

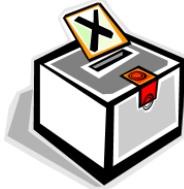


Shelter Bay Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 8am—5pm

Deadline for the Filing of Ballot Issues the May 17, 2025 Annual Election

Deadline for the Filing of Ballot Issues:

Please be advised that any ballot issues proposed for consideration at the May 17, 2025 Annual Membership Meeting and Election must be received by Ann Serwold, the Board’s Executive Secretary by **5:00 p.m.**,



Friday, January 31, 2025. These include proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, or the Protective Covenants which may be proposed by members or the Community Committees.

Changes in the Protective Covenants by Member Petition:

Per Article VI, Section 7, amendments to the Protective Covenants may be proposed by a petition signed by fifty (50) or more members in good standing. The proposed language contained in the petition does not require Board approval; however, it will be forwarded to legal counsel for review to ensure its legality prior to being placed on the ballot.

Thank you,
Monte Hicks
Board Secretary

Filing for Board Member Candidacy May 17, 2025 – Annual Membership Meeting/Election

Board Member Candidacy Deadline:

Three (3) three-year positions on the Board of Directors will be elected at the May 17, 2025 Annual Membership Meeting/Election to fill the three expiring terms held by Nancy Shimeall, Jack Galbraith, and Mike Shannon.

Members wishing to file should complete the Board Candidate Application Form, which is available on the website at www.shelterbay.net using the Governance pull-down to connect to the Board of Directors page or by calling/visiting the Office to request one. Anyone wishing to become a Board candidate must be a member in good standing in the Community.

Board candidates must file by no later than:

Monday – March 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

All interested members are encouraged to file.

Monte Hicks, Board Secretary

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.

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Still in need of Committee Volunteers!

At Shelter Bay, our vibrant community thrives on the dedication and passion of its volunteers. We want to thank the newest residents who have heeded our call to action, but there’s still a need. 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.

Community Manager's Message



Pool Update – Work continues on the pool remodeling project. Most of the pool structural work is now complete, and work has moved into the areas surrounding the pool to include a new pool deck, walkways, fencing, etc. The weather continues to create some delays, but we are still estimating project completion sometime over the next few months. We will provide updates as more information becomes available.

Playground—There is nothing new to report. The new equipment will most likely be installed in the Spring.

Marina – As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Vanessa Finch, our outstanding Harbormaster, has retired, and we wish her nothing but the best in all her future adventures. Our new Harbormaster, Derek Woods, joined the team at the beginning of December and had the opportunity to train with Vanessa for the month before her departure. We are confident that, between Derek and Steve Shipley, the Shelter Bay Marina will continue to be the high-quality amenity that the Community and all our Marina Tenants have become accustomed to enjoying.

Roads/Pavement—Staff have been working on the Wanapum water flow issue. Initially, we were installing a trench drain to collect the surface water, but we discovered there was still water flow beneath the trench drain and have since changed directions. We are now installing a French drain. We believe this will perform better, collecting surface water and allowing water flowing below the surface to be directed to the drainage ditch further down the road. This project should be completed towards the end of December.

Maintenance Department—The drive-by Water Meter project continues with the delivery of 500+ water meter tops for our newer water meters. Staff are gearing up to begin the installation process, which should be underway in January. As always, the maintenance team remains busy with all the other areas for which they are responsible. They also continue to enthusiastically take on new tasks as they are identified.

Coquille Park – Progress on the remodel of the old pool building at Coquille Park is ongoing, thanks to community volunteers working under the direction of the Facilities and Amenities Committee. When completed later this winter, it will house a handicapped-accessible restroom, storage, and a large open room reservable as community recreational space. The most recent work includes installing a new cement floor, doors, and windows. Next will be the exterior finish, completion of electrical and plumbing, wall insulation, and interior finish. A big thanks to the volunteer construction crew that has been working diligently on this project and will continue to work on additional facets of the project. It was shared with me that the average age of the volunteers working on this project ranges from the mid-seventies to early eighties, which shows that you are never too old to contribute to the community.

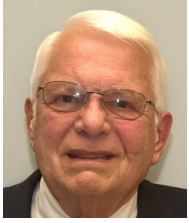


Coquille Park Building 12/20/24

Speaking of volunteers, we are always looking for additional folks to join our SBC Committees. If you have an interest in joining a committee, please get in touch with our Committee Secretary, Renata McCauley, at 360-466-3805 or via email at rmccauley@shelterbay.net

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all our awesome Shelter Bay Staff members. The team worked diligently in 2024, accomplishing a wide variety of projects, and we look forward to continuing that in 2025.

Board President's Message



December was another good month in Shelter Bay. OK, we had the usual wind, rain, and power disruptions, but that was easily forgotten by driving around the community, looking at all the decorations, and joining others for holiday parties. We are blessed to live in a beautiful area.

We didn't have a Board Meeting in December, and some of the Committees reduced their meetings. This gave some of us time to visit our families. As you read this, I'm in Sydney, Australia, visiting my son and his family. It's been a while since my last visit, so my two granddaughters are now young ladies and have promised to teach me how to use modern social media. You are never too old to learn.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Shelter Bay Board and all the committee members who make our community a wonderful place to live. I would also like to thank the Staff, led by Community Manager Bill Palmer, for their work to keep Shelter Bay operating at peak performance.

I would also like to thank Fire District 13 for serving Shelter Bay. They are our fire department and provide fire service to our homes and to the Marina. We are fortunate and don't have many fires in Shelter Bay. What we often use are their Emergency Medical Services. We receive excellent service from FD-13. Major financial support for FD-13 comes from the Use and Occupancy Tax we pay to Swinomish.

Finally, what's happening with the New Lease? There is not much to report this month. We are exchanging improved land valuation information with the Swinomish and preparing for our appraisers to meet with the Tribal appraiser and hopefully close in on a value that works for both of us. January should see an increase in lease discussions and hopefully a Joint Statement on areas of agreement.

Dock Notes



Happy New Year, everyone. My name is Derek Woods, and I am the new Harbormaster for Shelter Bay Marina. I was born and raised on Whidbey Island, and grew up boating and being around the water my

whole life. Professionally, I've worked at Deception Pass Marina and Skyline Marine Center, and built docks with Mason Marine and Lake Side Construction. I live in Oak Harbor with my partner Christina and my six-year-old son Declan. I'm extremely grateful to have the opportunity to serve as your new Harbormaster and will do my absolute best to uphold the excellent standards the community sets. I look forward to hearing tenants' and community members' thoughts, ideas, and concerns. Together, I'm confident we can continue this positive and thriving atmosphere created and nurtured here in Shelter Bay.

Thank you, and may everyone enjoy the new year ahead!

Warm Regards,
Derek Woods
Harbormaster



Fire District 13

November 16—December 15, 2024

Shelter Bay Response Summary

Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	17
Service Calls	3
Hazardous Condition (Not Fire)	1
Total Responses	21

Garden Club News



The Garden Club decorated the guard shack at the entrance. Janel Nelson, Diane Berglund, and I cleaned out the pots and put greenery in them, then added lights.

We took the pumpkins from the Fall decorations and painted them, making them into Snowmen.

We put up Christmas lights at the

Clubhouse office entrance and at the far end of the Gardens.

We hope you are enjoying the Christmas lights.

I want to thank all the Members of the Garden Club for all their hard work this last year making the Gardens in our Community look good.

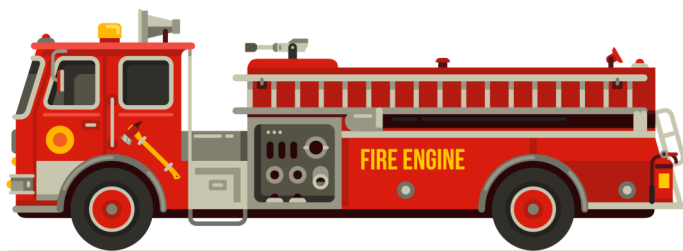
Linda Shipley

Communiversity – Fire District 13 – We’re Here to Help!



When: Tuesday, January 14 2025
Where: Clubhouse and Zoom
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Get to know Fire District 13 better. They are your emergency and non-emergency help! This session will provide Shelter Bay Community and Swinomish Indian Tribal Community residents with an excellent opportunity to better understand and use the emergency and non-emergency services provided by Fire District 13. You will learn about fire engines, ambulances, and other equipment, as well as the training and skills of the firefighters/EMTs by meeting them. Further, you will learn what happens during emergencies: medical issues, fires, and other calls. Non-emergency services will also be covered.



An ambulance and a fire engine will be at the Clubhouse, staffed by firefighters who can answer your questions.

Volunteer opportunities at Fire District 13 are available to help with emergency communications and other support positions.

Your Instructor: Captain Ted Taylor, FD13; responsible for Emergency Management, volunteer firefighter since 1987, member of the Shelter Bay Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Skagit Bay Search and Rescue, and the Shelter Bay Safety Committee, and a 26-year Shelter Bay resident.

Register at <https://forms.gle/s3V79PKBfz8UwtBF6>

Communiversity – Solar and Renewable Energy Options



When: Tuesday, January 21, 2025
Where: Clubhouse
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Gain a foundational understanding of solar energy principles and important solar terms. Learn about net metering with Puget Sound Energy, the pros and cons of battery backup technology, incentives, PSE’s new FLEX program, and where things are headed in residential batteries.



Register at <https://forms.gle/tvEKJrK3nK5DdsWP6>.

Communiversity – Shelter Bay Open Mic Storytelling



When: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Where: Clubhouse
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Listen to multiple short stories about the life experiences of members of our community. They are guaranteed to be varied, engaging, and, perhaps best of all, kept to 8 minutes each. Do you know someone who can tell a good story about an experience they have had in life?

Someone who can keep it under 8 minutes and engage other people? For information on signing up to tell a short story about some aspect of your life, please get in touch with Michael Bade at 206-446-3016 or michaelbadenow@gmail.com.

To register for this class, click <https://forms.gle/Fh5DgMkzZrDrwaBv6>.



Area Happenings

January 1-12, Tulalip Lights & Ice, Tulalip Casino, Tulalip

<https://www.quilcedavillage.com/TulalipLightsAndIce/>

January 11, Luminary Globe Decorating Workshop @ MoNA, 10:15 AM – 12:30 PM,

<https://www.monamuseum.org/events>

January 14, Community Access Day @ The Children's Museum of Skagit County, 10 AM – 5 PM,

<https://www.skagitchildrensmuseum.net/events>

January 24, Anacortes Early Music Concert Series, The Classical Quintet @ Croatian Cultural Center, Anacortes, 7 PM,

<https://www.anacortesearlymusic.org>

January 25, Community Hike: Learn about Lichen, Anacortes, 10 AM – 12:30 PM,

<https://www.friendsoftheacfl.org/upcomingactivities/>

January 31, Epic Queen @ The Lincoln Theatre, Mount Vernon, 7:30 PM,

<https://lincolntheatre.org/live-concert-epic-queen-2025>

January 31, Illuminight Winter Walk @ Skagit Riverwalk Plaza, Mount Vernon, 5 PM

<https://www.mountvernonwa.gov/1294/Illuminight=wintr-walk>

Skagit County Historical Museum, <https://www.skagitcounty.net/museum>

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 <https://www.skagitlandtrust.org> for directions to properties. These hikes are throughout Skagit County and can be done without a guide.



Shelter Bay Happenings

Don't Miss the First SRC Happy Hour of 2025!



January 11

6:00-7:30 pm at the clubhouse.

BYOB, and please bring an appetizer to share.

Hosted by the Social & Recreation Committee.

SRC Shelter Bay Women's Breakfast

Come join the Shelter Bay women for a monthly breakfast in the clubhouse and meet some great gals. It's a new year, date, and gathering place for the Shelter Bay women's monthly breakfast.

Donuts/muffins and coffee will be provided. Please feel free to bring a dish to share, if you'd like. Paper supplies and utensils will be provided.

When: Second Tuesday of each month

Time: 9-10:30 am.

Where: Shelter Bay Clubhouse

See you **Tuesday, January 14, 2025**, to start at this new location sponsored by the Social & Recreation Committee.

Free Bingo & Ice Cream Night!



Friday, January 24, 6:30-8 pm. at the clubhouse.

Win some local gift cards! All ages are welcome.

Sponsored by the Social & Recreation Committee.

Date Change!!!

Saturday, March 8th, 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 9th, 2:00 pm

(Evening dress rehearsals 3/6 & 3/7)



The **FIRST** Annual Shelter Bay



NO TALENT SHOW 2025!!!



Talent and NO Talent Welcome!



A Note of Explanation

Some have wondered, "Why is it a NO talent show? What if I *have* talent?" The rationale behind the No Talent title is that we want this to be a **safe space** for anyone to come and be silly, have fun, and entertain their neighbors, even if they are not a professional performer or don't think that they have talent. In no way do we want to discourage those who actually **DO** have a talent that they want to share. The show is open to *everyone* and *anyone* to do *anything* they want. (Within the bounds of propriety of course.)

This **FREE** event is open to all Shelter Bay residents.

Kids and adults welcome!

It is **NOT** a competition (It's NOT "Shelter Bay's Got Talent!"). It's a community-building event strictly for **FUN!**

Do you want to participate but don't know what to do?

Google "TALENT SHOW IDEAS".

You **MUST** sign up in advance to be included. Please sign up if you are interested even if you are not yet sure what you want to do. Help and guidance from a theater professional will be provided to those that request it. A piano player or backing tracks (also called Karaoke or Minus One tracks) will be provided if needed.

DEADLINE TO SIGNUP - FEBRUARY 15, 2025

You must be present at **one** of the dress rehearsals.

Send an email to paul@roseli.us to sign up.

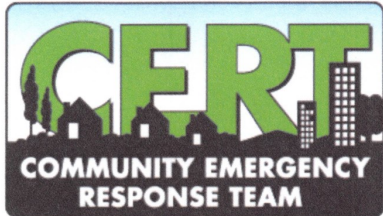
This is an activity of the Shelter Bay Social and Recreation Committee.

Skagit Community Emergency Response Team

Basic Training

Starts Tuesdays January 14

Registration is Now Open



Date	Session
January 14, 6:30-9:30 PM	Overview: Disaster Preparedness
January 21, 6:30-9:30 PM	Fire Suppression
January 28, 6:30-9:30 PM	Disaster Medical Operations - I
February 4, 6:30-9:30 PM	Disaster Medical Operations - II
February 11, 6:30-9:30 PM	Light Search and Rescue
February 18, 6:30-9:30 PM	CERT Organization / Disaster Psychology
February 22, 9:00 AM-Noon	Terrorism, Table Top Exercise, Final Test Review
February 22, 1:00-5:00 PM	Disaster Final Exercises, Graduation



[Registration Link](#)



Location

Skagit County DEM Training Room
2911 E. College Way, Mount Vernon WA

Questions

Txt 360.202.3106

Email: skagitcocert@gmail.com

Christmas Caroling



Photos provided by Kasey Jensen

Thankfully, the skies parted for our Christmas caroling.
About 35 residents joined the Social and Recreation Committee (SRC) for all the fun, hot cocoa, and treats.

Shelter Bay Chorus Christmas Concerts



Photo provided by Joan Mickelson

Photo provided by Jim Barrett

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Concerts. We are looking forward to others joining our group in 2025.

Joan Mickelson, Secretary
Shelter Bay Chorus

Did You Know? New Washington State Law



DID YOU KNOW?

Beginning January 1, 2025, a new Washington State law will prohibit the use of license plate covers, including clear plastic ones, due to their potential to obscure plates and hinder their readability by police and traffic cameras. Violators may face fines exceeding \$100.

Source: Michael Golson, Senior Reporter, Motors
Published November 30, 2024

Compliance Officer—Permits

Happy New Year, Shelter Bay! I hope it was a safe and fun celebration for everyone. Now that we are in the new year, I imagine many residents will begin home projects that were put off over the holiday season. With that in mind, I want to remind everyone to obtain the necessary permits! When doing any exterior project, you must obtain a Certificate of Compliance. These applications can be found online at shelterbay.net or inside our office at the clubhouse. Last year, there were several instances of residents beginning work without the necessary permits, and we would like to minimize that this year. Our forms are simple, and the process is quick; we need you to meet us halfway! If you have any questions, please get in touch with Renata McCauley, Committee Secretary, at rmccauley@shelterbay.net.

Riley M. Reynold, HOA Compliance Officer

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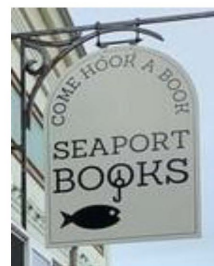
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January 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 HOLIDAY— Office Closed 11am Polar Plunge— Martha's Beach	2	3	4
5	6 3pm Safety Committee Meeting	7 9am Architectural Compliance Committee Meeting 2pm Rules Committee Meeting — CANCELED	8 2pm Social & Recreation Committee Meeting 3pm Finance Committee Meeting— Clubhouse Work Room	9 9am Green Committee Meeting 1:30pm Communications Committee Meeting	10	11 6pm SRC Happy Hour — Clubhouse
12	13 10am CERT — Annex	14 8:30am SRC Ladies Breakfast— Clubhouse 3pm Harbor Committee Meeting 6:30pm Communiversiy— Know Your Fire Department	15 4pm Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meeting	16 9am Facilities & Amenities Committee Meeting	17	18
19	20 HOLIDAY— Martin Luther King—Office Closed 4pm Communiversiy Committee Meeting	21 9am Architectural Compliance Committee Meeting 6:30pm Communiversiy— Solar & Renewable Energy Options	22	23 9am Green Committee Meeting	24 6pm SRC Free Bingo & Ice Cream Night	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Clubs, Groups (classes), and agendas are posted at the Website. Shelter Bay residents are encouraged to attend.
Please visit the Calendar page at www.shelterbay.net for updates.



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