

shelter bay community, inc.

February 202

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

FILING FOR BOARD MEMBER

CANDIDACY

May 15, 2021 – Annual Membership

Meeting/Election

Board Member Candidacy Deadline:

Three (3) three-year positions on the Board of Directors will be elected at the May 15, 2021 Annual Membership Meeting/Election to fill the three expiring terms held by Tom Napier, Don Newby, and Laurie Wishkoski.

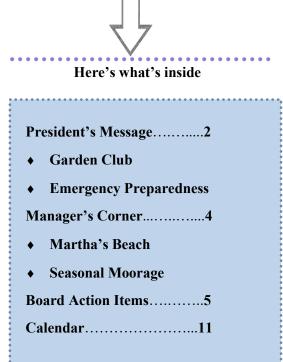
Members wishing to file should complete the Board Candidate Application Form which is available at the Forms Page on the Website at <u>https://shelterbaycommwa.pilera.com/</u> or by calling the Office to request one. Anyone wishing to become a Board candidate must be a Member in good standing in the Community.

Board candidates must file by no later than:

Friday, March 19, 2021 at 5 p.m.

All interested Members are encouraged to file.

Garry Cline, Board Secretary

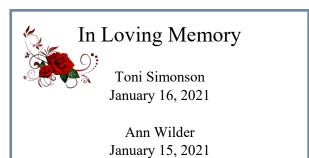


Shelter Bay Office Closures

Closed Monday, February 15 ~Presidents Day~

The office is closed to the public, but 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.

 \sim Thank you for your patience \sim



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Garden Club: Two summers ago my wife and I were walking by the Marina and noticed two women busily engaged in weeding and refurbishing a planted area near the BBQ pavilion. We stopped, chatted, and thanked them for their efforts.

They were Michele Petitti and Nancy Culver. These two are now the Chair and Vice Chair of the Shelter Bay Garden Club. Over the course of last summer, the Club grew to 30 members caring for 10 prominent areas in our community. Next year the Club intends to add four to six more areas to their focus.

You may have noticed some of these enhanced areas at our entry, the Clubhouse, along the Marina paths at A, B, and C Docks, the entry/exit triangle at the marina parking lot, along with other gardens. For me these activities are an ideal representation of volunteerism at work by Community members to support our strategic intent and our work to make Shelter Bay one of the most desirable communities in the Pacific Northwest. The Garden Club works with and is supported by the Facilities and Amenities Committee.

Emergency Preparedness: We recently experienced a 36-hour power outage caused by damages from gale force winds. Being without power for this length of time can be trying. There were a number of calls to the Community Office asking when the power would be turned back on. That is a question best answered by our electric service provider, Puget Sound Energy. Their emergency number is (888) 225-5773. Calls directly to

PSE would yield the best information about the timing of electric power restoration. Shelter Bay does operate the water and sewer utility systems but not electricity distribution.

Several years ago the Board of Directors authorized the installation of auxiliary power for both our water and sewer systems. This backup power consists of auxiliary generators powered by propane and I'm happy to report that they functioned without incident during the recent outage. Before their installation power outages also resulted in the inability to pump water to homes in Shelter Bay, culminating in a boil water advisory notice. I'm glad those days are behind us.

Although most inconvenient, this power outage might be considered minor league as compared to a serious earthquake event. That could result in serious loss of power, water, and sewer for weeks before help from the State or Federal government arrives. As a rule of thumb, all of us need to consider what we need to sustain ourselves for two weeks. This would include one gallon of water per person, per day, for 14 days. I encourage you all to seriously consider your personal readiness for self-sufficiency for a two-week period. More information on what we can do to prepare for such events can be found at <u>http://www.seattle.gov/</u> <u>emergency-management/prepare/prepare-yourself</u>.

Stay positive while continuing to keep yourself, your family, your friends and neighbors safe.

WHOSE MONEY IS IT ANYHOW?

Our fiscal year starts on July 1 and so this is the time of the year to start creating the budget for Fiscal Year 21-22. The process starts with operating budgets for the water, sewer, marina and community drafted by the Manager and heavily based on the current year. In addition to operations, there are significant funds dedicated to capital projects. The Manager will provide a draft to the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors by Friday March 19. In the following week, there are two budget development meetings scheduled to review and revise the draft.

Tuesday March 23, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday March 25, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A third budget development meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. if needed.

These meetings will be held via Zoom and are open to all members of the community and we are asking for your participation. If you cannot make the meetings, we would appreciate any input you wish to share. Just email the Manager before March 23, at <u>dfranklin@shelterbay.net</u>, and put "Budget Ideas" in the subject line.

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Safe Walking Tips

Walk against traffic. With more electric cars on the road, we can't always rely on our hearing to know when a car is coming up behind us when walking Shelter Bay's narrow roads.

Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

Keep alert at all times. Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.



WHILE YOU WERE NOT LOOKING



A new building sprang up by the Marina behind the bathrooms. Thanks to the sweat and energy of our Harbor Committee, especially Bruce Romero, Ron Fortier, Clark Scarboro and Jim Barrett, and a

modest \$10,000 community investment, the Harbor Master will have his own digs to conduct Marina business.

The new building replaces two very small sheds, will have electricity and internet, and will free up a little desperately needed space in the main office. As soon as the Marina tools and supplies are moved into the new space, the old sheds will be moved to the sewer plant and used for storage there.

JANUARY STORM



The felling of six Shore Pines by the Clubhouse was witness to the ferocity of the winds. The power was out in much of Shelter Bay for close to a day and a half. But it could have been much worse. When the power was out for 72 hours in August 2015, the water had to be shut off because the sewer lift stations were not operating. After that storm, the community invested in five generators, one for each of the four lift stations and one for the water supply. That investment has certainly paid off. There is no reason to think that windstorms like this will become a thing of the past, so it falls on all of us to make some preparations. What did you wish you had stocked when the power went out? Batteries, LED lanterns, small portable butane burner? Now is the time to stock up. If you have no heat source and the outage is prolonged, do you have a plan? Preparation pays off!



Manager's Corner - David Franklin

Martha's Beach Gate Closure Hours - On Jan. 20, the Shelter Bay Community Board of Directors passed a motion to close the gate at Martha's Beach from 5 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, and to leave the gate open on weekends as a short-term measure to enhance security until a more permanent solution to limiting access can be found. The Board responded to a complaint that there was an increased level of activity at the beach after hours. No evidence was provided by the complaining party of the crimes other than the Swinomish Police made a statement that, "nothing good goes on down there at night".

Since the gate guards were relieved of duty in 2017, Martha's Beach has not been locked, but left open 24/7, 365 days a year. Shelter Bay does not have staff onsite after 5 p.m., and the first on site in the morning arrive at 7 a.m. Most people would agree that they don't want the general public to have access to the beach at all hours of the day and night, and Members don't want to spend tens of thousands of dollars on a solution to address that issue. The Board and Manager are working on a cost-effective security solution that will enhance one of the Community's most revered common spaces.

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 on pace with last year. Occupancy in the Marina at the end of December was at 87% with only 11 slips available under 30 ft! So because of increased demand over the last few years, to ensure a slip for summer, you will need to begin renting it soon. Contact Kendra by email at kemerson@shelterbay.net.

Power Outages, Back-up Generators, and Emergency Management - Members of Shelter Bay have been making inquiries about the purpose of the emergency backup generators installed throughout the Community. These generators are not intended to power individual homes but only the sewer and water utility pumps to ensure the continued delivery of those services in a power outage. Some parts of Shelter Bay did not lose power during the recent outage and some residents thought these homes were being powered by the Shelter Bay backup generators. This was not the case.

As with any emergency, communication is one of the most challenging and important aspect of emergency response. It is not just important for first responders, but for the general public as well. In order to help Shelter Bay and 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, to ensure our mass communication system can reach you.
- **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/lockdown notices. Visit the Tribe's website and sign up at:

https://swinomish.org/resources/police/emergency-management.aspx

Puget Sound Energy App – Get the latest information on power outages on your phone: <u>https://www.pse.com/pages/get-the-pse-app</u>

Input by Membership on Budgets Encouraged - The Manager will begin work with the Finance Committee on the development of the Community's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating and Capital Budgets during the next month. The Finance Committee and Board of Directors will hold three budget development meetings in March designed to encourage Community Member participation and education in the budget development process. The budgets will then be adopted by the Board in early April to be included in the Annual General Meeting and Election packet for ratification by the Membership. The budget development meetings will be held via Zoom, but if you are unable to attend, we will be recording the meetings and placing a link to each on the website. Video conferencing information will be sent out one week prior to the meetings to email addresses on file. As with last year, we are making every attempt to include input from the membership in this very important decision-making process. Email the Manager before March 23, at <u>dfranklin@shelterbay.net</u>, and put "Budget Ideas" in the subject line. Check the March newsletter and the Shelter Bay calendar on the website for meeting schedules.

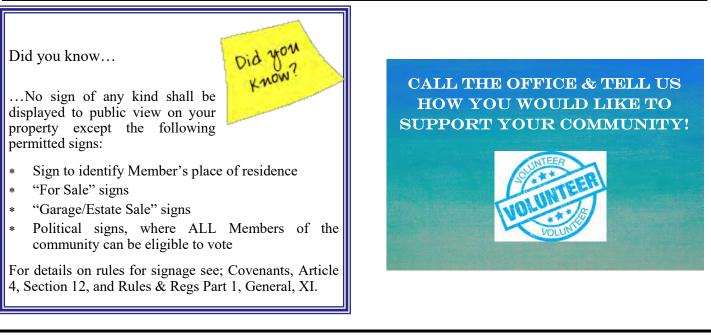
Reminder - Every day since the COVID-19 Pandemic began, Shelter Bay Staff meet for a half hour between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. for a daily staff meeting. The phones will be answered by our after-hours answering service during this time.



shelter bay community, inc. ™ Board of Directors - Action Items

Regular Meeting of January 20, 2021

- 1) Approved the placement of a Protective Covenant amendment at Article IV, Paragraph 4, Trees, Shrubbery, and Plantings to include definitions for View Restoration and View Creation as a Ballot Issue for the May 15, 2021 Annual Membership Meeting and Election.
- 2) Appointed Chair Judi Slajer, Garry Cline, Don Moore, Roland Miller, Debbie Byrd to a Board Sub-Committees tasked with the recruitment of an Executive Secretary and adopted Resolution 21-01 revising the Executive Secretary Position Description to reflect its current duties and responsibilities.
- 3) Approved the FY 2021-2022 Budget Development and May 15, 2021 Annual Meeting/Election Calendar setting important meeting dates and providing deadlines as needed for the Annual Membership Meeting including rescheduling the April Board Meeting from the third to the second Wednesday to provide appropriate member notice of proposed Covenant amendments.
- 4) In response to the events at Rainbow Park, directed the Facilities and Amenities Committee to develop a Project Management Checklist in order to achieve better outcomes, as recommended by the Rules Committee.
- 5) Approved the Harbor Committee recommendation to maintain Marina moorage rates at current levels for the FY 2021-2022 Budget period.
- 6) Directed that the gate at Martha's Beach be opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 5:00 p.m. weekdays.
- 7) Approved entering into a contract with Fidalgo Bay Construction for the tapping of water mains to obtain 5 samples for a condition assessment at \$28,130.
- 8) On the guidance of legal counsel and per the Shelter Bay Community, Inc. By-Laws, the Board indemnifies Ric Henderson and Steve Swigert from any penalties resulting from the incident at Rainbow Park and acknowledged their willingness to provide labor to make repairs to the park once a decision on the restoration plan is received from the Swinomish Tribe.
- 9) Accepted the resignations of Carole Miller and Susan Brown from the Greenbelt/ Lot Committee.
- 10) Appointed Monte Hicks as an Alternate Member of the Facilities and Amenities Committee.



SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS





Grieving and Stress in a Time of COVID-19

Feb. 11 – 4 p.m.

The presentation "Goodbye COVID-19, Hello...???" aka "Out of the Dumps" is designed to help us understand what has been happening to us through this period of isolation, fear, anxiety, and so much more. The presentation talks about normalizing what is happening to us through this period, and more importantly, what to expect as the vaccine gets more widespread and we are able to try to resume what we had known as a normal life but has changed.

Instructor:

Jan Paul is a Licensed Mental Health Professional and has been in the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) field for over 30 years. She has conducted a variety of workplace trainings on Critical Incident Response throughout the United States for numerous governments, businesses and industries, as well as for colleagues and peers. She managed the State of Washington EAP and put together the State of Washington Trauma Response Team working with all state agencies statewide. In retirement she continues to conduct critical incident and trauma response groups for employees in different workplaces. Through this past year she has been working with workplaces impacted by COVID-19.

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

Registration closes Tuesday, Feb. 9 - NOON

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How Science Discovered the Channeled Scabland of Eastern Washington Feb. 23 – 4 p.m.

(class rescheduled from January)

Understanding of the unique ravaged topography of eastern Washington known as the Channeled Scabland required the proper use of the scientific method and the ability of one man to "think outside of the box" to solve this geologic mystery. Geological science was not allowed to flourish for hundreds of years because of political and religious interference. The Nineteenth Century saw great advances as modern geological science took root with an understanding of geologic time and the application of rigorous evidence-based conclusions. The work of two geologists, J Harlen Bretz and Joseph Pardee, in the 1900s, demonstrated that only a catastrophic flood could account for the chaotic topography of the Channeled Scabland.

Instructor:

Gene Kiver taught geology for 34 years at Eastern Washington University and teaches for Senior Colleges in both Anacortes and Bellingham. He has studied glacial history in the West and volcanic history of the Cascade Mountains. He is a founding member of the Ice Age Floods Institute and serves on the national board. He recently co-authored "On the Trail of the Ice Age Floods" and "Washington Rocks".

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

Registration closes Tuesday, Feb. 21 – NOON

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COMING IN MARCH!!!





Designing a Four Season Hummingbird Garden

Tuesday, March 2, 4 p.m.

As we are all looking forward to spring and the return of Rufous Hummingbirds to the Pacific Northwest, the Skagit Audubon Society will present a program about hummingbirds and how to attract them to your garden. Remembering that most Anna's Hummingbirds stay here year-around, the second half of the program will cover designing a garden for all seasons. We will go into detail about which plants provide food for hummingbirds throughout the year.

This is a free class for all Shelter Bay Residents as well as all Swinomish Tribal Members. Registration is REQUIRED. Registration closes Tuesday, Feb. 28 - NOON https://forms.gle/CGuZV9E6FujkcwRx6

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.

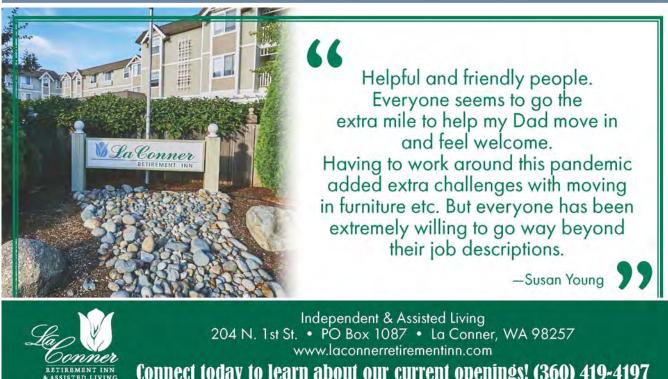
When: Monday, February 1, 1:30 p.m. Book: "American Dirt" By: Jeannine Cummins Discussion Leader: Mary Newby

When: Monday, March 1, 1:30 p.m. Book: "Book Woman of Troublesome Creek " By: Michele Richardson

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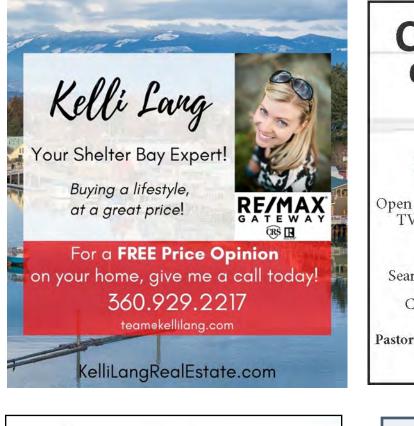
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Safety Requirements:

Masks mandatory; hand sanitizer provided; 6 ft. distancing; Customer in-store limit in effect.

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Weekly Distribution hours:

Monday from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at the Masonic Lodge located at 3rd & Benton Street in La Conner



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21	22	23	24	25 9:00 GLOT	26	27
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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. Members must log-in. Shelter Bay residents are encouraged to attend. Please visit the Calendar page at <u>www.shelterbay.net</u> for updates.



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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: <u>https://lovelaconner.com/</u>



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