

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

Community Town Hall

Sunday, September 22, 2024, at 7 p.m.
at the Shelter Bay Clubhouse.
Send questions to board@shelterbay.net.
Watch for follow-up emails and website reminders.

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Martha's Beach Hours

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

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.



FREE SHREDDING EVENT

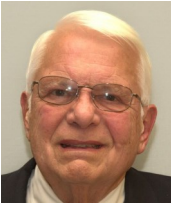
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Event will take place in the parking lot next to the Shelter Bay Clubhouse/office.
Paper only. No plastic, metal binder clips, or 3-ring binders
Contact kemerson@shelterbay.net with questions.
SEE YOU September 14

Kids Are Back in School

The lazy days of summer have ended. School opens this month. Please watch out for children and give yourself a little extra time in the morning to get places, as you may be caught behind a bus. Remember: never pass a school bus when the lights are flashing, as children come from both sides of the road.



President's Message



Since there was no Board Meeting in August and several Committees canceled their meetings, I don't have much to report on this month. August has been a very busy month for the Shelter Bay Staff. Please read **Bill Palmer's** article for a rundown of all their projects.

During my travels around the community, it was great to see people enjoying the good weather by being outside. Gardens were full of flowers and vegetables. My rhubarb is on the second cutting, and I've received lots of zucchinis, which complemented some donated crab. What a bounty there is in the Skagit Valley. I also attended an outdoor dinner party with twenty Shelter Bay residents. I heard many comments about the friendships that had developed since moving to Shelter Bay. That has certainly been my experience.

Community Manager Bill Palmer set up a meeting with Mayor Marna Hanneman, Administrator and Attorney Scott Thomas, and Public Works Director Brian Lease with the Town of La Conner. A family emergency called Bill away, and Brian was on vacation. However, we held the meeting anyway. **Lawson Earl**, Project Manager, **Ann Serwold**, Executive Secretary to the Board, and myself met with Marna and Scott. The goal of these meetings is to share information on issues that collectively affect our communities. These meetings are very informal, and we have invited the Swinomish to join us moving forward. There is an essential connection between the Town of La Conner, the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, and the Shelter Bay Community, and we hope to foster that connection through these meetings.

Lease Update:

A meeting between Shelter Bay's lease attorney and our appraiser, as well as the Swinomish attorneys and appraiser, is scheduled for September. This group will work out details of agreeing on the value of leased land, and a method of proceeding if the parties can't agree. This is an important meeting. At an earlier meeting of the Shelter Bay and Swinomish lease groups, the Swinomish presented a term sheet with some proposed rental rates and other details. This was before the Shelter Bay lease group had developed a new lease structure and sought BIA comments. During August, the Swinomish requested a response to the term sheet. Shelter Bay has responded with a counter-proposal, which is under review by the Swinomish.

The Board will hold its Annual Retreat in October this year. We look forward to working on the Community goals and sharing the outcome with you in the fall.

Coquille Park Reconstruction Begins



Since the Board approved the plans to renovate the old (upper) pool house with volunteers doing much of the work, construction on Coquille Park has begun.

Once complete, the 20' x 30' building will include a 20' x 20' open room (for meetings, club gatherings, and family functions), a unisex restroom, interior storage (for tables, chairs, etc.), and exterior storage (for pickleball and other area activity equipment). There will be a kitchenette with a sink, and a water fountain (with a bottle filler) will be included. Some small appliances may be added later.

[To see the construction plans, click here.](#)



Photos by Peter Volum

You should have received an email if you responded that you could assist with this project in last October's Coquille Park survey. If it did not reach you or you would like to volunteer now, please email coquille@innomm.com, and indicate your Name, Address, Phone, Email, and **area(s) of experience**.

Contractors are handling the concrete, plumbing, and electrical work; however, we still need people with experience in carpentry (framing, door & window installation), drywall board installation on walls with joint compound and texture application, batt-wall and attic insulation, acoustical ceiling grid system, and landscaping.

This community-wide team effort is sure to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

***Thank you, volunteers! Your dedication and hard work are invaluable.
You are the reason why Shelter Bay is a better home for all of us.***

Community Manager's Message



Greetings from the Shelter Bay Community Office.

Pool Update—The Pool will most likely be closed for renovation once this article is published. I want to extend a huge thank you to all those involved in getting the pool up and running this past summer. A big shout-out to our Maintenance Department and Project Manager for all their hours, allowing the pool to be operational for as many days as possible. It certainly received a significant amount of use, and we look forward to having an even better facility once the refurbishment project is completed.

Playground update – We are still awaiting final permit approval to begin the installation. Once all our paving projects are completed, we will focus on this important item.

Coquille Park – The old Pool building renovations have begun. At the time of this writing, most of the interior, siding, and sidewalks have been demolished in preparation for renovation of the building and surrounding area. This will include a new handicap-accessible bathroom along with other interior finishes creating a new space that can be utilized for a variety of events/functions.

Roads/Pavement – As I write this article, the Boat Launch parking lot is almost 100% complete, with all the major asphalt work and curbing finished. We still need to repaint the parking space striping and reinstall the curb stops. We have also been working on some of the roadways deemed worst in the most recent road assessment, which should be completed by the time this newsletter comes out. The next big paving project is the Marina parking lot by C & D docks. The paving company has also taken care of various road patches due to prior water leaks, etc. Our Project Manager will also be in contact with PSE regarding some work they previously did on Wanapum that we believe caused some of the water flow issues we have there during the wet season. We are working hard to complete this before returning to the rainy months. Our goal is to eliminate this once and for all.

Roadway Line Painting—As most of you have probably noticed, we have begun the line painting and should have most of this done by mid-September, including the fog lines. As previously mentioned, in addition to paint, we are also applying reflective beads with the paint to make it easier to see at night.

Maintenance Department – August saw several water leaks that our team jumped on as quickly as they were identified. As a reminder, in some instances, due to the nature of the break, we may have to issue a boil water notice to affected properties. When this occurs, we must take a sample into the lab to ensure the water is safe to drink. This testing typically takes up to 72 hours before we receive results from the Lab. We strive to update information as quickly as possible. Please note that in order to receive these notices, you need not opt out from receiving the notices. If you have not been receiving notices or are uncertain, please contact the Shelter Bay office, and one of the staff members can assist you in ensuring you are set up correctly.

Golf Course/Greenbelts/Ditches – With the addition of a summer staff member, the golf course area was given more attention, and the entire course looks much better, with most of the long grasses being attended to. Last month, I mentioned we were working on golf course irrigation, and we just recently replaced a number of our sprinkler heads that were not functioning properly. We will also focus more on greenbelt areas to ensure we stay on top of those. Lastly, the company that does our ditch mowing visited at the tail end of July and could only do a portion of the ditches due to their already full schedule. We are actively working on getting them back in as soon as possible to complete all of the others and to make another pass on those previously mowed.

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



Fire District 13
 July 15—August 15, 2024
Shelter Bay Response Summary

Medical Calls	17
Service Call	6
<u>Special Incident Call</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Responses	24



*Aurora from
Bow, WA

Photo by
Lawson Earl*

From Your Rules Committee – Political Signs

It's election season again, and with it comes the always-asked question about allowing political signage. Members should familiarize themselves with the [Shelter Bay Rules and Regulations, Part 1](#), Section 11.3, regarding signage, before calling the office. All governing documents are available on the website.

Political signs may be displayed for candidates running for political office and/or ballot issues in any election in which all members of the community can be eligible to vote. Political signs shall be limited to one sign per candidate and per issue, shall be placed within the boundaries of the lot, shall not exceed 2' by 2' in size, and shall be attached to the structure or on a post not over 4' high. If attached to a post, the sign shall be located within the boundaries of the lot and located in such a manner as to not obstruct the view of the roadway. Political signs may not be posted in a greenbelt area.

As a reminder, political signs may be posted up to four weeks prior to the election (October 8 or after) and must be removed within 48 hours after the general election (by November 7, 2024).

Rainbow Bridge Lighting Update

Rainbow Bridge is the most significant feature of the visual character of the Town and Shelter Bay community. For those of us who are privileged to live here, the lighted Bridge signifies "Home."

The Shelter Bay "Light Brigade" has been formed to fund the permitting, installation, and maintenance of lights on the south side of the Bridge in partnership with the Town of La Conner. Employing the same process and technology used by the Town, we can create a unified look for the Bridge, reinforcing the close bonds between Shelter Bay and the Town.

We have received \$7,000 in pledges to date, and we thank our partners. In our push to reach the funding goal of \$13,000, we seek your financial support through our "pledge now, pay later" process. Pledges now will demonstrate support in our negotiations with partnering agencies, and payment later (probably November) will fund the permitting and installation.

To submit your pledge, click here: [Click here for Pledge Form](#)

Updates will appear in the Shelter Bay Newsletter. Additional information is available at: https://shelterbay.net/?page_id=1902&preview=true

Dock Notes



Photos by Lawson Earl

The resurfacing project at the A/B Docks and boat ramp lot is complete! We appreciate everyone's patience and willingness to park inconveniently elsewhere during the extended closure. Boaters and fishers who use that lot will notice an increased turning radius, which should help when pulling off the

boat ramp. You'll also see that reconfiguring the trailer/tow vehicle area has added more parking spaces for those long rigs. Parking rules remain as follows: Permits are required if parking overnight, 72-hour limit in trailer/tow vehicle spots, and trailers cannot be left without a tow vehicle. Please see the office staff for parking permits.



Garden Club News for July



Thank you to Larry and Nadine Lien for donating a Driftwood Tree. Larry helped me put the Driftwood Tree together, and then we decided to attach it to the stump in the first driftwood garden we created. Steve helped me attach it to the stump with the stand it came with. After looking at it for a few days, Fred, Berit, and I decided that it would look better to drill a hole in the stump and attach it that way. Fred drilled the hole, and we placed the tree in the stump and secured it. We liked the tree in the stump so much that Fred and I decided to make another one and put it in a stump in another garden.

Kasey Jensen weeded the entrance garden. Larry Houghton weed-wacked around the BBQ Area.

Berit watered pots around the Clubhouse, weeded, and helped me dispose of the clippings and weeds.

The Garden Club volunteered 52 hours this month. Thank you for all you have done to make our Gardens look great. Your dedication and hard work have truly made a significant difference, and we are grateful for your contributions.

Happy Gardening,
Linda Shipley
July 2024

Garden Club News for August

We have been busy this month with many projects. Fred and I created a Light/Driftwood design at A Dock. Berit and I raked pine needles and pinecones. We had a Garden Work Party at the Clubhouse. Katie Lucas, Diane Berglund, Janel Nelson, Kim Robinson, and I got all the gardens weeded and looking good. Berit has been keeping the blue pots at the Clubhouse watered all summer and looking good. Diane Berglund weeded the garden at A dock, and it looks great.

The Garden Club worked 15 hours this month. If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, you can contact me at 425-870-6390.

Happy Gardening,
Linda Shipley



Community – Volunteer Basic Training to Help Others in a Disaster



When: Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Where: Clubhouse and Zoom

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Learn about potential disasters and how you can help people in need. Topics include personal and team safety, Shelter Bay Disaster Assistance facilities, and Disaster Assistance management.

“It’s a disaster when the usual emergency responders are overwhelmed with calls for service. It may be hours before outside help arrives. Volunteers are the help until outside assistance is here.”

Presenter Ted Taylor, Captain, Emergency Management, Fire District 13, Shelter Bay Safety Committee, and Skagit Bay Marine Search and Rescue. Ted aims to help people in trouble by effectively using available resources.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/2JCN7TAxwrfvGuZ1A>



July's Shelter Bay Happenings

Music on the Green



Photos by Lois Watson

Back-to-School Bash



Photos by Lois Watson

Area Happenings

What's happening in La Conner?

For a comprehensive list of events, head to

<https://www.lovelaconner.com>.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Open House and Flight Line 5K Run <https://whidbey.navy.mil/whidbeyopenhouse>

Ault Field, **Saturday, September 7, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** Guests should enter the base through Charles Porter Gate, 685 Christian Road, Oak Harbor. The Open House will include a 5K run around the flight line, with the gate opening at 7 a.m. for registration. Everyone over 18 is required to have a photo ID for entry.

Skagit County Museum <http://www.skagitcounty.net/museum>

Skagit City Schoolhouse, located on Fir Island, Mount Vernon, "A River in Time: Geologic Evolution of the Skagit River Watershed," **Sunday, September 8, 2-4 p.m.**, presented by Dr. Jon Riedel. For additional offerings in September and beyond, visit the website above.

Greenbank Harvest Faire <https://whidbeycamanoislands.com/event/greenbank-farm-harvest-faire/>

Sunday, September 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 765 Wonn Road, Greenbank, WA on Whidbey Island.

Swinomish Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Learning Series. **Tuesday, September 10, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, Geohazards. Register at <https://sitcgov.us/ELS2024-Registration>. You can also attend by Zoom.



Swinomish Emergency Preparedness Fair, **Saturday, September 14, 2-7 p.m.**, John K. Bob Ball Park on the Swinomish Reservation. Bring your children.

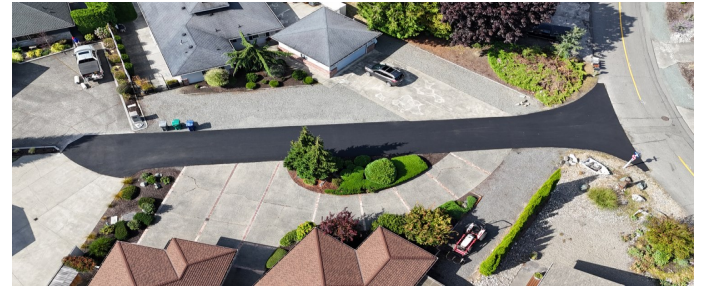
Museum of Northwest Art, <https://www.monamuseum.org>

Classes are available for children and adults.

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

<https://www.friendsoftheacfl.org>

Shelter Bay Paving & Striping Projects Moving Along



Swinomish News
Department of Emergency Management

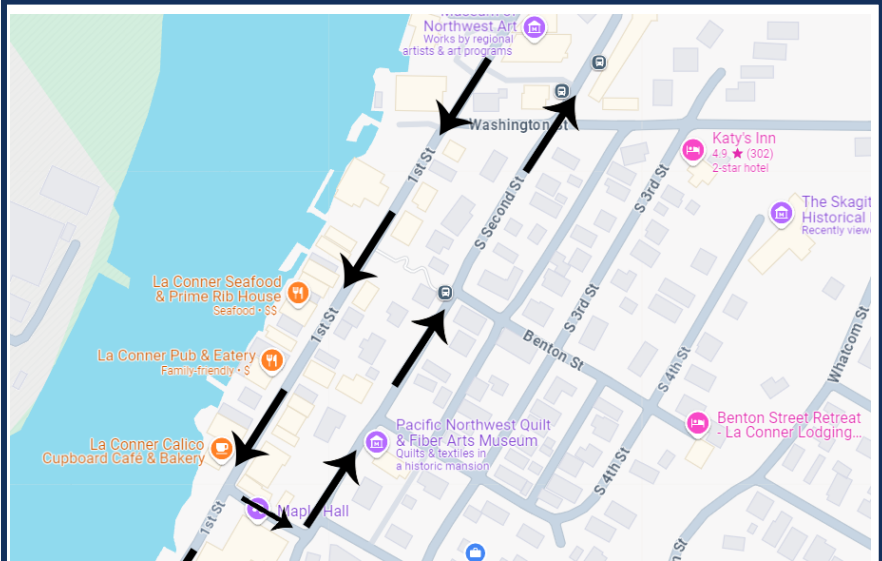
Be Ready When Disaster Strikes!

PREPAREDNESS FAIR

SEPTEMBER 14, 3-7PM
JOHN K. BOB BALL PARK

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City of La Conner News – A New Way Around Town



Traffic direction around town will change on or about October 3, 2024. You will drive southbound on First Street toward Maple Hall from Morris Street, using Second Street to return to Morris Street. Both streets become one-way streets. Watch for more details as this date approaches.

Shelter Bay Happenings

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.

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Jackie Stone

I am retiring after many wonderful years & want to express how grateful I am to have worked with so many of you.

I'd like to introduce, Kristi Gabrielse. She is experienced with the Shelter Bay community and I think you will enjoy working with her.



You may reach her at (360)420-3119



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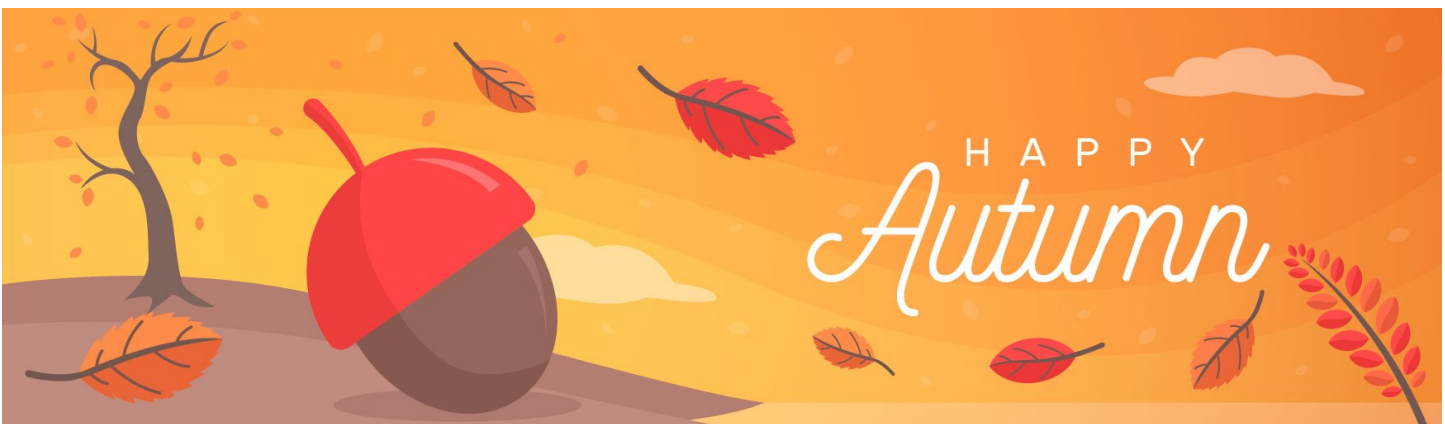


Shelter Bay Real Estate News

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

Tim Good (360) 708-3828

RSVP Real Estate
Mo Good (360) 441-9719

An aerial photograph of a marina filled with numerous sailboats docked in rows. The water is calm, reflecting the boats and the surrounding greenery. In the background, there are houses and a golf course. The sky is clear and blue. The text "Shelter Bay Real Estate News" is overlaid in large, semi-transparent blue letters at the top. Below it is a white box with the website URL. In the bottom left corner, there is a photo of a man (Tim Good) and his contact information. In the bottom right corner, there is a photo of a woman (Mo Good) and her contact information.

September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day Holiday Observed - Office Closed	3 9am Architectural Compliance Committee	4 3pm Finance Committee Meeting	5 9am Facilities and Amenities Committee Meeting	6	7
8	9 10am CERT Advisory Committee Meeting 3pm Safety Committee Meeting	10 12pm Rules Committee Meeting 3pm Harbor Committee Meeting	11 2pm Social & Recreation Committee Meeting	12 9am Green Committee Meeting 1:30pm Communications Committee Meeting 5pm Welcoming Happy Hour BBQ—Pavilion	13	14 9am Shredding Event (Free)
15	16 4pm Communiversity Committee Meeting	17 9am Architectural Compliance Committee 6:30pm Communiversity—Safety Committee Volunteer Training Presentation	18 4pm Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meeting	19	20	21
22 7pm Town Hall	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Clubs, Groups (classes), and 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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