



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

**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 at the Forms Page on the Website at www.shelterbay.net 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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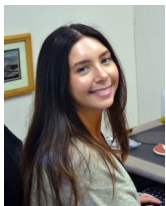
Community Town Hall

Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 7 p.m.

at the Shelter Bay Clubhouse. Send questions to board@shelterbay.net.

Watch for website reminders.

Compliance Corner



Hey Shelter Bay! I hope the new year is treating you all well. There are a few reminders I want to share this month...

Outdoor burning

As spring comes around, I want to remind the community that we have a year-round burn ban. This includes the burning of weeds. As convenient as it may be, burning weeds runs the risk of starting a fire, which has the potential to escalate quickly. I’m sure we can all appreciate the risk of wildfires, and why we

desperately want to avoid having one here in Shelter Bay. Any outdoor burning will be met with a \$500 fine from the Compliance Officer.

Off-leash dogs

As I drive through the community, I have noticed there are an increasing number of dogs off-leash. This is a reminder to the community that dogs are required by our Rules & Regulations to be leashed at all times. Although it may seem silly, this is for the safety of our community, both humans and animals! Unleashed dogs can bite humans or other dogs, cause residents to fall down, and cause larger issues if another reactive dog is present. Martha’s Beach is an open and off-leash area. Having your dog unleashed anywhere except Martha’s Beach will result in a warning, and subsequently a \$100.00 fine.

Certificates of Compliance

Spring is around the corner, and I know many residents will begin doing projects around the house! This is a reminder to please make sure you obtain a Certificate of Compliance for the work you are doing. For example, if you are: doing a major or minor remodel; building a fence or deck; building new construction; repainting; reroofing; building a private dock; installing solar panels; installing a propane tank or heat pump, you will require a CoC. Working without a Certificate of Compliance can and will result in a fine. Please avoid this by going through our required processes! Feel free to call the office and inquire if you have any questions.

By Riley Reynolds, HOA Compliance Officer

Budget Development Meetings

Our fiscal year starts on July 1, and this is the time to start creating the budget for Fiscal Year 25-26. The process starts with the Operations Budget, then moves to the Capital Projects Budget, which is heavily based on the current year and drafted by the Manager. The Manager will provide a draft to the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors by Monday, March 3. In the following weeks, three budget development meetings are scheduled to review and revise the draft.

- March 11 – 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. –Operations
- March 18 – 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. –Capital Projects
- March 25 – 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. –Final Review

These meetings will be held in the Clubhouse and via Zoom and are open to all community members. There will be a Town Meeting in April for the final Community review and input. If you cannot make the meetings, we would appreciate any input you wish to share. Just email the Community Manager, Bill Palmer, at bpalmer@shelterbay.net, and put “Budget Suggestion” in the subject line.

Community Manager's Message



Playground – Currently working on putting together a meeting between us, the planning department, and our wetland specialist. The goal is to finalize an acceptable plan that will allow us to place the new equipment in the existing playground area. I anticipate having this completed sometime in the Spring.

Pool Update—Due to the weather, work on the pool remodeling project has slowed down a bit. Once

things warm up, we hope to get back on track with concrete work on the pool deck, sidewalks, and patio. We will then move on to various other parts of the project, including pool plastering, tiles, ladders, fencing, etc. Striving to have this completed as soon as possible, we will continue to provide updates as the project progresses.



Marina—Harbormaster Derek Woods and Steve Shipley have been working on various projects at the Marina. They have thoroughly inspected all the electrical connections to ensure they are operating properly, addressing issues as they are identified. The Harbormaster recently obtained pricing on the remaining escape ladders needed, and we are placing the order. These will be installed over the next few months. They are also monitoring all the water connections to ensure we keep leaks to a minimum due to the cold temperatures we have been experiencing.

Roads/Pavement—Work on the Wanapum water flow issue has been completed. The French drain that was installed appears to be working quite well. We will continue to monitor this. Once we are confident the problem is resolved, we will consider repaving portions of the area sometime in the spring. We are currently working on paving plans for spring, as well as budgeting for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Maintenance Department—The team will start installing the drive-by water meter tops sometime in early February. They recently finished work on the new fencing at one of our porta-potty/trash enclosures on Shoshone Drive, and will soon be redoing the fencing around the porta-potty at Rainbow Park. They plan to install stop signs in various areas that are missing them, and will paint all the signposts during the spring and summer months.

Golf Course—We are planning to work on the greens this spring, including aerification and top dressing, to improve their health and playability.

Coquille Park – Progress on remodeling the old pool building at Coquille Park continues, with most of the exterior work completed. With the recent weather that we have experienced, the work is currently focused on the inside. Again, a huge thanks to the community volunteers who have been working on this project. We look forward to the completion of this project. We will have a new facility that will provide a handicap-accessible restroom, storage, and a large open room reservable as recreational space that will be available to the community.

As a reminder, we always seek additional folks to join our SBC Committees or to volunteer on projects such as the Coquille Park Building. If you have an interest in joining a committee, please contact our Committee Secretary, Renata McCauley, at 360-466-3805, ext. 8, or via email at rmccauley@shelterbay.net.

As always, 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.

Bill Palmer, Community Manager

Board President's Message



I spent a few weeks in Australia during the holidays. I've heard Shelter Bay Community is also a good place to be. It's a little crisp as I'm writing this. The outside thermometer says 28 degrees, but it's clear with Mt. Baker in sight.

The news has been full of fires in the Los Angeles area. You might wonder if that could happen here. We live in a forest, and if the Community and the homeowners don't do their part to reduce the risk of fires, we could face a loss due to a fire. We are engaged in once again becoming a Firewise Community. This effort will reduce materials fueling fires and educate homeowners on keeping fires away from their property.

During January, Communiversity presented a talk on the operation of Fire District 13. The information in that presentation will help you understand how the Fire Department responds to fires and emergencies here in Shelter Bay. This presentation by **Captain Ted Taylor** was recorded and is available on the Shelter Bay website.

[Click here to view the video.](#)

It's budget preparation season, and the committees and staff are putting together the fiscal 2026 budget. Please watch for the announcements for the budget review sessions so you can participate in the process.

I want to mention that we are losing a community member who has been an outstanding volunteer and a fellow board member. **Pat McGarry** headed up the rebuild of our Marina and acted as interim Community Manager, besides being an active Harbor Committee member. He and Carol are moving to Florida to enjoy a warmer climate. I am very pleased to announce that Julie Peddy will fill Pat's board position. Julie was the alternate chosen in last year's election. Julie has been the Chair of the Green Committee.

Finally, the New Lease Update: It seems like November, December, and January have not shown much progress. Our lease group met almost once a week during that period but could not have joint meetings with our Swinomish counterparts. Their schedules have kept them from meeting with us. We do have a meeting scheduled with their appraiser and our appraiser for January 30th. This will hopefully lead to a series of meetings to move forward on other important issues. I am hoping to have a joint statement from the Swinomish Tribe and Shelter Bay Company on items we agree upon in February.

Communiversity– FD13

The video for Communiversity – Fire District 13 – We're Here to Help! is now available on the Website under Communiversity or directly from YouTube at https://youtu.be/aq0_yy8AtWA.

You can also access the Solar and Renewable Energy Options video on the website or directly from YouTube at <https://youtu.be/wM3hL-cXYV0>.

Jim Barrett, Chairperson
Communiversity Subcommittee



Fire District 13

December 16—January 15, 2024

Shelter Bay Response Summary

Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	16
Special Incident Calls	1
Service Calls	1
Total Responses	18

Did You Know?

While the Office staff handles the routine operation of the electronic sign at the gate, the Communications Committee offers feedback, usage analysis, and support as needed. The Communications Committee manages the portable signs and coordinates other signage at the gate area. Event signage of special importance to Shelter Bay Residents from outside agencies, such as the local fire department or the Swinomish Tribe, can be approved at the Communications Committee Chair's or their designee's discretion. Portable signage not preapproved is subject to removal.

Did You Know?



You can locate the current Shelter Bay Committees' Member Rosters with abbreviated mission statements at the bottom of the Governance/Committees page on the Website.

<https://shelterbay.net/governance/board-of-directors/committees/>

Jim Barrett, Chairperson
Communications Committee

A Word from your Safety Committee

The Shelter Bay Safety Committee has posted a Safety References document - a list of safety-related contacts, applications, and resources - on the Shelter Bay website's [Committees page](#) under Safety Committee. The list contains two documents you should all print out, study, and keep close at hand:

- 1) the evacuation routes out of Shelter Bay, and
- 2) Ready, Set, Go, a self-assessment for a Wildfire Action Plan.

Now is the time to prepare for fire season. Prepare your home before a fire, and know how to evacuate Shelter Bay if necessary.

Other resources in the document include the telephone numbers of safety-related agencies in the community, official information on emergency planning, and applications you can download on your phone that provide valuable real-time information in the event of a fire or other emergency in the community.

Additional resources will be added to this list as they are identified.

Brian Hickman
Safety Committee Member



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Board of Directors - Action Items

Regular Board Meeting January 15, 2025

- 1) Approved response to Rules Committee inquiry that the Board will continue to limit public comment in Board meetings to topics on the agenda.
- 2) Adopted a Revised Statement of Intent.
- 3) Approved tasking the Community Manager/Staff to assume the primary duties and authorities of the Green Committee and to determine how to best utilize staff or hire staff to perform Green Committee duties and appointed a subcommittee of Board members to consider the structure and process under which an advisory Green Committee might continue to operate.
- 4) Adopted Budget Development and May 17, 2025, Election Calendar.
- 5) Adopted Resolution 24-17 – Rules & Regs Part I Signs.
- 6) Adopted Resolution 25-01 – Rules & Regs Part II Chapter 60 Rewrite.
- 7) Approved Request for Authorization of Funds of \$12,000 for installation of four EV charging stations to be located directly behind the marina restrooms.
- 8) Accepted Resignation of Pat McGarry as Treasurer effective January 2, 2025.
- 9) Elected Lois Watson as Treasurer.
- 10) Adopted Resolution 25-02 – Officer Banking Authority.
- 11) Acknowledged Resignation of Director Pat McGarry effective end of business 1-15-25.
- 12) Appointed the following Directors as Board Reps to Committees:
 - a. Mike Shannon to Harbor Committee
 - b. Julie Peddy to Green & Rules Committees
 - c. Rick Parnell to Facilities Committee
 - d. Lois Watson to Finance Committee
- 13) Acknowledged Resignation of the following:
 - a. Susan Brown – Green Committee
 - b. John Olson – Green Committee
- 14) Appointed Lisa Versteegh member of the Communications Committee.

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Company Board Meeting January 15, 2025

- 1) Accepted Resignation of Pat McGarry as Treasurer effective January 2, 2025.
- 2) Acknowledged Resignation of Director Pat McGarry effective end of business 1-15-25.
- 3) Appointed Treasurer to be the same as Shelter Bay Community, Inc.
- 4) Adopted Resolution 25-01 – Officer Banking Authority

Shelter Bay Happenings

Come Join Soc & Rec for Pizza & Movie Night

Movie will be Puss in Boots: The Last Wish.

Friday, February 7, 2025, 6-8 pm

Shelter Bay Clubhouse. BYOB.

Bring a comfy chair, sleeping bag, or bean bag if you'd like.

Clubhouse chairs will be available, too.

All Shelter Bay and Swinomish families are welcome.

Chorus Singing Opportunities

Shelter Bay Chorus begins its 40th season of singing and performing concerts locally and in the broader Skagit Valley area. Rehearsals are held **each Thursday (4:30-6:30)** in the Shelter Bay Clubhouse, beginning January 16. Concerts are planned for early May.

Though participation is primarily from Shelter Bay, this group is a community choir open to all in the area who enjoy choral singing, regardless of previous experience. The song selection varies widely, though the fall session is focused on traditional and contemporary Christmas and holiday music. The spring program usually includes a variety of styles and genres of choral music and is often built around themes. This spring's repertoire is presently in the planning stage, with several of the songs expected to be from popular Broadway musical favorites, both older and more recent.

Singing is undoubtedly a joyful experience but also a very healthy brain activity due to its complexity. Our brain simultaneously perceives tones, timbre, pitch intervals, melodic contours, harmony, and rhythm and manifests itself emotionally and physically. Singing simultaneously engages many muscles as we reproduce pitches and rhythms, listening carefully to blend our sounds with other singers, reflecting dynamics (louds/softs) while reading the lyrics, and following the musical notation (note reading). Though complex, relying on each other to create beautiful music is an exhilarating and exciting endeavor.

Lyle Forde, a long-time music educator in NW Washington public schools, directs the Shelter Bay Chorus. For further information, contact the Chorus secretary, Joan Mickelson (calmjoan@comcast.net).

SRC Shelter Bay Women's Breakfast



Come join the Shelter Bay women for a monthly breakfast in the clubhouse.

It's a wonderful time meeting and connecting with fellow neighbors.

Breakfast casserole and muffins provided.

Please feel free to bring a dish to share, if you'd like (but not required).

Coffee, tea, cocoa, paper supplies, and utensils provided.

When: Second Tuesday of each month (February 11)

Time: 9-10:30 am.

Where: Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Come Enjoy Happy Hour at the Clubhouse!



A great opportunity to mingle with new and existing neighbors!

February 22, 5:30 pm.

BYOB, and please bring an appetizer to share.

Hosted by SB Social and Rec committee.

The **FIRST** Annual Shelter Bay **NO TALENT SHOW 2025!!!**

Saturday, March 8th, 6:00 pm



Sunday, March 9th, 2:00 pm



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

DEADLINE TO SIGNUP

FEBRUARY 15, 2025

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

Kids and adults welcome!

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.

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.

SRC Cooking Demo—French Style

Come join us **February 27 at 12:30pm** for an incredible hands-on demonstration of French Style Boule Bread, presented by fellow neighbors, Matt & Donna Kinzelman.

Each participant will receive the recipe and a half loaf of bread. If you want to make your own dough, please bring a mixer with dough hook, 4-6 qt bowl with cover, and measuring cups and spoons. Space is limited to 18 participants.

Please sign up at the office before the registration deadline, February 25.

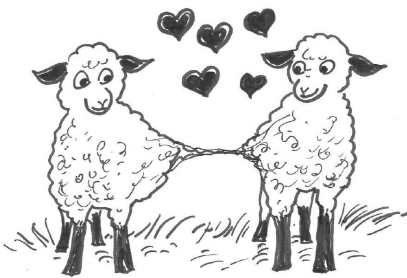


First Lady's Breakfast at Shelter Bay went off without a hitch!

Photo credit : Lois Watson

Swinomish News

Weaving a Landscape of Togetherness



When women come together with common interests, good things happen! Winter is a very active month for women weavers in the Swinomish Tribe. They spin wool to make all kinds of gorgeous clothing, from boots to purses, blankets, wedding shoes, vests, and more. It is a handicraft that goes back into their bloodlines and is a skill set taken very seriously, just as knitting is. I once heard an endearing story of an elder whose knitting needles were handed down for generations and between families. They became lost at some point and emerged into another family a few generations later. The needles reappeared! These special knitting needles were much larger, a size you don't see much of today.

Carol McGarry of Shelter Bay is also a weaver who has spun much of her wool from angora, rabbit fur, alpaca, and other wool. She made a lovely donation of her hand-spun wool to the Swinomish. It was important to her that it would go to a skilled weaver who would appreciate Carol's efforts, and sure enough, it did. It was an excellent opportunity to learn about what types of projects the elders are working on and how to go about it. As I said, much can be cultivated when women come together to share their skills, knowledge, and experience.

by Lisa Versteegh, Communications Committee Member

Artist credit: Roberta Gregory

Swinomish Get Nutritionally Conscientious

Have you ever thought about creating a Blue Zone in your own community - those pockets throughout the world where centenarians thrive? Nutrition is so much a key part of that. We can grab a little inspiration from the Swinomish. The members are coming together for several seminars on low-carb cooking. This emphasis is on healthy cooking and nutritional education; this is pertinent for the Swinomish. There are nearly 1 in 5 people in the U.S. affected by pre-diabetes/diabetes, and native people are 2.5 times more likely to suffer because of this disease.

Kudos to all those on board with this venture. Last year, Shelter Bay started its own cooking class, which took off. Madeleine Volum hosted a very low-carb healthy brunch, and we had the great fortune of a tribal member joining in. Coming together as a whole community to support healthy habits is one of the most important things we can do as a community and for our longevity. People who walk together have more fun and are more likely to be accountable. Modern times and food can creep up on all of us, and making healthy low-carb choices can be easier than you think, especially when we come together to help one another. Here's to happy and healthy habits that enrich us all!

by Lisa Versteegh, Communications Committee Member

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

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

February offerings at the Skagit City School House with Dr. Jesse G. Kennedy III as he shares mysteries and histories.

February 9, 2-4 p.m., **History Mystery One**: On December 26, 1943, three Lockheed Vega Ventura PV-1 aircraft based at Ault Field on Whidbey Island departed on a routine “out and back” navigation training exercise. Only two planes returned.

February 23, 2-4 p.m., **History Mystery Two**: On January 14, 1945, a Lockheed Vega Ventura PV-1 from Ault Field on Whidbey Island departed on a simple, three-hour flight. Their mission was to rendezvous with a plane towing an aerial target over Cape Flattery for a free gunnery training exercise and return directly to Ault Field. The plane never made it back to Ault Field.

Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum, <https://www.qfamuseum.org/>.

Throughout the month of February, you can view three special exhibitions: **Birds of a Fiber**, **The Red Dress**, and **Embroidered Inspirations**.

February 7-March 1, **Neil Simon’s The Odd Couple (Female Version)**, Anacortes Community Theatre.

<https://acttheatre.com/the-odd-couple-female-version/>

February 11, **Community Access Day at The Children’s Museum of Skagit County**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

February 11, **Let’s Make Mozzarella, Bocconcini, and Burrata** at Skagit Valley Larder, Mount Vernon, 6 p.m.

<https://www.skagitvalleylarder.com>

February 18, 7:30 p.m. **Live Concert: Mark Hummel’s Blues Harmonica Blowout 2025**, Lincoln Theatre, Mount Vernon.

<https://lincolntheatre.org/live-concert-mark-hummels-blues-harmonica-blowout-2025>

February 19-February 23, **The Northwest Flower and Garden Show** at Seattle Convention Center, Seattle.

<https://www.gardenshow.com>



Are you looking for a variety of events from which to choose? Scroll through the **GoSkagit 360 Calendar** of Things to Do in Skagit, Whatcom, North Snohomish, and Island counties.

<https://www.goskagit.com/local-events/>

Interested in hiking? The **Skagit County Walking Trail Guide** offers a detailed map of several Skagit County hikes. <https://www.visitskagitvalley.com/guidedmaps/skagit-county-walking-trail-guide/>

For some challenging hikes, visit this website for their list of some top hiking spots in and near Skagit County. <https://www.theoutbound.com/united-states/washington/skagit-county/hiking>

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You can cope by preparing in advance. We can help. Join our bi-monthly seminars.

Disaster Prep Seminars conducted by local specialists

When: Bi-Monthly, starting February 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: La Conner—Swinomish Library

Cost: Free

Did You Know? New Washington State Law



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.

DID YOU KNOW?

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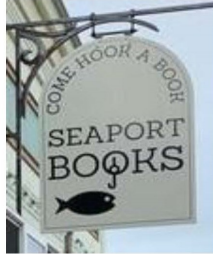
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February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 3pm Safety Committee Meeting	4 9am Architectural Compliance Committee 2pm Rules Committee Meeting	5 3pm Finance Committee Meeting	6 9am Facilities and Amenities Committee	7 6pm SRC Pizza & Movie Night	8
9	10 10am CERT	11 9am SRC SB Women's Breakfast 3pm Harbor Committee Meeting 6:30pm Communiversality Open Mic Storytelling	12 2pm Social & Recreation Committee Meeting	13 9am Green Task Force 1:30pm Communications Committee Meeting	14	15
16	17 Office Closed — Happy President's Day! 4pm Communiversality Committee Meeting	18 9am Architectural Compliance Committee	19 4pm Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meeting	20	21	22 5:30pm SRC Happy Hour
23 7pm Town Hall	24	25 <i>SRC Registration Deadline for Bread Demo</i>	26	27 9am Green Task Force 12:30pm SRC French -Style Boule Bread Demo	28	

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