

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

## Community Town Hall

The Community Town Hall has been canceled for August since the Board meeting has been canceled. Send questions to [board@shelterbay.net](mailto:board@shelterbay.net). Watch for follow-up emails and website reminders.

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## Meet Our New Compliance Officer



Hello, Shelter Bay!

My name is Riley, and I am the new Compliance Officer for our community. I moved to Shelter Bay back in December and absolutely love living here! It's truly paradise for me and my family. I grew up in Kirkland, Washington, but have lived across the country (including a 10-year stint in Arkansas!) and most recently moved to La Conner from Spokane.

I am an animal lover and never tire of seeing the beautiful bald eagles, deer, and other animals that live here in Shelter Bay. I enjoy taking advantage of the beauty around us via hiking, camping, and trips to the Islands. Film photography has long been a passion of mine, so you may see me around with an old camera in my hands! I got my degree in history and am always picking up a book to continue learning about the world around me.

I am thrilled to be in this role to ensure our community continues to grow and thrive together. My goal for this role is to be proactive, solution-oriented, and community-minded. I believe that we all have the same goal – to keep Shelter Bay the wonderful, safe, and secure neighborhood that it is! – and we can accomplish more together than as individuals. My approach to this role is a proactive one. I like to be out in the community, speaking with residents, to know what is going on firsthand. I hope to build a rapport with each of you so our relationship can be mutually beneficial. My door is always open for those who have concerns, questions, or just want to chat. 😊 I am happy to be here, and hope Shelter Bay is equally happy to have me!

## Martha's Beach Hours

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

## AED (Automated External Defibrillator)



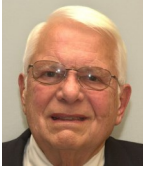
There is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) outside the Clubhouse so that those involved in outdoor activities around the Clubhouse have access to this unit. An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. Easy to use, this medical device can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart reestablish an effective rhythm. This machine talks you through how to use it.

## Assistant Webmaster Needed

The Communications Committee is looking for a member with website development experience to function as an assistant webmaster for the Shelter Bay website. If you would be interested in editing and routine updates within the website, please contact Jim Barrett at [jim@barrettmarine.com](mailto:jim@barrettmarine.com).



## President's Message



I always enjoy talking to community members who have recently joined our community. They are quick to say how rapidly they have become part of it. Please investigate the many volunteer opportunities in our community. You are invited to attend any committee meeting and learn more about their responsibilities. Please see the opportunity to join the Swinomish Police's "Swinomish Citizens on Patrol," described later in this newsletter.

Shelter Bay also offers many ways to learn about the area surrounding the Salish Sea. Please watch for announcements from Shelter Bay and La Conner about these programs. I know Shelter Bay would also like to promote educational programs presented by the Swinomish people. My personal goal is to bring all three of our communities together to achieve a healthy economic environment.

Lease update: For the last year, we have been diligently working on developing a "structure" for a new lease. We have found a structure that we believe will work. The next step is to develop the detail within the structure. During the last month, we have assembled the details of the existing leases and the lease work done in the last attempt at a new lease. We are evaluating what elements of this content are relevant to a new lease and can be reused, as well as what needs to be developed. When you are developing a new lease that will serve for the next 75 years, there is the desire to be able to adapt to changes over time without making major amendments. We are also formalizing the appraisal process so that the economics of the new lease can be analyzed. Your patience and support are greatly appreciated as we make progress in this important endeavor.

## Community Manager's Message



Greetings from the Shelter Bay Community Office!

We are happy to announce that we recently filled the vacant Compliance Officer position. Ms. Riley Kovalcheck joined the Shelter Bay team on Monday, July 15, and has hit the ground running. She is currently getting up-to-speed on all our Covenants, Rules, and Regulations and has already begun making rounds in the community. Our goal is to become more proactive in this area.

**Pool Update**—We will continue to operate seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the rest of the summer. We will notify you if hours are adjusted. We still need pool attendants, and we ask anyone interested in applying to please contact the office and speak with Kendra or Jennifer. As a reminder, no animals in the pool area, please!

**Playground Update**—Permitting is still pending. The playground equipment is covered and stored next to the tennis courts. I confirmed with the manufacturer that the warranty period won't start until the equipment is unpacked. I will update you as soon as more information becomes available.

**Coquille Park**—The Swinomish Planning Department approved permit applications for the board-approved renovation plans of the old pool building. We are currently working on scheduling the remodeling project.

**Roads/Pavement**—Permits have been approved for various areas, including the Golf Course parking lot, Marina parking lot, Haida Place, Nootka Place, and Cowichan Place. These are now in the scheduling phase. We will continue to update everyone as more definite dates are identified. We are also working on a plan to eliminate the water flow that occurs on Wanapum Drive and hope to have this resolved before we get back into wet and freezing situations.

**Roadway Line Painting**— We recently pulled the line striping equipment out of storage, and after a few test areas, we have begun the actual roadway striping. In addition to paint, we are also applying reflective beads with the paint to make it easier to see at night. We are hopeful that most of the Shelter Bay roads will have been completed by the time you read this article.

**Maintenance Department**— We are happy to announce that we have hired a summer staff member to help us with various green belts and other areas, such as the golf course. This position was filled back in early July, and we are already seeing improvements in various areas. In addition to this summer hire, we also extended an offer to another individual with prior water company experience who is scheduled to start on Monday, August 5th.

**Golf Course**— With the addition of a summer staff member, the golf course area was given more attention, and the entire course is looking much better, with most of the long grasses having been attended to. We are also working on replacing any of the irrigation that is not working properly and have extended the watering times. We are also planning to plug and sand the greens allowing for better water penetration. We hope to see continued improvement in this amenity.

As always, a big thanks to all our dedicated Staff members, the Board, and all our committee members for their ongoing efforts to ensure Shelter Bay is a great place to live.

Warm Regards,  
Bill Palmer  
Community Manager



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**Board of Directors - Action Items**

**Special Board Meeting July 1, 2024**

- 1) Elected Board Officers: President Rod Proctor, Vice President Rick Parnell, Secretary Monte Hicks, and Treasurer Pat McGarry.
- 2) Appointed Nancy Shimeall, Secretary Pro Tem.
- 3) Adopted Resolution 24-13 authorizing the named Board Officers as signatories to all Shelter Bay Community bank and investment accounts.
- 4) Approved Job Description for Compliance Officer.
- 5) Approved Board Appointments to Committees.
- 6) Approved Committee Member Re-Appointments.

**Regular Board Meeting July 17, 2024**

- 1) Authorized renewal of the Community’s Liability, Directors & Officers, Auto, Marina, and Umbrella policies.
- 2) Adopted Resolution 24-14 – Updating Harbor Committee Guidelines and Mission Statement.
- 3) Approved canceling the August Board Meeting.

**Annual Company Joint Board & Stockholders Meeting**

- 1) Seated the Board of Directors and Officers to be the same as those of Shelter Bay Community, Inc.
- 2) Adopted Resolution 24-02 – Designating Officers as Signatories to all Company Bank/Investment Accounts.

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**Company Board Meeting July 17, 2024**  
**No Meeting**

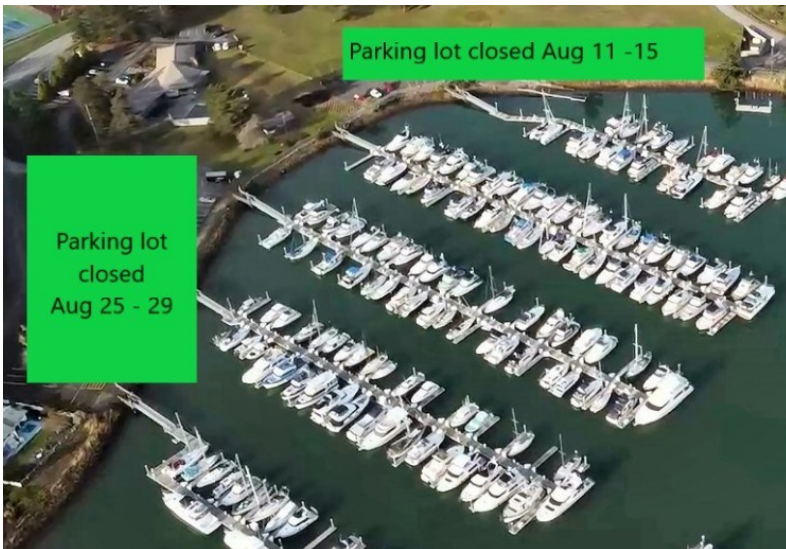
**Dock Notes**

**Marina Parking Lot Closures in August:**



Paving at the A-B Dock/Boat Ramp/BBQ Shelter parking area requires that this lot be **CLOSED at 8 p.m. on August 11<sup>th</sup> and reopened at 8 a.m. on August 15<sup>th</sup>**. The Clubhouse and Shoshone parking areas will remain open and available for use during this time.

Paving at the C-D Dock Parking on Shoshone requires this area to be **CLOSED at 5 p.m. on August 25<sup>th</sup> and reopened at 8 a.m. on August 29<sup>th</sup>**. The Clubhouse and Annex parking areas will remain open and available for use during this time.



Vehicles left overnight in **any** parking area are required to display a parking permit. Boat trailers left unattached from a vehicle will receive a violation and be treated as abandoned, resulting in an impoundment at the owner’s risk and expense. Please contact marina staff (360-333-2952) for parking permits, and to arrange for vehicle/trailer parking, if necessary.



**Fire District 13**  
 June 16—July 15, 2024  
**Response Summary**

Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	24
Service Call	4
Good Intent Call	2
False Alarm & False Call	1
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>31</b>

**Garage Sale Rules – Did You Know?**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Under Rules and Regulations, Part I – General, II. General Activities, 2.8, individual garage sales require a manager, or designee issued permit. Each household will be allowed to hold two (2) garage sales per year and such sales may only be held on Saturdays and Sundays.

**A Word from Fire District 13**

**Hyperthermia (body temp of 101 degrees F or higher)**

Normal body temperature is 98.6 degrees F, and the body's heat-regulating mechanisms usually maintain this temperature through sweating and dilation of skin blood vessels, even when there are extreme external temperature changes.

Illnesses from heat exposure usually manifest as **heat cramps**, **heat exhaustion**, or **heatstroke**. Persons at greatest risk for these illnesses are children, geriatrics, and individuals with heart disease, COPD, diabetes, dehydration, obesity, and/or limited mobility. **The best prevention is drinking plenty of fluids (at least 3 liters per day), urinating frequently, checking that your urine color is not dark (a sign of dehydration), and staying in a cool environment.**

**Heat Cramps** are painful muscle spasms that occur after vigorous exercise due to the loss of essential electrolytes in cells. If this occurs, **move to a cooler environment out of the sun, rest the area of cramps (e.g., sitting or lying down), replenish fluids with water or diluted Gatorade (or the like), and use cool water or misting spray.**

**Heat Exhaustion** is usually caused by heat exposure, stress, and fatigue from loss of water/electrolytes from heavy sweating in poorly ventilated or heavy clothing. Signs are dizziness, weakness, faintness, cold/clammy skin with ashen pallor, dry tongue, and thirst. If this occurs, **call 911, then remove excess layers of clothing, particularly around the head and neck; move the person to a cool, preferably air-conditioned environment; splash the person with cool water or misting spray; encourage the person to lie down and elevate their legs; and if fully alert, encourage them to drink water.**

**Heat Stroke** is the least common but most dangerous type. The body temperature rises rapidly to 106F or more, and the person's level of consciousness falls. The person may become unresponsive, and seizures may occur with a weakening pulse. If this occurs, **call 911, move the person to a cool, preferably air-conditioned environment, and remove clothing. Cover the person with wet towels or sheets or spray the person with cool water and fan them.**

**CERT Training**



Hybrid CERT Training allows access via your mobile device or computer. Complete it at your own pace and

convenience. The estimated online time is 12 hours, and the in-person practical time is 16 hours.

Basic CERT Training is not just a program; it's a crucial step towards equipping yourself with basic disaster response skills. You will learn how to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community, making it an essential part of your preparedness.

The next two-day practical hands-on portion is to be held on September 21 and 22, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Register at <https://forms.gle/AQvbgPtqK13YpSku8>

**Swinomish Citizens on Patrol (S.C.O.P.)**

The Swinomish Police wants you to join S.C.O.P. Do you have a few free hours a month to help deter crime in Shelter Bay, the Swinomish Village, and the tribal reservation overall?

The primary function of this program is to perform certain non-hazardous duties traditionally performed by commissioned police officers.

Swinomish Citizens on Patrol is a versatile team, performing a range of duties. They patrol our area by vehicle and on foot, checking for suspicious activity, signs of break-ins, vandalism, or unsecured property. They can also conduct vacation house checks, and observe and report erratic or unsafe drivers.

Click <https://shelterbay.net/citizens-on-patrol/> for more information.

## Biodegradable Dog Poop Bags: Not as Green as You Think



Compostable or biodegradable dog poop bags may be marketed as the perfect solution to scooping sustainably, but they can cause more harm than good in our environment. Despite their eco-friendly branding, these bags don't break down in nature. We encourage our community members to scoop up their dog poop and carry it all the way to the trash can, rather than leaving the full bags on trails or in our parks.

Biodegradable and compostable plastics require special conditions to break down. Those conditions are not found in nature, so these bags become plastic pollution when tossed in the woods or forgotten along the trail. Plastic bags filled with dog poop create another hazard as well by keeping harmful bacteria and pathogens in

the poop alive until the bag breaks open and releases them into the environment. This puts the health of other dogs, wildlife, and hikers at risk.

Forgotten and discarded poop bags are an issue for staff who maintain our parks and trails, too. "Our crews work hard to make sure our lands are not only well-maintained, but also ready for recreators to get out and enjoy them," said Dan DeVoe, Baker District Maintenance Manager with the Department of Natural Resources. "As we're out working on these trails, we're seeing bags of dog poop everywhere – in our parking lots, on the sides of trails, and even in our bathrooms. Not only is this harmful to the incredible environment we all love and appreciate, but it also takes up crew time that could otherwise be used to keep up with general maintenance and support of our trails."

"We encourage people to purchase whatever kind of poop bags they feel comfortable using. But for the safety and health of everyone, full dog poop bags need to get carried to the nearest trash can. Scoop it, bag it, and carry it all the way to the trash," said Commissioner Peter Browning, Chair of the Skagit Board of County Commissioners.

Skagit County's Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program has been working since 2010 to reduce harmful fecal bacteria pollution in Skagit County's surface waters. The pollution comes from failing septic systems, farms, dog poop, and illegal dumping. When pollution sources are found, the County works with community members to find a solution.

The problem of dog poop in yards and on trails has become more apparent in recent years as the PIC Program has worked to find sources of pollution. As a result, we have partnered with Whatcom County, the humane society, local veterinarians, and dog trainers to launch a campaign to encourage dog owners to scoop the poop on trails and in yards.

Find more information about the campaign at [www.scoop-poop.org](http://www.scoop-poop.org). For questions or more details, please contact Karen DuBose, Skagit County Pollution Identification & Correction Coordinator, at [kdubose@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:kdubose@co.skagit.wa.us) and 360-416-1460.

### A word from your GREEN Committee

Did You

Know?

The Green Committee is a great place to make new friends and help out the community. Come check us out at 9 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month in the conference room in the clubhouse.

The new guidelines for the Green Committee have been approved by the Shelter Bay Board of Directors and are posted at: [https://shelterbay.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Green-Guidelines-5\\_24-.pdf](https://shelterbay.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Green-Guidelines-5_24-.pdf)

These guidelines replace the previous guidelines of the Lot Committee and Greenbelt Committee.

### Communiversy – Water, Water Everywhere: A Maritime History of Skagit County



Cookies and coffee, as well as friendship, were enjoyed prior to this presentation which brought close to 50 people to the Clubhouse.

You can view it now at [https://youtu.be/ckQ7XA\\_DFWs](https://youtu.be/ckQ7XA_DFWs)

## Area Happenings



La Conner Classic Boat and Car Show, **Saturday, August 3**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

What else is happening in La Conner?

For a comprehensive list of events, head to <https://www.lovelaconner.com>.

Riverwalk Concert Series, **Thursdays**, 6-8 p.m., Mount Vernon, [www.mountvernonchamber.com/riverwalk-concert-series/](http://www.mountvernonchamber.com/riverwalk-concert-series/)

La Conner Polo Club, Pacific Northwest Circuit Centennial Cup, **Saturday, August 3 at 10 a.m. to Sunday, August 4 at 4 p.m.**, 16278 La Conner-Whitney Road.

Pacific Northwest Circuit Women's Challenge follows from Thursday, August 15- Sunday, August 18, 2024.

Skagit County Museum <https://skagitcounty.net/Departments/HistoricalSociety/main.htm>

Skagit City Schoolhouse, located on Fir Island, Mount Vernon presentation, "The Skagit Queen Mine in the Silver Basic: Gold, Silver, and Lead!", **Sunday, August 18**, presented by Dr. Jesse Kennedy III.

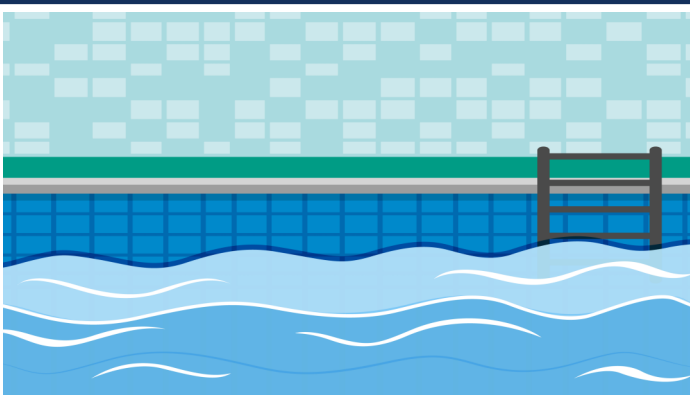
Thursday-Sunday, **August 8-11**, Skagit County Fair @ Skagit County Fairgrounds, [www.skagitcounty.net/departments/fair/main.htm](http://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/fair/main.htm)

Museum of Northwest Art, <https://www.monamuseum.org>

**Are you looking for forest hikes?** The Anacortes Community Forestlands has over 50 miles of multiple-use trails, as well as hikes for children and families and a monthly senior stroll.

<https://www.friendsoftheacfl.org>

## Pool Schedule



The pool will be open until September 2, 2024, with extended hours, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., with the following schedule:

**Adult Swim** – Daily 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Water Aerobics** – Monday & Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Open Swim** -Daily 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Go to [www.shelterbay.net](http://www.shelterbay.net) for complete details.

## FREE SHREDDING EVENT

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Event will take place in the parking lot next to the Shelter Bay Clubhouse/office.

Paper only. No plastic, metal binder clips, or 3-ring binders

Contact [kemerson@shelterbay.net](mailto:kemerson@shelterbay.net) with questions.

**SEE YOU September 14**

# Shelter Bay Happenings



## MUSIC ON THE GREEN

Music by BroHamM

**Sunday, Aug. 11**  
**4:00-6:00**

**\*\* BYOB \*\* Chairs**

**\*\* A Dish to Share**

**\*\* Food to BBQ**

**Paper Goods Provided**

**@ BBQ Shelter**

## Mark Your Calendar—Welcoming Happy Hour!



Welcoming Happy Hour -- Save the Date!  
September 12, 5-6:30 p.m. at the BBQ pavilion by the clubhouse.

Come join the Social & Recreation Committee as we welcome new residents to Shelter Bay!

It's a great opportunity to come meet your neighbors.

Please bring an appetizer to share & BYOB.

## Shelter Bay Back to School Bash Wednesday August 21st 12:30-2:00

\* Swimming is available. Must be accompanied by an adult and a signed Shelter Bay Pool Waiver.



Presented by Shelter Bay Social and Rec

## Pizza, Fun, Games and Prizes

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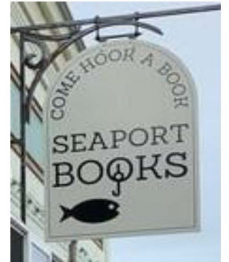
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**Donations: Mondays 1 - 3pm**

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Non-profit shop sends proceeds back to our community.



**Shelter Bay Real Estate News**

[HTTPS://www.shelterbaylaconner.com](https://www.shelterbaylaconner.com)

Tim Good (360) 708-3828

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Before spending the day at the **La Conner Classic Boat & Car Show**, stop by the Inn for our Annual

## Pancake Breakfast

Enjoy your pancakes with bacon, sausage, coffee, juice, fruit, and a selection of toppings!

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# August 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <b>9am</b> Facilities and Amenities Committee Meeting—Canceled	2	3
4	5 <b>10am</b> Safety Committee Meeting—Canceled	6 <b>9am</b> Architectural Compliance Committee <b>2pm</b> Rules Committee Meeting	7 <b>3pm</b> Finance Committee Meeting—Canceled	8 <b>9am</b> Green Committee Meeting <b>1:30pm</b> Communications Committee Meeting—Canceled	9	10
11 <b>4pm</b> Music on the Green—Live Music	12 <b>10am</b> CERT Advisory Committee Meeting—Canceled	13 <b>3pm</b> Harbor Committee Meeting—Canceled	14 <b>2pm</b> Social & Recreation Committee Meeting—Canceled	15	16	17
18	19 <b>4pm</b> Community Committee Meeting	20 <b>9am</b> Architectural Compliance Committee Meeting	21 <b>12:30pm</b> Shelter Bay Back to School Bash—Pizza, Fun, Games & Prizes <b>4pm</b> Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meeting—Canceled	22 <b>9am</b> Green Committee Meeting	23 <b>12pm</b> Newsletter Articles Due for September	24
25 <b>7pm</b> Town Hall—Canceled	26	27	28	29	30	31

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