



Shelter Bay Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 8am—5pm

Meet Renata McCauley



Renata is the Committee Secretary for seven committees: Architectural Compliance, Facilities/Amenities, Harbor, Green, Ad Hoc Communications Committee, Ad Hoc Safety Committee, and Ad Hoc Social & Recreation. She has been part of the Shelter Bay staff for the past 10 years. Being the secretary for so many committees, Renata is a valuable resource to all residents.

Renata's first job at 12 years old was picking strawberries in the Skagit Valley. In 1974, she moved from Mount Vernon to Shelter Bay with her parents. Later in 1988 she bought a house in Shelter Bay where she reared her children. Although she no longer lives in Shelter Bay, she has a deep connection to the people who were part of her childhood and child-rearing years. Renata's 86-year-old father still lives in Shelter Bay.

She worked for the Mount Vernon Police Department from 1987-2010 first as a 911 dispatcher, then to the records department, and finally to the evidence room. Her favorite job was as a certified finger printer where she later trained senior volunteers in this skill. In 2013, the Committee Secretary position opened, and she thought it would be fun to work with seniors. Her duties are to ensure that the volunteer committees follow their mission statements, ensure compliance of their duties to follow the Shelter Bay rules and regulations and keep records. Renata is the liaison between committee members and residents. She works with Brad Stolzenburg, Compliance Officer, in the areas of general compliance of Shelter Bay rules and regulations and oversees the policies on trees. She reviews forms and prepares agendas for meetings. Helping community members navigate the HOA rules, tribal permits, and making referrals to appropriate committees is her prime focus.

In her leisure time, you will find Renata gardening, traveling, attending music concerts, camping, reading, and trying new restaurants. She has a dog, Lola and two cats Thelma and Louie (Louise) who keep her company. Renata's final comments were "Shelter Bay is a beautiful community that I consider my home. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

Contact Renata at rmccauley@shelterbay.net.

Martha's Beach Closing Hours

April 1-September 30 the Beach closes at 10 p.m.

October 1-March 31 the Beach closes at 7 p.m.

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Community Town Hall

Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Shelter Bay Clubhouse, send questions to board@shelterbay.net. Watch for follow-up emails and website for reminders.



Jim Hanson

August 2023

Welcome New Residents!

Fifteen homes closed in August. You will find on our website a collection of our committees, events, calendar, and how to contact staff, board members, and committee chairpersons and more. Be sure to read the current newsletter and learn more by reading back issues.

<https://shelterbay.net>

We Want YOU!



(Actually... what we really need is your email).

Shelter Bay's newsletter goes out to about 1,000 Shelter Bay residents electronically each month. Another 400 get mailed at a postage and printing cost of \$700.00.

If you still receive your copy by snail-mail, please consider providing your email to Jennifer Peters

(jpeters@shelterbay.net) so she may switch you over to email delivery. The benefits of switching are:

- Shelter Bay will save money.
- Shelter Bay Staff will save time.
- Your newsletter will reach you sooner.
- You will have live-links that you can click on to access expanded articles, photos, and videos.

If we could all switch to electronic delivery, the newsletter would not be restricted to a set number of pages. We would be able to include more photos and even include videos and audio while saving Shelter Bay \$8,500 per year.

Please consider making this change for the better.

President's Message



August was a great month to enjoy the weather, travel and entertain friends and relatives. The Board and some of the Committees took advantage of lack of urgent business and canceled their meetings. I spent some time with our Community Manager Bill Palmer talking about the issues he is facing managing the many projects underway in the community. It is amazing how this community operates with such a small staff. What makes it work is the volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, we could always use more. The Committee Chairs have been asked to provide a list of the kinds of expertise they need to make their committees effective. Shelter Bay is fortunate to have community members who have a very wide range of talents. Please consider joining a committee that could use your talent. I also invite members of the community to attend any committee meeting just to see what's happening in Shelter Bay. I've found these groups to provide social interaction along with doing their work.

The Lease Group did not take the month off and made progress on several fronts. We have worked with our attorney to narrow down the structure of a new lease. This means we can now concentrate on the details. We will be meeting with the tribe's legal team again in September.

We have finalized the percentage of the Master Lease that each leaseholder will pay. This was a process of evaluating each lot and grouping them into similar categories. As our negotiations proceed, we will be able to provide the amount each lot holder will pay.

We had a meeting with an economist to evaluate the sustainability of new lease rates. They provided this information for us in the past and we need to update the study.

Another activity that took place was finalizing the Board Retreat on September 6. Having the board work together as a team is particularly important. We will spend a day with an excellent facilitator learning more about our responsibilities and how to make our work more productive. This development activity will flow down to the committees and the staff.

I would like to thank all the members of the community that have given me encouragement since taking on the position of President of the Board. I hope I can live up to all your expectations.

Shelter Bay Library Hours



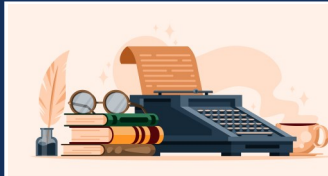
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The library is located across the street from the Clubhouse, one block east, in the Annex Building. Outside the front door we now have a professional, weatherproof book return thanks to Kasey and Jack Jensen. Please remember to return fiction books only as we have limited space. The Vintage store in La Conner or the used bookstores in Mt. Vernon will take your other books.

Please use your quiet voice in the library as this building also houses two administrative offices.

Newsletter Due Dates



Newsletter articles are due to newslettereditor@shelterbay.net no later than **noon Friday, September 22** for the **October 2023** newsletter. For guaranteed

submission, it is best to get your article in early due to space limitations. Community Clubs and Committee Reports should be about 100 words. Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word (or similar word processing software), Calibri, pt. 11 without special characters, formatting, highlighting, spacing, colors, fonts, or embedded artwork. Suggested pictures or artwork should be submitted as a separate file.

(Communications Committee Guidelines, Article Size Maximums and Format of Articles)

Community Manager's Report



Greetings from the Shelter Bay Community Office

We are getting close to seeking inspections for a temporary operating permit allowing us to open the pool. However, given the uncertainty of when this will take place, we are not able to advertise for pool attendants to monitor the pool when it becomes operational. Additionally, with our limited staff, we are not able to add this to our current schedule of tasks.

It was suggested that an effective way to manage this was to seek out volunteers to fill the role of pool attendants for the limited time it would be open. If we were to operate the pool for 9 hours per day (from 10:00am to 7:00pm), this could be split up into 3-hour shifts or 3 different volunteers per day for 7 days for a total of 21 time slots. We would also like to see if someone is willing to be a volunteer coordinator. This would allow for the necessary coverage for Shelter Bay to operate the pool. Once we have a group of volunteers, we would do training before we become operational. If you are interested in being a volunteer or the volunteer coordinator, please contact the office at 360-466-3805 ext. 9 or via email at jpeters@shelterbay.net

As mentioned in my last newsletter article with the staff change in the Maintenance department with Mr. Connelly's departure it has left us short staffed. First a big thank you to Robert, Patrick, and Larry for all their hard work keeping things working. We have been actively advertising for additional staff members and now have several candidates that we are in the process of interviewing. We hope to have the department fully staffed sometime soon.

Another important item came to my attention today that I wanted to share with the community. I was contacted by a representative from Puget Sound Energy stating that they have some aging cables in the Shelter Bay Community that need to be replaced. They are not sure when this would begin or how long it will take but I have advised that we would like at least four weeks' notice prior to commencement of the project to allow us to inform the community and to plan accordingly. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

We are also getting closer to repaving the Marina Parking lot. We are awaiting at least one additional bid and then should be able to move forward. We also have a company coming in to do a paving assessment for the community to help us to better understand the overall needs and to assist in planning.

As always, I want to acknowledge all the staff that work here at Shelter Bay. They are a hard-working group of talented individuals and do their very best to serve the community. I also thank all the committee members that contributed their time and expertise to make Shelter Bay a great place to live.

Warm Regards,
Bill Palmer
Community Manager

A Word from your GREEN Committee



Most likely you have seen some dead trees in Shelter Bay. Some are from overcrowding and drought, but some can be caused by ivy.

According to the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board ivy can outcompete native plants, reducing animal foraging habitat. It inhibits regeneration of understory plants and kills understory and overstory trees by shading them out. Ivy may cause storm damage to trees by the added weight in the canopy that also may act as a sail. The sap of

the stems can cause skin irritations and rashes in sensitive individuals.

Ivy can harm its host tree over time if you don't prune it. The problem isn't the ivy that climbs up the tree trunk but the clusters of ivy on top of the tree. These, over time, will prevent the tree from getting the light it needs. So, prune your ivy annually or if you want to eliminate the ivy all together, cut the vines going up the tree and use salt to kill the vine.

Go to this link and follow instructions for the video entitled "How to Kill English Ivy Vines with Salt & Duct Tape DIY." It really works.

<https://youtu.be/qj7vrpU27PU>

August Communiversity



In early August about sixty residents came to view the documentary film about the contributions Stewart Udall made as Secretary of the Interior. The director, John de Graaf, and the music writer, Michael Bade who lives in Shelter Bay answered questions at the end of the viewing. Residents enjoyed popcorn and apple cider hosted by the Communiversity Committee.



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Board of Directors - Action Items

Special Board Meeting & Board Meeting – August 16, 2023

Canceled

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Company Board Meeting – August 16, 2023

Canceled

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

It has been a busy August!

Diane Berglund, Kriss Hassling and I worked together to remove the weeds on the inside and outside of the fence around the pool to bring it back to life.

The maintenance crew has been working hard to get it up and running.

I have adopted the garden by the BBQ Area and have started creating the design. I started working on the front garden by the Clubhouse and this is a big project that will require a work party that I plan to put together for September. Anyone interested in helping would be greatly appreciated. We are always looking for volunteers. Please contact me at lrshiple@wavecable.com.

Garden Club Chair
Linda Shipley



The Garden Club is looking for a work party to renew this area.



Meet some of the team: Diane, Kriss, and Linda after weeding the pool area.



Garden Club member recently adopted and groomed this area.



Pool area after weeding.

How to effectively communicate with a Native-American Indian



Date & Time: Wednesday September 13th, 2023, at the Clubhouse and on Zoom from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Event Description: A fireside chat between Jay Bowen and Jim Barrett about how our 2 cultures can understand each other's way of communicating. There are many words that are difficult to translate from the Western to the Native languages and vice versa. This event will be an attempt to help our 2 cultures understand each other. Some examples are:

- In our Native American language, there is no word for retirement.
- When you compliment something in a native home, be ready to have it gifted to you.
- Death is referred to as going home.
- There is no word for "goodbye."

Instructor: Jay Bowen

Jay is an Upper Skagit elder as well as a Master Goldsmith, painter, public speaker, and a Native American Medicine Man. He is very active in both the Upper Skagit and Swinomish tribes, and lives in Shelter Bay where he has many dear friends.

Click on this link to register: <https://forms.gle/krckvrb1vmDdthUR9>

Or register on the website under Communiversity. **Registration closes on Monday September 11th at noon.**

*All classes are free and available to Shelter Bay residents and Swinomish Indian Tribal Community members.

Emergency Preparedness and How You Can Help In Your Community



Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at the Clubhouse and on Zoom from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Ted Taylor will talk about earthquakes, tsunamis, and wildland fires. For each event, he tells you how Shelter Bay volunteers can provide help to yourself, your neighborhoods, and your community.

Ted graduated from Yale with a BS in Geology and from Stanford with a MS in Geology. He worked for Woods Hole and Scripps Institution with an emphasis in marine geology. He worked for a major oil company in oil exploration. Ted moved to Shelter Bay in 1998. He joined the Skagit County Fire District 13 in 2005, and he is a Captain with the responsibility for Emergency Management. He is a member of the Skagit Bay Search and Rescue. Ted is a HAM operator. He serves on the Shelter Bay Safety Committee, as well as the Advisory Committee for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Click on this link to register: <https://forms.gle/gfvQwAEGWp3AF3Mj9>

Or register on the website under Communiversity. Registration closes on Monday, September 18 at noon. All classes are free and available to Shelter Bay residents and Swinomish Indian Tribal Community members living outside of Shelter Bay.

Vibrant Aging at Any Age



Thursday September 21st, 2023, at the Clubhouse and on Zoom from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Canceled by Instructor

How to Search the Website

<https://shelterbay.net/>
Shelter bay Community Website

Have you tried to find something on the new Community Website and given up?

Next time try this:

- Ask yourself which Committee or Community area deals with it. Look under that area.
- Do a keyword search at the top menu using the "search utility"
- Only use the login link for items that are (1. Bill payments, (2. Budget/ Financials, (3 Minutes, or (4. Agendas. All other forms and information are under the main site.
- Use the "Contact" under the main menu to contact the appropriate area.

Contact the Web Manager for help -
sbwebmaster@shelterbay.net

Community Pride



We all have it. We get distracted and sometimes forget the obvious. Let's keep Shelter Bay clean by picking up trash in our common areas, especially our newly renovated BBQ area. If you use the kitchen area, wipe up any spills. Sweep away

debris from the floor and dispose of trash in the containers. There is a recycling bin available on the front side of the Clubhouse for cans and bottles.

Shelter Bay Happenings

La Conner Swinomish Library

La Conner Swinomish Library Director Jean Markert has a Tech Night available on Mondays, 4-6 p.m. (half hour blocks). Sign up at the front desk of the library for one-on-one tech support for minor technical problems with phones, tablets, or laptops. Contact laconnerswinomishlibrary.org for other monthly programs offered by the library.

Shelter Bay Club Updates

Shelter Bay has been bustling with activity lately! It is as though the last of our hibernators have finally been awakened by the hot weather. The Pickleball and Tennis groups have been the most active among our clubs, playing daily on the newly refurbished courts. If you would like to join them (or any of the other Shelter Bay clubs and groups), go to: <https://shelterbay.net/shelter-bay-clubs/>

We are pleased to announce four new clubs this month in Shelter Bay:

- Liar's Club:** <https://shelterbay.net/liars/>
- Billiard's Club:** <https://shelterbay.net/billiards/>
- Bunco Club:** <https://shelterbay.net/bunco/>
- Farkle Club:** <https://shelterbay.net/farkle/>

If you don't see the club you would like to join, send Peter Volum a text message to: 305-562-3594 or email to: ShelterBayClubs@innomm.com and by next month YOUR new club will also exist.

Shelter Bay is more than a beautiful location. It is a community. Interaction among our residents strengthens that sense of community and belonging. Join one or more clubs today to get more out of life here!

Annual Pumpkin Pickleball Tournament



Shelter Bay Pickleball will host its second annual Pumpkin Cup tournament on Saturday, **September 30 at 12pm** at Shelter Bay's new Coquille Park courts. This will be a double elimination tournament where partners will be drawn before each game, so there is no need to fill out an entry form. Just show up!

The tournament is open to all Shelter Bay residents and their guests. In case of weather, the reschedule date will be Sunday, October 1.

Hope to see you there!

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. Join us **Friday, September 8, 9:15 a.m.** at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse. It's one week later due to a holiday weekend.

Mark your calendar for our **October 6, 2023** breakfast.

SHELTER BAY BOOK CLUB

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

Please contact Lee Ann Wing at lwing@wavecable.com with any questions, and/or to update our email list.



When: Monday, September 11, 1pm (Change due to Holiday)
Book: None
Please send your suggestions to Mary Newby at marynewby@wavecable.com
Come join us to learn what books we are planning to read throughout the year.
Location: Peggy Duehning
262 Quillayute Place
RSVP: peopeggy@yahoo.com
360-466-1281



FIRE DISTRICT 13

July 16-August 15

Response Summary

AFA (automatic fire alarm)	1
Falls	3
Fire Investigation	1
Medical	14
Unconscious	1
Welfare Check	5
Wires	1
Total Responses	26

SHELTER BAY SAFETY COMMITTEE SPONSORS

Instructors: Chief Wood Weiss and Captain Gary Ladd from Fire District 13

CPR/First Aid/AED class on

Saturday, September 23, 2023 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Shelter Bay Community Clubhouse, 1000 Shoshone Drive

Do you need to certify or recertify your CPR skills for work or for your Emergency Worker Card? Are you a member within the Shelter Bay or Swinomish communities who want to have **CPR and first aid** to help your family members?

\$25/person

Class is limited to the first 20 people. **Contact Carolyn Caporgno**, Safety Committee Vice Chairperson and CERT Advisory Team Chairperson at carolyncaporgno@gmail.com to register for this event. Additional information will be provided following signup.

All Shelter Bay Community/Eagle’s Nest members, as well as Swinomish Indian Tribal Community members, are encouraged to sign up.

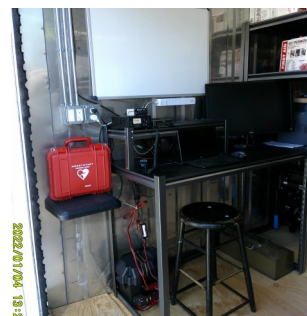


The Shelter Bay Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is looking for new members. Free hybrid classes are available online with local hands-on practical training. Contact carolyncaporgno@gmail.com

There is a Community Volunteer Tent Team practice on **Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.** at the Disaster Assistance Center, Shelter Bay RV Storage Lot, Kulshan Way. Volunteers will be trained in how to set up a 16’ x 16’ tent. This is a drill **for at least six**

people to set up a Command Tent and its accessories, wash station, toilet facilities, etc. Gloves are recommended. Contact Bernard Robinson at bnbrobinson@yahoo.com if you can help.

The Communications Center is completed at the Shelter Bay Disaster Assistance Center (DAC). The Center includes a HAM radio, computer, monitor and related equipment for transmitting and receiving voice and digital messages, powered by a generator and battery back-up. If cell phones and landlines are not operating, the Center provides valuable access to outside assistance. Volunteers from CERT and Shelter Bay will operate the equipment in emergencies, coordinating with Swinomish, Fire District 13, and Skagit County Emergency Operations Center. Readily available are an AED, first aid kit, medical supplies, etc., to aid Shelter Bay residents in emergencies.



FIREWISE

Firewise is the reduction of the fuel load by removing dead stands of trees and reducing ladder fuel in greenbelts and on lots to protect our homes from wildfire.

In 2018, Skagit County Conservation District advised Shelter Bay to Firewise. Since, we have systematically followed Firewise practices. Also, wherever possible, we created a firebreak along the Shelter Bay/Swinomish boundaries.

However, the drought is not over. Our trees continue to die. The Green Committee asks residents to report dead trees using an Action Request Form, greenbelt, or lot. Go to <https://shelterbay.net>. Go across the top of the page to Governance, click on Committees, scroll down to Green Committee, click on Greenbelt Maintenance and print. Return the form to the Shelter Bay Community Office, 1000 Shoshone Drive.

We also urge Shelter Bay homeowners to request a free Lot Firewise Analysis from Skagit County Conservation District to learn what can be done to prepare, should we experience a fire. <https://www.skagitcd.org/wild-fire>

Coquille Park Beautification

Many hours of volunteer time went into the beautification of the refurbished Coquille Park pickleball courts. The volunteer group held a celebration potluck in early August to gather by the new courts and enjoyed each other's companionship.



Music on the Green with BroHamM



August's Music on the Green was fantastic! The music by BroHamM had people singing and dancing along. It was great to see so many people out having fun with friends and family. Great music, weather, food, and people all combined to make this the best-attended SRC event in quite some time!

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Friday, September 8th From 3-4 PM
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September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class 10:15am Line Dancing Class	2
3	4 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class Office Closed—Labor Day	5 9am Architectural Compliance Committee	6 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class	7 9am Facilities and Amenities Committee	8 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class 10:15am Line Dancing Class	9 11am Swinomish Preparedness Fair — John K. Bob Ball Park on Reservation
10	11 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class 10am Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Advisory Committee Meeting—ANNEX 3pm Safety Committee (rescheduled to today due to holiday)	12 1pm Rules Committee 3pm Harbor Committee Meeting	13 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class 2pm Social & Recreation Committee Meeting 6:30pm Communiversality—How to Effectively Communicate with a Native American	14 9am Green Committee 1:30pm Communications Committee Meeting 4:30pm Chorus Practice	15 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class 10:15am Line Dancing Class	16
17	18 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class 4pm Communiversality	19 9am Architectural Compliance Committee 3:30pm American Sewing Guild 6:30pm Communiversality—Preparedness	20 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class 4pm Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meeting	21 4:30pm Chorus Practice	22 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class 10:15am Line Dancing Class 12pm Deadline for October Newsletter	23 9am CPR/Basic First Aid/AED Class 10am Community Tent Team Practice
24 7pm Town Hall	25 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class	26	27 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class	28 9am Green Committee 4:30pm Chorus Practice	29 7:30am Exercise Class 9:30am Exercise Class 10:15am Line Dancing Class	30 12pm Pumpkin Pickleball Tournament

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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