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IN THE DAYS OF YORE ...

When Sudden Valley was a working ranch

By Robin Ireland

This story originally printed in the February 1999 Sudden Valley Views

SUDDEN VALLEY — In the summer of 1953, Betty and Glen Corning and their three children moved from their house on Illinois Street to the wild west. A mere dozen or so miles from town, the 1,200-acre ranch, whose destiny was to become Sudden Valley, was like stepping back in time 50 years.

Corning originally discovered the property while flying over the south end of the lake in his plane. He was captivated by it and looked up owner Banning Austin in the county records. He approached him about selling the land and Austin agreed. The selling price? \$50,000.

Austin's father had homesteaded the land, and according to Betty Corning, one of the things he asked of Corning was to refrain from logging the area. Other than clearing the pastures, Corning kept that promise.

That first summer on the lake, the Cornings lived in a small 18-foot by 18-foot cabin made from old growth cedar logs split in half. The kids slept in a bunk house just a short distance away. Without plumbing and electricity, the only modern convenience Betty Corning had was an icebox. But here, in an excerpt from her memoirs, she tells it best:

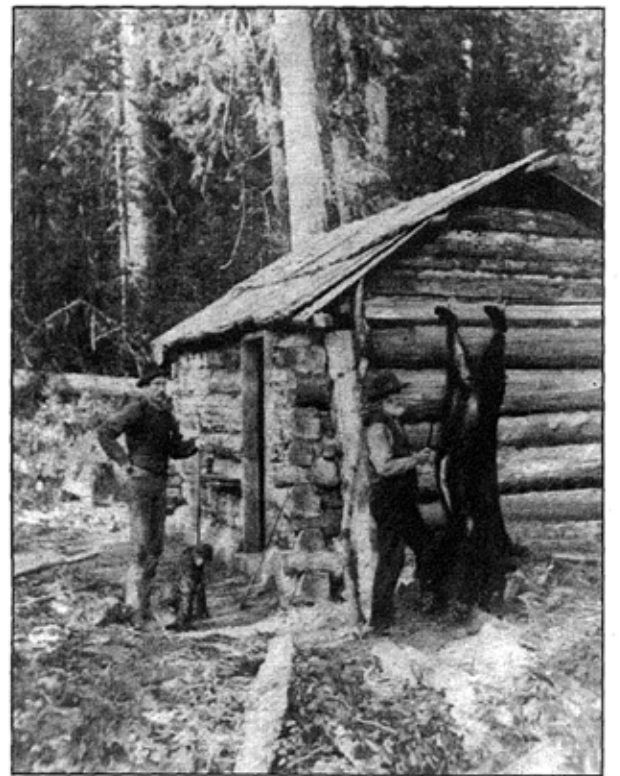
"Our ranch on Lake Whatcom was there for us, but our newly built home was not quite finished for occupancy. We decided to move into the one room cabin located on the premises, which was near the creek that ran through the property to the lake.

"In order for the three children to finish their schooling in Assumption School in Bellingham, I drove them to school each morning that month of May. Sometimes I would stay in town to do clean-up chores in our old home, visit friends and grocery shop.

"The log cabin was quite close to the creek so it was no burden to haul water for our needs. In this area, close to the log cabin, Glen had hauled in two long bunk houses. One contained all of our furniture and other possessions; the other one was fitted with beds for the children.

"Glen and I bunked in the 18-foot by 18-foot cabin, which was the nucleus of our everyday living: cooking, eating, spit-bath bathing in a large galvanized tub, children doing their homework by kerosene lamp lighting, and early to bed for all.

"Here I was again with no electricity, no indoor tap water and a wood stove for cooking and heating the large room. However I did have one convenience: an old fashioned ice box which was located outside the back door.



In this old photo of a cabin, the gentleman on the right is thought to be Banning Austin's father. Mike Corning believes the cabin was located somewhere on the west side of the Valley.

The two blocks of ice a week it used was easily replenished on my trips to town. Our privy, with its cut-out crescent on the door, was located nearby.

"I was not used to horses at that time so it was an adventure to scamper to it before our horses came close to gather around for their ear scratching and petting.

"The swift running creek had surprisingly clean water, despite the presence of the horses. One part of the creek had a pool at least four feet deep. It was perfect for my children's summer fun.

These idyllic surroundings were hemmed in with barbed wire fencing and a wide wire gate which was hard to manipulate.

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SVCA board approves ADA improvements, plans for year ahead

Board approves plan to begin process of making parks ADA compliant at Jan. 26 meeting

By Sarah McCauley
 Staff Reporter

SUDDEN VALLEY — Sudden Valley parks are on their way to becoming ADA compliant after the community association's board of directors approved funding for permitting and construction during its Jan. 26 meeting.

In 2022, the SVCA contracted with Pacific Landscape Architecture (PLA) to evaluate Sudden Valley parks for ADA compliance.

PLA's inspection discovered various ADA compliance issues in their initial report in March 2022, which was followed by a second report in April 2022 identifying what improvements were needed.

SVCA General Manager Jo Anne Jensen told the board that SVCA's 2023 budget includes a \$75,000 line item for these improvements. The total estimated cost is \$78,032.60.

"Approval tonight would allow us to move forward with permitting and bidding on work as it was designed and then we would come back in front of you with comparative bids for approval to move forward on a contract for the construction," Jensen said.

There were questions as to how this process works, regarding what exactly the board would be approving. Andrew Tischleder, president of the board, responded that they would need to approve this to allow Jensen and her team to put the plan out to bid.

Tischleder said, "if the board's not going to approve the money to begin with, there's no point in going through with that effort."

On Jan. 26 meeting, the SVCA Board approved a proposal to begin construction to make these improvements. The two parks to be improved are Recreation Corridor Park and Gate 5 Entrance Park. Construction is expected to begin in the summer.

See **SVCA Board** on 7

SVCA announces transfer fee refund update

By Joel Heverling
 SVCA Finance Director

SUDDEN VALLEY — Epiq, SVCA's third party transfer fee refund administrator, has paid out a total of 1,054 transfer fee refund claims, and a total of \$905,234 has been reimbursed through December 2022.

During the duration of the time that SVCA charged the one-fourth of 1% capital property transfer fee, SVCA collected a total of \$1,330,865 of these fees from 1,767 separate property transactions.

Given the dollar amount of transfer fee refunds paid out through December 2022, SVCA has now refunded approximately 68 percent of all capital property transfer fees collected.

SVCA's accounting department is still working to clear approximately 135 incomplete claims that were submitted to Epiq and could not be paid out, such as claims that were missing copies of driver's licenses and/or title closing statements.

For anyone who still hasn't applied for their transfer fee refund, or if your original claim has not yet been paid out, please contact the accounting department at acctclerk@suddenvalley.com or call 360-746-8435.

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Marina Fees	Member	Non-Member
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Premium Slip	\$ 1,069.00	\$ 2,020.00
Standard Slip	\$ 930.00	\$ 1,756.00
Annual Wet/Dry Moorage (Total due in 1st Qtr)		
Select Slip	\$ 1,455.00	\$ 2,746.00
Premium Slip	\$ 1,271.00	\$ 2,402.00
Standard Slip	\$ 1,132.00	\$ 2,132.00
Other Fees		
Annual Dry Marina Storage (Includes launch)	\$ 506.00	\$ 950.50
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Launch Pricing (Registered Watercraft)		
Season Pass (1 card)	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Season Pass (2 cards)	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Season Pass (3 cards)	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Daily Pass	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00

Boating season rapidly approaching

By Jo Anne Jensen
SVCA General Manager

SUDDEN VALLEY — It's time to renew your annual moorage contract. Key dates to remember:

Feb. 1: SVCA started accepting rental agreement renewals.

May 12: Last day to renew your rental agreement for wet moorage or dry storage.

May 15: Wet and dry slips that were not renewed will be offered to customers on the waiting list.

You can renew by completing the 2023 marina moorage agreement. The new moorage agreement will be sent to all current marina tenants. Agreements are also available at the welcome center.

Along with the 2023 marina moorage agreement, you will be required to provide:

- A copy of your current boat and trailer registration.
- Proof of your current boat and trailer insurance.
- A clear photo of your boat and trailer
- Payment

Please note that your renewal is not complete until all of the required materials and payment have been received. If renewal is not complete by May 15, you will forfeit your slip/rack occupancy.

Questions? Please call SVCA Member Services at 360-734-6430. Not Renewing? Please complete a termination of moorage form and remove your boat and trailer.

Vacancy on Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer Board

SUDDEN VALLEY — Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District is seeking candidates to fill a position on the Board of Commissioners.

Applicants must live within the boundary that comprises Commissioner District No. 1, which includes Sudden Valley Divisions 1-3, 5-6, 10-11, 15 and 19, and portions of Divisions 4, 13, 16 and 22. Contact the District to verify eligibility.

For more information about commissioner duties and responsibilities, visit lwwsd.org to see our commissioner position profile.

The appointed person will serve from their appointment date until a candidate is elected in the November 2023 election.

If the appointed person wishes to continue to serve on the board, they must run for election in fall 2023.

The person elected at that time will serve the remainder of the unexpired term which ends in 2027. Minimum qualifications for the position are:

- Must reside within the boundaries of Commissioner District Position No. 1 as shown on the District's web site at lwwsd.org.

- Must be a citizen of the United States.

- Must be a registered voter within Commissioner District No. 1.

To apply, please submit letter and resume to the District's office, 1220 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham, Washington 98229, or by email at general.inbox@lwwsd.org. Deadline for submission is March 3, 2023.

For more information, call General Manager Justin Clary at (360) 734-9224.

Announcement Date: Feb. 3.

Whatcom County health department now called Health and Community Services

BELLINGHAM — On Tuesday, Jan. 31, Whatcom County Health Department announced a name change to Whatcom County Health and Community Services.

The new name better reflects the department's duties and responsibilities.

With the launch of the Response Systems Division in April 2022, the Health Department increased its scope of human and community services, added capacity to serve people in mental or behavioral health crises, and built infrastructure to provide coordinated services in addition to housing and related services.

Over the next few months, signage and other materials will be updated to reflect the name change. There will be no change to email addresses or the department's website address.



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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Reflecting on successes, challenges of 2022



Jo Anne Jensen

SUDDEN VALLEY — SVCA activity in January included both reflection on the successes and challenges experienced in 2022 and preparation for the new year.

Work has begun across all departments to implement the plans approved as part of the budgeting process that was completed last fall.

New year, new systems

SVCA's administration department has begun work on the implementation of several new systems that will support staff to better serve members of the Association.

These new systems include an integrated VOIP telephone system, a virtual network hosting environment, upgraded computing equipment, a new access card system, and new ticketing software.

While all of these new tools will contribute toward more efficient operations, the ticketing software in particular will enable SVCA to track the number and type of member requests, work orders, complaints, and submissions.

Importantly, we will also be able to monitor the status of each item and how long it took to complete the work.

This information will improve transparency by allowing us to report quantitatively on the volume and types of work managed by association staff and will contribute

toward more accurate forecasting of needs.

Increased Marina Fees

The Board of Directors approved an increase to the fees charged for use of the SVCA Marina at the Jan. 26 regular meeting. Most fees rose by 15%. This increase balanced the fact that Sudden Valley's fees are significantly lower than at other marinas in the area, with the need to keep increases at a reasonable level for members.

One type of marina fee, specifically the cost of season passes for use of the boat launch, increased by 82%. This larger increase is based on recognition that the cost of a season pass should reflect its value.

For example, a member can purchase a one-day pass for the boat launch for \$25. A season pass with one access card costs a member \$100, so if the member uses the launch more than four times, they receive a discount on the daily rate.

Anyone who has a wet slip or dry storage at the Marina can, of course, launch without any additional fees.

Other Facility/Amenity Fees

Fees charged for facility rentals, the Fitness Center, and the Pools will go through a similar review process over the next few weeks.

The fees charged at comparable facilities in our area will be used to determine whether SVCA fees reflect a fair market value and adjustments will be made accordingly.

Please note that only non-members are charged fees to use the Fitness Center or Pools.

Staff Changes

Our maintenance department achieved full staffing in January, with the addition of two new team members. Ethan Lochridge, who has worked at Sudden Valley since November 2021, transferred into maintenance from his previous role in the recreation department.

Lochridge made a strong contribution to the successful 2022 swim season as head lifeguard, and we wish him well in his new role.

The second new maintenance

staff member brings extensive experience in maintaining and repairing equipment, skills which will be very helpful to the team.

Sadly, we also saw the departure of two members of SVCA staff in January; we wish them well in their future endeavors.

**Capital Project Updates
Culvert C315**

This project requires a Developer Extension Agreement from the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District (LWWSD). The LWWSD Board approved the project on Feb. 8 and we will now execute the agreement so that LWWSD's design review can begin. We expect that the project will go out for bid this spring, with construction taking place in the summer.

Barn 8 Residing

The project was submitted to Whatcom County for permit review on Feb. 7. It is expected to go out for bid this spring with construction beginning in the summer.

Construction will be sequenced so as not to interfere with the Main Pool's operation.

Barn 8 2nd Floor Entry

Design for replacing the covered bridge entry is ongoing and will be submitted as a separate project for permit review with Whatcom County.

Maintenance Shop Remodel

Design is ongoing and will be submitted to Whatcom County for permit review in March. Project is expected to go out for bid this spring with construction beginning in the summer.

Marina Boat Launch Dock

Design is nearing completion and permit application will be submitted to Whatcom County later this month.

The Shoreline Substantial Development Permit was approved Jan. 6 when the Department of Ecology appeal period ended.

Playground

ADA Improvements

This project will go out for bid in the spring with construction taking place this summer.

Austin Creek Repair

The design phase for this project has begun. Design and permitting is expected to complete this spring with construction during the summer.

Cold Spring Lane

Design is underway. Design and permitting is expected to complete this spring with construction during summer.

Department Updates

Administration

Activity Summary

- Prepared marina renewal packages for mailing.
- Worked with Teamsters Union to revise job descriptions for two staff positions.

• Developed interview guides for revised positions.

• Prepared access card user data for transition to new system.

• Inventoried and evaluated current computing equipment to determine need.

• Began planning for transition to new network hosting location to accommodate planned server replacement.

• Began planning for migration to new telephone system.

Successes

• Began hiring process for chief of staff position; qualified applications are being received.

• Completed planned orientation activities for the new Board of Directors.

Planned Work

• Complete research of ticketing

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OUR OPINION

New to town, happy to be here



Sarah McCauley

Hello, Sudden Valley residents. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Sarah McCauley and I'm the new Sudden Valley Views reporter. Part of my job includes contributing to the content and design you'll find within the pages of the publication you're holding in your hands right now.

I have to admit, despite living just down the road in Bellingham for years while I attended Western Washington University, I really haven't spent much time in the Sudden Valley area. There were a few instances where I drove out to the far side of the lake to do some exploring with friends, but I never knew much about this community.

Ironically, just about a month before I started this position, a college friend who

now lives in Alaska came to visit me and some family she has in Bellingham.

We planned that she would stay with them for the first half of the week, and then I would come and take her away to my apartment in town.

I knew they lived out on Lake Whatcom, but when she sent me her location to pick her up, I was surprised to see that I was looking at a much longer drive than I thought.

They lived in Sudden Valley. Following the winding road out to their home, I admired the views and the beautiful homes I was passing, thinking to myself, it must be really nice to live out here. I should come out here more often.

Fast forward to my first day on the job

here in Lynden at *The Tribune*, learning that I'll be either physically or virtually joining the Sudden Valley Community Association Board of Directors for their twice-monthly meetings and getting the inside scoop on all things Sudden Valley. Now I have an excuse to take some scenic drives along the lake.

I'm honored to be welcomed into your community to help share stories about all of the exciting things happening in your neck of the woods. I look forward to getting to know more about Sudden Valley.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions for me.

-- Contact Sarah McCauley at sarah@lyndentribune.com

LETTERS

Nosy Rosie and the Sudden Valley archives

Editor,

I write as a new resident to Sudden Valley, as of this past July.

Upon retirement from the Navy, we decided to return to the Northwest, and decided Sudden Valley would be the best place for us.

My parents were among the early residents of the Valley, building a small home on Little Strawberry Lane (near the covered bridge). I think it was in the 1970-1972 timeframe when they finished the house.

We visited them many times and my children have a strong attachment to the Valley, which continues now that they are adults.

I have thought about getting access to the archives, and am now prompted to do so because of the notice of the upcoming 50th celebration of the Valley.

My recollection of the newspaper then was a column called Nosy Rosie. Do your archives go back that far? I recall my mom mentioning Rosie as her friend.

Would love to hear from you at your convenience.

Barbara Addicott

Sudden Valley

Editor's note: *What a wonderful letter. Yes, the Views archives goes back to January 1983, with Nosy Rosie providing the latest on births, marriages and parties around the Valley. The Sudden Valley Views Archives can be found at <https://suddenvalley.com/sudden-valley-views/>.*

The final decision

Editor:

I wrote to you a couple of months ago upon learning that my letter had not been printed the month before.

I was woefully disappointed to hear 1) that limited space was the reason for my letter having been excluded; and 2) that space is not regularly made available to ensure the accommodation of, if not all, at least all time-sensitive letters, as was mine.

Honestly, I believe all member letters should be printed. Though I received no reply to my most recent letter, nor was it printed either, I am writing once again.

It has come to my attention that an article submitted for inclusion in the January issue, another time-sensitive article following all submission guidelines and pertaining to a very successful Sudden Valley member-supported event was also (held) due

to insufficient space availability.

The article was submitted by a member of a local business which was a sponsor of the event.

That business has for a long time been a respected Sudden Valley donor and supporter, and a regular purchaser of paid advertising in the Views.

I can only guess that it was not you, our editor, who made the final decision to eliminate either my letters or that particular article. Many believe that the decision was made by members of the SVCA Board and/or staff.

Either way, it is not only appalling and unfair, but it may be against policy.

It makes sense that paid advertisements would be accommodated. I also understand that on occasion, such as in the issue from which one of my letters was excluded, certain election-related or other information will be a priority.

What I do not understand, however, is precedence given and space devoted to things such as larger-than-necessary photos and announcements, and the inclusion of articles and notices that are not specific to Sudden Valley.

Those should be reduced/eliminated before excluding a member-submitted piece.

In addition, the font size for the monthly Sudden Valley Hap-

penings section could easily be reduced to something comparable to the rest of the publication and that alone would likely have created space for my letter.

I urge you and all readers to look at any issue of the Sudden Valley Views and tell me that there isn't an abundance of misused space.

Tell me that space should not, and cannot quite easily be, made available for the voices of the dues-paying members, and that of business donors local to Sudden Valley.

Tell me that our thoughts and opinions are not at least equal in significance, and as worthy of space, as some of the other impertinent news and unnecessarily large photos and announcements.

I am simply frustrated and somewhat discouraged.

As you know, letters to the editor sections of news publications are a vital opportunity for readers to express opinions, perspectives, and issues of concern on a variety of topics pertinent to the readership at large.

That space is provided, and precedence given, to non-crucial items such that member-submitted writings are not published is, to me, something that calls for a reevaluation of internal processes.

If a reader takes the time to write a letter or an article and

adheres to the policies set forth by your publication, to me, that letter or article should be valued as highly as any paid ad.

Rebecca Bearden
Bellingham

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platforms to streamline and track resident requests, work orders, etc.

- Evaluate new time tracking software to make this activity easier for staff and more accurate.
- Complete marina renewal mailing.
- Complete transition to new access card system.

Accounting Activity Summary

- Continued routine work to maintain monthly financial schedule; delivered October and November financials.
- Developed processes to manage ongoing activity on the Transfer Fee Refund Program using SVCA resources.
- Focused on closing out 2022 financials.

Successes

- Negotiated fee reductions with external vendor to mitigate cost over-runs on Transfer Fee Refund Program.

Planned Work

- Move archived files to long term storage.
- Evaluate long term storage to eliminate records that have past the required storage
- Timing.

Maintenance

Activity Summary

- On-boarding of two new staff members.
- New sander was ordered.
- Sand storage bunkers were extended.
- Replaced snowplow controller on OP-25.
- Replaced broken seatbelt on Loader 906.
- Exhaust fan in sprung structure was repaired.
- Evaluated Marigold Dr. during heavy rain event and confirmed location of ground water discharging into gravel shoulder; Whatcom County's temporary solution is holding up well.
- Brush was cleared from around speed bump signs to make them more visible.
- Several potholes were patched with cold mix.
- Repaired audio cable at Dance Barn.
- Organization and cleaning at Area Z.
- Removed straw bales from Rec Center corridor.
- Replaced motion lights at Welcome Center
- Light bulbs replaced at various facilities
- Built replacement sign for Strawberry Falls Trail Head and installed
- Repaired fence at Small Dog Park
- Ceiling in men's bathroom at Rec Center was painted

- Adult Center Conference Room was painted.
- Fan in men's bathroom at Adult Center was repaired.
- Anti-ice brine was applied prior to freezing temperatures.
- Security solutions inspected fire extinguishers, fire alarms/suppression, and backflow devices.
- North Point Park sign was refurbished and re-installed.
- Ceiling tiles at Rec Center were replaced.
- Bucket Truck training and certification for new staff members.
- Yanmar tractor had 50-hour service completed.
- Two stop signs were replaced, and several other road signs were repaired.
- Exercise equipment was removed from Room A at the Rec Center, dry wall repairs were made, a quote to install mirrors was received.
- Leaky valve was replaced on hot water holding tank at Clubhouse.

Successes

- Maintenance department is fully staffed.
- Board facilities tour went well.
- A facilities inspection check list has been developed so that we can perform more proactive maintenance and less reactive maintenance. The intent is to have someone from maintenance evaluate each facility for maintenance needs on a regular basis.

Planned Work

- Whatcom Gutter will be onsite to finish quarterly gutter cleaning at Clubhouse.
- Tiger Construction will be completing work at 15 Coldspring and 1 Coldspring.
- Clean mailbox clusters.
- Start dry slip organization project at Marina.
- Grade marina parking lot and Area Z (weather permitting).
- Purchase supplies for Lake Louise Trail gazebo project.
- Start monthly Safety Committee Meetings.
- Finish UTV snow route analysis.
- Finalize plan for janitorial services.

Recreation

Activity Summary

- Researched personal training options for comparison.
- Submit rowing machine proposal.
- Onboarded new seasonal workers.
- Drafted materials for marina renewals.
- Requested proposals for 2023 swim lessons.
- Working with Bellingham Bay Swim Team to renew contract for 2023 swim season.

Successes

- Hired seasonal staff for 2023.

- Scheduled lifeguard training and finalized staffing plan for pools.

Planned Work

- Schedule meetings with potential personal trainers.
- Print pool signage for season.
- Evaluate facility rental pricing and propose fees for 2023.
- Finalize new pool equipment and supplies order.
- Preparing to complete hiring for summer staff.
- Plan outreach for swimming lessons signups.
- Finalize plans for AIS to begin April 22 at marina.
- Cleanup and organize the marina office for re-opening in spring.
- Plan lily pad control measures for 2023.

Golf

Activity Summary

- January weather has been fairly mild, contributing to decent golf play. This has aided in membership sales and giving members and guests good opportunity to enjoy and witness the great efforts done by our maintenance crew.
- The pro shop has been focusing on accurate membership records, handicapping, event planning, and booking outside events.
- Reached out to 2022 outside tournaments groups with decent success re-booking for 2023.
- Completed final promotion and administrative tasks for seventh Winter Series Event.
- Preparation for Die Hard tournament on Feb. 4.
- Updated daily revenue reports with revenue numbers and 2023 budget numbers.
- Met with Turf Care regarding course improvement strategies for 2023.
- Updated shared event schedule spreadsheet for pro shop and maintenance department.
- De-activated players in our GHIN system that have not renewed membership so far this year.
- Updated website with 2023 information.
- Applied free rounds to all social and associate members.
- Interviewed candidates for a Fleet staff position and hope to hire by Feb. 1.

Successes

- Hosted a sold-out Die Hard Open.

- Largest field ever for Die Hard Open at 144 players.
- Solid January revenue.

Planned Work

- Contact outside tournaments before 2022 for holding an event in 2023.
- Send out member letter with golf club schedule for 2023.
- Promote memberships through email blast.
- Continue to re-book golf outings.
- Meet with Turf regarding 2023 capital requests.
- Promote, prepare and host second to last winter series event.
- Attend golf club meeting at end of February.
- Work with Turf on plan for greens drainage.

Turfcare

Activity Summary

- Weather conditions continue to be favorable, allowing us to continue improving playing conditions for this upcoming season. All this off-season work improving playing surfaces pays off in a multitude of ways. But the key to all this work is a drier, firmer playing golf course.
- Spring? Yes, spring planning is now under way! The 90-day clock is ticking towards spring conditioning, and we have been tackling a multitude of projects.

Successes

- Fairway aerating and topdressing continues in our favor.
- Seasonal mower and tractor mechanical work continues in the off season.
- Work on plugged 12-inch drain line on No. 1 continues.
- Drainage installed on No. 2 fairway.
- Light sand topdressing of all the putting greens completed.

- Fairway aerating and topdressing continues.
- Completion of drainage renovation project on No. 1 fairway.
- Sod ordered for installation on 4 forward tee boxes. Targeted install date of Feb. 9-10.
- Water cooler huts have been sent out to a volunteer for seasonal refinishing.
- No. 16 fairway irrigation mainline leak completed.
- Drainage ditch on No. 1-2-3 cleaned out.
- All 50 rental golf carts have been serviced for the 2023 season.
- Tree limbing along No. 2/8 rough completed.
- Turfcare yard cleaned up and organized.

Planned Work

- Irrigation system repairs on No. 16 (3-inch mainline leak).
- Wrap up drainage repairs on No. 1 hole.
- Clean out drainage ditch along No. 1 and No. 2 holes to improve drainage flows.
- Contact Sod supplier for quoted cost to complete tee box project. The Golf Club(s) have a beautification account that will pay for sod purchase. This is for the four new tee boxes that we built in December.
- Annual rental golf cart servicing planned.
- Troubleshooting irrigation system electrical. Irrigation heads on No. 1 and No. 15 not communicating with computer central.
- Troubleshoot drainage on all 18 greens. Engineered drawings will assist us in hopeful and significant improvements, as we are encountering plugged exit lines from green complexes.
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**Community clubs
Valley Arts Group**

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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: \$500 / year - \$45 / 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: \$135 / year (\$145 / year with GHIN Handicap Service)**

**Feb. 22
Evolution of crime fiction**

A nicer kind of murder: The Evolution of Crime Fiction. From noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, Bellingham City Club hosts Humanities Washington speaker and author Matthew Sullivan at its online zoom program. Sullivan will explore the shifting role of the victim in detective novels, and how that shift reflects broader social changes. The community is invited to this free educational meeting. To register and for more info please see bellinghamcityclub.org. Bellingham City Club's mission is to inform, connect, and engage our community to strengthen the civic health of our region.

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**Feb. 28
Your Voice, Your Choice
workshop**

From 6-8 p.m. Feb. 28, join the Your Voice, Your Choice workshop presented by Peace Health and hosted by the Lynden Community/Senior Center. Making your wishes known clearly in advance of a crisis is one of the biggest gifts you can

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Community/Senior Center is at 401 Grover St.

**March 2
Connections
with Caregiving**

Mariah Davis, NWRC Outreach Specialist, will host a virtual open house

for people interested in becoming in-home caregivers. Davis will provide information about the hiring process through Consumer Direct WA (CDWA), referrals to Medicaid-contract agencies, answer questions about in-home caregiv-

ing, and provide resources and support for those trying to work through the process. Everyone is welcome, registration not required, so join us virtually at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82158626557>. Meeting ID: 821 5862 6557.

SVCA Board: Approves ADA improvements, plans for year ahead

Continued from 1

SVCA reviewed a proposed increase to the marina fees rate. This increase will bump non-resident moorage up by 20% and resident moorage by 15%. Jensen explained to the board that Sudden Valley's marina is "a unique resource to the community" and one of only two locations where the general public has boat launch access into Lake Whatcom.

"[It's] an expensive resource for SVCA to maintain since we must comply with strict watershed restrictions," Jensen said. "This resource is used by a relatively small percentage of Sudden Valley residents and consumes a disproportionate amount of SVCA capital funds."

Board Member Linda Bradley said that on the document it showed a 20% increase in a spot she believed was supposed to be a 15% increase. She motioned to make an adjustment to the document to reflect the 15% increase they had said would happen. The board approved the change on the document.

Finance Director Joel Heverling walked the board through financial statements from October and November 2022. He mentioned that the "dust is still set-

ling" as they are working on the December 2022 statement, but said "we're still in a good position to break even for 2022."

As the board looked toward the future, ad hoc committees were briefly discussed and how the process would look building those.

Tischleder said they had put together a form to serve as a "mechanism if people think there's an ad hoc committee that needs to be formed, these are the initial steps." He reminded the board that ad hoc committees are temporary in nature and have a specific task, so if the board were to create any committees the board would need to be able to clearly articulate its purpose and how it will assist the board.

"It's all about developing a work plan for the year," Tischleder said. "Starting to create plans for the next two years out, three years out."

Board members also made plans to return to the next meeting with their thoughts on what they would like to see happen in this new year. Each member will be completing a survey and they plan to review their responses at the next meeting.

-- Contact Sarah McCauley at sarah@lyndentribune.com.

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With only a few weeks to plan, the community came together in force to put together one of the

most festive and well attended holiday events Sudden Valley has seen in years.

With more than 450 people in attendance, each participant enjoyed a delicious hearty buffet breakfast, was serenaded by delightful carolers, took beautiful professional photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus and the kiddos made a variety of fun crafts. The



Jingle Bell Brunch organizers, above, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the 2022 Jingle Bell Brunch. (Photo courtesy Sudden Valley Re/Max)



entire event was free to all thanks to the sponsors El Agave 2 and Sudden Valley RE/MAX, namely The Best Bellingham Homes Team and The Weitzel Home Team.

Of course, this great event wouldn't have been possible without the countless volunteers and donors.

Thank you to organizers

Karen Jarvis Bochert, Sommer Cronck, Carmen Andrew. Thank you to CTK Sudden Valley, Valley Arts Group and the South Whatcom Library for sponsoring craft tables.

Also, thank you to the Worline family, Manning family, Cronck family, Cyndi Johnson, Kristy Smith, Judy White, Whitney and Mike Pearce, Lish and Donn

Jamtaas, Libby Feller, Gary Bara, Stu Mitchell, Linda Bradley, Michael Wadsworth, Taimi Van de Polder, Harlow Van de Polder, Sam Shahan, Chris and Karen Weitzel, the lovely Sudden Valley carolers and to Cruz and his family.

A special thanks to Scott and Barbara Walsh, aka Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

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Tweens learn to draw after school

Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us at the South Whatcom Library for a four-part drawing course taught by local Sudden Valley artist Sunny Palmtag.

Each session will build upon the last as attendees learn the fundamentals and new techniques.

Registration is limited and required for each of the four classes. This program is for young people ages 9-14. Bring your eagerness for artistic expression and all else will be provided.

Mapping your world

Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for a creative map-making program where we'll chart the most important things in our lives.



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS VACANCY POSITION No. 1 - SUDDEN VALLEY AREA

Announcement February 3, 2023

Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District is seeking candidates to fill a position on the Board of Commissioners. Applicants must live within the boundary that comprises Commissioner District #1 which includes Sudden Valley Divisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15 and 19, and portions of Divisions 4, 13, 16 and 22 (contact the District to verify eligibility). The appointed person will serve from their appointment date until a candidate is elected in the November 2023 election. If the appointed person wishes to continue to serve on the Board, they must run for election in the Fall of 2023. The person elected at that time will serve the remainder of the unexpired term which ends in 2027.

Minimum qualifications for the position are:

1. Must reside within the boundaries of Commissioner District Position #1 as described above and shown on the District's website at www.lwwsd.org.
2. Must be a citizen of the United States.
3. Must be a registered voter within Commissioner District #1.

To apply, please submit letter and resume to the District's office, 1220 Lakeway Drive Bellingham, Washington 98229, or by email at general.inbox@lwwsd.org. The deadline for submission is March 3, 2023. If you have any questions, contact General Manager Justin Clary at (360) 734-9224.

FINANCIALS

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

UNAUDITED

	Capital Reserve Funds							Operating Reserve Funds			
	CRRRF	Roads	Capital Reserve Holding Fund	CRRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash	Board Density Reduction	Mailbox	Mitigation Assignment of Savings*	Total Capital Reserve Funds	Emergency Ops	UDR	Total Operating Reserve Funds
Net Available Cash 12/31/2021	2,688,455	2,911,292	1,157,885	-	87,365	75,985	182,139	\$ 7,103,121	360,736	342,077	\$ 702,813
Dues Received	1,235,640	1,284,150				23,003		2,542,793	-	130,773	130,773
Transfer Fees Received, % of 1%			7,922					7,922			-
Storm Water Mitigation Plan Fee		1,000						1,000			-
Investment Income	4,037	4,142	-	1,592	-	-	101	9,872	330	296	626
Sale of Assets	-							-			-
Board Approved Net Transfers	482,660		(1,165,807)	1,165,807				482,660			-
Additional Loan Funding	1,098,468										-
Mitigation Release	128,641						(128,641)	-			-
2022 Expenditures	(2,365,910)	(1,647,210)	-	(526,417)	187	-		(4,539,350)		(267,694)	(267,694)
Net Available Cash at 11/30/2022	3,271,991	2,553,374	-	640,982	87,552	98,988	53,599	\$ 6,706,486	361,066	205,453	\$ 566,519
1 Month Outlook											
Outlook - 2022 Dues (93% collections)	105,117	108,116				1,951		\$ 215,184			\$ -
Outlook - Prior Year Collections	421	433				8		862		677	677
CRRRF Loan Payments for year 2022	(27,753)							(27,753)			-
Obligated Expenses/Holdings	(626,487)	(703,322)		(640,982)			(53,599)	(2,024,390)		(18,483)	(18,483)
Net Usable Cash Balance 12/31/2022	2,723,289	1,958,601	-	-	87,552	100,947	-	\$ 4,870,389	361,066	187,647	\$ 548,713
Board Recommended Carryover Balance	(600,000)	(500,000)						\$ (1,100,000)			\$ -
Net Usable Cash 12/31/2022, After Recommendation	\$ 2,123,289	\$ 1,458,601	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,552	\$ 100,947	\$ -	\$ 3,770,389	\$ 361,066	\$ 187,647	\$ 548,713
Net Current Year Cash Increase (Decrease)	34,834	(952,691)	(1,157,885)	-	187	24,962	(182,139)	\$ (2,232,732)	330	(154,430)	\$ (154,100)

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

**Sudden Valley Community Association
Operations - By Department
November 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022
CURRENT MONTH**

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)*
ACC / Security	-	(6,479)	941	3,589	40,412	(11,123)	(41,353)	(14,013)
Accounting	1,608	(1,826)	24,797	(1,510)	29,579	(18,370)	(52,768)	(21,706)
Administration	102	(39)	33,864	(77)	11,486	(3,558)	(45,248)	(3,674)
Common Costs	3,367	445	-	-	25,668	(3,151)	(22,301)	(2,706)
Facilities	3,863	(889)	897	2,553	15,127	(3,357)	(12,161)	(1,693)
Maintenance	-	(84)	32,018	6,635	7,016	6,486	(39,034)	13,037
Subtotal	8,940	(8,872)	92,517	11,190	129,288	(31,073)	(212,865)	(80,755)
Golf	39,032	12,132	48,674	11,725	18,357	5,538	(27,999)	29,395
Marina	1,430	1,430	-	4,854	363	1,640	1,062	7,924
Subtotal	49,402	4,690	141,191	27,769	148,008	(25,895)	(239,797)	6,564
Rec/ Pools/ Parks								
Special Assmt Earned	35,317						35,317	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(472)						(472)	
Net Special Assmt Dues	34,845	2,019					34,845	2,019
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	1,102	(865)	18,755	746	4,398	4,169	(22,051)	4,050
Subtotal Rec/ Pools/ Parks	35,947	1,154	18,755	746	4,398	4,169	12,794	6,069
Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues	85,349	5,844	159,946	28,515	152,406	(21,726)	(227,003)	12,633
Ops Dues Earned	180,547						180,547	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(3,105)						(3,105)	
Net Ops Dues	177,442	9,308					177,442	9,308
Net Operations	262,791	15,152	159,946	28,515	152,406	(21,726)	(49,561)	21,941
Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations								
Firewise/Road Mowing/Clean Green	-		-		-		-	
Clubhouse Remediation & Assessment	-		-		-		-	
Epiq Transfer Fee Refund Services	-		-		3,813		(3,813)	
2022 Clubhouse Kitchen Repairs	-		-		61,127		(61,127)	
Hazardous Tree Removal	-		-		-		-	
Net Operations with Board Approved UDR	262,791	15,152	159,946	28,515	217,346	(21,726)	(114,501)	21,941
Other Operating Activity								
UDR Activity	4,313				413		3,900	
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-				-		-	
AR Accrual - Current Year	-				-		-	
Vacation Liability Accrual	-				179		(179)	
Total Other Operating Activity	4,313				592		3,721	
Grand Total Operations Activity	267,104	15,152	159,946	28,515	217,938	(21,726)	(110,780)	21,941

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

**Sudden Valley Community Association
Operations - By Department
January 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022
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)*
ACC / Security	77,845	6,574	22,145	31,566	440,594	(118,688)	(384,894)	(80,548)
Accounting	28,901	(8,866)	277,987	(1,166)	92,635	(23,196)	(341,721)	(33,228)
Administration	1,592	34	353,393	48,619	238,136	(132,656)	(589,937)	(84,003)
Common Costs	36,094	3,964	-	-	384,945	(85,457)	(348,851)	(81,493)
Facilities	40,780	(11,492)	21,140	19,867	138,381	6,453	(118,741)	14,828
Maintenance	38	(879)	256,641	20,514	155,956	(57,311)	(412,559)	(37,676)
Subtotal	185,250	(10,665)	931,306	119,400	1,450,647	(410,855)	(2,196,703)	(302,120)
Golf	1,205,013	187,413	621,513	16,526	304,331	2,193	279,169	206,132
Marina	154,890	2,194	19,499	38,082	11,062	16,501	124,329	56,777
Subtotal	1,545,153	178,942	1,572,318	174,008	1,766,040	(392,161)	(1,793,205)	(39,211)
Rec/ Pools/ Parks								
Special Assmt Earned	388,413						388,413	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	927						927	
Net Special Assmt Dues	389,340	28,245					389,340	28,245
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	32,750	2,599	248,185	32,748	180,664	(55,863)	(396,099)	(20,516)
Subtotal Rec/ Pools/ Parks	422,090	30,844	248,185	32,748	180,664	(55,863)	(6,759)	7,729
Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues	1,967,243	209,786	1,820,503	206,756	1,946,704	(448,024)	(1,799,964)	(31,482)
Ops Dues Earned	1,986,943						1,986,943	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(48,221)						(48,221)	
Net Ops Dues	1,938,722	89,250					1,938,722	89,250
Net Operations	3,905,965	299,036	1,820,503	206,756	1,946,704	(448,024)	138,758	57,768
Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations								
Firewise/Road Mowing/Clean Green	-		-		14,111		(14,111)	
Clubhouse Remediation & Assessment	-		-		23,639		(23,639)	
Epiq Transfer Fee Refund Services	-		-		42,117		(42,117)	
2022 Clubhouse Kitchen Repairs	-		-		95,893		(95,893)	
Hazardous Tree Removal	-		-		60,000		(60,000)	
Net Operations with Board Approved UDR	3,905,965	299,036	1,820,503	206,756	2,182,464	(448,024)	(97,002)	57,768
Other Operating Activity								
UDR Activity	112,958				27,449		85,509	
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	(34,910)				-		(34,910)	
AR Accrual - Current Year	-				-		-	
Vacation Liability Accrual	-				21,256		(21,256)	
Total Other Operating Activity	78,048				48,705		29,343	
Grand Total Operations Activity	3,984,013	299,036	1,820,503	206,756	2,231,169	(448,024)	(67,659)	57,768

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

FINANCIALS

**Sudden Valley Community Association
Balance Sheet
November 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021**

	Unaudited** Nov 30, 2022	See Note** Dec 31, 2021	Inc./ (Dec)
OPERATIONS			
Current Assets			
Operating Cash	\$ 383,904	\$ 823,297	\$ (439,393)
Building Completion Deposit Fund	492,600	437,650	54,950
Member Receivables - Operations*	(0)	34,910	(34,910)
Other Receivables	9,021	9,075	(54)
Prepaid Expenses	71,906	73,567	(1,661)
Inventory	11,687	3,622	8,065
Total Current Assets	969,118	1,382,121	(413,003)
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	(315,499)	(386,530)	73,031
Accrued Vacation Liability	(68,449)	(47,192)	(21,257)
Accrued Payroll	-	(58,874)	58,874
Prepaid Assessments	(193,342)	(211,076)	17,734
Building Completion Deposits	(492,600)	(437,650)	(54,950)
Other Refundable Deposits	(5,166)	(6,663)	1,497
Prepaid Golf Memberships	(102,918)	(26,269)	(76,649)
Total Current Liabilities	(977,974)	(976,254)	(1,720)
Operating Reserve Funds			
Emergency Operating Cash	361,066	360,736	330
Undesignated Reserves Cash	205,453	342,077	(136,624)
Total Operating Reserve Funds	566,519	702,813	(136,294)
Net Operating Assets	\$ 557,663	\$ 1,108,680	(551,019)
CAPITAL			
Capital Current Assets			
CRRF (Capital Repair & Replacement) Cash Fund	3,271,991	2,688,455	583,536
Roads Reserve Cash Fund	2,553,374	2,911,292	(357,918)
Board Density Reduction Cash Fund	87,552	87,365	187
Mailbox Cash Fund	98,988	75,985	23,003
Capital Reserve Holding Cash Fund	-	1,157,885	(1,157,885)
CRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash	640,982	-	640,982
Mitigation Assignment of Savings Cash	44,533	44,445	88
LWWSD Assignment of Savings Cash	9,066	337,694	(328,628)
Member Receivables - Capital**	-	21,253	(21,253)
Total Capital Current Assets	6,706,486	7,124,374	(417,888)
Capital Fixed Assets			
Fixed Assets	14,351,762	11,538,814	2,812,948
Losses Held for Sale	204,809	204,809	-
Total Capital Assets	14,556,571	11,743,623	2,812,948
Long Term Liabilities			
CRRF Loan 2018	-	(1,119,444)	1,119,444
CRRF Loan 2022	(2,061,922)	-	(2,061,922)
Capital Leases	(71,221)	(223,590)	152,369
Total Long Term Liabilities	(2,133,143)	(1,343,043)	(890,100)
NET ASSETS	\$ 19,587,577	\$ 18,633,635	\$ 953,942
MEMBER EQUITY			
Member Equity			
Current Year Net Income: Operations	(90,900)	\$439,833	(500,733)
Current Year Net Income: Rec Special Assmt	(6,759)	63,481	(70,240)
Net Transfers Out from Operations to Capital	(482,660)	-	(482,660)
Current Year Net Income: Capital**	1,548,018	1,926,010	(377,992)
Net Transfers Into Capital from Operations	482,660	-	(482,660)
Retained Earnings**	5,068,407	4,565,093	503,314
Capital**	13,038,811	11,639,218	1,399,593
TOTAL MEMBER EQUITY	\$ 19,587,577	\$ 18,633,635	\$ 953,942

* The Association's internal policy is to write off any member receivables that are 30 days past due as bad debts for internal financial statement purposes. As per SVCA policy, Management continues to pursue collection of these receivables via all avenues allowed by Washington State laws. In addition, the Association records and bills finance charges on receivables that are thirty days past due at 1% per month. At November 30, 2022, and December 31, 2021, the balances of receivables written off were \$654,574 and \$583,636, respectively.

** Beginning with the 2020 year end audited financial statements, Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 606 requires issued audited financial statements to reclassify unspent capital dues revenue, including related capital transfer fee collections, as a contract liability balance (unearned revenue), which is then reversed out in future years when capital dues/capital transfer fee collections are actually expended on capital related expenditures. This particular accounting standard change is only incorporated into the issued audited financial statements and is not factored into SVCA's internal monthly statements as it would obscure the reality of monthly capital dues/capital transfer fee revenues collected for internal monthly presentation purposes. See SVCA's 2020 and 2021 audited financial statements (2021 represents the most recently issued audited statements), which fully incorporates ASC 606 and complies with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

**Sudden Valley Community Association
Income Statement Summary**

UNAUDITED	Current Month - November 2022			Year to Date - 11 Months Ending 11/30/2022		
	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Capital Reserves**	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Col % Capital Reserves**
REVENUE						
Current Year Dues & Assessments Income						
Dues & Assessments Income	180,547		230,844	1,986,943		2,542,053
Bad Debt Reserve	(3,105)		(2,913)	(48,221)		(44,737)
Net Current Year Assessment Income	177,442	9,308	227,931	1,938,722	89,250	97.6%
Special Ops Assmt Income- Rec/ Pools/ Parks						
Dues & Assessments Income	35,317			388,413		
Bad Debt Reserve	(472)			927		
Net Special Ops Assmt Income	34,845	2,019		389,340	28,245	
Bad Debt Recoveries - Prior Years			342			49,780
Golf Income	39,032	12,132		1,205,013	187,413	
Marina Income	1,430	1,430		151,348	652	
Rec Center & Pools Income	134	(807)		16,070	(288)	
Legal & Collections Income	-			-		
Other Income	5,006	(1,725)		72,038	(3,984)	7,019
Rental Income - Other	318	52		9,530	4,097	
Area 2 Rental Income	961	(1,039)		20,830	(1,170)	
Lease Income	3,552	49		27,300	(11,440)	
New Home Construction Fees	-	(6,250)		75,240	6,490	1,000
Capital Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	-			-		
Investment Income	71	(17)	836	734	(229)	9,872
Total Revenue	262,791	15,152	229,109	3,905,965	299,036	2,564,987
EXPENSES						
Salaries & Benefits	159,946	28,515		1,820,503	206,756	
Contracted & Professional Services	34,060	(17,302)		412,161	(244,776)	
CC&R/ Mandates	37,401	(8,887)		437,093	(107,417)	
Maintenance & Landscaping	24,404	12,264		387,231	(3,928)	
Utilities	12,747	(1,834)		168,130	5,428	
Administrative	9,961	234		146,962	(7,606)	500
Regulatory Compliance	20,741	(5,415)		261,460	(91,427)	429
Insurance Premiums	13,092	(870)		133,409	1,043	
Other Expenses	-	84		258	659	
Depreciation Expense	-		85,809	-		943,894
Interest expense	-		7,641	-		50,893
Total Expenses	312,352	6,789	93,450	3,767,207	(241,268)	995,716
Net Income (Loss)	(49,561)	21,941	135,659	138,758	57,768	1,569,271
Net UDR Activity for Operations						
Firewise/Road Mowing/Clean Green	-			(14,111)		
Clubhouse Remediation & Assessment	-			(23,639)		
Epiq Transfer Fee Refund Servicer	(3,813)			(42,117)		
2022 Clubhouse Kitchen Repairs	(61,127)			(95,893)		
Hazardous Tree Removal	-			(60,000)		
Net Income (Loss) with Board Approved UDR	(114,501)	21,941	135,659	(97,002)	57,768	1,569,271
Other Activity						
Net Other UDR Activity*	3,900			85,509		
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-		(21,253)	(34,910)		(21,253)
AR Accrual - Current Year	-			-		
Vacation Liability - Prior Year Reversal	(179)			(21,256)		
Total Other Activity	3,721		(21,253)	29,343		(21,253)
Grand Total Activity	(110,780)	21,941	114,406	(67,659)	57,768	1,548,018

*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/capital transfer fee revenue collections.



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South Whatcom Library Events, activities

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Teddy Bear biography
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Introduction to Seed Saving
Saturday, April 8 from 1:30-3 p.m.

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To celebrate Earth Day we'll work on a collaborative art project, decorating and assembling individual pages to create a whole round earth.

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SVCA acronyms

ACC - Architectural Control Committee
AGM - Annual General Meeting
BOD - Board of Directors
BMP - Best Management Practices
CC&Rs - Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions
CIP - Capital Improvement Plan
CRRRF - Capital Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund
CTK - Christ the King Church
DNR - Washington State Department of Natural Resources
DOE - Washington State Department of Ecology
DRC - Document Review Committee
EIS - Emergency Information System
FTE - Full Time Employees
GIS - Geographic Information System
GM - Sudden Valley's General Manager
GMA - Growth Management Act
HOA - Homeowner's Association
LAMIRD - Limited Areas of More Intensive Rural Development
LRPC - Long Range Planning Committee
LWPG - Lake Whatcom Policy Group
LWWS - Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer

District
MOU - Memorandum of Understanding
MPR - Multi-Purpose Room
N&E - Nominations and Elections
NPDES - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
OPS - Operations
PSE - Puget Sound Energy
PUD - Planned Unit Development
RCW - Revised Code of Washington
REC - Parks & Recreation Department
RFP - Request for Proposals
RFQ - Request for Qualifications
ROW - Right-of-Way
SGM - Special General Meeting
SOP - Standard Operating Procedure
SVCA - Sudden Valley Community Association
UDR - Undesignated Reserves
WCLS - Whatcom County Library System
WCOG - Whatcom Council of Governments
WCSO - Whatcom County Sheriff's Office
WDFW - Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Yore: When Sudden Valley was a working ranch

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Opening this gate, moving out the car, then closing the gate before the horses got wind of our movements was tricky.

"The summer of that year our ranch was a dreamed of vacation spot for our friends and relatives. There were welcomed drop-ins almost every weekend, enjoying our potlucks, horseback riding, fast jeep rides in the open fields and

fishing for pan-sized trout in the creek.

"September, when the public school bus gathered up the children for their respective schools (Geneva and Whatcom Junior High), came too soon for all of us.

"Oct. 15 was a red letter day for all. Our new home was ready for us with all its city life perks: electricity, television, tap water, an oil furnace with baseboard heat, and two bathrooms.

"Good stuff comes about when one waits long enough."

For Mike Corning, youngest of the Corning children, growing up on the ranch was a halcyon time. Though only nine years old when the family moved to the ranch, he has vivid memories of his life there.

"It's because we had the freedom to run around and do what we wanted, there was only the five of us."

He tells of the wild draft horses



Photo courtesy of Betty Corning
Standing up on his horse Princess in the center, Mike Corning, his brother, and a couple of their friends frolic in the waters off what's now known as Fir Island.

that ran on the property, and how he and his siblings would climb up on the huge old growth stumps while one of them chased the horses in that direction. As they passed by, the children would leap from the stump onto the horse's back. "We'd ride around and eat wild huckleberries."

It wasn't long before the ranch had its own horses and Mike had many an adventure with a dappled white mare named Princess (see photo). "I'd take Princess, along with an overnight pack my mother prepared which included a little flour, salt, pepper and some Crisco. Then I'd ride up stream into what is now Gate 3." He'd find a likely spot, where the fishing looked good and set up his camp. When he caught the inevitable trout, he'd fry it over an open fire.

"Dad used to tell me, 'If there's any cougars or bears, Princess will tell you.' But nothing ever really came too close to us."

It was a quieter world then, so quiet that Mike and his friend Bob Bornstein, who lived on the other side of the lake, would plan their "strategies for the day" by just talking across the water in the right pitch.

"I just lived on the lake when I was a kid, it was a fantastic time to grow up. We found lots of things to do without having cable [TV]."

Mike also recalls riding Princess to the Geneva School, which is now the Waldorf School on Austin Street. It would take him about an hour-and-a-half, he says, to go up

over Lake Louise Road.

At one point, Glen Corning was approached by someone who wanted to build a camp for kids. Corning liked the idea and subsequently donated the land for what's now known as The Firs.

Initially, the only road was the one into the ranch, so the kids would arrive with all their camping gear and take a boat over from the Corning dock, which was located on what's now PM Beach.


Rising taxes eventually motivated Corning to put the ranch up for sale. He offered it first to the state. According to his son, Mike, the state couldn't reach a conclusion, so Corning sold the ranch to developer Ken Sanwick, and Sudden Valley was born.

After the sale, the Comings relocated to Eastern Washington. Eventually, though, they all

found their way back to Whatcom County and all three of the children now live on the lake. "I didn't really appreciate it" says Mike, "until I came back after a stint in the Air Force."

The Valley has changed a lot since the Comings lived here, but there are places where its history bleeds through: Lake Louise was named for Banning Austin's wife; Austin Creek has an obvious connection; the Adult Center (before it burned) was the Corning ranch house. Corning's horse barns are still the center of a lot of activity; and people still get up every day amidst some of the most splendid country in the world.

SUDDEN VALLEY
Pet of the
MONTH



Macie

This month's pet of the month is Macie, submitted by the Jamison family.

We rescued, or shall I say she rescued us, Ms. "Joyful" Macie a little over three years ago from Three Little Pitties Rescue. Macie is the "darlin" of our little corner of Sudden Valley (Gates 9-13). She LOVES everyone she meets. Her favorite time of day is when she goes for her walks. Macie is convinced that EVERYONE loves her and I don't think she's wrong. She waddles right up to anyone who is willing and gives her love. Our neighbor Jack walks Ms. Macie while we are at work and we walk her again when we return home. Often friends and neighbors stop and call out a greeting to Macie as we stroll along. Macie loves all the kids in the neighborhood. Regularly, you will find her little, short legs hurrying us along to try to join in with the "kids" who are out to play. Macie has lived up to her title "JOYFUL", as she has brought us nothing but joy! We love her so very much and thank you for the opportunity to share her story with you!

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