

# The Samish ShoreLines

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### *From the SICC Board President:*

Fall is in the air after the season's first significant rainfall, and fruit is ready to be harvested from the trees. It was fantastic to see the community gathering together for SICC-sponsored Blues on the Bluff, our outdoor concert, which offered wonderful music and a chance for neighbors to visit with one another throughout the evening. We have more great events coming up through the fall and winter, and we hope to see you there! (For a complete list, check out our website <https://samishisland.net/>). Keep your ideas rolling in for the kinds of educational and social activities you'd like to see!

See you around the island! *Amy Pattee Colvin*



**Salmon Bake Potluck – Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.** Rumor has it that the salmon will be provided. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Plates, glasses, cutlery, coffee and water are provided; you can bring your own beverage. This is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and see familiar faces as well. **All are welcome.**

### **Fire Chief's Corner**

Modern smoke detectors have long-lasting batteries, but as they age, they become less reliable. You should replace them every 10 years. The manufacture date is printed on the back. If your device still uses 9-volt batteries, it's almost guaranteed to be beyond its serviceable life. Finally, Carbon Monoxide kills 4-500 Americans every year. If you heat with wood or propane, please consider upgrading to a combination smoke/CO unit. *Tom Miller, Fire Chief*

PS....It is still VERY DRY, so please continue to be fire-wise and careful.



PLEASE be **extra careful** as the daylight gets shorter and kids of all ages are walking and biking on island roads. SLOW DOWN and watch out for your neighbors!

**Edgewater Garden Club** begins a new program year on **Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. We gather at 10 am for goodies and conversation; announcements at 10:30, followed by our program on **Begonias** presented by David New - a life-long Begonia enthusiast. He will share step by step procedures for success in maintaining your begonias as they grow, including carrying over their growth in future years. Directories for the coming year will be available (please pay dues of \$20/household by September 12<sup>th</sup> to get your name included). Samish Island merchandise (hats, visors, towels, napkins, tote bags, license plate holders, and mugs) are available at this and every meeting of the Garden Club. You don't have to be a dues-paying member to attend. **All are welcome!**



**The Samish Island Acres Community Garden** is experiencing a record harvest this year. Thanks to all of you who are sharing your excess produce with us. Please deliver to the garden (located at the east end of Blue Heron Road) by 11 am on Thursdays or give us a call and we can pick it up. Your neighbors in Skagit County thank you – and we do too!

### **IN THE NEWS**

Samish Island was featured in the **Skagit Valley Herald** TWICE in the last month! There was a great write up with pictures after the Arts Festival. A couple weeks later, a reporter did a story about the Community Garden. Check out [goskagit.com](http://goskagit.com).

**Passages:** We join families and friends in mourning the death of two island women in August. **Barbara Zimmerman** (mother of Gail Hopley) died just 16 days short of her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Maureen Ratfield** was 94; she had lived on Samish Island full-time for 82 years! Her memorial service will be at the SICC on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. All are invited; there'll be root beer floats.

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Print copies of the **ShoreLines** are available at the Community Center. Electronic copies are posted the first of each month at [www.samishisland.net](http://www.samishisland.net) and distributed to the Samish Neighbors list serve.

## ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

**The Samish Island Community Center** is available for rent. Check out "community rentals" at [samishisland.net](http://samishisland.net). Islander's rate is \$100. Contact Kathleen at 206.713.6181 or <https://samishisland.net/hall-rental/hall-rental-request-form/>

**Community of Christ** - 11507 Scott Rd. Worship at 11 am, alternate Sundays. Co-pastor **Pegi Powers**; Camp Manager, SI Campground & Retreat Center **Christine Campbell**.

**Samish Island Memorial Chapel** – 9806 SI Rd. Sunday School Classes at 9:45 am; worship at 11 am. **Pastor Jim Cannon**.



**Pops in the Park:** Last chance for the season's free ice cream/popsicles on **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 1:30 pm at the Park playground. All are welcome. *The Salkeld family*

**Cars and Coffee** at the Samish Island Community Center parking lot, **Monday, September 8**, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Trucks and motorcycles welcome as well! Whatever vehicle you have that is fun, interesting and has a great story, bring them. And if your special ride is not available, come anyway for the coffee, conversation and camaraderie.

Questions/info: Denny – 206-799-6373

### Camp Kirby News

Join us on **Friday, September 26th from 6 – 8pm** for one of our

favorite annual fundraisers - **Camptoberfest!** We will offer a traditional German-style dinner of brats and sides (vegetarian options available) and a selection of beer and cider to enjoy. Take a sunset walk on the beach, play games, enter our raffle, and enjoy the magic of Kirby! Suggested \$20 donation. All proceeds go to our Kirby Fund, which is dedicated to improvement and maintenance of the grounds and buildings at Camp Kirby. Event is 21+.

**Samish Island Halloween Party** at the Community Center will be **Sunday, October 26th from 6 – 7:30 pm**. This Samish Island community event has crafts for the children, games, a cakewalk, and fun for all ages! If you'd like to volunteer, donate, bake, set up or clean up, please contact: [tamarraigram08@gmail.com](mailto:tamarraigram08@gmail.com) or **360-820-1859**. A list will be provided next month if anything further is needed. Don't forget to wear your costume!



## ADS & SERVICES

### Need help with computer or network problems?

Hardware and software issues, and education relating to Mac/Windows and Microsoft Office. Contact **Colin Hopley** at **360.853.3673**.

**Island-based Energy Solutions Project** offers a full spectrum of home energy evaluations. Contact Steve: **360-720-4378** or [energysolutionsproject.org](http://energysolutionsproject.org).

**Violet's Vacation Visits** - pet sitting, mail pick-up, plant hydration, and adult-supervised house sitting. Contact [dkalkeld@wavecablecom](mailto:dkalkeld@wavecablecom) or text/call **425.750.8879**.

**Notary services available on island:** Contact **Denice Rochelle: 206.769.1214** or email [SeattleAvenue@gmail.com](mailto:SeattleAvenue@gmail.com).

**Home Improvements and Repairs.** Expert carpentry, tile work, and quality painting. Great island references. Call **Dave: 360.630.0293**.

**Sailboat Rigging** - From Ropework & Lifelines to Dinghy Bridles and Specialty Splicing, Northwest Rigging has you covered! Contact **Quinn at 360.293.1154** or [info@nwrigging.com](mailto:info@nwrigging.com)

**Looking to improve your landscaping?** I can help with garden installation, planning, fence work, drainage, and irrigation systems. **Darby Blake, 206.669.8422**.

**Mortgage Broker** - Buying a home? Refinancing for a better rate? Taking cash out of your equity? Do it with low rates and a smooth, stress-free process. Contact: **Alex Stahley at 206.488.6882**

An updated version of the "recommended vendor list" was recently sent out via Samish Neighbors.

**Vacation Rentals.** Check out local guest houses available through AirBNB and VRBO. Go to <https://samishisland.net/island-lodging/> for a listing.



*Please submit items for the next ShoreLines by Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> to: [samishshorelines@gmail.com](mailto:samishshorelines@gmail.com).*

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