



Shelter Bay Office Hours

The office is open temporarily from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 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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Thank you to all the Shelter Bay Community volunteers who make this place a better place to live.

A Volunteer Appreciation Poem

The key to our success
rests in the people like you,
who embody the spirit of greatness
by saying, "Yes, I can, and you can, too!"



President's Message



Happy Holidays! I hope this finds you and your family well and enjoying the holiday season. In this season of gratitude and giving, I want to recognize the incredible efforts of our dedicated staff who continue to work hard in a challenging environment for the betterment of our community. I also want to recognize the time and energy spent by our 100% volunteer Board, along with volunteer committee members, who donate countless hours for the benefit of Shelter Bay Community. Thank you all for sharing your time and talent. I look forward to continuing positive efforts in 2023.

LEASE – Our consultants had a two and a half hour meeting on November 10th with Chairman Edwards, Brian Wilbur, and Tribal Attorneys - Stephen LeCuyer and Sydney Safley. Our consultants conveyed that Shelter Bay is interested in discussing a new Master Lease, but the terms will need to be sustainable for the Community, which means continuing work toward future agreement. The result of that meeting is Chairman Edwards will have a Senate meeting in the next few weeks to discuss terms of a new Master Lease and put forth a proposal from the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community to present to our consultants, who in turn will present to the SB Board. The Tribe has asked our consultants to do a series of educational videos for both Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and Shelter Bay. If the end result of negotiations is that the two parties cannot come to an agreement, then we will discuss Plan B, a transition plan to individual leases. The main takeaways from this meeting are a commitment by Chairman Edwards to work with the Senate to create a proposal and to another meeting with our consultants.

RAINBOW PARK – The replanting project is scheduled to be completed on December 15th. Please join us at 11:00 am if you are interested in assisting with the replanting. At 2:00 pm there will be a blessing and song presented by Kevin Paul, Master Carver, and member of the Swinomish Tribe.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS – Thank you so much to the 80+ people who attended the November Town Hall meeting at the Clubhouse! The Board appreciates you taking time out of your evening to come together for a Q&A session. We will continue to have Town Hall meetings the Sunday after board meetings. The next Town Hall will be January 22nd after the next board meeting on January 18th.

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 – December 2022

This community is amazing! Over ten years ago we decided to improve our marina with the intent of supplying income from new docks to offset lease cost for the community. To date we have exceeded all expectations for this project and, due to the financial success of the marina, are a year ahead of schedule. This couldn't be accomplished without community support and a huge group of volunteers.

We've reached the last phase of the project as scoops of mud are being dug to remove 40 years of sediment from our harbor. Dredging has a noisy impact on the community. Our permit and tidal conditions have mandated some unusual hours of operation. We appreciate everyone's tolerance and understanding despite these disruptions. It's fortunate that we've not needed significant dredging in the harbor these past 40 years and that the sediment being dredged has virtually no contamination. Most other communities like Shelter Bay have either several restricted access or are undergoing continual dredging to stay open.

Upon completion of this project our community marina will be able to meet market demand for larger slips, achieving higher income. When we started the project the marina's occupancy was just over 60% and now averages over 90%. Our marina employs one full-time harbormaster and a part-time harbor administrator. By comparison, our neighboring marina in La Conner, albeit larger and with a small RV area, has a staff of nine people.



Patrick McGarry, Chair of the Marina Implementation Team

Swinomish Tribal Cemetery Veterans Day November 11, 2022

Each Flag represents a veteran



As of 2010, 29 Native Americans have been awarded the Medal of Honor. 51 Silver Stars – 47 Bronze Stars – 34 Distinguished Flying Cross and 71 Air Medals.

- 1) After Pearl Harbor in 1941, forty-four thousand of a total Native American population of 350,000 saw active duty, including nearly 800 women.
- 2) During WW I and WW II a variety of Native American languages were used to send secret military messages-codes that enemies were never able to break. In WW I, Choctaw and other Native Americans transmitted coded messages by telephone in their native languages. While not extensively used, the telephone squads have been credited with helping win several battles.
- 3) The Navajo Code Talkers recruited by the Marines are the most noted were not the only Native Americans used in WW II, however they played a critical part in the island-hopping battles of Guam, Iwo Jima, Saipan, and Okinawa. Again, the Japanese were never able to break their language code.
- 4) During the Vietnam War, 42,000 Native Americans served in the military, 90% were volunteers. Of those, 226 died in action and five received the Medal of Honor.

Photo by Don Newby

Manager's Corner

MARINA FACTS. DID YOU KNOW...

The Shelter Bay Marina Dredge and Dock Rebuild Project is well underway. After years of planning and execution during what could easily be considered trying times, (loss of two general managers for starters), the project will be completed in January 2023.

A marina is a high value asset due to the high demand for moorage and the fact that you can't build new marinas. For Shelter Bay, the basics are this; the Marina is not only self-sustaining but it makes money. It pays \$244,000 of the Master Lease payment annually. It also creates a surplus, which is then transferred to the Community each year. We welcome you to attend Finance Committee meetings for more details.

Like any asset, the marina has to be maintained in order to continue to be an asset. The Marina Dredge Project and Division Five Dock Rebuild must be done for the preservation of our asset and for the safety of our community. The 21-22 Board approved to use 50% of the cost out of Capital Reserves and the balance through a loan. There is still a loan that is in the process of being approved. The fact that the first bank we were working with pulled out due to the pending lawsuit meant that we needed to move on quickly with a different option. We are currently working with a local bank and are awaiting a marina appraisal that will take place the first week in December. After that, it is a matter of final underwriting. The bottom line is that even if the Marina loan did not happen, there is enough income for the Marina to pay back the Reserves (and without the added cost of interest) in a shorter time frame than the 10-year loan. It may reduce the Capital Reserves of Shelter Bay for a short time, but over the long haul, the marina income pays back the project costs, continues to pay the Master Lease payment, and still produces additional income along the way.

Walk to the Hats

October 6, 2022, a landmark day in La Conner, truly unprecedented and unlike any other in North America in the last 500 years. Jay Bowen explained that this walk from the people of Shelter Bay Community was the first of its kind: an Anglo-Saxon community walking on foot in humility to a native culture. Jay spoke to us about its significance.

We came to explore our neighbors at the Swinomish Channel, Swadabs Landing. We were elated to be met by members of the Swinomish Tribe: Tony Cladoosby, Eric Day, and Logan James. They gave us all a very warm welcome. It was uplifting and will remain in all the hearts of those who attended. We were welcomed, and it was expressed to us that the quality of our lives mattered to them. I can't think of a more loving thing to have been shared with us.

There were offerings brought from us. It was truly much more than a diverse group. It was a group that came in gratitude and curiosity. Jack McKenzie spoke about the past wrongs with an emphasis on doing right. He addressed it with true passion and sincerity. A giant spoonful of gratitude is owed to Jim Barrett and Jay Bowen, who coordinated the effort.

As we go forth, I think all that attended left with an intense sense of openness. We learned a native gesture for the spoken words, thank you. We left with more respect for mother nature, and to be better stewards of the land but, mostly desires for continued connection between communities in this time of great transition.

Reported by: Lisa Versteegh



La Conner Events

Swinomish Holiday Bizarre
Swinomish Youth Center
17275 Reservation Road
December 2-4
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Swinomish Yacht Club
Lighted Christmas Boat Parade
December 10
6-7 p.m.

La Conner Sunrise Food Bank

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You can go to their website for information or make a direct contribution at <https://www.laconnerfoodbank.com> or mail a check to La Conner Sunrise Food Bank, P. O. Box 922, La Conner, WA 98257. All donations are tax deductible.

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!



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Board of Directors - Action Items

Regular Board Meeting—November 16, 2022

- 1) Approved a temporary change in hours that the Main Office is open to the public from 10 am to 12 pm.
- 2) Approved the rewrite of the Rules and Regulations Part II Chapter 60 – Financials.
- 3) Approved to move deposit accounts to Peoples Bank pending the approval of the marina loan.
- 4) Approved using Peoples Bank for the marina loan project.
- 5) Approved the updated job description for the position of Community Manager.
- 6) Approved the Executive Recruitment Search Committee.
- 7) Approved retaining interim attorney Paul Taylor for real estate issues with regard to any proposed master lease.
- 8) Approved gift cards for the 2021-2022 committee volunteers.
- 9) Appointed Directors to serve on Standing & Ad Hoc Committees as appointed.
- 10) Appointed Linda Barrett to the Finance Committee.
- 11) Appointed Jan Paul, Cate Grinzell, Julie Peddy, and Bill Massey to the “Green” Committee
- 12) Appointed an Ethics Committee.
- 13) Approved staff holiday bonus.
- 14) Acknowledged cancellation of December regular board meeting.

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No meeting held.



Thanksgiving Dinner Tradition Returns to Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Thank you Social & Recreation Committee!



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SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

Christmas Caroling

Come join SRC's fun-filled Christmas Caroling evening accompanied by Elizabeth Mahoney & Dan Niven

Dec. 18th at the clubhouse, 7-8pm.

Hot chocolate and cookies provided. Be sure to come and receive a Shelter Bay ornament!



Napier's Chili Rellenos Cooking Demonstration (with Tom and Vickie Napier)

Jan. 12 at the clubhouse @ 2pm.

Each participant will receive the recipe.

Class limited to 25 people.

Please sign up at the office for this free demonstration



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Save the Date for BINGO Night

Ready for some Bingo with fellow Shelter Bayers?

Come join SRC's fun bingo night at the clubhouse! PLUS, an Ice cream bar with all the yummy toppings!



January 21, 6:30-8pm. All ages invited. Prizes for winners! You don't want to miss this fun event! Board of Director member will be the MC/caller

You're Invited: Rainbow Park's New Beginning December 15

Skagit River Systems Cooperative senior botanist and crew will finish planting in Rainbow Park!

At 2 PM all are welcome as we are joined by the Swinomish Canoe Family and Mr. Kevin Paul who will honor us with a drum blessing. Our Social and Rec Committee will provide hot cocoa, hot cider, and cookies to enjoy.

If you wish to help plant please come at 11 AM, dressed for the weather and for digging in the dirt if you choose to do so. Either way, please join us December 15 at 2pm!

SHELTER BAY BOOK CLUB

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 Janice Gates at: jprlygates@hotmail.com with any questions and/or to update our email list.



When: Monday, December 5, 1 p.m.
Book: The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett
By: Annie Lyons
Location: Mary Newby
663 Muckleshoot Circle
RSVP: maryknewby@wavecable.com
206-399-8534
Discussion Leader: Carol McIntosh

When: Monday, January 2, 1 p.m.
Book: By Her Own Design
By: Piper Huguley
Location: Kathy Hageman
818 Shoshone Drive
RSVP: hagemankathy@gmail.com
509-781-0173
Discussion Leader: Kathy Hageman

FIRE DISTRICT 13

October 16—November 15, 2022

Response Summary

Falls	9
Fire Alarm (Smoke)	9
Welfare Check/	2
Fire/Invest	3
Total Responses	23

GOOD MORNING FIRE DISTRICT 13

Do you live alone? Live with someone who has special needs?

Your fire department has a recommendation – Provide your medical history, drug allergies, medication and emergency information to Fire District 13 EMTs as part of their Good Morning program. The fire department wants to help you retain your independence without worry of being forgotten in your home. Please leave a message for Captain Gary Ladd at (360) 399-1027 to obtain more information.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know?

To find Board of Directors and Committee agendas, go to <https://www.shelterbay.net>

For member login click on red square labeled Pitera Log In.

Type in your email and password. Click on Community. Click on Document Library and scroll down until you find the agenda you want.

Did you know? The Shelter Bay Community Safety Committee Guidelines specify the following under XL. Signs 11.4 House identification signs: Each resident is required to purchase and post a standard house number sign. The sign shall be of a reflective material, white with blue numbers, and of a standardized form as provided by the Building Construction Guidelines. The house identification sign must be visible from the street. When you follow this guideline emergency personnel: fire, ambulance, and police are better able to locate your home in storms and at night.



Know Your Community:

An Educational and Informative Series of Classes

The **Know Your Community** series is your opportunity to learn about Shelter Bay: The structure and the complexities of the day-to-day operations, presented by a team of local experts who will share their extensive knowledge and expertise.

The second class will be offered **Monday, December 12, starting at 6:30 pm and is scheduled to last 2 hours.** The **first hour will cover Tribal Land/Lease Topics** and will be presented by Rod Proctor, the **second hour will explain our Marina, its history, business plan, operations, and benefits to residents of Shelter Bay,** presented by Pat McGarry and Vanessa Finch.

You can attend either **in-person** in the Clubhouse or **via Zoom.** The class will also be recorded for later access.

You must be registered to attend. If you have already registered for the series, you are all set; just come to the Clubhouse by 6:30 pm on the 12th. You can use the same Zoom link sent to you for the last class. If you are not registered, just click on the link below to get started. If you are registering for two people, put both names in the “First Name” box. For those attending via Zoom, look for the Zoom link in your email prior to the class.

Future classes will cover our Board of Directors, our Office Management structure, and classes on each of the Shelter Bay Committees: what they do, how to work with them, and participation opportunities. The series will continue with classes on, Shelter Bay Finances, Emergency Preparedness, Police, Fire and Safety topics.

<https://forms.gle/zPyeENtbuFMbQqAf9>





You Need to Know...

Our AHAB (All Hazards Alert Broadcast) siren wailed on October 20 at 10:20 AM, as a test of the warning system. Many Shelter Bay residents heard the siren but couldn't understand the message that followed the siren or didn't go outside.

If you hear the siren (and remember that the monthly AHAB test is at noon on the first Monday of the month, is the Westminster chimes) then go outside to hear the emergency message. If you can't hear or understand the message then go to your cell for more information.

If your cell phone already receives and plays back Government alerts then you're ready. If you're not ready to receive alerts on your phone then here's what you do.

On your computer: go to <https://mil.wa.gov/alerts>. This download will guide you to setting up either iPhone or Android cell phones to receive Wireless Emergency Alerts and other earthquake and emergency information.

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

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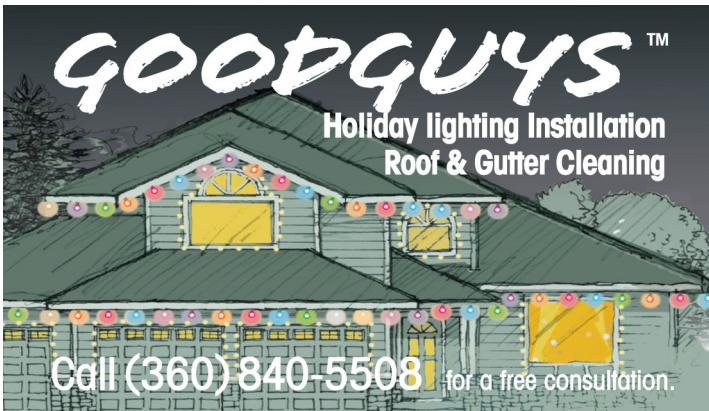
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December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p><i>1</i> 9:00 am Facilities Committee Meeting</p> <p>4:30-6:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><i>2</i> 9:30-11 am Exercise Group</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>
<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i> 9:30-11 am Exercise Group</p> <p>3:00 pm Safety Committee</p>	<p><i>6</i> 9:00 am— Architectural Compliance Committee</p> <p>10 am-12 pm Mahjongg Group (Annex)</p>	<p><i>7</i> 9:30-11 am Exercise Group</p> <p>3:00 pm Finance Committee</p>	<p><i>8</i> 1:30 pm— Communications Committee</p> <p>4:30-6:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><i>9</i> 9:30-11 am Exercise Group</p> <p>7:00 pm— Chorus Concert</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>2:00 pm— Chorus Concert</p>
<p><i>11</i></p>	<p><i>12</i> 9:30-11 am Exercise Group</p> <p>10:00 am CERT Adv. Team Meeting (Annex)</p> <p>6:30—8:30 pm Know Your Community</p>	<p><i>13</i> 9:00 am— Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC)</p> <p>10 am-12 pm Mahjongg Group (Annex)</p> <p>3:00 pm — Harbor Committee</p>	<p><i>14</i> 9:30-11 am Exercise Group</p> <p>3:00 pm— Social & Rec. Committee</p>	<p><i>15</i> 11:00 am — Rainbow Park Replanting</p> <p>2:00 pm — Rainbow Park Blessing & Refreshments</p>	<p><i>16</i> 9:30-11 am Exercise Group</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>
<p><i>18</i></p> <p>7:00 pm — Christmas Caroling at the Clubhouse</p>	<p><i>19</i> 9:30-11 am Exercise Group</p> <p>4:00 pm Communiversity Committee</p>	<p><i>20</i> 9:00 am— Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC)</p> <p>10 am-12 pm Mahjongg Group (Annex)</p> <p>6:30-8:30 pm Know Your Community Series (Tentative)</p>	<p><i>21</i> 9:30—11 am Exercise Group</p> <p>4:00 pm— Board Meeting CANCELLED</p> <p>6:00 pm— Board Meeting CANCELLED</p>	<p><i>22</i></p>	<p><i>23</i> 9:30-11 am Exercise Group</p> <p>Holiday Break Office Closed</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>
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Agendas are posted at the Website. Members must log-in. Shelter Bay residents are encouraged to attend.
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