



Shelter Bay Office Hours

The office is open for regular business. In light of continued Covid outbreaks among staff and the protection of the Community we simply 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 24/7/365.

Martha's Beach Closing Hours Change

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



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We Thank You!!

NEW BEGININGS

Rainbow Park restoration began with the planting of four large fir trees and will culminate with the final planting on December 15. The planting plan consists of native plants selected by the Senior Botanist at Skagit River Systems Cooperative, and involvement in the planting that day is welcome. Watch for news about the community event December 15 to commemorate this much anticipated renewal.



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President's Message



Welcome to Fall in the PNW! I knew Mother Nature was going to flip the switch, but I was not prepared for such a drastic change. As our days get shorter and shorter, please watch out for the walkers/runners/bikers, and especially children going to/from the bus, who might be difficult to see in the dark. For those of you who brave the winter weather for outdoor activities around Shelter Bay, please make sure to wear reflective material so you are easily seen.

We are continuing to work on an improved Zoom experience for our meetings. Jim Barrett volunteered (or was volunteered) to help find a fix and I am confident he will be successful.

LEASE – Part of the lease negotiation process is relationship building. We met with the Tribal Senate last month to introduce the new Board Members and present the Senate with a gift that reflects our appreciation and friendship. Thank you to Judy Kontos for procuring the glass art from Steve Klein and to Monte Hicks for building the wooden case. We look forward to future meetings with the goal of discussing new lease options that the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and Shelter Bay can both agree upon.

RAINBOW PARK – The replanting project is scheduled to be completed on December 15th. Please stay tuned for details about a community event that day which will involve planting opportunities for those of you who are so inclined. The plan is to also include a blessing and celebration that not only includes our Shelter Bay Community, but also the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS – Thank you so much to the 80+ people who attended the Oct. 23rd Town Hall at the Clubhouse! The Board appreciates you taking time out of your evening to come together for a Q&A session. As approved in the September Board Meeting, the plan is to meet the Sunday after each Board Meeting to answer questions and get feedback.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – As discussed in the Town Hall, not only does Shelter Bay need volunteers, but there are also opportunities in the greater La Conner Community to share your time and talents – Swinomish Boys & Girls Club (just opened Oct. 1st) and La Conner Schools. A Candid Conversation with members of the La Conner Schools Cabinet will happen on Nov. 15th at 2:30pm in the Shelter Bay Clubhouse. Get your school district questions answered or learn about the many volunteer opportunities available in the schools.

QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD? There are several ways to get your questions answered – send an email to board@shelterbay.net, write a letter and send it to Shelter Bay Community, 1000 Shoshone Dr, La Conner, WA 98257. You can also drop a note at the office or in the payment drop box to the right of the office door.

Wendy Poulton

President, Board of Directors

Dock Notes – November 2022

October was a busy time in the Marina as boaters enjoyed exceptionally nice weather for most of the month. Members who live near the South Basin watched as F – J Docks emptied over the month with the last boats leaving en masse on October 15th – 17th. Carlson Construction crew members arrived shortly after to begin disassembling the docks in preparation for removal. The Harbor Team appreciates the flexibility and helpfulness of our Marina tenants who were displaced from their slips and moved temporarily out of Shelter Bay to accommodate this final phase of our Marina improvement project. “Thank you” also to private dock owners who are temporarily accommodating displaced boats and to the Harbor Committee volunteers who assisted with the mid-month boat moves.

November brings the dredge equipment. If you’re up early on the 3rd, you might see “Mukilteo” arrive. “Lummi” will show up on the 4th and dredging will commence shortly after. The entrance from the channel into the harbor is the first area scheduled to be dredged, with activity occurring at that location for seven and a half days. The entrance will be impassable when both the Mukilteo and Lummi are in place and active dredging is occurring. There will be opportunity to enter and leave the Harbor when dredging is paused for dumping of materials. Barge operators will monitor VHF channel 13.

Over the past two months we asked for your help in naming the Marina workboat and - drum roll, please - it’s now time to share what the name will be. The top vote getter is: ***Gimme Shelter***. This name was submitted by Mike Shannon who suggested it “with all due respect to the Rolling Stones.” Thank you, Mike and everyone who participated!

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



Phalaenopsis - Soup to Nuts

November, 11th 4:00pm—Zoom

Phalaenopsis are the most commonly seen orchids for sale in big box stores, grocery stores, florists, and about anywhere. I’ll share my successes and failures in growing these beauties over several decades. Of course, I’ll take as many questions as folks have.

Instructor: David Edgely

David has been growing *Phalaenopsis* for decades, introduced them as a teenager living on a Navy base in the Philippines. A hobby grower, David has been active in local orchid societies and shows, spreading the good news about *Phalaenopsis*. In his small and crowded (10'x12') greenhouse in the Shelter Bay, David grows hundreds of orchids, primarily *Phalaenopsis*. In addition, David has made several of his own hybrids. Over the years, he has killed his fair share and hopefully learned most of what not to do. Having tried nearly every possible potting media (except shredded newspaper) and fertilizer fad, David has learned some hard but valuable lessons over the years. Some of David's favorite *Phalaenopsis* are Harlequins, multi-floras, reds, oranges, and yellows. Favorite species include *Phal. schilleriana* and *equestris*. He is an accredited American Orchid Society judge, member of the board of trustees of the AOS, and treasurer of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA).



Link for Registration: <https://forms.gle/huBkKUu568NjHiiq5>

Manager's Corner - Rick Tanner



Letter of Resignation

Dear Board & Community,

I have reluctantly concluded that current circumstances preclude a successful path forward for me in this beautiful community. It is with a heavy heart, I submit my resignation per our contract, effective twenty-eight days from today on Friday, November 25, 2022

Eight months ago, when I joined Shelter Bay as your GM, I was aware of the many challenges facing the community, nevertheless, I was impressed that the Board understood the history of these issues and was committed to finding constructive solutions. The quality of key volunteer members made me want to join the team.

That honeymoon optimism ended with this year's Board elections. Some new members seem more interested in disruption than cooperation. They harassed some of the most dedicated Board and committee members into resigning. That loss of vital institutional knowledge is tragic. Important decisions are now deferred by parliamentary wrangling and baseless assertions.

Paralyzing the Board is bad enough, but they also harass my staff. There is simply no excuse for confronting and publicly criticizing employees instead of coming to me with any complaints.

Unfounded accusations on social media inspired some people to direct their hostility to my home and family. That is just a prelude to being served with a complaint over the way I performed tasks basic to my job. I can not continue under these and other circumstances.

It has been an honor to work with the Board that hired me and the talented staff who are so dedicated to their work. I leave with high regard for all of you. My best wishes for the future of Shelter Bay.

Rick Tanner

Budget Clarification

Rules Compliance. Proclamation 20-51 issued by Governor Inslee on April 17, 2020 waived any required In-Person Annual Meetings for Community Associations. The Swinomish Tribe adopted a similar resolution 2022-0304.

Shelter Bay was within their right to waive the requirement of the by-law to "mail" the budget summary. Notice of the Annual Meeting was, in fact, mailed via USPS to every Community member by the required date.

The 2018 RCW 64.90.525, which overrides previous RCW's on Budget only, states that the budget is to be "provided" to the Community, and does not state it must be mailed.

The full memo from the Rules Committee to the Board can be read in the agenda packet dated October 19, 2022.

Shelter Bay Library Hours

Our fiction library is open 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!



Regular Board Meeting—October 19, 2022

- 1) Approved the Architectural Committee’s request for Conceptual Approval of Dock Easement for Lot 862.
- 2) Approved the Placement of a “Caution, Children at Play” sign to be located at the entrance to Lummi Circle.
- 3) Approved to relocate the AED from inside the Clubhouse to outside in the covered breezeway between the Clubhouse and restroom area.
- 4) Approved the Social & Rec Committee hold their Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner at the Clubhouse.
- 5) Approved the Rewrite of Chapter 60—Financials.
- 6) Approved Authorizing the Named Board Officers as Owners and as having authority over all Shelter Bay Community Inc. Community Bank and Investment Accounts.
- 7) Approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to present potential interim legal counsel or law firms to temporarily replace current counsel, Philip Buri of Buri & Funston, until the current pending potential litigation is resolved.
- 8) Approved the change of Shelter Bay Community checking accounts from the current institution US Bank to Pacific Premier Bank.
- 9) Appointed Rod Proctor as alternate member of Harbor Committee & Regular Member of Safety Committee.
- 10) Appointed Susan Brown to Green Committee.
- 11) Appointed Debbie Galbraith, Lois Watson, & Alice McKenzie to Communications Committee.

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ARCHITECTURAL COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for an applicant with a background in reviewing building plans and building houses to eventually fill the Chairperson position. The Mission Statement of this committee is “To interpret, enforce, and administer the Protective Covenants and Rules and Regulations as they apply to member improvements, including construction, exterior remodeling, drainage on lots, ditches and culverts within the road right-of-way, and private piers and floats.” The Construction Guidelines and specific forms for home and site work may be found at www.shelterbay.net. The Swinomish Tribe has a website at www.swinomish-nsn.gov. Look under Resources and then under planning for the online portal where information on the necessary forms will be found. The Architectural Compliance Committee meets at 9 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month to consider the applications that have been received. Interested? Join by filling out a Committee Application on the Shelter Bay website www.shelterbay.net.

SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

Shelter Bay has a new group! Mah-jongg is open to anyone interested in learning and playing.

We meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the annex meeting room. We continue to mask.

Mah jongg is played with tiles similar to dominos or cards. The game originally came from China in the 1800s but has spread worldwide and with many variations. It is usually played with 4 players. Teaching is available but we need at least two learners to get started. We'd love to have you join us!

Contact:
TJ Reinoso for more details. tjreinoso@gmail.com or (360) 339-2314 cell/text



WALK TO THE HATS



SHARING

Upcoming Events: Social & Recreation Committee presents:
Thanksgiving Dinner at the Clubhouse.

Thursday, November 24
Social Hour will start at 2 p.m.
Dinner at 3 p.m. BYOB
Cost: \$20 per person



Come join fellow Shelter Bay residents for Thanksgiving Dinner at the Clubhouse catered by Skagit Valley Provisions PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE SHELTER BAY OFFICE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 and sign up soon, as this has been a sellout event in the past. See website for payment details.

You're welcome to bring your own fine China place setting, as residents have done so in the past. (Optional)

SHELTER BAY BOOK CLUB

We meet on the first Monday of the month at 1:00 pm. 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.



When: Monday, November 7 @ 1 pm
Book: Project Hail Mary
By: Andy Wier
Location: Kathy Develle
482 Wanapum Place
RSVP: 360-466-0408
Discussion Leader: Mary Newby

When: Monday, December 5 @ 1 p.m.
Book: The Brilliant Life
By: Eudora Honeyset
Location: Mary Newby
663 Muckleshoot Circle
RSVP: maryknewby@wavecable.com
or 206-399-8534
Discussion Leader: We need someone for this



Insider's view of Deception Pass State Park

November 15, 4:00pm - In-Person



A look at the pre-history, history, backstories, behind the scenes stories, and secrets of Deception Pass

Instructor: Jack Hartt

Jack Hartt was born and raised near the shores of the Salish Sea in Seattle. He frequently played hooky from Ballard High School to go down to the beach. He majored in Park Management at the University of Washington, his senior thesis was exploring the management of Washington State Park’s Puget Sound beaches. He then worked for Washington State Parks for 40 years, retiring in 2017, and now makes his home in Skagit County. He loves beaches, sunsets, sunrises, warm weather, flying, photography, hiking, kayaking, biking, laughing, basketball, writing, playing with his kids and grandkids, eating blackberry pie, and finding rainbows.

Click on the link to register for this Zoom Class:
<https://forms.gle/sRszasKLMr82AY6f7>



Know Your Community

- Shelter Bay History
- HOA Information
- Tribal Leases
- Community Management
- Committee Info
- Finances
- Safety
- Marina & More

Shelter Bay Community is complicated and unique. The Know Your Community series is being offered to residents by experts within our community. It begins Tuesday, November 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The overall series, planned as a weekly offering, covers each segment of our Community with an opportunity for participants to ask questions and get answers from those presenting and others in attendance. The first session will cover the history of Shelter Bay, bringing everyone up-to-date on how we got to where we are today. Next, in the same session, the presentation will inform you how our Homeowners Association (HOA) is structured and functions compared to other HOA communities. A second class will cover Tribal leases, regulations, taxes, and authority. The next classes will cover Committee structure presented by each committee chairperson or representative about their purpose, guidelines, and how to get involved in participating in the committee process. Next, sessions will allow you to meet management employees, learn what and why your favorite project is more complicated than what you might think. Lastly, the Marina and other amenities will be explained.

The program will begin on Zoom, but as soon as we have a high-quality hybrid system we hope to also be in person in the Clubhouse.

Please register by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/YnDDkhUdkKEB5sYo8>

FIRE DISTRICT 13 September 16—October 15, 2022

Response Summary

Falls	4
Fire Alarm (Smoke)	2
Welfare Check/ Citizen Assist	3
Medical Calls	4
Total Responses	13

Tsunami Alert

Our tsunami warning siren wailed on October 20 as a test of the Tsunami Warning System. The threat is real, and the State of Washington is spending \$60,000 per siren for 122 sirens to protect seaside communities. A tsunami generated by a local quake could arrive within minutes. We wouldn't feel an earthquake far out in the Pacific Ocean but the tsunami would still affect us.

If you hear our All-Hazard Alert Broadcast (AHAB) siren then immediately go outside and listen for the instructions. If you can't understand the instructions then look at your cell phone for instructions from Code Red or other alerting system. Social media and TV will also broadcast warnings. People in waterfront houses, in low areas, and in boats at the Marina should go to high ground immediately, at least to Shelter Bay Drive, and preferably uphill from there. Stay on high ground until advised that you can return. There will be more than one wave or surge.

Shelter Bay wouldn't see the giant breaking waves that smash into communities facing the open ocean. We would see a tidal surge that could be ten or fifteen feet over the normal water level.

If AHAB wails then find out why and head for high ground!

The AHAB is just that, it warns of all-hazards. Read future editions of this newsletter to learn of other ways this system can protect you and your family.

Submitted by Ted Taylor, Captain FD13, Safety Committee member, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Advisory Committee

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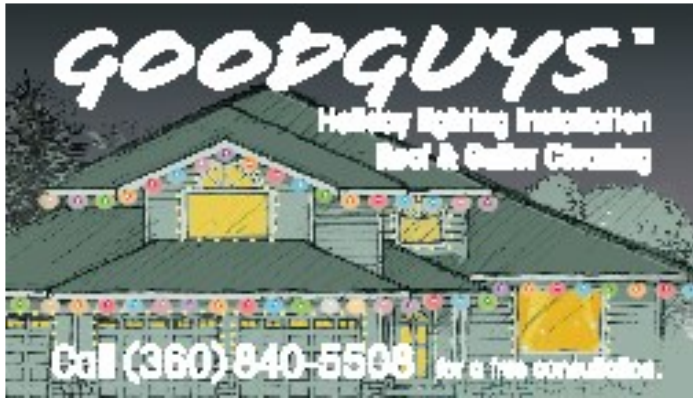
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November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 9:00 Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC) 10-12 Mahjongg Group—Annex 3:00 Rules Committee	<i>2</i> 9:30—11 am Exercise Group 3:00 Finance Committee	<i>3</i> 9:00 Facilities Committee Meeting 4:30-6:30 Choir Practice	<i>4</i> 9:30—11 am Exercise Group	<i>5</i>
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