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**August 2024 Billing Newsletter**

[**Island County Public Health**](https://www.facebook.com/ICPubHealth?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZX3H4kxZEARXjAYJQnfaTG2P_OWLimSLHv9yK4niUjFa4Kgc3Uwj1EQZz0rJB4kOnlEUnwmjQSHmOaqDZvIGR2Hg1No_TDK-cXeq3aqMu1ZvkcHZleIRJ4jcQyu-8NpogIEnw18BeKlTpgbPIQgoQDnufcLgLj4M1QcAPidTBEMOlp0mNCgY9B1ELtKateWj_n8b0hGR_G-Yg1zpQL-xuXCxw7WgJpZQFX9vvj8fCK3Z1fKIk_fodQG-O3mO5Gb68SjzQeuvjf5T4DHBmC4PZNG&__tn__=-UC%2CP-y-R) **- Biotoxin Closure Alert!**

The following areas have been closed for recreational harvest of all shellfish due to biotoxin. This includes all species of shellfish: clams, geoduck, scallops, mussels, oysters, snails and other invertebrates:

* **Penn Cove** from Blowers Bluff to Snatelum Point

The following areas remain closed for recreational harvest of butter and varnish clams only due to biotoxin:

* **West Whidbey Island**

Always check the WA DOH Shellfish Safety Map before and after harvest: [https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/biotoxin/biotoxin.html](https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/biotoxin/biotoxin.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR0hyjbDFFvQEHUrGo2EbMYaGLJQ8zlfe0Y59GgfYHZmP7tm308hG4p0vBI_aem_M2x-GXoeKeGmXRXEMj4EXA)

For more information, please visit the WA DOH Recreational Shellfish webpage: [https://doh.wa.gov/commu.../shellfish/recreational-shellfish](https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/shellfish/recreational-shellfish?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR0jq2H2AeLx6IivNXnFAxtJZoRRlcvGBV104VFI5PMTZWbBFtZIT6pfCVA_aem_U3yTXP1bBTW8hT_6581bBA)

 Learn about biotoxin myths and misconceptions here: [https://doh.wa.gov/.../biotoxins/myths-and-misconceptions...](https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/shellfish/recreational-shellfish/illnesses/biotoxins/myths-and-misconceptions?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR0Ix3vzZwLuk9Th6LI3mEGbtVYQq0MfF2M-2TuH6bGbBkxtfKeIDZ1zVKU_aem_CHsJpMJwNBsPSXXA8DEnTg#:~:text=Cooking%20shellfish%20in%20boiling%20water,are%20destroyed%20with%20proper%20cooking)

Biotoxin is not related to water pollution. Biotoxins can be present in otherwise pristine waters, and even heavily polluted waters can be biotoxin-free.



 **Lost and found items at pool:** Please check the pool or contact the office at 360-678-7446 if you are missing anything. Any leftover items will be donated to charity on September 30th.

**Beach access***:* If you want to use our beach, you must obtain a gate key from the office. There is not a code. The key is white and black, similar to a credit card, but thicker. The numbers on it are your account #. Do not park out outside the gate! Violators will be towed.

**** **Dog Control** Complaints about dogs should first be reported to Island County Animal Control regarding possible violations of Island County Code Title VI, Dog License and Control. Unresolved issues with dog control may result in consideration by the Board of Trustees for further enforcement. In general, dog owners shall be responsible for controlling their dog off premises and not allow chasing of vehicles or bicycles or menacing of pedestrians using public roadways. Dogs must be confined behind a fence or otherwise securely restrained while on the owner’s property. A dog may be kept unleashed on the owner’s property or community property only if the owner is present with the animal and under the owner’s direct control and supervision. Dog owners shall not allow or permit their dog(s) to frequently or habitually howl, yelp or bark and annoy or disturb their neighbors. Dog owners are required to pick up after their dog while walking in the community or on the beach.

**Notices:**

* **The last chance for a summer swim is Monday, September 2nd. The pool will close for the season after this date.**
* **The RHGC Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024 (Labor Day).**

Board of Directors meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 13, 2024 @ 7pm at the clubhouse. All community members are invited and encouraged to attend.