



Shelter Bay Office Open

The office is open again for regular business. We ask that you visit only if you need to be there in person, otherwise, emails and calls are the best communication. Payments can be left in the payment drop box. We appreciate your patience for these past two years!

Martha's Beach Closing Hours

April 1st to September 30th the Beach closes at 10 pm.
October 1st to March 31st the Beach closes at 7 p.m.

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OH, DEER! As common as these creatures are in Shelter Bay, residents take photos from their yards and others stop along Shelter Bay Drive to take photos. Seeing deer is part of the beauty of living here. We have another creature that has been raising havoc and that is the raccoons. I don't know how many families of raccoons we have as I don't view them long enough to see differences. One raccoon attacked a Shelter Bay dog last month and it was hurtful to the dog as well as costly to their owner. Don't leave out your pets food dishes. Don't feed wild animals. If you are looking for information on Living with Wildlife, go to <https://wdfw.wa.gov> There is one specific reference entitled "Feeding Deer in Urban and Suburban Areas...Is it harmful?"



Photo Credit: Lois Watson

CONGRATULATIONS NEW BOARD MEMBER

Joe Hurley is the newest member of the Board. Joe was selected to fill the seat of member Jack Galbraith. Joe was selected out of five candidates and will serve out the rest of Jack's term through June 30, 2023. Joe comes from a background as a master electrician and a VP with experience in dissemination of information. On the cusp of retirement, we welcome Joe and thank him for his willingness to serve along with all the candidates. It continues to be great to see the number of members step up and offer to serve.

Monte Hicks, Board Secretary

National Night Out sponsored by the Swinomish Police Department at the John K. Bob Ball Park in the Swinomish Village August 2nd 5—9 pm.

Stop by for a bite to eat, Kona Ice, games, door prizes, music, and the opportunity to dunk the Chief of Police or Lieutenant in a dunk tank. This is a free event!

Shelter Bay CERTs will have a table at this event. Visit the Swinomish Village/Shelter Bay CERT mobile trailer on the grounds and peek inside. (Community Emergency Response Team)

President's Message



July 1st marked the new fiscal year for Shelter Bay and with that several changes. As we messaged throughout the past year, the new 10-year rent adjustment (per the Master Lease) took effect. I want to thank the staff, especially Kendra Emerson, for their dedicated work with this adjustment, and all the long hours to make sure the community's needs are met. We also have a full Board of Directors, nine total, for the first time since February 1st. I am excited to welcome our newest director, Joe Hurley, to the team and I look forward to his contributions. There is much to accomplish, and I look forward to the board working together for the benefit of the

Shelter Bay Community.

CLUBHOUSE – I am pleased to announce that the Board approved reopening all Shelter Bay rental facilities. Please use your own judgment when reserving if you have health concerns in a group setting. We are all excited to be getting back to normal operations and social activities! I'm hoping the SRC will bring back my favorite from years ago — BINGO & Ice Cream Social!

RAINBOW PARK – The final step to begin the replanting process was approved by the Board at the July meeting. Planting will begin in the fall, and we want to thank everyone for their patience, as it was a long and arduous process. I believe the finished product will be one that everyone can enjoy and be proud of.

STAFFING – Like everyone else, Shelter Bay is finding it challenging to fill the open positions. We have been short-staffed in maintenance for over a year and the office is down 2.5 staff members. We have been advertising for several months with no success. Please keep in mind the increased workload current staff is experiencing. We ask that you have patience and understanding during this time.

I hope you are enjoying this wonderful weather and taking advantage of all that our local community has to offer – from live music at Gilkey Square on Sunday afternoons, to weekend farmers markets, arts festivals, and car and boat shows.

Be careful in this summer heat and remember that in Shelter Bay outdoor burning is limited to propane or charcoal. See Shelter Bay *Rules and Regulations Part I – General – II. General Activities – 2.2* for details (www.shelterbay.net—Governance—Governing Docs)

In the upcoming year, we look forward to more Town Hall meetings, Community Surveys and increased engagement with the Shelter Bay Community. The bulk of work within our community happens at the committee level, so please consider lending your talents and expertise to our community by joining a committee. There are many ways to get involved and participate at whatever commitment level your life schedule allows. We thank you in advance for sharing your time and talents!

Wendy Poulton

President, Board of Directors

Dock Notes – August 2022

BE WHALE WISE

Be Whale Wise is a coordinated effort between the U.S. and Canada with multiple commercial, non-profit and environmental non-governmental organizations, law enforcement and state programs dedicated to educating the public and raising awareness within the boating community.

Vessel noise and traffic impact the survival of southern resident killer whales. These whales — also called orcas — are listed as endangered under the federal [Endangered Species Act](#).

As a boater or paddler, you can do your part to protect whales and keep yourself safe by following [Be Whale Wise](#) regulations, which include:

Stay at least 300 yards from southern resident killer whales and at least 400 yards out of the path behind or in front of the whales. [More information](#).

Slow down to 7 knots within a ½ mile of whales.

Watch for and use the [Whale Warning Flag](#), which helps notify other boaters of whales nearby. Slow down if you see the flag.

Turn off fish finders and depth sounders if you see whales in the distance.

Encourage positive behavior by [reporting violators](#).

Approaching or trying to feed southern resident killer whales is [punishable by law](#) and carries a minimum fine of \$1,025, not including [statutory assessments](#).

There's a app for that: The [Whale Alert App](#) helps you practice citizen science by providing a user-friendly tool directly on your tablet or smart phone that displays whale "safety zones." The app also allows you to report any live, dead or distressed whale sightings to the appropriate response agency.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Learn how you can keep the whales—and yourself—safe. Visit BeWhaleWise.org

Learn how to use the ["Whale Warning Flag"](#) or get one of your own.

[Learn more](#) about killer whale conservation and management from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.



Shelter Bay Harbormaster, Vanessa Finch email: vfinch@shelterbay.net

Swinomish Days Celebration August 12, 13, and 14

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community's annual celebration "Swinomish Days" is an open community celebration and all are welcome. Canoe races will be held at Swedubs Park known as the Cedar Hats that are prominent on the Swinomish side of the channel. People will be able to enjoy watching the canoe races from either side.

There will also be traditional stick game tournaments at the John K. Bobb ball field adjacent to the totem pole. In the ball field there will be food vendors, arts and craft vendors, and information booths. Shelter Bay is invited to explore and join in the celebration including opportunities to volunteer.

If you have questions and would like to participate by volunteering please call Ava Goodman at (360) 873-1017.

Manager's Corner - Rick Tanner



Who's in Charge Here?

It's a good question as there have been changes over the years. Our long-time attorney, Philip Buri provided a short overview that should answer this question.

“Our Covenants do not exempt us from the oversight of local government. Way back when, Skagit County asserted it had jurisdiction over Shelter Bay. When the County realized it could transfer the responsibility to the Tribe, it did. We had increasing difficulty getting the County to respond to anything – law enforcement, building permits, etc. The Great Wolf Lodge tax ruling drove the final nail and the County said the Tribe is the local government with authority over Shelter Bay.

As always, a homeowners' association must comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations, along with the Covenants. Since Shelter Bay is on the Swinomish Reservation, the Swinomish Tribe exercises governmental authority over the development.”

It's important to understand that the Tribe currently plays two major roles for Shelter Bay. The first is that of landowner and holder of the master lease. The second is that of the local government. They are two very separate and very important roles for Shelter Bay Community.

Rick Tanner

General Manager

NOTICE OF LAND USE ACTION

Proposal for Dock Easement expansion

Expansion of dock easements is a decision to be made by the Shelter Bay Board of Directors. The Board has established a public comment period from August 5 to September 5, 2022, during which members of the community can submit comments related to this proposal. This proposal has received conceptual approval from the Harbor Committee and the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). This project will require final review by Shelter Bay ACC, Harbor Committee, Board of Directors, and Swinomish Tribe.

Please submit comments via email to: board@shelterbay.net OR

Mail to : Shelter Bay Community, Attn: Board of Directors, 1000 Shoshone Drive, La Conner, WA, 98257

Comments are due by 5:00 pm, September 5, 2022.

The Board will consider this proposal at its regular meeting on September 21 at 4:00 pm.

Proposal Description

The owners of lot 862 desire to extend the existing dock to accommodate their future boat. To accommodate this dock expansion, it is proposed that the existing dock easement be extended westward by 26' and maintain the current width of 10'. This will result in 260 square feet of additional easement area. The dock will have geometry similar to the existing docks at lots 864/863, running parallel with the shoreline and staking line to minimize intrusion into the navigation channel. A full description of this proposal is available at the Shelter Bay office.

An Aquatic Land Use transfer fee of approximately \$2,000, based on Washington Administrative Code 332-30-133, will be assessed to the owners of lot 862.

Important Notice from the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Office of Planning and Community Development:

A permit is now required whenever you are doing work that doesn't require an excavation permit, such as putting up a fence or planting trees or bushes. The “Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) needs to know any time there is ground disturbance or digging within the tribal boundaries because there are a lot of archaeological findings throughout the reservation.” The THPO permit is FREE, and its sole purpose is to make sure THPO is notified, and a tribal environmental reviewer can make sure that no other permit is required for your project. Contact permits@swinomish.nsn.us or call 360-466-1634.

Lock Your Home and Vehicles, including attached pick-up toolboxes. The Swinomish Police and the Shelter Bay Community Safety Committee would like to remind you to watch out for anything “out of the ordinary” and call 911 if you have any concerns.



Board Meeting—July 20, 2022

1. Approved to discontinue plans for a Dog Park and instead ask residents to utilize the current off-leash areas as designated in the Rules.
2. Approved to enter into contract with Skagit River System Cooperative for the cost of \$39,209 for replanting of Rainbow Park as amended.
3. Approved a Greenbelt Task Force to review and report on the Greenbelt Committee as it is currently operating with Staff and how it would best serve the Community in the future.
4. Approve re-opening of all Shelter Bay Community facilities for rentals.
5. Approved sending community notice regarding dock easement by August 5 with a deadline for comments by September 5, 2022.
6. Appointed Directors as Representatives on Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.
7. Reappointed Committee Members & Approved Committee Chairs.
8. Appointed Jeanne Subnotnick & Leslie Levenberg to Soc & Rec Committee.
9. Appointed Jack Galbraith to the Facilities & Amenities Committee and appointed him Chair.

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Regular Meeting July 20, 2022

1. Appoint Directors as to be the same as those of Shelter Bay Community, Inc.

A Shout out to **Aven Wright-McIntosh** for her continued support of Shelter Bay residents and the Shelter Bay Communications Committee. Aven posts a saying each week in the Shelter Bay wooden sign box to the right of the guard shack. We have had numerous positive comments regarding Aven’s posts.
Thank you Aven!



Emergency Updates

Be sure you are signed up to receive prompt updates when a local emergency affects Shelter Bay.

The Shelter Bay office will send out emails and telephone messages to those who are **registered** whenever an emergency involves our community - such as a storm-related event or other emergency-creating situation.

To register: Go to shelterbaycommwa.pilera.com

Scroll down and click on “**Register.**” Follow the instructions to provide your contact information.

If you are already registered, now would be a good time to make sure your information is up to date.

Your Safety Committee

SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

MORE than Golf Tournament

August 13, 2022
10 a.m.
Shelter Bay Golf Course

All are welcome! Crazy and fun!! Regular golf, frisbee golf, marshmallow golf and pickleball.

Fun prizes! Shelter Bay can coolers to the first 75 participants. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks for all players!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4DAAAAA2DA7F85-more>



PICKLEBALL

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

Contact the group at Pickleball@innomm.com for more information.



New Shelter Bay Library Hours

Our fiction library is open once again with extended hours.

Monday — Friday 8:30am — 4:30pm

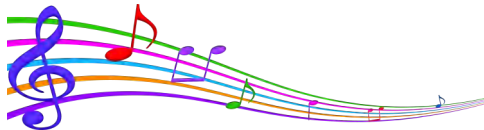
Saturday & Sunday 9:30am — 4:30pm

For those new to our community, the library is located across the street from the clubhouse, one block east, in the Annex Building. Come browse and enjoy!

Upcoming Events: Social & Recreation Committee present **MUSIC ON THE GREENS & PICNIC**

September 10, 2022, 3 p.m.
Shelter Bay Golf Course

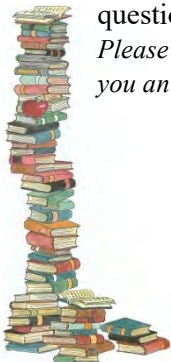
**Bring a chair, something to grill and a side dish to share. BYOB. Plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided.



More info to come. Check the website and the SRC Board at the entrance for details.

SHELTER BAY BOOK CLUB

Generally, we meet on the first Monday of the month at 1:00pm. 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 Janice Gates at: jprlygates@hotmail.com with any questions and/or to be added to our email list. *This is the meeting where we select books for next year. Please send your suggestions to Mary Newby at maryknewby@wavecable.com or Janice Gates. Janice will send you an email regarding the location as soon as it's determined.*



When: Monday, August 1, 1 p.m.
Book: Ride of Her Life
By: Elisabeth Letts
Location: Elaine Beck, 279 Soleduck Place
RSVP: laneybb@hotmail.com
Discussion Leader: Still needed

When: *Monday, Sept 12th @ 1 pm
Book: Ride of Her Life
By: Elisabeth Letts
Location: Elaine Beck
279 Soleduck Place
RSVP: laneybb@hotmail.com
Discussion Leader: TBD
*Moved due to holiday



Hurray! The Shelter Bay Clubhouse is re-opening for larger group attendance. Communiversity is looking forward to presenting a variety of instructional and informative courses and classes. Starting in the fall, we will have a series on **Know Your Community**, a class on **Deception State Park, How to Grow Orchids**, and a zoom class on **Protecting Yourself from Fraud and Identity Theft** by an AARP Speakers Bureau instructor.

Watch the electronic sign board at the front gate. Check the Communiversity Web Site for specifics on these classes later this month.

Please reach out to Carolyn Caporgno at glencaporgno@frontier.com if you have a class idea or if you can share a skill you have with us.

FIRE DISTRICT 13

June 16—July 15, 2022

Response Summary

Falls	2
Fire Alarm	2
Hazardous Chemicals	1
Welfare Check/ Citizen Assist	6
<u>Medical Calls</u>	<u>15</u>
Total Responses	26



Mt. Baker over Martha's Beach—photo credit Ann Serwold

You Need to Know...

A GREENBELT is defined as: Any community common area, excluding those areas which contain permanent structures, drainage and utility systems, roads and road rights-of-way, golf courses, park areas, and storage lots.

Greenbelt Committee Guidelines read, in brief: 2. Violations will include but are not limited to the following:

- a. The cutting of any tree or limb over 4" in diameter will be considered unauthorized cutting.
- b. Unauthorized clearing is the cutting of any vegetation 4" in diameter or less.
- c. Dumping in the greenbelts (placing, parking, or storing of any items in the greenbelt). The natural distribution of natural greenbelt material is allowed.
- d. Placing any manmade object (i.e., as fences, storage sheds, tree houses, concrete pads, greenhouses, etc.) in the greenbelt.
- e. Placement of signs (requires permission).
- f. Political signs procedure.

You can find the full version of the Greenbelt Committee Guidelines on our website. Community members wishing to work in or maintain all or part of a greenbelt must submit a Greenbelt Maintenance Permit Form. Restrictions on what work can be performed will be stated on the Form. Forms may be downloaded from the website: www.shelterbay.net or obtained from the office.

SHELTER BAY MARINA BOAT OF THE MONTH



The *Mary Biz* - this nimble and lively Beneteau sloop - presents us with an interesting story problem: How many tacks does it take to put 1,500 sailing miles under the hull on a 30 mile-long lake?

That's what Susan and John, the crew of *Mary Biz*, accomplished from their home on the Finger Lakes of New York State before bringing her over to the Salish Sea, via a stay on the Columbia River.

You can find this proven ocean-goer and lake-conqueror on B Dock when her owners aren't out enjoying the San Juan Islands and their considerably longer tacks than what the Finger Lakes could offer.

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August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00 Safety Committee	2 9:00 Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC) 1:00 Rules Hearing Rules Committee Meeting— Canceled	3 3:00 Finance Committee	4 9:00 Facilities Committee Meeting	5	6
7	8 10:00 CERT Meeting	9 3:00 Harbor Committee	10 3:00 Soc & Rec Committee	11	12	13
14	15	16 9:00 Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC)	17 4:00 Board Meeting 6:00 Company Board Meeting	18 1:30 Communications Committee	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Agendas are 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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