

News

shelter bay community, inc. ™

October 2024



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

Community Town Hall

Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 7 p.m.

at the Shelter Bay Clubhouse.
Send questions to board@shelterbay.net
Watch for website reminders.

Martha's Beach Hours

(Note change of seasonal hours.)
October 1 – March 31
The Beach gate opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 7 p.m.

Committee Volunteers Needed!

Put your background or a particular hobby/interest to work for the Community. The Board of Directors is still seeking members for all committees, but there is an especially urgent need for some, such as the Green and Architectural Compliance Committees.

What does volunteering for a committee entail? Each committee is unique in its work and time commitment, but the more members, regular or alternate, the less work for everyone. Shelter Bay is organized with its committees at the heart and soul of its success, from the Social & Rec Committee, whose work you see through SB events, to the committees that work quietly in the background, getting things done. Most committees meet two hours a month with very few extracurricular time requirements. Others, such as the Green Committee, meet twice a month and have work monitoring Firewise cuts during the busy season and site visits for all other requests.

We encourage everyone to attend a meeting of a committee of interest. The reward and knowledge of being a part of the inner workings of the Community is priceless, along with developing new and lifelong relationships

within the Community.



Information on the committees' work is available on the website and at the office, along with the Membership Application.

Thank you,

Rick Parnell, Vice President

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Trick or Treat



Thursday, October 31, is Halloween, and we're hosting a TRUNK OR TREAT. This is a safe, well-lit way for Shelter Bay and surrounding community children to collect many treats in a concentrated area.

All residents are invited to drive to the Clubhouse parking lot at 4:30 p.m. and pass out candy from 5 - 7 p.m. from their trunks/hatches. Feel free to decorate your trunk for extra fun! Popcorn and warm cider will also be provided!

Trick-or-treating may still be done house to house between 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. An "invitation" to trick-or-treaters is indicated by leaving your front porch light on. If you don't want trick-or-treaters to show up at your doorstep, please leave your light off.

Trick-or-treaters of all ages can stop by the Business Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Halloween for a treat!

Community Website Assistance Needed



The Communications
Committee is looking for a
volunteer Community member
with a technology interest in
operating the current
WordPress Community website.
As a team member with the
current Web Manager you can

help make our website even better for everyone. Website design and operational experience would be desirable, but most important is an interest in text editing and routine updates as needed. If this interests you, please contact the Web Manager at: sbwebmaster@shelterbay.net.

President's Message



September was a busy month here in Shelter Bay. As you have traveled around the community, I'm sure you have seen some of the many improvements and works-in-progress. One of the things that went on behind the scenes was the first meeting of a coalition of the leaders of the Town of La Conner, the Swinomish Tribe, and the Shelter Bay Community.

Shelter Bay hosted this initial meeting, which was attended by Mayor Marna Hanneman and City Administrator Scott Thomas of the Town of La Conner; Chairman Steve Edwards, Vice Chair Alana Quintasket, and General Manager Jennifer LePointe of the Swinomish Tribe; Board President Rod Proctor, Community Manager Bill Palmer, and Project Manager Lawson Earl from Shelter Bay Community.

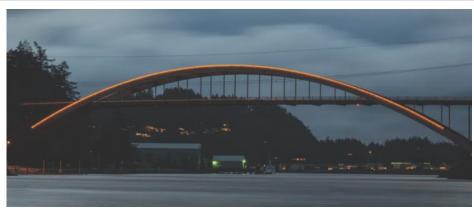
These three communities have mutual interests in each other. Having the ability to meet quarterly and discuss these interests will provide valuable future planning information. These meetings are informal, and the topics will vary. The Town of La Conner will host the next meeting in January.

I attended a Newcomers Event hosted by the Social and Recreation Committee. I met many new community members and was pleased to hear their initial impressions of Shelter Bay. One of the comments I heard from everyone was the reception they had from their new neighbors. We are a very welcoming community. These events will continue to be held quarterly. I invite you to attend and meet our new residents at the next event.

I have a big ask for volunteers. The Green Committee needs some additional members as soon as possible. This is an important committee that is essential to enhancing and protecting our green environment. I would like some of you to come to a Green Committee meeting and see if you would like to help us do this important work. The next meeting is October 10 9-11 a.m. in the clubhouse.

Finally, in September, Shelter Bay's real estate appraiser and attorney met with the Swinomish Tribe's appraiser and attorneys to discuss land valuation methodologies. This is one more step toward finalizing the details of a new lease.

Rainbow Bridge Lighting Update - WE ARE SO CLOSE!



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

A BIG THANK YOU to all our pledge partners! We have received \$10,875 in pledges and are within \$2,125 of our target of \$13,000. Our pledges average \$247, so we only need 9 more benefactors at that amount (or more)

to reach our goal! We are SO CLOSE...Please help us with our final push to reach our target. We welcome your pledge of financial support through our "pledge now, pay later" process. Pledges now will demonstrate support in our negotiations with partnering agencies, and payment later (probably in November) will fund the permitting and installation.

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 La Conner.

To submit your pledge, click here: Pledge Form.

Updates will appear in the Shelter Bay Newsletter. Additional information is available at:

https://shelterbay.net/?page_id=1902&preview=true

Community Manager's Message



Pool Update – The Pool Project is underway, and as I write this, most of the demo work on the fencing, sidewalks, and pool decking has already taken place. Krisco Pools & Spas was out the week of September 23 and has done additional demolition on the pool plaster. They will also be handling the replastering of the pool, putting in the new pool tile and coping. Another big part of the project they are handling is all the new equipment, associated piping and pumps, heating, electrical, etc. Another company will come in towards the tail end of the project to install the new fencing. We are happy that we were able to make the pool available for use this past summer and look forward to

having the renovation completed as soon as possible. We are currently estimating some time towards the end of December or the first half of January.

Playground update – We are working through some challenges related to permitting for the playground. This is tied to a change in Wetland Buffer requirements at the current location. We are looking at other potential locations and hope that this issue will be closer to being resolved by the time the October Newsletter is published.

Coquille Park—Work continues at the former upper Pool Building. As previously identified, a new handicap-accessible bathroom will be added along with other updated interior finishes, creating a new space that can be utilized for various events/functions. As of this writing, the plumbing has been roughed in and inspected. Given some of the challenges we are facing related to permitting at the current playground location, we are investigating the possibility of relocating the new Playground equipment to this area. This is still subject to Board approval.

Roads/Pavement—Both of the Marina Parking lots are now complete. Most of the striping in both lots has also been completed, with a few no-parking zone markings to be completed soon. In my September article, I advised that we were also working on some of the roadways deemed worst in the most recent road assessment. Those have also been completed. Our Project Manager is also working diligently to get the roadway water flow issues on Wanapum cured before the wet and frosty winter months.

Maintenance Department – The team stays busy starting each day at the community's sewer plant, constantly cleaning, monitoring, and testing to ensure ongoing compliance. They then turn their attention to all the other areas of Shelter Bay, including attending to any water leaks as soon as they are identified. Fortunately, the number of leaks dropped from August to September. They were able to take care of all the roadway center line painting, and have now turned their attention to getting all the fog lines done. Hopefully, these will be completed in the next 30 to 60

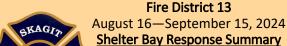


Photo by Lawson Earl

days. The team continues to work on various other maintenance issues throughout the community in our common areas, including the golf course, parks, greenbelts, and ditches. We were also able to get the ditch mowing company back out in September, and he did a more thorough job this time. We plan to increase the number of times this gets done yearly.

As always, a big thanks to all our community volunteers and, of course, our dedicated SBC Staff.

Warm Regards, Bill Palmer Community Manager

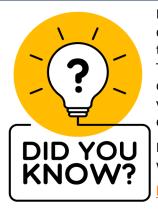


Shelter Bay Response Summary

Medical Calls 10 Service Call 1 Special Incident Call

Total Responses 12

Tax Relief - SITC



If you have a combined household gross income of \$35,000 or less, and are a senior or are disabled and receiving Social Security or Veterans Affairs Disability payments, you can apply to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community for a reduction in your Use & Occupancy Tax. This ANNUAL request must be in the form of completing the Exemption Claim Form. The due date is December 31 of the year prior to the year the taxes are due. You must have used your address as your Principal Place of Residence during the tax year in which the exemption is requested.

For more information and the form, please go to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community website using the link below, or call them at (360) 542-7622 for more information.

https://swinomish-nsn.gov/media/88294/exemptionclaimform.pdf

Safety Committee Shakeout



Worried About Earthquakes?

The media floods us with images of disasters, which don't help in these tense times. There are excellent ways to discover the real facts about earthquakes, which leads to peace of mind.

A nationally observed program called "The Great Shakeout" reminds us each October 17 that we live in seismically active areas. Some simple Great Shakeout steps provide a plan to prepare for an earthquake.

Search online for "Great Shakeout 2024 in Washington" and you'll find a fascinating site that provides help for creating your own Earthquake Preparedness Plan.

Be Prepared - and be at ease!

Personal, Animal, and Traffic Awareness





October brings darker mornings and evenings. The Safety Committee recommends wearing brightly colored clothing or a reflective vest when walking or cycling. It would be best if you also got a reflective vest for your pet. You might consider carrying a flashlight. Cyclists should announce their approach to walkers (saying "on your right" or "on your left", or getting a ringer or bell for your bike). Walkers, cyclists, and

drivers need to stay attentive. Watch for deer and other animals. Avoid talking on your cell phone, and pay attention to traffic. If you must use your cell phone, move to a more protected area to complete your call. Drivers, remember to pull off the road and turn off your vehicle to use your cell phone. Follow the speed limit of 25 mph on Shelter Bay Drive, 15 mph on Shoshone Drive by the playground and tennis courts, and 20 mph on all other streets.



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

Special Board Meeting September 19, 2024

- 1) Approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee to explore the relocation of the new playground equipment to Coquille Park.
- 2) Adopted Resolution 24-15 Updated Organization Chart.
- 3) Authorized Fund Expenditure for Sewer Plant Roof as Capital Expense.
- 4) Appointed the following committee members:
 - a. Mike Shannon, Chair of the Architectural Compliance Committee
 - b. Jerry Sturm as a Regular Member of the Architectural Compliance Committee
 - c. Alan Dietz as an Alternate Member of the Facilities and Amenities

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Company Board Meeting September 18, 2024 No Meeting

Communiversity – Understanding Worldwide Religion

Shelter bay Community University When: Tuesdays, October 15, 22, and 29,

November 19 and 26 (5 sessions)

Where: Clubhouse and Zoom

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Religion impacts us daily: foreign policy, government decisions, social interactions, and the wars we fight. What is religion, why do people believe it, where did it come from, and why don't most people talk openly about it? What are the similarities, differences, and benefits to followers of the major religions? What trends can we identify? These and other questions will be discussed, along with your own experiences with religion, in this "no-judgment" course. This course teaches about religions, not favoring any as true or better than another.

Presenter Jim Barrett has a doctorate in Adult Education and Communication. He was employed at the University of Washington for 32 years and regularly teaches at Anacortes Senior College and Shelter Bay Community.

Register at: https://forms.gle/d6Ur4rEFXB4iMghu7.

Communiversity – The World of Honeybees: A Deep Dive into the Hive

Community University

When: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 Where: Clubhouse and Zoom Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Explore the fascinating world of honeybees in this engaging talk. Learn about the intricate behaviors, social structures, and vital roles these tiny pollinators play in our ecosystem. From a bee's life cycle to honey production, this course provides an in-depth understanding of the hive's inner workings. Whether you're a novice or a seasoned beekeeper, you'll gain valuable insights into sustainable beekeeping practices and the importance of protecting these essential creatures. Join us to discover how honeybees contribute to biodiversity and our food supply.



Marie's Bees
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Presenter Marisa Papetti, a Beekeeper and Artisan Entrepreneur, founded Marie's Bees. With over eight years of beekeeping experience, she creates unique honey products. Marisa's passion extends beyond honey; she educates others about pollinators and sustainable practices.

Register at: https://forms.gle/yJ1Mss1PE5LrVZEHA.

Dock Notes



What small, aggressive sea creature has five spines next to its eyes and can eat 40 clams a day? It's the most unwelcome new visitor to our waterways – the European Green Crab or EGC. The name can fool you: these little beasts can also be brown, red, or orange. Regardless of color, these voracious predators are considered one of the world's most invasive species and they're now being found in Salish Sea's intertidal areas, threatening shellfish and salmon habitat. The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife has a trapping program underway to assess the range and effects of the EGC. Shelter Bay Harbor has been

identified as one of the locations in which traps may be set for a short time this autumn in the effort to control the spread of this crab. We will provide updates on how to identify the State traps when a schedule is confirmed. In the meantime, you can learn more about the peril European Green Crabs present to our local waterways by visiting: European green crab | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

Garden Club News



The Garden Club has had another busy month. We completed four areas.

- Berm by Clubhouse: Berit, Janel, Mary, Linda
- White Picket Fence Garden: Diane, Berit, Mary, Janel, Linda
- Triangle Garden: Patty, Kim, Diane, Berit, Ellen, Janel, Linda
- Lighthouse Garden: Berit, Diane, Janel, Linda



I want to thank Barbara and Greg Nelson for helping the Garden Club by weeding the Driftwood Tree Garden. I have been posting our Garden Work parties on the Shelter Bay Residents Facebook page so the community can see our progress in maintaining the gardens and the volunteers who make it happen. We worked 92 hours.

If you want to join the Garden Club, contact me at 425-870-6390. Happy Gardening, Linda Shipley

Area Happenings

What's happening in La Conner? For a comprehensive list, head to https://www.lovelaconner.com. Brew on the Slough, October 12; Arts Alive, October 25, 26, 27, and 28.

https://festivaloffamilyfarms.com., October 5-6. This weekend, you can have a hands-on experience learning what it takes to run a farm, from growing crops to feeding animals. Kid activities and family fun!

<u>www.skagitcounty.net/museum</u>. **October 13, 2-4 p.m.** Soul of the Skagit: Climate Change, Conservation, and our Connection with Nature, photographer and author Christian Murillo. **October 20, 2-4 p.m.** Cokedale: A Failed Dream, historian Jesse G. Kennedy, PhD. Both these speakers will be at the Skagit City Schoolhouse, 17508 Moore Road, Mt. Vernon—members free or small donation.

Christianson's Nursery, Floral Workshop, Pumpkins and Petals, October 6, 1-2:30 p.m.; Fall Orchid Show, October 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Harvest Moon Market, October 25-27, 5-10 p.m., 765 Wonn Road, Greenbank. Harvest Moon Market will feature a haunted barn, trick -or-treating in the marketplace for littles, beer garden, live entertainment, and so much more!

Daimh Concert @ Littlefield Celtic Center, **October 29, 7 p.m.**, http://www.celticarts.org/event/daimh-concert.

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.

For more hikes, visit www.skagitlandtrust.org for directions to properties. These hikes are throughout Skagit County and can be done without a guide.



Shelter Bay Happenings

Stay Tuned—Coming Soon!

Sign-ups for our Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner catered at the Clubhouse.

Shelter Bay Chorus

It's not too late to join the Shelter Bay Chorus. We have just begun rehearsing for our December 13 and 14 Holiday Concerts. Rehearsals are every Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. If you love to sing, join this happy group! Questions? Call Joan at (360) 941-7507.



Shelter Bay Cider Squeeze

SB Community members are invited to a traditional apple cider event on November 2, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a private Shelter Bay home. You can bring your own apples or pears, or use apples from the bin of Yakima apples provided. Attendees can take home fresh squeezed cider, or combine their cider for a communal preparation of hard cider over the next 3-4 weeks. If you plan on taking home fresh cider, please bring your own jugs/bottles with caps.

Pressing your apples will probably take only an hour or so at the crush/squeeze event. People can come any time during the open hours. The process is to wash the apples in a dilute bleach solution, rinse them thoroughly, run them through the grinder, then put the mash in the press.

All ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided by the Social & Recreation Committee.

You must sign-up in the Shelter Bay office by Oct 25.

Further details will be emailed Oct 26 to residents on the sign-up list.



Shelter Bay Witches Paddle

Saturday October 26
11am -1pm
Boat Launch
Open To The Community
SUP, Kayak, Canoe
MUST HAVE PFD
Witches Garb preferred!
Hot beverages provided
No Matter the Weather



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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.

Windermere You may reach her at (360)420-3119





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Clothing, Housewares, Furniture, Collectibles, Linens, Books/Games/CDs/DVDs, Shoes, Art, Antiques, More!

Shopping: Fri-Sat-Sun, 11am - 5pm Donations: Mondays 1 - 3pm Corner of 3rd & Morris

New arrivals posted Thursdays on our Facebook page. Non-profit shop sends proceeds back to our community.







Happy Happy Halloween



October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9am Architectural Compliance Committee 2pm Rules Committee Meeting	2 3pm Finance Committee Meeting	3 9am Facilities and Amenities Committee Meeting	4	5
6	7 3pm Safety Committee Meeting	8 3pm Harbor Committee Meeting 4pm Communiversity — Bees	9 2pm Social & Recreation Committee Meeting	10 9am Green Committee Meeting 1:30pm Communications Committee Meeting	11	12
13	14 Holiday—Office Closed 4pm CERT (Held in Home due to SB holiday)	15 9am Architectural Compliance Committee 6:30pm Communiversity— Understanding World Wide Religion (series 1/5)	16 4pm Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meeting	17	18	19
20 7pm Town Hall	21 4pm Communiversity Committee Meeting	22 6:30pm Communiversity— Understanding World Wide Religion (series 2/5)	23	24 9am Green Committee Meeting	25	26 11am Witches Paddle— Clubhouse/BBQ
27	28	29 6:30pm Communiversity— Understanding World Wide Religion (series 3/5)	30	31 5pm Trunk or Treat—Marina Parking Lot		

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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