



## Shelter Bay Office Closures

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

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



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**Reminder:** Shelter Bay Community Inc. is following the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Coronavirus guidelines. Swinomish Public Health confirmed 18 new cases from January 20-24th for a total of 661 cases and four deaths. Get your free at-home covid-19 tests at: [COVIDTests.gov](https://COVIDTests.gov) and Drive-Thru testing at Skagit County Fairgrounds Monday-Friday 12-7 p.m. **NO APPOINTMENT or INSURANCE REQUIRED.** Or go to [skagitcounty.net/Departments/HealthDiseases/coronavirusTESTsites.htm](https://skagitcounty.net/Departments/HealthDiseases/coronavirusTESTsites.htm) for more Skagit County testing sites.



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

Contact the Office for Incidents, Concerns, and Complaints (or fill out the form on line) that are everything but police related.



## TREASURER'S NOTE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER

Shelter Bay runs on a fiscal year that runs from July 1 to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Every year in March, we have a series of workshops to develop the budget for the next year to be presented to the Board and Membership for their approval. I urge you all to participate in this exercise.

It may be useful to translate budget amounts into the monthly amount per unit so that you can more clearly understand that they mean to you. Here is a (rounded) table:

Budget Amount	Per Unit Per Month
\$ 10,000	\$ 0.91
\$ 100,000	\$ 9.12
\$1,000,000	\$91.17

### UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS

Our fiscal year starts July 1st and starting in March, the Finance Committee and Board will be holding budget development meetings for the Fiscal Year 22-23. This year the Board has approved an additional budget meeting to directly address the 2023 Lease Rates (due starting 7/2022). There will be draft of the budget based heavily on the current year and each Committee will submit their request for funds for the coming year for upcoming projects. The Manager, with much assistance from our bookkeeping department, will provide a draft to the Finance Committee and Board of Directors for review. The budget development meetings are scheduled on the following dates and times and Members are encourage to attend any or all of these meetings and are allowed input for consideration:

- Thursday, March 17th—4 p.m.—6 p.m. (Lease)
- Tuesday, March 22nd—1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Operations)
- Thursday, March 24th—1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Capital)
- Wednesday, March 30th—1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Final Review if needed)

These meetings will be held via Zoom and again, are open to all members of the Community. Your participation is welcomed. If you cannot make these meetings, we would appreciate any input you wish to share. Email your comments or suggestions, no later than March 16th to the Board Treasurer at [board@shelterbay.net](mailto:board@shelterbay.net) and put "Budget Ideas" in the subject line.

### TOWN HALL MEETING—Community Amenities Plan March 4, 2022 at 7 PM via Zoom

The Communications Committee is facilitating a Zoom presentation with Ken Olson of Olson & Associates, to present the Shelter Bay Amenities Plan. This plan will provide the Community a look at the current and desired amenities including the pools and clubhouse as well as the many sports and recreation facilities of Shelter Bay for input on what you would like to see and have budgeted for now and into the future. Discussion about the current cost of maintaining or replacing the current amenities you have to the cost to add more amenities such as a dog park and walking paths. It's important for everyone to understand the costs to everyone for adding and maintaining our amenities and this Town Hall meeting is the place to discuss it and understand it before voting on the 2022-2023 upcoming budget.

The Zoom link will be available on the website under the Budget & Financials tab and emailed to residents directly.



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**Board of Directors - Action Items**

**Board Meeting—February 16, 2022**

- 1) Approved the 10-year fixed loan option for the Marina Dredge Project Premier Pacific Bank Loan.
- 2) Approved the move from current software programs to eUnify software.
- 3) Approved the Communications Committee hold a Town Hall meeting to have Ken Olson of Olson & Associates present the Amenities Plan to the Community before the budget meetings in March.
- 4) Elected Monte Hicks as Board Secretary.
- 5) Approved allowing Skagit K-9 Search and Rescue to use the RV Storage Lot for training with the condition that there is a Shelter Bay CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) member there at all times.
- 6) Approved getting quotes for the Clubhouse kitchen repairs and let the Shelter Bay Yacht Club decide how much they want to contribute and to allow the Shelter Bay Yacht Club to use the Clubhouse on a priority use basis once the Covid restrictions are lifted.
- 7) Approved Interim Manager Ann Serwold the ability to use funds to host the top two Community Manager candidates for travel to Shelter Bay for a site visit.
- 8) Approved annual bonus for interim manager.
- 9) Approved request reimbursement of \$80,000 from Steve Swigert, Lot 95, in regard to Rainbow Park.



**FILING FOR BOARD MEMBER CANDIDACY**

**May 21, 2022 – Annual Membership Meeting/Election**

Three (3) three-year positions on the Board of Directors will be elected at the May 21, 2022 Annual Membership Meeting/Election to fill the three expiring terms held by Louise Kari, Steve Swigert, and Chris Gaudette.

**Deadline for Board Member Candidacy Applications**

Members wishing to file should complete the Board Candidate Application Form which is available at the Forms Page on the Website at [www.shelterbay.net](http://www.shelterbay.net) 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 (mail or drop your application to the Shelter Bay Office to the attention of Executive Secretary, Ann Serwold, by no later than:

**Friday – March 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

All interested members are encouraged to file.

Monte Hicks, Board Secretary



# Manager's Corner - Ann Serwold

Hello everyone!

I am excited that March is here and everywhere I look, I see signs of spring! At my house, that means it's time to start prepping gardens and planting flowers. Getting out the deck furniture and looking forward to evening outdoor fires. Having only lived in our new home since November, I am excited to find that I have daffodils. Not just one or two either, they are all the way around the house in every flower bed. What a beautiful surprise!

Similar, it's my first spring in Shelter Bay and I have no idea what to expect, but I know that what we reap, we will sow. There is the water main we are moving down by Rainbow Park along the channel and once that is relocated in a couple months, our water system will be safer from breaks and shoreline erosion. We are prepping even now, for the September Division 5 Marina Rebuild and Harbor Dredge Project. Something a long time in the making that all of Shelter Bay will reap the rewards of. We will start to see the maintenance crew out mowing the greenbelts and golf course and as Covid continues to decelerate we can start back to the events you have all come to love about Shelter Bay like the Annual Garage Sale weekend and the many events of the Soc & Rec Committee. We know you have all missed the social aspects of Shelter Bay. Meetings in person and just normal activities over-all.

I will let you know that I will begin to work with the Tribe to find acceptable and safe common ground for re-opening of the lower pool again this year on a temporary use permit. I know how important it is to the Community. Just know that we have a very old pool and it needs a lot of repairs and some issues can only be fixed by building a new pool. The costs to the Community will be addressed in the Town Hall Meeting on the Amenities Plan on March 4th, so I encourage everyone to attend and hear first hand the facts of what you are facing. If you can't attend. Look for the recording and watch it later. These decisions are yours to make and we believe you should know everything, so you can vote on a budget that you help create by understanding the costs associated with your decisions.

Hopefully, this is my last article to you. I am hopeful that by April we will have hired a new Community Manager and will be introducing you to that person in the April Newsletter.

Happy March everyone! In like a lion and out like a lamb.  
Ann Serwold, Interim Manager

On behalf of the La Conner Sunrise Food Bank I would like to thank the Shelter Bay Community members for their donation of 101.6 pounds of food in conjunction with the Hearty Walk. ~Sherry Thostenson



Heart Walk left to right: Cathy Echert, Lois Watson, Mo Olason, Linda Shipley, Katie Reading, Louise Kari (not pictured Garry and Zayna Cline)

**From the Harbormaster:**

There is a misconception that the garbage bins located in the Marina are for community members and those that have private docks, this is incorrect. All the Marina dumpsters (five total) two in the parking lot adjacent to the golf course, two adjacent to the Marina restrooms and one located in South Basin adjacent to Dock F thru J. These garbage bins have signage clearly stating that the Dumpsters are for Marina Tenants Dock A thru J Only and Violators will be Fined \$100.00 Per Violation. Please respect the rules of Shelter Bay as it only makes our community better when we do.

Thank you,

Mark Hartwick, Shelter Bay Marina Harbormaster

Did you know? Shelter Bay Community, Swinomish Village, and Swinomish Casino have **All Hazards Alert Broadcast (AHAB)** sirens. AHABs were 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 throughout the State are tested on the **first Monday of the month at 12:00 p.m.** You will 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. If you should ever hear a real emergency instruction, check with your neighbors, and let them know.

This system was tested on Monday, February 7, 2022 with mixed results. Many heard both the siren and the message, while others heard one or the other or nothing. Due to various reports from residents, Brian Geer, DEM for the Swinomish Tribal Community emailed the state coordinator of the program and forwarded the possibility the announcement was not loud enough. After running a test, they found that one of the amplifiers was bad and they will be out to fix it before this newsletter goes to print.

The next test of the AHAB system will be **Monday, March 7, 2022**. Please report to [glencaporgno@frontier.com](mailto:glencaporgno@frontier.com) whether you hear the siren and message.



**CPR CLASSES**

Chief Wood Weiss and Gary Ladd from Fire District 13 have agreed to teach a

**CPR/First Aid Class on**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Do you need to certify or recertify your CPR skills for work? Are you a member of the Shelter Bay CERT Team who wants to complete or update your skill set? Are you a member within the Shelter Bay or Swinomish Tribal communities who want to have **CPR and first aid** to help your family members?

\$25/person

Venue to be determined. Class is limited to the first 20 people. **Contact Carolyn Caporgno**, Safety Committee member and CERT Advisory Team Chairperson at [glencaporgno@frontier.com](mailto:glencaporgno@frontier.com) or (209) 609-1182 to register for this event. Additional information will be provided following signup.

All Shelter Bay Community/Eagle Nest members, as well as Swinomish Tribal members, are encouraged to sign up.

# SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

## IMMEDIATE BOARD POSITION OPENING

Applications are being accepted and will be reviewed by the Board for consideration until April 13th or the position is filled, whichever comes first. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this position, please go to the Shelter Bay website under Forms and fill out the application and deliver it to the Shelter Bay Office, Attention Executive Secretary Ann Serwold, 1000 Shelter Bay Drive, La Conner, WA 98257. Selected Candidate will be announced immediately.

We realize the importance of our voice, only when we are silenced—Malala Yousafzai



**Let's Keep Our Greenbelts Green!**

The Greenbelts are NOT for dumping. It costs everyone when you dump your yard waste. There is a \$500 fee for dumping in the Greenbelt. Please put your yard waste in your Waste Management green cart for pick up OR pick up a \$10.00 permit for ten-32-gallon cans or \$40 for ten cubic yards from the City of La Conner Town Hall and haul it to the yard waste center next to the La Conner Firehouse at the La Conner Wastewater Treatment Plant. **Town Hall accepts cash or check only.** For further information, please contact the La Conner Wastewater Treatment Plant, 12154 Chilberg Road, La Conner, Phone: 360-466-4314



## 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](mailto:maryknewby@wavecable.com) with any questions and to be put on the email list.



When: Monday, March 7, 1:00 p.m.  
Book: Miss Benson's Beetle  
By: Rachel Joyce  
Discussion Leader: Carol McIntosh

When: Monday, April 4, 1:00 p.m.  
Book: Dutch House  
By: Ann Patchett  
Discussion Leader: TBA



Communiversality 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](mailto:glencaporgno@frontier.com) if you have a class idea



**First People Into North America**

Communiversality is offering a free class to all Shelter Bay residents and Swinomish Tribal members.

This is a two hour Zoom class providing information about the strong, creative and successful first people into North America. They are the ancestors of all the North American tribes. It will also cover what science says about the new genetic DNA data. The class will include:

- Who were the first people?
- When did they come?
- Where did they come from?
- How did they get here?
- What did they find?
- How do we know any of this?
- The Kennewick man controversy.

**Instructor: Jim Barrett EdD**

*Jim has a doctorate degree in Adult Education and Communication. He was employed at the University of Washington for 32 years. He regularly teaches at the Anacortes Senior College and at the Shelter Bay Communiversality.*

**March 23rd, 4:00pm**

**Click on this link to Register:**

<https://forms.gle/Nq4bbqWuBqXijPNf9>






*St. Patrick's Day*



Please join the Social & Rec Committee for the lucky ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
3 pm - 5 pm**

-  Dress your dog for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Prize for the best costume.
-  Irish food and some beverages provided. (BYOB)
-  Gather at the picnic shelter by the Clubhouse

**FIRE DISTRICT 13**

**January 16—February 15**

**Response Summary**

Falls	4
Fire Alarm	2
Welfare Check/ Citizen Assist	1
Medical Calls	8
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>15</b>





## President's Message

### Rainbow Park Board Action

As some of you may already know the Board, in its February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, ratified one of the actions taken in executive session with the following motion, "The Board approved to request reimbursement of \$80,000 from Steve Swigert, Lot 95, in regard to Rainbow Park".

The reason this came about was a recent clarification (effective 1-1-2022) of a Washington State law affecting nonprofit corporations such as Shelter Bay.

The RCW states, in part, the following:

(4) A corporation may not indemnify a director under this section:

...(b) In connection with any other proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the director, whether or not involving action in the director's official capacity, in which the director was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by the director.

This provision prevents Shelter Bay from indemnifying Director Swigert for the personal statutory damage judgement against him.

The "other proceeding" "in which the director was adjudged liable" refers to the outcome of the Shelter Bay appeal of the fines issued by the Swinomish Planning Department in which they upheld the \$80,000 damage award based solely on the personal benefit to Mr. Swigert's property.

I hope that this helps to clarify the action that the Board has taken to begin the process of gaining reimbursement From Mr. Swigert.

Jack Galbraith, President

Shelter Bay Board of Directors

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# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>9:00 Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC)</b>  <b>3:00 Rules Committee (RUCO)</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>3:00 Finance Committee (FICO)</b>	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 Facilities &amp; Amenities Committee (FAC)</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>7:00 pm Town Hall Meeting—Community Amenities Plan</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>3:00 Safety Committee</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>3:00 Harbor Committee</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>3:00 Soc &amp; Rec Committee</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 Architectural compliance Committee (ACC)</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>4:00 Regular Board Mtg</b> <b>6:00 Company Board Mtg</b>	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 Facilities Committee (FAC)</b>  <b>1:30 Communications Committee (COMMCO)</b>  <b>4-6 PM Budget Dev. Mtg. On Lease</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>1-4 Budget Dev. Mtg—Operations</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>1-4 Budget Dev. Mtg.—Capital Reserves</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Applications for Board Candidates Due</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>1-4 Budget Dev. Mtg.—Final</b>	<b>31</b>		



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