

shelter bay community, inc.

March 2023





Upcoming Budget Meetings

Our fiscal year starts July 1 and starting in March, the Finance Committee and the Board will be holding budget development meetings for the Fiscal Year 23-24. This year the Board has approved an additional budget meeting on March 30 if more time is needed to finalize the draft. The draft of the budget will be 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 accounting 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. Members are encouraged to attend any or all of these meetings and are allowed input for consideration.

*Thursday, March 16	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	(Lease)
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*Tuesday, March 21 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Operations)

*Thursday, March 23 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Capital)

*Thursday, March 30 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Final Review, if needed)

These meetings will be held in the Clubhouse and via Zoom (notices will be emailed and on the login area of the website in Documents-Elections) and again, are open to all members of the Community. Your participation is welcome. If you cannot make these meetings, we would appreciate any input you wish to share. Email your comments or suggestions for consideration, no later than March 10 to the Board Treasurer at <u>lkari@shelterbay.net</u> and put "Budget Ideas" in the subject line.

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Martha's Beach Closing Hours

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

FILING FOR BOARD MEMBER CANDIDACY



Saturday, May 20, 2023 Annual Membership Meeting/Election Deadline for Board Members Candidacy Applications

Note corrected date: Friday, March 24, 2023

Three (3) positions on the Board of Directors will be elected at the May 20, 2023 Annual Membership Meeting/Election to fill the three expiring terms held by Elaine Dixon, Joseph Hurley, and Louise Kari.

Members wishing to file should complete the Board Candidate Application Form which is available at the Forms Page on the website at <u>www.shelterbay.net</u> 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 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

All interested members are encouraged to file. — Monte Hicks, Board Secretary

President's Message



Happy March! The days are finally getting longer and hopefully the weather will be getting warmer soon. Exciting news for our **Marina Project**! The \$1,725,000 loan from Peoples Bank closed last month. Proceeds have been deposited into Shelter Bay's checking account. The current goal is to pay off the 10-year loan in 5 years. Payments will be made using marina income, which also helps to pay for part of the annual lease. Excess income, if any, will be put into reserves.

Election season is coming up! Please consider lending your time and talents to our wonderful community by serving as a Board Director. Candidate applications are available at the office or online by logging into Pilera and going to *Community – Document Library – Forms-Community – Board Candidate Form.*

MANAGEMENT – Get ready to welcome your new Community Manager, William 'Bill' Palmer, who will start with Shelter Bay on March 9. Bill comes to us with many years of experience in the resort, timeshare, community association and hospitality industries. His education is in accounting and he has brought this expertise to every position he has held. Bill will be here for the March board meeting, community budget meetings and March town hall. We will also have an in-depth interview with him in the next newsletter so you can learn more about his background, his expertise, who he is as a person and what he brings to our community. Please join me in thanking the Community Manager Recruiting Team led by Director Elaine Dixon: Brad Howton, Julie Peddy, Dale Freidig and Lois Watson for their hard work and dedication in this key endeavor. A huge thank you to Pat McGarry for his excellent work as Interim Manager. Now, let's all show Bill a warm Shelter Bay Welcome!

BOARD ELECTIONS – Three (3) Board of Director positions are up for election every year, for a three (3) year term. Deadline to file for candidacy is **Friday, March 24 at 5:00 pm**. The *Board Candidate Application Form* is available on the Forms page on the Shelter Bay website.

BUDGET WORKSHOPS REMINDER – March 16 – *Lease*; March 21 – *Operating*; March 23 – *Capital*; March 30 – *if needed*. <u>Start times are 1:00 pm</u>. If you can't attend a meeting but want to provide input, please reach out with ideas via email at board@shelterbay.net or feel free to drop off a note at the office.

QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD? Attend a Town Hall, the Sunday after each board meeting (except holiday weekends), where you can ask questions and connect informally with the Shelter Bay Board of Directors. Next Town Hall is <u>Sunday, March 19th</u> at 7:00 pm. There are several other 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

Manager's Report

Looking at the weather forecast doesn't give me much hope for an early summer but the marina christening we had last week had a great attendance. The wonderful chili, champagne, big fire in the BBQ pit and friendly conversation helped shake off the chill. Thank you to all who helped put it on. Our new marina is now officially christened with Debbie Byrd, our past Executive Secretary doing the primary ribbon cutting. As I write this, our Board members are off to signing the final marina loan documents. This will put the community reserves back up to where the Board of Directors wanted them to be after the final phase of the marina project. It is hard to believe we have been working on this for over 10 years and it is done!

Staff and finance committee are putting budget numbers together for next year. There will be several community budget meetings coming up in the next few months so keep an eye out for them so you can give your input. You can also email the Board of Directors with budget questions or suggestions. Another opportunity for input is at the Town Hall meetings which typically take place on the Sunday following the Board of Directors meeting. They are usually scheduled for Sundays at 7:00 pm which provides an opportunity for everyone. These Town Halls allow any community member in good standing to express themselves on community affairs.

I know many of us would like to have a dog park and we still have it on our minds. We have not been able to find an adequate spot that meets all the requirements. The sites that have been identified either lack parking, have drainage issues, neighbors too close etc., etc. Keep in mind that Martha's Beach is an off-leash area. We did relax the off-leash enforcement for a period of time but until we have located and established an alternate off leash area other than Martha's Beach, we will be actively enforcing the on leash requirement again beginning March 1st.

There is every indication that we will have a new permanent Community Manager on staff by mid- March. I believe the selection committee will be making that announcement soon. It has been a pleasure to have served as interim manager for the last few months. This is a great community and I thoroughly enjoyed being involved in that capacity. My plans are to stay involved in the marina with so many other wonderful Harbor Committee volunteers as well as daydream about lights on the Shelter Bay side of the Rainbow Bridge, upgraded pool and golf carts in Shelter Bay. Thank you to the great Shelter Bay staff and the community for their support.

Pat McGarry Interim Manager

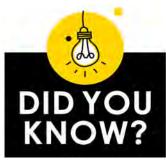
Dock Notes—March 2023



Re-Opening of Shelter Bay Marina!



Did you Know?



Community members are asking why we no longer record and post meetings on our website. The Board reviewed this with our community legal counsel and she was very clear with her response. Shelter Bay meetings may not be recorded. Washington law prohibits recording conversations including private meetings without all attendees consent (RCW 9.73.030). The free exchange of ideas and information is best served in this environment. Why not ask for everyone's consent? Again, the policy is to facilitate the free exchange of ideas and information in a business environment. The very idea of

recording or putting any one person on the spot under pressure to consent or not consent can create a sense of a hostile environment. That does not facilitate a collaborative working environment in which to get business done.

Shelter bay community, inc. ™ Board of Directors - Action Items

Special Board Meeting—February 6, 2023

- 1) Approved the Peoples Bank Corporate Resolution to Borrow as presented.
- 2) Accepted the Findings of the Ethics Committee for Directors Judy Kontos and Dan McCaughan.

Board Meeting – February 15, 2023

- 1) Approved to decline the bank's offer of \$37,000 on Lot 697 to release lien on sublease.
- 2) Approved Harbor Committee's recommendation to increase marina slip fees by 9% for the FY 2023-2024.
- 3) Approved Rules Committee recommended amendments to the By-Laws to align with RCW 64.90.525 to bring Shelter Bay into compliance.
- 4) Approved to offer Contract to Hire Community Manager pending background check.
- 5) Moved to reject Director Judy Kontos' Appeal to the Board, the Ethics Committee findings.
- 6) Approved to Sanction Director Judy Kontos by suspension pending a recall vote of the Community for four violations of Chapter 40.020.010 (x 2) Failure to Support the Decisions of the Board, 40.020.020 (x 2) Dissemination of Confidential Information, and set date to be determined before the March Board meeting.
- 7) Approved to reject Director Dan McCaughan's Appeal to the Board, the Ethics Committee findings.
- 8) Approved to Sanction Director Dan McCaughan for violation of Chapter 40.020.010 for Failure to Support the Decisions of the Board with a 90-day suspension from all Committee duties and provided notice that any further violations against the Code of Conduct would result in continued sanctions.

shelter bay company ™

Company Board Meeting – February 15, 2023

- 1) Approved using the Index Method for 2023 10-year Rent Adjustment
- 2) Approved Updates to Chapter 20 Financials to exclude cash transactions
- 3) Approved Changing Banking from US Bank to Peoples Bank
- 4) Approved Actions to Sanction Directors Kontos and McCaughan to be the same for the Company as the Community.

More Shelter Bay Happenings

St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour & Irish dancing



March 18 St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour & Irish dancing. **5-7 pm.** Bring appetizer to share. BYOB.

Yappy Hour & Pet Food Drive

April 1 (not fooling (2)) Yappy Hour and Pet Food Drive at the BBQ picnic pavilion, **4:30 – 6:00 pm** Bring your dog, pet food for local food bank and an appetizer to share. BYOB.



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!

March 25th, 6:30-8pm. All ages invited.

Fun local prizes could be yours!

Last Bingo Night and ice cream social until early Fall will be on April 22, 6:30-8 p.m.

CALLING ALL SHELTER BAY LADIES!

Come join your neighbors once a month for a friendly breakfast. Here's a chance to make new friends, visit with old friends and find out what's happening in your community. Join us **Friday, March 3, 9:30 am** at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse. Mark your calendar for our April breakfast, as there is a change of date due to the Easter holiday. The date is Friday, April 14.



Dreamin' of Daffodils



The sixth class will be offered Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Let's Talk About the Fun Committees and What They Do

Know Your Community: An Educational and Informative Series of Classes

The **Social and Recreation Committee** promotes events of interest to all of Shelter Bay. Learn what fun things they do, who are on the committee, and how to get involved or join the Committee. The **Communications Committee** manages the Community Newsletter and the website. In this class they will demonstrate what they do and listen to what you want in improved communication services as well as demonstrate to you the **New Community Website**. In addition, you will learn about the new program to make joining and participating in the many **fun Clubs and Groups** that are available in the Community. The **Communiversity** Sub Committee provides free educational and interesting presentations to everyone in the Community including Swinomish Tribal Members. Come see what Communiversity has in mind next and suggest topics you would like to see presented.

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 p.m. on March 28th. 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. For those attending via Zoom, look for the Zoom link in your email prior to the class.

Register at: https://forms.gle/zPyeENtbuFMbQqAf9

More Shelter Bay Happenings

Shelter Bay Library Hours

Our fiction library is open once again with extended hours.



Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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!

Added Morning Exercise Class!



Have you wanted to join the group exercise group, but couldn't make the 9:30 a.m. class? Well, you're in luck! There is an additional morning workout on a trial basis for the month of March every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Please email instructor Leslie and request to be added to her email list to receive equipment needed for each workout, i.e., resistant bands, yoga mat, hand weights. Each workout is thoughtfully planned out and not all equipment is needed each time.

Lkl.ten@gmail.com

Come get your groove on with Leslie as she teaches Line dancing every Friday from 10:20-11 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

Community Town Hall

Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 7 pm at the Shelter Bay Clubhouse In-person only, but send questions to <u>board@shelterbay.net</u>

Shelter Bay Clubs

Last month your Communications and Soc & Rec Committees introduced "Shelter Bay Clubs." We now have nine clubs and groups that all Shelter Bay, Swinomish Tribe and La Conner residents are welcome to join, and more are being added. Shelter Bay's new (soon to be launched) website will have more information and facilitate signing up.

For now, you can join the clubs that use WhatsApp to coordinate activities by scanning the QR codes below with your phone. If you would like your hobby, sport, or favorite game to be added, write to: <u>ShelterBayClubs@innomm.com</u>

Pickleball	Sports Cars	Tennis
Art Circle	Golf	Mah Jongg

Let's become the most interactive community anywhere!

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: <u>jprlygates@hotmail.com</u> with any questions and/or to update our email list.



When:	Monday, March 6th, 1pm	Wh
Book:	The Thursday Murder Club	Boo
By:	Richard Osman	By:
Location:	Peggy Duehnning	Loc
	262 Quillayute Place	
RSVP:	peopeggy@yahoo.com	RSV
	360-466-1281	

I	When:	Monday, April 3rd, 1pm		
ıb	Book:	Girl, Woman, Other		
	By:	Bernadine Evaristo		
	Location: Elaine Beck			
		279 Soleduck Place		
	RSVP :	laneybb@hotmail.com		
		360-399-1139		



FIRE DISTRICT 13

January 16-February 15, 2023

Response Summary	
Citizen Assist/Welfare Check	16
Falls	8
Medical	12
Total Responses	36

GOOD MORNING FIRE DISTRICT 13

Did you know that you can call 911 and request a Welfare Check to have one of our Fire Department's EMTs come to your home to take your vitals? This free service will help you navigate through any health concerns you might have. Leave a message for Captain Gary Ladd at (360) 399-1027.

February's Bingo Night



Fun night at the Clubhouse! About 80 in attendance due to residents wanting to have FUN! Big attraction for children.



This month we had a double winner and here she is.

Prizes! Bring your children and grandchildren and join us again on March 25 from 6:30-8:00 for Bingo and ice cream.



The Turkish earthquake reminds us that our Earth is mobile and unstable. Television seizes on disaster, highlighting death and destruction. How can we put another concern into perspective?

Disasters are rare but possible: earthquakes, floods, storms, long-term power outages and on and on. These need not be concerns added to your worry list if you've made plans for yourself and your family. Plan templates abound, pamphlets and booklets in the Shelter Bay office, even more online. Your disaster plans don't need to be complicated because there are simple actions to take before, during, and after a disaster which work well. When the Big One occurs then panic has already been displaced by your Plan you know what to do.

Disasters are situations where the event overwhelms the usual emergency responders' capability to help. You can also help yourself and others by joining a Community Emergency Response Team. (CERT) This free training for dealing with disasters enables you and your neighbors to bring basic responder skills to situations where normal help is unavailable. Shelter Bay has an active CERT program which is an effective way to help you make a Plan. That's the way to put disasters in perspective!

Shelter Bay Office Hours

The office is open for regular business from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

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 24/7/365.

We appreciate your patience.

Please Be A Responsible Dog Owner

Every Member and Tenant is required to abide by the Shelter Bay Rules and Regulations and picking up your dog's waste is one of those rules. Please be conscientious to neighbors and the environment, and take a moment to dispose of Fido's waste properly.





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How much can I sell my Shelter Bay home for? View all the homes listed for sale in Shelter Bay at <u>www.shelterbaylaconner.com</u> According to the National Association of Realtors 96% of all Buyers begin their home search on the internet. The Tim Good Team provides a strong internet presence including the best marketing program, aerial photography, and professional graphics required to produce the results you want. Your listing will be a featured listing on Zillow.com, placed on the



MLS (multiple listing service), Trulia, Realtor.com, Redfin, and syndicated to thousands of top rated real estate web pages. Buyers searching the internet will click more than twice on your featured home because we use the latest technology to compel them to take a closer look at your home. As Shelter Bay residents Tim and Mo know the unique requirements of Shelter Bay to close the sale of your home. Call Tim at 360-708-3828 or email at timgood777@gmail.com or call Mo at 360-441-9719 managing brokers RSVP Real Estate.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30am Exercise Class (New) 9:30am Exercise Group 3pm Finance Committee Meeting	2 9am Facilities Committee Meeting 4pm Chorus Practice	3 7:30am Exercise Class (New) 9:30am Exercise Group 10:15am Line Dancing Classes	4
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12	13 7:30am Exercise Class (New) 9:30am Exercise Group 10am Community Emergency Response Team Advisory Com- mittee (CERT) Zoom (Annex)	14 3pm Harbor Committee Meeting	 15 7:30am Exercise Class (New) 9:30am Exercise Group 4pm Board Meeting— Community 6pm Board Meeting—Company 	16 1pm Board & Finance Committee Budget Work Session— Lease 4pm Chorus Practice	17 7:30am Exercise Class (New) 9:30am Exercise Group 10:15am Line Dancing Classes	18 5pm St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour & Irish Dancing
19 7pm Town Hall	20 7:30am Exercise Class (New) 9:30am Exercise Group 4pm Communiversity Sub Committee Meeting	21 9am Architectural Compliance Committee Meeting 1pm Board & Finance Committee Budget Work Session— Operating	22 7:30am Exercise Class (New) 9:30am Exercise Group	23 10am Green Committee Guidelines Work Group 1pm Board & Finance Committee Budget Work Session— Capital 4pm Chorus Practice	24 7:30am Exercise Class (New) 9:30am Exercise Group 10:15am Line Dancing Class 5pm Filing Board Member Candidacy	25 6:30pm Family BINGO Night at the Clubhouse
26	27 7:30am Exercise Class (New) 9:30am Exercise Group	28 5:30pm KYC Setup 6:30 Know Your Community: Communications/ Social & Recreation	29 7:30am Exercise Class (New) 9:30am Exercise Group	30 1pm Board & Finance Committee Budget Work Session—If needed 4pm Chorus Practice	31 7:30am Exercise Class (New) 9:30am Exercise Group 10:15am Line Dancing Class	April 1 4:30pm Yappy Hour & Pet Food Drive- BBQ Area



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> Shelter Bay General Manager Patrick McGarry, Interim

Board of Directors

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Committee Chairpersons:

Architectural Compliance: Open Rules: Don Moore Harbor: Bruce Romero Communications: Jim Barrett Facilities: Jack Galbraith Finance: Louise Kari, Treasurer Safety Committee: Ron Wigal Social & Recreation: Katie Reading Committee Secretary: Renata McCauley