



Shelter Bay Office Closures

January 3, 2022 - Floating Holiday

Staff is present in the Office during business hours.
You can visit **from 10 am to 2 pm.** however, wearing masks,
signing in, and taking your temp is required.
~ Thank you for your patience ~

Martha's Beach Closing Hours

During adverse driving conditions, Martha's Beach will
be closed for driving safety.

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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



Thank you to Board President Jack Galbraith for forging through the snow and capturing this beautiful picture of Rainbow Bridge.

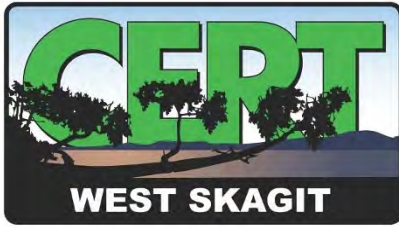
In Loving Memory



Linda Bogardus

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





Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

In December, four members of the Shelter Bay Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Advisory Committee met with the Swinomish Emergency Coordinator Brian Geer to revive and expand local CERT and HAMS (amateur radio operators) program on the reservation. The mission of both entities is to be prepared for THE BIG

ONE as well facilitate Shelter Bay-Swinomish Village planning for safe and orderly response in the event of a wildland fire. The CERT mission is to be a community-wide effective emergency response force during and after disasters and provide community support in non-disaster situations. We discussed the need for more online training for both formerly trained and new volunteers and monthly drills of the CERT personal. We plan to review and revise our list of volunteers and gather the remainder of our Advisory Committee for a meeting on **January 19, 2022, at 10 a.m.** in the Clubhouse. Masks will be required, and distance (spacing) will be followed. Watch this column for future online training for new and current volunteers. **Contact Carolyn Caporgno at glencaporgno@frontier.com**

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

Special Board Meeting of December 15, 2021

- 1) Authorized the signing of the contract with Marine Floats by Project Manager, David Franklin, and 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) Approve David Franklin to send letter to Swinomish Tribe Planning Commission that although we respectfully disagree on the findings of fact, Shelter Bay will not further appeal the Rainbow Park fine.
- 3) Approved to replace the water main along the Swinomish Channel via the shoreline route for an estimated \$250,000.
- 4) Approved temporary pay increase for interim manager position

Protect Your Family and Your Community

Unused, unwanted and 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>



**DEADLINE FOR THE
FILING OF BALLOT ISSUES
FOR THE MAY 21, 2022 ANNUAL ELECTION**

Deadline for the Filing of Ballot Issues:

Please be advised that any ballot issues proposed for consideration at the May 21, 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 - Ann Serwold

Being Interim.

Happy New Year 2022! My name is Ann Serwold and I am your Interim Manager and Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors. I was hired as Executive Secretary in April 2021, after the retirement of Debbie Byrd following 13 years of service and am now serving as the Interim Manager after the resignation of Community Manager David Franklin who served for the past eight years. It is going to require patience as we search for a new Community Manager and do some reorganization to better handle the ever-increasing needs of this Community and we hope that you will all understand when things that you are used to change. Our hope is to make it a change for the better. My goal while I am here for this short duration is to stay the course while we search for our new Manager. I have learned a lot in my short time and one thing I know is that this is a great community and although I do not live here, I have come to make many friends and a family in this staff. They work hard and they love their jobs and no matter what changes occur around them, they are the ones who will keep this ship going in the right direction during any storm, not me. They deserve all the appreciation and respect we can give them. I am here to assist you in any way that I can. You can call the main office or email me at aserwold@shelterbay.net. Again, thank you for your patience as we all shelter the storm (or at least the small winds of change).

Road Sanding and Plowing Priorities - The Shelter Bay Maintenance Department has been working diligently to keep up with the snow fall and sanding the roads of Shelter Bay (and for that we are all very grateful) as we have seen major snow fall already this year. For those who haven't been here for a major snow event to those who haven't seen one in a while, there is a schedule that we utilize in order to allow those who have to get out, the ability to do so. Here is a refresher:

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 including 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 days before crew can get to all roads, so please be patient. Also, there are a few roads that cannot be plowed due to the severity of the road slope such as Klamath Way or will be closed entirely such as Wanapum and Martha's Beach.

In severe weather residents may park their vehicles in the Shelter Bay parking lot, and at the emergency exits on Muckleshoot-Indian Road and Shelter Bay Drive-Pull and Be Damned, which will be open the duration of the bad road conditions. Please DO NOT park on the side of the road as it is not only against the Rules and Regulations, but it impedes the snow plowing and emergency response vehicles. Any vehicles found parked will be asked to move.

Marina.

Understanding how the Marina ties into the Community financially is something that is important for residents of the Community to understand. At the Special Board meeting on December 15th, the Board approved the authorization request to enter a contract with Marine Floats to replace F,G,H,&I docks. This will take place in the fall during the fish window along with dredging. These docks are over 45 years old and in great need of replacing. As far as financing goes, I will give the non-detailed explanation. The marina income pays for the marina and it pays \$200,000 of the Master Lease or about \$200 per month per resident. Meaning that if we didn't have that income, everyone with a sublease would pay more. There was a question recently on the loan to rebuild and why the Community needs to pay for it when most of the residents do not use it. The loan will be paid for by the income from the marina plus it will replenish the capital funds used. The marina and the storage lot are the only income that the Shelter Bay Community has. Once the new docks are paid for the Marina will continue to put monies into capital funds for the entire community. It's a win for everyone and is not going to raise any assessments in the upcoming budget. Again, the Marina pays to offset every sublease in Shelter Bay and for that reason, we want to invest in it and get the most money out of it for the better of the Community as a whole.

If you have questions for me or the Board of Directors, please reach out. We will happily answer any questions we can and are working on ways to better disseminate information to you all. Thank you for all the warm welcomes in my first 30 days and I look forward to serving the Community.

2021 you were no fun so 2022, it's up to you! The best to you and yours in 2022! ~Ann Serwold, Interim Manager

Mini Christmas Boat Parade

On Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. a small group of Shelter Bay Yacht Club members treated those on the waterfront in Shelter Bay and those overlooking the bay with music and a holiday decorated boat parade. Three boats organized by Vanessa Finch on her boat Joy navigated in and around each bay area. The boats were led by Jim Barrett on the Part Two, followed by WC and Lora on the Sea Woof and Vanessa close behind. Rod Proctor the newly elected Commodore of the Shelter Bay Yacht Club provided the photographs.



The Christmas Caroling Event was a great success. There was cocoa and singing and general community comradery as everyone gathered at the BBQ shelter for caroling and good cheer!
~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.

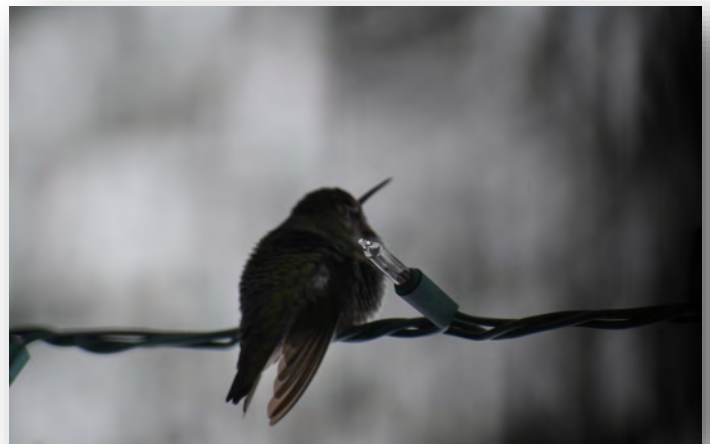
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You can go to their website to make a direct donation or mail your donation to La Conner Sunrise Food Bank, PO Box 922, La Conner, WA 98257. You can find more info at: <https://www.laconnerfoodbank.com>

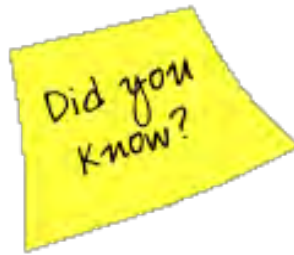
**La Conner
Sunrise Food Bank**



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



And finally Winter, with its bitin', whining', wind, and all the land will be mantled with snow. ~Roy Bean



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

"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves." - Bill Vaughn



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, January 3, 1:00 p.m. Book: "The Midnight Library" By: Matt Haig Discussion Leader:	When: Monday, February 7, 1:00 p.m. Book: "TBD" By: Discussion Leader: tbd
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Communiversitiy 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.

Beyond Retirement: What are your options for Senior Living and Care needs, an overview and Q and A

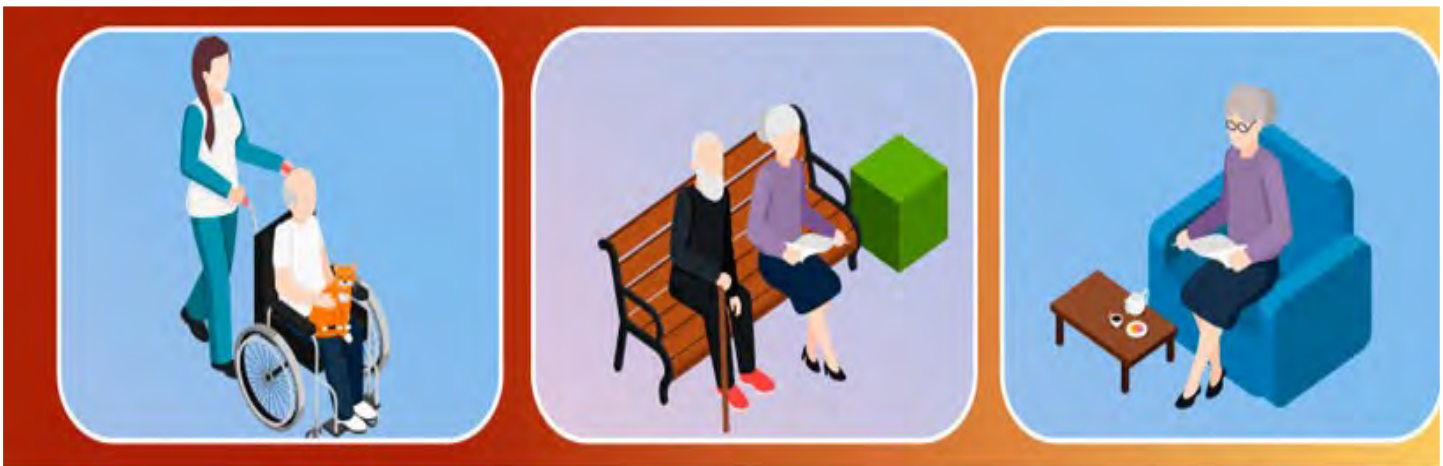
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 – 4 p.m.

This course will dismantle misconceptions and fears about senior living, inform participants about the options they have and explain the differences between Independent, Assisted, Memory and Skilled Nursing Care Communities. You will be empowered to plan for common speed bumps, set priorities for what to accomplish now to be ready and how to plan for the financial investment for elder care for yourself or your loved ones.

Instructor: Christina James

Christina is the Executive Director of the La Conner Retirement Inn.

Registration is required: Click here to register: <https://forms.gle/MpGMP1dGJk9mj6vi6> Or register on the website under Communiversitiy Registration closes Tuesday, January 11, noon

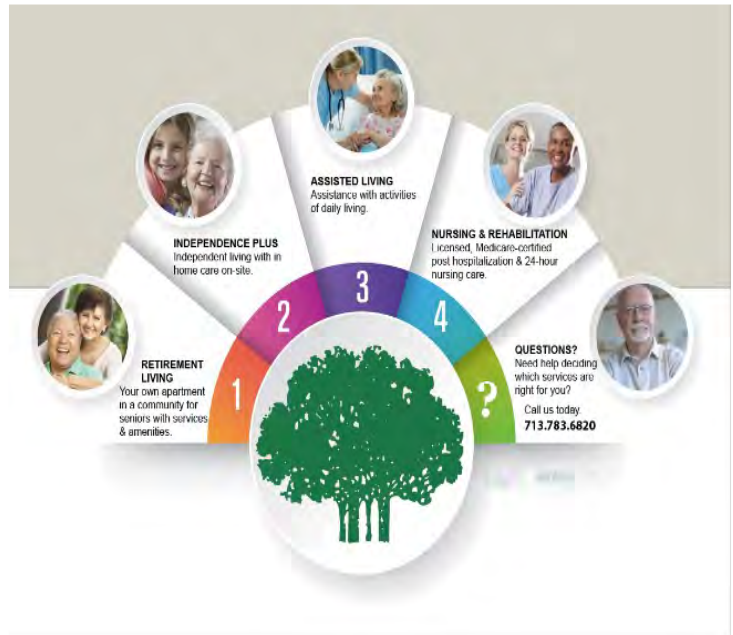


All classes are free and available to all Shelter Bay Residents and Swinomish Tribal Members

FIRE DISTRICT 13
November 16 - December 15

Response Summary

Falls	4
Fire Alarm	1
Welfare Check/ Citizen Assist	4
Medical Calls	12
Total Responses	21





The Annex/Library never looked so good! Winter 2021

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



President's Message

As I sit here writing this message, I am reminded of former Shelter Bay President Tom Napier's opening line for the January 2021 newsletter. "What A Year – 2020 in review: None of us have seen a year quite like 2020."

I can only echo that sentiment for 2021. In addition to ever changing Covid protocols we also endured a year full of weather extremes. Many windstorms, excessive heat, excessive cold, and lots of snow.

The year also brought us four new wonderful and dedicated Board members and renewed activity with the Tribe regarding lease negotiations. Our Lease Subcommittee has met twice with the full Swinomish Senate. We have also met in a small group consisting of four Senators and four Board members. We will meet again in early January.

As you may already know the Shelter Bay General Manager, David Franklin, will be leaving us at the end of January. We want to thank him for his many years of dedicated service and wish him good luck at his new job with the Semiahmoo HOA. Stay tuned for information regarding a going away party. We will let the community know what we can put together while keeping the Covid protocols in mind. And yes, he will be greatly missed!

We have started the recruitment process to find a replacement for David. Starting on December first Board Executive Secretary Ann Serwold has been doing a great job filling in as Interim Manager.

To start out the new year the Board is going to have a Work Session on January 6th starting at 4PM. We will be discussing how the Board can increase the level of communication with members. We will be discussing the many comments and suggestions that we have received from the community members and also from our Board members themselves. It will be a Zoom meeting and as with all Board meetings Shelter Bay members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy 2022! Jack Galbraith, President,

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Soroptimist 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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January 2022

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Sat

						1 <i>New Year's Day</i>
2	3 <i>Office Closed Floating Holiday</i>	4 9:00 Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC) 3:00 Rules Committee (RUCO)	5 3:00 Finance Committee (FICO)	6 9:00 Facilities & Amenities Committee (FAC) 4:00 Board Work Session		8
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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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