

the Samish Shore Lines

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Freestad Lake/Tidelands Restoration Study.

Skagit County and the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe are looking into the feasibility of changes to Freestad Lake and near-by low lands. About 40 Samish Island residents met with County and Tribe officials at the community hall on April 29th to learn details of the proposed project, which would close off the northern one-third of Freestad Lake, breach the current dike in the vicinity of the existing tide gate and open up an area north of the lake to tidal action, creating a high intertidal marsh.

A new dike would be built surrounding the Community of Christ Church's low-lying upland property (+6 to +9 above M.L.W.) landward of the existing dike system. A tide gate would be constructed in the new dike to provide drainage of and prevent saltwater incursion into adjacent upland property.

The Community of Christ Church staff reports that Freestad Lake has been filling in over the years. It is infested with stinging jelly fish and aquatic grasses to the extent that it is no longer useful for either swimming or canoeing. They are looking for a way to increase water circulation through the lake to correct this situation. On a larger scale, there is strong interest in improving marine habitats in Puget Sound for salmon and other species by creating 'pocket estuaries', such as this.

The main concerns raised at the meeting were flooding when we have unusually high water, and maintaining drainage of the intertidal marsh. Residents report that the area is subject to continual movement of sand and beach gravel, which could make keeping open the proposed new drainage channel difficult.

Residents were assured that walking trails will be included in proposed plans, and were reminded that the current project is a feasibility study only. There is no proposed construction at this time.

The 2010 14th Annual Samish Island Arts

Festival will be held **Saturday, July 31st**. Please mark your calendars. There will be many fine arts exhibitors, live music and food throughout the day. If you have a vendor questions please contact Janene at 766-6290 or Kathy at 766-8801. Proceeds go to the Samish Island Community Club.

Samish Senior Singles are invited to meet for lunch at the Royal Fork restaurant in Mount Vernon at 11:30 am on **Friday, March 28th**. Need a ride? Call Betty, 766-8032.

DNR Beach on Wharf Street. As reported in the Skagit Valley Herald on May 8, Skagit County and the state DNR have worked out an agreement that will soon restore a stairway and basic services to the beach access site at the north end of Wharf Road. The DNR will continue to own the land, and Skagit County Parks will provide sani-can service, garbage cans and pickup, and picnic tables. The county will also provide a heavy-duty, marine-grade stairway. The County will install "fire lane" signs to restrict parking to one side of Wharf Street to allow for passage of emergency equipment.

5th Annual Samish Island-Wide Yard Sale. Join your neighbors and clear your closets on **Saturday, June 12th**. The sale runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All islanders are invited to join in! A \$10 fee covers the costs of advertising, balloon markers, maps, etc. and is due upon registration; remaining money is donated to the community club. To register for the event and ensure your house is on the map, contact Amy Colvin at 766-6016 or colvin.ap@gmail.com. Send payment to Amy Colvin, 10641 Samish Island Road, Bow, WA 98232. **Registration closes June 5th.**

Seven Samish Island gardens will be featured in the Skagit Symphony's tour of private gardens on **Sunday June 27, from 10 am to 5 pm**. A woodland path, with views of Samish Bay, connects four of the gardens: the Goldston's, the Boyes's, the Claypool's, and the Rosasco's. The Downs's, Gaughan's, and Ryberg's gardens complete the tour. Tickets are \$25.00 and available by calling (360) 424-7591. In mid-May, tickets will be available from Fonda Downs by calling (360) 766-7667, or email downs@clear.net.

The Edgewater Garden Club will meet at 9:45 AM on Tuesday, **May 25th**, at the home of Kris Goodan, 10267 Halloran Road, for their annual Potluck Brunch. Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share for the brunch, and \$10.00 cash/check for 2010-11 dues. There will be a business meeting at 10:15 AM followed by the brunch. Please come and bring the sunshine with you! **Please carpool, if possible.**

The Garden Club also has this **addition** to their **Samish Island Sign Guidelines**: Samish Island residents who are participating in events, musical or otherwise, are welcome to display a poster on the bulletin board. Please include your name at the bottom of the poster.

The Samish Island Marching Band wants new members before this year's 4th of July parade. The demands are minimal but camaraderie and fun abound! All ages are encouraged to join. Please contact Gail Hopley at 766-6823 or ghopley@wavecable.com. No previous marching experience required!

Estate Sale at 10749 Samish Island Road. For Samish Island residents on **June 5, 10 am to noon**. Also on June 12 with Samish-Wide Yard Sale. All sales benefit Skagit Symphony School Concerts and MoNA Link education program.

Samish Island Memorial Chapel, 9608 S.I. Rd.
9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 Worship Service
Pastor Otto Sather – Everyone Welcome.

Islanders in the News. Congratulations to **Fonda Downs**, recently named by the Skagit Land Trust as an Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for her work on the organization's special events. The article, and her photo, appeared in the April 25th issue of the Skagit Valley Herald. Kudos also to **Richard Sentner**, pictured in the May 2 issue of the Skagit Valley Herald. Richard and other Rotarians recently replaced Hillcrest Park's aging information kiosk with two new signs.

My name is Lauryn Kremling, and I am a student at WWU, as well as a Samish Island resident. I am taking a "Small Group Communication" class. Our group of 5 students is working with "Blue Skies for Children", a non-profit organization that grants wishes to underprivileged children. Our goal is to raise \$200, and also collect frequently used office supplies **by May 19**. This would allow the organization to provide more youngsters with needed basic items.

To contribute money or some of the needed office supplies, please bring your donation to my parents house, 5111 Roney Rd. (Wayne and Bryn Kremling) and I will pick them up for the organization. Most needed office supplies are: copy/printer paper (8.5 x 11), #10 envelopes, binder clips (sm, md, lg), page protectors, "Forever" postage stamps. Thank you so very much.

.....*Lauryn Kremling and colleagues*

Liz Bart is offering a **Warm Water Bodyworks Basics** class at Soothing Waters on Samish Island; 75 min. sessions; 4 Tuesday mornings in June; \$48 dollars for the series. Participants will work with each other practicing simple "Watsu" techniques in 94-degree water. A minimum of 6 people is needed. Please call Liz at 766-8403 if interested in signing up.

Sunday at Community of Christ

10 AM – Church School; 11 AM – Worship
Lee Nelson, Pastor - Everyone Welcome

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SERVICES:

--Quality house cleaning. Local references available. Call Laurie Reid, 766-5080.

--Landscape Design and maintenance. Call Debbie Emerson, 20+ years experience, 766-3401. Great prices for yearly contracts. Web site: www.gardensez.com

--Beginning through intermediate accordion and piano lessons are available on Samish Island. Contact Lois Yale, member of the Washington State Music Teachers' Association, at 766-8713 or lobo@fidalgo.net.

-- Home remodel and repair. Call Bruce Emerson, 770-9148. 30+ years experience. License #ASCENE1003LL.

--Enjoy the convenience of massage on the island! Amy Colvin's massage services range from relaxation to therapeutic. Call Amy at 766-6016, or visit www.healingjourneymassage.com.

--Excavator for hire. Land / brush clearing, tree removal, ditch digging, blading. \$85.00/hr. Call Mike at 360-391-3490.

--Find a foundation of balance and physical vitality through massage and Bowen NST. I look forward to seeing you in the warmth of a new studio. Call Jennifer Hamley, LMP, CNST at 766-5235, or 303-6358.

--Certified health coach. I help with weight loss, reducing/eliminating medications, increasing wellness. Lose 2-5 lbs/wk for less than \$10/day. Includes food and my services. Call Julie O'Brien-Judy at 425-308-5757.

FREE: ---24 Western Larches 2 to 4 feet tall.

---Dog House 30 X 48 inches. Call 766 5230 .

FOR SALE – Antique wood **mantel clock**, 10" h x 5" h x 21" l. Westminster chime (on/off). Keeps excellent time, recently serviced. \$75. Call 766-8111.

The Samish Island Community Hall is available for rent throughout the year. Islanders' rate \$75; five hours or less \$50. Contact Eileen Andersen, 766-8202, or info@samishisland.net to schedule your family gathering, wedding, party, meeting or event.

Items for the next Shore Lines should be submitted in writing to the *Samish Shore Lines*, S.I. Community Center, P.O. Box 268, Bow, WA 98232 in time to meet the **June 3rd** deadline for submissions (first Thursday). Or e-mail to samishshorelines@gmail.com (Kathleen, 766-6752).