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Linda Bradley returns to Sudden Valley Board of Directors

2026 committee members chosen

By Bill Helm
Editor

SUDDEN VALLEY — For personal reasons, Rick Asai resigned his position on Sudden Valley's Board of Directors in November.

On Dec. 11, the Board named Linda Bradley as his replacement.

Bradley, who had served on the SVCA Board the previous three years, was not elected to keep her seat. As one of two candidates to re-

place Asai, Bradley received seven of nine Board votes to fill Asai's position.

John Gingrich received the other two Board votes.

Bradley will serve until Sudden Valley's 2026 Annual General Meeting in November.

Also on Dec. 11, the Sudden Valley Board appointed directors to its various committees for 2026. With four directors having expressed interest in the Long Range Planning Committee's two open positions, board members each voted on two candidates for the LRPC. With nine votes, the Board appointed director

Sean Chaffee to the committee. Taimi Van de Polder and Ray Meador each received five votes, then in a runoff, Van de Polder received five votes, Meador received four, with Van de Polder joining Chaffee on the LRPC.

The SVCA Board then unanimously voted to appoint directors Rob Gibbs and Linda Bradley to the Nominations & Elections Committee; Secretary Taimi Van de Polder and Director Linda Bradley to the Document Review Committee; Treasurer Jean Maixner and board members Laurie Robinson, Rob Gibbs and

Ray Meador to the Finance Committee; President Keith McLean, Vice President Tom Henning, Treasurer Jean Maixner and Secretary Van de Polder to the Executive Committee; and Vice President Tom Henning and Director Joseph Adams to the Safety Committee.

The SVCA Board also named Jo Jean Kos, Terry Niblack, Daniel Rodriguez, Dan Vink and Patrick Zwolenski to the Architectural Control Committee.

In a unanimous vote, the SVCA Board approved the proposed Marina Moorage/

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Linda Bradley has returned to the Sudden Valley Board as she replaces Rick Asai, who resigned in November. Bradley is pictured at the November 2025 AGM with Board President Keith McLean. (Bill Helm/The Views)

Sudden Valley is looking for committee volunteers

By Maxx Robinson
SVCA Staff

With the start of the new year, Sudden Valley committees are seeking new members with new ideas.

However, many committees struggle to find volunteers who are willing to get involved in the nuts and bolts of governance and contribute toward the future of the community.

"I think sometimes people are very intimidated by signing on to committees, and I think we need to encourage that more," said Sudden Valley Board Member Linda Bradley.

Bradley moved to Sudden Valley in 1996 and first served as a committee member in 2009. "At that time, I wanted to get involved, especially in N&E," Bradley said. The Nominations and Elections (N&E) Committee is responsible for supporting the annual election process. "I thought, [it was] a good place to get my feet wet. I put my name in the hat and served [N&E] for two years, and then I ran for the board in 2011."

Since then, Bradley has served on various committees, always hoping to involve herself in the community she calls home.

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SVCA releases 2026 Snow Response Plan



During snow season, the Sudden Valley Community Association focuses on the primary, or most-used roads first, giving access to the largest number of residents. (SVCA photo)

By Sudden Valley Administration

Snow removal is a high priority for the Sudden Valley Community Association. The goal of snow removal is to ensure that

residents and emergency services can get into and out of the community during weather events.

Because of the challenges presented by steep and winding streets, it is not always possible to keep the roads clear, but the Association focuses on the primary, or most-used roads first, giving access to the largest number of residents.

A full list of road designations is available on SuddenValley.com.

Plowing

SVCA uses deicing brine, sand mixed with salt, and plowing to keep the roads clear. When snow accumulates to a level that plowing is beneficial (usually 1-3 inches on the roadway, depending on conditions), crews will be dispatched to plow

and sand primary roads followed by secondary roads.

Residential roads are cleared as time allows, and gravel roads are not plowed. Roads designated as hazardous when snow-covered will be plowed using SVCA's fully equipped UTV.

An anti-icing brine will be applied prior to forecasted snow and ice events to improve road conditions.

Often, residents call and ask the Association to apply more sand. Staff will always check up on these calls, but Maintenance needs to be judicious about applying any substance to the roads.

Too much sand can cause reduced traction after the snow melts and fills up the

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Managing rains, winds in Sudden Valley

December weather challenged residents and staff as we managed major rains and several wind events. The Association's investment in drainage improvements delivered significant value as volumes of rain approaching those of the 2021 flood were managed without major damage or disruption.

Warmer temperatures meant no snow or ice, although Maintenance has equipment and supplies ready to keep the roadways safe in winter weather.

Staff are working through year-end activities and preparing for another busy and successful year in 2026.

Administration

Activity Summary

- Prepared parliamentary training and supporting materials for Board Orientation.
- Updated materials in board reference manuals.
- Requested legal opinions concerning required WUCIOA governance changes and discussed options for becoming compliant.
- Continued to update website; removed out of date content

and streamlined current pages.

- Continued developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to reflect current processes.
- Rolled out new computers to all departments.
- Began updating network hardware and firewalls to simplify network maintenance and prepare for moving servers to Azure.
- Renewed service agreement with LGIT, for continued support of our technology platforms.
- Reviewed active SVCA construction projects to ensure permits and payments are up to date.
- Began outreach to new security guard companies to address ongoing reporting issues with Pacific Security.
- Prepared and delivered security services request for proposal to local and regional security companies.
- Employment offer to new Member Services team member was accepted; new employee will start onboarding on Jan. 5.
- Researched online anti-harassment training for board and committee members; the goal is to extend training to employees also.

- Began implementation of online learning management system to support role-specific training for board and committee members, as well as staff.
- Organized and held holiday lunch for staff.

Successes

- Review of current construction projects identified almost \$30,000 of unbilled revenue.

Planned Work

- Establish 2026 schedule for board consideration of capital requests, approvals, and budget.
- Continue updating website with current content and information.
- Continue updating SOPs.

Recreation

Activity Summary

- Held third annual Tree Lighting on Dec. 6. More than a hundred community members participated.
- Planned January events calendar.
- Marina renewal mailing scheduled to be sent out Wednesday, Jan. 7.
- Quotes for new Cardio Equipment were obtained.
- Working on obtaining quotes for new Strength Equipment.

Successes

- New tables & chairs purchased for the Community Center lobby thanks to a grant from the Sudden Valley Women's Group.

Maintenance

Activity Summary

- Installed Christmas lights and Christmas tree at the Rec Center.
- Removed tree from over the road on Black Bear Court.
- Replaced several street signs.
- Completed seasonal street sweeping.
- Adjusted outdoor lighting for the winter season at the Adult Center.
- Painted walls and installed new flooring in future archive storage room.
- Installed new snowplow and sander on OP-30.
- Installed a new sander on OP-28.
- Installed a two-way radio in OP-30.
- Replaced the headlights on SP-6.
- Repaired the seat adjuster on SP-6.
- Installed studded snow tires on OP-24 and SP-6.
- Installed anti-ice brine tank on OP-24.
- Installed snowplow and sander on OP-21 and Kubota UTV.
- Assembled new storage cabinets for archive room.
- Unclogged several catch basins and culverts.
- Closed and winterized bathrooms at AM/PM Park.
- Repaired road shoulder on Berry Wood Place.
- Removed a fallen tree from the road shoulder on Basin View Circle.
- Cleared gutters at the Clubhouse and Turfcare buildings.
- Removed fallen tree from the road shoulder and drainage ditch on Holly View Way.
- Replaced the intake filter, cleaned battery terminals, and winterized the vac-trailer.
- Cleared debris from the flat roof at Barn 8.
- Prepared for potential flood event; filled sandbags, organized traffic control signs, ensured pumps and hoses are in order.
- Drainage maintenance during atmospheric river to keep culverts and catch basins clear and flowing.
- Placed sandbags at Rec Center to prevent potential flooding.
- Investigated and resolved water intrusion issue at the Club-

Center.

- Repaired door latch in the Sunshine room at the Rec Center.
- Repaired damaged section of Lake Louise Trail.

house.

- Maintenance staff responded to numerous reports of trees over the roadway during strong wind events. Trees were removed from roadways with minimal disruption to traffic.
- Removed a helium balloon that was caught in a ceiling fan at the Dance Barn.
- Repair of a urinal at the Rec Center is in progress - Parts on order.
- Removed temporary speed bump on Windward Drive.
- Replaced light in Women's restroom at the Marina.
- Repaired discharge hose on brine tank.
- Repaired potholes at Area Z entrance.
- Exterior lighting repairs at Clubhouse, Marina and Adult Center.

Successes

- The maintenance department is well equipped and prepared to respond to weather events. Staff are engaged, supplies are stocked, and equipment is ready if needed.
- The road drainage work SVCA has done over the past several years has really paid off. With record rainfall, only minor flooding occurred.

Planned Work

- Complete renovation of new archive room.
- Replace door to Archive room.
- Gutter cleaning at all facilities.
- Perform service on OP-25.
- Service and make repairs on OP-22.
- Drainage improvements at areas identified during recent storm.

Golf

Activity Summary

- Had good weather for fourth Winter Series event on Dec. 6.

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At the hub of an ever-changing Sudden Valley

Editor,

Have you witnessed our South Whatcom library staff in action, offering up engaging activities for all ages, making personal recommendations, and creating a welcoming space for all?

Even the surrounding plantings and paths make the place inviting. How lucky are we to have a public good that serves so many of a community's diverse needs.

Our library branch leases a Sudden Valley building that couldn't be better utilized. Beyond books and magazines have you checked out their events calendar?

A book club, Lego club, and social club. Reading hours buzzing with children and parents, family-friendly concerts, even all-age holiday-themed maker workshops.

And then there's space just to hang out and read the paper while your neighbors, young and old, come and go. Our library brings new energy to the Adult Center that is now multi-generational.

How perfect is that — a reflection of our dynamic, evolving community of young with old, working with retired, where all are welcome.

Gregg Ramseth
Sudden Valley

Don't let the 'revolving door' make decisions

Editor,

As we head into 2026, I thought that it would be a good time to reflect on the most recent Sudden Valley vote that occurred at the end of October.

Now for one minute, close your eyes and imagine a society where taxes can go up, laws can get approved, leaders can get elected and budgets can get passed — all by not even lifting your pen to vote.

Imagine if our state or federal government functioned this way?

Finally, imagine if Bellingham's city legislature worked this

way? I think we would all scratch our heads and wonder if we were living in some alternate reality.

Wait ... Sudden Valley actually functions this way when it comes to how budgets are passed and decisions are made.

Crazy I know ... but the issue is not actually the voting system or rules by which Sudden Valley HOA follows because this association is just following Washington State Law (RCW 64.90.525) which provides that the budget is ratified if it is not rejected by owners holding a majority of votes in the Association.

The issue is that we as a community are not voting nearly enough to make effective and meaningful decisions.

If only a small sampling of households actually vote, we can't actually make clear decisions. Everything essentially becomes "yes, we approve."

Let's break it down: 3,116 total Sudden Valley eligible voting households, 1,084 ballots were counted and 62 ballots were not counted for various reasons.

Of the ballots that were counted for the 2026 Budget Measure, only 1075 voted.

That means that only about 35% of Sudden Valley Households voted in some capacity in October.

The number of votes to reject the budget was 601 and the number to approve was 474.

As you can see, in a normal voting situation, the sentiment and result would point toward the community not actually wanting to move forward with the proposed budget.

However, because we need at least 1,559 votes or a majority to reject a budget, it passes with flying colors — it's not even close.

We would have needed around 1,000 more people to vote "reject" in October.

Here is my final point. If we as a community want to have opinions about how our little community functions, we need to exercise our right to vote.

It's even more important when the voting process works a little different than our state and federal elections.

Finally, if we are only going to have 35% of households voting in the future, I propose that we save the time, money, paper and postage and just let the revolving door of Board of Directors make all the decisions

going forward in Sudden Valley.

Josh Konen
Sudden Valley

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The Sudden Valley Views encourages letters to the editor.

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However, to provide fair and equal access, consecutive submissions by a member will not be permitted.

In other words, members who have already had an article published may not submit an article for the following issue.

FROM THE GM'S DESK

2026: A year of change for SVCA

By **Jo Anne Jensen**
SVCA General Manager

I'm sure that many of the people who read this headline rolled their eyes and thought, "Not another one!" Every January, people predict that the coming year will be different. Then time progresses, with little evidence of the anticipated change. However, the Sudden Valley Community Association will be compelled to make significant changes in 2026 to its governing documents to remain compliant with Washington State statutes.

Because the Association's governing documents determine how we operate, these changes will affect both the residents and the activities of SVCA. Going forward, some residents will question why things are changing, so this article will share background information to explain the circumstances that make change necessary.

On July 1, 2018, the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (RCW 64.90) took effect. Best known by its acronym, WUCIOA, this legislation replaces the Homeowner Association Act that formerly governed SVCA. Even though the law was passed in 2018, it did not immediately affect SVCA because many parts of the law have been phased in over time.

Some of the provisions of WUCIOA became effective for SVCA in July 2025, and a few more will take effect on Jan. 1, 2026. On Jan. 1, 2028, the remaining provisions of WUCIOA will take effect and the transition envisioned by the WA State legislature in 2018 will be fully implemented.

The changes already implemented in 2025 and those taking effect in 2026 aren't significant in scope. The new provisions include the requirement to include state-mandated language in all notices of delinquency in the payment of assessments and rules around how the board of directors and committees conduct their meetings.

Members who follow the activities of the board or who participate in committees will see changes in the members of each committee and how notice is given for meetings.

The current changes are small, but preparing for the future will require a major effort. Looking ahead to 2028, SVCA's Bylaws and Rules & Regulations must be significantly revised to reflect the new statutory requirements.

The Board, various committees and administrative staff have already begun working to identify the necessary revisions so that there will be time for the community to have input into the changes and, eventually, vote to adopt the revised documents well before the 2028 deadline.

If you are interested in participating in the review and revision of SVCA's governing documents, you can volunteer at suddenvalley.com/residents-resources/volunteer/.

Further information about WUCIOA and how it will affect the Association will appear each month in The Views. Stay tuned.



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COMPLIANCE CORNER

Policy update: Use of café or bistro (Edison) lights



By Allen Helvajian
Compliance Manager

As part of our monthly series highlighting Sudden Valley Community Association policies, we are addressing a frequent concern regarding exterior lighting.

We have noted an increase in the installation of café, bistro or Edison-style string lights.

Please be advised that these specific lighting styles are not approved for use within Sudden Valley for the following reasons:

- Unshielded bulbs: Accord-

ing to Policy 14.6.4 (Appendix F), all exterior light bulbs must be shielded from view to prevent obtrusive glare.

- Excessive magnitude: These lights are considered to exceed the community's requirement for providing safe movement.
- Aesthetic and neighborly impact: Exterior lighting must not be objectionable to neighboring residences.

Requirements for compliant exterior lighting

To ensure your home re-

mains in compliance, please keep the following regulations in mind:

- Approved styles: Lighting fixtures should be down-directed with the bulb fully shielded from view.
- Motion detectors: These must be adjusted to minimize constant or inadvertent activation by adjacent activities.
- Mercury vapor lights: These are only permitted with specific approval from the Committee.
- Project timelines: Approved lighting projects must be completed within six months, or the

request must be resubmitted.

Compliance and reporting

If you have concerns regarding the brightness or quantity of neighboring lights, please contact Security to have the matter documented and investigated.

Please remember that homeowners are responsible for the actions and installations of their renters.

For any further compliance questions, you can reach the Architectural Control Committee administration at ACCAdmin@suddenvalley.com.

Around the Valley: Managing rains, winds in Sudden Valley

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- Early payment membership sales are ahead of 2024.

• Met with two area courses (North Bellingham and Shuksan) to discuss collaborative marketing ideas aimed at the greater Seattle and Vancouver market.

• Collected bids for a capital request related to the replacement of a new range cart and picker.

• Reached out to several area golf courses to discuss 2025 season in review.

• Promoted and planned for our fifth Winter Series event scheduled for Jan. 3.

Successes

• November 2025 revenue exceeded 2024 by \$8K.

• Prepaid membership sales for 2026 remain strong and currently up nearly 18% compared to 2025.

• December revenue has exceeded budget and 2024 revenue.

Planned Work

• Deactivate handicap service to members who haven't renewed membership by year end.

• Identify cart repair list for Greg and Bill and plan annual cart maintenance schedule.

• Contact previous outside tournament organizers to start rebooking for the 2026 season.

• Review membership records to ensure accuracy ahead of the start of the 2026 season.

• Meet with the Golf Club to review 2025 and plan the 2026 agenda.

• The golf course was re-rated for handicap purposes this Fall. We will begin all the necessary processes for changes in January. This includes updating new score cards for 2026.

• Execute a successful Winter Series event on Jan. 3.

Turf Care

Activity Summary

• Golf course conditioning is well into fall/winter operations. Golf course general maintenance activities continue as we

work around the weather.

• All rough and surrounding out of play areas have been aerated to improve winter drainage.

• Renovation work on Turf-care building well under way. Electrical, plumbing and drywall completed as well as new rollup door installed. Waiting on electrical final then we can start closing in the walls.

• Irrigation system sprinkler clearing work continues.

• Deep tine aerated #6-7-17-18 fairways.

• Lake Louise dam project is complete. Turfcare now monitoring daily and changing gate positions as the weather dictates.

• Irrigation system sprinkler clearing work continues.

• Continuous tree branch and debris cleanup throughout the course.

• Working on three new forward tee box installs.

Successes

• Fall/winter crew size is in good shape for expectation of course conditions.

Planned Work

• Continue general conditioning.

• Aerating and sand topdressing wet areas and approaches.

• Continue working on draft 2026 Capital equipment replacement documents.

• Fairway deep tinning 4-5" to begin after rough areas are completed.

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Long-Range Planning Committee
Contribute to the development of the ten-year Community Plan.

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Sudden Valley Community Center holds its first open house



By Nakell Jones
SVCA Staff

On the morning of Jan. 3, the Sudden Valley community gathered for the Community Center's first Open House.

The event offered residents a welcoming opportunity to connect with familiar faces and learn more about the many programs available.

Club members, fitness instructors, Sudden Valley committees, and community groups greeted residents as they entered the Community Center.

The Open House provided a great way to discover what's happening at the Community Center and learn how to get involved.

Community clubs are free and open to all members, making them an excellent way to meet neighbors and connect with like-minded residents.

Sports clubs meet weekly and range from ping pong to tennis. For those less interested in sports, there are plenty of other options, such as Ukulele Club, Mindful Meditation Club, Art in the Barn and even a Remote Sailing Club.

Residents also had the chance to learn about weekly group fitness classes offered at the Community Center. Fitness instructors were available to answer questions and share details about classes such as yoga, senior strength, HIIT strength, personal training, and more!

If you were unable to attend the Open House, there will be many opportunities to attend in the future. Residents are encouraged to stop by the Community Center for information on clubs, groups, and fitness classes.

We appreciate everyone who attended and helped make the event a success.



Left: Representatives from the Ukulele Club participated in the Jan. 3 Community Center open house. Right: Club representatives, fitness instructors, and SVCA groups welcomed attending residents and shared information about programs and activities. (Nakell Jones/SVCA photo)

When are your dues due?

By Jo Anne Jensen
SVCA General Manager

Payment coupons for 2026 were mailed on Dec. 18 to all members except for those who are signed up for ACH payments.

If you have not received your coupons yet, please call the front office at 360-734-6430.

This year's coupons state that the due date for your monthly dues payment is the 28th of each month. That date was chosen because it most closely represents the last business day of each month.

However, it's not precisely true. SVCA Policy 2025-05 states the following:

"The payment due date for dues and assessments is the first day of each calendar month. Dues and assessments are considered late as listed below. Any unpaid balances will be considered late and subject to fees beginning on the first day of the month following the due date. Accounts that are not fully paid within 30 days from the due date are late and incur a \$25 late fee."

So to pay your dues on time, your payment must be received on the last business day of each month.

If you drop your payments off at the Welcome Center, a sign will be posted each month indicating the latest time you can leave your

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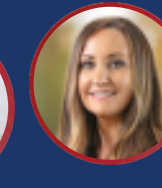
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On Saturday Dec. 13, El Agave, along with numerous volunteers, hosted the annual Breakfast with Santa, featuring a free buffet breakfast, with 568 meals being served, which was a record. There were also free pictures with Santa, courtesy of ReMax, and crafts for the kids. The Grinch also made an appearance, which added to the fun. A huge thank you to El Agave for the delicious food, and to all the volunteers who continue to make this a much-anticipated event every year. Also thank you to Ray and Ann Meador who were Santa and Mrs. Claus this year. (Photos courtesy Trang Worline)

Snow: Sudden Valley releases response plan for 2026

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ditches, which are vital for drainage.

Information updates

Throughout a weather event, updates on conditions will be

posted to SuddenValley.com in the announcements section and on the Sudden Valley Facebook page.

In an extended snow event, updates on conditions and plowing progress will also be posted to the home page of the website. e-

Blasts will be sent when a serious weather event is predicted.

When we post a weather alert to the website, we will also record the update as a phone message on the SVCA Hotline at 360-746-7010.

Keep cars off the road

One of the biggest challenges during a snow event is cars that are abandoned on the roads or at the mailbox clusters.

Cars left on the road prevent SVCA from plowing and cause accidents when other drivers try to avoid them.

Cars left at the mailboxes prevent SVCA from keeping those areas clear, leading to dangerous conditions for people trying to pick up their mail.

To avoid getting stuck on the road, use the overflow parking lot across from the Gate 5 entrance. If you do get stuck, please call security immediately at 360-319-8200 to report your location, the make and model of your car, your phone number, and your property address.

You must make your own arrangements for towing, but cars left on the road may be towed by SVCA if they are a significant hazard.

Report problems to SVCA

If you are experiencing an emergency, you should call 911 immediately. This ensures the fastest possible response from emergency services.

If you see an issue that could

pose a hazard, let SVCA know. After hours, call security at 360-319-8200 to report issues.

During regular business hours (8 a.m. until 5 p.m. M-F), call the front office at 360-734-6430.

Be prepared

Be prepared to clear your driveway. Usually, this means having a snow shovel or snow blower on hand.

Also, keep in mind that plowing could affect your driveway entrance. If you can't clear all the snow off your driveway, plain sand is the best thing to put down for traction. If you use deicers, be aware they can melt and then refreeze.

Purple Heat ice-melt is available at the Welcome Center for \$15 per 50-pound bag.

School bus routes

Bellingham Public Schools have adjusted their bus routes for the coming winter weather. School busses will now service Lake Louise Road in addition to Lake Whatcom Blvd, allowing kids to get dropped off closer to home.

The Valley Market will still be a drop off location for Gate 2, but school busses will also drop off at Windward Drive (Gate 1), Tumbling Water Drive (Gate 5), Polo Park Drive (Gate 9) and Western Lane (Gate 13).

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Sudden Valley lights the Christmas tree



The annual Sudden Valley tree lighting took place on Dec. 6. Residents could partake in cookie decorating, drinking hot chocolate, making crafts, playing games and taking photos with the Grinch. Before the lighting countdown, Board President Keith McLean expressed his gratitude toward the community and said he looks forward to the new year. (SVCA photos)

Bradley: Rejoins Sudden Valley's Board of Directors

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Storage License Agreement.

Sudden Valley General Manager Jo Anne Jensen wrote in a Dec. 11 memo to the SVCA Board that “small changes have been made over the past four years to the Marina Moorage/Storage License Agreement to reflect operational changes.”

“To ensure that the cumulative effect of multiple changes did not result in reducing the legal protections afforded to SVCA, Richard Davis was asked to review the agreement,” Jensen wrote. “The version presented here reflects Richard’s edits as well as the operational changes requested by Rec Staff and the 2025 Document Review Committee.”

At its Oct. 23 meeting, the SVCA Board reviewed the Marina Moorage/Storage License Agreement.

Jensen explained that during discussion the Board suggested the document “be reviewed one last time and then brought back for approval.”

“That review has been completed and it is recommended that the board adopt the proposed language at this time,” Jensen wrote in her memo.

SVCA will mail the annual moorage/storage renewal letters on Jan. 7, which is before the Board’s first January meeting.

A complete copy of the Marina Moorage/Storage License Agreement is in the SVCA Board’s Dec. 11 agenda packet, available at

suddenvalley.com.

The Sudden Valley Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in Multipurpose Room

A. Agendas and minutes for the board’s meetings are available at suddenvalley.com, as are video.

The Sudden Valley Board will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8.

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FINANCIALS

Sudden Valley Community Association
Operations - By Department
January 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025
YEAR TO DATE

Whole \$

UNAUDITED	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)*
Department								
ACC / Security	157,849	50,586	77,786	(4,117)	476,414	(105,378)	(396,351)	(58,909)
Accounting	27,250	(9,143)	300,627	10,502	82,966	(3,405)	(356,343)	(2,046)
Administration	7,884	6,953	339,176	38,018	156,267	(44,586)	(487,559)	385
Common Costs	64,776	25,616	-	-	456,736	(102,283)	(391,960)	(76,667)
Facilities	83,733	9,912	50,188	(2,356)	155,121	31,666	(121,576)	39,222
Maintenance	-	-	296,667	44,739	96,711	17,376	(393,378)	62,115
Subtotal	341,492	83,924	1,064,444	86,786	1,424,215	(206,610)	(2,147,167)	(35,900)
Golf	1,337,703	(20,435)	718,785	63,962	416,780	(31,219)	202,138	12,308
Marina	243,843	7,142	-	-	18,614	(1,563)	225,229	5,579
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	54,883	14,609	318,823	(79,726)	133,602	(273)	(397,542)	(65,390)
Subtotal	1,636,429	1,316	1,037,608	(15,764)	568,996	(33,055)	29,825	(47,503)
Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues	1,977,921	85,240	2,102,052	71,022	1,993,211	(239,665)	(2,117,342)	(83,403)
Ops Dues Earned	2,383,822	-	-	-	-	-	2,383,822	-
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(47,470)	-	-	-	-	-	(47,470)	-
Net Ops Dues	2,336,352	75,283	-	-	-	-	2,336,352	75,283
Net Operations	4,314,273	160,523	2,102,052	71,022	1,993,211	(239,665)	219,010	(8,120)
Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations								
GM Recruiting Expense	-	-	-	-	3,271	-	(3,271)	-
Legal Expenses - Past Due Account Collections	-	-	-	-	9,984	-	(9,984)	-
Hazardous Tree Removal	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	(100,000)	-
Net Operations with Board Approved UDR	4,314,273	160,523	2,102,052	71,022	2,106,465	(239,665)	105,755	(8,120)
Other Operating Activity								
UDR Activity	99,202	-	-	-	9,710	-	89,492	-
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	(53,456)	-	-	-	-	-	(53,456)	-
AR Accrual - Current Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lease Income- Library Prepaid Recognized	6,667	-	-	-	-	-	6,667	-
Vacation Liability Accrual	-	-	-	-	10,773	-	(10,773)	-
Total Other Operating Activity	52,413	-	-	-	20,483	-	31,929	-
Grand Total Operations Activity	4,366,685	160,523	2,102,052	71,022	2,126,949	(239,665)	137,685	(8,120)

* Excludes Depreciation
B / (W) = Better / (Worse) Than Budget

Sudden Valley Community Association
Income Statement Summary

UNAUDITED	Current Month - October 2025			Year to Date - 10 Months Ending 10/31/2025			
	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Capital Reserves**	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Coll %	Capital Reserves**
REVENUE							
Current Year Dues & Assessments Income							
Dues & Assessments Income	238,316	-	247,087	2,383,822	-	-	2,468,144
Bad Debt Reserve	950	-	325	(47,470)	-	-	(34,619)
Net Current Year Assessment Income	239,266	13,159	247,412	2,336,352	75,283	98.0%	2,434,525
Bad Debt Recoveries - Prior Years	-	-	2,825	-	-	-	41,564
Golf Income	46,479	(9,126)	-	1,337,703	(20,435)	-	-
Marina Income	-	-	-	236,829	6,528	-	-
Rec Center & Pools Income	1,327	1,118	-	40,403	8,976	-	-
Legal & Collections Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	26,043	15,619	-	146,741	41,154	-	-
Rental Income - Other	700	(1,402)	-	14,480	3,966	-	-
Area 2 Rental Income	5,625	438	-	26,018	2,097	-	-
Lease Income	5,832	949	-	57,715	9,482	-	-
New Home Construction Fees	10,000	7,620	-	112,200	33,470	-	-
Capital Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200
Capital Gain (Loss) on Sale of Lots	-	-	24,708	-	-	-	24,708
Investment Income	499	(84)	2,870	5,834	4	-	29,173
Total Revenue	335,771	28,291	277,815	4,314,275	160,525	-	2,531,170
EXPENSES							
Salaries & Benefits	183,255	23,623	-	2,102,052	71,022	-	-
Contracted & Professional Services	12,413	(1,812)	-	274,348	(104,102)	-	-
CC&Rs/ Mandates	47,987	2,179	-	468,467	(76,750)	-	-
Maintenance & Landscaping	44,795	3,442	-	438,937	3,349	-	-
Utilities	30,075	(6,062)	-	200,875	(462)	-	-
Administrative	15,997	1,092	-	171,589	(11,786)	-	-
Regulatory Compliance	7,762	15,347	-	257,747	(48,046)	-	-
Insurance Premiums	19,240	(1,719)	-	180,732	(5,619)	-	-
Other Expenses	-	417	-	418	3,749	-	-
Depreciation Expense	-	-	108,710	-	-	-	1,087,100
Closing Costs - Lot Sales	-	-	4,538	-	-	-	4,538
Interest expense	-	-	4,810	-	-	-	50,899
Total Expenses	361,524	36,507	118,058	4,095,265	(168,645)	-	1,142,537
Net Income (Loss)	(25,753)	64,798	159,757	219,010	(8,120)	-	1,388,633
Net UDR Activity for Operations							
GM Recruiting Expense	-	-	-	(3,271)	-	-	-
Legal Expenses - Past Due Account Collections	-	-	-	(9,984)	-	-	-
Hazardous Tree Removal	(25,057)	-	-	(100,000)	-	-	-
Net Income (Loss) with Board Approved UDR	(50,810)	64,798	159,757	105,755	(8,120)	-	1,388,633
Other Activity							
Net Other UDR Activity*	(2,225)	-	-	89,492	-	-	-
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-	-	-	(53,456)	-	-	(13,625)
AR Accrual - Current Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lease Income- Library Prepaid Recognized	667	-	-	6,667	-	-	-
Vacation Liability Accrual	2,921	-	-	(10,773)	-	-	-
Total Other Activity	1,363	-	-	31,929	-	-	(13,625)
Grand Total Activity	(49,447)	64,798	159,757	137,685	(8,120)	-	1,375,008

*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.

2026 SVCA ACC Meeting Calendar

Date	Time	Location
January 15, 2026	5:00 PM	Multi-Purpose Room A
February 5, 2026	9:00 AM	Zoom
February 19, 2026	5:00 PM	Multi-Purpose Room A
March 5, 2026	9:00 AM	Zoom
March 19, 2026	5:00 PM	Multi-Purpose Room A
April 2, 2026	9:00 AM	Zoom
April 16, 2026	5:00 PM	Multi-Purpose Room A
May 7, 2026	9:00 AM	Zoom
May 21, 2026	5:00 PM	Multi-Purpose Room A
June 4, 2026	9:00 AM	Zoom
June 18, 2026	5:00 PM	Multi-Purpose Room A
July 2, 2026	9:00 AM	Zoom
July 16, 2026	5:00 PM	Multi-Purpose Room A
August 6, 2026	9:00 AM	Zoom
August 20, 2026	5:00 PM	Multi-Purpose Room A
September 3, 2026	9:00 AM	Zoom
September 17, 2026	5:00 PM	Multi-Purpose Room A
October 1, 2026	9:00 AM	Zoom
October 15, 2026	5:00 PM	Multi-Purpose Room A
November 5, 2026	9:00 AM	Zoom
November 19, 2026	5:00 PM	Multi-Purpose Room A
December 3, 2026	9:00 AM	Zoom
December 17, 2026	5:00 PM	Multi-Purpose Room A

Notes:

- Times and locations subject to change without notice.
- Submissions are due by noon on the Thursday before the meeting.
- All request forms are available on SuddenValley.com under Commonly Requested Forms.



Happy New Year Sudden Valley



At 10 a.m. on New Year's Day, approximately 30 swimmers braved the 42-degree waters of Lake Whatcom to take part in the 2026 Polar Bear Plunge. Corby Worline stayed in the icy water the longest, lasting an impressive seven minutes, with Zachary Biddle close behind at six minutes. The event also features a notable first-time participant: an 80-year-old swimmer who joined the plunge for the first time. Following the swim, participants and spectators gathered around a bonfire with hot coffee and cocoa to help warm everyone after the event. (Photos by Taimi Van de Polder and Trang Worlibe)

Committee: Sudden Valley is looking for volunteers

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However, she has noticed declining interest in volunteering for certain committees.

"In many years, nobody runs for N&E," said Bradley. "I love it and you get used to doing it, but there comes a time when other people need to step up, you know?"

Despite Sudden Valley housing upwards of 7,000 residents, few volunteer as committee members.

"Every one of those people has some expertise, or something that they're interested in," Board Member Rob Gibbs said. "People need to get involved because we need a variety of ideas, and we need to take part in the management of the Association."

Gibbs moved to Sudden Valley in 2017 and initially volunteered by recording BOD meetings. He eventually joined the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) in 2019.

"My wife and I wanted to

change the color of our house, so we went to the ACC, and I thought, 'Well, this is interesting. They're looking at engineering drawings and whatnot,'" said Gibbs. "That was my background in my previous field, so I volunteered to get on the ACC."

Most committees report to and advise the Board of Directors regarding everything from policy changes to long-term projects. Gibbs explained that the Board's role is to provide governance and oversight over the Association and have a fiduciary responsibility for it.

"If people get involved, they're going to have a chance to weigh in with their thoughts and expertise," Gibbs said, "and maybe have some fun along the way."

Committees vary in responsibility and time commitment, with some only holding meetings once a month.

"I understand when people have families and kids going to school, sometimes you're reluctant to get involved," Bradley

said. "But I think you really learn a lot when you sit on the Board — when you sit on a committee. You have discussions within the committee that help you better understand what's all involved rather than not understanding it at all."

Volunteering for a committee is also a great way to meet fellow members of Sudden Valley. "I've made new friends as a result of working with folks in governance," Gibbs said. "I was adjusting mic volumes for Linda back in 2017, and I think we've become really pretty good close friends now, having had a chance to work elbow-to-elbow on committees together."

Participating in the governance of Sudden Valley is not only a great opportunity to meet new friends and be heard, but it also offers the chance to make real changes that benefit the community.

"[Last] year, we [on the N&E Committee] opened up the opportunity for people to vote elec-

tronically, rather than submit a paper ballot," Gibbs said. "That felt like an accomplishment that had occurred. Folks coming together to work for the common good; I think people would feel really good coming away seeing those accomplishments."

Currently there are opening on the Nominations & Elections

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2025 Capital Projects Status

CRRRF Projects	Approved Budget	Status
Facilities:		
Barn 8 Refurbishment	\$ 843,555	Paused
Turfcare Building Remodel	\$ 125,446	In Progress
Clubhouse HVAC	\$ 169,928	In Progress
Lake Louise Slide Gate Phases 1 & 2	\$ 71,786	Complete
Marina Signage	\$ 15,000	Complete
Gate 2 Signage	\$ 20,000	Complete
Welcome Center Painting	\$ 7,611	Complete
Asphalt Cart Path Repairs	\$ 54,080	Complete
Clubhouse Water Heater Replacement	\$ 11,587	Complete
Equipment:		
Computer Replacements	\$ 13,680	Complete
Golf Course Fairway Aerator	\$ 57,495	Complete
Golf Course Trailer	\$ 17,843	Complete
Golf Course Fairway Top-Dresser	\$ 50,592	Complete
Maintenance Zero-Turn Mower	\$ 21,146	Complete
AV Projector & Screen	\$ 4,784	Complete
Total Budgeted	\$ 640,978	
Roads Projects		
Design/Permits for 2026 Projects	\$ 41,888	In Progress
Fast Response- Drainage Issues	\$ 91,936	In Progress
On-Call Engineering	\$ 44,559	In Progress
Potholes & Minor Road Repairs	\$ 37,856	In Progress
Street Signs & Pavement Markings	\$ 31,805	In Progress
Area Z Access Bridge/Culvert #4 Replacement	\$ 1,219,468	In Progress
Total Budgeted	\$ 1,467,512	

Notes on Projects in Process

Turfcare Building Remodel – Construction is underway and is expected to be complete in January 2026.

Clubhouse HVAC – The project is being issued for bidding and construction is planned for Winter 2025 / Spring 2026.

Lake Louise Slide Gate Phases 1 & 2 – Construction was completed in the first week of December. Water levels are returning to normal.

Design /Permits for 2026 Projects – Design is underway and permit applications are expected to be submitted to Whatcom County in January 2026. Projects will be issued for bidding during the winter, and construction will occur during summer 2026.

Fast Response / On-Call / Potholes – Projects are completed as needs arise; this work is ongoing.

Street Signs & Pavement Markings – Pavement markings are complete and street sign materials are being purchased as needed to replace existing signage.

Area Z Access Bridge / Culvert #4 Replacement – Design and permitting is ongoing with Whatcom County. Construction is planned for summer 2026.



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Document Review Committee needs volunteer members

The 2026 Document Review Committee is looking for volunteer community members to begin looking at the changes to the governing documents that will be required as WUCIOA takes effect.

Several changes are already recognized in 2026 and by Jan. 1, 2028, RCW 64.90 will become the statute governing homeowner associations replacing RCW 64.38.

Community members interested in helping review SVCA bylaws and WUCIOA changes affecting them should fill out and submit the online volunteer form to the Document Review Committee.

Wednesdays Jan. 14 through March 25 NSEA Stream Team

Volunteer with NSEA to removing wire cages from native trees planted 20-plus years ago to improve salmon habitat across Whatcom County. See restoration history and help maintain older sites that need love. Meet at NSEA's campus by 8 a.m. and your group leader will shuttle everyone to the site. Will be back to NSEA at noon. All materials and tools needed will be provided, just bring weather-appropriate clothes, sturdy shoes and a water bottle. Wednesdays Jan. 14 through March 25.

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Family of 3+	\$3,750	\$320	Family of 3+	\$4,100	\$350
Young Family (children 15 or younger)			Young Family (children 15 or younger)		
After Noon Play	\$1,675	\$145	After Noon Play	\$1,875	\$160
Senior Limited (62 & up, M-F)	\$1,725	\$150	Senior Limited (62 & up, M-F)	\$1,900	\$165
Intermediate (Ages 18 - 28)	\$1,175	\$105	Intermediate (Ages 18 - 28)	\$1,275	\$115
Junior (17 and Younger)	\$360	\$38	Junior (17 and Younger)	\$390	\$43

Associate Membership: Associate members receive three complimentary rounds of golf, 50% off all green fees, 50% off range balls, handicap service, a locker, preferred tee times, and may play in all Golf Club tournaments and participate in all social events. **Cost: \$550 / year - \$50 / mo.**

Social Membership: Social members receive two complimentary rounds of golf, 25% off all green fees, a locker, preferred tee times and may play in all Golf Club tournaments and participate in all social events. **Cost: \$150 / year (\$175 / year with GHIN Handicap Service)**

Day-tripping to Seattle



Pictured are 17-year-old Aaralyn, 15-year-old Kyden, 13-year-old Briella and 9-year-old Sunniva on their way to Seattle. (Alison Chaffee for the Views)



Fun with Santa

August Campbell has fun with the Grinch during Sudden Valley's annual Breakfast with Santa in December. (Alison Chaffee for the Views)



Celebration of life



Camdyn, Caelynn and Camila Stevenson at the celebration of life for Bob 'Poppi' Stevenson, a veteran and one of five generations of Stevensons in Sudden Valley. Stevenson's funeral was a military funeral. If you would like to see your child featured in our kid's views section, please send your submissions to bodvandepolder@suddenvalley.com. (Taimi Van de Polder/The Views)



SUDDEN VALLEY
Pet of the
MONTH

This month's Pet of the Month is Oreo, submitted by Caitlin Chamberlin and Freya.

"Oreo is the cutest hamster ever and he's 10 months old. He likes to run mazes, which I make for him out of magnet tiles. He also likes to run all over me. Oreo is so soft. I love him!"
- Freya, age 8

Do you have a pet of the month?
If you think that your pet is ready for prime time, please send a high resolution photo with your pet's name, your name, and a brief description to office@suddenvalley.com

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