



SUDDEN VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SUDDEN VALLEY VIEWS

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IN THE DAYS OF YORE ...



Ted Robinson, golf course architect



By Brian Kruhlak
Director of Golf
Sudden Valley Golf Club

Since we are celebrating milestones this year, it seemed a natural time to recognize a man who has had an enormous influence on Sudden Valley over the course of our history. Ted Robinson would have turned 100 in this year that we are celebrating Sudden Valley's 50th anniversary.

Robinson was born in May 1923 in Long Beach, California. He got an early introduction into golf course architecture when his father decided to build a two-hole course on the family's

recreational property outside of Los Angeles. Robinson's dad was an avid and accomplished amateur golfer, but he didn't share his father's passion for the game. Most of Robinson's time on the course was spent caddying for his father.

Robinson's original passion was architecture, and he received his undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley before earning a master's degree in planning from the University of Southern California in 1954.

Robinson's first job out of college was working for a company that designed and built housing developments. After that company folded, he

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Ted Robinson, left, surveying plans for the Sudden Valley course with engineer partner Don Hogan on what would become the 6th hole. This photograph was shot in 1969.

(Courtesy SVCA)

Corridor, Gate 5 parks become ADA compliant

Cleaning process uncovers several unknown culverts

By Sarah McCauley
Staff Reporter

SUDDEN VALLEY — Improvements to bring the Recreation Corridor Park and Gate 5 playground up to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards are one step closer to happening after the Sudden Valley Community Association (SVCA) Board of Directors approved a contract and funding for the project to begin.

The project went out to bid to eight contractors on March 23, with Sudden Valley receiving four bids by the April 7 due date.

Sudden Valley Community Association General Manager Jo Anne Jensen presented the board of directors with two options. One was to award the recreation corridor park to Premium Services, the second to award the Recreation Corridor Park and Gate 5 Playground to Premium Services.

After much discussion about what was required, the board ultimately decided to move forward with the second option during the April 13 meeting. They then motioned to request \$29,834.48 from CRRRF (Capital Repair & Replacement).

"We asked the consultant to tell us what is required per the work that we had previously done to said park," said Board President Andrew Tischleder. "This is what we need to do to be compliant."

During the same meeting, the board also approved a contract to Premium Services and funding to replace culvert C-315 with the allocation of \$166,914.68 from the roads fund. This project also went out to bid to eight contractors on March 23 with

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New HVAC system for welcome center

By Sarah McCauley
Staff Reporter

SUDDEN VALLEY — A heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system will soon be installed in the welcome center. On April 27, Sudden Valley Community Association's Board of Directors ratified the executive board's decision to execute a contract with Marr's Heating and Air Conditioning.

The board approved the \$48,404 allocation

from CRRRF (Capital Repair & Replacement Fund Explainer) funds for this work on April 13, but approval had not yet been granted for General Manager Jo Anne Jensen to execute a contract for the project.

The executive team approved the execution of a contract so work could proceed, during the week of April 16-21. The contract was executed on April 21.

"The process was that Marr's came out and did a site visit where they explored dif-

ferent options for installing the system," Jensen said. "They presented us with different options. We selected from amongst those options and presented the estimate to the board."

After some discussion, the board ratified the executive committee's decision to execute a contract with Marr's for the installation of an HVAC system in the welcome center.

SVCA will soon have a new utility task vehicle (UTV) for snow removal after the board of directors approved the \$39,331.20 allocation from CRRRF to purchase one of these vehicles. The standard snow removal equipment SVCA currently owns is not able to access certain sections of road due to extremely steep grades. As a result, SVCA has outsourced these roads to an outside vendor.

Over a three-year period, the average annual cost for outsourcing this work was \$38,155. The board learned that if SVCA were to purchase a UTV equipped with a snowplow, the association would be able to plow these roads with its own staff and not need

to rely on an outside vendor. This would lead to faster response times when snow removal service is needed in these areas, and would save money.

According to a summary of the proposal, SVCA could potentially save nearly \$40,000 each year in snow removal costs.

Other important takeaways from the board's April meetings:

- A 50-year anniversary committee was established during the April 27 meeting. The purpose of this committee is to plan, coordinate and organize events and activities to take place in 2023 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Sudden Valley's incorporation.

- The board reviewed, then approved changes to the Nominations & Elections Committee manual on April 27. Changes can be reviewed in the packet for the meeting, which can be found on the SVCA website, suddenvalley.com.

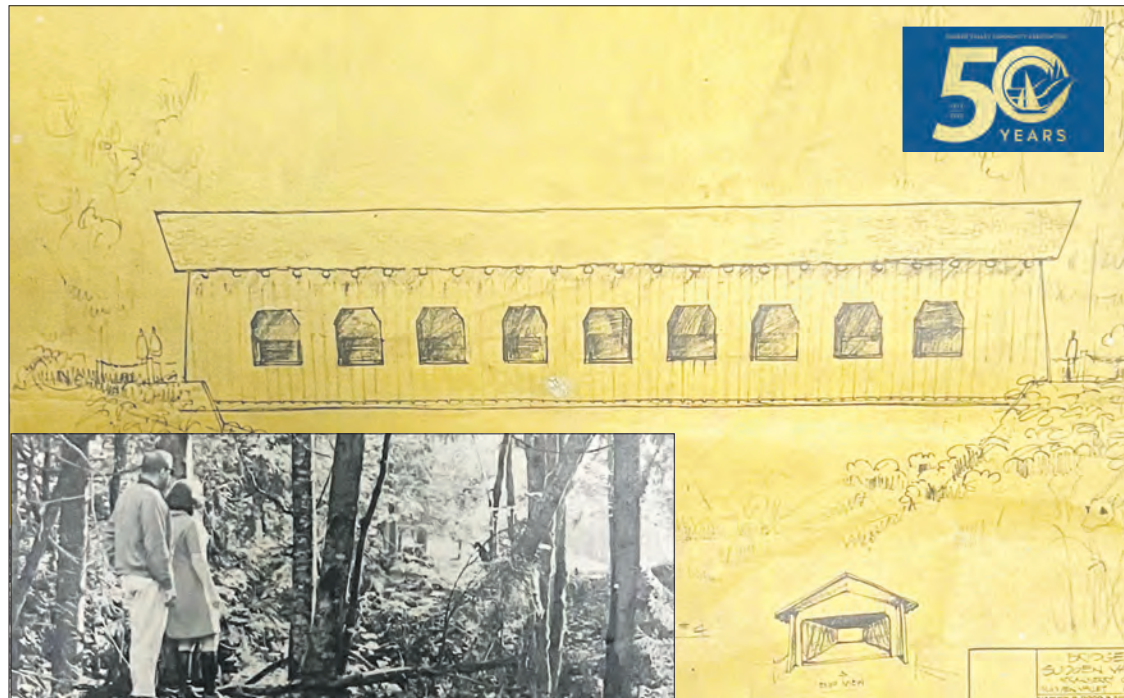
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IN THE DAYS OF YORE ...



Wood structure to enhance western mood of Sudden Valley community

SUDDEN VALLEY — Originally published in the first edition of the Sudden Valley Gazette, fall 1969: A 90-foot, honest-to-goodness cov-

ered bridge will carry cars and foot passengers over Little Strawberry Creek into the park just beyond.

The span will be 50 feet up

from the bed of the creek just off Sudden Valley Drive in Division 3.

Designed to blend in with the natural beauty of the setting, the bridge will have a cedar exterior planned to harmonize with the woody beauty of the green valley.

It will be one of 13 in the state built in a day when wood was cheaper for bridges than steel. The only other structure in Whatcom County is a railroad bridge used in an earlier era for logging.

The bridge is designed by Harvey R. Dodd and Associates, consulting engineers, and is expected to be finished by year's end.

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SVCA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whatcom YMCA to provide swim lessons at Sudden Valley

SUDDEN VALLEY — We are very pleased to announce that SVCA finalized an agreement with the Whatcom Family YMCA this week for the provision of swim lessons at Sudden Valley during the 2023 season.

There will be two sessions: Session 1 starts July 10 and ends Aug. 2; Session 2 starts Aug. 7 and ends Aug. 30.

Each session will include eight 30-minute lessons and students will be placed into classes based on their level of ability.

Lessons will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

During lesson time, three lap lanes will remain open for the use of Association members and pass-holding non-members.

Registration will be managed by the YMCA.

Both members and non-members of the Association will be allowed to register for lessons, but non-member students will need to purchase a monthly pool pass from SVCA.

We look forward to partnering with the Whatcom Family YMCA and believe that this program will deliver real value to the Sudden Valley community.

Children will be able to conveniently take swimming lessons, improving their safety in the water, and the Association will collect additional revenue to help offset the cost of maintaining the pool.

SVCA will share more information about how to register when the details are finalized.

Practice boating safety

SUDDEN VALLEY — Boating season is right around the corner.

While that is always a fun and exciting time, it is important to practice safe boating.

Many recreational boaters in Washington are required by law to complete a boating safety course and carry a Washington State boater education card.

Whether you cruise, sail, kayak, fish, or do yoga on a stand-up paddleboard, you are responsible to know the laws and basics of boating safety.

You are encouraged to take a boating safety course, whether required by law or not.

The Washington State boater education card is valid for your lifetime and meets requirements for recreational boating in Canada and many other states.

You are required by law to carry a Boater Education Card if you operate a vessel with a 15-horsepower (or greater) motor; you were born after Jan. 1, 1955; or you are 12 years of age or older.

You can get a boater education card by passing a state-approved boating safety course or equivalency exam using one of the following options:

- Instructor-led courses
- Equivalency exam
- Hands on training courses

- Home study course
- Online course

There are several local options for obtaining your boater educator card.

Whatcom County Sheriff's office is offering a free adventures in boating course taught by marine deputies that will net participants a Washington State boater education card.

The single-day course is on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 901 W. Smith Road, Bellingham. Email Deputy Mike King at MWKing@whatcomcounty.us to register for the class.

Locally the Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering two upcoming classes:

- Boat America Monday, May 8: Two hours, four evenings, Pamela Chelgren-koterba pamck.cgaaux@gmail.com.
- Boat America Monday, June 5: Two hours, four evenings, Pamela Chelgren-koterba pamck.cgaux@gmail.com.

Americas Boating Club's Bellingham Chapter offers a variety of classes online and in person including Paddling Safety classes for kayaks, canoes and paddleboards.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Administration

Activity Summary

- Continued work on network reorganization to prepare for transition to cloud.
- Finalizing beta test of updated SVCA website.
- Actively interviewing to fill current open staff positions.
- Implemented new software to manage key card access system.
- Developing an annual review process for employees.

Successes

- Established a process to facilitate seasonal hiring.

Planned Work

- Begin organizing implementation of new phone system.
- Continue screening and interviewing applicants for open staff positions.

Accounting

Activity Summary

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

Successes

- Prepared for the annual reserve study.

Planned Work

- Preparing materials for yearly audit.

Maintenance

Activity Summary

- Finished Lake Louise trail gazebo roofing project.
- Cleared fallen tree and branches from Lake Louise Trail.

- Finished pressure washing exterior of Clubhouse.
- Finished Culvert cleaning/survey.
- Replaced entrance mats at Clubhouse.
- Dry Slip organization at Marina, all spaces are marked. Everything that is accessible has been painted, waiting on boats to be moved to complete project.
- Painted parking spaces at AM/PM Park.
- Facilitated Clean Green.
- Evaluated damage to Guard Shack and procured quotes for repair.
- Installed sidearm mower on tractor for roadside mowing.
- Removed studded snow tires from OP-24.
- Surveyed parks for maintenance needs.
- Removed fallen tree on Wisteria Lane.
- Mowed Rec corridor.
- Marked out lines on soccer fields.
- Removed pool cover and started pool cleanup to prepare for opening.

Successes

- Good community participation in the Clean Green events.
- Culvert cleaning project is complete.
- Facilitated HVAC installation at Welcome Center.

Planned Work

- Prepare swimming pools for opening.
- Chip remaining debris pile from Clean Green event.
- Firewise has started and will continue through the end of

May.

- Prepare AM/PM park bathrooms for opening.
- Replace shaft bearing on sander.
- Facilitate Backhoe repair with NC Machinery and insurance adjuster.

Recreation

Activity Summary

- Continuing to support residents as they renew their Marina moorage agreements.
- Finalized list of new hires for lifeguards and seasonal recreation staff.
- Working to open and clean pools in readiness for Memorial Day opening.
- Implemented new access card software.

Successes

- Finalized agreement with YMCA for summer swim lessons.
- Achieved hiring goals for lifeguards and seasonal rec staff.

Planned Work

- Working on proposed rental agreement for soccer fields with local teams for practices.
- Water lily mitigation
- Update facility rental fees
- Get Marina office and facilities ready for the season.

Golf

Activity Summary

- Hosted a Masters themed Par 3 tournament for members and guests.
- Organized upcoming Golf Club events.
- Hosted a very successful Golf Club Opening Day event.

- Finalized plan for 2023 capital spending.
- Sent out informational emails regarding Junior Golf Camp registration.
- Submitted first revision of scorecard proof.
- Completed draft of views article about course architect, Ted Robinson.
- Conducted a Zoom interview with a potential seasonal employee from the east coast.
- Met with owners of a promotional product aimed at attracting Canadian daily fee golfers.
- Coordinated member billing with accounting department for Opening Day meal.

Successes

- Opened registration for and sold out the Junior Camp in two days.

Planned Work

- Promote upcoming Golf Club events via e-blasts.
- Finalize scorecard design and place order.
- Make a decision re Canada Golf Card participation.
- Develop capital request for irrigation system repairs.

Turf Care

Activity Summary

- Golf course scheduled mowing is ramping up to a more conditioning pattern, rather than a reactive pattern. At this time of the season when turf growth begins, all the aerating and sand application is paying off allowing crew members to maintain areas that traditionally are too wet to

maintain.

- Many of our golfers are complementing on the dryer firmer conditions this time of year. Again, due to the extensive aerating and sand topdressing throughout the course.
- Irrigation leak on #4 green side found and repaired.
- Annual spring, aggressive de-thatching and sand topdressing of all putting greens completed.
- Driving range grass tee opened for the season on a limited basis for weekend practice.
- We had a mower blow a hydraulic hose leak on #2 green which will require resodding in the coming weeks. We have a turf nursery that our crew take repair turf from in situations like this.
- Worked on #13 green transplanting sod plugs to the front of the green.

Successes

- High traffic areas and putting green surrounds sand topdressed.
- New gold tee boxes growing in well and anticipating mid-May opening.
- Began hiring seasonal employees.

Planned Work

- Wrap up sprinkler head clearing.
- Complete bridge maintenance.
- Troubleshoot drainage issue between #2 and #3 holes in the rough/native turf areas.
- Begin repairs to #2 green replacing sod damaged by oil leak.

Compliance: Corridor, Gate 5 parks

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four bids received by April 7. According to Jensen, the culvert was "at the end of its life cycle" and replacement was necessary.

The Sudden Valley Board again discussed culverts at its April 27 meeting, then approved a capital request to provide additional funding for capital project 9923.08. This project encompasses the 10-year capital improvement plan, which involves reviewing SVCA's roads and drainage.

Before this project, all of SVCA's culverts needed to be cleaned. SVCA entered into a contract with Stremler Gravel to do this work. Through the process of cleaning the culverts, additional culverts were found that previously weren't mapped in SVCA's records.

"Stremler gravel along with

SVCA's maintenance department has completed the cleaning of all SVCA culverts," Jensen said. "During this process, 53 additional culverts were found that previously weren't mapped."

SVCA will now have more than 300 mapped culverts additional improvements of the cleaned culverts are required. Jensen recommended that a change order be issued to Stremler gravel to allow them to continue their work.

The board approved the \$211,600.77 allocation from the roads fund for the project, along with a motion to authorize a contract change order in addition to Stremler Gravel's existing contract in the amount of \$184,264.34.

According to Jensen, it is possible residents may notice standing water in places during this process of cleaning the culverts.

Residents who encounter this are encouraged to call the SVCA office to alert them about new standing water.

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The Sudden Valley Community Association (SVCA) is putting together a commemorative book to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Sudden Valley's incorporation — and we need your help.

The SVCA is looking for interesting and historical stories and photos of Sudden Valley over the years to be included in this special book dedicated to our community's 50th anniversary celebration.

The commemorative photo history book will be available for pre-order on May 1, with delivery

in early August.

Please submit historical photos and interesting stories for consideration to use in the commemorative book and in upcoming editions of the Sudden Valley Views.

We're seeking slice-of-life photos and stories to help us illustrate the 'feel' of the community in certain eras.

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While photos throughout our community's history are welcome, photos that depict Sudden Valley's milestones from incorporation through today are

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The deadline to submit photos is June 1.

The Sudden Valley Views is also presenting the community with a second keepsake in the form of a free commemorative edition of the Views - filled with stories and features on Sudden Valley's history - which will be printed and distributed to all members in August.

Additional copies will be available at the 50th Anniversary festivities in August.

Also visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVCAViews> where you can pre-order your copy of the commemorative edition.

SUDDEN VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2023 EVENTS

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May 11	Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 - 9:00p Dance Barn, 8 Barn View Court	June 8	Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 - 9:00PM Dance Barn, 8 Barn View Court
May 22	Nominations and Elections Committee 6:30 - 7:30p Via Zoom	June 15	ACC Meeting 6:00 - 7:00PM Dance Barn, 8 Barn View Court
May 25	Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 - 9:00p Dance Barn, 8 Barn View Court	June 22	Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 - 9:00PM Dance Barn, 8 Barn View Court
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512 SUDDEN VALLEY DOWNTOWN

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SATURDAYS

512 Sudden Valley

512 Downtown

LEAVE	B'ham Station	Lakeway & Lincoln	Lakeway & Woburn	Lakeway & Electric	Cable & Austin	Sudden Valley Gate 13	Sudden Valley Gate 1	Cable & Austin	Lakeway & Electric	Lakeway & Woburn	Lakeway & Lincoln	ARRIVE B'ham Station	Bus Continues as Route
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SV pools open May 28

SVCA Staff Reports

Warm weather is arriving and the Sudden Valley community pools will be open Saturday, May 28 and through Labor Day. Pools will be open daily from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. The complete main pool schedule will be posted to www.SuddenValley.com soon. Please be aware that lifeguards are not on duty at the quiet pool. For more info on SVCA pools and swim lessons, call 360-734-6430. Also stop by the rec center or email recfrontdesk@SuddenValley.com.

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SVCA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dog rules and regulations at Sudden Valley

By Jo Anne Jensen
SVCA

SUDDEN VALLEY — Dogs are an important part of many households in Sudden Valley, and SVCA's dog parks were rated as somewhat important or very important by 83% of residents in the 2020 planning survey.

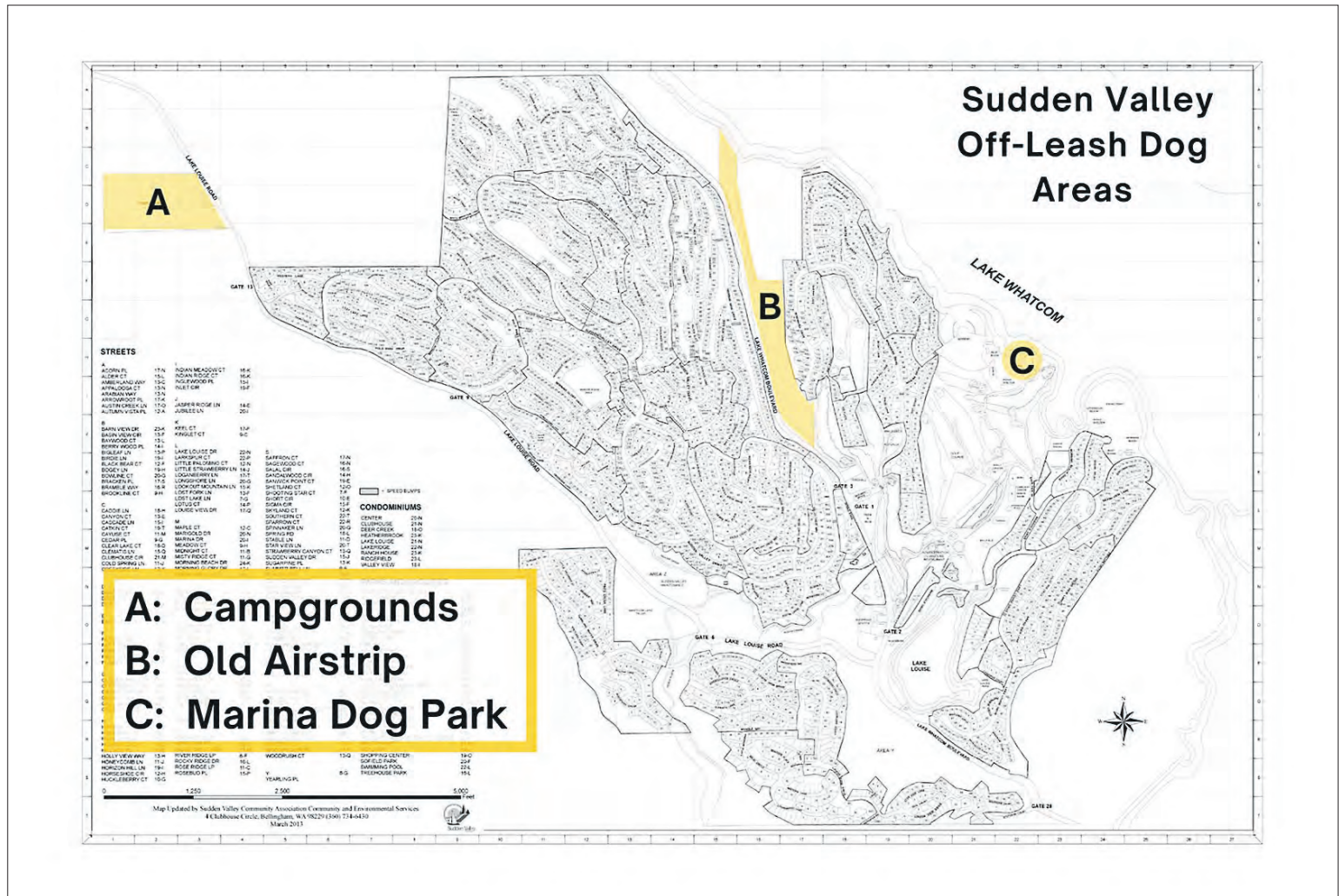
Most residents may not know, however, that Sudden Valley's rules and regulations identify this community as a dog control zone, which means that all dogs must be kept under control at all times.

Under control is defined as "in the house or approved kennel, restrained by means of invisible (electronic) fences or on a leash or chain not longer than 15 feet, suitable for the animal's size and weight."

Dogs found roaming or not under control, according to SVCA or Whatcom County regulations, may be impounded and turned over to the Whatcom County contractor.

The Association maintains several designated dog parks, and has established the following rules for those off-leash areas:

- Supervise and clean up after your dog.
- Carry a leash for each dog.
- Dogs must be vaccinated, licensed, and healthy.
- No dogs in-season allowed in off-leash areas.
- Only dogs who are well-socialized and under voice control or leashed may be in the area.
- A responsible adult must accompany minors (13 years and under) with dogs.
- Enjoyment of off-leash areas are at your own risk, including pets.
- Dogs who repeatedly violate SVCA rules may be declared a



nuisance and permanently excluded from the community. Categories of nuisance dogs include:

- Dogs at large – Dogs that run free control of their owner or who are beyond the effective control of their owner.
- Dangerous dogs – Dogs that attack people, other domestic or wild animals, attack without provocation or warning, or that have been designated as dangerous by animal control authorities.
- Uncontrollable dogs – Dogs that bark, whine or howl for

reasonable periods or at unusual hours or who engage in activity that is disruptive or harmful to neighbors.

Following these rules ensures that all residents and all their dogs can enjoy their homes as well as the common resources of the Association.

Dog owners who choose not to follow the rules can be fined; fines are set at \$50 for the first violation, \$75 for the second, and \$100 for the third. Fines can be assessed for subsequent violations

at a rate of \$200 per incident.

If you are aware of a dog owner who is not following these rules, you can make SVCA aware of the violation by submitting a complaint form. Administration will then follow up with the owner,

without identifying the person who submitted the complaint.

More information about these and other SVCA Rules and Regulations can be found online at SuddenValley.com/Residents-Resources.

May 15: Candidate filing week

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form may be mailed to the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 103, Bellingham, WA 98225 from May 1-May 19.

A form returned by email or fax must be submitted after 9 a.m. Monday, May 15, but before 4 p.m. Friday, May 19.

Candidates may file in-person at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office starting at 8:30 a.m. Monday May 15 through 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 19.

The lot draw will be held at 4:45 p.m. Friday, May 19. The lot draw determines the order candidates will appear on the ballot.

The deadline to withdraw a declaration of candidacy is 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 22.

For more information, contact the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division at (360) 778-5102.

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FINANCIALS

Sudden Valley Community Association Balance Sheet February 28, 2023 and December 31, 2022			
	Unaudited** Feb 28, 2023	Unaudited** Dec 31, 2022	(Inc. / (Dec.))
OPERATIONS			
Current Assets			
Operating Cash	\$ 550,154	\$ 507,491	\$ 42,663
Building Completion Deposit Fund	472,700	492,620	(19,920)
Member Receivables - Operations*	-	46,750	(46,750)
Other Receivables	10,240	8,288	1,952
Prepaid Expenses	56,506	81,738	(25,232)
Inventory	8,909	6,200	2,709
Total Current Assets	1,097,509	1,143,087	(45,578)
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	(120,689)	(205,246)	84,557
Accrued Vacation Liability	(62,675)	(61,576)	(1,099)
Accrued Payroll	-	(54,127)	54,127
Prepaid Assessments	(806,436)	(181,105)	(625,331)
Building Completion Deposits	(872,700)	(492,020)	(380,680)
Other Refundable Deposits	(5,460)	(4,916)	(550)
Prepaid Golf Memberships	-	(153,151)	153,151
Total Current Liabilities	(967,960)	(1,132,741)	164,781
Operating Reserve Funds			
Emergency Operating Cash	361,155	361,096	59
Undesignated Reserves Cash	252,425	223,385	29,040
Total Operating Reserve Funds	613,580	584,481	29,099
Net Operating Assets	\$ 743,129	\$ 594,827	\$ 148,302
CAPITAL			
Capital Current Assets			
CRRF (Capital Repair & Replacement) Cash Fund	3,343,529	3,220,387	123,142
Roads Reserve Cash Fund	2,683,714	2,560,847	122,867
Board Density Reduction Cash Fund	87,552	87,552	-
Mailbox Cash Fund	105,212	101,061	4,151
CRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash	239,163	262,193	(23,030)
Mitigation Assignment of Savings Cash	44,566	44,545	21
LWWSD Assignment of Savings Cash	9,076	9,076	-
Member Receivables - Capital**	-	(19,262)	(19,262)
Total Capital Current Assets	6,512,812	6,305,023	207,789
Capital Fixed Assets			
Fixed Assets	14,448,486	14,478,354	(29,868)
Lots Held for Sale	204,809	204,809	-
Total Capital Assets	14,653,295	14,683,163	(29,868)
Long Term Liabilities			
CRRF Loan 2022	(2,000,237)	(2,041,668)	41,431
Capital Leases	(156,575)	(166,357)	9,782
Total Long Term Liabilities	(2,156,812)	(2,208,025)	51,213
NET ASSETS	\$ 19,752,818	\$ 19,354,988	\$ 397,830
MEMBER EQUITY			
Member Equity			
Current Year Net Income: Operations	142,694	(575,065)	717,739
Current Year Net Income: Rec. Special Assmt.	24,073	(2,572)	26,645
Net Transfers Out from Operations to Capital	-	(482,060)	-
Current Year Net Income: Capital**	254,136	1,704,224	(1,450,088)
Net Transfers Into Capital from Operations	-	482,660	-
Retained Earnings**	4,990,770	5,068,407	(77,637)
Capital**	14,341,145	12,659,994	1,681,151
TOTAL MEMBER EQUITY	\$ 19,752,818	\$ 19,354,988	\$ 397,830

* 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 February 28, 2023, and December 31, 2022, the balances of receivables written off were \$844,688 and \$599,478, respectively.

** Beginning with the 2020 year and audited financial statements, Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 606 requires issued audited financial statements to reclassify unspent capital dues revenue, including applicable capital transfer fee revenues, as a contract liability balance (unearned revenue), which is then reversed out in future years when those 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 capital related collections 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 - February 2023			Year to Date - 2 Months Ending 2/28/2023		
	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Capital Reserves**	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Coll % Capital Reserves**
REVENUE						
Current Year Dues & Assessments Income						
Dues & Assessments Income	179,708	-	230,844	359,409	-	461,688
Bad Debt Reserve	(10,145)	-	(8,278)	(24,194)	-	(22,282)
Net Current Year Assessment Income	169,563	(842)	222,566	335,215	(5,592)	93.3%
Special Ops Assmt Income- Rec/ Pools/ Parks						
Dues & Assessments Income	36,494	-	-	72,985	-	-
Bad Debt Reserve	(900)	-	-	(1,133)	-	-
Net Special Ops Assmt Income	35,585	1,112	-	71,852	2,904	-
Bad Debt Recoveries - Prior Years						
Golf Income	40,478	(15,401)	3,949	238,829	(9,779)	18,219
Marina Income	2,747	2,747	-	2,747	2,747	-
Rec Center & Pools Income	95	4	-	135	(48)	-
Legal & Collections Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	5,622	(1,211)	-	10,485	(3,182)	-
Rental Income - Other	1,222	956	-	1,447	914	-
Area Z Rental Income	1,444	(556)	-	5,859	1,859	-
Lease Income	3,552	49	-	7,104	97	-
New Home Construction Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	68	(20)	703	139	(36)	1,466
Total Revenue	260,376	(13,162)	227,218	673,812	(10,116)	459,091
EXPENSES						
Salaries & Benefits	134,612	29,568	-	228,305	55,856	-
Contracted & Professional Services	10,589	3,151	-	26,683	798	-
CC&Rs/ Mandates	35,467	(7,042)	-	68,017	(11,162)	-
Maintenance & Landscaping	27,269	8,052	-	63,920	14,774	-
Utilities	22,032	(3,385)	-	32,349	(2,934)	-
Administrative	5,263	3,225	-	21,536	5,405	-
Regulatory Compliance	6,052	1,095	-	17,376	(2,438)	-
Insurance Premiums	13,768	(590)	-	27,250	(895)	-
Other Expenses	-	84	-	-	167	-
Depreciation Expense	-	-	85,809	-	-	171,617
Interest Expense	-	-	6,644	-	-	14,076
Total Expenses	255,046	34,158	92,453	485,436	59,571	185,693
Net Income (Loss)	5,330	20,996	134,765	188,376	49,455	273,398
Net UDR Activity for Operations						
Firewise/Road Mowing/Clean Green	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hazardous Tree Removal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Loss) with Board Approved UDR	5,330	20,996	134,765	188,376	49,455	273,398
Other Activity						
Net Other UDR Activity*	9,075	-	-	26,240	-	-
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-	-	-	(46,750)	-	(19,262)
AR Accrual - Current Year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacation Liability Accrual	(1,364)	-	-	(1,099)	-	-
Total Other Activity	7,711	-	-	(21,609)	-	(19,262)
Grand Total Activity	13,041	20,996	134,765	166,767	49,455	254,136

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

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

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Days of Yore: Ted Robinson, golf course architect

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decided to go out on his own as a land planning consultant. One of his early projects was for a development that wanted a 9-hole golf course to be included.

Even though his only experience was that two-hole course he watched get built as a child, Robinson convinced the developer to let him design and build the 9-hole course. Since the budget for the golf course was small, a big-name architect was out of the question.

Robinson's first 18-hole course design was a course associated with the Vandenberg Village development in Lompoc, California. The development and the course were very successful and are both still thriving to this day.

For the next few years, Robinson continued to design communities and golf courses, but by 1960, he shifted his focus entirely to golf course architecture and construction. Thanks to a connection through his father to the elite amateur golfer and golf course architect, Johnny Dawson, he became the most prolific architect in the Palm Springs area designing 23 courses including some of the first courses in the California desert.

When some snowbird golfers from Seattle approached him about designing courses in the Seattle area, Dawson suggested they consider Robinson. This recommendation led to Robinson's dramatic contribution to the Washington State golf course inventory as he designed several courses including Mill Creek Country Club north of Seattle, Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent, and of course, the crown jewel of his portfolio, Sahalee Country Club in Redmond.

Sahalee is ranked as the 168th best course in the U.S. and has hosted many prestigious tournaments including major championships on the PGA, Senior PGA and LPGA tours.

Fortunately for us, Robinson's stellar reputation led Sudden Valley's developer, the Sanwick Corporation, to tap him to design our golf course back in 1968. By the summer of 1969, grading and drainage work had begun, and by the spring of 1971, the course opened for play.

Robinson was one of the pioneers in using water hazards on his courses and was known as the King of Waterscapes amongst his peers. This passion for including water in his designs was in full effect here at Sudden Valley as we have water hazards in play on 13 of our 18 holes including every hole on the front nine.

Robinson would become one of America's most prolific golf course architects with more than 170 course designs to his name. Although many of his designs were on the west coast of the U.S., he designed several courses worldwide including renowned courses in Mexico, Korea, Japan, Indonesia and Hong Kong. Robinson's son, Ted Jr., left a successful career in finance to join his father's design firm in 1991. Together, they designed several courses until Ted Sr.'s passing in 2008.

Robinson's design philosophy was simple and effective. "I want to design courses that are playable and fun, and I want players to want to come back," he once said.

Well, he certainly accomplished that here at Sudden Valley, and we are forever grateful to be a small part of the incredible legacy that he left behind.

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Whatcom Smart Trips free bike classes

SUDDEN VALLEY — WTA Smart Trips bike classes are designed to help you enjoy getting on your bike and riding effortlessly around town. If you aren't sure which class is best for you, Whatcom Smart Trips will help you choose the class that's right for you.

Bike classes are one-on-one but you may invite friends or family to join.

Classes are usually during business hours but flex schedules are offered to accommodate other times.

All classes require bikes in good working order, helmets, and closed toe shoes. Classes are currently free of charge.

Learn to Ride

If you never learned to ride a bike as a kid and want to discover the joy of cycling, this class is for you.

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You will learn: Pumping your tires, how and when to shift gears, best ways to be visible and predictable to drivers, taking your bike on a bus, road placement in different situations, and triggering traffic lights

Ride Along

Who is this for? Teens and Adults who would like help and encouragement for a specific route like riding to work or school.

Class Requirements: Ability to start and stop easily, confidence to ride on city streets.

You will learn: Shifting gears, best route for your trip, and tips and tricks along the way.

Get the most out of your e-bike

If you would like to use your new e-bike to replace daily car trips, this class is for you.

Who is this for? Teens and adults using a new E-bike.

Class Requirements: Ability to ride 100 feet uninterrupted, ability to start and stop under control, confidence to ride on quiet city streets.

You will learn: Pumping your tires, how and when to shift gears, best ways to be visible and predictable to drivers, road placement in different situations, triggering traffic lights, carrying heavier loads, and important things to keep in mind when riding your e-bike.

Family Class

Who is this for? Families getting ready for their kids to start riding places like school solo or neighborhood rides with friends. This class is best for children 9 and older.

Class Requirements: Ability to ride 100 feet uninterrupted, able to start and stop under control, confident to ride on quiet city streets, able to pay attention and follow instruction for two hours.

You will learn: ABC Quickcheck, pumping a tire, shifting gears, hand signals, rules of the road, one specific route (probably to school or friend's house), and assessment of bike skills and what to work on.

Teen Lifetime Travel Skills

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Who is this for? Teens and college stu-

dents who will need skills to get around town without a car. You are encouraged to take this class with a friend.

Class Requirements: Ability to ride 100 feet uninterrupted, ability to start and stop under control, confidence to ride on quiet city streets.

You will learn: The true cost of owning a car, basic bus riding skills, best ways to be visible and predictable to drivers on your bike, scanning ahead to be aware of traffic situations when riding, taking your bike on a bus, road placement when riding in different situations, and triggering traffic lights on your bike.

Basic Bike Maintenance

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Questions or to schedule: Contact Whatcom Smart Trips at 360-756-TRIP (8747) or info@WhatcomSmartTrips.org.

Barry Buchanan announces candidacy for Whatcom County executive

BELLINGHAM — Whatcom County Council Chair Barry Buchanan will run for the position of Whatcom County executive.

According to an April 27 news release, Buchanan "stands up for things that matter: public safety and criminal justice reform, clean drinking water and improved emergency medical services

county-wide."

Buchanan said he "thought hard about running for County Executive" four years ago.

"Today, I'm stepping up to run," he said. "I'm running to stand up for things that matter to you: clean water and smart planning for Lake Whatcom, bringing forward a public safety, preven-

tion, and jail plan that people can trust and support, implementing the Children's Fund the way voters directed us to, and managing county departments and employees with respect. When voters vote "yes" on something, whether it's childcare in every corner of our county or a fifth emergency medical unit, I'll make sure it happens."

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Reductions: Summer long nighttime lane

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north of Nulle Road near milepost 243 to the State Route 11/Chuckanut Drive interchange at milepost 231 where the pavement is worn and there are cracks, ruts and potholes, according to an April 28 press release from Washington State Department of Transportation.

This project will improve the structural integrity of this vital highway by filling cracks and potholes and smoothing ruts. It also will repair and replace several concrete panels and make upgrades to the weigh station at Bow.

This work will extend the life of the highway and provide a smoother ride for travelers.

To minimize traffic congestion during construction, most of this work will be completed during nighttime single-lane and ramp closures.

Lane and ramp closure information is as follows:

- Weekday closures are permitted from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Weekend closures are permitted from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Ramp closure hours vary but are typically allowed from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

When ramps are closed, travelers will follow signed detour routes.

Mother's Day fundraiser launched for immigrant families

BELLINGHAM — Immigrant Resources and Immediate Support (IRIS) announces its third annual Mother's Day fundraiser to provide groceries and support to Skagit Valley and Whatcom families in need.

For a \$35 donation, a hand basket of groceries will be purchased, \$150 buys a half cart of food and \$300 buys a full cart to last a family for a week. The deadline for donations is May 14.

A local non-profit organization, IRIS serves families that do not have enough to eat. They utilize local food banks but regularly lack culturally appropriate foods, fresh produce, hygiene items and laundry detergent.

Additionally, most are not eligible for food stamps or government assistance. These families work incredibly hard to juggle

See **Mother's Day** on 11

HAPPENINGS

May 13 Jazz celebration concert

The final of the return to the Jazz celebration concert series will be on May 13 at First Baptist Church, Bellingham, at 3 p.m. Cost is \$15. Bands: the Jud Sherwood Trio, Stormy Sea and the Gales, and the Bellingham Dixieland All Stars will perform. Featured will be music by the Swing Connection big band of Bellingham, featured performer is Seattle ragtime pianist RoseMarie Barr. The celebration ends 13 years after it began, celebrating Bob Storms' creation of 2,000 songs in 20 books. All of the music in all of the 13 Jazz Celebration concerts are ones composed or arranged by Storms.

May 13-14 Mother Earth Dances

At 7 p.m. May 13 and at 2 p.m. May 14, Day-to-Day Dance will present Mother Earth Dances at 975 H St., Blaine. This will be a delightful Mother's Day weekend dance performed by more than 40 community students ages 3-19 at Blaine Performing Arts Center. Doors open 30 min. before show. Cost is \$15. Children under 2 free.

May 13 Plants with a Dose of Education

The annual Whatcom Master Gardener In-Person Plant Sale on May 13 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. is adding a dose of education to its event this year. In addition to the thousands of perennials, natives, fruits, tomatoes, veggies, herbs and bonsai on offer at Hovander Homestead Park, the sale will feature educational tips, gardening activities for children and mini lectures on growing dahlias, tomatoes and composting. Sale information, including plant lists, can be found at whatcommgf.org. Hovander homestead Park is at 5299 Nielsen Ave, Ferndale.

May 15-16 DigiMarCon Canada West 2023

May 15-16 from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., DigiMarCon Canada West, the premier digital marketing, media and advertising conference and exhibition in Western Canada, returns to the Paradox Hotel Vancouver. Join your peers in-person or online for two days jam-packed with digital marketing best practices, latest trends, practical solutions, strategy and networking, also check out the next generation of technology and innovation: Internet, Mobile, AdTech, MarTech and SaaS Technology. Email events@digimarconcanadawest.ca for more information.

May 16 Learn to make cheese

Learn to make cheese after lunch on Tuesday, May 16 at 12:45 p.m. at the Lynden Community/Senior Center, 401 Grover St. Queso Blanco and mozzarella are simple cheeses you can make at home using either raw milk or homogenized milk. Come taste the goodness of freshly made cheese and be amazed at its simple process. For more information, call (360) 354-2921 or email info@lyndencommunitycenter.org.

May 19-21, May 26-29 Shoestring Circus comes to Bellingham

Shoestring Circus will raise its big top tent across from Waypoint Park from May 19-21 and May 26-29 in Bellingham. Shoestring Circus is a brand new circus company founded by four Bellingham based circus artists. Information and tickets can be found at shoestringcircus.com. Shoestring Circus is an all-human show.

May 20 50 Seasons of Song

Whatcom Chorale will wrap up their 50 Seasons of Song with a retrospective concert of gratitude to their enthusiastic audience and supporters on Saturday, May 20 at 3 p.m. at

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 2117 Walnut St., Bellingham. Joined by featured guest percussionist Kay Reilly, the chorale will perform works from the 16th to 21st century. You won't want to miss this celebration and musical offering of hope. Reception to follow. For tickets and details, visit www.whatcomchorale.org.

May 24 Boynton Poetry Contest awards ceremony

This year's Sue C. Boynton Poetry Contest awards ceremony is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24 at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal, 355 Harris St. The poetry contest, in its 18th year, generally yields between 200 and 500 entries each year. All winning poems for 2023 will be recited by the poets for the audience to enjoy. For more information, visit <https://thepoetrydepartment.wordpress.com/contest/> or contact Joan Packer at torchlight@yahoo.com.

May 25 May birthday party

Do you have a birthday in May? Celebrate with the Lynden Community/Senior center on Thursday, May 25 at 12:30 p.m. Lunch at noon, for \$6, then the party with cake. Join your friends at Lynden Community/Senior Center, 401 Grover St. Call (360) 354-2921 or email info@lyndencommunitycenter.org for more information.

May 27 Lynden History Series

From 1:30-3:30 p.m. May 27 at the Lynden Library, Lummi artist Earline Hansen will lead a workshop on medicine bag making using skills she gained from her mother, Clarissa Young. Participants will be able to design and make their own medicine bags using provided materials, free of charge. Class size is limited. Please register online or contact the library, at 216 4th St.

May 27 Whatcom Memorial Day Parade

Whatcom Memorial Parade, held from noon-3 p.m. May 27 at the intersection of Alabama and Cornwall streets in Bellingham is a non-political family event to proudly showcase Whatcom County's communities, including commercial entries, schools, fire/law enforcement and all branches of the armed services. For more information, visit whatcommemorialdayparade.com.

June 2, July 7 and Aug. 4 Food Truck Fridays

Food Truck Fridays are the first Friday of each summer month at Pioneer Village, next to Star Park in Ferndale. Food trucks from around Whatcom County will sell hot meals starting at 5:30 p.m. Also, there will be live entertainment on the Pioneer Village stage for each event starting at 6 p.m.

June 10 Worldwide Knit in Public Day

To celebrate Worldwide Knit in Public Day, the knitters and crocheters of the Tabletop Crafters group that meets at the Lynden Community Center would like to invite all knitters and crocheters regardless of age, to join us from 10 a.m. until noon as we sit outside under the awning of the Lynden Community/Senior Center. Bring a lawn chair and your knitting or crocheting and let's have a few hours of camaraderie while knitting (or crocheting) for fun. Any questions, email nancyswin@yahoo.com.

June 10 and Aug. 19 Music in the Park

Music in the Park is Saturday, June 10 and Saturday, Aug. 19 at Pioneer Village in Ferndale. Food trucks will be on site and there will be kids activities in addition to the live music. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., music starts at 6 p.m.

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Mother's Day: Fundraiser event launched for immigrant families

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To donate, visit irisnw.org or send a check to 1050 Larrabee Ave., Suite 104, No. 498, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Leadership Skagit and Children's Museum of Skagit County are partnering with IRIS to host a Mother's Day celebration to distribute food and gift baskets, and will offer snacks, playtime, a children's book giveaway, folkloric dancing and information on community resources.

For more information, call Norma Govea Suárez, IRIS executive director, at 360-935-1688.

Gov. Inslee signs Nooksack Water Right Adjudication bill on April 20

OLYMPIA — Gov. Jay Inslee signed into law last week legis-

lation supported by Whatcom County Public Utility District aimed at making it easier for water right holders to file court claims in a Nooksack Water Right Adjudication.

The bill, House Bill 1792, was sponsored by Rep. Joe Timmons (D-42nd District) and prescribes certain timelines as well as creates a public input process to enable review and input into the adjudication claim form produced by the State Department of Ecology and used by water right holders when filing claims.

The State Department of Ecology announced it intends to file a water right adjudication in the Nooksack Basin during the next year.

The state's Surface Water Code establishes a general adjudication procedure to determine rights to surface water, ground water, or both.

The bill was supported by local governments and water users in the Nooksack Basin including Whatcom PUD, Whatcom County Government, City of Bellingham, Ag Water Board, Lummi Nation, and the Nooksack Tribe.

Gov. Inslee signed the legislation at a signing ceremony April 20.

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 CTK - Christ the King Church
 DNR - Washington State Department

ment of Natural Resources
 DOE - Washington State Department of Ecology
 DRC - Document Review Committee
 EIS - Emergency Information System
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 GIS - Geographic Information System
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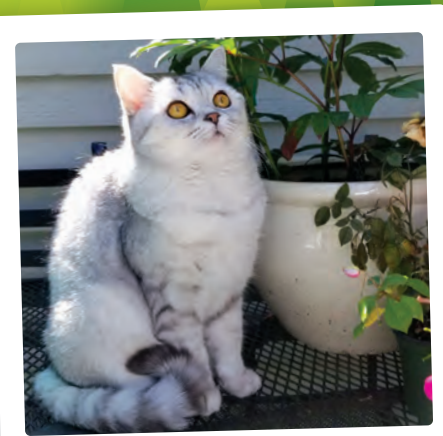
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Elsa

This month's pet of the month is Elsa, submitted by Linda Gagnier.

This month's Pet of the Month is Sudden Valley's indoor cat Elsa. She owns Linda Gagnier. Elsa is a purebred Scottish Fold Straight, born with straight ears and pure gold eyes. Elsa charms Linda's piano students. She can also turn icy and refuse to be a lap cat. Elsa enjoys being a princess, eating shredded chicken from PetStop, running, walking on piano keys, and chasing lasers. She can watch birds for hours, especially flickers, thrushes, and Seahawks.

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

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No fourth term for Jay Inslee

Washington governor says Monday he won't seek reelection

By Bill Helm
 Editor

OLYMPIA — First elected in 2012, Jay Inslee has served as Washington's governor for three consecutive terms. Monday, the Democrat announced he would not seek a fourth term in 2024. "During a decade of dynamic change, we've made Washington a beacon for progress for the nation," Inslee said in a statement posted at his website, governor.wa.gov. "I'm ready to pass the torch." Inslee stated that serving the people of Washington as governor has been his greatest honor. "Our last decade of Washington's storied history is one of growth and innovation," Inslee stated. "I am proud to have played a role in our state's leadership on so many fronts." Inslee stated that in his years as governor, Washington has "passed the nation's best climate policies, the most successful family leave benefits, the best college scholarship programs, a more fair legal justice system, and the most protective actions against gun

violence." "We've shown that diversity is a strength worth fighting for," Inslee stated. "This has been 10 years of dynamic success." Elected to a four-year term in 2019, Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu said Monday that Inslee is "very passionate about environmental issues and he stayed true to his convictions." Sidhu also said Washington's governorship is a "very complex and demanding position to fill." "I believe it is time for a new person to lead our state facing many issues like mental/behavioral health treatment crisis and housing crisis," Sidhu said. "I enjoyed a good relationship with the governor personally and professionally. I was able to reach out to him during COVID-19 pandemic issues for urgent matters including getting permission for some construction projects to continue in Whatcom County and got his attention immediately to visit after devastating 2012 floods with state help and resources in a timely manner. I think he has been a good governor in many ways for our state." Most recently re-elected in 2020, Inslee is the second Washington state governor to serve three consecutive terms. The other was Daniel J. Evans, a Republican who was elected in 1964, 1968 and in 1972. -- Contact Bill Helm at bill@lyn-dentribune.com.



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