



Shelter Bay Office Closures

December 24 - Christmas Eve
December 31 - New Year's Eve

*Staff is present in the Office during business hours.
You can visit **by appointment**; however, wearing masks, signing in, and taking your temp is required.
~ Thank you for your patience ~*

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Martha's Beach Closing Hours

October 1 to March 31 the Beach closes at 7 p.m.



Reminder: The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community biologist wants to remind Members **DO NOT FEED** the deer due to a disease that is spreading among them on the Swinomish Reservation and specifically in the Shelter Bay Community. If you observe a live deer that displays symptoms of illness, please contact Brandon Nickerson, Swinomish Wildlife Program, by phone at (360) 770-1683 or email him at bnickerson@swinomish.nsn.us



In Loving Memory

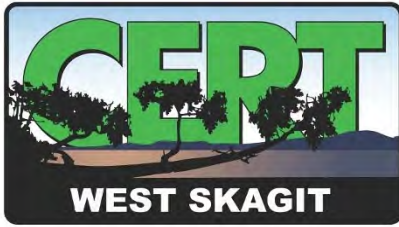


Gary Johnson
October 22, 2021

Residents and Marina Tenants
PLEASE report all Criminal Activity to the Swinomish Police Department by calling 9-1-1 prior to contacting the office.



Congratulations to Midge Hanson, our Fall Photo Contest first place winner!
You can pick up your prize at the Shelter Bay Community office during business hours.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

It was a cold and showery Saturday and four Community Response Team members, and three community members gathered to assemble a Command Tent station in the Shelter Bay storage unit. This team set up one tent to decide if it would meet the needs of the community before ordering seven more tents. The mission was deemed a success! Each tent will contain cots, a heater, and lights. Portable toilets and wash stations will also be available. In

a previous mission six generators were assembled. Now the CERT Advisory team will finish ordering supplies from previously approved capital budgets and begin filling our donated container with these items. We hope to offer CERT classes soon to update current CERTs and train new CERTs via Zoom programming. Watch this space for more information. If you are interested in the CERT training program, contact Carolyn Caporgno, at glencaporgno@frontier.com



It's just like an erector set!



Securing the end with the door



Inside setup for cots & heaters



Privacy tent and toilet



l to r; Ted Taylor, Bernard Robinson, Marcus Simonson, Ron Wigal, Glen & Carolyn Caporgno

Paperless Billing

You can **save the Community \$\$\$** by getting paperless statements through your email. Folding paper statements and mailing them to addresses that are for the most part less than a ½ mile from the office takes time and postage. You can help save the Community money, and perhaps a tree, and get your statement sooner by switching to paperless statements. Please call the office at 360-466-3805 and request to go paperless.

Also consider helping us to **save the Community \$\$\$** by making automatic payments. We can set up an electronic debit from your checking or savings account called an ACH (automatic clearing house). This payment method deducts the exact amount you owe on the 15th of each month. As well as being convenient and free to Members, the ACH payment method is a huge time saver for the staff. Processing checks takes a lot of time.

(Please note; this is **not** the same method as setting up “Fixed Auto Pay” through Pitera).

You can call the office and request the form or download the “ACH Recurring Payment” form from the website at:

<https://shelterbaycommwa.pitera.com/page/forms>

Just fill in the form, and drop off or mail to the office.



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Board of Directors - Action Items

Board Meeting of October 20, 2021

- 1) Authorized the funding of the Marina Division 5 dock rebuild and Marina dredging with \$2 million of Capital Reserves and the balance through a commercial loan for \$2.5 million to be obtained as soon as possible
- 2) Approved the extension of having Shelter Bay staff handle GLOT Committee duties to June 30, 2022
- 3) Authorized entering into a contract with engineering firm Gray & Osborne Inc. to retain them as “on-call” contractors as provided in the contract
- 4) Approved \$50 gift cards to all Shelter Bay Committee volunteers
- 5) Approved the separation of Community Manager position duties into two positions effective December 1, 2021. Those positions are Community Operations Manager and Project Manager
- 6) Appointed Judi Slajer, Monte Hicks and one other to a Board sub-committee tasked with the recruitment of a Community Operations Manager
- 7) Approved the appointment of Executive Secretary Ann Serwold as interim Community Operations Manager effective December 1, 2021
- 8) Accepted the resignation of Architectural Compliance Committee Chair Ric Henderson from the Architectural Compliance Committee
- 9) Acknowledged cancellation of December regular board meeting



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Regular Meeting of October 20, 2021

No actions were taken at this meeting



**DEADLINE FOR THE
FILING OF BALLOT ISSUES
FOR THE MAY 14, 2022 ANNUAL ELECTION**

Deadline for the Filing of Ballot Issues:

Please be advised that any ballot issues proposed for consideration at the May 14, 2022 Annual Membership Meeting and Election must be received by Ann Serwold, the Board’s Executive Secretary by **5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 27, 2022.** 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,
Kevin Jackman,
Board Secretary

Manager's Corner - David Franklin

Road Sanding and Plowing Priorities - The Shelter Bay Maintenance Department has equipment to plow and sand the roads when conditions require it. The plowing of the roads is prioritized according to traffic volume. Priority #1 is for Shelter Bay Drive, as it is the main arterial for the entire community, and it is the #1 priority road to keep clear for emergency services. Priority #2 roads are the collector roads providing service to community sub-areas, and include Shoshone, Swinomish, Snohomish, Klamath, Lummi, and others. The remaining roads with limited access have the lowest priority. 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 in the Shelter Bay parking lot, and the emergency exits on Muckleshoot-Indian Road and Shelter Bay Drive-Pull and Be Damned will be open during the day. And as always during adverse weather events, stay home and be safe unless you absolutely have to brave the elements.

Atmospheric River Event and Shelter Bay Drainage System - A historic storm hit Skagit and Whatcom Counties from November 13-16, leaving many communities dealing with flooding and stormwater damage. The fact that Shelter Bay came through the event relatively unscathed is evidence that recent drainage system repairs/improvements are paying real dividends for the Community and that the Maintenance Department continues under all conditions to provide excellent service to the Community. But keep an eye on drainage ditches near your home, and remove accumulated debris to allow for free flow of stormwater.

Permitting Requirements Through the Swinomish Tribal Planning Department - This topic was covered exactly a year ago in this column, but unfortunately, not every resident was aware. The Office has been receiving complaints from Members that they were never informed by Shelter Bay of the need for Tribal permits and some have received fines from the Tribe for projects on their leased lot. Please be advised that from now on, when in doubt about a project, contact the Tribe:

If you are planning to replace a deck, roof, or do any work on your home including replacing a hot water heater, you likely need a building permit from the Swinomish Tribe's Planning Department. If you are on fee simple property, you may need to submit plans to both Skagit County and the Tribe. These governmental entities are responsible for enforcing local building codes, whereas the Shelter Bay Building Committee only has authority to enforce the protective covenants. Adherence to both local building codes and the covenants are required for most projects and Shelter Bay will be working closely with the local planning office to simplify the process and to answer questions that Members may have regarding future permitting requirements. If you have questions as to whether you need a Tribal Building Permit, please call 360-466-7280 or visit their website at: <http://www.swinomish.org/resources/planning/residential-permits.aspx>

Member Improvements in Road Easements Including Ditches - Members should revisit the covenants to familiarize themselves with the responsibilities of Shelter Bay and individual Members when utility work is required or done in the road easements. Member improvements including culverts, concrete, and asphalt can be removed by Shelter Bay, but the area will only be returned to the condition prior to Member improvements being installed and not fully restored. Additionally, any improvements being added to the road easements (i.e. river rock, rock walls) must have prior approval of the Architectural Compliance Committee.

Water Shut Off Valves - Every year we remind Members that they should check their homes for water shut off valves. Many homes in Shelter Bay were built without a shut off valve in the home or on the Member's side of the meter. Shelter Bay highly recommends that each home have shut off valves at each location. The shut off valves located at the meter and in the street are not for Member access and should never be activated by Members. If water service needs to be turned off to a residence and shut off valves are not located on the Member side of the meter, Maintenance will need to be contacted and a service charge will be placed on the Member's account to turn the water off and to turn the water back on again.

Marina Dumpsters - Members have been repeatedly reminded through this publication and conspicuously posted signage that **the Marina Garbage Dumpsters are for Marina Tenant's boat generated refuse only**. Shelter Bay residents disposing of household refuse in or around the dumpsters is against Community Rules and Regulations. Members will be fined \$100 plus the cost of removal or disposal of the items. This rule will be strictly enforced. In contrast, the **Cardboard Dumpster** located by the Marina Restrooms is for all Community Members. Please be courteous and flatten boxes when disposing to allow for more room for your fellow Members recycling needs.

To all of you and those you hold dear, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

Winter Driving Supply List



Accidents, flooded roads, pass closures and other winter events can mean unexpected time in your car. Be prepared. Pick up these items on your next shopping trip and then pack them into your vehicle.

Keep a **basic winter survival kit** which should include a **flashlight, extra batteries, blankets, nonperishable food/snacks, water, gloves, hats, scarves, boots, and a first aid kit.**

Washington State law **requires** vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds or greater, including some large SUVs and RVs, to install chains when traction tires are required. All vehicles, except 4WD and AWD, must put on chains when tire chains are required. However, **4WD and AWD need to carry chains in order to proceed across the pass.** Also, carry a cell phone charger/battery booster, ice scraper/snowbrush, jumper cables, flares or a warning triangle, kitty litter or sand to help with traction, and a whistle to signal for help. If you find yourself stuck or stranded, stay in your car, put on your flashers, call for help and wait until it arrives.

(Washington State Department of Transportation:

<https://wsdot.com/travel/real-time/mountainpasses/winterdrivingtips>).



The Turkey Trot was a great success. Everyone is hoping it becomes an annual tradition. The ornaments were loved as well. The canned food drive for the La Conner Food Bank was a big success too. Thank you to everyone who came out!

~Shelter Bay Social and Recreation Committee



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.

Or

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>

**La Conner
Sunrise Food Bank**



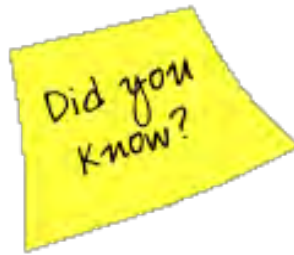
Drive-through curbside distribution hours:
Monday from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at the Masonic Lodge located at 3rd & Benton Street in La Conner

Thank you to all the Shelter Bay Community volunteers who make this a better place to live!

A Volunteer Appreciation Poem

The key to our success
rests in the people like you,
who embody the spirit of greatness
by saying, "Yes, I can, and you can, too!"





Did you know...

If a Tree Falls on My Lot, Isn't It the Community's or My Neighbor's Responsibility to Remove It and Pay for Any Repairs?

This question is asked by members every year after windstorms move through Shelter Bay. Unfortunately, staff or committee members often must deliver bad news to the member on this subject. Unless the member has previously notified the Community or their neighbor in writing of their concern about a specific tree with reasonable time for corrective action, the event is considered by case law and insurance companies as an "Act of God" and the responsibility for removal and repair is the responsibility of the member. Remember the Community or your neighbors do not insure your property, only you do, so you will need to file a claim with your insurance company for damages. Your insurance company may then subrogate the claim to the insurance company protecting the property where the tree was located.

SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

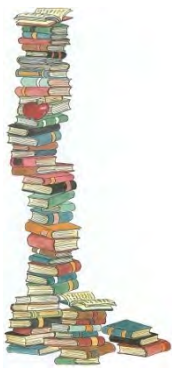


Play Pickleball in Shelter Bay! It's fun and easy to learn! All abilities welcome.

Contact us at:
Pickleball@innomm.com for more information.



SHELTER BAY BOOK CLUB



It has not yet been decided whether we will meet in person or via Zoom, and generally we meet on the first Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Please watch your email for further information. 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, December 6, 1:00 p.m.
 Book: "Before We Were Yours"
 By: Lisa Wingate
 Discussion Leader: Carol McIntosh

When: Monday, January 3, 1:00 p.m.
 Book: "The Midnight Library"
 By: Matt Haig
 Discussion Leader: tbd



Happy Holidays from the Community Work Group to everyone in Shelter Bay and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community!

We hope your holidays are filled with joy and safe celebrations with family and friends.

From your Community Staff:

- Jim Barrett
- Carolyn Caporgno
- Brenda Davis
- Tammi Loucks
- Vickie Napier
- Dale Oldis
- Madeleine Volum

Community is looking for instructors who would like to Zoom through Covid. It doesn't look like we are able to meet at the Clubhouse any time soon. We would like to continue providing educational opportunities on Zoom and are looking for instructors. Can you do a cooking or a stained-glass demonstration? Think about what you love to do and share it with us. Contact Carolyn Caporgno at;

glencaporgno@frontier.com if you have a class idea or if you can share a skill you have with us.



CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY & DISPOSAL

Ah, the Christmas tree! Wonderful scent and memories of Christmas Past. And, just to keep the memories positive: a few suggestions.

Christmas Tree Do

A live Christmas tree needs a water reservoir stand which keeps the tree hydrated. A full reservoir will maintain that evergreen scent and makes the tree more fire resistant.

Christmas Tree Don't

Christmas is over and the ornaments and lights go back in their boxes. What to do with the tree?

Some folks have cut up the tree, put the branches in the fireplace, and lit them. PLEASE DON'T DO THAT! That could start a chimney fire, which could crack the chimney bricks and mortar and spread to the attic.

Strip any remaining flocking and tinsel off the tree and take it to the La Conner Recycle site on Chilberg Road, next to the La Conner Fire Station. Christmas trees (no other cuttings) are accepted without charge. You can call the Recycle Center at 360-466-4314 if you have questions.



FIRE DISTRICT 13

October 16 - November 15

Response Summary

Falls	3
Investigate (gas smell)	1
Medical Calls	12
Total Responses	16



Postal Mail Delays

Due to COVID related labor shortages and heavy seasonal mail demands, postal mail deliveries are being delayed substantially and the situation is forecast to get even worse. To avoid being late with your payments to Shelter Bay, please process and send your checks or initiate online bill pay through your bank well in advance of holiday closures. This will then allow extra time for mailed payments to be received before the month-end billings.



A picture from the Shelter Bay Archives (circa. 1972). Note that no homes are yet built on Kalispell or Shoshone Drives.

No Wipes Down the Pipes

Even if a product says it is "flushable" ...
Unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed!

- Diapers (including cloth, cotton, disposable, or plastic)
- Flushable, disposable, cleaning, or baby wipes
- Paper towels, cloth towels, or any type of rag
- Feminine hygiene products
- Facial Tissues



Place the items listed above in a trash can

Putting these items down toilets may plug sewers and
cause raw sewage to back up into **YOUR HOME**

Seasonal Increases in Property Crimes and Mail Theft



The recent holiday seasons are 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 trusted friends 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 few 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. You can sign up for "Informed Delivery" with the USPS at:

<https://informedelivery.usps.com>

Please *do not* have packages or other mail delivered to the office. Shelter Bay cannot be responsible for distributing mail.

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Holiday Toy Drive **Toys for Tots**



Drop off your wrapped, new toy for the
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program on
Saturday, December 18th
from 11 AM to 3 PM
at La Conner Retirement Inn
204 N. 1st St. | La Conner, WA

Receive a dozen chef-made holiday cookies to go!

Each toy donated will also receive a raffle ticket*
to be entered to win a holiday gift basket valued at \$100.
(3 raffle tickets max)



For more information, connect with
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distancing; Customer in-store limit in effect.

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Soro Optimist International of La Conner is a non-profit community service organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls in our community. We are a 501(c)(3) organization. All shoppers help provide needed services for our community.



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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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<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 1:00 Safety	<i>7</i> 9:00 Architectural Compliance 3:00 Rules	<i>8</i> 3:00 Social & Recreation	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 3:00 Harbor	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 1:30 Communications	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 9:00 Architectural Compliance	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>~Office Closed~</i> 	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>~Office Closed~</i> 	

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 www.shelterbay.net for updates.



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Skagit County Novel Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID19) Information

If you have questions for Skagit County Public Health, need help locating a vaccine or testing provider, or are in need of assistance picking up supplies or food while in isolation/quarantine, you can call (360) 416-1500 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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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