closed	28
29	30					

All Board and Committee meetings are being held by Teleconference. Look for information on attending meetings by teleconference on the meeting Agenda posted at the Website. Shelter Bay residents are encouraged to attend.
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