

# CLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Clinton Community Council Meeting Agenda

April 27, 2026

6:00 - 7:30PM

### Call to Order

Carol

### Guest presenter

Dave Paul – *State Representative will join the Clinton Community Council's April meeting to share updates from the 2026 legislative session and answer questions on ferries, college affordability and workforce training, as well as other key community priorities.*

- Approval of March Minutes

- Treasurer's report

Don

- Public Input

- New Business

- Changeover from WhidTel to Tiny Stars Creative complete
- SMART goals for 2026 discussion
- Election forum committee formation
- General membership meeting schedule and committee

- Member/Organization Updates – See Attachments to Agenda for Reports

- Clinton Water District
- Friends of Clinton Library
- Clinton Community Hall
- Chamber of Commerce
- South Whidbey School District
- Port of South Whidbey
- Island Sr Resources

Don Simmons  
Phyllis Alexander  
Mike Gerhardt  
Val Heitzman  
Joe Greenheron  
Curt Gordon  
Emelia Harris

- Next meeting: May, 2026

- Adjourn

- See Attached Reports:

## Clinton Community Council Reports – Apr 2026

### SW School District

The school board received a third-party review of the district's Special Education (SpEd) department, including strengths and areas for improvement and growth. Superintendent Dr Clifford commissioned this review and is committed to implementing many of the recommendations it contains. One such recommendation is to hire a dedicated SpEd Director. We have begun the process of hiring that role: <https://www.southwhidbeyrecord.com/2026/04/17/school-district-restores-special-education-position/>

We also introduced the new leadership team for the elementary school: Principal Jordan Young and Vice Principal Kristin Codda.

*Joe Greenheron*

### Clinton Chamber of Commerce

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce hosted a very successful Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4, 2026 at Thirsty Crab Brewery event space. We had over 250 children and their families participating in this free event. The weather was an awesome reprieve after a rainy week! This event takes a lot of work, and the Chamber is grateful for all of the businesses and community members who helped make it the success it was.

Reminder, that folks can submit events on our website <https://discoverclintonwa.com/>.

Our next member meeting will be held on May 20 at 5:30 pm in conjunction with the Freeland and Langley Chambers at the Bayview Fire Station. Featured speakers will be Island County Sheriff, Langley Police Chief and SW Fire to present a discussion regarding World Cup FIFA and impact on Whidbey. Cost is \$5 for non-members. RSVP to [www.freelandchamber.org](http://www.freelandchamber.org).

Submitted by Valerie Heitzman, Treasurer, Clinton Chamber of Commerce Board

### Clinton Community Hall

**Mayfest** — We will be holding our annual Mayfest community celebration on Saturday, May 16. Dinner by Patron, and we're happy to have back the Heggenes Valley Band & Rural Characters for entertainment. More info and tickets at: <https://www.clintoncommunityhall.org/mayfest>

**Landscaping** — 90+ new plants were installed recently in the area between the Hall parking lot and Highway 525. This landscape expansion This expansion project is supported by a grant from the Whidbey Island Garden Tour and by Hall funds & volunteer time. The South Whidbey Garden Club generously made a small donation recently to help pay for mulch in the area.

**Electrical Upgrades** — During the extended power outage last December, we opened up the Hall to the community to make power & internet available. We had a tremendous response over several days, with close to 100 people using the facility to charge devices, enjoy hot beverages, and to connect to the internet. Following that outage, the Hall board has worked to figure out what we could improve to better support similar events in the future. One thing that topped the list of problems was a lack of electrical outlets in the kitchen. In response, we've had seven new outlets installed. These will benefit general use of the Hall, as well as ensure we are better able to provide power to the community during emergency events or power outages.

**New Hall Manager** — Local all-around-awesome person Shawn Fowler recently joined us as our Hall Manager. She will be managing many of the day-to-day aspects of the Hall, so you will see her around frequently. We've

spent the past six years growing a solid foundation to support the 170+ events we host each year, with all the management work being done by the Hall board and a few other, key volunteers. It's long been our goal to find the right person to take on the position of Hall Manager, and we are so happy to have Shawn fill this role. Her efforts to keep the Hall running smoothly will allow the board to focus more of our time on ensuring the Hall is in good shape financially and structurally for longevity.

**Summer Market** — Our Clinton Summer Market will be held on Saturday, June 27 at the Hall. We are currently accepting applications from vendors, and we are looking for local-made crafts. Vendor application can be found here: <https://clintoncommunityhall.fillout.com/summer-market-application>

**Subscribe to our newsletter** — As always, the best way to keep up-to-date on Hall news and upcoming events is to subscribe to our newsletter. If you aren't already a member or subscribed, you can find the signup link at the bottom of our website: <https://www.clintoncommunityhall.org/>. If you'd like to read the last newsletter that was sent, you can do so at this link: <https://preview.mailerlite.io/emails/webview/988783/179037261206127849>

**Events** — Calendar for Hall events & activities can be found here: <https://www.clintoncommunityhall.org/calendar>

#### Island Sr Resources

- Island Senior Resources Info session—learn about their programs such as Meals on Wheels, Medical Transportation, Medical Equipment, In-Home Caregiving Programs, Medicare Savings Program, Falls Prevention, Support Groups. **Tuesday April 21, 3 pm, Parkwood Manor Club House, Oak Harbor**
- **Meet Me @** is a brand-new series of casual, connection-focused events designed for caregivers and the people they support. The first event, Meet Me @ Meerkerk, invites participants to enjoy a leisurely stroll through Meerkerk Gardens followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch. **Friday, May 1, 11 am at Meerkerk Gardens.**
  - **Empowering Caregivers** - With practical tools for creating a support network and resources specific to our area, presenter Nancy Masden provides an attainable way to get the support you and your loved ones need. This presentation focuses on caregiver support, and addresses these two questions:
    - What can we do to support families in need and family caregivers?
    - How are we preparing to face unscheduled changes in our lives and those of our loved ones?

**May 20, 10:30 am at The Center in Oak Harbor.** Nancy will also be presenting at the Freeland Library on 5/29 as part of their End of Life Series.