



Shelter Bay Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. | Closed on Monday, September 7

Shelter Bay Community Gardens



The Shelter Bay Garden Club officially disbanded this spring, and the SB maintenance crew took over some of the landscape maintenance. The spirit of assisting in the beautification of Shelter Bay continued through the thoughtfulness of some volunteers. You may have noticed a handful of residents lending a hand to water, prune, and weed. I enjoy the plentiful opportunities for nature walks in our community and give thanks to my neighbors who contributed their time maintaining the colorful flowerpots and garden beds over the summer.

Help Us Keep Everyone In The Loop

Do you have experience in communications or graphic arts? Are you interested in deepening your understanding of the community and building genuine connections? Why not join the Communications Committee?

The committee fosters engagement in Shelter Bay by providing connections to members, the board, and staff. Perfect for those with strong writing or graphic design skills, this committee handles newsletters, the website, and other communications to help build a vibrant community.

Contact our committee secretary [Renata McCauley](#) for more information.

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Martha's Beach Hours

April 1 - September 30

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

Community Town Hall

The Community Town Hall will be held

Sunday, September 20, at 7 p.m.

at the Shelter Bay Clubhouse.

Send questions to board@shelterbay.net

Be Safe this September



September is the transition to fall's shorter daylight hours. School is back in session. Please be safe and stay alert for children dashing to catch the school bus. Remember to stop completely when a school bus's red lights flash; it's the law. We are a multi-generational community, with walkers, dogs, and bicycles. Wear reflective gear, and don't give anyone a near-collision scare if you aren't visible from a distance in low light.

Greetings from your Interim Community Manager



Dear Shelter Bay Community,

August was a busy month for the Shelter Bay office and staff. Like any organization, staffing is a continuous issue and, as we deal with vacations, staff changes, and other PTO, we seem to be short-handed in one department or another at all times. We know this can have a trickle-down effect on our residents, and we apologize and thank you for your patience as we work to get positions filled and scheduled vacations out of the way.

We will be closing the pool sometime in the first couple of weeks of September, weather dependent. Because our pool attendants will be heading back to school, that leaves the pool “unattended”, so please continue to follow the rules. We will notify the community through the website, the reader board, and a sign at the pool, indicating when it will be officially closed.

Members of the community have reported strange activity late at night, such as ringing doorbells with no one there. We all know that sometimes it is a simple prank, but with older members of the community, this creates a stressful situation and concern for their welfare. Please report any suspicious activity to the Swinomish PD so that they can track any trends or upticks in such activities in and around our communities.

We will see the Playground and Water Main Replacement Projects start this month. Please check your emails from Shelter Bay along with the website for road issues and playground closure as those projects get underway. We will also get the road lines painted, and the ditches mowed before the weather turns.

Happy Back-to-School to all the Shelter Bay kids. We hope you had a wonderful summer and that you learn a lot this school year. Remember, this brings school buses back, so plan accordingly and have patience if you do end up behind the bus.

Warm regards,

Ann Serwold, Interim Community Manager



Board of Directors Action Items

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Special Board Meeting August 10, 2026

No action taken

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Regular Board Meeting August 19, 2026

Meeting canceled

shelter bay company™
Company Board Meeting August 19, 2026

Meeting canceled

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Special Board Meeting August 25, 2026

Approved Shelter Bay Board of Directors directing the Shelter Bay Community Manager Interview Committee to forward to the Board by September 3rd, all applications and documents on all candidates that were forwarded from the Search Committee, including the applications from the two current Shelter Bay Community employees who have applied for the position as well.

CPR/Basic First Aid/AED Class

Looking for at least ten individuals to catch up on your CPR skills for school, work, or personal improvement.

CPR/Basic First Aid/AED class for new and recertification
(CPR card certifies Adult/Child/Infant training)

Saturday, October 3, 2026

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Fee: \$30.00 (payable at registration)

No refunds after September 26, 2026.

10-person minimum.

Register by Monday, September 21: carolyncaporgno@gmail.com



Board President's Message



I am happy to see that there have been many home improvement projects done this summer. The community is looking very nice and is such a great place to live.

I want to give a big thank you to the Social and Recreation Committee for everything they have been hosting for the community. It's been a busy summer with many different fun events going on for residents of all ages. You can find their activities listed on the website and in the Shelter Bay Newsletter each month.

The board is continuing their search for a new community manager. We know it's been a long process, but we want to make sure we are doing our due diligence as we go through the steps to find the appropriate candidate. In the meantime, we want to thank all the staff for taking on the added responsibilities in the interim.

After a few quiet months, the Company Lease Negotiations Team's attorney and appraiser have been meeting with the Swinomish Tribe's attorneys and appraiser as they discuss the most recent terms of the lease proposal. With this uptick in activity, we hope to have more detailed information in October.

As the board and committees get back to meeting this month, we are looking forward to a successful year for Shelter Bay. If you're interested in joining a committee, we encourage you to attend their meetings and become familiar with what they are working on.

The board meeting for September will be on the 16th at 4 p.m., with the Town Hall the following Sunday at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse, where residents can come and ask the board members questions and have open conversations. We hope to see you there.

Monte Hicks, President, Shelter Bay Board of Directors

Dock Notes



September has arrived, bringing those gorgeous, crisp morning breezes, and calmer days on the water. While we are still enjoying some spectacular late-summer cruising, the shift toward autumn is officially in the air. As the seasons change, now is the perfect time to start thinking about prepping your vessel for the cooler fall months ahead.

Here is a check list to keep in mind for maintaining your vessel ahead of fall:

- **Check Your Lines:** It's very important to make sure your vessel's lines are in good condition and, if possible, it is a good idea to double up lines.

- **Stabilize Fuel:** Fill the tank to 95% capacity to prevent

condensation and add a marine-grade fuel stabilizer. Run the engine for 15 minutes to distribute it through the lines.

- **Clear the Head:** Pump out the holding tank, flush the system, and add cleaner to the toilet and macerator lines.

- **Control Moisture:** Place hanging dehumidifier bags, moisture-absorbing crystals, or a dedicated marine dehumidifier inside the cabin.

- **Secure Your Covers:** Make sure any canvas covers or Bimini tops are tightly fastened and ready to withstand heavy winds. Also make sure your sails are secured and will not unfurl.

- **Prepare Your Dinghy:** If you have your dinghy out of the water, make sure to take the plug out to avoid your dinghy filling up with water and putting strain on your davits.

- **30 Day Notice:** If you are planning to give up your slip in the marina, please give notice 30 days before the day you plan to vacate the slip. You can notify the main office or the Harbormaster.

- **Storage on Docks and Finger Floats.** Vessel owners, operators, crew, or guests using the marina are required to keep their vessel, the dock, and finger pier neat, clean, and orderly. No crab pots please!

Wishing everyone a memorable and safe last month of the 2026 summer season!

See you in the Marina! Your Harbor Team: Derek, Steve, and Kendra.

Harbor Shed hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Harbormaster:** (360) 333-2952

Communiversity - What You Need To Know About AI & Chatbots



When & Where: Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 p.m. Clubhouse.

Presenter: Keith Stobie

A practical guide to recognizing, understanding, and safely navigating AI in your everyday life. The talk will include the basics of effectively using chatbots such as Claude, Gemini, and CoPilot with many examples.

This is a free class open to Swinomish tribal members and residents of Shelter Bay.

Click here to register: <https://shelterbay.net/what-you-need-to-know-about-ai-chatbots/>

Want a head start? Check out the following link which offers a free, 1-week AI literacy course for every American — delivered entirely by text message. No laptop or internet is needed - just your phone. <https://beta.dol.gov/ai-ready>

Communiversity - Women's Health



When & Where: Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. Clubhouse.

Presenter: Island Health physicians: Dr. Mohini Dasari and Dr. Sarah VanGaasbeek

We will hear from two clinical specialists about women's health and illnesses, including breast cancer, weight management, impacts of exercise, medications, surgery options, and more. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and have further discussions.

Click here to register: <https://shelterbay.net/womens-health/>

Did you know?

Communiversity offers free classes open to Swinomish tribal members and residents of Shelter Bay.

Never stop learning...because life never stops teaching.

Shelter Bay Communiversity provides life-long learning opportunities on a variety of topics. The volunteer-managed program for the enjoyment of all Shelter Bay residents and Swinomish Tribal members provides a broadly-based curriculum of subjects presented in a fun and no-stress environment.

Past presentations are available for viewing on the [Communiversity page](#) of our website. Check them out!

If you have a course/topic you would like to present, simply submit a [proposal form](#) available on the Communiversity page.

HAM Operator Class Opportunities



The Technician license class will start on **September 26** for two Saturdays at Island Health in Anacortes. The second part will be on **October 3**.

A General license class will start on **Saturday, October 10**, and the second part will be on **October 17** at Island Health.

Time for all classes is being worked out (possibly 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a lunch break) along with a class flier. The dates and location are set.

Watch the Shelter Bay website for updates and confirmation of the class time.

Contact dean-becker@comcast.net to register, or for more information about either of these classes.

Shelter Bay Chorus



Does it seem as though summer really rushed by for all of us this year? And does it seem as if the music around Skagit Valley will come to an end in only a few weeks? It doesn't have to be that way. Rehearsals for our winter season start **Thursday, September 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

We meet every Thursday in the **Shelter Bay Clubhouse**. Come join us! Sing with us! Let the music continue!

For questions or further information, please contact Joyce Nugent at joyce.a.nugent@comcast.net



Community Events in Shelter Bay

Men's Fireside Gathering - Thursday, September 3, at 4 p.m. BBQ Pavilion.

Women's Breakfast Potluck – All Shelter Bay women are invited to come enjoy the monthly breakfast on **Tuesday, September 8**. A dish to share is welcomed but not required. Social time begins at **8:45 a.m.** and the breakfast buffet opens at **9:15 a.m.** Clubhouse.

Bingo & Ice Cream - Saturday, September 12, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Family-friendly. Clubhouse.

SBSCC Car Tour + Show - Sunday, September 20. Happy Hour at 5:30 p.m. BBQ Pavilion.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Fireside Gathering
Thursday, October 1, at 4 p.m.
BBQ Pavilion.

Trivia Night
Saturday, October 10, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Enjoy a fun evening of challenging your knowledge with your friends and family. Recruit your team of four or join a team that evening. The questions will be from four categories: The Arts & Music, Science & Invention, Entertainment & Celebrity, and Geography & Nature. Bring an appetizer to share and BYOB. Clubhouse.

Women's Breakfast
Tuesday, October 13,
doors open at **8:45 a.m.**
Clubhouse.

Apple Cider Squeeze
Saturday, October 24, time TBA.
BBQ Pavilion.

Costume Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 31.
Additional details to come.

Shelter Bay Clubs

All Shelter Bay residents, and their guests, are invited to join us at the **Coquille Park Building**.

Shelter Bay Book Club - Meets at 1 p.m., the first Monday of each month. Please contact Elaine Hicks at elainecpta@hotmail.com for more information. The **September 7** meeting will be selecting books for discussion in the upcoming eleven months.

Shelter Bay Mahjong Club - Meets every **Thursday, 2 - 4 p.m.** Beginners are welcome. Instruction provided.

Shelter Bay clubs are organized by and for Shelter Bay residents who share common interests. Want to explore all the clubs and groups to find one right for you? Visit the website at: <https://shelterbay.net/shelter-bay/shelter-bay-clubs/>

SHOWUP & SHOW OFF
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 5:30pm at the BBQ Pavillion



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**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

**Saturday,
October 10**
5:30 - 7:00

A fun, family- friendly
 evening.

Prizes for the top
 winning team!

**Please bring an appetizer
 to share & BYOB**

See **SHELTERBAY.net**
 for details

Area Happenings

La Conner Vendors Market (final one for the season)

Saturday, September 5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the La Conner Marina, 613 N 2nd St, parking at North Basin Overflow Parking Lot. Come for the vendors, stay for the activities, music, and fun! Enjoy handmade goods, local businesses, and a great seasonal atmosphere.

<https://laconnercommunitynews.org/2026/04/15/new-market-to-kick-off-next-week/>

Friends of Bigfoot Fun Fest

Saturday, September 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Gilkey Square. Legendary day of fun. Free popcorn & face painting. This year's Fables Faire will receive the court of Sir Sasquatchalot.

<https://www.laconnerthrives.org/event-details/friends-of-bigfoot-fun-fest-1>

Fables Faire

Saturday, September 12, noon - 6 p.m. Downtown La Conner. A festival of myth and legend. Come costumed or casual, revel with the minstrels, and create with the craftsmen.

<https://www.laconnerthrives.org/event-details/la-conner-thrives-fables-faire>

Art Under the Stars La Conner

Saturday, September 12, 4 - 8 p.m. Second Saturdays' gallery walk. Explore La Conner's thriving creative community.

<https://lovelaconner.com/arts-under-the-stars-la-conner-second-saturdays-gallery-nights/>

Skagit Valley Giant Pumpkin Festival

Saturday, September 19, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christianson's Nursery.

<https://www.christiansonsnursery.com/the-skagit-valley-giant-pumpkin-festival/>

September FITNESS SCHEDULE 2026

MON.

7:30 EXERCISE CLASS
9:30 EXERCISE CLASS
10:20 CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS

TUES.

9:00 AQUA FIT
11:00 GENTLE FLOW YOGA
@Coquille Park Building

WED.

7:30 EXERCISE CLASS
9:30 EXERCISE CLASS
10:20 FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS
11:15 QIGONG CLASS

THURS.

9:00 AQUA FIT

FRI.

7:30 EXERCISE CLASS
9:30 EXERCISE CLASS
10:20 CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS

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2026 Music on the Green Recap

What a glorious day filled with dancing and joy. There wasn't a bad seat in the house, and that was by design. Several SRC members proposed their vision for a layout that encouraged better social flow throughout the event. Permission was obtained to temporarily relocate the picnic tables onto the lawn area. The resulting configuration allowed space for personal lawn chairs and picnic tables to mingle without obstructing the view of the band. There was dancing front and center, and grooving with the music in the scattered spaces among the seated attendees.

The Filipino food tent was well-received. Some residents purchased food to enjoy at home. The idea of inviting food vendors to future SRC events excited many.

The band members connected with the crowd of attendees. Their charismatic singer joined in dance with a joyful youth for the last song. Neighbors smiled and waved at each other, in recognition of a lovely summer afternoon to gather and feel the music.

Shelter Bay's annual Music on the Green has become a highly anticipated event. We are happy to plan and host the event, continuing the tradition in our community.

Shelter Bay Social & Rec Committee



What is Qigong?



Qigong (chee gong) is the cultivation of life force. It's about mindful movement, breath, and balance. It's gentle yet effective exercises that allow you to feel your connection to all life.

All are welcome; it's perfect for sitting, standing, and modifying.

Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m. Clubhouse.

Do you wait for the newsletter each month to receive your Shelter Bay updates?
The website has up-to-date information, and event follow-ups. | <https://shelterbay.net>

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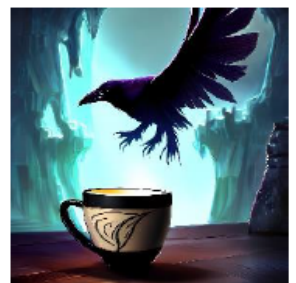
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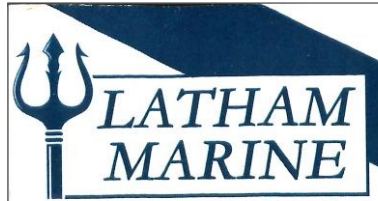
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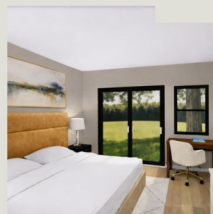
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SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9 a.m. Canceled Architectural Compliance Committee Meeting 2 p.m. Rules Committee Meeting	2 3 p.m. Finance Committee	3 9 a.m. Facilities and Amenities Committee Meeting 4 p.m. SRC Men's Fireside Gathering	4	5
6	7 Office Closed— Holiday 	8 9 a.m. SRC SB Women's Breakfast 3 p.m. Harbor Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Communiversity	9 2 p.m. Social & Recreation Committee Meeting	10 1:30 p.m. Communications Committee Meeting	11	12 4 p.m. SRC Bingo & Ice Cream
13	14 10 a.m. CERT Coquille Park 3 p.m. Safety Committee Meeting	15 9 a.m. Architectural Compliance Committee Meeting	16 4 p.m. Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meetings	17	18	19
20 5:30 p.m. SBSCC Car Show & SRC Happy Hour 7 p.m. Town Hall	21 4 p.m. Communiversity Committee Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 6:30 p.m. Communiversity	30			

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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Playground Closure

Shelter Bay's playground will be closed for renovation **August 31 through the end of September**. If you have any questions, please contact the project manager at learl@shelterbay.net.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while this long-awaited project is completed.

Pool Schedule

Daily: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Adult Swim hours: 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 8 - 9 p.m.

Open Swim hours (no attendants): 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

With the start of school, there will be no pool attendants. Members, guests, and dependents are advised they are swimming at their own risk. The pool will **remain open for several weeks into September, weather dependent**. Check the Shelter Bay website for a closure update.

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Shelter Bay Interim Community Manager

Ann Serwold

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Skagit Community Emergency Response Team

Basic Training at Skyline Beach Club

October 6 - November 14, 2026



Classes are held on six Tuesday evenings and one full Saturday

Date	Session
OCT 6, 6:30-9:30	Overview: Disaster Preparedness
Oct 13, 6:30-9:30	Fire Suppression/ Utility Controls
Oct 20, 6:30-9:30	CERT Organization / Disaster Psychology
Oct 27, 6:30-9:30	Disaster Medical Operations - I
Nov 3, 6:30-9:30	Light Search and Rescue
Nov 10, 6:30-9:30	Disaster Medical Operations - II
Nov 14, 8:00-Noon	Terrorism, Table Top Exercise/ Final Test Review
Nov 14, 1:00-5:00	Disaster Final Exercises, Graduation



[Registration Link](#)



Location

Skyline Beach Club

Questions?

Txt 360.202.3106

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