Squaxin Island and Nisqually Tribes Reach Resolution on Fisheries Dispute

Squaxin Island Tribal Council - The Squaxin and Nisqually Tribal Councils, and the Tribe’s Natural Resources and Legal departments, successfully resolved an intertribal conflict which spanned many years. The disagreement was over a joint management area where Squaxin people have harvested salmon and shellfish. The conflict resolution took several Councils from both Tribes seeking resolve through the federal court systems and required Natural Resources staff from both Tribes to work out the details of an agreement on the joint management area. Both legal departments spent years researching and preparing papers for court. Squaxin’s Legal department, which is directed by Kevin Lyon, diligently defended Squaxin in the Federal District Court, and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Squaxin Natural Resources Director Andy Whitener and Nisqually’s Natural Resources Director David Trout worked together on the final agreement. Chairman Arnold Cooper and Chairman Farron McCloud worked diligently with their respective Councils to come to a consensus, and the two Councils met together multiple times to reach the agreement. Reaching the agreement allowed the two Tribes to settle their disagreement directly, rather than have the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decide it.

The agreement sets the rules for fishing in the previously disputed area. The agreement also ends current and future litigation between the Tribes over fishing rights in South Puget Sound. For more details contact Squaxin Island Natural Resources.

Talking Circle with Tribal Council

Wednesday, April 11, 2018
5:00 p.m.
Community Kitchen

Dinner to be served.

If you have any questions, please call the Tribal Center at 426-9781
From Our Tribal Chairman

Our Tribal Council is very pleased to have reached agreement with the Nisqually Tribe on fisheries and geoduck management issues. We were so happy to be able to celebrate Billy Frank Jr. together on his birthday.

I spent a few days in March with a number of other tribes working together in efforts to plan how we honor Billy Frank Jr., not only on March 9th, but every day. How do we come together as tribes to preserve our environment, bring back salmon and clean water, and stay on top of climate change issues while educating our youth about these things?

The Billy Frank Jr. Pacific Salmon Summit was held March 19th at Tulalip. Two of our tribal youth, Malia Henry and Jamie Cruz participated and represented us well. I could not have been more proud!

Tribal Council will host a Talking Circle on April 11th. I hope many will take this opportunity to share their thoughts, concerns, great ideas and support for our tribal community.
General Body Meeting

**Election Process**

**Meeting Begins**

**Quorum Calls**
- 9:00 AM
- 9:30 AM
- 10:00 AM
At any point quorum is reached, proceed.
If quorum is not reached after three calls, proceed with elections only.

2.50.010 A

**Nominations Taken**
Nominations are taken from the floor in order from highest to lowest for available positions.

2.50.010 F

**Nominee Responses**
Nominees each have 3 minutes to respond with an address to the General Body, accepting or declining the nomination.

2.50.010 G

**Number of Accepted Nominations?**

2.50.010 G

- 2 or More

**Nominee(s) Become Candidates**

2.50.010 G

**More Open Positions?**

2.50.010 G

- Yes
- No

**Ballots Prepared – Votes Tallied**

2.50.010 H

**Did a Candidate Receive Majority Vote?**

2.50.010 J

- No
- Yes

**Candidate(s) Are Elected**

2.50.010 E

- Any Open Council Positions as a Result?

2.50.010 E

1 Nomination or less: run through nominations 1 extra time.
If still unsuccessful in acquiring 2 or more nominees then the single Nominee becomes a Candidate

**The Runoff**
The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will be the nominees for a second vote. The nominee with the greatest number of votes representing a simple majority of the votes cast will be elected.
If a tie exists for 2nd place then a tie breaker consisting of only the tied candidates will be placed on the next ballot.

2.50.010 J

Majority: ½ of all votes + 1

**Source:**
SITC Chapter 2.50.010 et seq.
Adopted June 10, 2000
Amended February 24, 2014

**Last Revised:** 04/14/2016
Adoption of a New Code or Amendment

**Draft**
By Tribal Member, Committee, Commission, Department, Enterprise or Council

Legal Assistance or Review

Tribal Council Review

Optional Public Hearing "Talking Circle"

Council Vote Majority Approval

Yes

New Code is Adopted

Once passed, the approving resolution is signed.

Legal Department will send the Resolution and Code/Ordinance to Book Publishing

No

New Code is Not Adopted


Last Revised: 03/16/2016
Constitutional Amendment

Petition Signed by 50% of Qualified Voters

Tribal Council Majority Approval

Yes

Yes

Election Called by Secretary of Interior

Election held with 50% or more of Eligible Voters Voting

Yes

No

Majority Vote in Favor of Amendment

Yes

Yes

Secretary of Interior Approves/Disapproves Amendments

Petition Passes

Petition Fails

Secretary of Interior:
- Review of Changes
- Formation of Election Commission
- List of Eligible Voters Generated
- Distribution of Registration Forms to Eligible Voters
- Registration of Voters specifically for amendments election
- Publication of registered voters list
- Opportunity for challenges to list
- Vote by mail unless required by Tribal Law
- Certification of Results
- Opportunity to Challenge Results

Elections called by Secretary of Interior must be held within 90 days of request.

Based on BIA Regulation Eligible Voters consists of at least 50% of those Tribal Members over the age of Eighteen who have registered to vote on the constitutional amendment.

Approval or Disapproval by Secretary of Interior must be occur within 45 days of the election.

Last Revised: 04/14/2016

Source:
Article X, Constitution
**General Body Meeting**

**Q.:** When and where is the General Body meeting?
**A.:** Saturday, May 5, 2018, at the LCCR event center. First roll call will be at 9:00 a.m.

**Q.:** What are the number of eligible voters and quorum requirements for 2018?
**A.:** The key numbers for the 2018 Elections, including those who will be 18 as of Saturday, May 5, election date are:

- Eligible voters: 783
- Quorum: 235
- 60% Rule 141

**Q.:** What might occur on election-day Saturday, May 5, 2018?
**A.:** First, there are two open positions to be voted on: Secretary and Treasurer. The incumbents are Steve Dorland, Secretary and Vicki Kruger, Treasurer.

Social media suggests that a recall or a referendum might be raised.

A recall – or the removal of a Council member – has its own set of rules. Basically, a petition with 392 signatures seeking a recall needs to be presented to the Secretary. If it is presented any time within 30 days of the General Body meeting, it can be considered at a special session immediately before or after the General Body meeting. The Constitution calls for a special meeting.

A referendum – or specific legislation proposed by the membership – also has its own set of rules. Basically, a petition with 392 signatures seeking specific legislative proposal needs to be presented to the Secretary. If it is presented any time within 30 days of the General Body meeting, it can be considered at a special session immediately before or after the General Body meeting. The Constitution calls for a special meeting.

Finally, the membership may want to bring up something other than a recall or referendum. Presuming a quorum, the membership may vote on general topics – for example, a vote on adopting a TERO, closing enrollment or expressing a position on no guns in schools.

The category of “not a referendum” might also include advisory positions, policy directives, or study items. An example is the January 4, 1996, General Body meeting where Dave Johns made a motion “to direct the Tribal Council to create a task force to look at Tribal Preference Policy to determine whether it is being used correctly.” The Council thereafter adopted an Interim Indian Preference Policy, June 19, 1997.

**Q.:** What does “domiciled” mean?
**A.:** Domicile means the place where a person has his or her true, fixed and permanent home and principal establishment, and to which, whenever he or she is absent, he or she has the intention of returning.

**Q.:** Who can attend General Council?
**A.:** As directed at the April 2012 Tribal Council Work Session, members and non-member spouses and invited key staff may attend; provided non-member spouses may attend but are not to speak publicly, for example, by participating in the open microphone opportunities.

**Q.:** What procedures should be followed for the election?
**A.:** Article V, Section 3, states that the “Procedures to be followed in this election will be in accordance with an electoral code adopted by the general council.” The Electoral Code was adopted by the General Council in 2000, amended February 24, 2014.

**Q.:** What is the election process?
**A.:** Squaxin Island Tribal Code 2.50.010. A states that quorum calls will begin at the starting time advertised for the annual General Body meeting and, as necessary to determine the number of eligible voters, and at thirty (30) and sixty (60) minutes following the
starting time. When a quorum has been established, elections will be held following the completion of old business and the presentation of the annual reports. If, by the third quorum call (sixty (60) minutes after the start of the meeting) a quorum has not been established and at least sixty (60) percent of the quorum is present, the elections will be held immediately. Because of the lack of a quorum, no other business other than the election shall take place. Those members present that are eligible to vote may vote.

Q.: What is a quorum?
A.: A quorum is the number of voting members who must be present in order that business can be legally transacted. The quorum refers to the number of such members present, not to the number actually voting on a particular question. The Constitution requires that “30 percent of the eligible tribal voters must be present to constitute a quorum.” (Article VIII Section 2)

Q.: What actions can be taken if a quorum is not established?
A.: Generally, the only actions that can be taken in the absence of a quorum are to set a new meeting time, adjourn, recess, or take measures to obtain a quorum. However, Squaxin adopted a provision in its Electoral Code that allows for the election to occur if, “by the third quorum call (60 minutes after the start of the meeting), a quorum has not been established, election will be held immediately, except that a minimum of 60% of the quorum must be present to begin elections.” See 2.50.010.A of the Electoral Code. that number is 141 (235 x .6 = 141).

Q.: How many eligible voters are needed for a quorum?
A.: For 2018, the number of eligible tribal voters is 783 and a quorum is 235 (783 x .30 =234.9) voters.

Q.: Is there any way to know the candidates before Election Day?
A.: Candidates are not required to announce. The first you may know of a candidate is if the candidate announces, is present at a candidate forum or when the candidate is nominated from the floor.

Q.: Can we require earlier nominations?
A.: To require early nominations would require a Constitutional change.
The Constitution reads, in part:
Article V-Elections, Sec. 3. Nominations for council positions shall be made from the floor and votes are to be cast for their election by secret ballot at the annual meeting in the spring of each year. Procedures to be followed in this election will be in accordance with an electoral code adopted by the general council. There must be at least two candidates for each position and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. (Amended 2/10/00; amended 11/20/98)

Q.: Can the Elections Committee require candidates to announce their candidacy by a certain time prior to the elections?
A.: Not at present. The Electoral Code does not require early announcements. The Committee might recommend or encourage early announcements or seek a Code change. The Electoral Code does not speak to early announcements or require that candidates register. The Election Committee usually holds one or two candidate forums prior to the elections. This year, forums are scheduled for March 29 and April 18.

Q.: Can an acceptance speech go for more than three minutes?
A.: An acceptance speech should not be any longer than three minutes. The Electoral Code limits the time to three minutes. A Code change would be necessary to increase the time. The presiding officer is responsible for meeting the time standards.

Q.: Can we require other qualifications?
A.: No, not without a Constitutional change. Some have suggested for example, that a candidate has a high school diploma or no criminal record. Presently, it is left to the voters to evaluate the qualifications of the candidates.

Q.: What is a simple majority?
A.: A simple majority is one-half plus one.

The Electoral Code provides that a candidate with a simple majority in the first round wins and no runoff is necessary. For example, in 2016 Vince Henry received 149 votes and the remaining two candidates received 148 votes. Vince Henry won in the first round. Of course, if there are only two candidates the decision is made in the first round unless there is a tie.

Q.: To calculate a simple majority do we calculate using blank ballots or votes cast?
A.: This question came up in 2016 because several ballots were left blank for one of the positions. The Electoral Code says, the nominee with the greatest number of votes representing a simple majority of the votes cast will be elected. Blank ballots are not “votes cast” and do not count.

Q.: Who sets the agenda for the General Body meeting?
A.: The Constitution sets the basic items: Article V (nominations). Section 4 sets out the (sequence: all annual reports and old business, then elections). The Tribal Council develops the agenda. There is no reference to “new business”.

Q.: What is “old business”?
A.: Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution states:
The election takes place after all annual reports and old business have been presented.

Old business or better yet, “unfinished business,” is official business that remains from the last General Council special or regular meeting. There are generally three basic types of unfinished business: (a) a question that was pending when the previous meeting adjourned; (b) any question that was unfinished business from the previous meeting that was not taken up when the previous meeting adjourned; and (c) any question that was part of a general order, that is, it was deferred to a specific date and time.

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Q.: What authority does the General Body have?
A.: The authority of the General Body relates to five topics:
- To elect Council members: Elections, Article V; Electoral Code (30% quorum, majority wins).
- To resolve election disputes: Elections Section 6.
- To remove Council members: Removal, Article VII, Sec. 2: to remove (50% eligible voters petition, 50% or more eligible voters vote in favor).
- To amend the Constitution: Constitutional Amendment, Article X (50% eligible voters petition, 50% registered "entitled to vote", majority wins) (Secretarial election)
- To pass laws: Referendum, Article IX (50% of eligible voters petition, 50% eligible voters vote, majority wins)

The Tribal Council holds all other authorities.

Q.: When was the last time the 60% rule was used?
A.: The 60% rule was used last used in 2009 and before that in 2007, 2006 and 2004. The rule was put in place in 2000.

Q.: Who is the presiding officer?
A.: The presiding officer is the Chairman or his designee. Constitution, Duties, Section 1. However, if the Chair is absent or calls upon the Vice Chair to do so, the Vice Chair presides. Section 2. If the Vice Chair is also running for office, the responsibility falls to the Secretary, then Treasurer, and then 1st, 2nd or 3rd position until a Tribal Council member not running can assume the responsibility. The practice has been for the Chair to preside with the Administrator or Executive Director acting as master of ceremony.

Q.: Who decides if there is a quorum?
A.: Before the presiding officer calls a meeting to order, it is his duty to determine, although he need not announce it, that a quorum is present. If a quorum is not present, the presiding officer waits until there is a quorum, or until, after a reasonable time, there appears to be no prospect that a quorum will assemble. If there is no quorum after inquiry third quorum call (9:00, 9:30 and 10:00), the presiding officer may invoke the 60% rule and proceed to election.

With electronic registration it is easier to know the number of eligible voters that signed in. However, we do not know the number of people that have left the voting hall.

Q.: What if a quorum is present and then later is not present?
A.: The continued presence of a quorum is presumed, unless the presiding officer or a member notices that a quorum is no longer present. If a quorum is not present no further action can be taken; however, if 60% is available, the election alone can proceed (and only the election).

The practice of conducting a roll call to determine if there is a quorum is not necessary, but has become a familiar and accepted practice. It is not necessary because the presiding officer has the authority and discretion to determine if a quorum is or is not present without a roll call.

Q.: We listen to annual reports during the elections, but the Constitution says elections take place after the annual reports are presented. Are we holding the elections out of turn?
A.: No. Article V, Section 4, provides: "The election will take place after all annual reports and old business have been presented."

The annual reports are presented in written form. Thereafter, the election begins. That is the correct sequence. During the election, the Tribal Administrator and the Directors may explain and highlight their respective reports and answer questions from the General Council. However, the election does not need to wait for those oral reports or questions and answers to be completed.

Q.: If there is an election dispute, during or after the election, how is it resolved?
A.: Article V, Section 6, states that: "All election disputes, including the determination of the qualifications of any voter, if questioned, will be resolved by the General Council." The presiding officer would preside over a dispute.

Q.: What is "new business"?
A.: Once the election is complete, a member 18 years and older can introduce new items of business.

In order to consider new business a quorum is required. Generally, a quorum is presumed. However, it is not uncommon for someone to make a "point of order," seeking a determination that a quorum continues to exist. The presiding officer makes the determination. It is not necessary to have a roll call, however, the presiding officer can call for one if he or she is uncertain whether a quorum continues to exist.

Q.: What is a “Point of Order”?
A.: It is the right of every member who notices a breach of the rules to request their enforcement. If the Chair notices a breach, he corrects the matter immediately. If he fails to do so through oversight or otherwise any member can make the appropriate point of order. The time to raise a point of order is when the breach occurs. Small inconsequential irregularities should not be raised as points of order. It has been common at the Annual Meeting for someone, generally after the election, to make a point of order regarding whether a quorum has been lost. That is an appropriate use of a point of order.

Q.: Do we vote on a point of order?
A.: No. The Chairman rules on the question or submits it to the judgment of the assembly.

Q.: Can a person run for more than one office on first ballot?
A.: The Code does not authorize it. I am not aware of anyone seeking to do so; when it has come up, the candidate has declined one or the other position.

Q.: What is a subsequent ballot?
A.: A subsequent ballot refers to circumstances where a vacancy occurs as a result of the election, for example, a sitting Council member is elected to an open seat and vacates his or her seat. A subsequent begins after the previous ballot is completed. Sometimes we refer to them as rounds to avoid confusion with the second ballot used for run off purposes. Thus, for example, in 2006 the No. 3 incumbent ran for Treasurer. If the incumbent won, No. 3 would have been open, and a second round or subsequent ballot would be necessary.

Q.: What happens if there is a tie on the first ballot?
A.: If there is a tie between the top two, then the top two advance.

In 2010, there was a tie between the 2nd and 3rd place candidates. The 2nd and 3rd place candidates tied at 37 votes for position No. 3 (Charlene Krise at 66 and Sue Henry and Joe Peters at 37). The options were to take all three into the second ballot, or for the two candidates that tied for second, face off, and then the top two face off. The 2010 election adopted taking all three into the second ballot. Since then, following Council discussion, the second approach – a run-off between the tied candidates and then a top-two run-off.

Thus, if there is a tie between the second and third candidates, there is a tie-breaker and then a top-two run-off.
Q.: Who can run for a vacant position on the subsequent ballot?
A.: Anyone eligible to run for office can run for a vacant position. 250.010.G of the Electoral Code states that a person may run for another position on subsequent ballots. In 2017, we saw several rounds resulting from vacant positions.

Q.: Can the members propose legislation?

The Squaxin Island Tribe’s Constitution allocates the authority to enact legislation generally to the Tribal Council. Tribal Council can consider any matter so long as there has been prior notice of the matter to be discussed, there is a quorum, and a majority votes in favor of approving the measure.

The Constitution also recognizes that the members can advance legislation. Two paths are available: first, 4 of 7 Council members can request a session to consider legislation; second, 50% of the eligible voters may petition for a special session to consider legislation. Both paths are referred to as a referendum. A referendum is a general vote by the members on a single political question referred to them for a direct decision - “any enacted or proposed ordinance or resolution”.

If presented a petition by the members or by 4 of 7 Council members, the Chairman is obligated to call a session to consider the legislation within 30 days.

At that session, a quorum of 50% of the eligible voters must be present. If a quorum is present, then a majority of those voting must approve the measure.

The current estimate of 50% of eligible voters, as of March 5, 2018 is 392 voters (783 x .5 = 392). The current estimate of 30% of eligible voters, as of March 5, 2018 is 235 (783 x .3 = 234.9).

Alternately, the Tribal Council can convene and, with a quorum of 4 of 7 members, a majority vote of those Council members voting will approve the legislation.

Thus, to advance a legislative proposal, for example, to eliminate the current ordinance providing for a limited entry geoduck fishery, there are several available paths:

- Tribal Council can consider any enacted or proposed ordinance or resolution at a special Tribal Council session that requires quorum and majority vote to pass.
- General Body can consider any enacted or proposed ordinance or resolution at a special session that requires (a) petition of 50% of eligible voters (392 in 2018) or 4 of 7 Tribal Council members to place on the ballot and (b) a majority vote of a 50% quorum.

Q.: How can the Squaxin Island Constitution and Bylaws be amended?
A.: An election must be called by the Secretary of Interior and the amendment approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The Constitution requires Interior to call the election after a petition is delivered signed by 50% of qualified voters OR a majority of Tribal Council. Elections called by Interior must occur within 90 days of the request (for amendments), and Secretarial approval or disapproval of the amendments must occur within 45 days of the election. An amendment to the Constitution must be approved by majority vote of at least 50% of those entitled to vote. Based on BIA regulations, this means a quorum of at least fifty percent of those Tribal members over the age of eighteen who have registered to vote on the constitutional amendment. The BIA has mandatory formatting requirements for any petition and a procedure for verifying, challenging signatures, etc. The BIA has regulations that govern the way it calls and supervises an election that include in part:

- Informal (on request) and formal review of the proposed changes
- Formation of an election commission to include one member from Interior and two or more from the Tribe
- Creation of a list of eligible voters
- Distribution of registration forms to eligible voters
- Registration of voters specifically for the Interior supervised election
- Publication of registered voters list
- Opportunity for challenges to list
- Vote by mail unless otherwise required by Tribal law
- Certification of results
- Opportunity for challenges to results

Q.: How do you remove a member of Tribal Council?
A.: Article 7, Section 2, of the Constitution states that, each of the following must be satisfied to remove a member of Tribal Council:

- 50% (392) of the eligible voters of the General Council;
- Must file a removal petition;
- With the Secretary of the Tribal Council;
- Asking for the removal of the member(s) of the Tribal Council;
- A special meeting of the General Council must be convened within 30 days of the filing of the petition;
- A quorum of the General Council must be met (30%);
- The affected member(s) have an opportunity for a hearing;
- After the hearing, a vote;
- Where 50% or more of those voting at the special meeting to vote must vote in favor of removal.

Q.: Can someone with a felony hold office?
A.: Yes and no. A candidate that has a prior felony can be elected to and hold office. An elected official, however, that is convicted of a felony while in office is automatically removed.

Q.: If a person employed full-time by the Tribe is elected as Chair, must he or she give up their current full time position?
A.: Maybe. The Tribal Chair is a salaried full-time employee of the Tribe. If a full-time employee with the Tribe is elected to be Chair, he or she would have to: (a) resign his or her current position; (b) transfer from his or her current position; or (c) take administrative or other leave from his or her current position. Each option would require a degree of administrative approval.

Q.: If a person running for an open position is currently on the Tribal Council, must he or she resign their current position?
A.: No. Electoral Code 250.010.E provides that a sitting Council member need not resign from the Tribal Council in order to run for another position. If, however, the sitting Council member is elected to another Council position, he or she must immediately resign the current position to take the new position. An election will be held on the same day after the regularly scheduled election to fill the vacant position on a subsequent ballot.

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Q.: If a person running for an open position is currently on the Tribal Council and is elected, when does the seat that he or she vacates get filled?
A.: Immediately after the regularly scheduled election is completed, an election is held on the same day to fill the vacated position. See 2.50.010.E of the Electoral Code.

Q.: Does a change in the Electoral Code change the Constitution?

Q.: Can a person who holds a Tribal Council position nominate a person for the Tribal Council?
A.: Yes. There is nothing in the Constitution or Code prohibiting a sitting Council member from nominating or endorsing a candidate.

Q.: Can you start elections prior to the third quorum call?
A.: Yes. Once a quorum has been met, elections may be held following the completion of old business and the presentation of the annual reports.

Q.: Can we have an open microphone?
A.: The presiding officer may open the floor for comments or questions and may set time limits on speakers. If a quorum is not met and maintained, no actions can be taken. Nonetheless, if invited by the presiding officer, people may speak. The Council adopted a rule allowing non-member spouse’s to attend, but not speak at the open microphone.

Q.: Are the General Elections recorded?
A.: The General Elections are not recorded. The Tribal Administrator’s designee keeps written minutes of the meeting and submits them to the Tribal Administrator and the Council Secretary for review. The Tribe also contracts with a service for electronic tabulation of the votes. Those records are also kept. The Council Secretary presents the draft minutes to the Tribal Council for approval, generally at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Q.: What is a run-off vote?
A.: Electoral Code 2.50.010.J provides:

If, when votes are counted, any candidates for a specific position fail to receive a simple majority, the vote for that position will be taken again (a run-off). The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will be the nominees for a second vote. The nominee with the greatest number of votes representing a simple majority of the votes cast will be elected.

If when votes are counted, no candidate receives a simple majority, the vote for that position will be taken again. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will be the nominees for a second vote. The nominee with the greatest number of votes representing a simple majority of the votes cast will be elected.

Q.: What happens if a sitting Council member walks on?
A.: The Tribal Council appoints someone to fill the office until the next annual meeting. At the next annual meeting an election is held to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

Article VII, Vacancies and Removal - Section 1, of the Tribal Constitution states:

If any member of the council shall die, resign, move from the area designated under Article V, Section 4 of this constitution, or shall be found guilty of a felony or misdemeanor involving dishonesty, in any Indian, Federal or State court, a vacancy in his office shall automatically be created and at its next regular or special meeting the tribal council shall appoint someone to fill the office until the next annual meeting, at which time a successor shall be elected pursuant to Article V to fill the office for the balance of the unexpired term.

Q.: How do I bring up ideas or concerns?
A.: A portion of the meeting is set aside for “The good of the order” or “Open forum”. At that time you can present your ideas or concerns. Your ideas and concerns are welcomed by all. The expectation is that all respect the opportunity to speak and all speakers respect the listeners.

Q.: How do I bring a motion?
A.: Without interrupting another speaker, and when offered the floor, a member may bring a motion. A motion is brought simply by saying, “I move …” and then stating what you would like done. Be as specific as possible.

Excerpts from the Constitution

The Squaxin Island Tribe’s Constitution reads, in part:

Article VII

Sec. 2. The members of the general council shall have the power to remove any member of the tribal council by filing a petition with the Secretary of the tribal council, signed by at least 50 percent of the eligible voters, asking for the removal of said member of the tribal council; provided, that no such person may be removed except at a special general council meeting at which he shall have an opportunity for a hearing.

The vote of the qualified voters at such meeting will decide whether such person is to be removed; provided, that 50 percent or more of the eligible voters vote in favor of removal at such meeting which shall be held within 30 days after the filing of the petition.

Article VIII

Sec. 2. There shall be an annual meeting of the general council held during the spring of each year. Special meetings of the general council may be called at the discretion of the Chairman, and shall be called by him at the request in writing of the majority of the tribal council, or by a written request of 30 percent of the members of the general council. At either the annual meeting or at special meetings of the general council, 30 percent of the eligible tribal voters must be present to constitute a quorum. (Res. 00-07 (part))

Chapter 2.50

ELECTORAL CODE

2.50.010 Meetings.

This chapter is adopted in accordance with Squaxin Island Tribe’s Constitution and Bylaws, particularly Article V, Sections 1–6.

A. Quorum calls will begin at the starting time advertised for the annual General Body meeting and, as necessary to determine the number of eligible voters, at thirty (30) and sixty (60) minutes following the starting time. When a quorum has been established, elections will be held following the completion of old
general body meeting

Beginning with the 1999 election, the officers and members of the Tribal Council will be divided into three classes: Class I, Class II and Class III. Class I will consist of the Secretary and Treasurer; Class II will consist of the Vice-Chair and Council Member 3; and Class III will consist of the Chairman, Council Member 1 and Council Member 2. The term of the Initial Class I members will be one year. The term of the initial Class II members will be two years. The term of the initial Class III Members will be three years. Following the initial terms, the officers and members of each class will be elected for three-year terms.

E. A sitting Tribal Council member need not resign from the Tribal Council in order to run for another position. If a sitting Tribal Council Member runs and is elected to another Tribal Council position, he or she must immediately resign from his or her position. Thereafter, the General Body will conduct a vote immediately following the regularly scheduled election to fill any vacant position for the remainder of its term. The election to fill a vacated position will be conducted in accordance with the process outlined below.

F. Nominations for the first position will be made one at a time at a centrally located microphone. Each Tribal Member nominating will be given one minute to complete his or her nomination for a candidate. Tribal Members must be present in order to be nominated. One predetermined Election Committee Member shall write the name of each name nominee in a place visible to all. After the last nomination, there will be one-minute warning given before the Election Committee Chairman announces the nominations to be closed. The time will be documented when nominations are open and closed.

G. After nominations for the first position are closed, each nominee, in the order nominated, will be given three minutes to accept or decline the nomination. If only one candidate accepts the nomination, the nominations will be re-opened. If, after re-opening the nominations, there are no additional nominees or nominees that accept the nomination, the nominations for additional positions or, if there are no additional positions, the election shall proceed. The process shall begin anew for the second position and then the third position. The process shall continue until each position has been completed. Upon completion of the nominations for all positions on the ballot, the election process will proceed.

Elections for Vacant Council Positions if Needed. If there are open seats on Council after the election for the first ballot is complete, nominations for the vacant positions will occur in the same manner as listed above. A person may run for another position on subsequent ballots. Upon completion of the nominations for the position on the second ballot, the election process will proceed. After the election for the second ballot is complete, nominations for remaining vacant positions, if there are any, will take place one at a time-in the same manner as the first and second ballots.

H. After the nominations are complete, voting will take place. Tribal members will submit their ballot retrieval card at the election board table to obtain their ballot. After marking the ballot, the voter shall place the ballot in the Ballot Box. The Ballot Box shall be under the observation and security of Tribal Law Enforcement at all times.

I. After the ballot box has been closed, the Ballot Box will be taken by Law Enforcement to a secure room chosen by the Elections Committee to be counted. Two members of the Elections Committee, along with one tribal member selected by each candidate, will observe the counting of the ballots. The number of ballots will be verified by the Election Committee.

J. If, when votes are counted, any candidates for a specific position fail to receive a simple majority, the vote for that position will be taken again (a run-off). The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will be the nominees for a second vote. The nominee with the greatest number of votes representing a simple majority of the votes cast will be elected.

K. After the Election Committee members and candidate representatives verify the votes, the Election Committee members will sign an Election Certificate verifying the accuracy and completeness of the election.

L. All ballots and the Election Certificate will be kept in a sealed container with the Chief of Police, as long as the elected official is in term.

(Added during codification of Supp. No. 9, 3-11)

Code History:
Adopted June 10, 2000, by General Council; Resolution No. 09-42 (relaxing need for sign in list based on strict alphabet groups); amended by Tribal Council February 24, 2014 and April 27, 2017 (removing limit on successful candidate on first round running in the second round).
2018 General Body Numbers

**Elections**
- Eligible voters: 783
- Quorum: 235
- 60% Rule: 141

**Referendum**
- Eligible voters: 783
- 50%: 392
- Vote: 50% attend majority voting wins

**Recall**
- Eligible voters: 783
- 50% petition: 392
- Quorum 30% attend: 235
- Vote: majority voting wins

**New Business**
- Eligible Voters: 783
- Quorum: 235
- Vote: 50% of voters + 1

*The number of eligible voters will be calculated on Friday, May 4, 2018, for a final number. These numbers used here are based on a March 5, 2018, calculation.*

Voting is a valuable contribution to the community

Tammy Ford - As you have noticed in the past few months, we have provided you with amazing visuals of those who attended last year’s General Election. There is power in numbers, and every vote helps to ensure that people exercise this power. Children cannot vote, therefore eligible voters should represent them at the ballot by voting for issues that affect the lives of children. Voting helps voters look out for kids and their future by ensuring that concerns that affect them are heard.

With your help, we hope the turnout increases this year as it has in the past few years. We ask that you bring someone from the Reservation to the 2018 General Body Elections. Those who do, will be making a valuable contribution to our democratic process by guiding our community to a future supported by a true majority.

Squaxin Island Tribe
Family Justice

The Family Justice Program is here to assist people that have been incarcerated, released from inpatient treatment for substance abuse and/or have obligations with Probation, DOC, BHR and ICW.

The primary focus is to assist clients with finding resources to remove barriers and obtain self-sufficiency and reduce the risk of reoffending.

Contact: Family Justice Services Coordinator
Phone: (360) 432-3906
Cell: (360) 485-5150
Address: 2750 SE Old Olympic HWY
Shelton, WA 98584
Non-Voter Turnout for the 2017 General Elections

This is an analysis on Tribal Members who did not vote during last year’s election. We used the postal codes for Tribal Members in our mailing list to gather this information. There were 766 eligible voters. There were a total of 314 voters and 352 non-voters. The percentage of voters to total eligible voters was 41%.

The size of the green dots on this chart indicate the total non-voters by zip code. The pink areas indicate travel time to the Event's Center. The darker the pink, the closer they live to the Squaxin Island Tribe. Lighter pink indicates more travel time.

As you can see on the chart, most of our tribal members live in WA State.

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NonVoter Turnout
Scaled based on Total in Area

Drive Time from General Body

Prepared by jwhitener@squaxin.us  Data sources: Squaxin Enrollment, Elections & WA State DOT
**General Body Meeting**

**Wesley "Curtis" Fletcher**

Remembering you on April 11th.

It’s your birthday.

You’ll never be forgotten, Dad.

And now that your birthday is near . . .

I will put some flowers where you lay . . .

And I’ll shed more than one tear!

I will whisper “Happy Birthday Daddy.”

And ask the Lord above

To kiss you on the cheek

And give you all my love . . .

You are always never more than a thought away.

Today and always.

Happy birthday Daddy!

Love and miss you so much!

- Jackie

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**Squaxin Island Tribal Population Map**

Prepared: 3/17/2018

Current Tribal Member Enrollment: 1,102

### Membership by Region

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**Adult water aerobics classes in the Squaxin Pool**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 – 5:00.

Drop by after work…bring a friend!
Olympia Park and Trail Renamed in Honor of Billy Frank, Jr.

The Port of Olympia and Squaxin Island Tribe have initiated a waterfront project to rename North Point Park and East Bay Trail on Olympia’s waterfront in honor of Billy Frank Jr., the legendary Nisqually (with Squaxin Island ancestry) tribal activist who died in 2014.

The project kicked off with a dedication ceremony held on site March 9th - Billy’s birthday.

The trail runs from East Bay Marina to KGY radio station.

The trail and park also will be home to three information kiosks and other signs. The kiosks will provide information about Billy, the Squaxin Island tribe, and the importance of salmon to the area. Other signs will explain the native plants along the route.

The estimated cost of the project is $80,000. Salmon Defense will spend $10,000, the port $25,000 and the rest will be covered by the Squaxin Island Tribe.
Vicki Kruger Encourages Kids at Olympic Middle School to Avoid Drugs

On March 7th, Squaxin Island Tribal Elder Vicki Kruger, visited 610 kids at Olympic Middle School to talk about the drug epidemic and the importance of avoiding drugs.

She conducted her presentation after an assembly honoring the late Billy Frank, Jr., a Native American who was a well-known and long-time advocate for tribal rights and the environment.

After the students did a presentation on Billy, Vicki spoke about him briefly, then spoke to the youth about the drug epidemic happening in our community and across the United States.

She shared that every 20 minutes a person dies from a drug overdose and stated that some states have experienced a 60% increase.

In an attempt to do some suicide prevention, Vicki shared that sometimes she feels sad. She told the kids that sometimes they, too, will be sad, but promised them that good things will come to them. She told them that being there with them was one of the good things happening to her.

Vicki shared a story about a song her and several youth in her community made encouraging kids to not do drugs. She asked them to call her “Granny” like many of the youth in her tribal community.

Vicki distributed $1 bills to all the classrooms prior to the assembly. After learning the song, all 610 kids sang with Vicki, held up their $1 bills, and promised not to do drugs.

In a conversation with one of the teachers afterwards, Vicki stated “We have a drug epidemic. Doing nothing is not working for me, and this is my small attempt to encourage children, our future, to not do drugs. If all of us do something to fight the problem, together we can make a difference.”

Vicki thanked the Squaxin Island Tribe, the teachers and all the 6th and 7th graders at OMS, and the drummers and singers who accompanied her from the Squaxin Island Tribe, Jill Kenyon and Michael S. Henderson.

A video of the event is available for viewing on youtube at https://youtu.be/yM-ynGwHSBE.

Attention Hunters:
Please return hunting tags to the Natural Resources Department as soon as possible. If you received tags and didn’t harvest an animal we still need the unused tags returned. The Natural Resources Department needs these tags to finish our annual harvest report. Thank you!

Questions contact:
Joseph Peters
jcpeters@squaxin.us
360-432-3813
Running for Tribal Council

Hi. My name is Alexandra Mirka. I am considering running for Tribal Council at the next General Body meeting. My parents are Dana VanCleave and Gary Mirka. My grand father is Donald E Whitener and BJ and Andy Whitener are my uncles. I have lived in or around Shelton my entire life. For the past four years I have been living here in the community. I have worked in a number of different positions with the Tribe over the past six years. However, for the past two years I have, thanks to the Tribe’s Housing Program, been able to live a fairly quiet life as a stay-at-home mother raising my young son.

Many will know me and many will not. I am very appreciative of the opportunities the Tribe and current and past Tribal Councils have made available to my son and I as well as all other tribal members who decide to take advantage of the various tribal programs. I think that it is important that people of my generation get involved with decisions and activities that affect their daily lives. It is also important for us to do this so that we may learn from those who have gone before us.

My thoughts, since becoming a member of local community, have shaped and changed that which I see is significant to forming our future. By large, I see that keeping our land, water and culverts clean are significantly important as we are, People of the Water. Running community programs efficiently, is in its right, as important. Through better communication and collaboration with community and tribal members and the workforce, we can create an open dynamic that all would feel respected and loved by our people (government and individuals, alike). These are points that I am passionate about. I desire to learn more and engage in all facets of these areas and create a positive difference where I am able. I love our tribal nation and will apply myself to know more and do right by our side as a people.

- Alexandra Mirka

Congratulations HS21 Graduates!

Carmen Algea
Trisha Blueback
Guy Cain
Elena Capoeman
Ginni Carlson
Ryan Fox
Christina Henry
Clara Hernandez
Patrick LaClair
Ayshia Nelson

WOMEN WARRIORS
WE’RE STRONGER TOGETHER
THURSDAY’S AT 4:00 PM
THE SQUAXIN ISLAND COMMUNITY KITCHEN
~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
LET’S GATHER FOR COMPANY, FRIENDSHIP, FOOD, CRAFTING & HEALING
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
MARISA KANESHIRO @ 360.346.0971 or GLORIA HILL @ 360.463.7051
Teen Program
Laurel Wolff - ha?A sleXil - It’s finally April! Spring Break will be busy with the Squaxin Island Youth Council hosting the 43rd Annual Northwest Indian Youth Conference at Little Creek Casino Resort. Sophia Pinon, Kiana Henry, Dominique McFarlane, Nicole Rowell and Kiona Krise have done a great job getting ready and it’s time for all that hard work to pay off. Check back next month for a full write up on the conference.

Upcoming activities include ongoing Lushootseed classes; these classes are open to all teens and community members. Come learn common phrases and words you can reclaim and use at home. On Tuesdays, teens are encouraged to participate in craft class in the community kitchen, and with drum group. On Wednesdays we have planned activities around crafts and art projects. Youth Council meetings have been changed to 3:30-4:30 on Thursdays, so teens wishing to go to basketball practice can still participate in Youth Council. On April 13th, the Teen Program will go on a hike and pick nettles. Teens and community members are invited to join us. April 27th will be an activity planned by Youth Council. Check out our Facebook page, Squaxin Teens, for more details.

Squaxin Youth Council and Shelton High School’s Native Club recently attended training called, “Youth Undoing Institutional Racism.” Highlights from the weekend included meeting and learning from other youth who were interested in talking about racism, and hanging out in Seattle. Native Club meets at Shelton High School in the Native Ed Room on Thursdays, right after school.

Higher Education
Mandy Valley - Students, this is a friendly reminder to send in (1) your final grades for winter quarter, (2) your new class schedule for spring quarter, (3) any receipts you have, and (4) your completed Memorandum of Commitment for the new quarter. I need all of this information for your Higher Education file to process your paperwork for tribal college scholarship funds. I hope everyone had a very successful quarter. If you have any questions I can be reached at (360)432-3882, or by email at mvalley@squaxin.us.

Homework Support and GED Preparation
Jamie Burris - I am here to help you study, complete schoolwork, or find an engaging book to read for 20 minutes. Your Study tip of the month: Snack healthy while you study. If you want to stay sharp while you study, stay away from junk food. Instead, snack on studying-friendly foods like dark leafy greens, whole grains, peanut butter, milk, and seafood. Feeling sluggish? Caffeine or energy drinks won’t help you in the long run. Get your energy boost instead by eating a banana or an apple. You can go to www.liveabout.com for more study tips.

GED preparation classes are up and running! Come in and take a practice test to see where you are in your journey and what you still need to study. You may discover that you are ready to take the actual GED test! The GED test has 4 subjects: language arts (reading/writing), math, science and social studies. The test is made up of multiple choice, drag and drop, fill in the blank, short answer and extended response type of questions. Each test has a different amount of time allotted for it – ranging from 70 to 150 minutes. If you are a tribal member, the Tribe will pay for your testing (saving you at least $30 per test!)

GED study tip of the month: Read the full question carefully. Read each question twice before you look at the answers. Read each answer twice before you answer. People often read questions too fast and fall into traps. The same goes for answers. Don’t miss the question because you misread some of the terms. You should also be careful not to read too much into the question. Questions are typically straightforward and don’t require a “leap of faith” to answer correctly. In other words, don’t over-read the question and look for a “theoretical” answer versus a “common sense” answer. For more study tips, go to: www.test-guide.com.

I am at the T’u Ha’ Buts Learning Center Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact me at jburris@mccleary.wednet.edu
All three of our girls found a Golden Egg and each received a prize of a beautifully created Easter basket! From left to right Grace (9), Jaylyn (8), & Sarah (11)  
- Casey and Bobbie Brown

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Photos by Bobbie Brown and Sadie Whitener

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**Squaxin Youth Education, Recreation and Activities Calendar**

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**After School Snacks:**
- Computer Lab: M-F 3-4:45pm
- Sylvan: M-Th 3-7, F 3-5pm
- Homework Help, GED Prep: M-Th 4:30-6:30pm
- T-TH 4-7pm

**ER = Early Release**
- WHL = Wa-He-Lut Indian School
- SSD = Shelton School District
- GSD = Griffin School District

**I.T.L. = Inter-Tribal League B-Ball**
- High School: 9-12 Grade
- Middle School: 7-8 Grade
- Elementary: 4-6 Grade
At the Youth Understanding Institutional Racism Conference

Youth Council

Teen Field Trip

End of ITL Basketball Season Ice Cream Party

Local Youth Artist:
We are looking for youth to create the design for our Summer Rec T-shirts

Details:
* Submit your design to Jerilynn
* All drawing are due by Monday, April 23rd
* Youth will vote on Tuesday, April 24th
* Winner will receive a $25 gift card

Contact Jerilynn with any questions 360-432-3992

Save the Date

Summer Registration Begins on May 10th

Summer Rec Dates
July 2 to August 10

Contact Jerilynn with any questions 360-432-3992
FREE Wills for Squaxin Tribal Members and Their Spouses

The Tribe is again offering access to end of life planning services. The Tribe has contracted with local attorney Mark Allen. Mark recently retired from the Squaxin Island Legal Department after 12 years. He is available to assist Squaxin Tribal members and their spouses plan for themselves and loved ones by drafting wills and other end-of-life documents.

- Wills
- Indian Trust Property-Related Documents
- Powers of Attorney
- Advance Directives
- Health Care Directives
- Funeral Arrangements
- Estate Planning

Mark is available at a time and date that is convenient for you. If you are interested in making an appointment, please contact Diane Deyette at (360) 432-1771 x 0. We are scheduling appointments now.

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SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COURT
YOUTH COURT
SQUAXIN ISLAND RESERVATION

IN RE:

B. H.

Case No.: SQI-CW-2018-1803-0065
SQI-CW-2018-1803-0067
SQI-CW-2018-1803-0068

NOTICE OF HEARING

Indian Child.

THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL FAMILY COURT TO THE SAID: Connie Utble.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT pursuant to Section 10.08 of the Squaxin Island Youth code, Fact Finding and Dispositional Hearings for the above named youth have been set in the Squaxin Island Youth Court. The hearing on this matter shall be held on the 3rd day of May 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at 10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, Washington. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING OR TO RESPOND IN WRITING MAY RESULT IN THE CHILD BEING PLACED IN A FOSTER HOME OR RELATIVE PLACEMENT.

File your written response with Squaxin Island Tribal Court at the above listed address or call 360-432-3828 for more information.

Post: April 2018
Publish: April 2018

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SQUAXIN ISLAND LEGAL DEPARTMENT
3711 SE OLD OLYMPIC HWY
SHELTON, WA 98584
360.432.1771

Social Security Disability

If you have been denied Social Security Benefits because you receive a “Per Capita” distribution or other Tribal assistance please contact Diane at the Squaxin Legal Department for assistance.

(360) 432-1771 ext. 0
April Happy Birthdays

1. Colby Robert Smith
   Duane Arthur Cooper
   Famie Marie Mason
   Rene Andre Vigil
   Seattle Dee Morris

2. David Wayne Peters Sr.
   Kaitlyn Rose Sweitzer

3. Deborah Jean Knott
   Jacqueline Crenshaw
   Tamika May Krise

4. Elizabeth Cooper-Campbell
   Janice Nadine Leach
   Joseph Nolan Hartrell
   Kathy Ann Brandt
   Traci Jo Coffey
   Tyler D. Hartwell

5. Matthew Volker Peters Block

6. Chauncey Eagle Blueback
   Robert Jan James

7. Carolyn E. Hoosier
   Keesh R. Vigil-Snook
   Marie Elaine Snyder
   Michael W. Kruger
   Rolando Lewis Rocero
   Tania Asia Korndorfer

8. Marcella Rease Cooper
   Mi’chelle Emily Mach
   Nolah Jean Cousins
   Rodney James Krise Jr.

9. Alexander Henry-Castellane
   Andie May Cousins
   Cheryl Lynn Hantel
   Juan Miguel Araiza
   Kiana Jean Henry
   Lila Mae Jacobs
   William Howard Henderson

10. Antonio D. James
    Joanna Lynn Cowling
    Kenneth Wayne Selvidge Jr.

11. Talon Jacob Beattie
    Tsecka Myrtle Lee Ackerman

12. Dorinda Evon Thein
    Elaine LeeAnn Roberts
    Russell Dean Harper

13. Latiesha Marie Gonzales

14. Debra Jean Peters
    Haelee Hernandez-Smith
    James Leroy Peters
    Mary Josephine Mae Lewis

15. Grace Elizabeth Pugel

16. Maria Coley
    Ronald Lawrence Schaefer

17. April Ann Leonard
    Dena Mae Cools
    Jeffery James Peters
    Skylerh Monroe Henry

18. Brooke Belle Henry
    Daniel Edward Kuntz
    Douglas Wayne Johns
    Josiah Cruz Saenz-Garcia

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    Sande Lee Smith III
    Trinity Richelle Byrd
    Walter Ray Hall

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    Louise Agnes Rioux
    Pamela Ann Peters
    Vicky Lee Turner

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    Emily Denise Sigo
    Jon Kenneth Vanderval
    Joshua Henry Brady Whitener
    Tracy Roy West
    Tyrone Joseph- Stuart Seymour

22. Randy William Koshiway
    Sarah Gloria Koshiway

23. Rebecca Ray Keith
    Ronald Francis Bell
    Tristan I. K. Villanueva

24. Cameron Kyle Goodwin
    Syncere Van Ho

25. Casey Adrian Krise
    Cynthia T. L. Parrott
    Dawn Marie Caasi
    Larain Rose Algea

26. Bear Jon Lewis
    Chauncey Roger Blueback
    London Rain King
    Richard Montano III
    Russel Ramon Algea

27. Becky Lynn Barker
    Standing Raven

28. Anthony Del Johns
    Wesley Kyle Whitener

29. Claudia Jeanette Gui Josa-Meas
    Redwolf S. Krise
    William Charles Lopeman

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**RARE**
Rez Animal Resources & Education

I am sorry to inform tribal members the RARE program is temporarily out of funds.

When funds become available I will post in the Klah-Che-Min.

- Gus, the doggie guy.

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**Prescription Drug Take Back Boxes**
Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet
Dispose of unused or expired prescription medications
Located At:

Mason County Sheriff’s Office
322 North 3rd Street in Shelton, WA 98584

North Mason Regional Fire Authority
460 Northeast Old Belfair Highway in Belfair, WA 98528

Free Collection!
For More Information
Call Mason County
Public Health & Human Services
360-427-9670 ext. 400
Sewer Backup

An obstruction in the sewer affects nearly all the plumbing fixtures in your home. And if it gets bad enough, sewer and drain blockage can lead to clogged drains and raw sewage backing up out of your drains. This is not only hazardous, but it can be very costly as well.

You should know the telltale signs of a sewer or drain clog. However, clearing a blocked sewer is usually not a job you can do yourself. It takes a plumbing professional to tackle a sewer and drain blockage leak repair.

The most common signs of a sewer drain clog are water backing up out of a basement floor drain or out of the toilet plumbing. You may also hear a gurgling sound coming from the drains. There are some things you can be aware of to trouble-shoot:

- Flush your toilet. If you see water gurgling up out of your tub or shower drain when you flush, that means water is trying to leave but is being blocked by a sewer line clog.
- Use your washing machine. Does your shower drain start to overflow with water? Or does your toilet start to percolate? Again, this means water is trying to leave, but a clog is blocking it, forcing it to go elsewhere.
- Run your bathroom sink, and if your toilet water rises or bubbles up, you may have a sewer line clog.
- If you have more than one clogged drain in your house, the problem is likely in your sewer or in a branch drain line.

Tree roots are a leading cause of a clogged sewer line, especially in older homes. In newer homes, common sources of clogging include feminine hygiene products, paper towels and baby wipes. Slow-flowing drains and gurgling noises from your toilet are the first signs that your sewer system is clogged by tree roots. A complete sewer line block can occur if you don’t take care of the issue immediately.

If you have a clogged drain and suspect that a blocked sewer drain is the cause, it’s important to stop putting water into the drains. Stop using sinks and toilets if it’s a main line clog. Homeowners who have access to their sewer cleanout access port (usually a short, round, white pipe with a screw-on cap located in the yard near the house), can remove the cleanout cap to release pressure and help send excess water outside instead of into the house. This should only be done on a temporary basis. A plumbing professional can run a main line cable, also known as a drain snake, auger, through the clog to clear it. Be aware that it takes an experienced technician to do a thorough job.

If the drain is still backing up, it may be time for a video camera inspection. A camera inspection will show you if the problem is inside the house or out in the yard, and a technician can recommend the next course of action.
New Employees

Ase Torjussen
CDP at Behavioral Health

Hi, I have been hired as a Chemical Dependency Professional at the outpatient facility.

Originally from Norway, I’ve lived most of my life in the Seattle area, worked in the pet industry, and moved here in 2000. I went back to school in my 40’s to become a counselor.

I look forward to being part of a team that has a track record of caring and making a difference in the community.

I look forward to getting to know people and becoming familiar with the community.

Thank you.

Janita Lee Raham
Events and Operations Coordinator/Manager

Hi, I am the great-granddaughter of Ed and Florence Sigo, granddaughter of Dewey and Virginia Sigo, and daughter of Scott Meyer and Janette Sigo. I have 14 children and 2 grandsons.

I have 16 years experience working in Indian Country. I worked 4 and a half years at LCCR in Food and Beverage. I started as a Busser when I graduated high school and worked up to Restaurant Manager.

After leaving the casino, I started working for tribal government. I’ve been a Domestic Violence Advocate, taught healthy relationships and dating violence awareness, coordinated many successful prevention programs and have been a program manager for The Chehalis Tribe, Skokomish Tribe and The Squaxin Island Tribe.

I’m excited to work with Executive Services. They are a great group. I can’t wait to see how this position grows. I am happy to be back home working in my community.

Lette Machado-Olivo
TANF Community Support Assistant

Hi, my four children and I are enrolled members who recently moved from Skokomish.

I have been working at the Family Services building since October.

The TANF team is so positive and play such a huge part in supporting families. Learn and grow.

I am excited and looking forward to serving my community.

Larain Algea
HR Apprentice

Hi, my name is Larain Algea. My family is originally from the Coopers. My grandmother is Rose Davis and my mother is Juanita Pugel. I am currently going to Olympic College studying criminal justice and human resources.

I have two sons who are 18 months and seven months old.

I own a business for landscaping, go to college and am now working for Human Resources at the Tribal Center.

I strive every day for my family. All I do is for my two boys, my husband and myself. FAMILY is my #1 aspect of life.

I am excited to learn the inside work of HR. I am very excited to work with everyone in this department and also with individuals outside of the offices. Thank you for welcoming me aboard!

Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Elders Building

Happy Spring
April is Stress Awareness Month

*Women & Stress*

Submitted by
Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator

Stress can be brought about by a traumatic accident, death, or emergency situation. Stress can be a side effect of a serious illness or disease.

Stress is also associated with daily life, the workplace, and family responsibilities. It's hard to stay calm and relaxed in our hectic lives. Women have many roles: spouse, mother, caregiver, friend, and worker. With all that women have going on, it seems almost impossible to find ways to de-stress. But it's important to find those ways. Your health depends on it.

**What are some early signs of stress?**

Common symptoms include: headache *sleep disorders *difficulty concentrating* short temper *upset stomach * job dissatisfaction *low morale * depression * anxiety

**How do women react to stress?**

Some researchers think that women handle stress in a unique way: they tend and befriend.

Tend. Women protect and care for their children.

Befriend. Women seek out and receive social support.

**How can women help handle stress:**

- **Relax/unwind:** deep breathing, sit & listen to soothing music, read a book
- **Make time for yourself**— at least 15 minutes a day— call a friend, go for a walk, a bubble bath— time for you
- **Sleep:** 7 to 9 hours
- **Fuel up with healthy food choices:** vegetables, fruits, protein (salmon, chicken, peanut butter) and whole grains. Don’t be fooled by the jolt you get from caffeine or sugar. That type of energy will wear off.
- **Get moving**—physical activity can help your mood and relieve tense muscles


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**Women Warriors**
- Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. in Community Kitchen

**Bible Study at Elders Building**
- Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**AA & ALANON**
- Tuesdays 3-5

**Culture Night and Drum Group**
- Wednesdays 7:30
### Elders Menu

- Fruit and salad at every meal

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| **4/2 – 4/5** | MONDAY:  
Sausage pasta bake, peas & carrots, biscuits  
TUESDAY:  
Taco Soup, Turkey wraps  
WEDNESDAY:  
Chicken pot pie  
THURSDAY:  
BBQ Ribs, macaroni & cheese, baked beans |
| **4/9 – 4/12** | MONDAY:  
Enchilada casserole, black beans  
TUESDAY:  
Tomato basil soup, grilled cheese sandwiches  
WEDNESDAY:  
Burger dips, potato wedges  
THURSDAY:  
Beef tenderloin, broccoli, rice w/ gravy |
| **4/16 – 4/19** | MONDAY:  
Twice baked potato casserole  
TUESDAY:  
Chili, cornbread  
WEDNESDAY:  
Pot roast, mashed potatoes & gravy, cauliflower, rolls  
THURSDAY:  
Casino buffet |
| **4/23 – 4/26** | MONDAY:  
Broccoli beef, rice  
TUESDAY:  
Italian sausage potato soup, breadsticks  
WEDNESDAY:  
Geoduck fritters, potatoes  
THURSDAY:  
Pork loin roast, baked potatoes, corn on the cob |
| **4/30** | MONDAY:  
Bratwurst, macaroni salad |

Happy 5th Birthday Mary Jo Lewis

April 14th

Happy Birthday to the brightest, most inquisitive and loving 5 year old ever! Mommy and Daddy love you so much and are so proud of you for all you do but especially being the best big sister.

– Love Bear, Rana and “Turkey Man”.

Look Who’s Going to be 2!!
Happy Birthday Bear Lewis Jr!

April 26th

Hard to believe it has been 2 years since we were blessed with this sweet baby boy. “Turkey Man” you are loved more than you could imagine. So excited to see you learning new things every day and being such an awesome baby brother.

- “Bub – Bow” baby Bear, Mommy, Daddy and Sister

### Committees and Commissions Listed on Calendar

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<td>Eric Sparkman</td>
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Thursday, April 5
10:30 am to 3:30 pm
(closed 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm)
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE
Bloodmobile
Sign up online at: www.bloodworksnw.org/drives or call 1-800-398-7888
Reference Sponsor Code: 4477
Spring in to action - Save lives by donating blood!

Thursday • April 12th
Doors Open 4:30pm | Early Birds 6pm | Session Starts 6:30pm

Friday • April 13th
Daubin in the Dark Light Bingo
Doors Open 6pm | Early Birds 8pm | Session Starts 8:30pm

Saturday • April 14th
Doors Open 9am | Early Birds 11:30am | Session Starts 12pm
Doors Open 2:30pm | Early Birds 4pm | Session Starts 4:30pm

Sunday • April 15th
Doors Open 2:30pm | Early Birds 4pm | Session Starts 4:30pm

All Level 3 payout $500 NO Splitters!
Bring a canned food item for a free level 1 (3-on).

*Multiple winners split the prize. See Keno or call 360-407-9035 for more details.
$79 room rates during bingo sessions! Ages 21 and over only for 8:30pm session.
Must show Bingo Room Pass. Check at box office for more details. Special rate for groups.
Customer must call in advance to block rooms. Must be 21 or older for Bingo Specials.

APRIL 13 | OPEN @6PM
EARLY BIRDS @8PM | SESSION @8:30PM

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DAUBIN IN THE DARK

OVER
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IN PAYOUTS

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