

News

shelter bay community, inc.

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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:

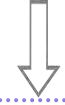
360-416-1892 between 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. daily You can find more local information on the Skagit County Department of Health website:

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



Don't forget to visit the La Conner Chamber of Commerce website for updates on how to support our local businesses in these unprecedented times. Now, more than ever, they need your help and support. For retail and services, you can buy gift cards now and use them later, and shop through their on-line stores. Help these businesses make it through this crisis. Who doesn't love a gift card as a gift?! They also have a list, updated regularly, to easily see which restaurants offer takeout and curbside delivery.

Their website is at: https://lovelaconner.com/



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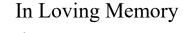
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Shelter Bay Office Closures

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st Office remains closed to the public

Members may visit the Office <u>by appointment only</u>, 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 ~



John J. Russel December 1, 2020

Maurice Veatch December 7, 2020

Christine Walsh November 19, 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What A Year – 2020 in Review: None of us have seen a year quite like 2020. We were locked down, isolated from our family and friends. Luckily, we had the technology of FaceTime and Zoom to relieve the pain that kind of isolation can cause, making the year

a little more bearable. Looking back, I say Shelter Bay has done pretty well. No staff members were infected with the Coronavirus and to my knowledge only 2 Community members contracted the virus. This infection rate is about 1/10 of what the whole of Skagit County has experienced. Our decision to lock down in early March along with the cooperation and diligence of the Community at large, yielded outstanding results.

I have been amazed at how well the Community has been able to conduct our business with much of the staff working remotely from home and conducting our business meetings via Zoom and Teams. Our always steady Maintenance Department's re-organization of duties to reduce the risk of infection and keep all systems functioning is a success story for sure. Manager David Franklin and his staff did a wonderful job adapting in real time to the challenges facing Shelter Bay. We are a high-risk Community with over 80% of our members aged 65 years and older.

Thank you all for taking on the challenges responsibly and keeping yourself, friends, and family safe. I also believe our members have done an admirable job of supporting our local La Conner businesses in these difficult times. Let's keep it up!

Looking Ahead to 2021: With reports that a vaccine is

on its way to all of us this year, our hope is to return to a degree of normalcy. My understanding is that senior citizens will have a fairly high priority in receiving the COVID-19 protection vaccine early on. We must continue to wear masks, social distance, and wash hands frequently until help arrives for everyone and we are out of the woods. Staying safe must be our top priority.

That being said, what are our other priorities? Well certainly the quest to come to terms on a new lease with the Swinomish Tribe is a priority. Hopefully, we can look forward to opening our pools again this coming summer and return to social gatherings. We hope to have a plan in place by mid-year as to how we deal with our aging water distribution system and what makes sense with respect to fire flow capability. I hope we can all enjoy a *Concert on the Green* in late summer as well as a renewal of our Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Also, this summer our Rainbow Park renovation will be completed, and the Community will be able to enjoy an upgraded asset. *Yes, I believe our Community has much to look forward to*.

How About a New Years Resolution: I would hope it sounds a little like this: "This year I am going to enhance Shelter Bay by volunteering to serve on a Committee or maybe running for a position on the Board of Directors". The Community could use your help and the work is satisfying. It's a great opportunity to meet more of your neighbors and learn what all is taking place in our little corner of the world.

I trust that you all had an enjoyable holiday season and are looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year filled with much joy and satisfaction.

Protect your family and your community

Unused, unwanted & expired medicines in your home pose a risk.

- Accidental Poisoning. Many children are poisoned by taking medicine not intended for them.
- Bad for the Environment. Flushed down the toilet or thrown out, they pollute our water and soil.
- Drug Abuse. Medicine cabinets are the most common place people look for drugs to get high.

With Covid-19, many of the usual drop off places for disposal have restricted access now. But the Skagit County Health Department has information for an easy way to dispose of unwanted medicines without having to go anywhere.

Mailers Sent to Individuals: In order to remove any unwanted medication from our community easily, a program called MED-Project offers the ability to order pre-paid, pre-addressed mailers, directly to your home. Please call 1-844 MED-Project (1-844-633-7765) to order mailers to safely dispose of unwanted medication in your home. Or go to the Skagit County Health Department's website at:

https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Health/medicinereturn.htm



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 include Shoshone, Swinomish, Snohomish, Klamath, Lummi, and others.
- Priority Three are the remaining roads with limited access.

Depending on how severe the weather conditions are, it may take a couple of days before the crew can get to these roads. Also, 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 the Community parking lots. Also the emergency exits off of Muckleshoot at Indian Road and off of Shelter Bay Drive at Pull & Be Damned Road will be open during daylight hours.

Seasonal Increases in Property Crimes and Mail Theft



The recent holiday season is a reminder to take precautions against mail thefts. According to the Swinomish Police, additional precautions should be taken during the Holiday Season when property thefts are often at their highest. Thieves know that many people leave for the Holidays leaving easy access to residences, so ask for friend and neighbors to watch your home if you are out of town or take advantage of the Swinomish Police Vacation Checks they are willing to perform. Additionally, more members are taking advantage of the convenience of shopping online and so are thieves. The last three holiday seasons in Shelter Bay saw a rash of mail thefts primarily of packages dropped off in mail boxes. You should consider having packages delivered to a postal center or monitoring delivery on a regular basis to minimize your exposure to this risk. But please do not have packages or other mail delivered to the office. Shelter Bay cannot be responsible for distributing mail.

DEADLINE FOR THE FILING OF BALLOT ISSUES FOR THE MAY 15, 2021 ANNUAL ELECTION

Deadline for the Filing of Ballot Issues:

Please be advised that any ballot issues proposed for consideration at the May 15, 2021 Annual Membership Meeting and Election must be received by Debbie Byrd, the Board's Executive Secretary, by <u>5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 29, 2021.</u> 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, Garry Cline Board Secretary Pro Tem

Manager's Corner - David Franklin

The Most Important Meetings of the Year Coming Up, Please Mark Your Calendars - Soon after the Holidays, the Board, Finance Committee, and Manager begin work on developing the budgets for next fiscal year beginning on July 1st, 2021. We have made great efforts to encourage the Membership to become more involved in the budget process over the years by holding a series of Finance Committee/Board Workshops. These meetings are designed to solicit Member input in the process of how the Community will prioritize its needs and spend the Membership's money. But 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 these important meetings. The meetings are usually held in the Clubhouse, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, they will be held online via Zoom this year. Members can participate on their computers, tablets, or phones. An invitation for each meeting will be sent out via email a week prior to the meetings. If you do not have an email address and would like to call in by phone, please call the office and arrangements will be made to provide a teleconference number to dial into the meeting. We will provide times for the meetings once the Board finalizes the meeting calendar at their next meeting.

- Tuesday March 23rd (time to be determined)
- Thursday March 25th (time to be determined)
- Tuesday March 30th (time to be determined)

In prior years, some Members have been disappointed that they could not suggest changes at the April Board Meeting, where the Board adopts the Budget, even though the budget work sessions were held in advance of that date. 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.

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.

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. An 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 on 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.

Cardboard Dumpsters at Marina - Please be advised that the Cardboard Recycle Dumpster at the Marina has been modified so that the lid can only be opened far enough to accept flattened boxes. Too many unflattened boxes were being placed in the dumpster, drastically reducing the capacity. If the dumpster is full, please do not leave boxes at the dumpster. Please return at a later date once the dumpster has been emptied.

Hello 2021 and Goodbye 2020 - Well, they say, "hindsight is 2020" and looking back on the year with that namesake, I can say that there is not much that we could have done better, with respect to our response to the Coronavirus pandemic. We were one of the first businesses in the area to close our offices and pivot administrative staff to remote work where possible. The Maintenance Department has done an outstanding job keeping water and sewer utilities operational as well as regular community maintenance during this time. I am proud to report that to date no staff or volunteers have contracted the virus and Shelter Bay continues to provide vital services to the membership. We plan to continue to do the same in 2021.

On behalf of all of the staff, I send best wishes to you and your family for a Healthy and Happy New Year!!



Historic Hillside View of Shelter Bay Marina & Clubhouse



Aerial View of Shelter Bay Marina & the Swinomish Channel [ca. 1980s]



Emergency After-Hours Phone Service Reminder

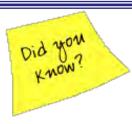
Shelter Bay forwards its phone lines after 5pm to an after-hours answering service. This service will route EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY to the Harbor Master, Maintenance, and the Manager depending on the situation. For example; if you lose water pressure to your home, if you see a boat listing in the Marina after hours, or a tree has fallen across the road in a storm, you can call the regular office number (360-466-3805) and the call will be routed by the service to the proper party.

THIS NUMBER DOES NOT REPLACE 911. If you witness a crime or see something suspicious call the Swinomish Police at 911 immediately. Also, please be advised that the after-hours phone service is a pay by the minute service, so please keep your normal business calls to regular hours to help keep the costs of this important service as inexpensive as possible to the Membership.

Have you read the Protective Covenants lately?

If you have not familiarized yourself with the Protective Covenants, now's a great time to do so. Covenant changes are introduced by the Board, Committees, or Members this time of year to be considered for the upcoming election in May. A covenant is defined as an agreement or promise. In this case, the agreement is between you the Member and all other Members of the Association, and they to you. The Shelter Bay Declaration of Protective Covenants (Covenants) play a crucial role in keeping the community association running smoothly. They are the highest form of governing policy created by the Community. They are legally binding rules, regulations, and restrictions that each homeowner agrees to when he or she purchases a property within the community. They cannot be changed by the Board, Committees or Manager. They can only be changed by a 2/3rds vote of the Membership. The Covenants include stipulations on items such as: renting your property, building design and setbacks, nuisances, restrictions on tree cutting, to name only a few. All residents need to understand these Covenants so they do not unintentionally violate them, as owners can be fined by the association for such violations. Owners are empowered when they understand the Covenants and the protections they offer, as well as the procedures for changing or amending them when they are no longer applicable or relevant to the community. The Covenants, when followed and enforced, help ensure the community as a whole remains harmonious and that Members are treated fairly and equally.

If you don't have a copy of the Covenants, please call the office or visit our website: www.shelterbay.net



Did you know...

...before you dig on your leased or fee simple land, that you need to contact the Tribal Historical Preservation Office (THPO) at 360-488-3860? You also need to call 811 to locate utilities.



Dog Waste Complaints



We have had numerous complaints recently that some residents are not attending to waste generated by their four-legged friends down at Martha's Beach. Every Member and Tenant is required to abide by the Shelter Bay Rules and Regulations, and picking up your dog's waste is one of those rules. Please be conscientious to your neighbors and the environment, and take a moment to dispose of Fido's waste properly. If you do see a resident who is not following this rule, please contact the Compliance Officer and report the incident.

La Conner School District ZOOM Presentation TUESDAY, January 12th @ 7:00pm





There are over 80 K-12 La Conner School District students who live in the Shelter Bay Community. The Community is a major contributor not only towards the district's student population but also to the resources required to ensure the continuing success of the district. The school district's Board of Directors and the new Superintendent Rich Stewart are inviting members of the Shelter Bay Community to attend a ZOOM presentation by Superintendent Stewart on Tuesday, January 12th @ 7:00pm in which he will present an overview of the school district, an update of the hybrid learning model that was implemented due to the COVID-19 and discuss the details of the forthcoming school levy vote. Reserve the date and time and join your neighbors and community @:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82953782464?pwd=TUFMd0dhZnVYa0hLbkpXSEM2VVVMZz09

Meeting ID: 829 5378 2464

Passcode: 944794

For additional information you're welcome to contact:

Cherri Kahns, Executive Assistant La Conner School District Superintendent's Office 360.466.3171 ext. 4001 ckahns@lc.k12.wa.us

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 participate. You are welcome to come and go as your availability and interest dictate. Please contact Mary Newby at maryknewby@wavecable.com with any questions and to be put on the email list.

When: Monday, January 4th, 1:30 pm

Book: "Island of Sea Women"

By Lisa See

Discussion Leader: Tiffany Blake

When: Monday, February 1st, 1:30 pm

Book: "American Dirt"

By Jeannine Cummins

Discussion Leader: Mary Newby

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Pastor: Jon Skiffington 498 N. 6th St., La Conner

(Directly behind the La Conner School District Office)





Thinking of selling your powerboat? LaConner Yacht Sales is busy with buyers and would like to talk with you about listing your vessel. Give us a call or stop by our office located in the LaConner Marina.

360.466.3300 Art, Marcie & Tony

How much can I sell my Shelter Bay home for? View all the homes listed for sale in Shelter Bay at www.shelterbaylaconner.com According to the National Association of Realtors 96% of all Buyers begin their home search on the internet. The Tim Good Team provides a strong internet presence including the best marketing program, aerial photography, and professional graphics required to produce the results you want. Your listing will be a featured listing on Zillow.com,



placed on the MLS (multiple listing service), Trulia, Realtor.com, Redfin, and syndicated to thousands of top rated real estate web pages. Buyers searching the internet will click more than twice on your featured home because we use the latest technology to compel them to take a closer look at your home. As Shelter Bay residents Tim and Mo know the unique requirements of Shelter Bay to close the sale of your home. Call Tim at 360-708-3828 or email at timgood777@gmail.com or call Mo at 360-441-9719 managing brokers RSVP Real Estate.

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"A Tradition of sound advice"

You can donate non-perishable food items by dropping them off in the box on the porch located at the Masonic Lodge at 3rd & Benton Street in La Conner, WA.

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You can go to their website to make a direct donation or mail your donation to La Conner Sunrise Food Bank, PO Box 922, La Conner, WA 98257. You can find more info at: https://www.laconnerfoodbank.com



Drive-through curbside distribution hours: Monday from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at the Masonic Lodge located at 3rd & Benton Street in La Conner

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		9:00 Architectural Compliance	2:00 Board Meeting	1:30 Communications		
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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.

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



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