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## Long overdue culvert cleaning under way

*'It's possible most culverts have never been cleaned in SVCA history' Jensen said*

By Sarah McCauley  
Staff Reporter

SUDDEN VALLEY — Culverts in Sudden Valley will receive

much needed cleaning after the Sudden Valley Community Association Board of Directors approved funding to begin major cleaning of ditches, culverts and swales. The 2023 Ditches, Culverts and Swale Cleaning Act will pave the way for the 10 year capital roads and drainage plan to officially begin.

After the board approved funding for the project during its Feb. 9 meeting, the project was able to move forward. Jo Anne Jensen, the association's general manager, announced on Feb. 23

that cleaning had begun.

This approval is in accordance with the 2016 Special General Meeting (SGM) mandate for 2023. The 2016 SGM required the association to perform major maintenance of ditches, culverts and swales each year.

The project has been called Culvert and Vegetation Control ever since that meeting, and it was discovered the efforts of the project thus far focused on vegetation while culverts and swales were neglected. It is possible most culverts have never been

cleaned in SVCA's history, Jensen said.

A Request for Quote (RFQ) was issued in 2022 to develop a new 10-year capital roads and drainage plan. It was found that SVCA's culverts required cleaning to move forward with proper evaluation.

"We need to clean the culverts to do the inspection," said Jensen. "There's 250 of them; 100 can be cleaned by SVCA, 150 simply can't be cleaned out by SVCA. So we have an internal project and an external project."

Jensen explained SVCA's maintenance department would clean smaller culverts they have the equipment to handle, while larger culvert cleaning would be outsourced.

According to a project summary, knowing these culverts would all need to be cleaned, and that the level of cleaning would vary, the 2022 Culverts, Ditches, and Swales Project was deferred to be completed in 2023. Combining the 2022 and 2023 Capital

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## SVCA, Christ the King Church renegotiate lease

*Campus pastor 'excited to continue serving community'*

By Sarah McCauley  
Staff Reporter

SUDDEN VALLEY — Sudden Valley Community Association's board of directors approved a renegotiated lease between the association and Christ the King Community Church (CTK) on Feb. 23

CTK has been a part of the SVCA community for over a decade, according to Jo Anne Jensen, general manager of SVCA.

Jensen gave an overview of what the process looked like, and shared a bit about the relationship between CTK and SVCA. Discussions took place between Jensen and the church.

"We talked a bit about the relationship between CTK and SVCA and the many contributions the church has made to the community, both to people who are members and people who are not members of the church," Jensen said.

Discussions included consideration of association goals for putting in place equitable and appropriate agreements with all tenants, according to Jensen. She said this brings SVCA closer to the goal of implementing appropriate standard agreements for all tenants.

Jason Manning, the church's senior pastor, said he understood the terms of the agreement and said he was "just happy to be serving people here."

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### IN THE DAYS OF YORE ...



## The Ranch: Revisited



The barn in the 1950s.

**W**ith the growing popularity of the Valley as a beautiful place to live, many have asked about what the area was like before it became Sudden Valley.

Before it became Sudden Valley, this area was a ranch owned by the Glen Corning family.

The Views is reprinting a feature story about the Ranch that ran in the May 1979 issue of this newspaper.

In essence, this feature has become a history of history.

*The following is from the May 1979 Sudden Valley Views:*

Imagine Sudden Valley as one large picturesque ranch, hills and valleys, pasture where the golf course is now, sweeping down to the beaches of Lake Whatcom, looking out on Reveille Island, Austin Creek running past the main house.

Anyone who spends some time at the Adult Center, the

original ranch house, can't help but speculate on what it used to be like. Much of the area is still the same, due to careful environmental controls.

Betty and Glen Corning, original owners of Sudden Valley, then called the ranch, recently visited their daughter, Glenda Henifin, and shared some of their memories with the Views.

Corning, a logger, rancher, aviator, contractor, land developer and leisure fisherman, bought the property from a man named Banning Austin in 1949.

Austin's father had homesteaded the land. Corning was originally from Port Angeles.

He moved to Whatcom County in 1941 and he and Betty and their three young children, Jack, Glenda, and Mike lived in a logging camp east of Deming.

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## AIS: Aquatic invasive species

To prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species, the Lake Whatcom Management Program operates several aquatic invasive species check stations at Lake Whatcom and Lake Samish. Inspectors at these

check stations inspect all watercraft entering these lakes to ensure that they are clean, drained, and dry and are not transporting aquatic invasive species.

Aquatic invasive species are non-native aquatic plants, animals,

and pathogens that can cause economic loss, environmental damage, and harm to human health. They can easily spread to new waters by watercraft that are transported from one fresh waterbody to

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# International travel and Valley Arts Group artists

By Lee Langdon  
Member submission

SUDDEN VALLEY — The Valley Arts Group at its Saturday, April 8 meeting at 10 a.m. in the community center/barn.

After taking care of business, we each share at least one piece of our art, and then spend time with the featured artists.

You are welcome to stop in and see us at work, especially after 11 a.m. when we hang the new quarter's art.

From 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 15 in the community center/barn,

the Valley Arts Group will hold a reception for the featured artists. Everyone is welcome.

The Valley Arts Group meets quarterly to support each other in various ways.

But while we focus on each member's art, we rarely get a chance to delve deep into each artist's history. But when we do — surprises await us.

Several members have lived abroad for months or years.

For Lee Langdon, Army brat that she is, she started grade school in the Panama Canal Zone, and graduated from high school



**Stone Soldiers, top, by Michael Davolio. At right, Loch Alpach (Clubhouse) by Kristy Carrico-Smith.**  
(Courtesy photos)



in Germany. Last month's featured artist, Alice Healy, lived in Singapore for three years. And...

**Michael Davolio: Featured artist in the barn**

This quarter's featured artist, Michael Davolio lived and worked in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates.

His team was hired to design new cities. Davolio photographed the sites for inclusion in their reports. During his time there, Davolio also visited Dubai, Al Ain, Oman and Qatar.

The architecture and the culture were fascinating, Davolio said, and he was able to capture much of it with his camera.

A native New Englander, Davolio started developing photographs in his uncle's darkroom

when he was 7.

Early on, Davolio discovered that taking pictures was a great way to create memories.

He never took photography classes, but his uncle was a great mentor. That uncle taught Davolio how to focus and how to frame the shot.

Asked about the tools of his artistry, Davolio said his camera is not too fancy.

"It's a Canon EOS Rebel, with several different lenses," Davolio said.

Davolio said his favorite places are warm.

"In 30 years, I've never gotten used to the rain here. But I've also been to places where I've missed photos because my camera froze in cold temperatures," Davolio said. "Some of my favorite subjects are lighthouses, barns, and seashores."

Davolio has had local exhibits at some local wineries and breweries, also in art galleries in Rhode Island, where he "worked for a short time as a planner."

You can see more of Michael's work at [davoliophoto.com](http://davoliophoto.com), which he started as a way to promote his side business as a real estate photographer.

Also you can find his work at [facebook.com/davoliophoto](https://facebook.com/davoliophoto).

**Kristy Carrico-Smith, featured artist in the clubhouse, near El Agave**

From the solitude of her home studio in the woods, Sudden Val-

ley resident Kristy Carrico-Smith brings to life the colors and richness of the landscapes that surround her each day.

Self-taught and with nature as her backdrop, Carrico-Smith has an innate talent for allowing her surroundings to inspire her, and to bring those picturesque landscapes to life with color, depth and composition.

Carrico-Smith was raised on a farm in rural Kuna, Idaho.

After she graduated college, Carrico-Smith joined the United States Coast Guard, and served in Kodiak, Alaska and Brookings, Oregon, where she met her soulmate, Norm.

After raising a family, Carrico-Smith used her background in nature and landscape photography to explore other media.

Her propensity for creativity eventually drew Carrico-Smith to put a brush to canvas. She began with acrylics and then progressed to her preferred method: working with oils.

Carrico-Smith found her passion and has fallen in love. You'll fall in love with Carrico-Smith's art, too.

You will find Carrico-Smith sharing her creations at various local events and art markets throughout the year.

You can find her on Instagram at [@kristycarricoart](https://www.instagram.com/kristycarricoart), on Facebook at Kristy Carrico Art or by visiting her website, [kristycarricoart.wixsite.com/website](https://www.kristycarricoart.wixsite.com/website).

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March 14th is also Albert Einstein's Birthday

**Did Einstein have cake or Pi for his birthday?**



**Hey kids, do you have an interesting or funny Sudden Valley pic or artwork you'd like to share?**

**Submitted by:**  
**Alyssa, age 13**

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Philip Damon taught narrative writing and literature at the University of Hawaii from '68 until '02, and has published widely in fiction and non-fiction. In '94, he introduced the seven-stage Life Story Workshop in Honolulu, and offered eight more at churches and civic centers until he retired and moved full-time to Sudden Valley. Along with stints as a columnist at four PNW publications, he did offer two workshops at the BUF back in '04 and '05. Both were highly praised. After a lengthy hiatus, the workshop is back.

# VIEWS

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## MPR floor not suitable for certain exercise classes

*Editor,*

This letter is my response to moving exercise classes to the multipurpose room (MPR). As a longtime former aerobics instructor, I'd like to offer a brief history of exercise classes in Sudden Valley. After retiring in 2014, I enrolled in exercise classes provided by the YMCA at the dance barn, 8 Barn View Ct.

The Y provided balance, Zumba, aerobics, country heat, spin, yoga, yoga for seniors, and perhaps a few more. Instructors held high-impact classes and those requiring a great deal of movement upstairs in the dance barn, while the more stationary classes (spin and yoga) were offered in the MPR.

Later, I earned a license to instruct aerobics classes for the Y. When the Y left, I got an additional instructor's license, a business license, and insurance.

As in previous years, I held class upstairs in the dance barn. Starting in 2018, dance blast was also held in the dance barn until the pandemic caused all exercise classes to shut down.

Now, the GM, board and recreation center staff are moving classes to the MPR, claiming they were always held there and are merely returning them to their original space and/or it is a temporary move while repairs are made to the dance barn, hopefully this summer.

Because there is no give to the MPR floor like the wood floor upstairs, the MPR is unsuitable for high-impact, high-mobility fitness classes. The hard floor may

cause foot, shin and knee damage.

Also, a support pole in the middle of the MPR restricts movement. It is a visual detriment and physical hazard. These factors make the MPR room unsuitable for classes such as dance blast, aerobics and Zumba.

I hope that when the renovations to the Dance Barn are completed this summer, the floor will remain high-impact and exercise-worthy, so many instructors will be eager to offer classes to our community members while keeping them safe.

*Alicia (Lish) Jamtaas  
Sudden Valley*

## WTA bus a 'favorite excursion'

*Editor,*

I want to promote one of my favorite excursions from Sudden Valley. Some people will think I'm crazy and that's fine.

Now and then I like to take the WTA bus into Bellingham and do such things as visit a restaurant or shop I'm curious about, see a film at the Pickford, visit the central library, hike a bit at Whatcom Falls Park or Galbraith Mountain, see an exhibition, or just explore.

I could do the same things driving, of course, but I always feel more relaxed and optimistic after a bus ride.

But if you're looking for reasons to not ride the bus, you can find them. If you've found yours, you may want to stop reading here.

Assuming you don't live within walking distance of a gate, you can drive to a park and ride area at a gate.

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*Tom Horton  
Sudden Valley Gate 3*

## Why pretend to be something you are not?

*Editor,*

In February, the Sudden Valley Views published a long letter in which the author poses as a member of the Sudden Valley Community Association (SVCA).

This letter is written as if by an association member.

However, the letter was not written by an association member. Members must own Sudden Valley property, and the author does not.

The author could have called themselves a resident, but chose instead to pass as an association member.

By doing so, the author is deliberately misrepresented, leaving real association members with the false impression the

letter was written by one of us.

Why pretend to be something you are not? Possibly because creating an affinity with a group helps promote a product or an agenda?

The item promoted here is free Sudden Valley Views advertising (with color pictures) for the author's favored business.

In reality, the SVCA membership would be better off if that business had paid for the Views space instead of free-loading off of us dues-paying members.

*Nancy Alyanak  
SVCA Member*

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# Lease: SVCA, Christ the King Church renegotiate

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"It was a pleasant interaction all the way along," Manning said.

Sonia Voldt, treasurer of the board, agreed it had been a smooth process from her perspective as well.

"All the concerns we had, you guys addressed them and they have been taken care of in this lease. It's very clear, and I'm really happy with the way it turned out. So, I'm glad to hear you say that too," Voldt said.

CTK's previous lease agreement had expired in December 2022, but was extended until the end of February 2023 to allow for negotiation of the new lease presented before the board.

The new lease includes slight

changes to the space leased by CTK, taking into consideration that spaces included in the previous lease will be undergoing renovation. These spaces were removed as it seemed unfair to include spaces they will eventually be unable to use, Jensen said. It also includes a change to the monthly rent from \$650 to \$1,100. This new amount was determined "by adding up the facility rental rates for the spaces leased and applying a 50% discount. The proposed lease also states that if CTK reserves space for other meetings or events, they will receive a 50% discount on the facility rental rate," according to the approval request memo included in the meeting packet.

"There were rooms that were

removed, but we already discussed that we may continue to use those rooms as needed until renovations begin," Manning said.

Jensen added that another benefit of the discussions was the development of outlining clear communication channels, so that all parties involved know who to speak to if questions arise.

"We, the church CTK Sudden Valley, are just really looking forward to continuing to serve this community like we have for 12 years," Manning said.

Other important moments from the board's February meetings:

- Committee meetings will officially be able to take place over zoom after the board adopted a resolution authorizing remote

participation in meetings. This was part of an effort to make committee meetings "more flexible" for community members to join, according to President Andrew Tischleder.

At both meetings Voldt took a moment to remind the community that there are currently committee openings. Anyone interested in joining a committee can apply online through the SVCA website, or contact the front desk at the welcome center. It was discovered that there may have been a "glitch with some of the applications," according to Voldt. The board recommended people check back in via the website or welcome center if they suspect there was an issue with their application.

- Jensen addressed the recent

increase in marina fees at the beginning of the Feb. 9 meeting. She said most fees increased by 15% to balance "the fact that SVCA's fees are significantly lower than at other marinas in the area with a need to keep increases at a reasonable level for members."

Jensen also said there had been several questions about increases, so she wanted to ensure it was on the record for the community.

"One type of marina fee, specifically the cost of season passes, increased by 82%. This larger increase is based on recognition that the cost of a season pass should reflect its value," Jensen said. "It is important to note any member with a wet slip can launch without additional fees."



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# Jo Anne Jensen: General manager's report

February weather was quite mild, until the last week. At SVCA, we watch the weather carefully so that we can de-ice, spread sand, and be ready to plow, when necessary.

This snow season, new approaches to maintaining the roads were implemented by Maintenance Superintendent Mike Brock. With two weather events under our belts, we can tell that these changes are helping to make snow removal more effective.

For example, the salt brine being used currently is a different product than was used in previous years. Applying the brine helps to keep ice from forming and also makes plowing more effective, because the snow separates more easily from the street.

Because we buy the brine from the City of Bellingham, it is also much cheaper than the product used before. The purchase of a Yanmar Tractor with a snow plow attachment has also improved our ability to keep SVCA roads safe. The tractor is smaller and more maneuverable than our other plowing vehicles, so it can effectively clear the mailbox clusters, cul-de-sacs, and other tight areas.

While snow still creates dangerous driving conditions and inconvenience for the community, we are pleased that our efforts are moving us in the right direction and we're grateful for the many residents who have called and emailed to let us know that they think we are doing a good job at this important task.

## Maintaining facilities

The sauna in the Adult Center was closed in February for evaluation and repair. Just prior to this closing, SVCA responded to a fire alarm at the Adult Center which was set off by smoke coming from the sauna. The cause of the smoke is not clear, so an evaluation is needed before it can be reopened.

Some members have come forward to tell us that they have seen people taking food into the sauna. That practice is inappropriate and probably contributed to the condition of the damaged sauna. This brings me to an important point: Sudden Valley is a big place and has many assets to maintain. While we conduct frequent checks on all facilities and perform custodial tasks on a regular schedule, carelessness and malicious damage add significantly to our workload.

Please help us minimize this by letting administration or se-

curity know if you see someone damaging property. One additional note: the sauna in the Rec Center is fully operational, so members still have access to a working unit.

## Culvert cleaning and 10-year road plan

The recently approved culvert cleaning project began this month, with progress being made in Gate 5. Cold and snowy weather halted cleaning operations, but they will resume as soon as possible.

Cleaning is being done by both our Maintenance Team and Stremler Gravel, an external contractor. We need outside help for this because SVCA equipment cannot effectively clean culverts with a diameter greater than 12 inches and longer than 30 feet.

The culvert cleaning will improve storm water management and will make it possible to complete a full inspection of culverts as part of the 10-year road and drainage plan project that was awarded by SVCA to Impact Design. In addition to culverts, the inspection phase of this project will include a detailed inspection of the forty miles of roads in Sudden Valley.

The inspection will be completed by experienced engineers on foot, who will walk every mile of road to produce a detailed record of the current state of our roads and drainage.

This information will enable Impact Design to include very specific recommendations for the road repairs and improvements that will be needed over the next 10 years.

Please be aware that culvert cleaning and inspection work will be ongoing over the next few months and drive carefully.

## Department Updates Administration

**Activity Summary**

- Began network reorganization to prepare for transition to cloud.
- Finished Marina renewal mailing.

- Working with Guardian Security to finalize installation of new card access system.
- Completed research on new time-tracking software.
- Completed a compliance audit of HR files.

**Successes**

- Completed a successful audit of 2022 Marina Rental Agreements and billings.

**Planned Work**

- Finalize 2023 Master Calendar and implement new Event

Calendar on SuddenValley.com.

- Continue screening and interviewing applicants for open staff positions.

## Accounting Activity Summary

- Continued routine work to maintain monthly financial schedule; delivered December financials on schedule.

- Continue to work on closing out 2022 financials and preparing year end reporting.

**Successes**

- Prepared first batch of checks for internally processed Transfer Fee refunds.

**Planned Work**

- Consider alternatives for archiving records.

## Maintenance Activity Summary

- Repaired hour meter on Vac-Trailer.
- Mailbox cleaning has been started.

- Dry Slip organization at Marina is underway.
- Prepped area around gazebo along Lake Louise trail for future repairs.

- Applying brine on SVCA roads to prepare for cold weather and snow.
- Facilities inspections were conducted.

- Gravel at Area Z was graded.
- Parking area at Marina was graded.

- Repaired signposts (five of them).
- Cleared large tree from trail head near 36 Morning Glory Dr.

- Picked up debris left by residents (two couches).
- Cleaned graffiti at Maple Leaf Park, bus stop and restroom at old campground.

- Woodwork was repaired in Sauna at Rec Center.
- Installed no parking sign on Granite Circle in front of fire hydrant.

- Mutt mitts station installed at Welcome Center.
- Staffed multiple after hours and weekend shifts for snow plowing.

**Successes**

- New sander is installed and

ready.

**Planned Work**

- Culvert cleaning project.
- Finalize plan for janitorial services.

- Have sauna evaluated at Adult Center for rehabilitation.
- Continue with Marina organization.

## Recreation Activity Summary

- Finalize Marina renewal package and mail to 2022 renters.
- Finalized several facility rental agreements.

- Researching options for personal trainer service at Fitness Center.
- Working with Bellingham Bay Swim Team to negotiate 2023 swim season.

- Researched pool equipment for 2023 season.
- Got quote for adding mirrors to Multipurpose Room A.

**Successes**

- Scheduled lifeguard training for 2023 season.
- Rowing machine purchase was approved.

**Planned Work**

- Obtain comparative rental rates for facilities.
- Give input into tennis court renovation; consider adding pickleball.

- Prepare for summer hiring of lifeguards and other Recreation Department seasonal staff.
- Get the Marina office ready for the season.

**Golf Activity Summary**

- Hosted a successful Winter Series event on Superbowl Saturday.
- Reviewed safety practices for Turf Care staff.
- Began planning 2023 capital needs.

See **GM** on 11

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**FINANCIALS**

**Sudden Valley Community Association  
Reserve Cash Balance & Activity**  
12 Months Actual, 0 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
<b>Net Available Cash 12/31/2021</b>	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	1,347,074	1,399,245			-	25,076		2,771,395	-	137,295	137,295
Transfer Fees Received, % of 1% Storm Water Mitigation Plan Fee			7,922					7,922			-
Investment Income	4,421	4,456	-	1,620	-	-	123	10,620	360	314	674
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	(2,434,419)	(1,755,046)	-	(905,234)	187	-		(5,094,512)		(351,214)	(351,214)
<b>Net Available Cash at 12/31/2022</b>	<b>3,315,300</b>	<b>2,560,947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>262,193</b>	<b>87,552</b>	<b>101,061</b>	<b>53,621</b>	<b>\$ 6,380,674</b>	<b>361,096</b>	<b>128,472</b>	<b>\$ 489,568</b>
0 Month Outlook											
Outlook - 2022 Dues (93% collections)	-	-						\$ -			\$ -
Outlook - Prior Year Collections	-	-						-			-
CRRRF Loan Payments for year 2022											
Obligated Expenses/Holdings	(614,414)	(560,824)		(262,193)			(53,621)	(1,491,051)		(7,237)	(7,237)
<b>Net Usable Cash Balance 12/31/2022</b>	<b>2,700,886</b>	<b>2,000,123</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,552</b>	<b>101,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 4,889,623</b>	<b>361,096</b>	<b>121,235</b>	<b>\$ 482,331</b>
Board Recommended Carryover Balance	(600,000)	(500,000)						\$ (1,100,000)			\$ -
<b>Net Usable Cash 12/31/2022, After Recommendation</b>	<b>\$ 2,100,886</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,123</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 87,552</b>	<b>\$ 101,061</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,789,623</b>	<b>\$ 361,096</b>	<b>\$ 121,235</b>	<b>\$ 482,331</b>
Net Current Year Cash Increase (Decrease)	12,431	(911,169)	(1,157,885)	-	187	25,076	(182,139)	\$ (2,213,498)	360	(220,842)	\$ (220,482)

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



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horsepower or less.

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Hand-carried boats (canoes, kayaks, rowboats, etc.) \$10. This permit is for non-motorized, hand-carried watercraft or small rowboats or sailboats that are powered by hand or wind. The permit is valid through Dec. 31.

- Decontamination services, when required, will cost an additional \$25.

Permit fees are not required for surfboards, paddle boards, and kite boards (of any size); float tubes and water sport toys; or non-motorized inflatables that are 10 feet or less in length.

**Payment Options**

In 2023, permits may be purchased online or via credit card at the check station.

- Online: [whatcomboatinspections.square.site](http://whatcomboatinspections.square.site). Credit/debit cards only.

- Inspection locations: Pre-pay online at [whatcomboatinspections.square.site](http://whatcomboatinspections.square.site) or by credit/debit card on site.

Annual permit stickers will be valid until Dec. 31 and will need to be visible on the boat so that permit numbers can be recorded and tracked by the inspector on duty.

Three-day passes and one-day passes for registered or motorized watercraft may be purchased online and are valid only for the date(s) indicated on the pass.

Visit [whatcomboatinspections.com](http://whatcomboatinspections.com) and take the AIS awareness course.

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**FINANCIALS**

Sudden Valley Community Association  
Income Statement Summary

UNAUDITED	Current Month - December 2022			Year to Date - 12 Months Ending 12/31/2022		
	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Capital Reserves**	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Coll % Capital Reserves**
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Current Year Dues & Assessments Income						
Dues & Assessments Income	180,547		230,844	2,167,490		2,772,897
Bad Debt Reserve	(3,680)		(2,254)	(51,900)		(46,992)
Net Current Year Assessment Income	176,867	8,733	228,590	2,115,590	97,983	97.6% 2,725,905
Special Ops Assmt Income- Rec/ Pools/ Parks						
Dues & Assessments Income	35,317			423,730		
Bad Debt Reserve	(134)			793		
Net Special Ops Assmt Income	35,183	2,356		424,523	30,601	
Bad Debt Recoveries - Prior Years			1,109			50,926
Golf Income	15,111	(7,089)	-	1,220,124	180,324	-
Marina Income	440	440	-	151,788	1,092	-
Rec Center & Pools Income	125	(817)	-	16,195	(1,105)	-
Legal & Collections Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	5,084	(1,644)	(231)	77,121	(5,628)	6,788
Rental Income - Other	347	80	-	9,877	4,177	-
Area Z Rental Income	2	(1,998)	-	20,832	(3,168)	-
Lease Income	3,552	48	-	30,652	(11,392)	-
New Home Construction Fees	-	(6,250)	-	75,240	240	1,000
Capital Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	75	(12)	748	809	(241)	10,620
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>236,786</b>	<b>(6,153)</b>	<b>230,216</b>	<b>4,142,751</b>	<b>292,883</b>	<b>2,795,239</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Salaries & Benefits	201,413	(15,482)	-	2,021,917	191,273	-
Contracted & Professional Services	32,441	(15,675)	-	449,435	(265,285)	-
CC&Rs/ Mandates	50,895	(20,071)	-	487,988	(127,488)	-
Maintenance & Landscaping	31,452	5,209	-	391,546	28,418	-
Utilities	24,244	(4,192)	-	192,374	1,236	-
Administrative	51,697	(36,632)	-	199,061	(44,640)	500
Regulatory Compliance	(67,263)	73,588	-	194,198	(17,840)	429
Insurance Premiums	13,416	(1,193)	-	146,825	(150)	-
Other Expenses	-	83	-	258	742	-
Depreciation Expense	-	-	85,809	-	-	1,029,702
Interest expense	-	-	7,499	-	-	58,393
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>338,295</b>	<b>(14,366)</b>	<b>93,308</b>	<b>4,083,602</b>	<b>(233,734)</b>	<b>1,089,024</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(101,509)</b>	<b>(20,519)</b>	<b>136,908</b>	<b>59,149</b>	<b>59,149</b>	<b>1,706,215</b>
<b>Net UDR Activity for Operations</b>						
Firewise/Road Mowing/Clean Green	-			(14,111)		
Clubhouse Remediation & Assessment	-			(23,639)		
Epiq Transfer Fee Refund Servicer	-			(42,117)		
2022 Clubhouse Kitchen Repairs	(1,060)			(96,953)		
Hazardous Tree Removal	(82,202)			(142,202)		
Net Income (Loss) with Board Approved UDR	(184,771)	(20,519)	136,908	(259,873)	59,149	1,706,215
<b>Other Activity</b>						
Net Other UDR Activity*	3,963			89,473		
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-			(34,910)		(21,253)
AR Accrual - Current Year	46,750		19,262	46,750		19,262
Vacation Liability- Prior Year Reversal	6,873			(14,384)		
<b>Total Other Activity</b>	<b>57,586</b>		<b>19,262</b>	<b>86,929</b>		<b>(1,991)</b>
<b>Grand Total Activity</b>	<b>(127,185)</b>	<b>(20,519)</b>	<b>156,170</b>	<b>(172,944)</b>	<b>59,149</b>	<b>1,704,224</b>

\*Prior year recoveries for operations are deposited into the Undesignated Reserve Account (UDR).  
\*\*Refer to the last footnote on the Balance Sheet (prior page) for a discussion of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 606 and capital dues/capital transfer fee revenue collections.

Sudden Valley Community Association  
Balance Sheet

	Unaudited** Dec 31, 2022	See Note** Dec 31, 2021	Inc./ (Dec)
<b>OPERATIONS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Operating Cash	\$ 505,451	\$ 823,297	\$ (317,846)
Building Completion Deposit Fund	492,620	437,650	54,970
Member Receivables - Operations*	46,750	34,910	11,841
Other Receivables	8,288	9,075	(788)
Prepaid Expenses	83,004	73,567	9,436
Inventory	6,200	3,622	2,578
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,142,313</b>	<b>1,382,121</b>	<b>(239,809)</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	(204,788)	(188,530)	(16,258)
Accrued Vacation Liability	(61,576)	(47,192)	(14,384)
Accrued Payroll	(54,127)	(58,874)	4,747
Prepaid Assessments	(181,184)	(211,076)	29,892
Building Completion Deposits	(492,620)	(437,650)	(54,970)
Other Refundable Deposits	(6,916)	(6,463)	(1,747)
Prepaid Golf Memberships	(133,153)	(26,269)	(106,884)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>(1,152,362)</b>	<b>(978,254)</b>	<b>(176,108)</b>
<b>Operating Reserve Funds</b>			
Emergency Operating Cash	361,096	360,736	360
Undesignated Reserves Cash	128,472	342,077	(213,605)
<b>Total Operating Reserve Funds</b>	<b>489,568</b>	<b>702,813</b>	<b>(213,245)</b>
<b>Net Operating Assets</b>	<b>\$ 479,519</b>	<b>\$ 1,108,680</b>	<b>(629,162)</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>			
<b>Capital Current Assets</b>			
CRRRF (Capital Repair & Replacement) Cash Fund	3,315,300	2,688,455	626,845
Roads Reserve Cash Fund	2,560,947	2,911,292	(350,345)
Board Density Reduction Cash Fund	87,552	87,365	187
Mailbox Cash Fund	101,061	75,985	25,076
Capital Reserve Holding Cash Fund	-	1,157,885	(1,157,885)
CRRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash	262,193	-	262,193
Mitigation Assignment of Savings Cash	44,545	44,445	100
LWWSD Assignment of Savings Cash	9,076	137,694	(128,618)
Member Receivables - Capital**	19,262	21,253	(1,991)
<b>Total Capital Current Assets</b>	<b>6,599,936</b>	<b>7,124,374</b>	<b>(524,438)</b>
<b>Capital Fixed Assets</b>			
Fixed Assets	14,383,442	11,538,814	2,844,628
Lots Held for Sale	204,809	204,809	-
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>14,588,251</b>	<b>11,743,623</b>	<b>2,844,628</b>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>			
CRRRF Loan 2018	-	(1,119,444)	1,119,444
CRRRF Loan 2022	(2,041,668)	-	(2,041,668)
Capital Leases	(166,357)	(223,599)	57,242
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>(2,208,025)</b>	<b>(1,343,043)</b>	<b>(864,982)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 19,259,681</b>	<b>\$ 18,633,635</b>	<b>\$ 626,046</b>
<b>MEMBER EQUITY</b>			
<b>Member Equity</b>			
Current Year Net Income: Operations	(170,372)	\$439,833	(610,205)
Current Year Net Income: Rec Special Assmt	(2,572)	63,481	(86,053)
Net Transfers Out from Operations to Capital	(482,660)	-	(482,660)
Current Year Net Income: Capital**	1,704,224	1,926,010	(221,786)
Net Transfers Into Capital from Operations	482,660	-	482,660
Retained Earnings**	5,068,407	4,565,093	503,314
Capital**	12,659,994	11,639,218	1,020,776
<b>TOTAL MEMBER EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 19,259,681</b>	<b>\$ 18,633,635</b>	<b>\$ 626,046</b>

\*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 December 31, 2022, and December 31, 2021, the balances of receivables written off were \$599,478 and \$583,436, 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).

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**FINANCIALS**

Sudden Valley Community Association Operations - By Department December 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 CURRENT MONTH								Whole \$
UNAUDITED Department	Actual Revenue	Revenue B / (W)	Actual Salary Benefits	Salary & Benefits B / (W)	Actual Other Expense *	Other Exp B / (W)*	Net Income / (Loss) *	Net B / (W)*
ACC / Security	(100)	(6,579)	(10,208)	14,738	(45,625)	74,919	55,733	83,078
Accounting	2,408	(1,025)	47,569	(24,282)	15,287	(7,025)	(60,448)	(32,332)
Administration	152	10	28,275	5,512	29,060	(20,379)	(57,183)	(14,857)
Common Costs	2,659	(261)	-	-	28,444	(5,927)	(25,785)	(6,188)
Facilities	2,904	(1,848)	897	2,555	17,856	(3,010)	(15,849)	(2,303)
Maintenance	40	(43)	15,293	12,380	28,073	(14,568)	(43,326)	(2,231)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8,063</b>	<b>(9,746)</b>	<b>81,826</b>	<b>10,903</b>	<b>73,095</b>	<b>24,010</b>	<b>(146,858)</b>	<b>25,167</b>
Golf	15,111	(7,089)	94,695	(25,846)	55,573	(29,185)	(135,157)	(62,120)
Marina	440	440	-	4,854	990	1,617	(550)	6,911
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>23,614</b>	<b>(16,395)</b>	<b>176,521</b>	<b>(10,089)</b>	<b>129,658</b>	<b>(3,558)</b>	<b>(282,565)</b>	<b>(30,042)</b>
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	35,317						35,317	
Special Assmt Earned	(134)						(134)	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	35,183	2,356					35,183	2,356
Net Special Assmt Dues	1,122	(848)	24,892	(5,393)	7,224	4,675	(30,994)	(1,566)
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	36,305	1,508	24,892	(5,393)	7,224	4,675	4,189	790
<b>Subtotal Rec/ Pools/ Parks</b>	<b>59,919</b>	<b>(14,887)</b>	<b>201,413</b>	<b>(15,482)</b>	<b>136,882</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>(278,376)</b>	<b>(29,252)</b>
Ops Dues Earned	180,547						180,547	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(3,680)						(3,680)	
Net Ops Dues	176,867	8,733					176,867	8,733
<b>Net Operations</b>	<b>236,786</b>	<b>(6,154)</b>	<b>201,413</b>	<b>(15,482)</b>	<b>136,882</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>(101,509)</b>	<b>(20,519)</b>
Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations								
Firewise/Road Mowing/Clean Green	-		-		-		-	
Clubhouse Remediation & Assessment	-		-		-		-	
Epiq Transfer Fee Refund Servicer	-		-		1,060		(1,060)	
2022 Clubhouse Kitchen Repairs	-		-		82,202		(82,202)	
Hazardous Tree Removal	-		-		-		-	
<b>Net Operations with Board Approved UDR</b>	<b>236,786</b>	<b>(6,154)</b>	<b>201,413</b>	<b>(15,482)</b>	<b>220,144</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>(184,771)</b>	<b>(20,519)</b>
Other Operating Activity								
UDR Activity	4,256				293		3,963	
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-				-		-	
AR Accrual - Current Year	46,750				-		46,750	
Vacation Liability Accrual	-				(6,873)		6,873	
<b>Total Other Operating Activity</b>	<b>51,006</b>				<b>(6,580)</b>		<b>57,586</b>	
<b>Grand Total Operations Activity</b>	<b>287,792</b>	<b>(6,154)</b>	<b>201,413</b>	<b>(15,482)</b>	<b>213,564</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>(127,185)</b>	<b>(20,519)</b>

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

# New member feature starting in April

Beginning next month, all member-submitted articles to the Views will carry the gold Member Feature banner. The Sudden Valley Views is the official newsletter of the Sudden Valley Community Association (SVCA). It carries SVCA announcements, news, project updates, reports

the Board's actions, and other information for members. By clearly identifying member submissions, our readers can quickly distinguish between official Association submissions and those of members. SVCA Members are encouraged to submit articles of interest

for inclusion in the Views. Member-submitted articles should focus on areas of interest to the Sudden Valley community.

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**FINANCIALS**

**Sudden Valley Community Association  
Operations - By Department  
January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022  
YEAR TO DATE**

*Whole \$*

UNAUDITED Department	Actual Revenue	Revenue B / (W)	Actual Salary Benefits	Salary & Benefits B / (W)	Actual Other Expense *	Other Exp B / (W)*	Net Income / (Loss) *	Net B / (W)*
ACC / Security	77,745	(5)	11,937	46,304	401,153	(49,953)	(335,345)	(3,654)
Accounting	31,309	(9,891)	325,556	(25,448)	107,921	(30,221)	(402,168)	(65,560)
Administration	1,744	44	381,668	54,131	268,053	(153,892)	(647,977)	(99,717)
Common Costs	38,754	3,704	-	-	411,922	(89,917)	(373,168)	(86,213)
Facilities	43,684	(13,340)	22,037	22,422	156,237	3,443	(134,590)	12,525
Maintenance	78	(922)	271,934	32,894	156,556	(44,405)	(428,412)	(12,433)
Subtotal	<b>193,314</b>	<b>(20,410)</b>	<b>1,013,132</b>	<b>130,303</b>	<b>1,501,842</b>	<b>(364,945)</b>	<b>(2,321,660)</b>	<b>(255,052)</b>
Golf	1,220,124	180,324	716,208	(9,320)	359,904	(26,992)	144,012	144,012
Marina	155,330	2,634	19,499	42,936	12,052	18,118	123,779	63,688
Subtotal	<b>1,568,768</b>	<b>162,548</b>	<b>1,748,839</b>	<b>163,919</b>	<b>1,873,798</b>	<b>(373,819)</b>	<b>(2,053,869)</b>	<b>(47,352)</b>
Rec/ Pools/ Parks								
Special Assmt Earned	423,730						423,730	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	793						793	
Net Special Assmt Dues	424,523	30,601					424,523	30,601
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	33,872	1,752	273,078	27,354	187,889	(51,189)	(427,095)	(22,083)
Subtotal Rec/ Pools/ Parks	<b>458,395</b>	<b>32,353</b>	<b>273,078</b>	<b>27,354</b>	<b>187,889</b>	<b>(51,189)</b>	<b>(2,572)</b>	<b>8,518</b>
Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues	<b>2,027,163</b>	<b>194,901</b>	<b>2,021,917</b>	<b>191,273</b>	<b>2,061,687</b>	<b>(425,008)</b>	<b>(2,056,441)</b>	<b>(38,834)</b>
Ops Dues Earned	2,167,490						2,167,490	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(51,900)						(51,900)	
Net Ops Dues	2,115,590	97,983					2,115,590	97,983
Net Operations	<b>4,142,753</b>	<b>292,884</b>	<b>2,021,917</b>	<b>191,273</b>	<b>2,061,687</b>	<b>(425,008)</b>	<b>59,149</b>	<b>59,149</b>
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 Servicer	-		-		42,117		(42,117)	
2022 Clubhouse Kitchen Repairs	-		-		96,953		(96,953)	
Hazardous Tree Removal	-		-		142,202		(142,202)	
Net Operations with Board Approved UDR	<b>4,142,753</b>	<b>292,884</b>	<b>2,021,917</b>	<b>191,273</b>	<b>2,380,709</b>	<b>(425,008)</b>	<b>(259,873)</b>	<b>59,149</b>
Other Operating Activity								
UDR Activity	117,214				27,741		89,473	
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	(34,910)				-		(34,910)	
AR Accrual - Current Year	46,750				-		46,750	
Vacation Liability Accrual	-				14,384		(14,384)	
Total Other Operating Activity	129,054				42,125		86,929	
Grand Total Operations Activity	<b>4,271,807</b>	<b>292,884</b>	<b>2,021,917</b>	<b>191,273</b>	<b>2,422,834</b>	<b>(425,008)</b>	<b>(172,944)</b>	<b>59,149</b>

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

**SVCA Committees Board of Directors**

The Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the Dance Barn, located at 8 Barn View Court.

**Architectural Control Committee**

The ACC is responsible for reviewing requests to make exterior modifications to

your property. These can include general landscaping, fence requests, building an addition, tree limbing, and removal

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# Under Way: Long overdue culvert cleaning

**2023 PROJECTS**  
Updates at a Glance  
March 2023

**ROADS CULVERTS / DRAINAGE**  
**2023 Culvert Cleaning**  
Cleaning of culverts began 2-20-23, and is anticipated to be completed by the end of April, weather permitting.  
The project was issued for bid, and Stremier Gravel was the awarded contractor.  
Cleaning is a joint effort with SVCA Maintenance cleaning some of the culverts, and Stremier clearing the rest.  
**Ten Year Capital Roads and Drainage Improvement Plan**  
Impact Design was the awarded engineer for completing the 10 year capital improvement plan update.  
Road and drainage evaluation started 2-20-23, and is anticipated to be completed in May.  
Final updated plan is anticipated to be received the end of summer.  
**Culvert C315**  
LWVSD Board meeting on 2-8-23 approved the project to proceed with a DEA. All other permits have been received.  
The project is anticipated to go out for bid in March. Construction is proposed for this summer.  
**Cold Spring Drainage Repair**  
Design and permitting is anticipated to be completed this spring with construction this summer.

**Marina Boat Launch Dock**  
Design is nearing completion and permit application should be submitted to Whatcom County in March.  
The project will go out for bid this spring with installation proposed for this summer.

**Golf Austin Creek Repair**  
Design and permitting is anticipated to be completed this spring with construction taking place this summer.

**Barn 8 Siding / Covered Bridge**  
The project was submitted to Whatcom County for permit review on 2-7-23. It is anticipated to go out for bid this spring with construction starting this summer.  
Construction will be sequenced to not interfere with the Main Pool's operation.  
Design for replacing the covered bridge entry is ongoing, and being submitted as a separate project for permit review with Whatcom County.

**Maintenance Shop Remodel**  
Design is complete and was submitted to Whatcom County for permit review on 2-27-23.  
Project is anticipated to go out for bid this spring with construction starting this summer.

**Playgrounds ADA Improvements**  
ADA improvements will be completed at the Recreation Center and Gate 5 Entrance playgrounds.  
The project will go out for bid in March with construction taking place this summer.

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Projects allows for cleaning a majority of culverts prior to inspection."

The request before the board, as laid out in the meeting packet, asked the board to approve the allocation of \$243,739.72 from Roads Reserve for the 2023 Ditches, Culverts and Swales (CVC) project.

However, Jensen amended the request because she had learned additional funds were available.

"After some research, I discovered there was an additional set of money for CVC (culvert and veg control), and I would suggest that it would be a good idea for board to add approval to take the unspent 2021 dollars of \$34,660 and add that to total request to allow us some contingency for this budget. If we did that, it would give us 13 percent contingency, so I'm amending the request," Jensen said. "I'm requesting \$275,000,716 dollars from roads reserve to begin a focused effort of cleaning culverts in preparation for the engineering inspection and to improve drainage overall."

President Andrew Tischleder made a motion for the board to approve the allocation of \$275,716 from the Roads Reserve for 2023 Project with the inclusion of the remaining 2021 funds. Tischleder then made a motion to also approve "execution of the contract with Stremier Gravel by Sudden Valley GM Jo Anne Jensen

to complete the project ... with a maximum amount payable of \$187,899.72." The board approved both motions.

The board shifted focus to the 10-Year Roads and Drainage Capital Improvement Program, which would be preceded by the culvert cleaning project the board had already approved.

After a brief overview from Jensen, the board quickly moved forward with approving the allocation of \$132,350 from the Road Reserve Fund for the creation of the program, and approved allowing Jensen to "execute a contract with a maximum not to exceed that \$132,350 with Impact Design," as stated by Tischleder when he made the motion.

Culvert cleaning is now underway, Jensen said at the Feb. 23 meeting.

"Our large culvert cleaning project has begun ... started at gate five, we're working from the top down. We had two good days of culvert cleaning, we made excellent progress, but the very cold weather suspended the cleaning," Jensen said.

Signs will be posted at gates when cleaning is taking place, and updates can be found online. There will be no road closures, but there may be some minor road delays. Jensen asked that residents be respectful of work zones.

-- Contact Sarah McCauley at sarah@lyndentribune.com

**Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee typically meets the third Wednesday of the month, but may change that schedule and may have additional meetings.

**Nominations and Elections Committee**

The Nominations and Elections (N&E) Committee typically meets the fourth Monday of the month.

**Document Review Committee**

The DRC currently does not have a regular schedule. Check the calendar page at SuddenValley.com for more information.

**Long-Range Planning Committee**

The LRPC normally meets on the

last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**Community clubs Valley Arts Group**

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**Sudden Valley ALANON**

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**Sudden Valley AA**

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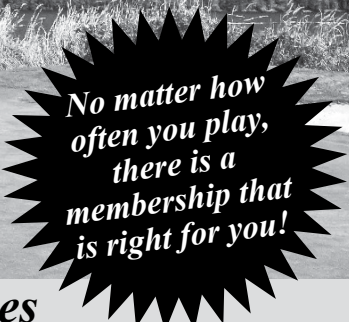
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## GM: Report for February

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- Worked with Accounting dept. to complete year end reporting for Golf.
- Re-booked the Aslan Classic, our largest golf outing.
- Booked a couple of other, smaller outings one of which is a new booking.
- Planned hiring process for seasonal staff.
- Confirmed our Stay and Play pricing with a local hotel and booked two small stay and play groups.

**Successes**

- Successful safety walk-through at Turf Care building.
- Promote, prepare, and host winter series tournament event.
- Firm up 2023 print and television advertising.
- Attend Golf Club meeting on Feb. 27.

**Turf Care**

**Activity Summary**

- Fairway aerating and top-dressing continues.
- Sodding of new forward tee boxes completed.

- Left over sod applied to No. 2 fairway drain, and irrigation repair area on No. 9 fairway.

- Cleaned up large accumulation of branches at No. 15 tee box and chipped into manageable pile.

- Opened, exposed, and repaired drain line termination box on No. 15 green.

- Pre-season sprinkler head clearing has begun, as we have well over 1000 sprinklers, anticipate completion by month end.

- Lowering No. 4 pond started in order to remove Cat tail organic growth for upcoming season.

- Course equipment preventative maintenance continuing.

**Successes**

- All planned fall/winter projects completed or close to completion.

**Planned Work**

- Irrigation main, system leak detected on No. 12 hole.
- Troubleshoot drainage on all 18 greens continues.

- Troubleshooting irrigation system electrical. Irrigation heads on No. 1 and No. 15 not communicating with computer central.

- Continue with sprinkler head and drainage catch basin clearing.

## 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  
WTA - Whatcom Transportation Authority  
WUCIOA - RCW 64.90 - The WA Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act

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# The Ranch: Revisited in a May 1979 Views story

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"I logged forever," Corning said. "That's why I bought the property originally, to log it." But he found that when he spent weekends on the land, the family wanted to be there too.

They liked it so much that they moved into the original log homestead, without electricity.

Work was started on the main house. The first barn was built by Austin Creek. The family settled into a lifestyle many of us would envy the ranch, everyone called it, in an area of unsurpassed natural beauty.

Glenda Corning Henifin, who lives on the lake not far from Sudden Valley, said, "I don't think I ever really appreciated it. Then, it just didn't seem out of the ordinary, all that freedom. We used to tear all over the hills in an old jeep picking blackberries. How many 12-year-olds get to drive a jeep anyway? But we did.

I remember driving up to Lake Louise where Dad would try to teach me to fly fish."

Glen, an avid fisherman, recalled the 20,000 rainbow trout he had stocked in Lake Louise. "They were really something," he said. Betty remembered the Lake Louise monster. "Remember that huge fish, it was scary. It was dark and enormous and took everything, it was a monster, like jaws."

She described a huge trout-like fish that inhabited Lake Louise. Who knows, maybe it's still there.

But trout fishing in Lake Louise was a regular activity for the Cornings. As Catholics, they never ate meat on Friday. Instead, they went to Lake Louise and caught trout and had their own fish fry right on the beach.

They talked about their animals, Glen's prize heifers. He was named cattleman of the year in 1966.

The Cattleman's Association held a barbecue in his honor in the main barn. They dug an enormous hole and roasted 700 pounds of beef. And there were horses.

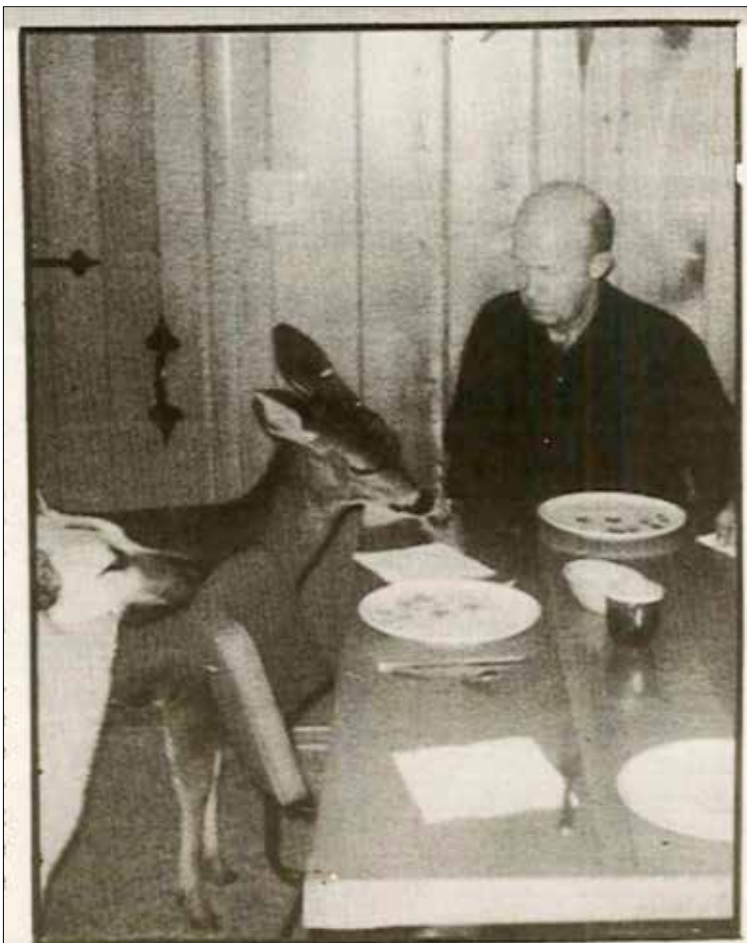
Each child had his own horse, and pet deer and raccoons.

The logging operation managed to scare off some of the adult deer population, leaving behind, at various times, Billy, Sally and Denny fawns that became household pets.

They begged for table scraps, and, when no one was looking, would snooze on the couch. Betty said that Denny was the ornery one, very rude.

"Denny would nip us if we were eating and he wanted something." Denny got his come-uppance when he polished off a goblet of champagne." He got drunker than a skunk," laughed Glen.

The pet raccoons also had house privileges. Glen said they



Sally has dinner with Glen Corning in family home, now the Adult Center.

would walk to the sink and knock everything off on the floor, then they'd wash their hands.

Glenda picked up a current issue of the Sudden Valley Views. "Say Dad, do you want to buy a waterfront lot on Lake Louise? It's reasonable and you can save on commission."

About riding, Glenda said, "We never had formal riding lessons. We just rode them naturally, like Indians would ride. Dad had his cattle, but we even named the cattle. We had one named Lump Jaw and then there was another named Jr. Woody. We trained him just like a horse. We rode around on him."

Glen commented, "No wonder I lost money in the cattle business."

The Cornings sold the Ranch in 1968, for \$1.8 million to Sudden Valley, Inc., in care of K.A. Sanwick, Jr.

The rest is recent history. Glenda and Ron Henifin and their three children, Jaime, Rhonda and Jacob, live on Lake Whatcom just north of Sudden Valley.


Living on the lake keeps her from missing the ranch too much. She is active in the Lake Whatcom Protective Association.

"I love living on the lake, and I want others to be able to enjoy it, too. I used to let the older kids row their + boats out on the lake anytime, but I wouldn't let my youngest out on weekends. It's too dangerous now with all those boats."

Glen said, "Well, you know the definition of an environmentalist don't you? That's someone who has a house on the lake and doesn't want anyone else around."

The Cornings live in Moses Lake now. Glen is still active in land and real estate and he leases out his large ranch near Ephrata. Betty hasn't had time to think too much about missing the ranch.

"I've enjoyed everything I've done all my life and by that I mean all my married life, 40 years, that's most of my life. I enjoyed our time in the logging camp. I loved our life on the ranch, and I love my life now," she said.



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Our adorable pup is such a sweetheart. Always ready to give hugs or snuggle, he loves playing fetch at the dog park, and joins us often on the disc golf course.

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