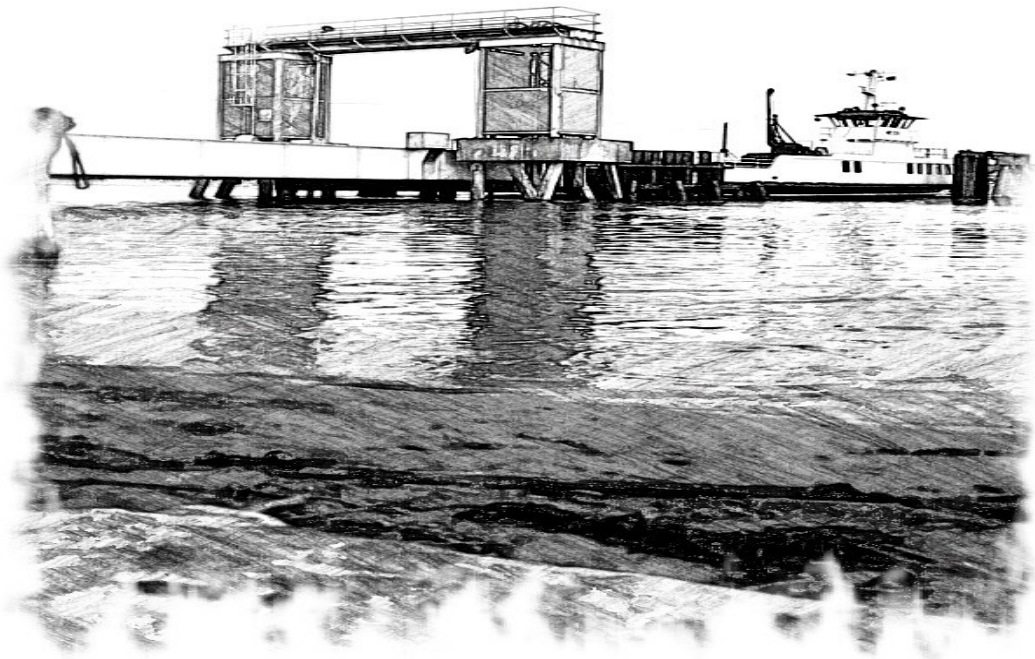


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The Guemes Guide



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Community Services

Emergency

Fire, medical emergency, sheriff, dial **911**. All 911 calls are routed by Skagit County 911 dispatcher to the appropriate service. Law enforcement problems to the Skagit County Sheriff's Department, fires to the Guemes Island Volunteer Fire Department, medical emergencies to both the Anacortes Fire Department's paramedics and the Guemes Island Fire Department's EMTs. Non emergency number 360-428-3211.

Cell phone 911

To report emergencies from a cell phone in Skagit County, dial **360-336-3131**. If you dial 911 from your cell phone the call goes to the Washington State Patrol which then must relay your message to Skagit County. **In the event that you are driving a medical emergency off the island yourself, use your car's emergency blinker lights and proceed to the head of the ferry line.**

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Neighborhood volunteers are organized to respond to emergencies so overwhelming that local emergency responders request assistance. Contact Barb Ohms 360-298-1885 or 303-521-9094, Carol Pellett 360-293-8128, or Reva Dugan 360-293-8156. In the event of a wide-spread disaster, households in all areas should be prepared to be self sufficient for at least 72 hours. Because of our small population and relative isolation, Guemes Island residents and those vacationing here should keep enough on hand "to be 2 weeks ready". Cert information and neighborhood lists are available at www.myguemes.org/cert/.

Edens Cemetery

Guemes Island Cemetery District #3, located at 6312 Guemes Island Road. The commissioners are Chairman Adam Veal 360-941-1930, Andy Leech 360-588-8151 Danial Burnett and secretary/treasurer Angie Veal 360-941-1930. Email guemessecretary@gmail.com.

Frontier www.frontier.com

Frontier is our local telephone company. For installation call 1-877-462-8188 or go online. For outages call 1-877-462-8188. Frontier also offers broadband services to a limited area of Guemes Island.

Guemes Island Community Center www.myguemes.org

The "myguemes" website (www.myguemes.org) is a free website, managed by the Guemes Island Community Center Association (GICCA), with the goal of "enriching and connecting our island community." A key feature of the website is an all-inclusive island-wide events calendar. The site also includes GICCA meeting agendas and minutes, updates on GICCA projects, and news stories, photographs, and other information of interest to the entire Guemes community.

Guemes Island Ferry www.guemesferry.com

The Anacortes Terminal is located at 500 I Avenue, phone 360-293-6433. To request a special ferry, contact Rachel Rowe at 360-419-7618. Email rowe@co.skagit.wa.us.

Guemes Island Community Church

The address is 7611 Guemes Island Road. The Church is an open, affirming, and welcoming congregation committed to providing a loving, supportive space in which to worship God and be together in community. The Church frequently serves as a gathering place for community happenings, including the holiday bazaar, children's science camp, meditation and exercise groups, Thursday Gathering lunches, historical society meetings, Guemes planning area committee and women's fellowship meetings. To schedule an event call Connie Snell 360-708-3589.

Guemes Island Ferry Committee

This is a committee of five island residents have been elected to interact with the County regarding ferry issues. If you have questions or problems concerning the ferry first consult with the ferry crew. Then, if necessary, contact one of the members of the ferry committee. The chair is Stephen Orsini 360-293-5689, Allen Bush Jr. 360-293-7439, Bud Ullman 541-892-0410, David Prewitt 360-293-2616, or Sandy Mckean 206-321-4623.

Guemes Island Fire Commissioners, District 17

Three island residents have been elected to manage the Guemes Island Fire Department. The commissioners are Frank Crawford, Tom Murphy, and Dave Margeson. The open public meetings usually take place on the second Monday of each month at 7pm at the Fire Hall.

Guemes Island Firefighters Association

The president is Jim LeMieux phone 360-360-770-1511, or call 360-293-8681.

Guemes Island Library * www.guemesislandlibrary.com.

The address is 7611 Guemes Island Road. Our library is located in the addition to the Community Center Hall. The phone number is 360-293-9052. The library provides books, magazines, Blu-ray, compact discs (CDs), DVD's, Wi-Fi and computer access to residents of Guemes Island. The Library is open Mondays and Wednesdays 2-4pm, and 6-8 pm, Fridays and Saturday from 2-4pm. Donations of time or materials are always welcome. The Library is supported by donations.

Guemes Island Volunteer Exchange (GIVE)

This is a committee made up of representatives from island organizations who help island residents in extreme emergencies. Help is administered in the strictest confidence. GIVE is supported by donations. Call Larry Pike at 360-293-6817 for more information.

Guemes Island Volunteer FireDepartment www.guemesfire.org.

For emergencies dial **911**. All of the firefighters and EMT's are trained volunteers. The Fire Chief is a paid part time position. Gerry Francis is the current Fire Chief. Volunteers are always welcomed. Call 360-293-8681 during office hours Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 to 11 am. After office hours call 360-333-6297.

Island Hospital www.islandhospital.org

Island Hospital is located at 1211 24th Street in Anacortes. 360-299-1300. There is an emergency room, and urgent care clinic.

Linetime (Octopia) www.linetime.org

Linetime is a free web site featuring ferry information and updates, interviews, survey results, book reviews, community events, message board, ferry schedules, tides, and other island organization updates.

Medical Equipment Lending Closet

The lending closet is maintained by the Guemes Connects Organization. There are wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, portable commodes and other medical equipment for loan. Contact Juby Fouts 360-293-2704 or Gail Nicolls 360-293-9540 for information.

Pass Reports/Road Information

Telephone 1-800-695-7623 or go to www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/passes, Oregon State is 1-503-588-2941 or www.tripcheck.com, Idaho 1-888-432-7623 or www.511.idaho.gov.

Poison Center-Seattle

1-800-222-1222.

Puget Sound Energy

To report electrical outages call 1-888-225-5773.

Public Transportation (SKAT)

There are bus schedules at the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce or call 360-299-2424. Skat does have the Guemes Ferry Terminal on their Anacortes routes. There is no bus service on Guemes Island except during the annual ferry maintenance haul out. During that time a Skat bus does service our residents to and from their home to the walk on ferry.

Trees on the road

Call the public works-road maintenance department at 360-755-9331.

San Juan Cable www.sanjuancable.com.

offers TV and Broadband. For service call 1-888-512-2141.

Skagit County Sheriff

Skagit County Sheriff Department serves Guemes Island. Call **911** for emergencies or non emergencies. Since service may be somewhat delayed by the ferry schedule, the sheriff's department encourages all island neighborhoods to establish an active block watch program. The Sheriff's office is 360-416-1911.

Waste Management of Skagit County www.wmnorthwest.com

There is regular garbage pickup on Guemes Island every Friday AM. There is recycle pick-up on alternate Fridays of the month. For service call 1-800-592-9995. No yard waste pick up is provided.

Publications

The Guemes Guide

This is a guide to organizations, events, publications, and services on Guemes Island. The guide is published yearly by the **Guemes Island Property Owners Association**. Free copies are available at the Guemes Library. For adding to, corrections or changes call Leota Price at 360-293-4156 or email leotarp@me.com.

Guemes Island Telephone Directory

This is a listing of island residents, organizations and businesses. The directory was prepared and published by **GIPOA**. Beginning in 2018 the **Community Center Association** will be managing the directory. The directory can be accessed online at www.myguemes.org. Check the web site for availability of printed copies or to add or edit your online listing.

Responsible Island Living

Clamming and Crabbing www.dfw.wa.gov

Be sure to observe the size and number limits when collecting crabs and clams. Limits *for 2018* are 40 clams or 10 pounds per day and 5 male, hard shelled $6\frac{1}{4}$ inch Dungeness crabs per day. Remember to fill in the holes when you dig clams. Call the hot line at 866-800-5431 locally for open season on crab pots and clam rules. To check for PSP toxins check with the Department of Health hotline at 1-800-562-5632. To report poaching 1-877-933-9847.

Coyotes

In recent years coyotes have established residence on the island. Care should be taken to avoid attracting them with pet food or edible refuse and to protect your pets at all times.

Fireworks

The use of fireworks including firecrackers, bottle rockets, skyrockets, M-80's and explosive devices are prohibited on Guemes Island per RCW 70.77. To avoid fires, emotional harm to pets and wild animals, disturbances to residents, litter and injuries, please use **legal** fireworks responsibly. Limit use to July 4th only.

Poaching Hot Line

To report illegal hunting activities call 911 or if after hours call Washington State Patrol at 1-360-757-1175.

Injured or Dangerous Wildlife

Call 911 or Washington State Patrol 360-757-8907 or Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center 360-378-5000.

Island Resources

To prevent soil erosion and degradation of island bluffs, please avoid trampling shoreline vegetation. A brochure is available from **GIPAC** "Your Guemes Shorelines" with information and web addresses of other sites of interest in protecting our shorelines. It is available at the ferry terminal and at the library.

Marine Toxins/PSP Hotline www.doh.wa.gov/gis/mogifs/

For red tide information call 1-800-562-5632.

Weeds www.skagitcounty.net

Noxious weeds are non-native plants that are in some way harmful to the environment. They are not necessarily toxic. Controlling some of these noxious weeds is required by law. For more information check the county's website and search for the site "noxious weeds" This will give you information about the Noxious Weed Control Board, the Noxious Weed Coordinator Joseph Shea and gives access to the Skagit Weed List. Call Marianne Kooiman at 360-293-5815 for assistance with plant identification.

Speed Limits

Cars and trucks on Guemes Island share the roads with children, hikers, bicycles, horses, pets, and darting deer. For their protection and yours, please observe the speed limit **35 mph**, or **20 mph** at the playground or as posted.

Water

Guemes Island has been designated a Sole Source Aquifer area which means that at least 50% of our island population gets its water from an aquifer underlying our island. Overdrawing water from the aquifer can result in saltwater intrusion. Therefore, it is important that we use this resource judiciously. We encourage islanders to collect rainwater when possible for outside watering and not to water lawns with well water. For more information on responsible water use and well management contact Sally Stapp at 425-501-1435. The county is now encouraging catchment as an option to drilling new wells. More information is available at www.skagitcounty.org.

Island Wide Organizations

Groundfloor Guemes

A project and subcommittee of GICCA. This group strives to support environmental and economic sustainability within our community. They provide Welcome Bags for new residents. If you are a new island resident and would like to receive a Welcome Bag, or if you would like to get involved in the group, contact Edie Clark, 360-299-3230 or Holly Green, hbgreen50@gmail.com. The group also organizes a group organic food procurement program through Azure Foods. Contact Marianne Kooiman for info eyie@cnuw.com.

Guemes Connects

Provides on island services by connecting neighbors with volunteers or skilled workers. Coordinators are Meals-Lorraine Francis 360-293-8364, Respite care-Juby Fouts 360-293-2704 or Sue Nichol 1-206-755-7937. Transportation-Anne Passarelli 360-299-2549 or Susan Rombeek 360-293-0777, Home maintenance/yard care Bill Clark 360-299-3230, Medical equipment-Gail Nicolls 360-293-9540 or Juby Fouts 360-293-2704, Housing information Ron Knowles 360-588-9922.

The Betty Crookes Guemes Gold Scholarship**

This is a once a year scholarship for Guemes Island youths. Guemes Island juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply. For further information contact Janice Veal at 360-293-3721.

Guemes Island Community Center Assoc. (GICCA)*

The elected GICCA Board manages and maintains the Guemes Island Community Hall, the Schoolhouse Park Pavilion and stage project. They host monthly "town hall meetings" from September thru May on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, at the hall. All island residents and property owners are encouraged to participate. GICCA is supported by donations and has no membership or dues requirement. Call President Barb Ohms at 303-521-9094 or 360-298-1885 for information or to schedule or rent the hall. The GICCA website www.myguemes.org has a complete island event calendar and additional information.

Guemes Island Environmental Trust (GIET)*

This group gathers and distributes information regarding the local environment to property owners and residents of Guemes Island. It organizes and facilitates efforts to protect and enhance the quality of life on Guemes Island. In addition the Trust annually raises funds in order to sponsor a scholarship for a Skagit County teen to attend Leadership training at the North Cascades Institute. Membership is open to all Guemes Island property residents. No dues are collected and support is by donations. For information call Connie Snell 360-708-3589.

Guemes Island Historical Society (GIHS)*

The Society gathers and preserves island histories, photos, artifacts and documents relating to the history of Guemes Island. Funds are now being raised for a future island museum. This group meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the GI Church. Usually the meeting begins with a program of historical note at 7 pm and the business meeting follows. All are welcome to attend and participate. For information or donations call Tom Deach 360-708-2582 or email deachtom@gmail.com.

Guemes Island Chamber Music*

The Guemes Island Chamber Music Series hosts chamber music concerts twice a year on Guemes Island. The Chamber Music is supported by tax deductible contributions and ticket sales. Contact Karie Prescott, President 323-363-1099, or karkat@earthlink.net, Carol Pellett 360-293-8128 or cpellett95@gmail.com, Howard Pellett 360-293-8128 or howard-p71@gmail.com, or Tom Godwin at tomgodwin@gmail.com

Guemes Island Planning & Advisory Committee (GIPAC)*

The Guemes Island Sub-Area Plan was adopted on January 18, 2011. GIPAC will communicate with the county and monitor implementation of the sub-area plan. Important zoning and water issues are discussed. GIPAC meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Church. Meetings are open to the public. President Hal Rooks at 360-293-5171.

Guemes Island Property Owners Association (GIPOA)**

GIPOA monitors and takes action on issues affecting all Guemes Island residents and property owners. Membership is open to all Guemes Island residents and property owners. The yearly dues are: individual membership \$10.00, or a family membership for \$15.00. For further information contact President Howard Pellett at 360-293-8128.

Guemes Island Volunteer Fire Fighters Auxiliary

The Auxiliary supports the Guemes Island firefights with food and beverages when they are called out. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Call Lorraine Francis at 360-293-8364.

The Guemes Island Women's Fellowship

Women in the community meet in the fellowship hall at the Guemes Island Community Church every Wednesday at 10:00 am for quilting and fellowship. A person does not need to be a member of the church. It is open to all.

*Organization that is a 501 (C) (3) and accordingly the Form 990EZ or 990 is available for public inspection as well as the application, supporting documents and exemption letter. Contributions to these organizations are tax deductible.

**Organization is a 501(C)(4) and accordingly Form 990EZ is available for public inspection as well as the application, supporting documents and exemption letter. Contributions are not tax deductible.

Special Interest Groups

Atheists, Agnostics & Free Thinkers Night Out

Call Howard Pellett at 360-293-8128 for information, meeting dates and times.

Brown Baggers Book Club

The monthly meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm, October through June to review books of interest. Contact Connie Snell 360-708-3589.

Cards

There are several different bridge and pinochle groups on the island. Check in with the Gathering at the Thursday lunch.

The Gathering

Come and enjoy lunch, with your neighbors most Thursdays from 11:30 to 12:15 at the Guemes Island Community Church. The meal is prepared and served by the Guemes Connects Volunteers. A suggested donation is \$5:00. The group gathers from October thru April. There are free blood pressure checks available.

Guemes Library Book Club

The club meets at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of the month at the home of different members. All island residents are welcome. Contact Susan Rombeek at 360-293-0777 for location of the next meeting.

Holiday Hideaway Association

This neighborhood organization is for those living in Holiday Hideaway community on Guemes Island. Call Matt Enos at 415-405-5924.

Knitting Night

The group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in knitting, crocheting ,other hand work or just to socialize are invited. Call Carol Pellett 360-293-8128.

The Lunch Bunch

On the third Wednesday of each month the Lunch Bunch meets at a restaurant in Burlington at noon for lunch and socializing. This group of women encourage you to join us. Contact Susan Rombeek at 360-293-0777 for more information. There is carpooling available.

Guemes Island Events

The Woodchoppers Ball

A Island tradition and family dance with live music. You will have the chance to win a load of firewood. The date and frequency varies. Check www.myguemes.org, or www.linetime.org for dates of the event and contact information.

Memorial Day

Services by the Anacortes American Legion are held on Memorial Day at the Guemes ferry with the release of a wreath on Guemes Channel and end with a memorial service at the Guemes Cemetery. Some years there is a pie and baked goods sale following. Watch the notice board by the ferry dock for information, Linetime, or myguemes.org.

Memory Night

Date and time to be announced on Linetime and myguemes.org. Organized by the Guemes Island Historical Society. Enjoy an island wide potluck and hear old timers reminisce about the early days on the Island. Watch our island websites for details. Call Tom Deach 360-708-2582.

Annual Dog Show

The date to be announced on Linetime and myguemes.org.

Fourth of July

Generations of islanders and visitors watch or take part in a parade on the north beach area of Guemes Island Road in the morning. At noon buy hotdogs and lemonade at the Schoolhouse Park and play pick-up softball in the afternoon. www.linetime.org or www.myguemes.org and the bulletin board at the ferry landing for times.

The Easter Egg Hunt

This event takes place at the Schoolhouse Park. The date to be announced on Linetime and myguemes.org.

The Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is on Saturday of the Labor Day weekend, 9-2 pm. This event is sponsored by **GIPOA** and features crafts, bake sale, and white elephant items at the Guemes Island Community Center. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be for sale. Proceeds from the Festival go to the Betty Crookes Gold Scholarship Fund. To rent a hall table or side-walk space call Howard Pellett at 360-293-8128.

Black and White Dinner

A new event! A semi formal dinner held usually in October. All proceeds go to benefit the Community Center and its activities. Watch linetime.org or myguemes.org for this years event.

Halloween

An old fashioned Halloween party for all of the island children is held in the Community Hall. Get more information on the bulletin board or www.linetime.org or www.myguemes.org

Holiday Bazaar

The Saturday after Thanksgiving features a gift and craft bazaar in the Community Center, and the Guemes Church Hall from 10-2 pm. Contact Janice Veal at 360-293-3721, email janiceaveal@gmail.com to rent booth space, or for further information. The Bazaar benefits the Guemes Island Historical Society. In 2018 the Bazaar is November 24.

December Holiday Dinner and Community Celebration

Guemes neighbors, and familys getting together to celebrate with a community dinner at the Community Hall on the second Saturday of December. There are treats and activities for all the children. This is sponsored by **all** the Guemes Island Organizations. In 2018 the dinner is on December 8th at 4:00pm, for the children's activities and dinner at 5:00. Information can be found at www.linetime.org or www.myguemes.org.



Points of Interest On Guemes

Guemes Mountain

Enjoy a 1.2 mile hike with an elevation gain of 550 ft. along a winding trail thru the forest. It is located on South Shore Road, which is approximately 2 miles from the ferry landing. There is limited parking at the trailhead. No overnight or camping.

The Labyrinth

The Labyrinth is located between the church and the Community Center and is entered under a sign and banner near the main road. It is a woodland, seven circle meditation path for all ages.

The Guemes Cemetery

6312 Guemes Island Road, next to the fire station, is a small well maintained cemetery.

Young's Park

A Skagit County Park is at 4243 Guemes Island Road. There are 13 acres to picnic, barbeque, hiking trails, fishing, and enjoying the water views. No overnight or camping.

Schoolhouse Park

Located in the middle of the island, this park was named for the one-room schoolhouse that was once located here and was built in 1885 and used until 1965. Currently many community events are held here at the Murray Read Pavilion. There is a pavilion and picnic tables to sit at and enjoy a picnic and watch the children playing. The children can enjoy activities on the colorful playground equipment. There is a tennis court, basketball court, and small soccer field. A stage is to be completed 2018.

Kellys Point

Kellys Point was recently acquired by the San Juan Preservation Trust to be preserved with various grants and Islanders contributions. It is 27 acres of land with 3000 feet of shoreline and cliffs of towering yellow bluffs. It is located on the southwest corner of the island.



The members of the Guemes Island Property Owners Association (GIPOA) invite you to join with them in their efforts to protect and maintain the quality of life and the natural beauty that makes our island so unique. GIPOA's current President, Howard Pellett welcomes your questions and comments. 360-293-8128.

I want to join the Guemes Island Property Owners Association **

Individual membership _____ \$10.00 and 1 vote
 Family membership _____ \$15.00 and 2 votes

In addition I want to donate to the Betty Crookes Gold Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Full Name _____

Mailing address _____

Phone _____

Guemes address _____

Send this form and a check payable to GIPOA, PO Box 131, Anacortes, WA 98221.

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