

The Samish Shore Lines

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From the President:

I hope you all are healthy, and as difficult as it may be, **I hope all of you are staying home and observing the social distancing guidelines to keep all of us safe, especially our Fire Department volunteers who would have to respond if you become very ill.** Keep in mind that if you are feeling ill but are still able to breathe okay, call your doctor or hospital before calling 911 or seeking medical help at a hospital. You may be better off treating yourself at home rather than exposing yourself to whatever is out there right now, especially at a hospital.

I wish we were able to have gatherings at the hall to talk, play games, etc. to help keep each other sane during these trying times, but alas that shall not happen. We hope you all have support people you can call, video chat with, etc. If that is not enough for you or a family member, please reach out to public health professionals if things are getting overwhelming



Every meeting and activity on the island has been postponed or cancelled so we are left to entertaining ourselves. Hopefully we will be able to have the annual garage sale, so you can take this time to clean, declutter and pack up for the sale. There was a terrific response to the request to make masks for our Fire Department and that project is underway, but by social distancing of course.

While you are out walking, please keep in mind the issues of our narrow roads and the possibility of sun in the eyes of drivers: wear safety vests, bright colored clothing, step off the side of the roadway if possible. There seems to be less traffic, but we cannot let our guard down. No one wants to go the hospital, and doctors don't want you there either while they are taking care of Covid-19 patients.

Please be careful and watch out for scams. If you want to help local businesses do so directly; do not donate to anyone who may contact you by phone or email, unless you know them personally. If you want to donate to a national effort, do so only through those charities you have trusted and supported in the past.

WE WILL ALL GET THROUGH THIS IF WE STAY HOME AND OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING!!!

Linda Knapp-Strobel



All normal activities and meetings are cancelled as of press time. Watch for e-mails From Samish Neighbors for any changes during April.

Community of Christ Campground reminds us that camping season is here. That means it's time to leash up those dogs and start adhering to the approved posted route for walking. Thank you all in advance for your help in continuing to be able to keep the property open to our responsible neighbors.

Please submit items for the next Shore Lines to: S.I.C.C., P.O. Box 268, Bow, WA 98238 by the Tuesday, April 28th deadline. Call Charlene 360-420-0243 or email: samishshorelines@gmail.com

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From your editors:

For many of us, our lives are merely inconvenienced by the disruptions. Our hearts go out to those for whom this is a serious health or financial crisis.

With the current “stay at home” order in place, and everything canceled, there are lots of suggestion on **“What to do when you can’t do your normal routine.”** Many ideas have already been shared on the Samish Neighbors list serve; please continue to do so. Here are some are some of our favorites:

- Keep a Covid-19 journal - It is a helpful outlet to document the roller coaster feelings you may have.
- Give blood – there is a great need.
- Get outside – walk, ride a bike, work in the yard.
- Order take-out from a favorite restaurant that is hoping to survive this crisis.
- Plant seeds.....there will be a growing need for food this year to share with others.
- Volunteer – there are a lot of needs around us.
- Donate to the food bank (the poor can’t afford to stock up). Community Action of Skagit County is the clearing house for all 12 county food banks as well as 20+ other food resources.
- Read a book.....donate a book or game to the island’s “Little Library”
- Check out on-line resources for at-home learning, both for the children in your household and for you:
 - NY Times (nytimes.com) offers a free account and has writing prompts especially for kids
 - National Women’s History Museum (info@womenshistory.org)
 - artprojectsforkids.org
 - Ancestry.com offers at home education resources
 - Skagit Valley Herald, 03.26 edition, page 7 has lots of links for at-home activities
- Pickford Theatre, Bellingham – offers a streaming business for movies called Kino Marquee
- www.travelandleisure.com - 12 virtual museum tours

When I was a boy
and I would see scary
things in the news,
my mother would say
to me, “Look for the
helpers. You will
always find people
who are helping.”
Mister Rogers



ADS & SERVICES

Rental Home Wanted: A married couple in their 60's is in need of a rental home by April 30th. Prefer Samish Island but will consider nearby locations. Excellent references. Please call **206-369-3140**.

Coastal Interior Design. Debbie Ensey, 360-757-8771

Help with computer or network problems. Contact **Colin Hopley (360-853-3673)**

Knives Sharpened: \$2 per blade. **Strand - 360.766.4081**

Windy – assorted temporary jobs: **425.309.9999** or ccisnotit@hotmail.com

Catherine Carter Housesitting and Pet Sitting – **206-228-4246** or cv_carter@hotmail.com.

Andy deMuelenaere: interior/exterior repairs. abetterhomesservice@gmail.com or **360.918.4307**.

Dustin Whaley: tree trimming/removal, gutter cleaning, outdoor handyman. **425-309-0405**

Terramar Brewing in Edison is open for take-out and delivery to Samish Island! 11:30am - 7pm except Tuesday terramarcraft.com or **360.399.6222**. 10% happy hour discount; promo code: TAKEOUT10

PASSAGES:

- **Dawn Wells** died on January 17, 2020. Her memorial service has been held.
- **Sandra Tidrington** died on February 2, 2020. Her memorial service has been held.
- **Bob Dionne** died on February 11, 2020. His memorial service will be held at a later date.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of these long-time Samish Island residents.