



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

Voting Instructions in Preparation for the Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 17, 2025



Annual Membership Meeting/ Election

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Voting is now open for the Annual Membership meeting. You have 3 options for voting:

1) **Online via Vote HOA Now**

(Deadline Friday, May 16 at 4 p.m.)

2) **By Mail-in using the ballots in the Election Packet**
(Must be **received** by Saturday, 10 a.m., including those mailed via USPS or those using After-hours Payment Drop Box at the Office)

3) **In-person day of meeting** (Must be in line (with ID) between 10:15-10:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse. As long as you are in line by 10:30 a.m., you will be allowed to vote.)

Online voting is the preferred method. It's a simple point-and-click ballot with the results automatically tabulated, providing the highest level of accuracy and security. You do not have to be signed up for electronic notices to vote electronically. **Look for instructions in the Meeting Notice mailed to you.**

The Annual Membership Meeting will convene at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 17, 2025 for in-person voting until 10:30 a.m., reconvening at 1 p.m. with the Election Results.

Please vote – this is YOUR Community.

Martha's Beach Hours

(Note change of seasonal hours.)

April 1 – September 30

The Beach gate hours are 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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Annual Master Lease Payment

Statements Are Coming May 1, 2025

It is that time of year when Shelter Bay Company bills you for the annual leasehold rent required for your sublease. We will be processing automatic payments (ACH withdrawal) on May 15, 2025. If you are unsure if your account is set up for ACH withdrawal, there will be a message in the upper right corner of your statement stating, **"If you are set up with auto payments, ACH, this invoice is for your records, no additional action is required."** If you are paying Shelter Bay with a monthly check, please make your Annual Sublease payment to **Shelter Bay Company**. If you make the check out to Shelter Bay Community or combine the amount with your monthly HOA Shelter Bay Community payment, the check will be returned to you for correction.



2025 Board Candidates for Election

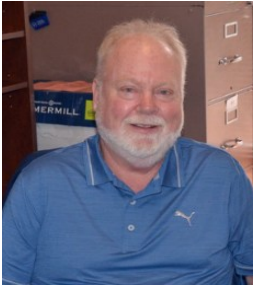
In the upcoming Board Elections, the following candidates are running for the three seats up for election:

- Jack Galbraith
- Nancy Shimeall
- Mike Shannon

Candidates' bios are available on the member-only section of the website under Annual Meeting & Elections.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE BY MAY 17!

Community Manager's Message



Pool Update – The project has started to move forward more quickly. The weather is cooperating, and we were able to plaster the pool since the last newsletter. It is filled with water, and the pool equipment has been started. The decking and walkway areas around the pool still need to be completed and this should take place at the end of April. We have already scheduled a pool inspection for early May and hope to have it operational sometime in May. Big thanks to our project Manager, Lawson Earl, for keeping this important project on track. I also want to thank the Maintenance team, as they are once again doing the daily checks and routine maintenance that will keep the pool clean and looking good.



Playground—The playground project is still being worked on, and we will share additional information as soon as we have updates.

Marina—The Marina continues to have extremely high occupancy and comes in better than budget month after month. I want to thank Harbormaster Derek and his assistant Steve for installing all the remaining ladders. As a reminder, we rekeyed the Boat Launch lock and encourage anyone with a boat launch key to contact the office to swap their old key for a new one if they have not done so already.

Maintenance Department – The Maintenance Department continues working on various community maintenance issues. With the weather getting better and the grass growing very quickly, the team is spending more time mowing all the areas. We were also able to schedule ditch mowing for the middle of May. The team continues to work on installing the drive-by water meter tops, which are now up to approximately 150. This will be an ongoing project over the next several months. We hope to start on the installation of the full drive-by meters very soon. More recently, the team cleaned the pickleball courts, and will get to the tennis courts soon. We have a variety of other projects that the team will be working on now that the weather has improved.

Roads/Pavement— As you may have noticed, we recently had Fidalgo Paving onsite doing a lot of patching in various areas. While we start winding down the paving projects as we get closer to the end of this fiscal year, we will ramp back up as soon as we get into the new fiscal year. As stated in prior newsletters, areas will always need attention. We encourage you to report any potholes or other road-related issues to the office so we can ensure they are reviewed and addressed.

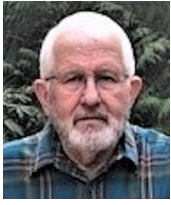
Golf Course—The Course is starting to look much better now that we have moved into spring and are once again mowing regularly. We recently engaged a company to fertilize and treat the course for weeds four times a year. We still plan to address the tee box/platform areas, and will continue to focus on irrigation to ensure it works properly as we enter the warmer months.

As always, a huge thanks to all our members who volunteer their time working on committees and those who work on various projects around the community. If you are interested in joining a committee or working on a project, 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

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to our diligent Shelter Bay Staff members. We are fortunate to have a dedicated team that continues to accomplish a wide variety of tasks and projects.

Board President's Message

Spring and Tulip Time Projects Update



Dear Shelter Bay Community,

As the vibrant hues of tulips usher in the beauty of spring, we are thrilled to share exciting updates on our ongoing projects. The swimming pool renovation, which has been a significant part of our Tulip Time efforts, is nearing completion. We anticipate that the refreshed facility will soon be ready for everyone to enjoy, offering a perfect place to relax and cool off as the warmer days approach.

Moreover, the construction of the building at Coquille Park is progressing well and is now close to being finished. This new addition will provide a wonderful space for various community activities and gatherings, further enhancing the charm and utility of our beloved community.

Please mark your calendars for the annual meeting and elections scheduled for May 17. This important event will allow us to come together, discuss community matters, and participate in the election of our leaders who will guide us through the coming year. Your presence and involvement are crucial in shaping the future of Shelter Bay.

On April 28, we will have our quarterly meeting with the Swinomish Tribe and the Town of La Conner to discuss ideas and possible projects that benefit all three communities. Engineering is progressing on a design and plans for moving the water main away from the channel to protect the water main from bank erosion. Hopefully we will make a final decision on the playground so we can construct it.

Lease negotiations continue to move forward. Shelter Bay is making progress on the lease framework. The Rules Committee is working on the covenants and by-laws to ensure they agree with Washington State law.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement within our community. We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting, and enjoying the new amenities together.

Warm regards,

Monte Hicks, President

Shelter Bay Board of Directors

Garden Club News



The Garden Club got assistance on a large weeding need and removing 2 bushes! Huge Kudos to Stu Gustafson, who volunteered at the Facilities and Amenities Committee meeting to donate the funds to support contracting out this work. This allowed the Garden Club to focus on other spring needs.

A big **Thank You** to those who joined our garden work parties held in April!

April 1 - Linda did 4 hours of weeding at the boat launch and planted primroses.

April 4 - Patty, Janel, David, Mary, Kati, Kim, Pat, and Linda did 4 hours of a Garden Work Party, and completed weeding in 2 garden areas around the clubhouse and Dock A.

April 7 - Stu's donated work was completed. Thanks again, Stu!

April 9 - Linda and Diane did the entrance pots.

April 14 - Janel, David, Kasey, and Linda did 3 garden areas around the BBQ area.

April 25 - The marina flower pots will be hung!

"Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be." - *Unknown*

Dock Notes



Boating Season is finally here! Your Shelter Bay Marina staff wants to wish everyone safe and delightful times, whether island hopping, reeling in a monster fish, or just enjoying the sun afloat. Have any last-minute maintenance needs that have to be addressed? Stop by the harbormaster's office to get recommendations for professional divers, marine electricians, yacht detailers, etc. With all the increased activity going on

in the marina, please don't forget to pack your patience! Also, please drive slowly in our parking lots!

- Vehicles parked overnight at the Marina should display a parking permit decal. Marina parking includes these areas: near the boat launch & A Dock, at C/D/E Docks, and along Shoshone Drive at F–J Docks
- Parking in any shore-side spot at the Marina is limited to 72 hours.
- Tenants with boat trailers who use the parking area near the boat launch should have a trailer parking permit decal. Trailers cannot be left without a vehicle attached.
- Parking permit decals can be picked up from the office. Any questions? See our Staff.

Marina Event: May 24 ~ "Let's Go Boating!" Hosted Happy Hour

You're invited to join the marina staff for a hosted gathering at the BBQ shelter between B and C Docks on Saturday, May 24, starting at 4 p.m. and ending at 6 p.m. We'll have the grill fired up and snacks to enjoy. This will be a BYOB event. Let us know if you can join us so we can get a good head count for supplies.

Guest Moorage: We have started to receive calls requesting short-term moorage for boaters visiting the area. Let us know if

Shelter Bay Marina Rates - Effective July 1, 2025

Slip Length	NR-New Docks	R-New Docks
Less < 38'	\$10.82	\$9.73
38' to less than 44'	\$11.39	\$10.25
44' to less than 50'	\$11.92	\$10.73
50' to less than 55'	\$13.23	\$11.15
55' to less than 60'	\$13.26	\$11.92
60' and more than	\$14.12	\$12.71
End Tie Docks	\$14.12	\$12.71
Overwide Slips		
40' to less than 44'	\$17.10	\$15.39
50' to less than 55'	\$18.55	\$16.69
55' to less than 60'	\$21.20	\$19.08


Note:
* Length: vessel Length overall (LOA) or slip length, whichever is greater

you will be out cruising and are willing to have your empty slip used by a visiting boater. Guest boats are charged \$1 per foot per night. Marina tenants whose slips are used by visitors will receive 50% of the collected guest fees as a credit towards their moorage fee.

Moorage Rate Change: As a reminder, Shelter Bay Community's Board of Directors voted to increase moorage fees by 5% for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. This will take effect July 1. Marina tenants who are members of the HOA receive a 10% discount on moorage fees.

See you at the Marina!


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



Fire District 13
March 16 – April 15, 2025
Shelter Bay Response Summary

Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	11
Good Intent Calls	1
Service Calls	5
Total Responses	17





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Board of Directors - Action Items

Regular Board Meeting April 16, 2025

- 1) Approved Safety Committee Request to Sponsor "Conversations with Fire District #13" Event.
- 2) Adopted Resolution 25-07 – FY25-26 Operating and Capital Improvement Projects Budget.
- 3) Adopted Resolution 25-08 – May 17, 2025 Annual Meeting/Election Packet.
- 4) Approved 2025 Election Committee Final Three Members.

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Company Board Meeting April 16, 2025
No Actions Taken

Lost... and (Hopefully) Found

Several items are in the office's Lost and Found, including water bottles, eyeglasses, wallets, car keys, beanies, and hats. Additionally, many coats and jackets have been abandoned and left hanging in the clubhouse. If you believe you own any of these items, please stop by the office to claim your prize. Any item unclaimed by end of the fiscal year (June 30) will be donated or properly destroyed. You can view pictures of the items at: <https://shelterbay.net/lost-found/>. Don't forget to use the **Next** link on the lower right to see all three pages of items.

Pool Attendants Needed

The business office is accepting applications for Pool Attendants for the upcoming pool season, which opens on May 24. The Pool Attendants will monitor swimmers, oversee safety, assist people within the pool area, prepare the pool for opening and closing, and perform limited pool maintenance. Pick up an application for a fun summer job!

Communi-versity: Let's Talk About Preventing Falls



Sunday, May 4, 3 – 5 p.m.

Each year more than 25% of all older adults in Washington will fall. While many falls are minor, others may result in serious injury, changes in mobility, or loss of independence. But a fall, a near fall, or loss of balance can be a silent warning that it's time to do something to prevent future falls.

Here are some things to think about: Have you fallen in the last year? Do you find that you sometimes lose your balance or nearly fall? **If you can answer**

Yes to either of these questions, you're at increased risk for falls and now is the time to think about preventing future falls.



There are lots of things that you can do to prevent falls. In this Communi-versity presentation, Dr. Victoria Panzer will talk about how to find the right answer for **YOU**. We'll have plenty of time for questions & answers. After a break, those who are interested in creating a Shelter Bay falls prevention program will discuss some possibilities together.

Register at: <https://shelterbay.net/shelter-bay/shelter-bay-communi-versity/>

Communi-versity: From Sea to Shining Sea



May 27, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Presenting a premiere private screening of the new documentary movie about the story of "*America the Beautiful*" and the fascinating life of the writer, **Katharine Lee Bates**.

This film explores the rich life of poet, professor, and social reformer Katharine Lee Bates, author of "*America the Beautiful*". As we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Bates' story reminds us of the beauty and ideals of our nation as well as its shortcomings, and honors the unbroken chain of Americans striving to live up to those ideals.

Presenters include:

The Movie Director/ Writer -**John de Graaf**

The Musical Composer – **Michael Bade** (Shelter Bay Resident)

The Graphic Artist – **Lisa Bade** (Shelter Bay Resident)

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

Compliance Corner

Hey Shelter Bay! Spring has sprung around here, and I hope you all have enjoyed tulip season. With the warmer weather, inevitably comes boating, camping, and other outdoor adventures. I want to remind the community that you can only have your trailer, RV, boat, or camper in your driveway for 7 consecutive days out of every 30. If you need it there longer, feel free to come to the office, and we can provide you with a permit.

In other news, we are scheduling Precision Tree Service to come and do work throughout the community this spring and summer. I am excited to have them work on some of the formed tree tunnels and the usual greenbelt clean-up. If you notice an area that needs attention, please submit a Green Committee Action Request form so we can take care of it!

Riley Reynolds
HOA Compliance Officer

EV Charging at Shelter Bay

We are excited to announce the addition of Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at Shelter Bay. These stations are compatible with all EVs and will enable marina tenants, Shelter Bay members, associate members, and their guests to recharge while enjoying our facilities.

The charging stations are located in the spaces surrounding the Harbormaster's office. Two spaces are reserved for active charging sessions, and vehicles should be moved when charging is complete to allow others to charge. The other two spaces are designated for EV charging and subsequent parking, with a maximum stay of 72 hours (a marina parking sticker is required), allowing weekend boaters to return to a fully charged vehicle without needing to move when charging is complete. As this is a new program, we will monitor usage and adjust the rules if necessary.

Charging is a simple process; Tesla drivers can plug in and have billing handled automatically through their vehicle. Non-Tesla drivers can start charging using the Tesla app and selecting the Shelter Bay Community pin on the map. Instructions are provided at the charging stations.

Charging fees are based on the prevailing electricity rate (\$0.15 per kWh, as of the time of writing), plus billing services (\$0.03 per kWh), and a modest fee for cost recovery and maintenance (\$0.07 per kWh). The total fee will be adjusted when PSE issues rate changes. The current price can be viewed in the Tesla app.

If you have questions about this project, please don't hesitate to contact the Project Manager at learl@shelterbay.net.



Area Happenings

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

Art Under the Stars, <https://www.monamuseum.org/events/art-under-the-stars>.

Saturday, May 10, 4 – 8 p.m., Experience the vibrant art scene of La Conner with **Art Under the Stars**, a monthly gallery walk held on the second Saturday of each month. This event invites art enthusiasts to explore La Conner's thriving creative community while strolling through charming streets filled with stunning artwork, fine craftsmanship, and engaging conversations with local artists.

Skagit County Spring Fair, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skagit-county-spring-fair-tickets-1125834865389>

Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Bring your family and friends to join us for a fun and exciting event at the Skagit County Fairgrounds!! There will be something for everyone to enjoy!!

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

Sunday, May 18, 2 – 3:30 p.m. - The museum will give a free presentation at Skagit City School, 17508 Moore Road, entitled "Fish Wars: Tribal Rights, Resistance, and Resiliency in the Pacific Northwest." – In the 1960s and 70s, tribes throughout the PNW launched protests and acts of civil disobedience to pressure the government to recognize their fishing rights. Lessons from these events remain relevant today. In this talk, Kestrel Smith surveys evidence and events before and after the Fish Wars.

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

Through June 29, Northwest Designer Craftartists (NWDC) Invitational

NWDC promotes excellence of design and craftsmanship, and works to stimulate public appreciation and interest in fine craft. Artists in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, who work professionally in clay, wood, glass, metal, fiber, and/or mixed media, are members. Works for this exhibition were selected by artist and curator Ellen Ito.

Are you looking for a variety of events to choose from? 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/>

Shelter Bay Happenings

Save the Dates

Shelter Bay Amateur Ham Radio Club

Where: Clubhouse

When: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Meet fellow Ham Radio operators.

Shelter Bay Community Garage Sale

SB Chorus Hot Dog & Bake Sale

Saturday, June 28, 2025

More information on signing up is coming soon!

Sponsored by the Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee

Volunteer Opportunity

After July 4, the Safety Committee seeks volunteers to paint the Disaster Assistance Center (DAC), and complete the interior inventory. All paint, equipment, refreshments, and beverages will be provided. If you want to volunteer for an early July work party, please get in touch with Bernard Robinson at bnbrobinson@yahoo.com or 360-728-9287.

Shelter Bay Community Shredding Day

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Watch this newsletter and our website for more information!

Sponsored by the Shelter Bay Community Office.

Shelter Bay Men's Fireside Gathering

at Rainbow Park (end of Chinook Place)

Thursday, May 1, at 4 p.m.

Light snacks provided.

BYOB and a lawn chair.

Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour



2 complimentary Margaritas

Monday, May 5 @ 5:30 p.m.

BBQ Pavilion by clubhouse

BYOB & please bring an Appetizer.

Sponsored by the Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee

Spring Chorus Concert

BROADWAY

Shelter Bay Chorus presents "ON BROADWAY" Spring Concerts on **Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 10, at 3 p.m.** Please plan to come to the Clubhouse and enjoy all your favorite Broadway show tunes. The PHANTOM will be there! Donations are accepted at the door.

Joan Mickelson, President
Shelter Bay Chorus

Shelter Bay Women's Monthly 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 provided.

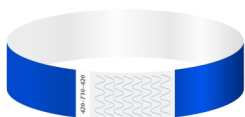
When: Second Tuesday of each month (May 13)

Time: 9-10:30 a.m.

Where: Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Sponsored by the Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee

Recreation Bands (Tags) Go on Sale in May



Rec Bands will be available to purchase starting in May at the office. The cost is \$10.00 per band

from May 1 through April 30 and \$5.00 for the 3-day Guest Band. Rec Bands must be worn while using the golf course, tennis/pickleball courts, and the pool. The cost of the Rec Bands will be billed directly to the Member's account. We request Members notify Shelter Bay in writing if someone other than the Member will be authorized to purchase Rec Bands. This will apply to Member's children and to renters of Shelter Bay properties.

Free BINGO & Ice Cream!

Come and join your neighbors in a fun evening of
Free BINGO and ice cream!

Friday, May 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Gift certificates from local merchants for winning players.



New Fitness classes

New Fitness classes have been added to the schedule, sponsored by SRC.
For more information, please email Leslie at kl.ten@gmail.com

Monday

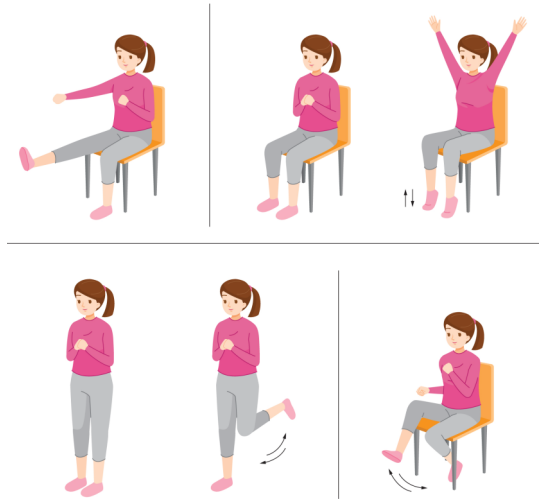
7:30 a.m. Exercise
9:30 a.m. Exercise
10:20 a.m. Chair Fitness

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Exercise
9:30 a.m. Exercise
10:20 a.m. Floor Workout

Friday

7:30 a.m. Exercise
9:30 a.m. Exercise
10:20 a.m. Chair Fitness



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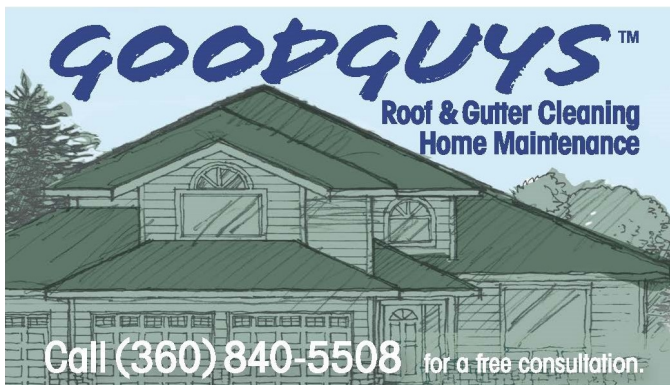


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360.466.3300 Art, Marcie & Tony

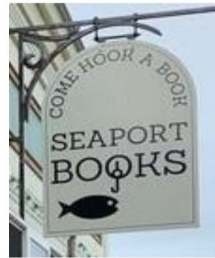
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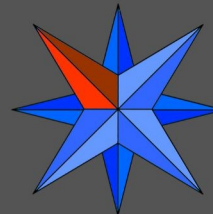
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May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9am Facilities and Amenities Committee 4pm SRC Men's Fireside Gathering @ Rainbow Park	2	3 Boating Opening Day
4 3pm Communiversity Let's Talk About Preventing Falls	5 10am Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)(date change for May) Annex 3pm Safety Committee Meeting 5:30pm SRC Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour	6 9am Architectural Compliance Committee Meeting 2pm Rules Committee Meeting	7 3pm Finance Committee	8 1:30pm Communications Committee Meeting	9 7pm Chorus Spring Concert	10 3pm Chorus Spring Concert
11 Happy Mother's Day!	12	13 9am SRC SB Women's Breakfast 3pm Harbor Committee Meeting	14 2pm Social & Recreation Committee Meeting	15	16	17 10am Annual Membership Meeting & Elections 1pm Reconvene for Election Results
18	19 4pm Communiversity Committee Meeting	20 9am Architectural Compliance Committee Meeting	21 4pm Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meetings	22 9am Green Task Force Group	23	24
25 7pm Town Hall Canceled for Holiday	26 Memorial Day Holiday Office Closed	27 6:30pm Communiversity - From Sea to Shining Sea Movie Night	28	29	30 6:30pm SRC Free Bingo & Ice Cream Night	31

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