



*Independent, fact-based news for Whatcom, San Juan and Skagit counties*

## News of the week: Dec. 29, 2022

Dear Reader —

At publication time, we were about \$2,000 short from reaching our local matching grant that expires at the end of this year. A [donation made online or by check](#) will be doubled, allowing *Salish Current* to begin building a more sustainable newsroom operation in its third year of publication.

We hope to be able to report next week that, thanks to over 200 donors, we met the match. If you have not donated and can donate, please [donate](#) before the end of 2022.

We'd like to thank our six generous local supporters who put up the local matching grant and the national NewsMatch grant program, including bonuses from the Knight, Heising-Simons and Walton Family foundations.

We could not have come this far without the guidance and support of our original board of directors and advisory committee, and we look forward to working with our expanded board in 2023.

To our freelance reporters, thank you! This publication would not exist without your talents and persistence. May your commas and clauses be well placed.

And a loud shout out of thanks to copy editor Lane Morgan whose freely shared knowledge, grammatical skills and good humor contribute much to what this publication is all about.

Best wishes to all for the coming new year.

— *Amy Nelson, Publisher*

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truth, justice, equity and healing for all people.  
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#NoJusticeNoPeace**

## News from the *Salish Current*

### [Thanks for the memories, 2022; what's next, 2023?](#)



*Salish Current* spent another year throughout 2022 digging deep into the issues that matter to our region in health, public safety, education, environment, business, governance and community. Revisit some of those stories ... including the

challenge of a [child care shortage](#) and how Whatcom County voters dealt with that. Stay with us in 2023 for another year of fact-based, in-depth reporting that builds the trust necessary to navigate the vast sea of information that surrounds us.

We lived, we learned; now it's time to get ready for what may be ahead in 2023, after a look back at what happened this year. [Read more.](#)

### [Letters to the Editor](#)

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## News from around the region

(The links found here may have limited access for those who don't subscribe to the source publication. Sorry for any inconvenience!)

### [Government](#)

#### [San Juan County](#)

San Juan County elected officials will be sworn in at Superior Court on Jan. 5.

### City of Bellingham

The city council will hold a [special meeting](#) on Jan. 4 to discuss council reorganization.

The council will meet in regular session on Jan. 9.

### Whatcom County

The council will meet on Jan. 10.

### Port of Bellingham

The commission will meet on Jan. 10.

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