

# News

## shelter bay community, inc. 1

September 2022



## **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 as we continue to deal with different Covid variants.

#### **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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Shelter Bay and its surroundings—Minke Whale off Stuart Island and seagull in the Channel off Martha's Beach—Pictures courtesy of Ann Serwold

#### **Board Vacancy**

Applications are being accepted for Board Candidates. This person will fill the position of Rod Proctor, who resigned August 18th for personal reasons. The position will run through June 30, 2023. The successful applicant can continue by running for an elected three-year term at the Annual Elections. Cut-off for applications will be September 16, 2022.

Applications are available on the website. Please return completed Board Candidate application to Ann Serwold, Executive Secretary, 1000 Shoshone Dr., La Conner, WA 98257.

Monte Hicks, Board Secretary



In Loving Memory

William "Bill" Thisius—August 4

## President's Message



There's nothing like a PNW summer to help you forget the PNW winter/spring! September means back-to-school for the teachers and children in our community. We all hope they have a fantastic school year! Please watch out for the kids as they walk to and from the bus in the mornings and afternoons.

**RAINBOW PARK**—The first step in the replanting process will take place in Sept/Oct and the project is scheduled to finish (weather permitting) in December.

**TRIBAL RELATIONS**—In a continued effort to improve relationships and foster open communication, the Shelter Bay Board of Directors will be meeting with the Swinomish Tribal Senate this month. We gathered together last year to get to know each other better and I look forward to meeting again and sharing more conversations.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**—Volunteers are the backbone of our community. Shelter Bay committees can always use more volunteers, whether attending as a guest or joining a specific committee. Please consider lending your time or talents to the —Communications, Facilities & Amenities, Finance, Harbor, Rules, Safety or Social & Recreation Committee. Shelter Bay will also be hosting a La Conner Schools Community Engagement event in the near future where you can get your school district questions answered, as well as learn about volunteer opportunities within the schools.

**THANK YOUs**—I'd like to thank Rick Tanner and his wife, Sherri, for enhancing the Shelter Bay entrance, along with the Garden Club. The refreshed look is very welcoming! I'd also like to thank the staff for their continued efforts on behalf of Shelter Bay while short-staffed. It's a challenge so many businesses are facing and we are grateful to have staff that truly care about Shelter Bay.

Wendy Poulton

President, Board of Directors

## HAPPY BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHELTER BAY TEACHERS AND KIDS!



September brings darker mornings and the return of school busses. Please watch for children and give yourself a little extra time in the morning to get places as you may be caught behind a bus. Remember: never pass a school bus when lights are flashing as children are coming from both sides of the road!



## **Dock Notes – September 2022**

Summer-like conditions and continued good reports of crabbing at the north end is keeping the Marina busy. We've had increased boat traffic from guest moorage users who have visited in record numbers this year. Your Harbor Team of Kendra and Vanessa appreciate that parking area rules have (mostly) been observed (looking at you: boat trailers left in the launch area) and that everyone has done an excellent job of keeping docks and piers clear and safe (except for you: otters and herons - you guys stink).

There are a couple of Community members who've gone above and beyond in providing assistance to the Harbor Team this summer. Commendations to **Fred Robinson** and **Richard Morten** for jumping in to help when they saw a need, without being asked. Thank you, fellows!

We're six short weeks away from clearing F-J Docks in preparation for this autumn's dredging and winter dock replacement projects. Waterfront residents on Shoshone, Kalispell, Lummi Circle, and the SE end of Suquamish will have front row seats for the dredge's arrival in mid-October. October's Dock Notes will provide more definite dredge schedule dates, including when access to and from the Marina will be limited.

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

#### A Bridge of Cultures by Jay Bowen

#### A Contemporary look at Native Insights

Friday, September 23rd—Sunday, September 25th

On Friday evening, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jay Bowen has arranged to have a musician as well as a wine bar which will be hosted by Skagit Valley Winery from La Conner at the Shelter Bay Clubhouse from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Jay will be sharing the exhibit with 14-year-old aspiring artist, Delarosa Damien.

Their art will also be on display during the weekend at the clubhouse from noon to 5:00 pm

Jay was born into a traditional Upper Skagit family. At a young age he realized that his God given gifts were in the arts. He attended Western Washington University and the Rhode Island School of Design.

His artistic talents are in oil painting, designing custom fine jewelry, steel sculptures, and in working with many other mediums of art.

Jay's paintings, sculptures and poetry have spiritual and healing properties. He uses the power of color and movement to express all that surrounds us.

Delarosa Damien has dedicated her life to telling her stories through art. Delarosa plans to attend Art School after high school.

Hosted by Shelter Bay Communiversity & the Communications Committee

#### YOU SHOULD KNOW...

#### ARCHITECTURAL COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

We live under the protective umbrella of a Homeowner's Association. Covenants, rules, and guidelines define our protections. Applications for Compliance are necessary for the site and home exterior work to ensure the planned work will meet the safety and esthetic values of our community. Swinomish Tribal permits may also be needed.

Construction Guidelines and specific forms for home and site work may be found at <a href="www.shelterbay.net">www.shelterbay.net</a>. The Swinomish Tribe has a website at <a href="www.swinomish-nsn.gov">www.swinomish-nsn.gov</a> Look under Resources and then under planning for the online portal where information on the necessary forms will be found. Please be aware that the Tribal Historic Preservation Office now requires a permit (SIMILAR TO "Call before you Dig") for putting up a fence or planting trees and bushes and for general digging or excavation work <a href="mailto:permits@swinomish.nsn.us">permits@swinomish.nsn.us</a>.

The Architectural Compliance Committee meets at 9:00 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month to consider the applications for compliance that have been received. The Committee Secretary, Renata McCauley prepares agendas. Residents are welcome to attend.

## Manager's Corner - Rick Tanner



If you missed the last Board meeting, you missed two very important announcements.

First was the promotion of Kendra Emerson to Office Supervisor. Kendra has been with Shelter Bay for 17 years and almost everyone knows her. When I arrived six months ago, I wasn't sure what to make of Kendra. She has a unique sense of humor and was just a little stand offish at first. As time went by it became clear Kendra was a force of nature. She has this incredible wealth of knowledge and an insane recall. I am so jealous of that. Give her a lot number and she will tell you about the residents, the neighbors on both sides and across the street. Name a slip number and she will tell you about the boat, the owner and how much gas is in the tank.

Needless to say, Kendra eventually made it clear to me she brings a lot to the table. Too many skill sets to mention here but one thing became obvious to me. Kendra had been overlooked for far too long.

In the midst of a massive transition of both process and people, Kendra was a rock for all of us. She quickly earned my respect and became my encyclopedia, dictionary, and Shelter Bay history book. In the office you will hear me say, "Hey Kendra" like everyone else says, "Hey Google".

Kendra earned this promotion, and I am proud to be the person to give it to her. Congratulations!

My second announcement was a long time in the making. Seems like we have been searching for this person for months and the search was rough. So many interviews, so many no shows. In the end we finally found a keeper in Jennifer Peters.

Jennifer comes to us with a wide background. Everything from training coworkers on new software to running her own small business. She seemed to be burning the candle at both ends when we first discussed the position and thankfully for us, the timing was right.

Jennifer accepted the position of Administration Assistant, which everyone knows is a catch all for whatever needs to be done at the moment, plus your job. She is just a few weeks in but is owning it. Reporting to Kendra and working closely with the Controller, Jennifer manages the front window as well as accounts payable. She is a fast learner and a cheerful personality.

It's difficult to place a value on working with a great team. I get to do that every day and I am so grateful. ~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.

**Skagit Bay Search and Rescue** was formed in 2002 by numerous residents of Shelter Bay who were interested in water and boater safety for those that participate in water activities around La Conner and Skagit Bay. Over the years we have been involved in many water rescues, some retrievals, lots of boating assistance, and numerous other planned and emergent activities. Some of you might have seen us do our exposure suit polar plunge in April. Our goal is to be onboard and underway with a minimum crew of 3 within 12 minutes of a call out by the Sheriff's department. Hypothermia sets in fast in our waters and it is all important to have volunteers that live in the area. If you are interested in volunteering or just wish to obtain more information please contact us at Skagit-BaySAR@gmail.com

## **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!

## Board Meeting—August 17, 2022

- 1) Approved to change the Rules and require all Directors to have Shelter Bay email addresses.
- 2) Approved to continue with the GLOT Committee work to be handled by staff until a newly defined Green Committee is approved.
- 3) Approved the request of the Social & Rec Committee to sponsor the following select groups; SB Choir, SB Mahjongg, & SB Workout Group.
- 4) Appointed Pam Hassler as Regular Member of the Facilities and Amenities Committee.
- 5) Appointed Richard Hasslinger as Regular member of the Architectural Compliance Committee.
- 6) Appointed Joe Hurley as Board Representative to the Facilities and Amenities Committee, replacing Dan McCaughan.

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Regular Meeting August 17, 2022

1. No meeting in August

The **Shelter Bay Chorus** will hold its annual end-of-summer picnic September 10 from 11 to 1 at the BBQ pavilion behind the Clubhouse. New prospective members are most welcome. Our congenial and convivial group welcomes all who like to sing together. No auditions.

Beginning September 15, the Chorus will hold rehearsals on Thursdays at the clubhouse from 4:30 to 6:30pm.

Our holiday concerts will be December 9 and 10 at the Clubhouse.



## Need HAM Operators

The Shelter Bay Safety Committee and the Community Emergency Response Team are looking for those who would be interested in taking a beginning HAM operator class. Classes are available throughout the area, but if there is enough interest within Shelter Bay, we would like to offer a class at the Clubhouse later this Fall.

Contact Rod Proctor <u>rlproctor@mac.com</u> if you are interested in taking a class. The goal of the above committees is to have a HAM operator in every Shelter Bay neighborhood to be ready in the event of **any** emergency and be available to collaborate with personnel from these groups during that event.

## SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR......

#### NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR

October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

Stop by for a cup of joe and a yummy treat with a chance to visit and meet some wonderful neighbors in our sweet community.

We'll meet outside at the BBQ Pavilion weather permitting or inside the clubhouse

Hope to see you there!

Social & Rec Committee Event



#### Pickleball Now on Sunday!

Working during the week but want to learn or play pickleball? The Beginner/Novice Group has expanded their group time on the courts to in-



clude Sunday mornings from 9:00-11:00. We continue to meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30-10:00. Drop in for any of those times and learn how to play. Court shoes are essential, but we have extra paddles and balls.

We use WhatsApp to communicate with each other. Download the WhatsApp program on your phone and take a picture of this QR code to stay connected.

Contact the group at (<u>Pickleball@innomm.com</u>) for more information.



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, Sept 12th @ 1 pm (\*moved due to holiday)

Book: This month we will be choosing 11 books for the upcoming year. Please send your

recommendations to Mary Newby, maryknewby@wavecable.com

Location: Kathy Develle

482 Wanapum Place

RSVP: kathy.develle@gmail.com or 360-466-0408



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.

Registration is required. <a href="https://forms.gle/oThPbzYkATdSXAwE7">https://forms.gle/oThPbzYkATdSXAwE7</a>

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

July 16—August 15, 2022

# **Response Summary**

Falls	4
Fire Alarm	0
Welfare Check/	
Citizen Assist	3
Medical Calls	17
<b>Total Responses</b>	24



Seal Yoga off Martha's Beach -photo by Ann Serwold

## Shelter Bay Safety Committee

## **The Benefits of Community**

Our peaceful green corner of Washington is sometimes shaken by natural disaster. Not a comfortable thought on a nice summer day but we can't ignore the probability.

It's a disaster when the demands for help overwhelm fire and police ability to respond. That situation could last for days or weeks.

Shelter Bay is a Community held together by shared interests and geography. Neighbors helping neighbors can help reduce disaster effects. These are the benefits of Community: a strong Community increases the amount of help we can give each other.

You can strengthen the Shelter Bay Community in many ways – serving on one of our Committees or the Board of Directors. You can join our Community Emergency Response Team, Map Your Neighborhood, the Medical Reserve Corps, or the Volunteer Pool. Participation builds Community strength!

Watch for the series "Know Your Community" which will be presented through Communiversity, cosponsored by the Communications committee, coming later this year.

Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.)

#### SHELTER BAY MARINA BOAT OF THE MONTH—SEPTEMBER

The Harbor Team needs your help naming September's "Boat of the Month" - our very own aluminum beauty of a marina workboat. It joined our team after the J Dock fire, way back in the previous decade, and performs a variety of duties for the marina including boat-moving, log-pulling, and harbor-inspecting. It has been without a name all these years and we think it's time to change that. Go and take a look at the boat; you'll find it at the shoreside end of D Dock. Submit the name you think is most suitable to the office or Harbormaster Vanessa. All names will be considered. vfinch@shelterbay.net



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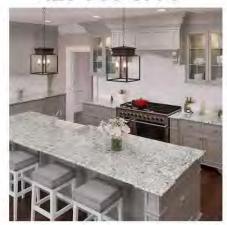
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 Facilities Committee Meet- ing	2	3
4	5 1:00 Safety Committee	6 9:00 Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC) 3:00 Rules Committee	7 3:00 Finance Committee	8	9	10 Music on the Green SB Golf Course 3:00 pm Hosted by the Social & Rec Committee
11	12 10:00 CERT Meeting	13 3:00 Harbor Committee	14 3:00 Soc & Rec Committee	1:30 Communications Committee	16	17
18	19	20 9:00 Architec- tural Compli- ance Committee (ACC)	21 4:00 Board Meeting 6:00 Company Board Meeting	22	23 The Bridge of Cultures by Jay Bowen 5-8 pm Club- house	24 The Bridge of Cultures by Jay Bowen 12—5 pm—Clubhouse
25 The Bridge of Cultures by Jay Bowen— 12—5 pm— Clubhouse	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 <a href="https://www.shelterbay.net">www.shelterbay.net</a> for updates.





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