



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

CPR/First Aid/AED Class

Saturday, April 12, 2025, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Shelter Bay Community Clubhouse, 1000 Shoshone Drive
Instructors: Chief Wood Weiss, Fire District 13, and others if needed

Do you need to certify or recertify your CPR skills for work or your Emergency Worker Card? Are you a Shelter Bay or Swinomish community member who wants **CPR/First Aid/AED** training to help your family members?

To register for this event, contact Carolyn Caporgno, Safety Committee Vice Chairperson and CERT Advisory Team Chairperson, at carolyncaporgno@gmail.com. Additional information will be provided following sign-up. Students must be at least 12-13 years old (based on body strength).

\$30/person

Registration closes Monday, April 7, at 5 p.m.

Sponsored by Shelter Bay Safety Committee
All Shelter Bay Community/Eagle’s Nest members and Swinomish Indian Tribal Community members are encouraged to sign up.

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, March 23, 2025, at 7 p.m.

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

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.

Filing for Board Member Candidacy

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 Candidates Form which is available at the Board of Directors page on the website at <https://shelterbay.net/governance/board-of-directors/> 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.

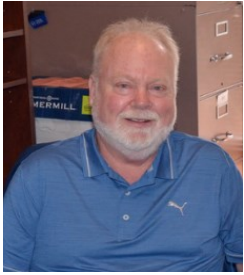
Board candidates must file by no later than:

Monday – March 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

All interested members are encouraged to file.

Monte Hicks, Board Secretary

Community Manager's Message



Playground—We are still working on challenges with permitting for the playground. We have come up with a potential new course of action, but we need to do additional due diligence and planning to determine if this solution will work. We will share additional information as it becomes available. We still anticipate having this completed sometime in the spring.

Pool Update – The renovation project has reached a bit of a standstill due to winter weather. We planned to pour the concrete decking on Friday, February 21, but rainy weather caused another delay. At the time of this writing, we had adjusted the schedule and were targeting to pour on Wednesday, February 26. Once that is completed, we will move on to other parts of the project, including the pool plastering, tile, ladders, fencing, etc. This will push the completion date to sometime later this spring.

Marina – The marina operation continues to have very high occupancy, at 92% for January. We did have an incident in the marina on January 27 with a partially sunken Vessel on C dock. Harbor Master Woods, along with numerous volunteers and additional staff members, did a great job contacting all the appropriate parties to ensure the docks and other vessels were safeguarded while arranging to have the vessel towed out of the marina. We did identify the need to update some of our equipment and some of our procedures in case of future events. We are also currently swapping out old boat launch keys, and would encourage anyone with a boat launch key to contact the office to turn in their old key for a new one.

Roads/Pavement—The work on the water flow issue on the downhill side of Wanapum was completed with the installation of a French drain. In reviewing the area during recent weather events, it appears to be working quite well. We are now turning our attention to planning for the coming year's budget for various paving projects throughout the community.

Maintenance Department – The Maintenance Department continues to work diligently on various maintenance issues throughout the community, including water leaks, sewer lift station maintenance, and other maintenance issues. They will continue to install the new drive-by water meter tops over the next few months until all the newer meters are updated. Once we get into the spring and summer timeframe, they will work on various other items like stop sign replacement, painting of signposts, ditch mowing, and anything else that needs attention. Most recently, the maintenance staff spent numerous hours plowing and sanding during the snowy weather, and we hope that it is now behind us.

Golf Course—As mentioned last month, we will be working on the greens this spring, including aerification and top dressing, to improve their health and playability.

Coquille Park—The remodel of the old pool building at Coquille Park is going well. The volunteers are working hard, with much of the work now focused on the interior. The main room now has heat, insulation has been installed, and most of the drywall has been installed. Again, a huge thanks to the community volunteers who have been working on this project. We look forward to having this new facility open later this year.

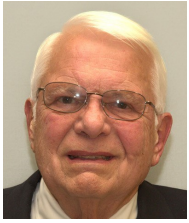
As a reminder, we always seek additional folks to join our SBC committees or to volunteer on other community projects. If you have an interest in joining a committee, don't hesitate to get in touch with our Committee Secretary, Renata McCauley, at 360-466-3805 ext. 8, or via email at rmccauley@shelterbay.net.

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.

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Board President's Message



First, I would like to second **Bill Palmer's** praise for our volunteers. There are many of us in Shelter Bay who have expertise in a discipline obtained either by our work or hobby experiences. The willingness of these volunteers to make this community the place we all want to live while using these skills is greatly appreciated.

Shelter Bay **Communiversality** is one of the unique assets in Shelter Bay. The founder and leader of this committee is **Jim Barrett**. Jim's background as an educator provided him with a vision of how to provide a stream of continuing educational programs in Shelter Bay. I invite you to go to the Shelter Bay website and click on Communiversality under the Resources tab, [Communiversality](#). You will find upcoming presentations and past recorded sessions there.

New Lease News: Things seem to be moving again. A key element of a new lease is determining the value of the "Improved Land" that makes up Shelter Bay. The current lease uses the value of the "Unimproved Land." Shelter Bay hired an appraiser to determine that value. The Swinomish have an appraiser who has also done an appraisal. We have now exchanged the appraisals and are working to reconcile the differences. There have been two meetings of the appraisers, and a third one is scheduled for this month. Our appraiser reports that progress is being made.

There is a meeting scheduled later this month with the Swinomish staff to discuss some technical details involving the financial aspects of operating and capital components of a new lease. I am also hopeful that the Swinomish and Shelter Bay may soon be able to issue a Joint Statement regarding issues that we have already agreed upon in principle.

A Word from the Architectural Compliance Committee Chairperson – Mike Shannon

The role of the ACC - The Shelter Bay Board of Directors has established the Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC) as the committee responsible for the administration of the community's covenants and rules and regulations governing the erection, placement, expansion, remodeling, or alteration of permanent structures and fences on lots within Shelter Bay. These duties are performed by establishing a committee of community volunteers and 2 Board members. The primary governing documents used by the ACC in performing its functions include the following Shelter Bay documents: the Construction Guidelines, the Stormwater Management Manual, the Rules and Regulations, and the Covenants.

The skills needed by members - The ideal candidate would be a Civil Engineer or Construction Professional with experience in residential construction and site work. Individuals with strong critical thinking skills can also perform the committee's duties with guidance from other members. Skills required for the position would include the ability to interpret construction plans and apply industry standards, regulations, and specifications, along with the Shelter Bay governing documents, in reviewing and approving submittals from residents wishing to perform construction or renovations on their property. Effective communication with residents and staff is crucial for the role.

The opportunity to participate in ACC—The ACC currently needs volunteers who can attend meetings, usually twice a month for approximately two hours. Candidates should also be able to perform site visits related to committee meetings.

When ACC meets - The ACC meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m.; the meetings typically last up to 2 hours. Attending these meetings is crucial because a quorum of members is required to perform any actions required by the committee.

Contact information to attend a meeting—The committee meeting schedule is published in the Community Calendar, available on the Shelter Bay website at [shelterbay.net](#), and in the monthly Shelter Bay newsletter. For more information, contact either the committee chair, Mike Shannon, by telephone at 720-391-2090 or email at mshannon@shelterbay.net, or the committee secretary, Renata McCauley, by telephone at 360-466-3805 ext. 8 or email at rmccauley@shelterbay.net.

Any activities outside of regular ACC meetings - Committee membership will require routine site visits to review existing conditions as well as review of completed work for conformance to the requirements of the Certificates of Compliance approved by the committee.

Other pertinent information about ACC - This is one of the more active committees in Shelter Bay, and it can provide a deep sense of satisfaction in that it allows you to apply your skills to ensure that Shelter Bay remains one of the most desirable communities in the Pacific Northwest.



Fire District 13
 January 16—February 15, 2024
Shelter Bay Response Summary

Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	27
Good Intent Call	1
Special Incident Calls	4
Service Calls	5
Total Responses	37



Dock Notes



Derek Woods

Happy March, everyone! Last month, we had record-breaking cold weather around Western Washington. Thankfully, we have made it back to above-freezing temperatures! That means dock water is back on. If you've been wanting to wash your boat or fill up your water tank, you can now. We want to thank you for your patience while we had it off. Hopefully we are done with the freezing temperatures. Recently, Derek and Steve went through the marina, checking to make sure everyone's contact card and registration stickers were correctly displayed. If you were contacted and asked to display either contact cards, registration, or both, please do so at your earliest convenience.

We had a vessel sink on C-dock at the end of January. We believe freezing weather may have contributed to the seals around the outdrives cracking and letting in water. Also, much barnacle growth had built up in the same area. If you have not had your boat serviced in a while, consider doing so to avoid catastrophic damage. No one wants to get that call notifying them that their boat has sunk.

See you at the Marina!

Your Harbor Team,

Kendra Emerson - Harbor Administrator
Derek Woods & Steve Shipley - Marina Staff



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Board of Directors - Action Items

Regular Board Meeting February 19, 2025

- 1) Approved the creation of a Task Force for the purpose of updating the Facilities and Amenities 5-year Plan and appointed the following: Jack Galbraith, Chair, Manager Palmer, Project Manager Earl, Finance Committee member, and others as necessary.
- 2) Approved a Green Task Force to work in an advisory role at the call of the Community Manager and Staff to assist with tasks as set out in the Scope of Work and appointed the following as members: Julie Peddy, Chair, Nancy Shimeall, David De Lisle, Cate Grinzell, and Jan Paul.
- 3) Adopted Resolution 25-03 – Fees Schedule – Increasing the rates of Key Fobs for Members, Resident Renters, and Non-Resident Marina Tenants including replacement of lost fobs, and increasing boat launch keys and replacement cost in order to recapture increased costs.
- 4) Approved Harbor Committee recommendation to increase moorage rates for FY25-26.
- 5) Approved request for funds to complete purchase of marina ladders in the amount of \$5,885.
- 6) Approved request to order a Level II Reserve Study for the year end 2025.
- 7) Approved holding a work session in the next 30 days to review Lot 858 request for reimbursement of bank stabilization work.
- 8) Appointed Tom Ulrich as regular member of the Architectural Compliance Committee.
- 9) Appointed Paul Neave as alternate member of the Harbor Committee.

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Company Board Meeting February 19, 2025
 No actions were taken.

Shelter Bay Happenings

New Chair Fitness Class in the Clubhouse



Every Friday, beginning **March 7, 10:20-11:00 a.m.**

It's a workout for anyone who needs to sit (either in a chair or wheelchair), but it allows for exercise using body weight or light weights, mini-/Resistance-/Thera-bands, etc.

Please reach out to the instructor, Leslie, with any questions via email at lkl.ten@gmail.com

No Talent Show—CANCELED

Please note that the No Talent Show scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9, has been **canceled**.

St. Patrick's Eve Lucky Happy Hour



Come decked out in your St. Patrick's outfit to be entered to win a prize!

Sunday, March 16, 5:30 p.m.

BYOB, and please bring an appetizer to share. Hosted by the Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee.

Shelter Bay Women's Breakfast



Come join the Shelter Bay women's monthly breakfast in the clubhouse. It's a wonderful time meeting and connecting with fellow neighbors.

Please feel free to bring a dish to share, if you'd like (but not required). Coffee, tea, cocoa, paper supplies, and utensils are provided.

When: Second Tuesday of each month (**March 11**)

Time: 9-10:30 a.m.

Where: Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Sponsored by the Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee

Shelter Bay Men's Fireside Gathering

Shelter Bay Men's Fireside Gathering at Rainbow Park (at the end of Chinook Place)

March 27 at 4 p.m.

Light snacks provided.

BYOB and a lawn chair.

Sponsored by the Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee.

Shelter Bay Choir

The Shelter Bay Choir is proud to announce its 2025 Spring Concerts on Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 10, at 2 p.m. Mark your calendars, and come and listen to us as we sing well-known show tunes. You may even want to join in.

Speaking of joining in, come and be a part of our choir. We meet each Thursday night for rehearsals from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Shelter Bay Clubhouse, 1000 Shoshone Drive, La Conner.

We hope to harmonize with you soon!

Joyce Nugent, Secretary
Shelter Bay Choir

Save The Date—Community Garage Sale

Shelter Bay Community Garage Sale

SB Chorus Hot Dog & Bake Sale

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Sponsored by the Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee.



Communiversy – The Big Three: Great Blue Heron, Osprey, and Bald Eagle



When: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Where: Clubhouse and Zoom

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Course Description: We share our local environment with many fascinating creatures. Among the most visible are the Big Three: Great Blue Heron, Osprey, and Bald Eagle. This presentation focuses on how they earn a living, raise their young, and deal with threats to their existence. You'll also learn about connections between humans and these particularly charismatic species.

Instructor Bio.: Local naturalists and longtime Coupeville residents Steve and Martha Ellis have been leading field trips and giving talks on a wide range of natural history topics for over 30 years. Steve is a former president of the Whidbey Audubon Society and writes a monthly blog for the Whidbey Camano Land Trust; Martha is a member of the Washington Native Plant Society and has a passion for nature photography.

Register at <https://forms.gle/PiRMbJ9pY2QAvdm99>

Area Happenings

La Conner Swinomish Library, <https://www.laconnerswinomishlibrary.org/>

Thursday, March 6, 5 – 6 p.m., *Fraud Class*, Learn how to recognize and avoid scams.

Saturday, March 29, 10-30 – 11:30 a.m. *Blues Concert with Casaundra May and James*, Free concert- Traditional Delta and Chicago blues.

Penn Cove Mussel Fest, <https://www.penncovemusselifest.com/>

Friday, March 7, 5 - 8:30 p.m., **Saturday, March 8,** 10:30 a.m. – 7 p.m., **Sunday, March 9,** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Celebrate the bold, briny & blue at Penn Cove Mussel Fest 2025 in historic Coupeville. The Penn Cove Mussel Festival is a culinary celebration of the mussels grown offshore from Coupeville. There will be mussel cooking demonstrations by both local and regional chefs. There are beer gardens with live music and plenty of shopping in downtown Coupeville. Buy a ticket, take a boat tour of the mussel beds, and finish the day by watching who can chow down on mussels the fastest. You might even see a few mermaids if you are lucky!

Anacortes Public Library, <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/220/Library>

Saturday, March 8, 2 - 3 p.m., Captain Fred Kaufhold will introduce Skagit Bay Search and Rescue (SBSAR), their new boat, and discuss water safety.

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

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

Sunday, March 9, 2 - 4 p.m. *The Magnificent Fire Lookouts of the North Cascades*. At one time, there were 10 fire lookouts in the North Cascades mountains. Currently, three remain preserved and protected by North Cascades National Park. This presentation will share information about these enigmatic gems of the mountains.

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

Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fabric Mache Bowls with Kate Dwyer. In this workshop, you will use fabric, thread, glue, and balloons to make your own fabric mache bowls by mixing and matching.

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

Wednesday, March 5 - Sunday, June 1. *FIBER IX Excellence in Fiber* showcases the best of today's fiber and textiles from a growing global fiber art community. Contemporary artists push boundaries in the areas of installations, sculptures, vessels, wall/floor works, and wearable art.

Tim Bruce Performing Arts Center, 311 N. 6th St., La Conner

March 14, 15, 21, 22, 7 p.m., **March 16,** 1 p.m.—La Conner Drama presents *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. Not a musical. Plenty of murder! Tickets by donation at the door.



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/>

11 Iconic Fire Lookout Hikes in the Cascade Mountains

Whether you're headed to Stevens Pass, Snoqualmie Pass, or Mount Rainier, these fire lookouts are sure to leave you in awe at the mountainous beauty of the Evergreen State.

<https://seattle.curbed.com/2019/7/17/20697072/fire-lookout-tower-trails-hikes>

Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- ❗ A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ❗ In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.



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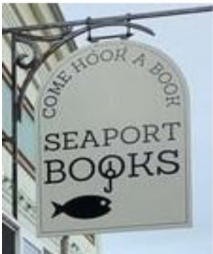



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March 2025

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 6:30pm Communiversitiy— Big Brds	5 3pm Finance Committee Meeting	6 9am Facilities and Amenities Committee	7	8
9 Daylight Savings— Spring Forward!	10 10am CERT Annex	11 9am SRC SB Women’s Breakfast 1pm Board & Finance Budget Workshop 3pm Harbor Committee Meeting	12 2pm Social & Recreation Committee Meeting	13 1:30pm Communications Committee Meeting	14	15
16 5:30pm St. Patrick’s Eve SRC Happy Hour	17 4pm Communiversitiy Committee Meeting	18 9am Architectural Compliance Committee 1pm Board & Finance Budget Workshop	19 4pm Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meeting	20	21	22
23 7pm Town Hall	24	25 1pm Board & Finance Budget Workshop	26	27 9am Green Task Force Meeting 4pm Men’s Fireside Gathering (SRC) Rainbow Park	28	29
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Clubs, Groups (classes), and agendas are posted at the Website. Shelter Bay residents are encouraged to attend.
Please visit the Calendar page at shelterbay.net for updates.



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