



"Wetland Wonder Weeders" L to R: kneeling Alice McKenzie, Carol Yaw, Diane Berglund, T J Reinoso. Photo by Nancy Culver

The Shelter Bay Garden Club held a work party in June and accomplished the following:

- \*The poolside picnic area was weeded and barked
- \*The bike rack was painted, and area barked
- \*Two new blue ceramic pots with flowers were installed
- \*One sedum (stonecrops) pot was added to the area
- \*Maintenance has moved a picnic table to the area
- \*Marina walkway weeded
- \*Weeded and barked the iron gate bench area under the pine tree
- \*Added bark to some of the 'Adopt-a-Garden' beds
- \*Planted a white dogwood tree near Club House donated by Michele Petitti

At the Guard House pots have been reorganized and three blue ceramic pots have been added to the mix. Two blue ceramic pots were also installed at the golf course gazebo. All pots have been replanted for summer color. A 15-gallon pump operated watering system has been donated by Chuck Norris who served on the Enhancement Committee. Warren and Julie Smith are driving around in their Toyota 4-Runner and watering new plants including next to the big entry sign, the maintenance shed evergreen in a pot, an evergreen in the Triangle Garden, the golf course gazebo and the mailbox garden. They also have teak oiled the memory benches in the gazebo and installed two more steps from the course to the gazebo.

If you are interested in receiving e-mails about Garden Club Activities, please e-mail Karen Mason: **karenmason321@gmail.com** and Karen will add you to the list.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



July 1 2021 began a new fiscal year in Shelter Bay and a new term for the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. It is the first time in memory that we have replaced almost half of the Directors in any one year. As we fast track the

learning of all things Shelter Bay business, we are enjoying fresh ideas and new energy at the table.

The Board met on July 10 for its annual retreat and the top three goals for this Board's term are the negotiation of the new Master Lease, a Community Plan, and review of the functionality and goals of our Committees. As we look to the future of Shelter Bay as a Community, the execution of each of these goals is key to the outcome of our Community. We will be asking the Community to respond to surveys, attend town hall meetings, and otherwise engage our efforts to prioritize the wants and needs of Shelter Bay Members, so that we can make educated decisions moving forward.

A New Lease: As we move closer to the 2044 end date of the current lease, there are many things that must be decided and agreed upon for a new lease to happen. The Board and the Swinomish Tribal Senate are beginning to come together to negotiate the terms of a new lease. We know that coming to the table together and negotiating a lease now rather than later is in the best interest of both parties. There have been many attempts to begin this process in the past; however, with new face-to-face meetings scheduled, we feel hopeful that there has been a shift in the tide of this long-awaited lease negotiation.

We plan for the Tribal Senate and the Shelter Bay Board Lease Committee 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.

Community Master Plan: We are excited to begin the steps of creating a Community Master Plan. We have retained the services of Olsen Associates to assist in creating an Amenities Plan which will include all current and desired amenities that the Community provides which will then be given a cost analysis (both capital and ongoing) and through your input, will provide the Board and Staff the information needed to plan for the future of Shelter Bay. What the Community wants and what it needs (infrastructure verses amenities) verses what it is willing and/or able to pay, will define what direction the Board takes now and well into the future. We look forward to having you engaged and informed as we move through this process. Shelter Bay is a beautiful and charming community, and with the right planning, that legacy will continue long after we have all moved along.

Jack Galbraith,

President, Board of Directors

#### **TRAFFIC AWARENESS**

There have been reports of distracted walkers, cyclists, and drivers lately. If you are walking stay attentive. Avoid talking on your cell phone and pay attention to cyclists and drivers. If you must use your phone, move over to a more protected area to complete your call. The Safety Committee recommends wearing a brightly colored vest or clothing so that you can be seen.

If you are a cyclist watch for motor vehicles. The roads are narrow and even with the new reduced speed on all roads, except Shelter Bay Drive, you are still not traveling at motor vehicle speed. Wearing brightly colored clothing or a vest is also recommended for cyclists. Announce your approach to walkers (on your right or left) or get a ringer or bell for your bike. Move out of traffic if you need to use your cell phone. Drivers, slow to 25 mph on Shelter Bay Drive, 15 mph on Shoshone by the playground and tennis courts and 20 mph on other streets. Drivers remember to pull off the road and turn off your vehicle to use your cell phone. We have a variety of modes of transportation in our community and we need to be attentive and respectful to all.



### MARINA KAYAK LAUNCH



A new kayak launch has been installed on E Dock in the Shelter Bay Main Marina at the bottom of the ramp. The launch stabilizes the kayak when getting in or out, making it much easier and safer to launch. Remember there is no kayak storage available on

the Marina premises; to include the docks, waters around the docks, shoreline, or Marina parking lot.

Kayaks must be removed immediately after use of the launch. Any kayaks left unattended are not the responsibility of Shelter Bay Community and may be subject to a fine. See website for more information: https://

www.yakport.com/





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**Board of Directors - Action Items** 

#### **Special Board Meeting of July 1, 2021**

- 1) Seated new Directors: Chris Gaudette, Monte Hicks, Kevin Jackman, and Wendy Poulton.
- 2) Elected Board Officers: President Jack Galbraith, Vice President Judi Slajer, Secretary Kevin Jackman, and Treasurer Louise Kari.
- 3) Appointed Wendy Poulton as the Board Secretary Pro Tem.
- 4) Re-appointed members to the Committees updated roster available at shelterbay.net.
- 5) Approved Res. 21-07 authorizing the named Board Officers as owners and having authority over all Shelter Bay Community, Inc. bank and investment accounts.
- 6) Approved Res. 21-08 correcting the Storage Lot Fee Schedule as approved in the member ratified FY 21-22 annual budget.
- 7) Approved employee compensation for FY 21-22.
- 8) Due to unexpected increase in the Community's excess liability (umbrella) insurance coverage, approved an Operating Budget amendment and authorized the renewal of the Community's Liability, Directors & Officers, Auto, Marina and Umbrella insurance policies.
- 9) Appointed Board representative to the Committees.

#### **Regular Meeting of July 1, 2021**

- 1) Adopted Shelter Bay Coronavirus Preparedness Plan as presented and approved forwarding to the Swinomish Tribal Senate for review.
- 2) Approved content and distribution of Harbor Committee survey to Marina tenants.
- 3) Concurred with Communications Committee to hire Pilera to redesign the Shelter Bay website.
- 4) Approved the addition of Consent Agendas to Board meeting agendas.
- 5) Approved the formation of a Board Task Force to study all Shelter Bay Committees and report recommended changes on function and duties to the Board.
- 6) Approved Board S.W.O.T. Analysis with consultant Elaine Dixon as part of planning the Community Master Plan.
- 7) Appointed Garry Cline to Architectural Compliance Committee.
- 8) Appointed Garry Cline and Debi Yeabsley to Soc and Rec committee.
- 9) Appointed Jim Barrett to Communications Committee.
- 10) Approve Ric Henderson as Chair of Architectural Compliance Committee.



#### Annual Joint Meeting of the Stockholders and Directors of July 1, 2021

- 1) Appointed the Board of Directors and Officers to be the same as those of Shelter Bay Community.
- 2) Authorized additional expense for renewal of the Shelter Bay Company Directors and Officers insurance coverage policy.
- 1) Adopted Res 21-01 authorizing the named Board Officers as owners and having authority over all Shelter Bay Company bank and investment accounts.
- 1) Authorized additional expenses for renewal of Shelter Bay Company's Directors and Officers Insurance Liability policy.

#### Regular Meeting of July 21, 2020

No Actions taken

### We have an AHAB!

A what?

AHAB stands for All Hazards Alert Broadcast siren, and that's the just installed tall pole with discs at the top, at the east end of the Main Marina parking lot. AHAB was provided by Washington State's Emergency Management Division. AHABs are installed along much of Washington's coastline to warn residents in low-lying areas of approaching tsunami waves so they can move to higher ground. AHAB will also warn Shelter Bay of any other imminent emergency so residents can take action to stay safe.

AHABs in our area include one in Shelter Bay, one in the Swinomish Village at the waterfront, and one at the Swinomish Casino. AHABs throughout the State are tested on the first Monday of the month at 1200. You'll hear the Westminster Chimes, followed by this voice message: "The following is a test of the siren system. It is only a test. This is a test of the siren warning system. If this had been a real emergency then you should tune into your local radio station or listen to this system for further instructions. This was only a test."



If it's a real emergency then the sirens will wail and a voice message will follow with instructions.

We're fortunate that we're not on the open coast. Japan's east coast was hammered by tsunami waves as high as 130 feet following the Tohoku subduction zone earthquake. We could experience a major surge, like a very fast-rising tide, ten or more feet higher than the pre-wave water level, but we wouldn't face monster waves. If a real warning comes then everyone in low-lying areas, whether on boats in the Marina or at home, must seek higher ground.

What would you do if AHAB broadcast warnings of a real tsunami? If you don't know what to do before, during, and after the event then go online and search for Tsunami Information and Preparation. Information materials will also be available at the Shelter Bay Office when it reopens.

Be prepared! Stay safe! Your Shelter Bay Safety Committee

## PLEASE, NO DOGS ON THE GOLF COURSE



The office has recently received complaints that dogs are being 'walked' on the Golf Course.

Here's what the governing documents have to say:

RULES AND REGULATIONS PART 1 – GENERAL VI RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Golf Course Regulations:*Only golfers are allowed on golf course.*Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

6.6 *Pets*, skateboards, roller skates, bicycles, Frisbees, or similar equipment *are not allowed on the golf course*, tennis courts or in the swimming pool areas.



Butterfly - Photo by Zayna Cline

# Manager's Corner - David Franklin

**COVID-19 Update** - Because Shelter Bay is located on the Swinomish Reservation all residents who live here and staff who work here are under the public health jurisdiction of the Swinomish Tribal Indian Community and the Stay Home order issued by the Swinomish Senate.

- It was reported on June 16, 2021, the General Manager of the Tribe authorized that the residents and staff of Shelter Bay be allowed to follow the State's COVID-19 guidance and not that of the Tribe's. This statement was later revised to mean that Shelter Bay could follow the State's COVID policies as they relate to the opening of the pool and not all COVID public health policies.
- On July 12, 2021 the Tribe relaxed the restrictions on outside gatherings. This revised order increases the number of people who can meet in a public outdoor space from 25 to 75. Masks are still required regardless of vaccination status if physical distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained.
- On July 21, 2021 the Board revised the Shelter Bay COVID-19 Preparedness Plan as required by the Swinomish Senate to lessen restrictions as follows:
  - **BBQ Pavilion and Rainbow Park** reservation will now be taken by the Office. Maximum event size will be 75 people and masks should be worn as described above.
  - Clubhouse will open for official Shelter Bay business only. This would include Board, Committee, Task Force, and special meetings. Requirements:
    - \* maximum of 12 people
    - \* masks regardless of vaccination status
    - \* physical distancing required
  - Annex Library The library will be open Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm, and Sat 11am to 4pm. with the following requirements:
    - \* 2 persons maximum occupancy
    - \* Temperature check and contact tracing registration upon entry
    - \* masks regardless of vaccination status
    - \* physical distancing required

We will continue to evaluate the significance of the emergent Coronavirus Delta Variant and continue to work closely with the Tribe on a cooperative response to COVID-19.

#### **Pool Season Update**

**Pool Inspections** - We continue to wait for an operating permit from the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Planning Department to open one or both pools. We regret not being able to have the pools open sooner, but we are doing everything we can do to so safely, and in compliance with the local health authority. We understand the disappointment, but we still hold out hope to have at least one pool open safely and in compliance as soon as possible.

**COVID -19 Restrictions for the Pool** - The tribe has communicated that when the pool(s) open in Shelter Bay, we are authorized to follow the State's guidelines for COVID-19 pool safety protocols.

#### **Summer Projects**

Summer is construction time at 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 DELAYED The Maintenance Crew is usually re-striping the yellow center lines, white fog lines and stop markings this time of year, but because of the freeze damage to industrial factories in Texas earlier this year, line paint is in short supply and may not be available until our window of application has passed this summer and early fall.
- Smoke Testing Sewers The Maintenance Department and Facilities Committee members will be conducting integrity testing of the sewage collection system using smoke generators in August or September. Smoke will be used to spot breaks in the collection system and where stormwater may be infiltrating the system, costing the Community additional expenses to treat. Members will receive more detailed information once dates have been chosen for the testing.

Please continue to be patient and enjoy the opportunities to be reunited with friends, family, and the things that you hold dear. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

## **FROM FIRE DISTRICT 13**



### Hyperthermia (body temp 101°F or higher)

Normal body temperature is 98.6°F, and the heat regulating mechanisms of the body will usually maintain this temperature even when there are extreme external temperature changes through sweating and dilation of skin blood vessels.

Illnesses from heat exposure usually manifests into heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Persons at greatest risk for these illnesses are children, geriatrics, individuals with heart disease or COPD, diabetes, dehydration and obesity, and those with limited mobility.

Best prevention is drinking plenty of fluids, at least 3 liters per day, and to ensure you are urinating frequently and checking that your urine color is not dark (a sign of dehydration), and staying in a cool environment.

<u>Heat Cramps</u> – are painful muscle spasms occurring after vigorous exercise probably from the loss of essential electrolytes in cells. If this occurs move to a cooler environment out of the sun, rest the area of cramps while sitting or lying down, replace fluids with water or diluted Gatorade (or the like), and use a cool water or misting spray.

<u>Heat Exhaustion</u> – usually is caused from heat exposure, stress and fatigue from loss of water/electrolytes from heavy sweating in poorly ventilated or heavy clothing. Signs are dizziness, weakness, faintness, cold/clammy skin with ashen pallor, dry tongue and thirst. If this occurs <u>Call 911</u> then remove excess layers of clothing particularly around head and neck. Then move person to cool preferably air-conditioned environment, splash person with cool water or misting spray, encourage person to lay down and elevate legs, and if fully alert encourage to drink water.

<u>Heat Stroke</u> – least common but most dangerous with body temperature rising rapidly to 106°F or more and person's level of consciousness falls, possibly becoming unresponsive and seizures may occur with a weakening pulse. If this occurs <u>Call 911</u>, move person to a cool preferably air conditioned environment, then remove clothing, cover person with wet towels or sheets, or spray person with cool water and fan him/her.

## **FIRE DISTRICT 13**

June 15 - July 15

**Response Summary** 

Falls Medical Calls	7
Citizen Assist	<u>6</u>
<b>Total Responses</b>	20

#### **OUT AND ABOUT**

This is just a sampling of what our Maintenance Department has been doing this past month:

- ♦ Completed drainage project at I tract
- Thatched, raked, and reseeded Rainbow Park and Clubhouse lawns
- ♦ Repaired trim and painted Guard Shack
- Mowed the Golf Course (4X) and Greenbelts (3X)
- Read over 900 water meters and prepared report for billing



#### SWINOMISH TRIBE WILDLIFE PROGRAM

The Swinomish Tribe Wildlife Program would like to let the Shelter Bay Community know that deer populations residing on the San Juan Islands and Whidbey Island are being impacted by a

very serious virus known as AHD. The program has not detected AHD on the reservation, but are asking the Community to help remain vigilant for signs of AHD in our local deer population. Deer with AHD may exhibit the following symptoms; rapid or open-mouth breathing, foaming or drooling from the mouth, diarrhea, weakness, emaciation and seizures. AHD is transmitted by direct deer to deer contact, and is likely to spread in areas with high deer concentrations. To help slow the spread avoid all wildlife feeding, including: low hanging bird feeders, salt licks and supplemental water sources. This disease is specific to deer and does not pose a risk to people, pets or wildlife. You can find more information from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at: https://wdfw.medium.com/avoid-feeding-deer-toincrease-distancing-and-slow-ahd-virus-spread-

db253c78f001.

Please report dead or symptomatic deer to Leslie Parks, Wildlife Biologist, Swinomish Tribe, at: <a href="mailto:lparks@swinomish.nsn.us">lparks@swinomish.nsn.us</a>

## SHELTER BAY COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to the 355 members who responded to the survey sent out in late June. That is an impressive number. We didn't make clear that when we're talking about a new lease, we're talking about an agreement that would replace the current lease well before the expiration of the current lease. The Tribe has no incentive to make an agreement for a new lease that doesn't start until 2044. Their incentive is to get an agreement that will increase rental income before that date.

Statement 3 – I own the home and other physical structures that have been built on my lot.

That is true and virtually everyone got that correct.

Statement 4 – I own the land my home and other physical structures are on.

This statement is false (except for lots 1 - 44 which are held in fee simple). The land is leased. 330 of 355 correctly responded.

#### Statement 5 – I signed a Sublease that expires in 2044 to lease the land my home is on.

This is true (again excepting lots 1 - 44). 325 of 355 members got that correct.

Statement 6 – I understand the current lease has rent adjustments every 10 years with the next occurring in 2023. Again, this is true (except for Division 4 – lots 589 - 800 - for which the adjustment will occur in 2024). It is important to understand that the adjustment is related to the rental payment due to the Tribe in June 2023. This means that Shelter Bay needs to collect the funds starting in July 2022 in order to have the funds available to make the payment on time.

# Statement 7 – I understand that under the current lease my rent adjustment is forecasted to double in 2023 with collection for that increase beginning in July 2022.

Again, this is true (except for lots 589 - 800 for which the adjustment will occur a year later). The adjustment would apply to the sum of the supplemental rent paid monthly and the annual rent billed in May. The adjustment is based on an index of the increase in the value of land in similar communities during a 10-year period. To date, after 7 years, the adjustment is 71% so a doubling is very realistic. It is important to understand that the adjustment is related to the rental payment due to the Tribe in June 2023. This means that Shelter Bay needs to collect the funds starting in July 2022 in order to have the funds available to make the payment on time. 229 of 355 responses were correct.

# Statement 8 – I understand that for the security a new long-term lease will provide, that rent will be even greater than under the current lease.

This statement is true. There is no incentive to the Tribe to increase the rental period beyond 2044 without an increase in the revenue. 267 of 355 responses were correct.

#### Statement 9 – I support obtaining a new long term Master Lease.

There was no right or wrong answer to this. 318 responders supported obtaining a new Master Lease but some of those may have thought that the new Master Lease would not occur until 2044.

#### Statement 10 – I would be willing to surrender my current Sublease and sign a new longer-term sublease.

Again, there was no correct answer to this question. 87 of 355 would be willing to do so even if it meant paying a higher rent, 230 of 355 would only do so if they were excluded from the increase, and 35 of 355 would not surrender their current lease under any circumstances. These responses need to be seen in context. No actual quantification of the rent increase was included in the question. If the actual amount of the increase were known, the outcome could be quite different, but it does give us a sense of where the community is.

Thank you all again for participating!

# **SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS**



## SHELTER BAY BOOK CLUB

The Shelter Bay Book Club is back and its 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: <u>maryknewby@wavecable.com</u> with any questions and to be put on the email list.

When: Monday, August 2, 1:30 p.m. Book: "A Year in Provence" By: Peter Mayle When: Monday, September 13, 1:30 p.m. No book assigned. We will meet to select titles for 2021 – 2022.





Great Horned Owl - photo by Zayna Cline







Big *thank you* to the morning pickleball group that cleaned the upper pickleball/tennis court recently: Dick Dorton, Bern Bishop, Dale Freidig, Rick & Debi Yeabsley, Ron & Colleen Nelson, Janel Nelson, Pete Volum, Mark Zwahl, Alice McKenzie and Chris Gaudette. Apologies if we missed any names!

## LOCAL SERVICES

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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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1:00 Safety	9:00 Architectural Compliance 3:00 Rules	3:00 Finance	9:00 Facilities		
8	9	<i>10</i> 3:00 Harbor	11 3:00 Social & Rec 5:00 Margaritaville Happy Hour - At BBQ	12	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	27	28
29	30	31				

All Board and Committee meetings are being held by Teleconference and if indicated at a physical location. 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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## 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 community, inc.

1000 Shoshone Drive, La Conner WA, 98257 360-466-3805 Fax 360-466-4733 Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday Staff available by phone, email or by appointment only

Shelter Bay Manager - David Franklin

#### **Board of Directors**

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