

Dear Fellow Islander,

The festivities for the Fourth of July Weekend are fast approaching, only 8 days away! Below is an overview of the events Shaw Inc has planned. Thanx to our publicity chairman Cy Field, there are also pocket calendars at the kiosk to take home and use as a reference.

The weekend will begin Saturday 11 AM with Market Day at the Community Building. Doris Oliver has organized a myriad of booths including a Library Booth and a Shaw Inc Booth with Coonie Cameron prints. Stop by the booth and update your info for the next Shaw Island index and directory coming out in the fall. Or, join Shaw Inc if you are not already a member. Or make a donation towards supporting our building and the wide variety of programs we support. Or just say "hi!".

Don't forget to buy a raffle ticket!! Jane Baier-Nelson has put together a fabulous raffle of dinners, experiences and other items. For just \$1, you can buy a ticket that may win one of the coveted dinners or experiences usually going for hundreds of dollars at the auction! Just think...we paupers and/or tightwads have an equal chance at success this year!

In the little room, Sandi Walker has organized an art show featuring island artists. Come look what your neighbors can and are doing!

Outside, there will be a "GO FISH" pond organized by Jody Schmidt. The little ones usually love this. There is also rumored to be a water balloon catapult for braver individuals. Wet suits or a change of clothes are encouraged.

Don't go away hungry!! From noon til 2, there will be a barbecue. Ron Woodard took on the organization of this event because he didn't have enough to do, now that he is raising five grandchildren!

Go home and rest 'cause the fun is just beginning.

From 8 PM til 1 AM, there is a dance at the Community Building. We have hired a DJ to host the event. The focus from 8 until 9 will be ballroom dancing with the volume turned down. After 9, dance your socks off until 1 AM with a mix of rock 'n roll and swing. There will be champagne, a keg of beer, punch and munchies. The whole family is welcome for this packed event. (\$5 if you are over 16, \$2.50 if you are 6-16, under 6 free) Thanx to Vreni Borner for putting all of this together.

Sunday morning we meet at the Community Building at 10:30 AM. Ed Luttrell will try to organize the masses of llamas, tractors, people, trucks, horses, dogs and bicycles into a semblance of a parade. The Parade will start at 11 and head for the County Park. Your president might show up showing off her new John Deere lawn mower instead of taking her usual place on the fire truck. After awards, there will be a "bring your own" picnic lunch at the park and a chance to catch your breath before the baseball game.

At 1:30, head for Geb's field. The field now belongs to her son and daughter-in-law Andy Thomas and Caryn Buck, who have graciously allowed us to use the field for the afternoon. This has become one of the most popular events at 4th of July. Thanx to Del Laursen for organizing the afternoon activities. The event starts with kid's games, then the adults go at it, then the cut-throat play-offs begin. The schedule says it ends at 6, but with the rampant enthusiasm, this may be an under estimation. 4-H will be there selling drinks. Bring your chairs, blankets and mitts and bats if you have them and join in the fun either as a participant or as a spectator. Practice your cheers. Pom poms are encouraged.

This year our weekend will not include the wonderful Shaw Inc Sail/Row/Paddle Regatta that the Lengyells organized off their dock last year. This is because the timing of the tides did not coincide with good times to put it on our busy calendar schedule. Watch for signs that it will happen on another summer weekend this year and hopefully it will return to the 4th of July weekend next year.

The 4th of July is a wonderful time to get together and celebrate summer and the wonderful community of which we are a part. Also a nice time to mix summer and winter residents and young and old alike. Hope to see you all there!

Oh! Don't forget!! August 1st Shaw Inc is bringing a troupe of actors to perform Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" on the lawn at the Community Building. Bring something to share for the potluck beforehand, warm clothes and a blanket for the outdoor evening performance and a donation for the actors if you wish.

Sincerely,

Carole Davis
President, Shaw Islanders, Inc.