



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

Community Town Hall

Sunday, November 24, 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.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
FALL BACK

Set Your Clocks BACK an Hour
 Sunday, November 3, 2024

Join Us in Shaping Shelter Bay!

At Shelter Bay, our vibrant community thrives on the dedication and passion of its volunteers. The success of our standing and ad hoc committees relies on individuals like you, who are eager to enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community.

To operate effectively, each of our standing committees—Architectural Compliance, Green, Facilities and Amenities, Harbor, and Rules—requires five regular members to reach a quorum. We can't move forward with important decisions and projects without a quorum. By bringing on additional members we not only lighten the workload for everyone but also ensure that the absence of one member won't hold us back from making progress.

Our committees are involved in various exciting initiatives, from environmental projects to community improvements. If you want to make a tangible impact, we encourage you to explore one of Shelter Bay's committees and consider volunteering. Right now, the Green and Architectural Compliance Committees especially need passionate individuals.

Don't miss the opportunity to contribute to our community's growth and well-being. Join us in making Shelter Bay an even better place to live! Applications and more information are available at the Main Office and on the Website.

Thank you.
 Rick Parnell, Vice President

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Join Us for Thanksgiving Day Dinner



It's time to reserve your seat for the Shelter Bay Annual Thanksgiving Day catered dinner at the clubhouse.

Social Hour starts at 2 p.m., with Thanksgiving Dinner at 3 p.m.

A traditional Thanksgiving dinner with typical side dishes, including dessert, will be catered by Wayfinder Market. BYOB

\$25.00 per person. Please sign up and pay at the Shelter Bay office. **(no cash accepted at the office)**

Sign up deadline is November 21. No cancelations are allowed after the deadline date when the headcount has been given to the caterer.

*Residents, in the past, have brought their holiday place setting for the dinner instead of using the holiday paper plates and utensils provided by the Social & Recreation Committee.

Community Manager's Message



Greetings from the Shelter Bay Community Office

Pool Update – Work continues on the pool remodeling project. The weather has created a few delays, but we are still estimating project completion towards the end of December or first half of January.

Playground update – We continue to work through challenges related to playground permitting. This is tied to changes in Wetland Buffer requirements at the current location. We are investigating with the Swinomish Planning Department what type of mitigation we can do at the current location to solve the expanded buffer issue. We also continue to look at other potential locations and hope to have this resolved very soon.

Coquille Park—Work continues on the old Pool Building. It was determined that removing all the remaining cement pads and replacing everything made more sense than patching. The Board approved additional funds at the October Board meeting to complete this, along with other necessary changes.

Roads/Pavement – We have completed most of the planned paving projects. One of the completed streets is currently experiencing drainage issues created by the work done. The paving company is coming back to resolve the issue. We do not anticipate any additional paving projects until we get back into warmer spring weather. We have engaged Gray and Osborne Engineering to design a trench drain along the downhill side of Wanapum to direct the ongoing water flow down the road and into the ditch. Our goal is to implement this as quickly as possible. We continue to pursue contributing issues that PSE's work on the roadway may have caused.

Roadway Line Painting—The majority of the lines have now been painted. There are a few that we need to go back over, and we still need to do the lines at all the stop signs and the STOP stenciling.

Maintenance Department – The Maintenance Team continues to complete all their daily tasks along with a variety of other projects. One of the items we are now paying attention to is planning the switch over to drive-by water meters. This project was approved during the last budgeting cycle. Currently, we have approximately 50% of the meters that only need a new top to function as drive-by meters. The other 50% would need total meter replacement. The plan we are currently working on is to install the new tops on the existing newer meters, allowing those to be read via the drive-by system. We would then focus on switching over the remaining meters to completely new drive-by meters once we get into Spring/Summer. This should allow us to read the combination of the drive-by meters and the manually-read meters more quickly until we can complete all of them.

Golf Course/Greenbelts/Ditches—The team recently worked on some gravel paths along parts of Shelter Bay Drive and will continue to address them as time permits. As I wrote this, they were finishing up winterizing the golf course irrigation system to prevent freezing and line breaks. We will also produce a plan over the next few months to improve all the greens on the golf course.

Committees – A huge thanks to all the SBC committee members for their time at meetings, doing site visits, etc.... This is a vital part of the Shelter Bay Community, and we are always searching for additional committee members who can bring skills and knowledge to the table. If you have an interest in joining a committee, please get in touch with our committee Secretary, Renata McCauley, at 564-225-2941 or via email at rmccauley@shelterbay.net.

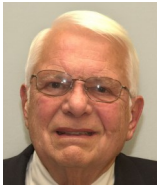
Warm Regards,
Bill Palmer
Community Manager



Shelter Bay Maintenance Crew

L-R: Larry Jepson, Robert Vandeventer (Maintenance Supervisor), Caleb McGrath, Grant Lakey, Patrick Chaires

President's Message



October brought shorter days, rain, wind, and cooler temperatures to our Shelter Bay Community. It also brought power outages that reminded us to get the flashlights out and keep our phones charged. The community is getting ready for Halloween with Trunk or Treat and the Witches Paddle. I'm writing this a week before these events, so look for some pictures in next month's newsletter.

October's Board Meeting was routine. The Town Hall meeting on the Sunday following the board meeting was lightly attended but lively and had a good exchange between the board members and community members. Please come and spend an hour with us at a Town Hall meeting. The Town Hall meetings are on the Sundays following the Board Meeting. They are in the Clubhouse from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. It's a great opportunity to learn from each other.

During the last week of October, we will have the Board Retreat and a meeting with the Swinomish Senators to work on more details of a new lease. Our Lease Negotiating Team has been busy working on details of the land appraisal process, speeding up the process of creating the substance of a new lease. I don't have anything specific to report this month. November should show an increase in the work on the valuation of the land we are leasing.

I want to remind you that the Social and Recreation Committee is again sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner. I attended this dinner last year. I had a great meal and a very good time visiting with others far from family on Thanksgiving. Be sure to make a reservation.

Lastly, be a volunteer and join a committee. Shelter Bay depends on volunteers to make the community responsive to our homeowners. Look at the Shelter Bay website for the committees and their various activities. Drop in to a meeting and see if it's a fit for you. It's also an opportunity to meet and make new friends.

Rainbow Bridge Lighting Update - WE MADE IT!

Rainbow Bridge is the most significant feature of the visual character of the Town of La Conner and Community of Shelter Bay. 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.

A BIG THANK YOU to all our pledge partners! We have exceeded our target of \$13,000. These pledges demonstrate Shelter Bay's support in our negotiations with partnering agencies. There may be some minor adjustments to the final contribution as budgets are updated and other conditions are discovered. Remember, this project was started three years ago! Stay tuned!

NEXT STEPS

Based on this success, I have asked for a meeting with Mayor Hanneman to discuss how the Town of La Conner can now take the lead in implementing the project. This will take some time, as agreements with the Town Council, Skagit County, and other stakeholders must be negotiated.

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

Updates will appear in the Shelter Bay Newsletter.

Additional information is available [here](#).

Ken Olsen

Firewise Action Plan

Renata McCauley, Shelter Bay Committee Secretary, has completed the Firewise USA program's annual requirements for 2024, and our community is a participating site in good standing throughout the 2025 calendar year.

Fire District 13 has stated that our Community is at high risk of wildland fire due to our proximity to forestlands. With that said, with the Firewise Program, the Community Manager and Board of Directors want to educate you on how to protect your home from wildland fires. Some benefits of this program are:

1. Get organized and find directions for wildfire safety.
2. Connect with experts, local fire firefighters, local Swinomish tribal professionals, state forestry professionals, and national researchers to continue learning about fire and finding resources to take fire-safe actions.
3. Feel safer in your environment and home as you will know how to reduce the risk of damage.
4. Get easier access to funding and assistance. If requests are equally worthy, some officials tend to have more confidence in communities that have demonstrated the foresight to become recognized Firewise USA sites.

"We can band together before a fire."

For more information on this program, ways to participate, and additional benefits, click here: <https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire/firewise-usa/firewise-usa-resources>.



Fire District 13

September 16—October 15, 2024

Shelter Bay Response Summary

Fires	1
Rescue & Emergency Medical Calls	14
Service Calls	4
Good Intent Calls	1
Total Responses	20

Safety Committee—Winterizing



Your Safety Committee suggests these guidelines for your Winter Preparation

Winter is traditionally the month of windstorms and power outages. Remember that the office does not know any more than you do as to when the power will come back on, so the best advice is to call Puget Sound Energy directly at 1-888-225-5773, or better yet, download PSE’s app at Google Play or the App Store for iPhone. This way, you can report and monitor outages from your cell phone! When you finish reading this newsletter, take a few minutes to prepare an emergency kit, insert fresh batteries in flashlights, and consider winterizing your water pipes to prevent freezing. Even though power outages and severe weather conditions don’t usually last more than 24 hours, good preparations can minimize their effect. Also, keep an eye on drainage ditches near your home. Remove accumulated debris to allow for free flow of stormwater.

Carolyn Caporgno, Vice Chairperson

Did You Know?



DID YOU KNOW?

Do you often wonder what’s happening in Shelter Bay? Well, there are many avenues to get this information. First, read the electronic sign and sandwich boards at our entrance/exit. Second, read the e-blasts sent out by the office. Third, read your monthly newsletter. Fourth, go to the Shelter Bay website. Each

carries news about water shutoffs, construction work, Town Hall meetings, Committee meetings, social events, and Communiversy educational opportunities.

If you are still missing events, go to the “Residents of Shelter Bay” group in Facebook. There are often posts about upcoming events in Shelter Bay that may be of interest to you. If you are not yet a member of that group, search for “Residents of Shelter Bay” in Facebook. Click on the group’s link when it comes up in the search results. When you get to that page, there should be a button near the upper righthand side of the page labeled “Follow.” Clicking that button should connect you with the group and allow the group’s posts to appear in your personal Facebook news feed. You may need to answer some questions from the group administrators before you get full access since it is a private group.

Garden Club News



The Garden Club has been busy getting the gardens ready for Fall. On October 1st we had a Bulb Planting Party. Mary Dietz, Jana Cushman, Berit Kenin, Patty Mueller, Diane Berglund, Kim Robinson, Lynn Parnell, and Linda Shipley had a great time planting 300 bulbs and weeding all the gardens.

Diane Berglund and I decorated the guard shack with fall decorations and pumpkins. We also put some pumpkins around the gardens at the Clubhouse. Happy Fall!

Berit Kenin and I took down the hanging baskets at the entrance to Docks A-E, loaded her trailer with the baskets and bags that we had from weeding, took it

all down to town, and disposed of it all. Then we went to get coffee and a treat. It was a fun day!

The Garden Club has everything wrapped up for the end of the gardening season!

Happy Gardening,
Linda Shipley

Dock Notes



The Marina has a few slips available in the 18', 22', 26', and 32' sizes now that seasonal tenants have pulled boats out for winter. If you want to be guaranteed a slip for your fishing boat in 2025, this is an excellent time to secure that moorage with a lease. Quite a few Community members were "waitlisted" this past year and couldn't keep their boats in the water during summer months because these smaller slips were filled. Those names have been moved to the top of next summer's waitlist, provided slips are available. It's recommended that you grab your slip now if you don't want to risk missing out on summer boating fun in 2025.

Vanessa Finch, Harbormaster
vfinch@shelterbay.net



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

Regular Board Meeting October 16, 2024

- 1) Authorized additional fund request of \$29,987 for Coquille Park Facility remodel.
- 2) Approved the write-off of \$795.19 in bad debt.
- 3) Approved the Soc & Rec Committee's request to sponsor a Bunco group.
- 4) Appointed the following committee members:
 - a. Phil Attneave, Chair of the Harbor Committee
 - b. Ann Lebel, Member of the Soc & Rec Committee

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Company Board Meeting October 16, 2024
No Meeting

CommuniversiTY –



When: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Where: Clubhouse and Zoom

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



*Photo of Poison Hemlock
Courtesy of Skagit County Noxious Weed Control*

This presentation will cover noxious weed basics, and best practices for identifying and controlling some of the most common noxious weeds in the Shelter Bay area.

Your instructor, Madelyn Loy, the Noxious Weed Coordinator for Skagit County, has finally found a way to use her ability to kill plants. She supports the Noxious Weed Control Board's mission to help Skagitonians identify and effectively control noxious weeds on their land using integrated pest management techniques. Before returning home to the Skagit Valley in November 2022, Madelyn worked on the Clark Public Utilities Watershed Enhancement Program in Clark County, WA.

Register at <https://forms.gle/rGkMrDFohftWrkcW6>

Shelter Bay Happenings

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To Signup or Ask Questions email:
paul@roseli.us

Brought to you by your Social and Recreation Committee

Pie Crust Demo + Hands-On/Take Home

Friday, November 22, 2:00-3:00 pm at the Clubhouse
(Register at the SB office. **Deadline November 15.**)

Just in time for holiday baking, this class will first demonstrate a simple, homemade, flour pie crust recipe using three different methods (food processor, pastry blade, two knives), each with a secret ingredient. Next, the instructor will make a fresh apple filling, and use the crust for a delicious pie we can enjoy at the end of class. Finally, each participant will make their own single pie crust to take home using either a pastry blade or two knives. Presented by community member Aven Wright-McIntosh.

Students should bring these if they have them:

- ◇ Rolling Pin
- ◇ Medium Mixing Bowl
- ◇ Pastry Blade or two table knives
- ◇ Set of Measuring Spoons
- ◇ Set of Measuring Cups
- ◇ Whisk or long-tined table fork
- ◇ Butcher knife
- ◇ Small spatula or spoon
- ◇ Pastry cloth

Area Happenings

[Veterans Day Parade](#), Anacortes Historic Downtown, Sunday, November 10, 1 – 3 p.m.

What's happening in La Conner? For a comprehensive list, head to <https://www.lovelaconner.com>.

Museum of Northwest Art, La Conner. [Free Public Docent-Led Tours](#), Saturday, November 9, 11 – 11:40 a.m. You can RSVP on the website.

[Jingle "Belles"](#) – A Ladies' Night of Shopping, Friday, November 22, 4 – 8 p.m. Downtown La Conner.

[Tiny Trees and More](#) (La Conner Swinomish Library Fundraiser), Saturday, November 23, 4 - 7 p.m., Maple Hall in La Conner.

www.skagitcounty.net/museum, Historical Museum annual fundraiser on Saturday, November 2, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Maple Hall in La Conner.

[Sedro Woolley Holiday Craft Fair](#), Saturday, November 9, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Sedro-Woolley Community Center.

[Rexville Grange Holiday Art Show](#), November 15-17 and November 23-24.

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 Happenings

Witches' Paddle



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Jackie Stone

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



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New arrivals posted Thursdays on our Facebook page.
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An aerial photograph of a marina filled with numerous sailboats docked in rows. The marina is surrounded by lush green trees and some buildings. The sky is clear and blue.

Shelter Bay Real Estate News

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November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 9am HAM Operator Technician Class 1 of 2
3  FALL BACK DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR	4 10am CERT CANCELLED 3pm Safety Committee Meeting	5 9am Architectural Compliance Committee 2pm Rules Committee Meeting	6 3pm Finance Committee	7 9am Facilities and Amenities Committee Meeting	8	9 9am HAM Operator Technician Class 2 of 2
10	11  HAPPY VETERANS DAY Veterans Day — Office Closed 10am CERT CANCELLED	12 3pm Harbor Committee Meeting 6:30pm Community— Noxious Weeds	13 2pm Social & Recreation Committee Meeting 6pm HAM Technician FCC Test	14 9am Green Committee Meeting 1:30pm Communications Committee Meeting	15	16
17	18 4pm Community Committee Meeting	19 9am Architectural Compliance Committee 6:30pm Understanding World Wide Religion 4/5	20 4pm Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meeting	21 DEADLINE Signup for Thanksgiving Day Dinner Today	22 2pm Cooking Demo— Pie Crust	23
24 7pm Town Hall	25	26 6:30pm Understanding World Wide Religion 5/5	27	28 Office Closed 2pm Thanksgiving Day Dinner Social Hour 3pm Thanksgiving Day Dinner	29 OFFICE CLOSED for the Thanksgiving Holiday 	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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