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SV Board approves funding for Barn 6 design and permitting

Directors appoint Mitch Waterman to board, replaces Joseph Adams, who recently resigned

By Bill Helm
 Editor

SUDDEN VALLEY — It was back in 2013 when the Sudden Valley Community Association commissioned condition assessments of the Association's buildings. The assessment determined that many of the posts in Barn 6 were rotted and the roof needed to be replaced.

At the time, SVCA decided against repairs to Barn 6.

Fast forward to 2025 when "several design concepts for the replacement of Barn 6 were brought forward," General Manager Jo Anne Jensen wrote in an April 9 memo to the SVCA Board of Directors.

Jensen further explained that after conducting a Town Hall meeting to elicit feedback from members, Sudden Valley's Long Range Planning Committee determined that the community supported replacing Barn 6 "with a simple, single-story structure that could be used to host large-scale events in both the spring/summer and fall/winter."

The board of directors reviewed this recommendation, and approved the submittal of a preliminary design to Whatcom County for comments. SVCA received the county's comments in February 2026.

On April 9, the SVCA Board approved \$253,940 in funding for the design and permitting of Barn 6.

The money will come from the Capital Repair and Replacement Re-

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Fencing for Marina Dog Park approved

By Bill Helm
 Editor

SUDDEN VALLEY — SVCA's Board of Directors have approved funding for a plan that balances the needs of dog owners with those of residents who want to enjoy the Marina Community Park in other ways.

This decision comes after many weeks of discussion and the consid-

eration of several different fencing options for the park's off-leash dog area.

On April 23, the Board approved funding of \$70,066.63 for its Marina Dog Park Improvement Project.

Since nine other SVCA projects for 2026 have come in under budget, a remainder of \$61,166 is available for this project, Sudden Valley General Manager

Jo Anne Jensen wrote to the board in an April 23 memo

Jensen also explained that an additional \$22,497 from CRRRF — Capital Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund — is available for the replacement of outdoor amenities.

The approved plan allots 1.64 acres to the off-leash area while it reserves 2.95 acres to the tennis courts, play

area, picnic areas and open recreation space.

The plan also includes key card access that will control entry to the off-leash area to limit non-resident use of the facility.

SVCA residents will continue to have free access.

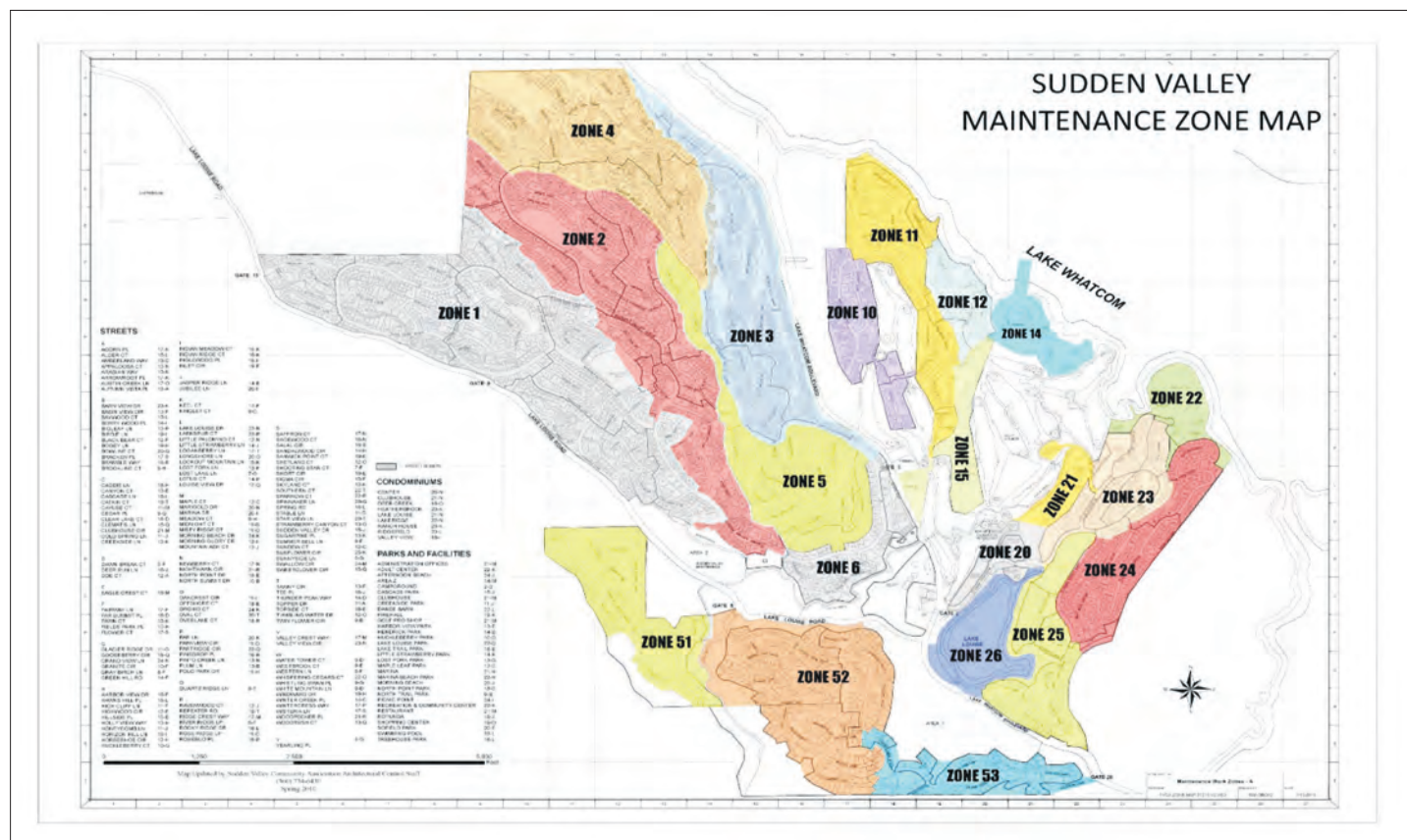
Drainage and landscaping improvements are planned, to be executed with operational funds.

Continuing maintenance of the park has been taken into consideration, and future budgets will ensure enough available funds to keep all of Marina Community Park looking its best.

Details of this project are available in the SVCA Board's April 23 agenda packet at suddenvalley.com.

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2026 FIREWISE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED



Sudden Valley Community Association (SVCA) will host a Firewise program starting on May 11. The purpose of a Firewise program is to promote awareness of the dangers of fires from vegetation surrounding homes and other properties.

One hazard that is prevalent within SVCA are tree limbs that have fallen naturally, or during windstorms. These limbs are referred to in a Firewise program as ground fuels. Because large limbs are difficult to transport, SVCA assists homeowners by providing a free service whereby residents can dispose of tree limbs that have

fallen from trees on or surrounding their property.

In 2026, this Firewise service will be provided by SVCA's Maintenance Department from May 11 until June 12.

Residents can take advantage of this 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 need to be in place by the dates listed below and will be picked up that week.

Please refer to the schedule and map below to confirm your location and pickup window.

Piles of branches placed by the roadside after the scheduled pickup time listed below 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 longer 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 and/or 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.

2026 Firewise Schedule:

May 11 at Gate 5: Maintenance Zones 51, 52, 53

May 18 at Gate 3: Maintenance Zones 3, 4, 5, 6

May 25 at Gates 9 and 13: Maintenance Zones 1, 2

June 1 at Gate 1: Maintenance Zones 10, 11, 12, 14, 15

June 8 at Gate 2: Maintenance Zones 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Good weather supported strong golf revenue in April

Good weather in April supported strong golf revenue and allowed Turfcare and Maintenance to complete many outdoor tasks.

Mowing began, boats started to be launched, and the trails were busy on the sunny days. Summer is almost here.

Inside the Welcome Center, Administration is busy helping members to register their rental properties and getting ready to launch the Community Survey.

Administration

Activity Summary

- Mailed welcome packets to new Sudden Valley residents for first quarter 2026.
- Launched process to register

short- and long-term rental properties within the Association; Focus on supporting members who are registering their short- and long-term rental properties: answering questions, mailing forms, conducting site inspections.

- Preparing to launch the 2026 Community Survey. Programmed the online survey and prepared data files for sampling.

- Worked on updating SuddenValley.com to use current software; many changes were needed to accommodate changes in software since the website was originally launched.

- Launched updated website on April 21.

- Continued implementation of

new POS software.

- Continued developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to reflect current processes.

- Continued work on identifying more affordable healthcare options for employees.

Successes

- So far, rental registration is going smoothly.

- We have gotten very positive feedback on the updated website.

Planned Work

- Finalize the new POS software implementation and plan the transition to the new system.

- Update archives on the website.

- Link website announcements to Facebook automatically.

- Implement events calendar on website.

- Continue updating SOPs.

Maintenance

Activity Summary

- Restored gravel shoulder on Cascade Lane.

- Installed new speed limit sign on Jubilee Lane.

- Trimmed vegetation on Horizon Hill to improve visibility.

- Replaced brakes, starter, ignition relay and shocks on AD-1.

- Greased axles and repaired flat tire on tilt trailer.

- Repaired exhaust fan in Adult Center restroom.

- Upgraded lighting fixtures at the Adult Center to LED lighting.

- Mowed and cleaned Adult Center grounds.

- Replaced sign and fixed bench at AM/PM Park.

- Installed mulch under kayak racks at AM/PM Park.

- Installed new kayak rack at AM/PM park.

- Opened AM/PM park bathrooms for the season.

- Repaired Nema box at RV storage area.

- Replaced flush valve on urinal

in Clubhouse locker-room.

- Serviced Honda push mower.

- Replaced steering drag link and installed chip box on OP-21.

- Installed new latch on tilt bed trailer.

- Trimmed vegetation at various intersections to improve visibility.

- Repaired potholes at various locations.

- Repaired light at Rec Center.

- Serviced pool pump at the main pool.

- Repaired turf and rolled soccer field.

- Started seasonal mowing schedule.

- Repaired toilet and flush valve on urinal at Hole 14 bathroom.

- Replaced water shut off valve at Hole 14 bathroom

- Cleaned street signs.

- Removed barricades and opened Louise View Drive/Southern Court for the season.

- Replaced door lock on backhoe.

- Removed studded snow tires from OP-24.

- Cleaned Clubhouse parking lot and entry ways.

- Mowed various parks and green spaces.

- Cleaned parking lot and deck at Welcome Center.

- Replaced door lock on side entrance to Pro Shop.

- Installed new door handles at the main entrance to the Clubhouse.

- Removed hazardous branch from tree on Creekside Lane.

- Cleaned and removed debris from tennis courts at the Rec Center.

- Graded Area Z gravel.

Successes

- Seasonal maintenance positions have been filled.

- Seasonal custodian position has been filled.

Planned Work

- Refurbish Rec Center gazebo.

- Replace handicap parking sign at Dance Barn..

- Replace pitman arm on OP-21.

- Gravel restoration of parking areas and keyways.

- Pool start up maintenance.

- Service wood-chipper and replace blades.

- Replace CV axel on AD-1.

- Paint parking space lines at

Marina & AM/PM park.

- Prepare equipment for Firewise.

Golf

Activity Summary

- Completed Master's Par 3 and Opening Day Scramble.

- Working with Club Prophet on final training of new website and email marketing platform.

- Sent letter and schedule out to PGA junior league participants.

- Interviewed new and returning seasonal staff.

- Worked closely with turf crew on course aeration schedule.

- Attended the Golf Club in preparation of upcoming season.

- Completed the US Kids Tour event with 134 junior players.

- Completed Junior Camp sign-ups with 78 juniors.

- Posted 1st Assistant Professional job with the PGA.

- Prepared for the One Person Scramble Event on April 26.

- Send out email blast to membership requesting volunteers for Women's Four Ball.

Successes

- Weather has been great for golfing and course maintenance.

Planned Work

- Go live with new website.

- Promote and prepare for several upcoming events.

- Continue golf cart detailing.

- Schedule a sand and seed party.

- Host a successful WA Women's Four Ball May 4-5.

- Host a Canadian marketing firm on May 12 to conduct video footage and photography.

- Set up Summer Match Play brackets.

Turfcare

Activity Summary

- All putting greens aerated/sanded and rolled. Ready for the season.

- All Tee boxes aerated/overseeded/fertilized sanding underway.

- Two golf pump stations had annual maintenance completed.

- Heavy rainfall April 2 of up to 1.8".

- Tree on #14 hole removed.

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Annual rental fee

Editor,

A taskforce created to recommend standards for short-term rentals has resulted in a new policy requiring all owners of short- and long-term rentals to register and pay \$350, annually, to cover the supposed extra workload required of SVCA staff (though members would deny the amount is commensurate).

The policy was based upon issues resulting from certain guests renting certain STRs and not abiding by SVCA regulations, in addition, presumably, to certain poorly managed LTRs. Those whose tenants cause no problems (such as my long-term tenants), consider the fee unfair. A reasonable solution would be to issue fines to owners of properties deemed troublesome.

Instead, an annual fee of \$350 per rental has been imposed to provide unjustified services based upon assumptions and disproportionate needs. The fee, said to cover costs to manage a database, and to monitor ACC compliance and adherence to regulations, includes \$250/year for compliance inspections and \$50/year for daily security – services to which all members are entitled, and for which we ALL pay via our dues. Subtracting those two amounts would leave a fee of \$50/year. Most rental owners would not balk at that, but it is unclear what purpose imposing even that amount would serve.

The confusing term, inspections, appears to reference exterior property checks ensuring ACC compliance – something to which every property is already subject. The ambiguity, however, could prove legally problematic. As for daily security, is not the entire Association entitled to numerous, daily security patrols? No one has defined these terms, nor how the services promised to rental-property-owners-only differs from those to which all owners are entitled.

The fee was based upon the assumption that after further research staff will determine that 500 rentals exist within SVCA. It is not yet known how many LTRs versus STRs exist, nor how many are problems versus the number of rentals like mine which require little, if any, oversight because I and owners like me manage them well. Yet, charges were tallied based upon erroneous estimates. Via letter, known rental owners have been told to comply by May 25, 2026 or risk being fined.

Several properties are permitted to remain unsightly, with owners not required to abide by regulations. Yet, SVCA is acting punitively, holding all rental property owners accountable whether a problem exists or not.

Most of us abide by all requirements. We see this blanket charge as excessive and unwarranted. Imposing fines on all owners who fail to abide by SVCA rules, both owner-occupied properties and rentals – STR or

LTR – makes better sense. It is the rule-following renters who will ultimately pay when landlords pass the fee to them via rent increases already limited by law.

In review of the meeting wherein this surprise policy was enacted, not only was there limited discussion preceding the vote, those directly impacted were given virtually no forewarning or opportunity for input.

Several of us are expressing our disapproval and are requesting both a review and a reversal – at least until sufficient time has been permitted for rental owners to be heard, and to achieve a better solution to problems resulting from few, certainly not all, rental properties.

On behalf of all responsible rental owners, I ask all property owners to join us in contacting our board members and making the same plea.

*Jeff Dowd
Sudden Valley*

Thank you for support of Lake Louise water lily efforts

Editor,

In 2025 I organized a volunteer effort to remove invasive Fragrant Water Lilies from Lake Louise. Although dozens of people expressed support, our weekly work parties only averaged six or seven people. From May 13, when I went out on my own to start the season, through Sept. 28, when we called it quits, volunteers put in 479 hours in or on the lake, and I did quite a few more on my own, working on tools, boats, and reports. It's fair to say the group put in 500-plus hours.

2,458 baskets were removed at an average of 20 pounds of lilies in each. That comes to 49,160 pounds (wet) removed. Almost 25 tons, and 3,687 cubic feet. (A standard 40' shipping container is 2,300 cubic feet.)

Although we gained strength and efficiency over the course of the 2025 season, we didn't have enough volunteers to come close. Only about 15% of the infestation was treated by hand removal.

In mid-September 2025, the SVCA Board of Directors decided to contract a company to treat the lilies with herbicides this year. I support that decision. Studying other lakes in the region with lily problems, the overwhelming consensus is that herbicides are the only effective method against large infestations. The company that will apply the treatment is well established in the region. They have advised me that it is most effective in high summer, when the plants are at full growth. For that reason, I've decided not to attempt removal by hand this year unless the company requests help getting access paths cut into the heaviest growth areas.

Other lake associations note that

volunteers are still needed after chemical treatments, partly to remove some of the dead plants, but also to pick by hand any survivors. I hope to discuss plans with the treatment company later this year.

I want to thank everyone who was supportive of our efforts. We will continue to stay in touch with a Google Group dedicated to Lake Louise lilies where members can post information, ask questions, and share thoughts about the lily situation. If you would like to follow along or learn more, sign up at Google Groups: Lake Louise Invasive Lily Removal.

*Bryan Burke
Sudden Valley*

Wakeup call

Editor,

I'm not sure if the incline down Marigold Drive at Gate 1 gives folks an adrenaline rush and they think they're on a speeder bike in Endor being chased by storm troopers. But this has to stop. Someone is going to be in a serious injury or killed because of this madness.

There needs to be speed bumps entering Gate 1 just like after entering Gate 1 past the golf course. Bottom line, I don't want to see a serious injury because there are pedestrians and with dogs, and children and elderly. I hope this message is a wakeup call before it's too late. Slow down.

*Jason Golonka
Sudden Valley*

Dog parks improve public safety and community health

Editor,

An amenity has a desirable or useful feature for a neighborhood that increases its attractiveness, value or comfort. By very definition, the Sudden Valley dog park is a frequently used and much-loved amenity for our community.

Dog parks are important outside of Sudden Valley also.

More than 55% of local park and recreation agencies in the United States currently provide at least one dog park in their community. Dog parks are identified as the fastest growing segment of municipal park development nationwide.

According to the National Recreation and Park Association, 91% of Americans believe that having a dog park provides a benefit to the community they serve.

The survey showed dog parks have universal support from seniors, Millennials and Gen Xers who overwhelmingly viewed dog parks as essential community amenities.

Why are dog parks viewed as an essential

community amenity? They are an important social infrastructure that improves public safety and community health. A dog park is far more than a playground for pets.

Dog parks can provide a safer, stronger community:

- Providing a designated off-leash area often leads to fewer leash law violations in other public spaces, which can reduce complaints.

- Well exercised dogs are quieter and less likely to engage in destructive behaviors or excessive barking. Without a park, high energy pets may become a greater nuisance to neighbors.

- Compared to other community facilities, dog parks are low cost to maintain.

- Increased foot traffic brought by the park can deter crime.

- Homes near dog parks or with a community dog park can see and increase in market worth.

- Visitors to dog parks often also support local restaurants and businesses.

Dog parks can improve physical and mental health:

- Studies show dog owners who visit parks are more likely to reach the recommended 150 minutes of weekly physical activity (Journal of Physical Activity and Health, University of Liverpool and BMC public Health research).

- Dog parks bring together individuals across different ages and socioeconomic backgrounds who might not otherwise interact.

- Dog parks are avatars for socialization.

- For seniors and new residents, dog parks can serve as a tool for reducing loneliness and building community.

With so many community benefits and for an amenity so widely used, why are the HOA Board/Long Range Planning Committee looking to change the dog park and reduce its size and functionality?

How does reducing the size of the dog park better support the community?

To date, there is not a clear answer to this question. Numerous residents have attended multiple meetings in opposition of changes to the dog park.

These residents feel unheard.

A fence from the tennis court to the lake may be a good way to clearly mark the dog park without reducing its size. However, the maze of fencing proposed seems costly and confusing, and greatly reduces the dog park's size and therefore, functionality.

With increased HOA rates to support operating expenses, where is the money coming from to finance these changes?

If there are funds to fence in and change the park, what makes this a priority with so many other requests for repairs of other recreational facilities?

Reducing the dog park and taking away the utility of a valuable, frequently used

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COMPLIANCE CORNER

Idle hands and summer sands: Keepin' the Mischief Makers busy



By Allen Helvajian
SVCA

stopped their tolling. Backpacks have been tossed into the back of the closet, and if you listen closely, you can hear the collective "woo-hoo!" of every youngster from here to Lake Whatcom.

Summer has officially arrived in the Valley.

With it comes the patter of many feet — some belonging to our own kin, and some to the bestie friends who tend to migrate our way once the sun starts peeking through the evergreens.

We all remember being that age. When the days stretch out long and the only schedule you have is to be home by the time the streetlights turn on, the world looks like one big playground.

All too often a bored mind is just a few minutes away from a great idea that ends with a knock

on the door from a compliance officer.

We've already seen a few high-spirited youngsters testing the limits of our community policies.

Whether it's a bicycle parking job that doesn't quite get put out of site or a shortcut through a neighbor's carefully manicured green space that leaves more than just footprints behind, mischief has a way of finding a child who has nothing better to do.

This is a friendly nudge to all the parents, grandparents and honorary aunties and uncles out there: Keep an eye on the kids.

It isn't about being a spoilsport. It's about being a steward.

A little supervision goes a long way to ensure our community remains the peaceful retreat

we all pay our dues for.

When the neighbor's kids come over to join yours, remember that the rules of the road apply to everybody.

The best way to keep a mind from drifting toward trouble is to point it toward a trail.

We are fortunate with a backyard that most folks have to pay for a plane ticket to see.

Here are a few ways to keep the boredom bug at bay:

- The Marina Mission: Send 'em down to the water. Whether it's fishing or just watching the boats, the lake has a way of cooling off a hot head.

- The Trail Scouts: Challenge the kids to identify ten different types of trees or birds along our community trails. It's science without the classroom.

- The Helping Hand: If a neighbor is struggling with their weeding or has a dog that needs a walk, encourage the kids to offer a hand.

It builds character and keeps them out of the police blotter.

Let's work together to make sure this summer is remembered for the big catch at the lake or the long hike to the lookout, rather than a formal notice of violation.

After all, a busy child is a happy child — and a happy child makes for a very quiet neighborhood.

Community reminder: Property owners are responsible for the actions of their guests and tenants.

Let's keep our green spaces green and our roadways clear for everyone's safety.

SV Community Association works to revise governing documents

In April, the Document Review Committee received the first draft of bylaw revisions recommended by SVCA's legal counsel,

Richard Davis, to become compliant with WUCIOA legislation.

Some of the changes required by WUCIOA have already taken effect, although others will become effective in 2028.

WUCIOA stands for the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act.

The Document Review Committee now has the task of reviewing the recommended changes and ensuring that Sudden Valley's Bylaws comply with state law but retain the portions of the Bylaws that already comply

with WUCIOA.

Once the Bylaw revisions are approved by the committee, they will go to the board for further discussion and review. At that time, the committee's recommendation will be posted on SuddenValley.com, so that members can review the changes as well.

Once the board approves the recommended revisions, a Town Hall meeting will be scheduled to give the community the opportunity to view a presentation explaining the changes, ask questions, and share their opinions.

This feedback will be taken into account before the revisions

are finalized and voted on by members at the Annual General Meeting.

The focus has been on revising the Bylaws, but the work doesn't stop there! Once the Document Review Committee has passed its recommendations on the Bylaws to the board, they will immediately begin work with the N&E Committee on the Elections Manual as it must also align with SVCA's Bylaws and WUCIOA.

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April 2026: Spring cleaning the streets

Your daily dose of valley life, since the days of the one-room schoolhouse

April Log: Sawdust, sailors and sleeping dogs

Well, neighbors, the daffodils are finally standing tall enough to see over the weeds, but it looks like some folks' respect for the rules is still a bit wilted.

While the local blue jays are busy arguing over the best nesting spots in the pines, SVCA's Compliance department has been busy settling a few arguments of their own.

From backyard lumberjacks to land-locked sailors, here is the state of our fair valley this month.

The driveway dilemma

It seems the spring thaw has inspired a few folks to play musical chairs with their motors. Officers were kept hopping with six violations of illegal parking — mostly folks treating our local asphalt like a personal parking lot.

We also spotted four recreational vehicles, aka RVs, parked next to homes, overstaying their welcome and blocking the view of the budding lilacs.

Not to be outdone, one boat was found anchored firmly on a residential driveway, looking quite hopeful for a rainstorm that never came.

Rust and relics

Our local roads saw a bit of a vintage revival this month, though not the kind you'd see at a car show. We dealt with four cases of vehicles that were either in a sad state of disrepair or completely abandoned.

These lonely rigs are currently cooling their heels until someone claims them, or the moss

takes them back to the earth for good.

Sawdust and stucco

On the home improvement front, things got a little rogue. One resident decided to bypass the compliance office and perform unauthorized exterior alteration work.

We also had one case of unauthorized tree work, where it seems the saw got a bit ahead of the permit.

Let's remember, folks, our trees are part of what makes this valley special. So let's check with the office before we start playing Paul Bunyan.

The local ruckus

Finally, the peace and quiet of the valley took a short vacation this month. Neighborly love took a backseat at one disorderly home where Compliance Officer's deputies had to drop by for a friendly reminder about the golden rule. We also had two noise violations involving folks who seemed to forget that most of us like to sleep when the moon is high.

In closing

We're a small community, and we thrive on being good neighbors. That means keeping the asphalt clear, the saws quiet, and the midnight volume to a whisper.

Let's keep Sudden Valley the kind of place where the only thing louder than the wind in the trees is the sound of a neighbor dropping off a fresh-baked pie.

SV pools open May 23

The Sudden Valley Main Pool and Quiet Pool officially open for the season on Saturday, May 23.

As we head into summer, we're excited to welcome the community back for another season at both facilities.

Main Pool Information

The Main Pool will offer lap swim from 9-noon, followed by open swim from 12:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. daily.

Access to the Main Pool is free for all Sudden Valley members.

Non-members and guests are welcome to purchase passes, with day passes available for \$10 for all ages, monthly passes priced at \$50 for youth under 18 and \$75 for adults.

The Main Pool is also available for non-exclusive pool parties. Reservations include a two-hour time block, tables and chairs, and 25 guest passes into the pool area — making it a great option for summer celebrations.

Quiet Pool information

The Quiet Pool will be open daily from 9 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Like the Main Pool, it is free for Sudden Valley Members. Guests and non-members may purchase a day pass but must be accompanied by a Sudden Valley Member to access the Quiet Pool.

Please note that the Quiet Pool is not staffed by lifeguards, and all use is at your own risk. Children must be directly supervised by an adult at all times, with a maximum ratio of two children per su-

pervising adult.

The facility has a maximum capacity of 30 people.

The Quiet Pool is also available for private rentals. Two-hour reservations for up to 30 people are offered on Tuesdays and Saturdays throughout the summer (excluding holiday weekends).

Access Cards reminder

All access cards expire annually on Jan. 1. Cards with a current year blue dot indicate active status.

If your card does not have a blue dot, you may need to renew your membership to access the pool facilities.

Please visit the Welcome Center or Community Center for assistance.

Bringing children to the pool

If you are bringing your child — or someone else's child — to the Main Pool, you must check in at the front desk so staff can verify that a waiver is on file.

Any non-resident child must have a completed waiver from their parent or guardian, either submitted in advance or brought at the time of visit. Waivers are available at SuddenValley.com.

Additionally, Sudden Valley offers a Child Supervision Designee Authorization form. This allows a member with recreational access to designate up to three responsible adults — such as babysitters, nannies, or relatives — to

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SVCA Board approves design, permitting on two culverts

By Bill Helm
Editor

SUDDEN VALLEY — The Sudden Valley Community Association has plans to replace culverts 22, 24 and 25.

Although work on culvert 25 is in the 2026 budget at a cost of \$594,880, the association has decided to delay that project.

Because of that decision, “ample funds are available this year” to pay for design and permitting of culverts 22 and 24, Sudden Valley GM Jo Anne Jensen wrote to the Board of Directors in an April 23 memo.

On April 23, the SVCA Board voted to approve \$167,497 from the Roads Reserve Fund for design work and permitting of culverts 22 and 24, which are located

on Polo Park Drive just inside Gate 9.

In her memo to the board, Jensen explained that according to the SVCA 10-Year Roads and Drainage Plan, Impact Design recommended that culverts 22 and 24 should be replaced in 2028 and 2027, respectively, with prefabricated metal bridges.

“Because of the long lead time required for permits, we propose to begin design work this year,” Jensen wrote to the SVCA Board. “Also, since the culverts will be replaced with very similar bridges, it will save SVCA money to design them and submit permit applications at the same time.”

Jensen further explained that when design and permitting are complete “a funding request for the construction phase of these

projects will be brought back to the board.”

Also on April 23, the SVCA Board approved funding of \$24,376 from CRRRF for the first phase of the Marina Community Park playground improvement project. CRRRF is the Capital Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund.

Jensen explained to the board in an April 23 memo that the playground would be improved with the addition of ADA accommodating parking and access to the restrooms, as well as extended ADA access to the play area and rebuilding the play area to be ADA accommodating.

According to Jensen, the playground has not been refurbished for many years and consists of swings installed over wood chips.

Also, soil compaction around the playground and the nearby restrooms “has created large puddles of water, making it difficult to walk to and from the play area and restrooms,” she wrote.

The project’s phases are as follows:

- Phase One: During this phase, the project will be designed, permits will be obtained, and an engineer’s estimate of costs will be prepared. The development of a bid package and issuance to bidders is also included in this phase.

- Phase Two: This phase will include the construction of two parking stalls (or as designated in the Phase One design) and installation of paths to the existing restrooms and play area.

- Phase Three: The final phase

of this project will include removal of the current play equipment and surfacing, and the installation of new equipment that meets current standards along with an ADA compliant border and surfacing.

A three-phase project, Phase I is expected to be completed this year.

“If permits are obtained in time, it is possible that Phase II can also be completed this year,” Jensen wrote.

Phase III, Jensen explained, will most likely be completed in summer 2027 “in anticipation of a long lead time to obtain play equipment.”

-- Contact Bill Helm at bill@lyndentribune.com

Nominations & Elections Committee Opening

The N&E Committee has one (1) opening that needs to be filled. Applicants should apply to BODGibbs@SuddenValley.com.

Once appointed by the Board, the member will serve until the 2026 Annual General Meeting. Paper applications are available at the Welcome Center or online at <https://www.suddenvalley.com/resident-resources/volunteer/>

Community survey launches this month

The Sudden Valley Community Association will launch its 2026 Community Survey in May.

The purpose of this survey is to provide an updated understanding of member priorities to be used in support of decision making during SVCA’s planning and budgetary processes.

The last community survey

was conducted in 2020.

While comprehensive in scope, that survey employed a unique sample design which made it difficult to understand how representative, if at all, the results were of the entire community.

Specifically, the 2020 survey allowed anyone to respond online to the survey, then eliminated returns that were sent from identical IP addresses.

This sample was then supplemented by sending paper copies of the survey via USPS mail to a subset (1,000) of the total community.

These efforts resulted in 1,173 total completed online responses, of which 944 were considered valid.

The paper survey resulted in 226 responses. These two sam-

ples were analyzed separately.

This year, the community survey uses a sampling approach that is both simpler and more robust analytically.

There are currently 3,118 properties in the Association. Each property will be allowed one survey response.

If an individual owns multiple properties, they will have the opportunity to respond multiple times.

This design mirrors how dues are assessed and how votes are counted at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The survey will be conducted online only.

Each property owner/member will be mailed a letter via USPS that invites them to complete the survey and includes a unique identifier for their property which will be required to access the survey.

If a member loses their letter, they will be able to call Administration to obtain their code.

Using a unique identifier will allow survey respondents to leave the survey in the middle and then return at a later time to where they left off.

It will also keep members from responding more than once per property.

Anonymity will be maintained by recording the survey ID in the data file instead of the property address. In this way, we improve the quality and projectability of the data while ensuring that no response can be traced back to an individual person or property.

Email messages that mirror the mailed invitations will be sent to property owners for whom a valid email address is on file.

Two weeks after the initial invitation letters are sent, members who did not respond will receive a reminder postcard. General reminders will also be included in the weekly eBlat.

The online survey has been designed to be accessible using either a computer or a mobile device such as a cell phone or tablet.

If, however, you are not able to access the survey on your own, please come to the Welcome Center where we have set aside a computer for members to use to complete the survey.

The proposed survey has 20

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Scouts help displaced people



Junior Girl Scout troop 44348 made 50 hygiene kits for displaced individuals for the Opportunity Council. (Taimi Van de Polder/The Views)

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A Guide to the Sudden Valley Website

by Kumiko Juker

The Sudden Valley website is sprawling, full of hidden gems, and a bit rustic, just like the valley itself. At suddenvalley.com, residents and visitors can find information, important documents and fun pieces of Sudden Valley's history, all in one place.

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On the top of the site is a banner where key information can be accessed. The leftmost section, "Commonly Requested Forms," has every form a resident may need.

Thinking about repainting your house? Find the "Exterior Alteration Request" form under the "Architectural Control Forms" header. Working on selling your property? Scroll down to the "Administration" header and find the "For Sale Sign Order" form. Have a concern or incident you'd like to report? Scroll to "Security, Safety, & Compliance" and click on the "Homeowner Request" form.

Back to the top banner: a section on the right is for "Resident Resources," which has an incredible amount of information about the valley.

The "Amenities" button leads to a page outlining all the parks and facilities. The button for "2026 Fees and Fines" shows the cost of everything: late fees, marina costs, facility rentals, violations.

The button for "Covenants and Governing Documents," contains every key document in Sudden Valley's governance. Everything from the Articles of Incorporation to the Architectural Control Policies, with information about signage, tree removal and lot requirements, can be found on that page.

On the left of every page is the side banner. Clicking the "Committees" button there, you can find contact and meeting information for each committee and the Board of Directors. Scrolling down takes you to the meeting schedule and access instructions, where each committee's Zoom meeting ID is listed.

Clicking on the name of each committee will take you to more information about them, and from there you can access agendas and meeting minutes. Underneath "Committees" is the "Recreation" button. There, you can find the Community Center's hours, contact information and available facilities, as well as Marina information.

The button two below "Recreation" is "Stay Connected," where you can find all the ways to stay updated about goings-on in the valley. The Sudden Valley Community Association YouTube page has recordings of committee meetings. The e-Blast goes out every Friday and provides updates regarding everything from fun events to important road closures. There is also a comprehensive digital archive of the Views, dating all the way back to 1983.

These are just a few of the key features on suddenvalley.com. The website has a robust search feature, so if you can't find what you're looking for, you can always go to the far right of the top banner and search for it. Just make sure to check the posting date, to ensure you're getting the most up-to-date information.

If you're looking for any of this information while away from your computer, you're in luck. The updated Sudden Valley website is now mobile compatible, so you can find forms, facility hours, and committee details from anywhere. Go to suddenvalley.com and explore the site for yourself.

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Around the Valley: Good weather

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- Hired a seasonal employee.
- Laid sod on #2-8-13 tee boxes. Will be playable late May.
- Sand trap edging almost completed.
- Aerated/overseeded Driving range tee box.
- Golf course rough aerating almost complete

Successes

- Good weather allowed us to complete all planned maintenance tasks.
- Installed a new weather station.
- Weather has dried down the golf course exceptionally well.
- Course conditioning for the Washington State Woman event well ahead of seasonal plan.
- Irrigation system charged for the season.

Planned Work

- Fairway aerating and sand top-dressing set to go for the next few weeks.

- Fairway and rough area rolling with 10' roller.
- Aerate and heavy top-dress driving range tee.
- Sand trap edging continues.
- Charging irrigation system for the season.
- Clean out all irrigation satellites pedestals for the upcoming season.

Recreation

Activity Summary

- Spring Market was a success.
- Interviewing and hiring summer staff (Lifeguards, Lead Lifeguards and Rec Staff).
- Filling empty kayak racks and wet & dry slips.
- Removed kayaks on the ground near racks at Northpoint Beach.
- Valley Fair: Alcohol Permit approved and received, all food and drink vendors confirmed, car show is being promoted by local resident, searching for stage equipment.
- Finalized contract with BBST for pool season.
- Finalized dates for YMCA Summer swim lessons, coordinating YMCA Water Aerobics Schedule.
- 4/17 Trivia Night was great. Over 40 in attendance.
- Updated pool, area-z, and tennis court signage design, awaiting quotes for production.
- Broken lat machine fixed.
- New kayak rack at PM beach installed (thank you maintenance!), spots being offered out.
- Rec Manager & Assistant Manager preparing for lifeguard recertification course.

Successes

- Kayak racks look good & clean.

Planned Work

- Continue to offer open Kayak racks.
- 2026 Valley Fair planning.

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Spring Market opens in Sudden Valley



South Whatcom Library (above) brought the fun to Sudden Valley's Spring Market on March 28 with a mix of books and helpful information (above). Julia Leaman (top photo) a Sudden Valley resident and owner of Süss Candy, smiles in front of her handcrafted treats made with plant-based colors at this year's Spring Market, March 28. RiseUp Designs (at right) showcases an impressive variety of laser-engraved creations at this year's Spring Market, March 28. (Nakell Jones/The Views)

Priorities: Community survey

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questions and can be completed in less than eight minutes.

In addition to questions about member involvement, attitudes toward assessments and priorities for maintaining facilities and amenities, the survey also includes simple demographic questions that will allow us to understand the size and composition of Sudden Valley households.

Now that we have created a process for distributing survey invitations and collecting responses, surveys can be conducted more easily in the future. This initial survey will give us a baseline of information which can be extended by conducting shorter surveys on specific topics as they become relevant to the community.

Third-Party Support

Because it is important for the community to have confidence in the results of the survey, SVCA has identified a well-regarded, regionally-located research company, Catapult Insights, to partner with staff to conduct the survey. Specifically, Catapult will provide the following services:

- Questionnaire review
- Consulting on sampling and weighting plan
- Data cleaning, weighting, and tabulation
- Preparation of a summary report

By employing an experienced third-party to assist with these elements of the project, we will ensure that the results are unbiased, building a strong foundation for future survey work.

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This form can be found under

the Recreation & Marina section of the "Commonly Requested Forms" page on the website.

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Letters: Dog parks improve public safety ...

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and beloved community amenity is not the path to a better Sudden Valley — or to a better community overall.

Lili Jakubczyk
Sudden Valley

Support dog park as with any other SVCA recreational choice

Editor,

Dear dog owners, golfers, boaters and gym goers, once again, our Sudden Valley Board of Directors plans to restrict the usage of the Dog Park.

If someone advocated for reducing the golf course to 16 holes or restricting the marina to only sail boats, there would be outrage.

Yet once again the dog park is under attack based on the front-page article where the Board solicited public comment on their dog park improvements.

The swimming beach already extends 150 feet into the dog park based on the safety rope.

There is talk about adding horseshoe pits and other devices into the area currently occupied by the dog park.

The pavilion is already dog free when families or organizations reserve it.

Why does it need to be dog free all other times?

Few people use the dog park for seven months of the year when it is cold, wet and muddy; only dog owners come to exercise their dogs. Dog owners respect children on the swings and people at the beach in pleasant weather and bad.

I do not use the golf course, the marina, the gym or the pool, yet I willingly subsidize them so others can enjoy them.

Golfers, boaters, gym goers and pool swimmers should support dog owners since we all treasure our recreational choices.

I hope other dog owners will join me at the next board meeting to express our concerns about the reduction of the dog park usage.

Sears Taylor
Sudden Valley

Barn 6: Design and permitting approved by SVCA Board at April 9 meeting

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serve Fund, also known as CRRRF.

Since SVCA had already concluded that Barn 8 repairs would not take place until work on Barn 6 is complete, the SVCA board also approved to deobligate \$621,094 that remains on the Barn 8 project and return those funds to CRRRF.

A breakdown of design and permitting expenses for Barn 6, as well as Jensen's April 9 memo, are in the SVCA Board's April 9 agenda packet, which is available at suddenvalley.com.

On Feb. 26, the Sudden Valley Board officially accepted the resignation of Board Member Joseph Adams due to time commitments with a new job in another state.

On April 9, the SVCA Board considered two applicants to replace Adams, then voted 7-to-1 in favor of Mitch Waterman joining the board. Waterman is also on Sudden Valley's Long Range Planning Committee.

The Sudden Valley Board also approved a two-year extension to the contract with the *Lynden Tribune* to continue to produce the *Sudden Valley Views*.

According to Section 10 of the SVCA Bylaws, the association is required to retain an independent contractor as editor for its monthly newsletter "to ensure that the Views continues to be a vehicle for an uncensored community exchange of opinions, ideas and positions of any and all matters of community interest."

In an April 9 memo to the SVCA Board, Jensen explained that "since at least 2008" the Tri-

bune has contracted to edit, print and distribute *The Views*.

"Typically, an amendment is signed every two years to extend the length of the agreement and adjust other terms as needed," Jensen explained in her memo.

More detailed information about the agreement is included in Jensen's April 9 memo, which is in the SVCA Board's April 9 agenda packet.

Because of family issues, Michael Wadsworth resigned his position with the Nominations and Elections Committee. According to the SVCA website, the Nominations & Elections Committee is a standing committee charged with the oversight of all election activities.

This committee not only solicits candidates for the Board and its own committee for annual election, but the committee also solicits candidates for the Finance & Architectural Control Committees.

The Nominations & Elections Committee usually meets the last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Multipurpose Room A.

The Sudden Valley Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in Multipurpose Room A, at 8 Barn View Court.

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. May 14.

-- Contact Bill Helm at bill@lyndentribune.com

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Step 3

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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)**

2026 Finance Meeting Calendar

| Date | Time | Location |
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| January 21, 2026 | 6:30 PM | Zoom |
| February 18, 2026 | 6:30 PM | Zoom |
| March 18, 2026 | 6:30 PM | Zoom |
| April 15, 2026 | 6:30 PM | Zoom |
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| August 19, 2026 | 6:30 PM | Zoom |
| September 16, 2026 | 6:30 PM | Zoom |
| October 21, 2026 | 6:30 PM | Zoom |
| November 18, 2026 | 6:30 PM | Zoom |
| December 16, 2026 | 6:30 PM | Zoom |

Join In Person and Online

Some meetings are held in person, but all can be attended using Zoom. Links to join meetings can be found at: <https://suddenvalley.com/committee-information/> or by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.

Meetings can also be viewed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@SuddenValleyCommunityAssoc>

Call Administration at 360-734-6430 if you have questions about how to attend meetings.

Times, dates, and locations may change. Please check the website for current schedules.





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Meeting Access Information

Meetings Overview

Sudden Valley has a Board of Directors and six committees that meet on a regular basis. The Appeals Committee meets on an as-needed basis.

Each meeting has a 15-minute public comment period; Association members must be attending in-person or via Zoom to participate.

Viewing Meetings

There are four ways to view meetings:

- Join in person (not available for all meetings)
- Participate via Zoom (see instructions below)
- Listen via Telephone (call **360-209-5623** and enter the Zoom meeting ID)
- View on the **Sudden Valley YouTube channel** (BOD meetings are streamed live on YouTube. All other meetings are posted the following day)

Instructions to Join Zoom Meetings

- Click the BOD/Committee Meeting Link posted on the individual BOD/committee webpages on SuddenValley.com **OR**
- Go to Zoom.com
- Click on "Meet" on the top menu bar and select "Join a meeting"
- Enter the meeting ID in the dialogue box and click "Join"

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 7, 2026 | Architectural Control Committee

9:00AM | Zoom | Meeting ID: 83287084478

May 7, 2026 | Long-Range Planning Committee

6:30PM | Multi-Purpose Room A | Meeting ID: 89486224133

May 14, 2026 | Board of Directors

7:00PM | Multi-Purpose Room A | Meeting ID: 86704997445

May 20, 2026 | Document Review Committee

4:00PM | Zoom | Meeting ID: 82522627180

May 20, 2026 | Finance Committee

6:30PM | Zoom | Meeting ID: 83670070736

May 21, 2026 | Architectural Control Committee

5:00PM | Multi-Purpose Room A | Meeting ID: 83287084478

May 28, 2026 | Board of Directors

7:00PM | Multi-Purpose Room A | Meeting ID: 86704997445

June 1, 2026 | Nominations & Elections Committee

6:30PM | Zoom | Meeting ID: 84647671152

Times, dates, and locations may change. Please check the website for current schedules.

| BOD/Committee | Usual Meeting Day During Month | Time | Location | Zoom Meeting ID |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Board of Directors | 2 nd & 4 th Thu | 7:00 PM | Multi-Purpose Room A | 86704997445 |
| Architectural Control Committee | 1 st Thu | 9:00 AM | Zoom | 83287084478 |
| Architectural Control Committee | 3 rd Thu | 5:00 PM | Multi-Purpose Room A | 83287084478 |
| Document Review Committee | 3 rd Wed | 3:00 PM | Zoom | 82522627180 |
| Finance Committee | 3 rd Wed | 6:30 PM | Zoom | 83670070736 |
| Long-Range Planning Committee | 1 st Thu | 6:30 PM | Multi-Purpose Room A | 89486224133 |
| Nominations & Elections Committee | Last Mon | 6:30 PM | Zoom | 84647671152 |
| Appeals Committee | Meets As Needed | | | |



Scan the QR code to view the Sudden Valley Board of Directors & Committee Overview page for more information.

KEEP INFORMED

The following are the Sudden Valley Community Association's various boards and committees.

To learn more about each, visit: <https://suddenvalley.com/committee-information>

- Board of Directors
- Architectural Control Committee (ACC)
- Document Review Committee
- Finance Committee
- Long-Range Planning

Committee
 • Nominations & Elections Committee
 • Appeals Committee

Looking for Sudden Valley news and updates? Learn more through the following outlets:

Online: SuddenValley.com
 This website is updated regularly with news, SVCA staff reports, and announcements as well as current meeting minutes, rules and regulations, and much more.

Social Media: Facebook & YouTube
 Find the Sudden Valley Community Association on YouTube, where SVCA meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees are regularly posted, and Facebook for weekly announcements.

E-Mail: Sudden Valley Community Association e-Blast
 Sign up for our e-blast to receive community event and other important updates delivered directly to your inbox.

Print Media: The Sudden Valley Views
 Published each month and delivered by mail to property owners. Also available for pick up in various community locations including the administration building, community center, and at the market. Please contact us if you wish to start or stop mail delivery.

Gate Signs
 Meetings and events are also posted one-to-two weeks before they occur.



Chai

SUDDEN VALLEY Pet of the MONTH

This month's Pet of the Month is Chai, submitted by Jeremy Cranford.

Chai is a one-year-old ragdoll breed who loves to play and chase laser lights. This morning he crawled into the sink so I couldn't brush my teeth!

Do you have a pet of the month?
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SVCA ACRONYMS

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

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