



**COMPLIANCE CORNER**

# Parking rules for boats, trailers and RVs



**By Allen Helvajian**  
Compliance Manager

Welcome to the third edition of Compliance Corner. This

month, we're diving into the parking rules for boats, trailers and other recreational vehicles (RVs) in Sudden Valley. These guidelines, outlined in the Resident Handbook and Rules & Regulations help keep our community neat, maintain property values and ensure a pleasant living environment.

**Where can you park your boat, trailer or RV?**

The rules are clear: parking these vehicles is only allowed in specific, approved areas. Here are your options:

**Garage:** Park inside your garage to keep your vehicle fully enclosed.

**Carport:** A carport is another acceptable spot.

**Screened Area:** If you don't have a garage or carport, you can use an appropriately screened area. This means the vehicle must be hidden from view from the street — think behind a fence, hedge, or similar barrier.

Not sure if your setup works? Every situation is unique, so if you're uncertain whether your parking area qualifies as screened, reach out to the Administration for clarification.

**Temporary parking permits**

Need to park your boat, trailer, or RV outside these approved areas for a short time? You can get a Temporary Parking Pass from the Administration office. Here's how it works:

Duration: Passes are valid for

three days.

Cost: Each additional day beyond three days is \$10.

Locations: Use your property or the lower Golf Course parking lot with the pass.

Permits for Longer Parking: Even in approved areas, parking beyond 72 hours requires a permit from SVCA Administration.

**Responding to violations**

If you're notified of a vehicle-related violation, you must:

Start addressing it within 48 hours.

Fully resolve it within five days.

**Why these rules matter**

Following these guidelines benefits all Sudden Valley resi-

dents. It keeps Sudden Valley clean and attractive, reduces community costs, and helps maintain property values. We know some longtime residents may have parked vehicles in driveways for years, but everyone's cooperation is essential to uphold our community standards.

**Questions?**

If you're unsure about these rules or need help understanding what counts as a screened area, email us at ACCAdmin@suddenvalley.com.

For full details, visit suddenvalley.com and check the Resident Resources tab under "Board Resolutions, Rules and Regulations."

# District receives FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant

The Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District has been awarded a \$2.152M Hazard Mitigation

Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) for replacement of its Division 22-1 water reservoir located in the Sudden Valley community.

When combined with \$358,750 in grant funding from the Emergency Management Division of the Washington State Military Department, the District will be responsible for funding the remaining \$358,750 (12.5%) of the \$3M project.

According to a March 6 press release from the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District, the existing reservoir is a 514,000-gallon welded-steel reservoir con-

structed by the developer of the Sudden Valley community in 1971.

Recent analyses found that the reservoir is approaching the end of its useful life and requires replacement with a similar reservoir meeting current seismic design standards.

The new reservoir, the release stated, will work in tandem with the District's adjacent Division 22-2 reservoir, which was constructed in 2018 and is outfitted with the ShakeAlert® earthquake early warning system.

When combined with other critical water infrastructure projects that are currently under design or construction, the District has secured nearly \$8.4 million in external funding over the past four years.

Board of Commissioners President Todd Citron said the District is "committed to proactive maintenance."

"When necessary, replacement of our infrastructure to ensure continuity of service following a major natural disaster," Citron said. "We are extremely

grateful to FEMA, the Washington State Military Department and our fellow Americans) for funding a significant portion of the replacement of our Division 22-1 reservoir, which reduces the fiscal burden on the District's capital program budget, and in turn, our rate payers."

Originally formed in 1968 as Water District No. 10, the Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District provides water service to approximately 4,000 customers and sewer service to approximately 4,300 customers in an 18-square mile area encompassing Lake Whatcom.

The District is operated by 18 full-time professionals, governed by a five-member board of commissioners elected from within the District, and has an annual budget of approximately \$10 million.

District Board and staff are committed to providing the best possible water and sewer services to its customers at an affordable cost and in a way that contributes to protecting Lake Whatcom's water quality.

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## Maintenance of recreational amenities

*Editor,*

This is a response to a letter regarding upkeep of our recreational amenities in the recent March issue. Concerns were expressed about priorities in the HOA budget, particularly with regard to our community's recreational needs.

I agree with the author that maintenance of equipment in a huge community like ours should indeed be done as quickly as humanly possible and with transparent communication.

The author mentioned a vanishing sauna and unrepaired gym equipment. The sauna did indeed quietly disappear and there needs to be some justification for why we no longer need or can afford that.

First, in regard to the mentioned gym equipment, it is always worth asking if repairs or replacements are in process.

Residents should feel free to ask the recreation manager what the status of repairs or replacements is.

In the past, I have done so with regard to the Quiet Pool's recliners and umbrellas. I found the recreation manager to be very responsive.

So, I suggest going in person and talking with Kyle, our current manager. We all need more face-to-face communication in this

online age.

Second, while the general argument that the golf course seems prioritized (it has some of its own income too, I believe), residents should note that SVCA has done an outstanding and costly job of restoring the now beautiful and smoothly surfaced tennis and pickle ball courts and main fence in the Gate Two recreation corridor.

The adjacent dog-run fence was also upgraded.

Earlier, the swings and play equipment in Gate Two were also very effectively upgraded. All these areas are much enjoyed and well visited.

One final point, we can all help in being vigilant about our shared community areas and equipment and report any abuse or misuse to the manager.

Security drivers visit the Quiet Pool in summer months, but perhaps a staff member from the community center could be additional eyes and ears to see that community members respect its hours and rules.

The Quiet Pool is an appreciated gathering place for those seeking tranquility, with rules to maintain its character, distinct from the more energetic activities in the large swimming pool with paid life-guards.

Coordinating the closing times last year, really helped the Quiet Pool from not becoming a noisy spillover once the main pool closed.

Hopefully, the peace and beauty of Sudden Valley can continue to be supported with

our awareness and neighborly kindness.

*Michael Preston  
Sudden Valley*

*Editor's note: Thank you for your letter to the Views. The SVCA Recreation Department is always evolving to meet the needs of our community, and we welcome all recommendations and feedback on how we can continue to improve. Comment cards are available at the Community Center front desk and can be placed in the mailbox. You also can visit our website, suddenvalley.com, to find contact information for Recreation Manager Kyle Kaltenfeldt. Regarding the sauna: After an evaluation, it was determined that the necessary repairs would be costly. Since a sauna is already available in the Fitness Center, the decision was made to remove the Adult Center sauna.*

## How not to design a survey

*Editor,*

Last February, the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) announced a survey asking Sudden Valley owners to identify the projects owners feel are most important to them. Owners were invited to respond using the email address published in the SV Views. It is not clear if every owner can respond to the survey, or just one owner per lot.

Regardless, the only way any owners can respond is by email,

so only owners with a computer and an email account can participate in LRPC's survey.

The LRPC survey requires owners to respond with a written description of their priority projects and what they want to see done.

Not everybody has the time or interest to compose answers to open ended questions like this survey requires.

Owners are being asked to set priorities without knowing the cost or seeing other possible options.

This survey will produce various essay type responses. Someone(s) on the LRPC will choose what groups to sort these essays into and will summarize the survey results.

That is a very subjective task. The survey results will be biased by those preparing and presenting the survey results.

Fortunately, the LRPC survey gives us an opportunity to see how survey design and survey participation can bias survey results. For Barn 6 (aka the Ice Barn) replacement options, members will be able to compare LRPC survey results with the Barn 6 replacement options members voted for in the Nov. 4, 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Ballot Advisory Vote #1.

Three different Barn 6 replacement options were on the AGM ballot. Costs were described in the AGM booklet. One ballot and booklet was mailed for each Sudden Valley lot. No computer was required for 1,003 owners of 1,003 lots to vote.

The certified results are:

- Advisory Vote #1: Barn 6 Replacement Options  
604 votes remove and replace with open-air pavilion  
208 votes remove and replace with enclosed structure  
191 votes remove and do not replace

Remove & replace with open-air pavilion is the clear winner. The enclosed structure option requires a special assessment. The other two options do not.

Comparing the results obtained from the two different survey designs will be interesting. The Advisory Vote survey design is cheaper, is more inclusive and is less labor intensive.

The advisory question is added to a ballot that must be mailed out anyway and the results are counted along with the other AGM results. I would like to see the board add advisory vote surveys to future AGM ballots.

*Nancy Alyanak  
Sudden Valley*

*Editor's note: LRPC updated how members can respond to their request for input, and they can now either mail their thoughts or drop them off at the Welcome Center. Just to clarify the latest survey, it is simply a request for guidance. According to the views article, "we ask an open question to avoid bias that can occur in the questionnaire process itself. So quite simply, send us your thoughts on what the LRPC needs to address in the next three-, five- and 10-year plans." No costs involved, and no mention of the barns.*

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**AROUND THE VALLEY**

# Sudden Valley General Manager Report for April

The Sudden Valley Community Association is gearing up for an active season as we transition into spring.

Capital projects are progressing steadily, administration is enhancing efficiency, and maintenance crews have been working diligently to prepare for the warmer months.

Despite weather challenges, significant improvements have been made in various areas, from infrastructure repairs to recreational facility updates.

We appreciate the community's engagement and look forward to a vibrant and productive season.

**General Manager's corner**

Spring is in the air, and with it comes a season of renewal and progress.

Our team has been working hard to maintain and enhance our beautiful community.

From completing key capital projects to refining our operational strategies, we are dedicated to ensuring a seamless and enjoyable experience for all residents.

We prepare for upcoming community events, spring and summer activities, elections, and seasonal transitions.

Thank you for your continued support and participation — we look forward to a fantastic spring and summer in Sudden Valley.

**Capital Projects Update**

**Active Projects**

- Turf Care Equipment Replacement - The final unit replacement (Fairway Top Dresser) was included in the Feb. 27 Board agenda.
- Clubhouse HVAC Design and Permitting - The permit application was submitted in October and is awaiting approval.

- Bridge Design and Permitting - Design ongoing; permit submission expected in March.

**Upcoming Capital Requests**

- Roads & Bridges - Culvert #4 Repair, Polo Park Drive, and Area Z Bridge Replacement Projects.
- Maintenance Equipment - Zero Turn Mower Replacement.
- Golf Course - Cart path improvements, bathroom fixture updates, and wash pad refurbishment.
- Turf Care Building Renovation - Pending permitting.

**Projects on hold**

- Barn 8 Siding/Structural Renovations - Under review by the Long-Range Planning Committee. They will report back to the Board in May with initial suggestions.

**Administration & Accounting**

**Activity Summary**

- Managers, board members and staff continue to support GM with onboarding, historical operations information, and policy history.
- HR firm One Digital is working with the office manager and GM to revamp the employee manual and hire policies, documentation, and procedures.
- The Finance Committee reviewed several capital projects and the January 2025 financial statements on March 24.

**Successes**

- Smooth office manager transition and strengthened ACC Committee support.
- Collection rates continue to meet/exceed expectations.

**Planned Work**

- Website migration to an im-

proved platform within the next 90 days.

- Providing logistical support for community events and upcoming elections.

**Maintenance**

**Activity Summary**

- Transitioned from winter operations by servicing and storing snow removal equipment.
- Replaced missing/damaged street signs and lights at the Rec Center.
- Assisted in emergency marina operations.
- Conducted post-winter tree removal and storm cleanup.
- Repaired potholes, graded parking areas, and maintained roadways.
- Continued progress on garbage can enclosures and various facility maintenance tasks.

**Successes**

- Staff completed recertification in bucket and forklift operation.

**Challenges**

- Ongoing storm-related cleanup and tree removal.

**Planned Work**

- Repair fencing at Turfcare.
- Maintain and prepare parks and trails for the spring and summer seasons.
- Continue the trash can container project and construct additional kayak racks.

**Recreation**

**Activity Summary**

- Completed Marina Renewals and started filling vacant storage spots.
- Initiated kayak renewals.
- Continued facility upkeep and summer hiring preparations.

**Successes**

- Efficient processing of renewals and storage allocation.

**Challenges**

- Managing last-minute re-

newals before deadlines.

**Planned Work**

- Finalizing kayak renewals and hiring 2025 Pool Staff.
- Preparing Marina Office and signage for summer operations.

**Golf**

**Activity Summary**

- Golf course operations were affected by a 17-day closure due to snow, resulting in a 50% revenue decline compared to 2024.
- Hosted two Winter Series events and promoted the upcoming Winter Series Championship.
- Engaged with The Skagit Casino to discuss a partnership for Stay and Play.
- Began onboarding and scheduling outside tournaments for 2025.

**Successes**

- Increased activity following the snow melt.

**Challenges**

- Significant revenue loss due to weather-related closures.

**Planned Work**

- Final preparations for the Winter Series Championship.
- Outreach for outside tournaments and The Masters Par 3 event promotion.

**Turf Care**

**Activity Summary**

Early spring maintenance practices are beginning to ramp up, including:

**Successes**

- All extensive Willow tree pruning was completed.
- Two grounds crew members participated in Bucket truck operation training.
- #9 Green sod stripped off, deep tine aerated, and ready for resodding last week of March.
- Aerated all green collars and approaches and applied lime.
- Began deep tining the fairway turf with the newly acquired

aerification machine.

- Seasonal fairway turf slicing is well underway.
- All 18 tee boxes had a seasonal lime application.
- Began seasonal sprinkler head clearing for the upcoming season.
- Two new hires onboard now. One full-time, one part-time.
- Working with Diane Bruneau to clean up Turfcare employee HR docs. (It is a pleasure to work with Diane, by the way.)

**Challenges**

- The course was snow-covered and closed for 19 days, affecting revenues.
- We have a small area on #17 green with Crown Hydration injury (freeze). We will monitor and treat as temperatures warm up.

**Planned/Ongoing Work**

- Turf equipment mower sharpening and preventative maintenance are ongoing.
- Irrigation system preparing for the upcoming season.
- Wrap up sprinkler head clearing by the end of the month.
- The putting greens and tee boxes were scheduled to be aerated March 24-25 (weather permitting).
- Green nine sod install was scheduled for March 26.

**Weather historical rainfall**

Jan. 1 to March 12, 2024: 18.81"  
Jan. 1 to March 12, 2025: 9.75"

**Conclusion**

As we embrace the changing seasons, we extend our gratitude to the community for its continued support.

Warmer days bring new opportunities for outdoor activities, community engagement and facility enhancements.

We look forward to a season of growth, renewal, and enjoyment for all.

Stay connected, participate in upcoming events, and enjoy the beauty of Sudden Valley this spring.



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## Firewise: Cleanup program

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program by having their tree branches placed in an accessible pile next to the roadway prior to the scheduled pickup date for their area.

Piles of branches placed by the roadside after the scheduled pickup time will not be picked up and will be the property owners' responsibility.

**Scope of service**

- Service is limited to residents. No commercial support is available.
- Branches must be placed next to the road and easily accessible to the Firewise crew.
- Do not block ditches with branches.
- Pickup is limited to tree branches that have naturally broken from a tree.
- Services do not include limbs that are cut from an established tree.
- The maximum diameter of the limb is six inches.
- There is no limit to the length of the limb, and crews prefer lon-

ger lengths.

- The height of a pile of limbs should be no more than five feet tall.

Vegetation such as brush, lawn waste, tree roots, bagged leaves, etc. will not be picked up as these items will jam/plug equipment.

If you have to rake it, we cannot take it.

Property owners will have to dispose of these items if they are left alongside the roadway.

**2025 Firewise schedule**

- April 21 at Gate 5 - Maintenance Zones 51, 52, 53
- April 28 at Gate 3 - Maintenance Zones 3, 4, 5, 6
- May 5 at Gate 9 & 13 - Maintenance Zones 1, 2
- May 12 at Gate 1 - Maintenance Zones 10, 11, 12, 14, 15
- May 19 at Gate 2 - Maintenance Zones 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26



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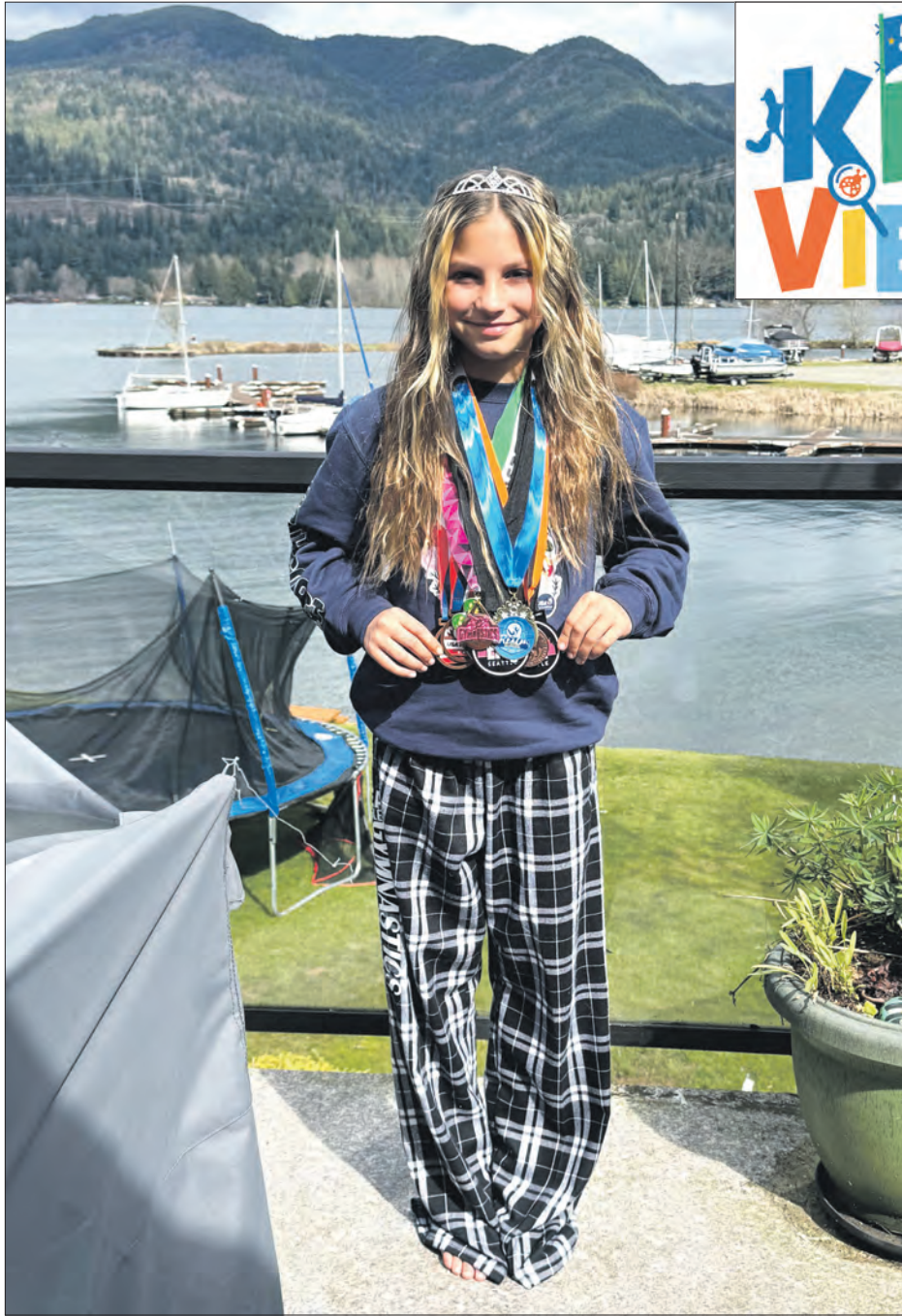
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The final weekend of March, Penelope and Harlow Van de Polder competed in USAG Washington Xcel State championships. Penelope came home with a 4th place win for floor and a 9th place win on bars. Harlow dominated the vault with a 9.55 1st place gold win as well as a 4th place floor win securing an overall 5th place win. (Photos courtesy Carrie Van de Polder)

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# A brief tour of Lake Louise

By Maxx Robinson  
SVCA Staff

Lake Whatcom is one of the most popular spots in Sudden Valley, and for good reasons.

From boating to beaches, Lake Whatcom provides residents with a place to cool off during the hot summer months.

However, while much smaller, Lake Louise is also a great amenity to Sudden Valley residents that is often overlooked.

Lake Louise is a small lake just inside Gate 2.

Despite its small size of just 28 acres, Lake Louise does get quite deep at nearly 80 feet.

While you may see some swimmers in the summer, Lake Louise is more popular for hiking, fishing and even bird watching.

If you're looking for a short walk, there is a 1.2-mile trail surrounding the lake. This easygoing trail is perfect for children and dogwalkers.

Please note that with an abundance of rain, portions of the trail on the eastern side of the lake can

get quite muddy, so best prepare with rain boots after a storm.

Lake Louise is also a great place to take leisurely kayak or canoe rides because the water is generally calm.

Small, electric or human-powered fishing boats are also welcomed, as fish, such as bluegill and smallmouth bass call the lake home.

There are a few places to launch your boat, with the easiest location being at the Welcome Center to the left of the Lake Louise sign.

As with most of Sudden Valley, Lake Louise is populated by an abundance of wildlife, such as deer, ducks, geese, bunnies, and some more elusive critters.

A muskrat and beaver have both been spotted swimming and diving for food, and there's even a beaver lodge toward the northwestern part of the lake.

Near the Welcome Center, a group of raccoons were seen sneaking through bushes, and a red-eared slider turtle has also been making the rounds.

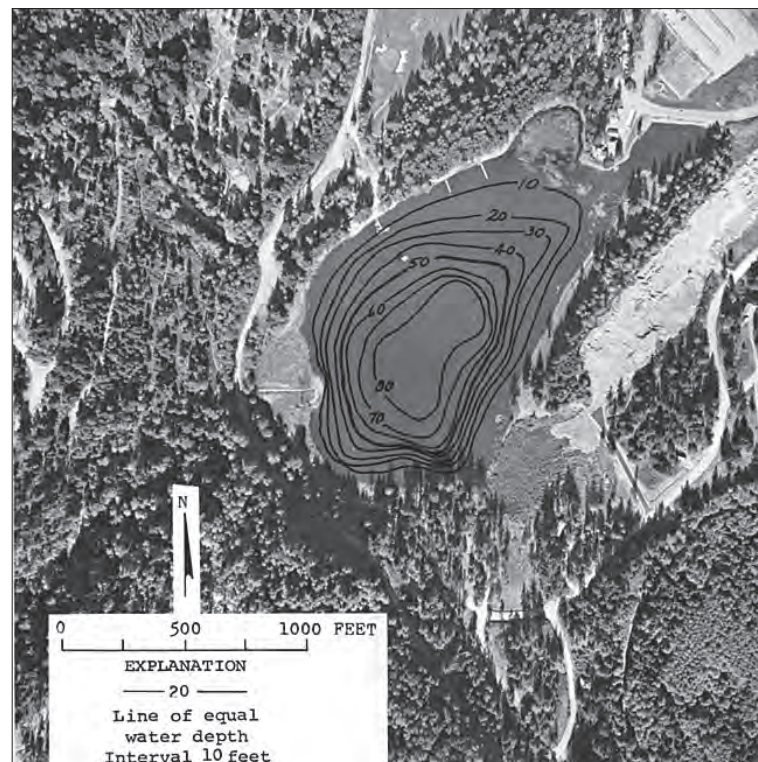


Despite its small size of just 28 acres, Lake Louise does get quite deep at nearly 80 feet. While you may see some swimmers in the summer, Lake Louise is more popular for hiking, fishing and even bird watching. (Maxx Robinson/SVCA photo)

For bird watchers, the Southeastern part of the lake is a bird sanctuary nature preserve.

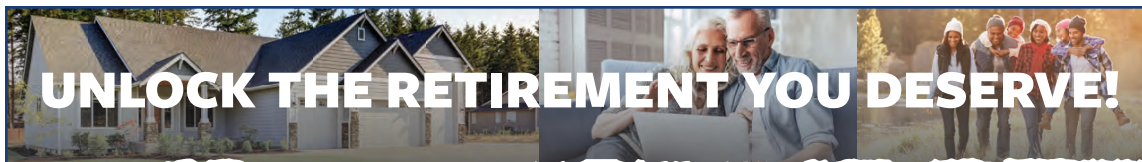
Mallards, Cormorants and even bald eagles have been seen in the area, and the deck at the Welcome Center is a good spot for some spotting.

Residents are also encouraged to use the Welcome Center deck to each lunch or hang out by the lake. Sudden Valley is working



with Whatcom County to liven up the parking lot area by planting a native plant demonstration garden, which is currently scheduled for completion in the fall.

We hope Sudden Valley residents continue to enjoy Lake Louise and take advantage of its gorgeous views, peaceful trail and calm surface.



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**FINANCIALS**

**Sudden Valley Community Association  
Reserve Cash Balance & Activity  
1 Month Actual, 11 Months Projected**

UNAUDITED

	Capital Reserve Funds						Operating Reserve Funds			
	CRRRF	Roads	CRRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash	Board Density Reduction	Mailbox	Mitigation Assignment of Savings*	Total Capital Reserve Funds	Emergency Ops	UDR	Total Operating Reserve Funds
<b>Net Available Cash 12/31/2024</b>	3,074,179	1,875,442	219,618	87,889	151,970	64,760	\$ 5,473,858	363,815	302,135	\$ 665,950
Dues Received	117,562	121,291	-	-	2,165	-	241,018	-	22,827	22,827
Storm Water Mitigation Plan Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	1,811	1,271	69	12	47	9	3,220	114	94	208
Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mitigation Release	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025 Expenditures	(140,492)	(2,221)	-	-	-	-	(142,713)	-	(6,588)	(6,588)
<b>Net Available Cash at 1/31/2025</b>	3,053,060	1,995,783	219,687	87,901	154,182	64,769	\$ 5,575,382	363,929	318,468	\$ 682,397
<b>11 Month Outlook:</b>										
Outlook - 2025 Dues (95% collections)	1,259,493	1,295,357	-	-	23,149	-	\$ 2,577,999	-	-	\$ -
Outlook - Prior Year Collections	18,235	18,754	-	-	335	-	37,324	-	36,009	36,009
CRRRF Loan Payments for year 2025	(305,286)	-	-	-	-	-	(305,286)	-	-	-
Obligated Expenses/Holdings	(968,967)	(140,091)	(219,687)	-	-	(64,769)	(1,393,514)	-	(20,653)	(20,653)
<b>Net Usable Cash Balance 12/31/2025</b>	3,056,535	3,169,803	-	87,901	177,667	-	\$ 6,491,906	363,929	333,824	\$ 697,754
Board Recommended Carryover Balance	(600,000)	(500,000)	-	-	-	-	\$ (1,100,000)	-	-	\$ -
<b>Net Usable Cash 12/31/2025, After Recommendation</b>	\$ 2,456,535	\$ 2,669,803	\$ -	\$ 87,901	\$ 177,667	\$ -	\$ 5,391,906	\$ 363,929	\$ 333,824	\$ 697,754
<b>Net Current Year Cash Increase (Decrease)</b>	(17,644)	1,294,361	(219,618)	12	25,697	(64,760)	\$ 1,018,048	114	31,689	\$ 31,804

\*Note, when mitigation period has ended, unspent funds will be returned to the source account, Roads and CRRRF.

# Lake Louise Fragrant Water Lily Project

**MEMBER FEATURE**

*\*Member of submitted article*

**By Bryan Burke**  
For the Views

The Fragrant Water Lily is an invasive species that has spread rapidly across Lake Louise in the past few years.

It is now the dominant life form in water between the shore out to eight feet in depth.

This is also the habitat which most of the native species, from water plants to aquatic invertebrates to fish and on up to birds and mammals, are dependent.

Deprived of this habitat they cannot thrive.

The Fragrant Water Lily is categorized as an aquatic noxious weed by Whatcom County and the state, causing more harm

than benefit to native plants and animals. The lilies die back in late fall.

The stems and leaves rot on the bottom while the rhizomes (tuber-like structures that put out both roots and stems, leaves, and flowers) lay dormant until spring before putting out a new crop.

Each year an estimated 40 to 50 tons of dead lilies are sinking to the bottom and filling in the lake.

Not only will this eventually fill in all the shallow areas, but the decomposition process lowers oxygen levels in the water, harming fish and aquatic invertebrates.

They block recreational access by making open water inaccessible from shore. They make paddling very difficult and have drowned swimmers elsewhere in Washington.

Setting aside using chemical methods or expensive mechanical removal, we are left with removing the lilies by hand.

Mitigating the infestation will require a lot of volunteers working all summer long in one- or two-hour sessions that can be

done independently or in work parties. This will need to be repeated next year. With luck, after that it will be merely maintenance work.

Recognizing the need for a mitigation program, the Sudden Valley Community Association supports a volunteer effort to remove the lilies.

Besides the altruistic goal of saving the lake from being strangled by invasives, the project will increase the recreational value of the lake by making paddle sports, swimming, and fishing a more viable option.

Sudden Valley residents will have a great opportunity to learn more about our environment while enjoying a healthy outdoor activity and meeting others who enjoy the lake.

If you are interested in helping to save Lake Louise, you can learn more about volunteering by attending one of two meetings at the Recreation Center (Dance Barn).

One will be April 23 from 7-8:30 p.m., with a second opportunity from 2-3:30 p.m. April 26.

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**FINANCIALS**

**Sudden Valley Community Association  
Operations - By Department  
January 1, 2025 to January 31, 2025  
CURRENT MONTH**

Whole \$

UNAUDITED Department	Actual Revenue	Revenue B / (W)	Actual Salary Benefits	Salary & Benefits B / (W)	Actual Other Expense *	Other Exp B / (W)*	Net Income / (Loss) *	Net B / (W)*
ACC / Security	22,645	20,590	6,283	204	34,213	6,540	(17,851)	27,334
Accounting	1,965	(601)	26,482	893	4,616	(3,737)	(29,133)	(3,445)
Administration	132	132	31,269	1,935	10,043	(1,601)	(41,180)	466
Common Costs	7,897	3,981	-	-	37,596	(8,459)	(29,699)	(4,478)
Facilities	9,470	(1,901)	4,098	153	10,811	10,034	(5,439)	8,286
Maintenance	-	-	35,808	(2,234)	6,190	(3,353)	(41,998)	(5,587)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>42,109</b>	<b>22,201</b>	<b>103,940</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>103,469</b>	<b>(576)</b>	<b>(165,300)</b>	<b>22,576</b>
Golf	177,775	5,597	51,812	2,778	44,215	(16,218)	81,748	(7,843)
Marina	555	555	-	-	636	(31)	(81)	524
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	2,414	1,752	17,994	(4,959)	5,166	(1,756)	(20,746)	(4,963)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>180,744</b>	<b>7,904</b>	<b>69,806</b>	<b>(2,181)</b>	<b>50,017</b>	<b>(18,005)</b>	<b>60,921</b>	<b>(12,282)</b>
<b>Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues</b>	<b>222,853</b>	<b>30,105</b>	<b>173,746</b>	<b>(1,230)</b>	<b>153,486</b>	<b>(18,581)</b>	<b>(104,379)</b>	<b>10,294</b>
Ops Dues Earned	238,454	-	-	-	-	-	238,454	-
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(17,437)	-	-	-	-	-	(17,437)	-
<b>Net Ops Dues</b>	<b>221,017</b>	<b>(5,090)</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>221,017</b>	<b>(5,090)</b>
<b>Net Operations</b>	<b>443,870</b>	<b>25,015</b>	<b>173,746</b>	<b>(1,230)</b>	<b>153,486</b>	<b>(18,581)</b>	<b>116,638</b>	<b>5,204</b>
<b>Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations</b>	-	-	-	-	6,387	-	(6,387)	-
Legal Expenses - Past Due Account Collections	-	-	-	-	6,387	-	(6,387)	-
<b>Net Operations with Board Approved UDR</b>	<b>443,870</b>	<b>25,015</b>	<b>173,746</b>	<b>(1,230)</b>	<b>159,873</b>	<b>(18,581)</b>	<b>110,251</b>	<b>5,204</b>
<b>Other Operating Activity</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UDR Activity	20,809	-	-	-	210	-	20,599	-
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	(53,456)	-	-	-	-	-	(53,456)	-
AR Accrual - Current Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lease Income- Library Prepaid Recognized	667	-	-	-	-	-	667	-
Vacation Liability Accrual	-	-	-	-	4,362	-	(4,362)	-
<b>Total Other Operating Activity</b>	<b>(31,980)</b>	-	-	-	<b>4,572</b>	-	<b>(36,552)</b>	-
<b>Grand Total Operations Activity</b>	<b>411,890</b>	<b>25,015</b>	<b>173,746</b>	<b>(1,230)</b>	<b>164,445</b>	<b>(18,581)</b>	<b>73,699</b>	<b>5,204</b>

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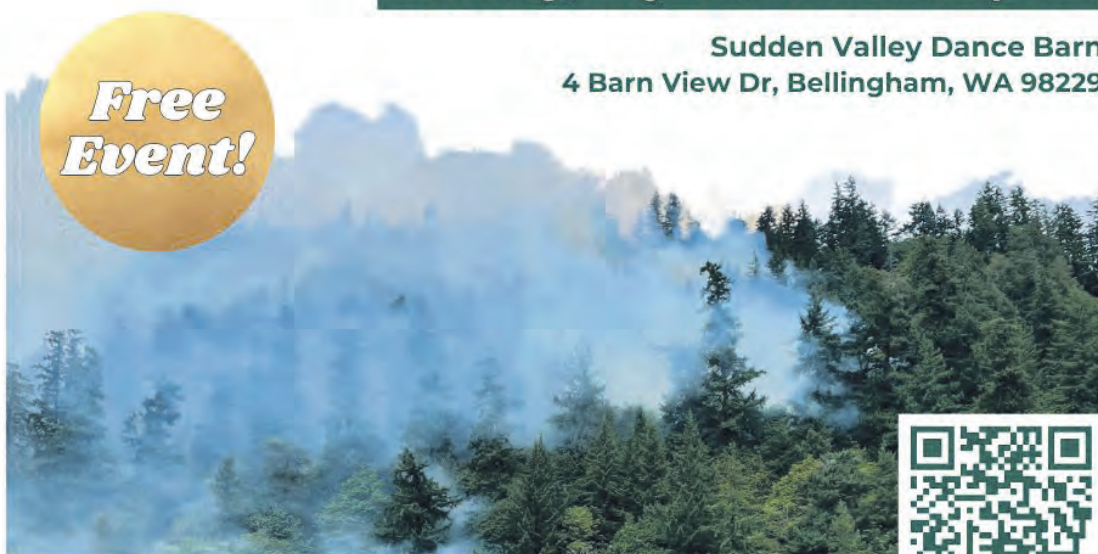
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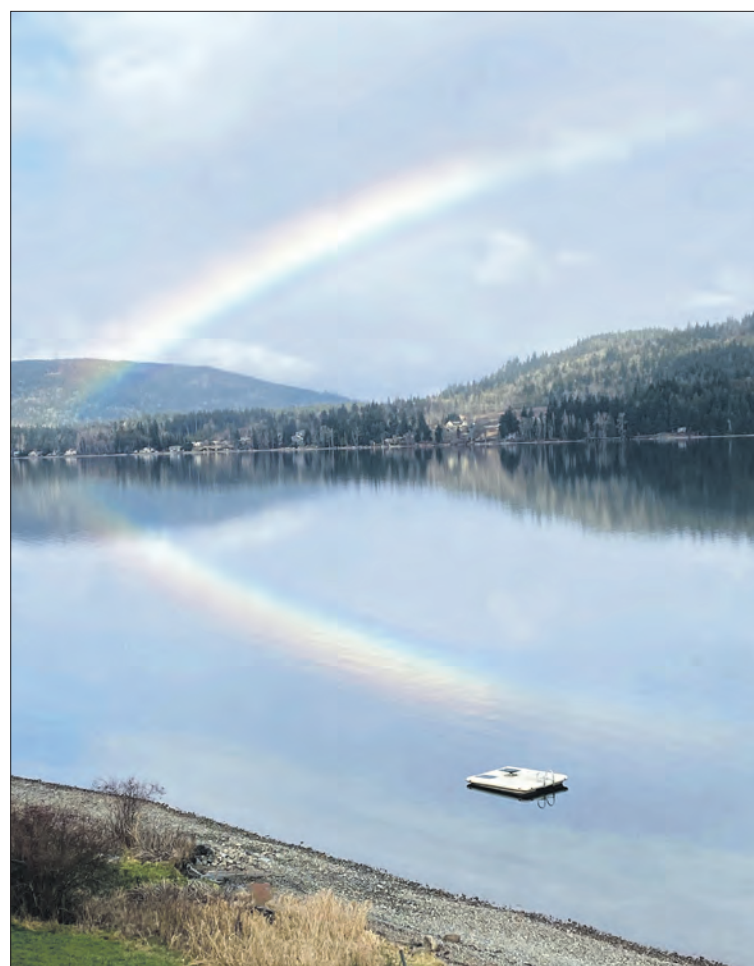
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Transitioning weather patterns reflected in the stillness of Lake Whatcom at North Point Park, Sudden Valley, on Feb. 18 give a sense of quiet beauty ... and a rainbow.

(Photo courtesy Monique Kosmider-Kogan)

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## Bridges: Sudden Valley Board approves two replacements

Continued from 1

The second bridge project is the Culvert #4 Replacement with Bridge (and will rename it to Road Bridge #5). This is an 8-foot diameter corrugated metal arch culvert which according to the agenda packet is “at the end of its life cycle.”

“The bottom is rusted out and failing,” the agenda packet states. “Also, during the 2021 November flood event, the existing culvert couldn’t handle Beaver Creek’s water volume, leading to a road failure, causing an emergency road repair.”

Located on Polo Park Drive between the intersections of Lost Lake Lane and Sunnyside Lane, the new bridge will be 40-foot long by 28-foot wide.

More information about this project is in the board’s March 27 agenda packet, at [suddenvalley.com/board](http://suddenvalley.com/board).

Also on March 27, the Sudden Valley Board approved \$21,146 will come from CRRRF money — Capital Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund — for a Zero-Turn Mower for the Maintenance Department.

Other SVCA discussion from March 27:

- The Board approved an \$8 charge for non-residents for an access card in addition to the use fee.
- The Board approved \$500 funding from Operations to rent audio-visual equipment and basic food and beverages for the Wildfire Prevention Workshop in May.
- The request for fee changes for Recreation was tabled until the Board has more information from the Short-Term Rental Taskforce.

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**FINANCIALS**

**Sudden Valley Community Association  
Balance Sheet  
January 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024**

	Unaudited** Jan 31, 2025	Unaudited** Dec 31, 2024	(Inc / Dec)
<b>OPERATIONS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Operating Cash	\$ 877,968	\$ 857,647	\$ 20,321
Building Completion Deposit Fund	719,910	749,910	(30,000)
Member Receivables - Operations*	-	53,456	(53,456)
Other Receivables	16,009	16,109	(100)
Prepaid Expenses	72,257	88,683	(16,426)
Operating Lease ROU Assets	6,040	6,210	(170)
Inventory	5,898	5,824	74
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,698,082</b>	<b>1,777,839</b>	<b>(79,757)</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	(134,871)	(145,449)	10,578
Accrued Vacation Liability	(80,696)	(76,335)	(4,361)
Accrued Payroll	-	(115,575)	115,575
Prepaid Assessments	(376,877)	(249,179)	(127,698)
Building Completion Deposits	(719,910)	(749,910)	30,000
Other Refundable Deposits	(10,606)	(9,956)	(650)
Operating Lease Liability	(6,040)	(6,210)	170
Prepaid Golf Memberships	-	(112,307)	112,307
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>(1,329,000)</b>	<b>(1,464,921)</b>	<b>135,921</b>
<b>Deferred Lease Revenue Liabilities</b>			
Deferred Library Lease Revenue	(35,333)	(36,000)	667
<b>Total Deferred Lease Revenue Liabilities</b>	<b>(35,333)</b>	<b>(36,000)</b>	<b>667</b>
<b>Operating Reserve Funds</b>			
Emergency Operating Cash	363,929	363,815	114
Undesignated Reserves Cash	318,468	302,135	16,333
<b>Total Operating Reserve Funds</b>	<b>682,397</b>	<b>665,950</b>	<b>16,447</b>
<b>Net Operating Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,146</b>	<b>\$ 942,868</b>	<b>\$ 73,279</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>			
<b>Capital Current Assets</b>			
CRRRF (Capital Repair & Replacement) Cash Fund	3,053,080	3,074,179	(21,119)
Roads Reserve Cash Fund	1,995,783	1,875,442	120,341
Board Density Reduction Cash Fund	87,901	87,889	12
Mailbox Cash Fund	154,182	151,970	2,212
CRRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash	219,687	219,618	69
Mitigation Assignment of Savings Cash	48,830	49,821	9
LWWSD Assignment of Savings Cash	14,939	14,939	-
Member Receivables - Capital**	-	13,625	(13,625)
<b>Total Capital Current Assets</b>	<b>5,575,382</b>	<b>5,487,483</b>	<b>87,899</b>
<b>Capital Fixed Assets</b>			
Fixed Assets	17,107,443	17,125,452	(18,009)
Finance ROU Assets	52,178	58,661	(6,483)
Lots Held for Sale	236,456	236,456	-
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>17,396,077</b>	<b>17,420,569</b>	<b>(24,492)</b>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>			
CRRRF Loan 2022	(1,516,957)	(1,539,073)	22,117
Finance Leases	(38,881)	(44,203)	5,322
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>(1,555,838)</b>	<b>(1,583,276)</b>	<b>27,438</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 22,431,767</b>	<b>\$ 22,267,644</b>	<b>\$ 164,123</b>
<b>MEMBER EQUITY</b>			
<b>Member Equity</b>			
Current Year Net Income: Operations	73,699	286,790	(213,091)
Transfers Out from Operations to Capital	-	(145,600)	145,600
Current Year Net Income: Capital**	90,424	1,093,252	(1,002,828)
Transfers Into Capital from Operations	-	145,600	(145,600)
Retained Earnings**	5,519,682	5,232,892	286,790
Capital**	16,747,962	15,654,710	1,093,252
<b>TOTAL MEMBER EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 22,431,767</b>	<b>\$ 22,267,644</b>	<b>\$ 164,123</b>

\* The Association's internal policy is to write off any member receivables that are 30 days past due as bad debts for internal interim financial statement purposes. As per SVCA policy, Management continues to pursue collection of these receivables via all avenues allowed by Washington State laws. In addition, the Association records and bills finance charges on receivables that are thirty days past due at 1% per month. At January 31, 2025, and December 31, 2024, the balances of receivables written off were \$763,238 and \$699,426, respectively.

\*\* Beginning with the 2020 year end audited financial statements, Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 606 requires issued audited financial statements to reclassify unspent capital dues revenue, including related capital transfer fee collections, as a contract liability balance (unearned revenue), which is then reversed out in future years when capital dues/capital transfer fee collections are actually expended on capital related expenditures. This particular accounting standard change is only incorporated into the issued audited financial statements and is not factored into SVCA's internal monthly statements as it would obscure the reality of monthly capital dues/capital transfer fee revenues collected for internal monthly presentation purposes. See SVCA's 2020 through 2023 audited financial statements (2023 represents the most recently issued audited statements), which fully incorporate ASC 606 and comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

**Sudden Valley Community Association  
Income Statement Summary**

UNAUDITED	Current Month - January 2025			Year to Date - 1 Month Ending 1/31/2025		
	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Capital Reserves**	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Coll % Capital Reserves**
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Current Year Dues & Assessments Income						
Dues & Assessments Income	238,454	-	246,874	238,454	-	246,874
Bad Debt Reserve	(17,437)	-	(14,223)	(17,437)	-	(14,223)
Net Current Year Assessment Income	221,017	(5,090)	232,651	221,017	(5,090)	92.7%
Bad Debt Recoveries - Prior Years						
Golf Income	177,775	5,597	9,290	177,775	5,597	9,290
Marina Income	555	555	-	555	555	-
Rec Center & Pools Income	1,034	530	-	1,034	530	-
Legal & Collections Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	31,997	24,043	-	31,997	24,043	-
Rental Income - Other	1,380	1,055	-	1,380	1,055	-
Area Z Rental Income	3,838	(2,532)	-	3,838	(2,532)	-
Lease Income	5,632	799	-	5,632	799	-
New Home Construction Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	642	59	3,220	642	59	3,220
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>443,870</b>	<b>25,016</b>	<b>245,161</b>	<b>443,870</b>	<b>25,016</b>	<b>245,161</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Salaries & Benefits	173,746	(1,230)	-	173,746	(1,230)	-
Contracted & Professional Services	11,446	7,882	-	11,446	7,882	-
CC&Rs/ Mandates	47,415	(7,423)	-	47,415	(7,423)	-
Maintenance & Landscaping	35,210	(18,072)	-	35,210	(18,072)	-
Utilities	11,359	3,937	-	11,359	3,937	-
Administrative	22,027	(6,343)	-	22,027	(6,343)	-
Regulatory Compliance	9,775	(233)	26,765	9,775	(233)	26,765
Insurance Premiums	16,254	1,253	-	16,254	1,253	-
Other Expenses	-	417	-	-	417	-
Depreciation Expense	-	-	108,710	-	-	108,710
Interest expense	-	-	5,637	-	-	5,637
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>327,232</b>	<b>(19,812)</b>	<b>141,112</b>	<b>327,232</b>	<b>(19,812)</b>	<b>141,112</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>116,638</b>	<b>5,204</b>	<b>104,049</b>	<b>116,638</b>	<b>5,204</b>	<b>104,049</b>
<b>Net UDR Activity for Operations</b>						
Legal Expenses - Past Due Account Collections	(6,387)	-	-	(6,387)	-	-
<b>Net Income (Loss) with Board Approved UDR</b>	<b>110,251</b>	<b>5,204</b>	<b>104,049</b>	<b>110,251</b>	<b>5,204</b>	<b>104,049</b>
<b>Other Activity</b>						
Net Other UDR Activity*	20,599	-	-	20,599	-	-
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	(53,456)	-	(13,625)	(53,456)	-	(13,625)
AR Accrual - Current Year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lease Income - Library Prepaid Recognized	667	-	-	667	-	-
Vacation Liability Accrual	(4,362)	-	-	(4,362)	-	-
<b>Total Other Activity</b>	<b>(36,552)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(13,625)</b>	<b>(36,552)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(13,625)</b>
<b>Grand Total Activity</b>	<b>73,699</b>	<b>5,204</b>	<b>90,424</b>	<b>73,699</b>	<b>5,204</b>	<b>90,424</b>

\*Prior year recoveries for operations are deposited into the Undesignated Reserve Account (UDR).

\*\*Refer to the last footnote on the Balance Sheet (prior page) for a discussion of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 606 and capital dues revenue collections.

**April 6  
Book fair at Village Books**  
Books by the Bay book fair will be from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. April 6 at Village Books Fairhaven, 1200 11th St., Bellingham. Meet award-winning authors, explore their latest releases and celebrate the best books of the year. More at [villagebooks.com](http://villagebooks.com).

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**April 29  
Kilmacurragh**  
Seamus O'Brien, Ireland's best-known horticulturists, will present a lecture on the recent rejuvenation of the Kilmacurragh native wildflower meadows at 7:30 p.m. April 29 at the Whatcom Museum, 121 Prospect St., Bellingham. The evolution of Kilmacurragh dates back to the 1600s. In the 19th century it became a wild-style garden. Recently, the gardens have undergone a major replanting program using material raised

**May 3  
Trashion Show**  
Habitat For Humanity in Whatcom County's annual Trashion Show is May 3 at the Bellingham Circus Guild. Show starts at 7 p.m. but doors will open at 6 p.m. for circus-themed cocktails and entertainment, games, raffles and auctions. Proceeds support local affordable homeownership in Whatcom County and promote sustainable, creative reuses of trash in the community. Buy tickets or more information at [hfhwhatcom.org/trashion-show](http://hfhwhatcom.org/trashion-show).

**April 26  
39th annual Tulip Run**  
The 39th annual Skagit Valley Tulip Run on Saturday, April 26 at the True North Bakery/Port of Skagit, 15426 Airport Drive B, Burlington. Combines fitness, community spirit and the vibrant charm of tulip season into one experience. Start Times: two-mile and 5K at 9 a.m., 10K



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- Finance Committee
- Long-Range Planning Committee
- Nominations & Elections

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• Appeals Committee

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## KEEP INFORMED

**May 10 An evening of Hope**  
The philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Church (Philoptochos) will host a dinner/dance fundraiser May 10 from 5-10 p.m. called An Evening of Hope, to support women at Engedi Refuge, a therapeutic, residential program serving women who have survived human/sexual trafficking and exploitation. This event will be held at the Bellingham American Legion, 1688 W Bakerview Road. Dinner/live DJ/raffle/silent auction. Tickets beginning April 1 are \$50 through April 15, or \$60 thereafter through April 30. Call 360-201-4334 to purchase.

**May 24 Whatcom Memorial Day Parade**  
Whatcom Memorial Day Parade is a tradition in downtown Bellingham to remember fallen heroes who served in the United States Armed Forces. Expect local police, firefighters, dancers, old cars, theatrics, marching bands, retired military members and more. From noon-2 p.m., starts at the corner of Alabama and Cornwall and continues south on Cornwall. Rain or shine, so dress appropriately and bring a lawn chair.

**June 7 Wander to Wander 1K**  
Wander to Wander 1K is Saturday, June 7. Race starts at 11 a.m. Arrive at 10:30 a.m. This Bellingham-based fun run

benefits the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center and is hosted by Wander Brewing. Learn more and register at

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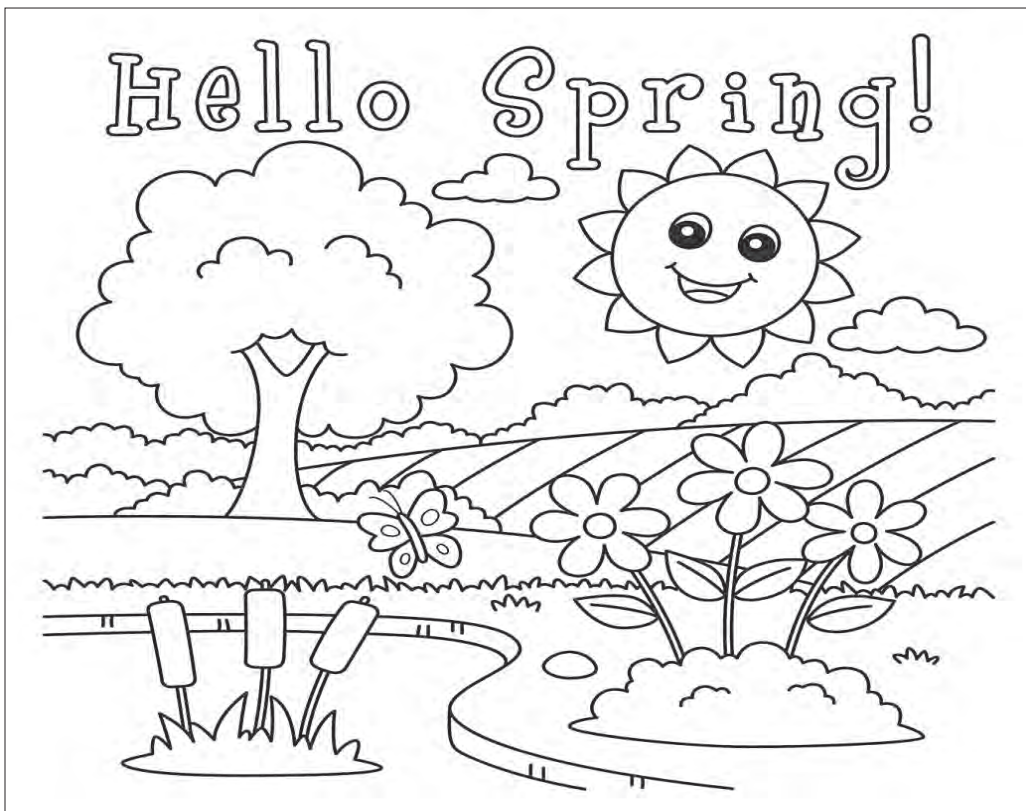
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<p>ACC – Architectural Control Committee</p> <p>AGM – Annual General Meeting</p> <p>BOD – Board of Directors</p> <p>BMP - Best Management Practices</p> <p>CC&amp;Rs – Covenants, Conditions &amp; Restrictions</p> <p>CIP – Capital Improvement Plan</p> <p>CRRRF – Capital Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund</p> <p>CTK – Christ the King Church</p> <p>DNR - Washington State Department of Natural Resources</p> <p>DOE - Washington State Department of Ecology</p> <p>DRC – Document Review Committee</p> <p>EIS - Emergency Information System</p> <p>FTE – Full Time Employees</p> <p>GIS - Geographic Information System</p> <p>GM – Sudden Valley's General Manager</p> <p>GMA – Growth Management Act</p> <p>HOA – Homeowner's Association</p> <p>LAMIRD - Limited Areas of More Intensive Rural Development</p> <p>LRPC – Long Range Planning Committee</p> <p>LWPG – Lake Whatcom Policy Group</p> <p>LWWSO - Lake Whatcom Water &amp;</p>	<p>Sewer District</p> <p>MOU – Memorandum of Understanding</p> <p>MPR – Multi-Purpose Room</p> <p>N&amp;E – Nominations and Elections</p> <p>NPDES- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System</p> <p>OPS – Operations</p> <p>PSE - Puget Sound Energy</p> <p>PUD – Planned Unit Development</p> <p>RCW - Revised Code of Washington</p> <p>REC – Parks &amp; Recreation Department</p> <p>RFP – Request for Proposals</p> <p>RFQ – Request for Qualifications</p> <p>ROW - Right-of-Way</p> <p>SGM – Special General Meeting</p> <p>SOP – Standard Operating Procedure</p> <p>SVCA – Sudden Valley Community Association</p> <p>UDR – Undesignated Reserves</p> <p>WCLS - Whatcom County Library System</p> <p>WCOG - Whatcom Council of Governments</p> <p>WCSD – Whatcom County Sheriff's Office</p> <p>WDFW - Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife</p> <p>WTA - Whatcom Transportation Authority</p> <p>WUCIOA – RCW 64.90 – The WA Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act</p>
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