

# News

#### shelter bay community, inc. ™

December 2024



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

#### 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.

#### Safety Committee Power Outages and Winter Storms



Take an active role in your safety, and inventory the items you need that rely on electricity. Talk to your medical provider about a power outage plan for medical devices powered by electricity and for refrigerated medicines. Plan for batteries

and other alternatives. Sign up for local alerts and warning systems. Keep mobile phones and other electric equipment charged and gas tanks full.

During a power outage, keep freezers and refrigerators closed. The refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours, and a full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours. If necessary, use coolers with ice.

Create emergency supply kits for your home and car, and individual Grab and Go bags for each family member and pet. If you plan to remain in your home, create larger containment areas for food storage. Remember to stock non-perishable items, and consider buying a camp stove and pots and pans to accompany it for items that need to be heated.

Carolyn Caporgno, Vice Chairperson

#### Did You Know?



To simplify the newsletter calendar, you will find Committee meetings and their sponsored activities, as well as the Board meeting and Town Hall. Clubs, Groups (classes), and agendas are posted on the Website. Shelter Bay residents are

encouraged to attend. Please visit the Calendar page at <a href="https://shelterbay.net/shelter-bay/social-recreation-event-calendar/">https://shelterbay.net/shelter-bay/social-recreation-event-calendar/</a> for updates.

Thank you.

Communications Committee

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#### **Board Meeting Canceled**

The Board of Directors meetings on Wednesday, December 18, have been canceled. In addition, there will be no Town Hall meeting on Sunday, December 22. Review this newsletter's calendar for other committee meeting cancellations for December.

The Board of Directors wishes you time to relax and recreate with your family and friends this holiday season.

# Shelter Bay Community Wildfire Risk Assessment

New to Website! Learn how to protect your home by reading the latest documentation on the Firewise Program in Shelter Bay. Go to shelterbay.net and scroll down to find the full document.

Renata McCauley Committee Secretary

#### A Word from Your GREEN Committee

Did you know? If you submit a View Restoration Request, you must include a photo of your original view at the time of purchase (NOT a real estate photo or telescopic photo) and a photo of your current view along with the Green Committee Action Request Form. Additionally, you must obtain the signature/s of the adjacent and impacted lot owners on the form before submission. This form is found at <a href="https://shelterbay.net/governance/board-of-directors/committees/">https://shelterbay.net/governance/board-of-directors/committees/</a>. Scroll down to the Green Committee and click on its Action Request Form. Thank you.

Julie Peddy, Chairperson

#### Community Manager's Message

Season's Greetings from the Shelter Bay Community Office

**Pool Update** – Work on the pool remodeling project continues. The weather has created delays, but we are still estimating project completion sometime over the next few months. We will also look at the long-term weather outlook to determine the best times to reopen once the refurbishment project is completed.

Playground update - We continue to work with the Swinomish permitting department to address changes in Wetland Buffer requirements at the current location. We are still awaiting feedback on potential mitigation we might be able to do that would allow us to keep the playground in the current location.

**Coquille Park**—Work continues at the old Pool Building, but has slowed a bit due to weather. As I write this, we are getting ready to have the new cement pad poured. Once that is completed, they will move on to other parts of the project. A huge thank you to the volunteers working on this project.

Marina – Vanessa Finch, our outstanding Harbormaster, is retiring at the end of the Calendar year. We interviewed some qualified candidates and extended an offer to one of the applicants. The offer was accepted, and our new Harbormaster will join us in early December, which will allow for some transition time before Vanessa's departure.

Roads/Pavement — We do not anticipate any additional paving projects until we get back into warmer spring weather unless it is an emergency. We are currently working on the trench drain project on the downhill side of Wanapum to address the water that continually runs down the hill during the rainy season. As of November 19, drain manufacturing was complete, and we will be picking up the drains by the end of the week. The permit for the project has been issued, and we hope to have this underway as soon as possible.

**Roadway Line Painting**—The majority of the lines have now been painted. No additional painting will be done until we are back in warmer weather, which is necessary to allow the paint to dry. We will continue to be proactive with line painting moving forward.

Maintenance Department – The drive-by Water Meter project continues to move forward. In recent meetings with the vendor that supplies our water meters, we requested a bid to provide 500 water meter tops for our existing newer water meters, allowing us to read those meters via a drive-by read, capturing the usage information on a tablet in the maintenance vehicle. We also requested a bid for 450 full meters to allow us to change out all the remaining meters that do not already have the base portion. We have \$382k in the approved 23/24 capital budget to switch all meters to the drive-by meters. This number was based on the best information available when we projected the dollars needed. The current bid to do all the meters along with the tablet and other equipment is approximately \$100k below the approved budget. We plan on moving forward as quickly as possible on installing the tops, allowing us to read over half the meters via drive-by vs. manual reads. We will use some of the saved manual read man-hours to continue to install the remaining new full meters. Once all meters are fully completed this will be a huge time savings, allowing us to use those man-hours in other areas. As always, the Maintenance team continues to stay busy with all the other areas they are responsible for. They also continue to enthusiastically take on new tasks as they are identified.

**Committees** – We have had a few more folks volunteer for some of the SBC Committees, but we are always looking for more. 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 <a href="mailto:rmccauley@shelterbay.net">rmccauley@shelterbay.net</a>.

#### President's Message

November pushed us further into winter, and the wind became a major issue. My hope is that December is kind to us and that Christmas travel is without many challenges. I notice that Christmas lights are up, and I can see decorated trees in many windows. It's a great time of year. Be sure to watch the La Conner Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday, December 14.

The November Board Meeting was routine, and a review of our monthly financials showed that we continue to be in excellent condition. Four new people were voted onto our committees. Our committees are the heart of the work to keep Shelter Bay the place we want to live. There is room on most of the committees for new members, so join one and have fun working with other community members. We also voted to cancel the December Board Meeting and Town Hall.

At the November Board meeting, we voted to send a letter from the La Conner Fire Department requesting donations to purchase a new fireboat. Please look at a copy of the request in a recent email from Shelter Bay. It is crucial that we protect the boats in our marina, the marina infrastructure, and homes that are on the water from fire. The purchase of the new fireboat is being supported by the Port of Skagit, the Town of La Conner, the Swinomish Tribe, and the Shelter Bay Community. The amount left to be raised is about \$100,000 and needs to be raised by the end of the year. Please join me in making a charitable donation.

Last is an update on the new lease activity. Most of November's work was behind the scenes. The attorneys and appraisers worked on valuation issues. Our lease group was able to meet Swinomish Senators during their monthly meeting and have a picture taken. Due to the holiday schedules, I guess it will be challenging to have joint meetings in December.

I wish all the residents of Shelter Bay a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



#### **Dock Notes**



It's bittersweet to write this: my last "Dock Notes" for the newsletter. I'm retiring from the Harbormaster position at the end of the year to go boating. It's been an honor and a real pleasure to be part of the Marina team - the tenants of Shelter Bay Marina are the nicest group of boaters one could find anywhere! I want to thank the Harbor Committee volunteers who've made it possible for the facilities to be in the excellent shape they are today. You'll learn more about our new harbormaster — Derek Woods — in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, you're invited to stop by the Harbor shed to meet him in person, as he and I will be working together until the end of December. May everyone have a safe, happy, holiday season ashore or out afloat.

Vanessa Finch, Harbormaster vfinch@shelterbay.net

#### **Update to Communiversity Videos**



On November 12, Madelyn Loy, the Noxious Weed Coordinator for Skagit County, presented helpful hints on identifying and eradicating noxious weeds in your yard. The video of her presentation can be found at <a href="https://shelter-bay.net/shelter-bay/shelter-bay-communiversity/">https://shelter-bay.net/shelter-bay/shelter-bay-communiversity/</a>.



Scroll down and "Click to see the recording."

Photo of Poison Hemlock Courtesy of Skagit County Noxious Weed Control



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

#### Regular Board Meeting November 20, 2024

- 1) Approved sending out donation request letter on behalf of the La Conner Fire Department.
- 2) Approved Resolution 24-16 Rules & Regs Part I Entrance Gate & Security Watch.
- 3) Approved Cancellation of the December Board Meeting.
- 4) Approved Authorization of Funds Request for replacement of two automatic generator transfer switches not to exceed \$25,000.
- 5) Appointed the following committee members:
  - a. John Olson as Regular Member of the Green Committee
  - b. Susan Duffin as Member of the Communications Committee
  - c. James Cushman as Alternate Member of the Harbor Committee
  - d. David DeLisle as Regular Member of the Green Committee
- 6) Approved Executive Staff Holiday Bonuses.

#### shelter bay company ™

Company Board Meeting November 20, 2024 - No Meeting

## **Shelter Bay Happenings**

#### **Chorus Holiday Concerts**



The Shelter Bay Chorus will perform their Holiday Concert at the Clubhouse on Friday, **December 13**, at 7 p.m. and **Saturday, December 14**, at 3 p.m. Please come and enjoy your local chorus! Donations are \$10 at the door.

#### New Year's Eve Party!







Come ring in the New Year at the clubhouse on **December 31, 6-9 p.m.** 

to celebrate New Year's Eve on East Coast time.
We will have some champagne and sparkling cider.
Please bring an appetizer to share and BYOB.
Sponsored by the Social and Recreation Committee.

#### **Christmas Caroling**



Let's gather together. Join the Social and Recreation Committee's fun-filled Christmas Caroling evening, accompanied by Elizabeth Mahoney, on **December 18** at the BBQ pavilion, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Hot chocolate, spiced wine, and cookies will be provided.



#### **Area Happenings**

Anacortes Coastal Christmas Tree Lighting, Friday, December 6, 6 p.m.,

ttps://business.anacortes.org/events/calendar.

Sedro Woolley Tree Lighting Festival and Holiday Parade, Saturday, December 7, 2-8 p.m.,

https://sedro-woolley.com/christmas/

**Skagit Valley Academy of Dance, "The Nutcracker",** Friday, December 6 & Saturday, December 7, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 8, 2 p.m. at McIntyre Hall. <a href="https://www.skagitvalleyacademyofdance.com/thenutcracker">https://www.skagitvalleyacademyofdance.com/thenutcracker</a>

Mount Vernon Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting, Sunday, December 8, 5-6 p.m. www.downtownmountvernon.org/events/annual-holiday-parade-tree-lighting

La Conner Holiday Lighted Boat Parade, Saturday, December 14, 6-7 p.m. https://www.lovelaconner.com.

Tulalip Lights & Ice, Tulalip Casino, Tulalip, WA, December 1, 2024-January 12, 2025, https://www.quilcedavillage.com/TulalipLightsAndIce/



Skagit County Historical Museum, 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. <a href="https://www.friendsoftheacfl.org">https://www.friendsoftheacfl.org</a>.

For more hikes, visit <u>www.skagitlandtrust.org</u> for directions to properties. These hikes are throughout Skagit County and can be done without a guide.

#### Get a Jump on the New Year!

#### Shelter Bay's 2nd Annual Polar Plunge!



Come jump into the new year with your fellow neighbors down at Martha's Beach.

Wednesday, January 1 @ 11:00 a.m.

Bring your bravery, a towel, and something warm to sip afterward.

#### 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.

#### 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.

# The FIRST Annual Shelter Bay NO TALENT SHOW 2025!!! March 29, 7:30 pm / March 30, 2:00 pm

All Talent and NO Talent Welcome!



This FREE event is open to all Shelter Bay residents.

Kids and adults welcome!

It is <u>NOT</u> a competition (It's NOT "Shelter Bay's Got Talent!").

It's a community-building event strictly for FUN!

So get your creative juices flowing and EXPRESS YOURSELF.
By yourself or with a group.

This is your chance to grab the spotlight and SHINE!

Sing, Dance, Act, Tell Jokes, Recite OR ...

Acrobatics Jugalina Rap Yo yo Hula Hoop Gymnastics Mime Jump rope Ventriloquism Whistling Karate **Puppets** Beatboxing Impressions Lin Sync Cheerleading Balloon art Bird calls

#### Google "TALENT SHOW IDEAS" for more.

Performances are 3/29 & 3/30. Dress rehearsals are 3/27 & 3/28, 5-9pm.

You must be present at one of the dress rehearsals.

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.

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

January 14, 6:30-9:30 PM

January 21, 6:30-9:30 PM

January 28, 6:30-9:30 PM

February 4, 6:30-9:30 PM

February 11, 6:30-9:30 PM

February 18, 6:30-9:30 PM

February 22, 9:00 AM-Noon

February 22,1:00-5:00 PM



#### Session

Overview: Disaster Preparedness

Fire Suppression

Disaster Medical Operations - I

Disaster Medical Operations - II

Light Search and Rescue

CERT Organization / Disaster Psychology

Terrorism, Table Top Exercise, Final Test Review

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

# 72-Hour Disaster Preparedness Kit



#### Water

Store 1 gallon/person/day (2 quarts for drinking and 2 quarts for food preparation and sanitation.

\_\_\_\_ people x 3 = gallons of water you need for your family for 3 days.



Don't forget water for your pets!



#### Food



- Canned meats, fish, fruit and vegetables
- Canned juices, milk, soups
- Sugar, salt, pepper
- High energy foods peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, trail mix, nuts, jerky, dried fruits, etc.
- Comfort/stress foods cookies, hard candy, cereal, coffee, tea, powdered drink mixes, etc.
- Foods for infants, elderly or people on special diets



Don't forget food for your pets!



#### Sanitation



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- ♦ Disinfectant
- Feminine supplies (tampons, pads, etc.)
- Household chlorine bleach
- Personal hygiene items (tooth brushes, toothpaste, or baking soda, brush, comb, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, etc.)
- Plastic garbage bags with twist ties, small plastic grocery bags
- Plastic bucket with tight lid (for human waste use)
- Soap, liquid detergent, hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol), moist towelettes, hydrogen peroxide
- Toilet paper and baby wipes
- · Wash cloths, hand and bath towels



Pets - cage, carrier, kitty litter, etc.



## Clothing and Bedding

- At least 1 complete change of clothing and footwear per person
- · Blankets or sleeping bags
- Rain gear



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Pets - bedding, leash, muzzle

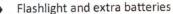


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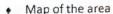


## Tools & Emergency Supplies

- Aluminum foil and re-sealable plastic bags
- Battery operated radio and extra batteries
- Cash in small bills and change
- · CD to be used as reflector if stranded
- Compass







- Matches in a waterproof container, candles
- Paper and pencil
- Paper cups, plates, plastic utensils, paper towels
- Plastic sheeting
- ♦ Tape (plastic and duct)
- Signal flares
- Tools pliers, screwdrivers, shovel
- Small camp stove and mini propane bottle
- Wrench (to turn off household gas and water
- Whistle
- First aid kit bandages, adhesive tape, antibiotic ointment or gel, antiseptic wipes, cleansing agent, cotton swabs, disposable gloves, gauze pads, scissors, thermometer, tweezers, etc.



Pets - medications, special foods and medical/ immunization records and toys.



### Special Items

- Entertainment games, books, cards
- Important family documents (wills, passports, birth certificates, etc.) Keep in waterproof, container and update as needed

#### For Infants

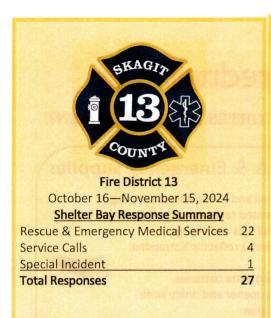
 Bottles, diaper, baby wipes, diaper rash ointment, formulas, cereal, medications, powdered milk, juices, small toys

For elderly and disabled

 Special medications, list of prescriptions and dosages, copy of Medicare card, extra glasses, hearing aid batteries, denture needs, bladder control garments and pads

Put your items in an easy to carry container with a lid or in a water proof backpack.

Write the date purchased on food items and remember to rotate water and check other supplies every <u>6 months</u>.



#### Garden Club News

It was a stormy November. The Garden Club took advantage of a sunny day on November 15. Diane Berglund, Berit Kenin, and I got together to trim and rake the gardens around the Clubhouse. We had fun and made the gardens look good again. The annex garden and the garden by B Dock were also trimmed and raked.

With the holidays coming, we will be decorating the entrance

If you want to join the Garden Club, please get in touch with me at

Irshipley@wavecable.com.

Merry Christmas and Happy Gardening!

Linda Shipley



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### Jackie Stone

I am retiring after many wonderful years & want to express how grateful I am to have worked with so many of you.

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

Windermere You may reach her at (360)420-3119





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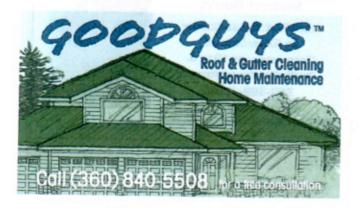
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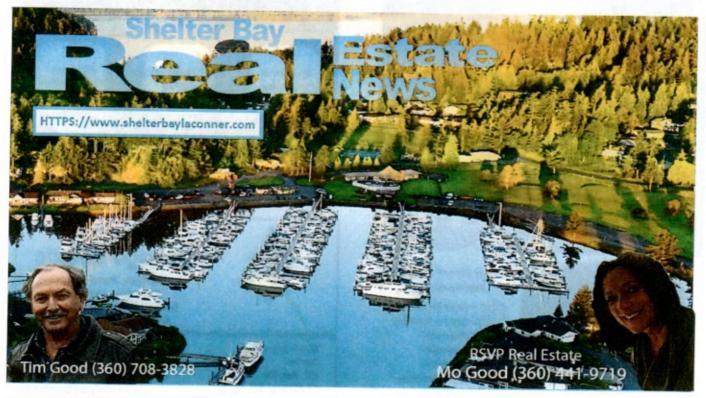
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Shopping: Fri-Sat-Sun, 11am - 5pm Donations: Mondays 1 - 3pm

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New arrivals posted Thursdays on our Facebook page. Non-profit shop sends proceeds back to our community.





# December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	<b>3pm</b> Safety Committee Meeting	3 9am Architectural Compliance Committee 2pm Rules Committee Meeting CANCELED	4 3pm Finance Committee CANCELED	5 9am Facilities and Amenities Committee Meeting CANCELED	6	7
8	9 10am CERT	10 3pm Harbor Committee Meeting	11 2pm Social & Recreation Committee Meeting CANCELED	12 9am Green Committee Meeting 1:30pm Communications Committee Meeting	13	14
15	16 4pm Communiversity Committee Meeting	9am Architectural Compliance Committee	4pm Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meeting CANCELED  6:30pm Christmas Caroling— Clubhouse	19	20	21
22 Town Hall CANCELED	23	24	25 Office Closed for Holiday— Happy Holidaysl  Omistrias!	26 9am Green Committee Meeting CANCELED	27	28
29	30	31 6pm SRC New Years Eve East Coast Party—Clubhouse				

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