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Campaign to Email Newsletter

Fall weather may be bleak, but that doesn't apply to your Shelter Bay newsletter. Yes! USPS mailed newsletters are printed in B&W, and arrive days later to your mailbox after traveling through the Seattle distribution center mail processing.

Joie de vivre is what you can experience each 1st of the month, when your email inbox receives a technicolor newsletter.

Accompanying photos from our community events and volunteer functions will expand beyond variations of grey. And you may not feel the pull to escape to sunnier climates when you see our community is filled with color. View the newsletter as it is intended to be experienced.

If you still receive your Shelter Bay newsletter by mail: Please give us an opportunity to color your world. Contact Jennifer jpeters@shelterbay.net to switch to email subscription.

Martha's Beach Hours

(Note change of seasonal hours.)

October 1 - March 31

The beach gate hours are 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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Swinomish Police Notice

Dear Shelter Bay Community,

Recently, our officers received reports of suspicious phone calls targeting local residents.

☎ One call came from someone claiming to represent "Fire District 13," requesting donations for the fire department. Please note: our fire department does NOT solicit donations by phone. Do not share personal or financial information. If you have questions, **contact the fire department directly at (360) 466-1224.**

⚠ Another call involved someone impersonating a Skagit County Sheriff's Office representative. The caller falsely claimed the resident had a warrant for missing jury duty and demanded \$10,000, instructing them not to tell anyone. Thankfully, the community member did the right thing and called us to verify. **You can contact the Sheriffs' office or the Swinomish Police directly at (360) 428-3211**

☑ If you receive a suspicious call, hang up and contact us or the appropriate agency directly. Your safety and privacy matter.

Thank you for staying alert and looking out for one another.

— Swinomish Police Department

Lt. Velma Lockrem

Swinomish Police Department

17353 Reservation Road, La Conner



**Daylight Savings Ends
Sunday, November 2nd**

**Be sure to set your
clocks back an hour!**

Community Town Hall

The Community Town Hall will be held
Sunday, November 23, at 7 p.m.

Send questions to board@shelterbay.net.

Watch for website reminders.

You Might be Eligible for Tax Relief from SITC

If you have a combined household gross income of \$35,000 or less, and are a senior or are disabled and receiving Social Security or Veterans Affairs Disability payments, you can apply to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community for a reduction in your Use & Occupancy Tax. This ANNUAL request must be in the form of a completed Exemption Claim Form. The **due date is December 31** of the year prior to the year the taxes are due. You must have used your address as your Principal Place of Residence during the tax year in which the exemption is requested. For the form, please go to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community website using the link below, or call them at (360) 542-7622 for more information.

<https://www.swinomish-nsn.gov/media/1256>



Jane Godfrey October 21, 2025

Community Manager's Message



Pool – As I write this, the maintenance team is moving most of the pool furnishings to one of the fenced-in areas at the RV storage lot. They will be stored there until we get back into pool weather next spring. We still have a few things to do surrounding the pool area and will get those taken care of in the next few months as weather permits. We are also investigating options to allow us to cut down on propane usage next swim season while keeping the pool at a comfortable temperature. Hope everyone had a fun time this summer!

Coquille Park Building – As reported at the October board meeting, the grand opening of this new amenity took place Sunday, September 28, and was well-attended. All those present had nothing but wonderful things to say about how nice the remodel turned out. The facility now has tables, chairs, and a big screen TV, and is ready for use. This new facility will be used by a variety of folks including subcommittees and SB-sponsored groups, as well as being available for reservation by members much as the main clubhouse is. To check availability, visit the website's [Facilities Reservation Calendar](#). (This can also be quickly accessed from Useful Links found in the website's footer.) If you have any difficulties or questions, please contact the Shelter Bay Office.

Playground – As mentioned last month, the board approved the revised plan to install the new equipment in a part of the playground that sits outside the expanded wetland buffer. We are still going through the permit approval process and will not complete the installation until spring. We will be moving the equipment that is currently sitting outside the tennis courts over to the RV Storage area. We will also move the pallet of border materials that are currently stored near the harbor shed. We will provide updates as the playground plans move forward with the Swinomish permitting department. Our new targeted installation start date is sometime in early spring.

Marina – Occupancy has dropped a few percentage points but still came in at 91% for September. Derek and Steve have completed the replacement of the aging railings on Docks A through E. Derek mentioned that several Harbor Committee volunteers contributed their time, tools, and expertise to help get this project completed. We are still working on plans to get the interior of the marina bathrooms redone.

Maintenance Department – We now have the necessary number of certified staff members for both the water and sewer operations, which allowed us to cancel the services of the outside company we had been using. Work on the drive-by water meters continues; we now have approximately 330 of the tops installed and are performing drive-by reads for those locations. We will continue to push forward on getting the remaining tops installed and will then move on to the full meters. The staff recently tackled a couple of water leaks and is also working on drainage projects. They also completed painting a few more of the roadway center lines and we hope to get some, if not all, of the fog lines completed before the weather forces us to stop. Another important item is the recent installation of lift station monitoring equipment. This new equipment will notify us in the event of an issue at any of the sewer lift stations versus relying on someone seeing the red light at those locations.

Golf Course – As reported by our project Manager Lawson Earl at the September Board meeting, plans are coming together for various turf improvements to the golf course greens during the off-season. This will include aerating, sanding, compacting, and seeding. These steps should lead to much healthier and more playable greens in the spring. Additionally, you may have noticed there are now Disc Golf Baskets located on each of the nine holes. We have already seen increased utilization of this area. Please note that the Disc Golf installation was completed under budget with volunteer labor and some assistance from the maintenance department.

Volunteers – As always, we recognize all the time and effort that SBC volunteers put in on Committees, working on projects like the Coquille Park Building, and various other things. Our sincere thanks for all you do. If you are interested in being part of this please reach out to committee Secretary, Renata McCauley at 360-466-3805, Ext. 8, or via email at rmccauley@shelterbay.net.

Bill Palmer

Calling All Artists of Shelter Bay

The Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee is sponsoring a visual art show for artists in Shelter Bay. This is an opportunity to display some of your art, and to meet and talk with fellow artists in our community.

The art show will be entitled "Artists of Shelter Bay" and will take place in the Shelter Bay Clubhouse, the weekend of Saturday, March 7 through Sunday, March 8, 2026.

Though there will be no "theme" for this art show, we are asking that the art be "family-friendly" and avoid politics. Art mediums can include painting, fiber arts, carving, glass, jewelry, and more. Artists can indicate prices for work and provide contact information to the community, but sales of artwork are not allowed in the venue.

Sign up by sending your contact information (Name, Lot number, Phone, Email) and your art medium to Lisa Bade at Lisabade42@gmail.com. There will also be a paper sign up form in the Shelter Bay office. Deadline for artists to sign up is Friday, January 16, 2026. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Disclaimer: Please be aware that Shelter Bay Community, Inc. and Shelter Bay Company will not be held responsible for any damage to or theft of an artist's property.

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Fire District 13

October 16 - November 15, 2025

Shelter Bay Response Summary

Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	9
Service Calls	9
False Alarm & False Call	1
<u>Special Incident Type</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Responses	23

Mind Your Smoke Alarms!

The end of Daylight Savings Time (November 2) is a good reminder to replace the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.

Fire District 13, with help from the American Red Cross, can install a 10-year battery smoke alarm (including hearing impaired alarms) and customize a fire escape plan for your house at no charge.

Hardwired smoke alarms with battery backups should have their batteries replaced every year. Fire District 13 can help replace 9-volt batteries. They don't want you falling from a ladder.

If you'd like to schedule an install, please call 360-391-4554 to set up an appointment.

Excerpted from Fire District 13 newsletter

Board President's Message



It's hard to believe we're already in November. The Board has remained active and focused on ensuring Shelter Bay continues to run smoothly and responsibly.

In September, we held our Annual Board Retreat, where we reviewed our financial management approach and organizational structure. Shelter Bay operates much like a small town, with ongoing needs for water,

sewer, infrastructure, and administration. Our goal is to maintain strong financial practices that support these essential services while keeping HOA dues as reasonable as possible and aligned with community expectations.

We also held a work session focused on the future of our water system. While the system is currently operating well, we are planning ahead for eventual upgrades or replacement. As we explore long-term options, we are mindful of aligning major investments with progress toward a new master lease.

The Lease Negotiations Team continues its dedicated work with the Swinomish Tribe to outline the terms of a new master lease. While this process takes time, it reflects the need for coordination among the Tribe, the Allottees, and our community. Once preliminary terms are agreed upon, homeowners will have an opportunity to review and vote on whether to move forward with drafting the full lease.

We appreciate the community's continued patience and support as we work toward a lease that ensures long-term stability and mutual success for Shelter Bay and the Swinomish Tribe for generations to come.

Until next time,
Monte Hicks, President



Board of Directors Action Items

shelter bay community, inc.™ Regular Board Meeting October 15, 2025

- 1) Approved Job Description for an Architectural Compliance Officer
- 2) Approved Social & Rec Committee sponsoring the Book Club to use Coquille Park Building once a month
- 3) Adopted Resolution 25-20 – General Updates of Social & Recreation Committee Guidelines
- 4) Adopted Resolution 25-22 – Rules & Regs Part I, IV, Clubhouse, V. Parks and BBQ Area, and VI. Recreational Facilities to include Coquille Park Building, Disc Golf, and general updates as necessary
- 5) Appointed Dan McCaughan to the Safety Committee
- 6) Approved Margaret Lavender as Newsletter Editor for the Communications Committee
- 7) Approved Authorization of Funds Request to hire the Architectural Compliance Officer position through the end of the fiscal year and the budget not to exceed \$49,000 including benefits

shelter bay company™
There was no Company Board Meeting
on October 15, 2025

Did You Know? Does Your Sublease Paperwork Match Your Home Ownership Deed?



Shelter Bay Company leases all the leased lots from the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community landowners under the terms of a Master Lease, and you, in turn, sublease from Shelter Bay Company. When you purchased your home, you signed a Deed and an Assignment of Sublease which are legal documents that show transfer of ownership of both the real property and the leased property in Shelter Bay. The sublease is your agreement to pay rent as a member of the Shelter Bay HOA, and to abide by the covenants. In simple terms, you own your home and rent the land your home sits on, with the sublease as your rental agreement for the lot. When you change ownership of your home with a Deed, it is important to also change ownership of the sublease agreement with Shelter Bay Company for the leased property. Examples of changes would be: divorce, death, sale, transfer into a trust, or sale of property. Do not assume your attorney is aware of how to process ownership changes on subleased property. For more information about ownership changes, contact Kendra Emerson at 360-466-3805 Ext. 1, or email kemerson@shelterbay.net.

*Debbie Galbraith, Communications Committee,
and Kendra Emerson, SB Office Supervisor*

Compliance Corner

Happy Holidays, Shelter Bay! Fall is in full swing, and the holiday season will be here before we know it. I'd like to remind folks that **holiday decorations and lighting are allowed from Thanksgiving Day through the end of the first week of January.**

As we go into the colder months, I want to remind the Community that all outdoor burning is banned in Shelter Bay. Unless you are using a propane or charcoal powered barbeque, patio heater, or fire pit, all other burning is not allowed. This is outlined in both our Protective Covenants and our Rules and Regulations.

Lastly, I wrote last month about feeding wildlife in Shelter Bay. In the same vein, I want to discuss what to do and whom to call when wildlife dies in the greenbelt, or on your lot. As you all know, Shelter Bay is a Homeowner's Association, and we do not have the capacity to manage this kind of an issue. In the event you find a deceased deer (or any other animal), we suggest you first call the Swinomish Fish & Wildlife Enforcement, 360-399-5376. They may be willing to assist in these situations, particularly if the deer have not yet started decomposing. To be clear, it is not the responsibility of the Tribe, or of the HOA to remove such animals. In the event that the Tribe is unable or unwilling to assist, I would suggest calling sanitary or deadstock services.

Editors note: there are several private deadstock removal services, servicing Skagit county.

Riley Reynolds RReynolds@shelterbay.net, 360-466-3805, Ext. 7

Winter Preparedness

The rattle of rain on the roof and earlier sunsets are reminders that summer has fled, and our Pacific Northwest winter is here. It's a good time to shift your mind into winter mode, especially since the National Weather Service predicts we'll have a colder and wetter winter, including snow. Here are some suggestions for getting prepared.

On those chilly mornings: could the driveway have icy patches? Black ice may be between you and the mailbox. Small steps and a walking staff help keep your balance.

Ah, rain. Treat yourself to new windshield wipers and be sure of what's happening ahead of your car. Many auto supply stores will install wipers for you if you buy them at that store.

If you have a forced-air gas or electric furnace, there will be less dust in the air if you clean or replace the furnace air filters.

If you have a wood stove or fireplace, how long has it been since you had the creosote cleaned out of the chimney?

Winter winds, rainstorms, or snowstorms can bring trees down onto the power lines. If the power goes out, you can access the Puget Sound Energy Outage Map on your cell phone and determine the extent of the outage, or report the outage if it is not already listed. PSE will provide an estimate of how long the power will be out as soon as they visit the site.

<https://www.pse.com/en/outage/outage-map>

Do you have a plan if the PSE Outage Map says power will be out for 8 hours, and it's a cold winter day? Not a happy thought, but it has happened in the past and will happen again. Plan, be prepared, and enjoy peace of mind.

Ted Taylor, Safety Committee

Dock Notes



Winter is on the horizon and as the autumn air turns crisp and the winter winds roll in, it's time to prepare for the off-season.

Kayaks and Paddleboards: If you are storing your kayaks and or paddleboards on your boat, we ask you to please make sure they are securely stored. Also, we ask that you make sure they do not interfere with access down the dock. We have noticed that some paddleboards are hanging out over the dock causing a safety risk.

No Personal Items Left on Docks: It is against marina rules to leave out crab pots, tools and other personal items out on the dock. Please take these items home, store them in your dock box or keep them on your vessel.

Prepare for Water Shut Off: This year we will be shutting off the water to all docks when we have a good idea of when freezing weather is on the horizon. Now is a good time to top off your tanks and do any washing or cleaning.

Freezing Water: Speaking of frozen water, the water in Shelter Bay is brackish and does freeze. This can cause many problems for your vessel. The most dangerous scenario is that ice causes damage that is not apparent until it thaws. A cracked fitting or ruptured hull will then take on water and potentially sink the boat. To prevent this from happening make sure the heaters are working properly in your boat and will prevent water from freezing around it.

Emergency Contact Cards: If you have not displayed your emergency contact card yet, please stop by the Harbormaster's office to grab one. We can laminate it for you as well. Emergency contact cards are important because Shelter Bay might have your phone number however someone passing by that notices something wrong with your boat does not.

"We wish you a memorable and enjoyable season of fall boating!" Your Marina Team: Kendra Emerson, Derek Woods and Steve Shipley

Harbor Shed hours: Mon-Fri 9AM to 3PM

Harbormaster: (360) 333-2952

Shelter Bay Happenings

Shelter Bay Men's Fireside Gathering

At Rainbow Park (end of Chinook Place)
Enjoy an evening of meeting with your neighbors!

Thursday, November 6 at 4 p.m.

Light snacks provided. BYOB and a lawn chair.

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Bitters Sweet

A bitters-making demonstration, by Anastasia Brencick, an experienced herbalist.

Anastasia will be teaching the history and health benefits of bitters. Bitters can be used in cooking and help with digestion. She will have some seasonal bitters prepared for tasting. Each participant will make orange bitters to take home. Jars and ingredients will be provided. If you didn't pre-register, please visit or call the office (360) 466-3805, Ext. 9 to check for space availability.

Friday, November 7, 1 - 3 p.m.

Shelter Bay Clubhouse

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Shelter Bay Women's Monthly Breakfast

It's a wonderful time of meeting and connecting with fellow neighbors, and also enjoying a delicious breakfast. Each month we have first-timers. We'd love to have you join us! 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 (**November 11**)

Time: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Shelter Bay Clubhouse

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Apple Cider Squeeze

Hosted by David Anderson, a resident of Shelter Bay, who is generously supplying the apples and equipment for this fun event! You're welcome to bring your own apples, and empty containers for the apple cider. It's delicious!

Chili, cornbread, and drinks will be provided!

Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Shelter Bay Clubhouse lawn on the east side.

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Thanksgiving Day Dinner



A wonderful Shelter Bay tradition!

Plan to join our community for a catered traditional meal:
turkey and all the delicious sides.

Thursday, November 27

Social hour at 2 p.m., dinner served at 3 p.m.

The cost per guest this year is \$27. Please **sign up in the office by Friday, November 21** and pay by check. Please understand there will be no refunds after this date.

If you are unable to attend, let the office know, and SRC will prepare a take-away meal for you. On the signup list, please indicate if you want your dinner to go, either for pick up or delivery to your home.

Paper plates, utensils, napkins, and cups will be provided.
You are welcome to bring your own tableware.

BYOB (any beverages you would like)

BYOP (share your favorite pie, if you like)

A signup list for pie will also be in the office.

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Shelter Bay Book Club

We meet the first Monday of each month, at 1 p.m.

All Shelter Bay residents are invited to join us. Please contact Elaine Hicks at elainecpta@hotmail.com or phone

(620) 215-1912 for more information including the location, and to let us know you'll be attending.

Monday, November 3 at 1 p.m.

Book: When the Apricots Bloom By: Gina Wilkinson

Monday, December 1 at 1 p.m.

Book: The Year without a Purchase By: Scott Dannemiller

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Apple Picking Morning Invite

We need **10 volunteers** to harvest the apples for our Apple Cider Squeeze event.

This will happen at Pleasant Ridge Farm, 19166 Rexville Grange Road, **at 10 a.m., Monday, November 10.**

Come out and enjoy the beautiful apple orchard and have fun with friends! Please bring a clean bucket.

Sign up in the office or give the office a call to sign up - (360) 466-3805, Ext. 9.

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Communiversity—Know Your Community: Shelter Bay Utilities & Infrastructure

Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Clubhouse (In-person only)

Shelter Bay's Project Manager, Lawson Earl, will be making a presentation on Shelter Bay's infrastructure.

Topics include roadways, water, wastewater and more. If you've ever wondered how things work behind the scenes, you'll want to check this out! Registration is required so we can provide adequate refreshments. Register online at the community website under Resources/Communiversity, or at <https://shelterbay.net/shelter-bay/shelter-bay-communiversity/>

Shelter Bay Food Drive

The holiday season is all about joining with friends and family and especially enjoying our favorite foods! This year we are facilitating the gathering of food items which will help families make their holidays extra special! There is a box in the Shelter Bay Library (annex) for all of your donations. Please donate to box by December 5, or bring your items to December 5 Tree Lighting by Clubhouse BBQ.

Donated items will delivered to La Conner Sunrise Food Bank for distribution.

Any checks should be made out to them!

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Save the Dates

Community Tree Lighting Festival

Come celebrate the season of lights!

We'll be lighting our BBQ pavilion tree.

Friday, December 5, 5 p.m. - Shelter Bay Clubhouse BBQ

We've invited our local fire fighters with their truck, and Santa is expected! Cookies (share your favorites with your community) and hot drinks!

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Community Christmas Caroling

Watch the December newsletter for more information...

Chorus Holiday Concerts

The Shelter Bay Chorus will perform their Holiday Concert at the clubhouse on Friday, **December 12**, at 7 p.m. and **Saturday, December 13**, at 2 p.m. Please come and enjoy your local chorus.

Donations at the door.

Response to the Light Brigade Request

At its regular meeting on September 17, 2025, the Shelter Bay Board of Directors reviewed a request from the *Light Brigade* — a private group of residents seeking to raise funds for lighting the south side of the Rainbow Bridge. The group had asked the Board for approval to conduct a community-wide survey using Shelter Bay's communication channels.

In earlier discussions, the Board expressed support for the *idea* of lighting the bridge "in theory," meaning that the Board appreciated the initiative, but had not committed any community funds or official resources to the project. After reviewing the latest request, the Board determined that additional information was needed and ultimately voted to deny the use of HOA communication tools for this purpose.

During this review, it came to the Board's attention that statements had been made through the Shelter Bay website and newsletter that could be interpreted as implying Board endorsement or financial participation in the project. The Board was not aware of these statements and wishes to clarify its position.

Under Washington State RCWs and HOA governance rules, the Board may not commit or encumber Shelter Bay Community funds for projects that are not directly related to HOA responsibilities. While the Board appreciates the enthusiasm and community spirit behind the Light Brigade effort, it must ensure that HOA assessments, staff time, and resources are used only for Shelter Bay operations and authorized activities.

There are many independent groups within Shelter Bay whose members contribute greatly to our community life. The Board encourages residents to continue supporting such efforts privately, while understanding that the HOA itself cannot provide funding or official administrative resources for non-HOA projects.

Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee Looks Back



On a warm, end-of-September Sunday afternoon, Swinomish Tribal member Kevin Paul drummed a tribal blessing for the grand opening of the Coquille Park Building. More than fifty attendees overflowed out the building's open French doors onto the patio. Social & Recreation member Rafaela Morillas used her talents to provide a photograph-worthy (and tasty) charcuterie spread. We're grateful to Shelter Bay's Garden Club for filling the garden beds with color and to SB maintenance for the green lawn. Accompanying the celebratory cake were announcements to thank our volunteers who contributed their skills to the building remodel.

Area Happenings

Skagit Symphony: Stranger Strings, **November 1, 7:30 p.m.**, McIntyre Hall, Mount Vernon. Skagit Symphony's 46th Season steps into the bold and brilliant world of Cult Classical – a season where timeless masterpieces take center stage.

<https://www.skagitsymphony.com/stranger-strings>

Holiday Craft Bazaar, **November 8, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, Skagit County Fairgrounds, Mount Vernon. Come get your morning coffee from Sno Co Espresso, and start your holiday shopping from a wonderful group of artisans!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1151380736343927/>

MoNA Conversations on Conversations: Walkthrough & Reading featuring Poet Josie Emmons Turner, **November 8, 1 - 2:15 p.m.** Unique event featuring a walkthrough of selected pieces of art by William Turner, followed by Josie Emmons Turner reading her poetry, which pays homage to William Turner. <https://www.monamuseum.org/events/conversations-on-conversations>

Anacortes 1st Annual Veterans Parade, **November 9, 1 p.m.**, 3rd – 10th Street along Commercial Avenue, downtown. A static event will be held **noon -4 p.m.** at Causland Park. <https://www.avpea.org/2025>

Pioneer Miner George Holmes – Lecture, **November 9, 2 - 4 p.m.**, Skagit City School, 17508 Moore St., Mt. Vernon; \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, members free. George Holmes is often described as the hermit miner of Ruby Creek. During the decades of his life as a miner he proved to be much more than just a man chasing elusive gold. Learn more about this important pioneer of the wild North Cascades. <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/HistoricalSociety>

Rexville Grange Art Show, **November 14 - 16, & 22 – 23**, 19299 Rexville Grange Rd., Mount Vernon. This arts and crafts show is held each year at the beginning of the holiday season, and features paintings, pottery, glass, photography, jewelry, hats, clothing, weaving, and wood, all from local artists. <https://rexvillegrangeartshow.com>

Salish Sea Wild! Fighting Doom & Gloom with Science & Humor with SeaDoc Filmmaker Bob Friel, **November 14, 7 - 8 p.m.**, NWESD 189 Building, 1601 R Ave., Anacortes; free with RSVP to guarantee seat. <https://friendsofsalishsea.org/lecture-series/>

Skagit County 29th Annual Veteran's Day Parade & Flyover, **November 15, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, on Fairhaven Avenue from Walnut Street to Skagit Street, Burlington. Flyover Fairhaven will start the parade with Heritage Flight Museum vintage planes.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/28409078578679266>

Jingle Belles: A Ladies Night of Shopping, **November 21, 4 - 8 p.m.**, downtown La Conner. La Conner is hosting the annual community-inspired "Jingle Belles." Sip some champagne, take a picture by the Christmas tree, and pick up your swag bag at the La Conner Chamber office. <https://members.lovelaconner.com/events/>

Anacortes Holiday Market, **November 22, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**, Depot Arts Center, 611 R Ave., Anacortes. Find all kinds of unique gift items, as well as food for your holiday table, and enjoy some live music. <https://www.anacortesnow.com/new-calendar/holiday-market>

Christmas Tree Lighting in Gilkey Square, **November 29, 5 - 6 p.m.**, La Conner. Join Santa as we light the town tree.

<https://members.lovelaconner.com/events/>

Social & Recreation Committee Shines Beyond Party Planning



You may be familiar with Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee events: the monthly socials, the welcoming faces, and the fun event posters. Guess what else they've been up to!

You may have sat on one of the community park benches around Shelter Bay and thought, "ick." We thought so too! Mid-October found members of SRC donning rubber gloves to scrub-a-dub those benches. Now when you take a rest on a spruced-up bench, listen, and you might hear chatter left over from a different type of social gathering. Thanks to the community volunteers who came together on a few autumn mornings and brought buckets, scrub brushes, and lots of elbow grease.

Did You Know? - Understanding Shelter Bay's Covenants



Exterior Lighting

Were you aware that the Covenants and guidance documents in Shelter Bay regulate the installation of all new or replacement exterior lights?

Shelter Bay's Covenants, Article IV, Covenants and Restrictions, Item 28, Exterior Lighting, states: "Exterior lighting of any sort which is visible from any street, community park or community beach or from any other lot in said property shall be installed only upon receipt of written permission from the committee responsible."

The Shelter Bay Construction Guidelines address what is allowable (low light levels, use of diffusers, deflectors, or an arrangement that diffuses light visible to neighbors or passers-by, among other requirements). Refer to the [Construction Guidelines](#) for all the requirements. In brief, any new or replacement exterior light fixture or ground lighting requires review and approval from the Architectural Compliance Committee (ACC).

Recently, there has been a noticeable rise in the popularity of light strings with visible bulbs, often referred to as Edison Lights. Many of these lights have been installed in Shelter Bay without review or approval. While some consider these lights as a security feature, others simply like the ambiance. No matter the reason, review and approval is a must. Replacement lighting, as well as new installations, must be submitted to the ACC for review on the form provided in the [ACC Construction Guidelines, Exhibit D \(pgs 27-28\)](#).

Starting in January, there will be increased emphasis on compliance with all matters concerning our covenants and guidelines; this will include the potential for fines being levied for noncompliance.

Mike Shannon, Board Member and Acting Chair of Architectural Compliance Committee

Local Services

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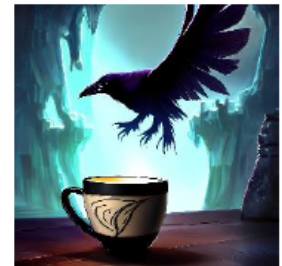
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November 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 10 a.m. CERT Annex 3 p.m. Safety Committee Meeting	4 10 a.m. Architectural Compliance Meeting 2 p.m. Rules Committee Meeting	5 3 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting	6 9 a.m. Facilities and Amenities Committee Meeting 4 p.m. Men's Fireside Gathering	7 1 p.m. SRC Bitters Sweet	8
9	10	11 Office Closed— Veteran's Day 9 a.m. SRC SB Women's Breakfast	12 2 p.m. Social & Recreation Committee Meeting	13 1:30 p.m. Communications Committee Meeting	14	15 10 a.m. Apple Cider Squeeze
16	17 4 p.m. Communiversity Committee Meeting	18 9 a.m. Architectural Compliance Meeting 3 p.m. Harbor Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Communiversity - Know Your Community	19 4 p.m. Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meeting	20	21	22
23 7 p.m. Town Hall	24	25	26	27 Office Closed— Thanksgiving 2 p.m. SRC Thanksgiving Day Dinner	28 Office Closed— Thanksgiving	29
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Clubs, Groups (classes), and agendas are posted at the Website. Shelter Bay residents are encouraged to attend.
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