



SUDDEN VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SUDDEN VALLEY VIEWS

July 2023

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Please help keep our community safe from fire

By JoAnne Jensen
SVCA General Manager

Summer weather is encouraging everyone to get outside and enjoy the season. Unfortunately, two traditional warm-weather activities, campfires and fireworks, can threaten the safety of our unique forest community.

Please be aware that a burn ban is in place and that fireworks are not permitted! More details are given below.



Burn Ban

SVCA's Rules & Regulations state that a burn ban automatically goes into effect in Sudden Valley if Whatcom County declares a burn ban. On June 9, the South Whatcom Fire Authority implemented a Stage One burn ban, triggering this requirement.

The Rules & Regulations explain that when a burn ban is in effect, no outdoor fires except properly enclosed cooking fires using gas or charcoal as fuel will be permitted. All other outdoor fires (open flame, including recreational fires) are prohibited for the duration of the burn ban. Sudden Valley's rules are more restrictive than those of the County. Even though recreational fires are still allowed by the county, SVCA rules are clear that no recreational fires with open flames will be allowed.

Violation of the burn ban can result in a fine of \$250. The fine increases to \$500 if there is a subsequent violation.

Fireworks prohibited throughout Sudden Valley

The use of fireworks is prohibited throughout Sudden Valley.

The fine for violating this rule is \$100 and no warnings will be given.

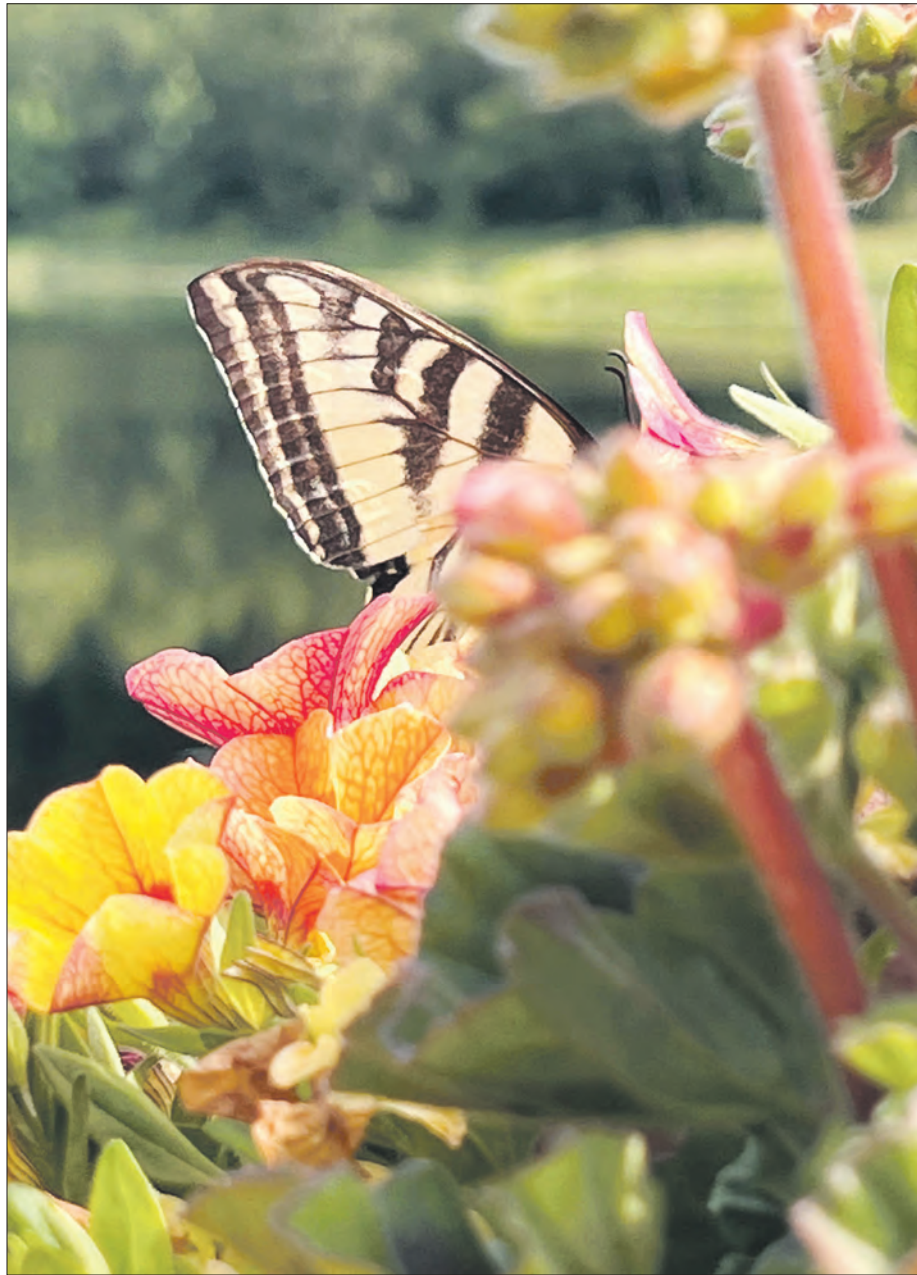
Fines are applied to the member account and are payable within 30 days of the issuance of the fine. Late fees and interest will accrue after 30 days.

Fireworks increase the risk of fire, disturb the peace of the neighborhood and disrupt the activity of the animals that share our space.

Last, but not least, setting off fireworks cause many injuries each year, with individuals losing fingers, toes and even their sight because of accidents.

Please be careful and observe SVCA's ban on fireworks.

A BUTTERFLY WELCOMING



This butterfly was photographed recently at the Sudden Valley Welcome Center. (Morgan Libby/Sudden Valley Views)

IN THE DAYS OF YORE ...



Help tell Sudden Valley's story

To honor Sudden Valley's 50th Anniversary, the August 2023 Views will be a commemorative edition chronicling Sudden Valley's first 50 years of Incorporation.

Sudden Valley's 50-year history is made up of the thousands of stories that are forever part of the fabric of our community.

Sudden Valley's story remembers its history as a working ranch and recognizes the visionary role of its original developers.

Sudden Valley is its members, past and present, and the dedicated and hard-working volunteers and staff.

Our collective history makes up the threads that have woven the Sudden Valley of today.

We are Sudden Valley!

- We invite you to join in the telling of this story.

- Share with us your fondest Sudden Valley memories, photos, experiences, and personal anecdotes, and we will share selected stories in the commemorative August Edition of the Sudden Valley Views.

If you have photos and stories to share, please email office@suddenvalley.com or call 360-734-6430.

Celebrate Sudden Valley's 50th anniversary



Celebrate Sudden Valley's 50th Anniversary during this all day, family friendly event on Saturday, Aug. 26.

To commemorate this special occasion, the Sudden Valley Community Association is hosting a full day of activities.

For more information, please visit [SuddenValley.com/50](https://suddenvalley.com/50).

Schedule of Events for Aug. 26:

Location: AM Beach

Kayak, Canoe, and Paddle Board Regatta
7:30a - Check-in
8:15a - First Launch

Location: SVCA Recreation Corridor Valley Fair

11a - 6p Food Trucks and Vendors, Carnival Games & Prizes, Cake Walks, Pony Rides, Inflatables/activities for all ages, SVCA and Vendor Booths, Music and Talent Stage, Beer Garden, Raffles and more.

Location: The Square, adjacent to the Dance Barn

Movies
7:45p- Nostalgia; Sudden Valley Commemorative Short
8:30p- Family-friendly Movie

Wanted: Event Vendors, Performers, and Volunteers

The Sudden Valley Community Association (SVCA) seeks willing hearts and helping hands to assist with activities during our 50th Anniversary Celebration on Aug. 26. Volunteers will receive a 50th Anniversary

t-shirt.

Please visit <https://suddenvalley.com/50> for more information and to view all volunteer opportunities.

Vendors

The SVCA is committed to producing a quality 50th Anniversary Celebration for attendees with a unique assortment of vendors.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Aug. 26 Fair, please visit <https://suddenvalley.com/50> for more info.

Performers

Individual and ensemble musical and talent acts are invited to apply to perform on the Event Stage, which will be located next to the Main Pool.

Performances must be family oriented; equivalent to G Rating for public performance (no content that could be considered obscene, crude, vulgar, inappropriate, unsuitable or offensive).

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Valley Arts Group supports art students

By Lee Langdon
Valley Arts Group

come from sales of Valley Arts Group calendars, filled with members' art, and sales of Charles Addicott's donation for the month. So, consider getting a two-fer: buy a calendar in November or purchase one of Addicott's donated paintings now and have a gift for yourself and a donation to the scholarship fund.

Community Invitation

Valley Arts group's next Featured Artists' Reception is from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, July 15. The whole community is welcome. Light snacks will be served. Join us to meet Aaron Craven whose photography will be featured in the Barn, and Virginia Heaven's whose watercolors are displayed on the way into El Agave.

A full descriptions of both are in last month's issue on the Featured Artists.

For more info about the Valley Arts Group, visit valleyartsgroup.org.

Each year, Valley Arts Group provides a \$500 scholarship to a student at Western Washington University. Recently, Valley Arts Group President Rhea Booth met this year's recipient, Mariah Deady, at a dinner for scholarship recipients and their donors.

Deady is finishing her BFA from WWU. Her final installation project is a hut, or small house, filled with art produced in a 24-hour period. She worked on this project with another student, who also helped build the hut. To learn more about Deady's talent, check out the interview at vimeo.com/wwucfpa.

Funds for the scholarship

Valley Arts Group President Rhea Booth, photo at left, with Western Washington University student Mariah Deady, at a dinner for scholarship recipients and their donors. This year, Valley Arts gave Deady a \$500 scholarship. (Photo courtesy Valley Arts Group)



SVCA candidate applications will be accepted beginning Wednesday, July 5

By Gail Chiarello
Chair, Nominations & Elections

From July 5 until Sept. 5, candidate application packets are

available in hard copy at the welcome center, 1850 Lake Whatcom Blvd., and on-line at SuddenValley.com.

There are three open positions on the Board, nine on the Architectural Control Committee, and four on Nominations & Elections (N&E).

The deadline for submitting

applications, as per our bylaws, is 4:30 p.m. Sept. 5. Mailed applications must be received (not post-marked) by that date. In-person applications can be submitted at the welcome center, 1850 Lake Whatcom Blvd.

If you have other questions, email BODChiarello@suddenvalley.com.

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Non-Golfers are permitted to walk the front (lower) nine holes every Sunday evening after 6:00pm.

Please begin your walk at the first hole as there may still be some golf play on the last few front nine holes until 7:00pm.

Call the golf shop at 360-734-6435 with any questions.

AROUND THE VALLEY

All departments focused on running smoothly

Around the Valley

It's finally summer, and all departments are focused on keeping operations running smoothly. Staff is working hard to ensure that members can enjoy all SVCA amenities.

New pool furniture has arrived and the issues experienced early in the season with the launch gate at the marina have been resolved.

Trails are being maintained and we are mowing steadily to keep up with the strong spring growth of grass and other vegetation throughout Sudden Valley.

Administration

Activity Summary

- Updating process for tracking ACC submissions and issuing responses
- Mid-year review of meeting minutes to ensure completeness
- Continued work on new SVCA website.
- Finalized plan for implementation of new phone system
- Planning logistics and communications for the 50th anniversary event

Successes

- Sign ups for the weekly eBlasts are at an all-time high and the community is giving us positive feedback for this convenient communication channel

Planned Work

- Testing of new website and transfer of content.
- Continue screening and interviewing applicants for open staff positions.

Accounting

Activity Summary

- Continued routine work to maintain monthly financial schedule; delivered April finan-

cial on schedule.

Began 2022 financial audit.

Successes

- Finalized information for the 2024 Reserve Study

Planned Work

- Preparing materials for 2024 budgeting process.

Maintenance

Activity Summary

- Marina dock maintenance completed
- Repaired door locks at Rec Center & Clubhouse
- Serviced SP-5
- Removed water tank from OP-24
- Graded Marina parking lot
- Cleaned exterior of Marina office building
- Trimmed grass around Marina dry slips
- Mowed SVCA parks
- Painted lines at soccer field
- Trimmed overhead brush at Dance Barn
- Cleared Strawberry Falls Trailhead
- Seasonal road shoulder mowing. Gates 1,2, & 5 are complete, now working on the interior gates
- Repaired water spigot outside of the Dance Barn parking area

- Cleaned road and gate signs
- Repaired leaky faucet and urinal in Hole 7 Golf course bathroom

- Cleaned graffiti along Lake Louise Trail, Marina, AM/PM Beach bathrooms, other locations

- Repaired two stop signs and a speed bump sign that were damaged

- Installed handicapped parking signs at Welcome Center

Successes

- Maintenance team members are being trained in different areas, allowing more flexibility in job assignments and scheduling of tasks. For example, all staff members are now capable of running the road mower and have shared this workload.

Planned Work

- Road shoulder mowing
- Installation of new gate at AM/PM park
- Mow area parks and facilities
- Install swim line boundary at Marina
- Install buoys in front of Marina
- Trim around Lake Louise Trail
- Maple Leaf park improvements - Adding topsoil to fill holes and create access for riding

mower

- Repair potholes on gravel path in Rec Corridor

- Repair stall doors in Marina bathroom

- Move curb stops at Marina in dry slips where boats have moved to their proper location

- Clean exterior of Adult Center

Recreation

Activity Summary

- Finalized all 2023 Marina wet and dry storage rentals

- Pool opening on Memorial Day went very smoothly

- Deployed new pool furniture and umbrellas

Successes

- Renewed contract with Bellingham Bay Swim Team for use of the pool for practice

Planned Work

- Keep pools and marina running smoothly

- Prepare for the start of swim lessons in July

Golf

Activity Summary

- Successfully hosted WWU outing on June 1st-2nd

- Successfully hosted 60 player Golf Club event on June 10th

- Sent updated 1st Assistant

positing to PGA employment consultant

- Ordered Junior Camp hoodies and trophies

- Created Junior Camp informational email to parents

- Began taking registration for Men's and Ladies Invitational events

- Planned 2023 & 2024 capital needs

- With help from admin staff, created and posted brackets for Men's Club Championship events

- Prepped staff and supplies for FootGolf kick off night on June 11th

- Hosted member social events on June 3rd and June 12th

- Updated golf outing data spreadsheet

- Re-booked WWU outing for 2024

- Built electronic tee sheets through 2024

Successes

- June revenue off to an impressive start. Over \$18k (22%) ahead of last June, month-to-date which had been the best June revenue in history

Planned Work

- Promote Ladies Invitational

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50th Anniversary of the Sudden Valley Community Association

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The deadline for editorial submissions (including letters to the editor) for the upcoming issue is the 23rd of each month. Editorial items may be submitted to: bill@lyndentribune.com. For advertising information and deadlines, please contact Mitze Kester at mitze@lyndentribune.com or call 360.354.4444.

Stop complaining, start campaigning

Sudden Valley's Candidate Application period began July 5 and runs through Sept. 5. You must be a member in good standing, but otherwise there are no hard requirements. The overriding qualification for all positions is the desire to contribute to our beautiful community.

I know it can be ever so satisfying to sit around, grouching about the flaws and foibles of others — be they board members, SVCA staff, or our own nearest and dearest. We're probably stuck with the latter, but we can change what's happening in the Valley, simply by participating. Be part of the change you want to see.

There are three full-term openings on the board; four opening on Nominations & Elections (N&E); nine on the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). Applications for these are available at the Welcome Center or on-line at suddenvalley.com and must be received by SVCA no later than 4:30 p.m. Sept. 5.

Maybe you're unsure about throwing your hat in the ring. You can apply as an interim committee volunteer without making a big commitment. ACC, Finance, and the 50th Anniversary Committee all have short-term openings which end with the November AGM. Go to suddenvalley.com, scroll down the lefthand side of the home page, click on Volunteer Opportunities, scroll down again. The volunteer application is at the bottom of that page.

Or attend some of the community events planned for the summer. Introduce yourself, talk to other members, learn their concerns, evaluate what might be your own contribution.

The South Whatcom Library will host a free ice cream social from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18. SVCA will host its 50th Anniversary Gala at the Rec Corridor and Dance Barn from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26. Both are opportunities to get out and about, meet and mingle. N&E will have a table at the gala to answer your election questions.

Don't be shy.

-- Gail Chiarello is Chair of the SVCA Nominations & Elections committee



Gail Chiarello

Dog owners growl about following directions

Editor,

I appreciate SVCA's June 23 notification about dog poop and abracadabra. On hot days at So-field Park, owners routinely take their dogs off leash the second they step onto the grass.

Reminders to leash their dogs are met with a growl from the owner: "What's a matter? You don't like dogs?"

Told about the waterfront off-leash area a five-minute walk away. "My dog doesn't like to play with other dogs." Maybe on hot, sunny weekends, security can check by actually getting out of their cars and walking to the water.

Gail Chiarello
Sudden Valley

Bike lanes on Lake Louise Road

Editor,

The Sudden Valley Views June issue included a letter I wrote concerning bike lanes along Lake Louise Road and Lake Whatcom Boulevard. Several of us also posted on Sudden Valley webpages.

So far in response, 90 people have signed a petition respectfully requesting that Whatcom County leaders consider these bike and pedestrian safety improvements in their planning efforts.

Bike use is significantly increasing on Lake Louise Road and Lake Whatcom Boulevard. In places pedestrians must also walk on the roadway, particularly when the grass is high.

The roads pose many safety hazards for bicyclists and pedestrians, and frustrations for motor vehicle operators, as there are blind turns, few or no shoulders, and limited opportunities for the thousands of vehicles which use these roads each day to safely pass bicyclists or pedestrians.

Some people have posted questions on the webpages or contacted me about the petition effort. Listed below are the questions I have heard, and my responses:

- *There are wetlands. You can't build there.* There are certainly portions of Lake Whatcom Boulevard and portions of Lake Louise Road where building a bike lane or putting in wide road shoulders is not feasible without major construction, such as boardwalks. However, along portions of Lake Louise Road it is feasible.

There is a sewer line that runs parallel to the road which the trail could be put on top of or shoulders could be put on the road by moving the road a bit to the side.

Over time, as grant funds become available, there are hundreds of examples of bike trails in the U.S. where boardwalks or bridges have been developed. I was part of an effort which constructed a bike lane bridge over six lanes of interstate in Spokane.

- *Where does the money come from?* Federal and state grant funds have been available to construct bike lanes for over two decades. Ironically, Whatcom County has never applied for these funds.

There are several examples of roads in the northern part of the county where wide shoulders have been placed on roads using existing road funds.

- *Wouldn't this take major construction?* Typically, the trail and/

or wider shoulders would be put into place in segments over time.

- One person wrote that the major safety concerns for bicyclists are on Lake Whatcom Boulevard going south from the Sudden Valley Shopping Center. I couldn't agree more.

I wrote a letter to county leadership a year ago expressing my concerns over this. It seems to me it is not feasible to put road shoulders or bike lanes in this area.

- *Why haven't I seen the posters you allude to in last month's letter.* I went to people in charge of each of the bulletin boards in Sudden Valley.

Although this is a basic safety measure only the library was willing to put up the poster.

Currently, the county is identifying priorities for bike lanes/wider shoulders and Sudden Valley needs to "get on the radar screen" of the consulting firm which is being hired to identify multimodal/shoulder needs.

Sign the petition at ipetitions.com/petition/lake-louise-road-bike-lanes.

Anyone with questions may email me at fboteler51@gmail.com.

Frank Boteler
Sudden Valley

CTK: The church I know

Editor,

I am a current Sudden Valley board director, but I am writing this as a member of the community as my personal views and experiences with CTK since the church came to Sudden Valley.

I am not a member of the church, but sometimes attend

See **Letters** on 6

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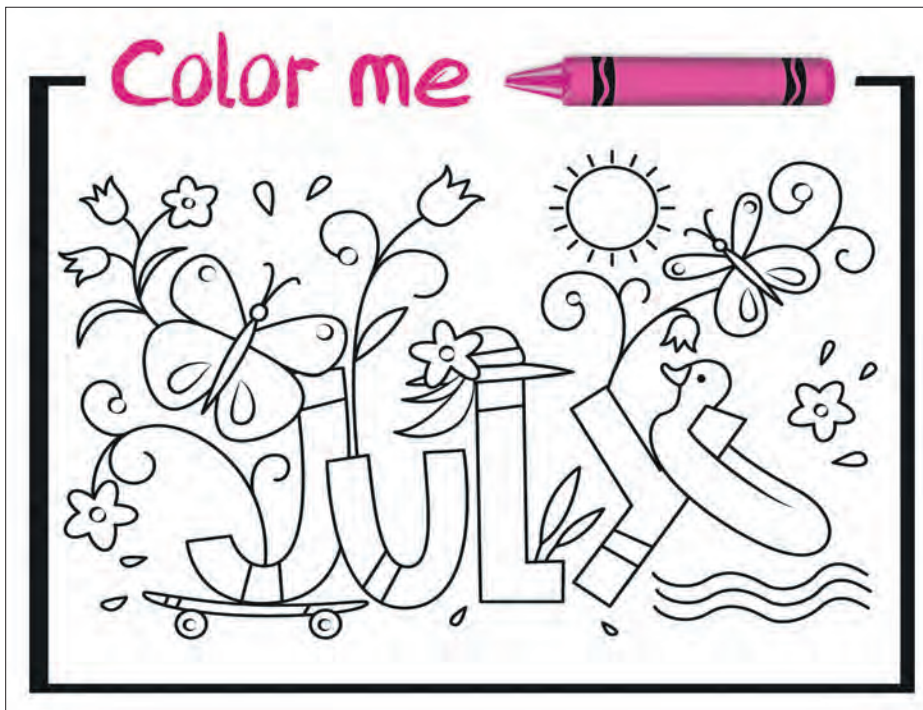
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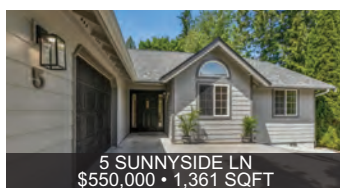
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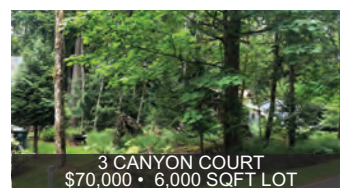
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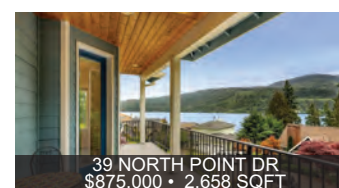
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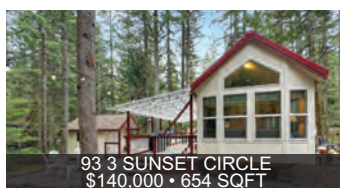
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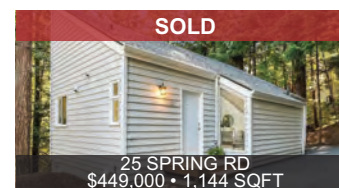


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OPERATIONS			
Current Assets			
Operating Cash	\$ 591,451	\$ 505,435	\$ 86,016
Building Completion Deposit Fund	447,780	492,620	(44,840)
Member Receivables - Operations*	-	46,750	(46,750)
Other Receivables	3,602	9,288	(5,686)
Prepaid Expenses	27,689	81,738	(54,049)
Inventory	6,854	6,200	264
Total Current Assets	1,082,986	1,141,031	(58,045)
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	(142,248)	(139,206)	56,058
Accrued Vacation Liability	(76,782)	(61,576)	(15,206)
Accrued Payroll	-	(54,127)	54,127
Prepaid Assessments	(372,333)	(180,640)	(191,693)
Building Completion Deposits	(447,780)	(492,620)	44,840
Other Refundable Deposits	(5,471)	(4,916)	(555)
Prepaid Golf Memberships	-	(153,151)	153,151
Total Current Liabilities	(944,614)	(1,146,236)	201,622
Operating Reserve Funds			
Emergency Operating Cash	361,215	361,096	119
Undesignated Reserves Cash	272,680	223,385	49,295
Total Operating Reserve Funds	633,895	584,481	49,414
Net Operating Assets	\$ 772,267	\$ 579,276	\$ 192,991
CAPITAL			
Capital Current Assets			
CRRF (Capital Repair & Replacement) Cash Fund	3,354,555	3,220,671	133,884
Roads Reserve Cash Fund	2,617,718	2,560,947	56,771
Board Density Reduction Cash Fund	87,552	87,552	-
Mallbox Cash Fund	109,417	101,061	8,356
CRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash	313,084	262,193	(49,109)
Mitigation Assignment of Savings Cash	44,589	44,545	44
LWWSD Assignment of Savings Cash	9,076	9,076	-
Member Receivables - Capital**	19,262	(19,262)	(19,262)
Total Capital Current Assets	6,435,991	6,305,307	130,684
Capital Fixed Assets			
Fixed Assets	14,599,491	14,411,718	187,773
Losses Held for Sale	204,809	204,809	-
Total Capital Assets	14,804,302	14,616,527	187,775
Long Term Liabilities			
CRRF Loan 2022	(1,958,076)	(2,041,688)	82,692
Finance Leases	(146,722)	(166,357)	19,635
Total Long Term Liabilities	(2,104,798)	(2,208,045)	103,247
NET ASSETS	\$ 19,906,862	\$ 19,293,085	\$ 613,777
MEMBER EQUITY			
Member Equity			
Current Year Net Income: Operations	171,798	(71,674)	243,472
Current Year Net Income: Rec Special Assmt	23,162	(2,572)	25,734
Net Transfers Out from Operations to Capital	-	(482,560)	482,560
Current Year Net Income: Capital**	488,005	1,636,930	(1,170,925)
Net Transfers Into Capital from Operations	-	482,560	(482,560)
Retained Earnings**	4,994,161	5,068,407	(74,246)
Capital**	14,249,730	17,659,994	(3,410,264)
TOTAL MEMBER EQUITY	\$ 19,906,862	\$ 19,293,085	\$ 613,777

* The Association's internal policy is to write off any member receivables that are 90 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 April 30, 2023, and December 31, 2022, the balance of receivables written off were \$753,219 and \$599,478, 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 applicable capital transfer fee revenues, as a contract liability balance (unearned revenue), which is then reversed out in future years when these 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 - April 2023		Year to Date - 4 Months Ending 4/30/2023			
	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Capital Reserves**	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Capital Reserves**
REVENUE						
Current Year Dues & Assessments Income						
Dues & Assessments Income	179,708	-	230,844	718,824	(28,844)	923,376
Bad Debt Reserve	(4,421)	-	(5,223)	(28,844)	-	(26,914)
Net Current Year Assessment Income	175,287	4,883	225,621	689,980	8,366	896,462
Special Ops Assmt Income- Rec/ Pool/ Parks						
Dues & Assessments Income	36,494	-	-	145,973	-	-
Bad Debt Reserve	(540)	-	-	(910)	-	-
Net Special Ops Assmt Income	35,954	1,482	-	145,063	7,167	-
Bad Debt Recoveries - Prior Years						
Golf Income	79,294	14,954	-	378,756	8,421	-
Marina Income	64,645	64,645	-	108,607	(42,787)	-
Rec Center & Pools Income	265	173	-	526	159	-
Legal & Collections Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	38,999	30,780	-	56,307	26,955	-
Rental Income - Other	425	156	-	2,105	1,039	-
Area Z Rental Income	4,314	2,314	-	10,316	2,316	-
Lease Income	3,552	48	-	14,208	193	-
New Home Construction Fees	(2,400)	(2,400)	-	1,300	1,100	-
Capital Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	66	(21)	769	277	(73)	3,025
Total Revenue	400,401	117,016	228,249	1,407,246	12,856	923,505
EXPENSES						
Salaries & Benefits	137,017	26,035	-	564,202	125,388	-
Contracted & Professional Services	17,563	(8,824)	-	73,265	(28,303)	-
CCRs/ Mandates	42,170	(13,741)	-	152,715	(38,909)	-
Maintenance & Landscaping	43,596	(7,374)	-	152,908	18,307	-
Utilities	27,948	(9,387)	-	72,670	(14,370)	-
Administrative	9,878	5,967	-	49,120	1,401	-
Regulatory Compliance	10,705	(2,482)	-	73,280	(12,590)	-
Insurance Premiums	13,768	(592)	-	54,785	(2,077)	-
Other Expenses	-	83	-	-	333	-
Depreciation Expense	-	-	101,863	-	-	407,917
Interest expense	-	-	6,969	-	-	28,321
Total Expenses	302,645	(10,315)	108,832	1,192,945	49,090	436,238
Net Income (Loss)	97,756	106,701	119,417	214,301	61,946	487,267
Net UDR Activity for Operations						
Firewise/Road Mowing/Clean Green	(1,984)	-	-	(1,984)	-	-
Hazardous Tree Removal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Loss) with Board Approved UDR	95,772	106,701	119,417	212,317	61,946	487,267
Other Activity						
Net Other UDR Activity*	4,535	-	-	44,599	-	-
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-	-	-	(46,750)	-	(19,262)
AR Accrual - Current Year	(10,160)	-	-	(15,206)	-	-
Vacation Liability Accrual	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Activity	(5,625)	-	-	(17,357)	-	(19,262)
Grand Total Activity	90,147	106,701	119,417	194,960	61,946	468,005

* 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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from a health savings account, you can use it to help pay medical costs. Retirement can be a pleasant time in your life — and you'll enjoy it more if you're prepared for the challenges that face all retirees. -- A Sudden Valley resident, Rhea Booth is a financial advisor.

Letters: The church I know

Continued from 4 services. I have always felt welcome and enjoyed the fellowship of the congregation. I find the ministry to be one of service that is not limited to its congregation, but that reaches out throughout the community of Sudden Valley. I hope to share some of those activities so that members understand how the church interacts with the community. My initial experience with the church was when volunteers assisted with installing updated

playground equipment, of which I was one. To get the Rec Corridor new playground equipment installed, several members of the church including their minister worked in the pouring rain to get the equipment in place when reps from the playground equipment were here to direct us. Although challenging everyone stayed around until the job was done. Outside of weekly services the church, over the years, has sponsored activities for the entire community to enjoy. These activities included

summer outdoor movie nights, winter movie nights including snacks and treats. It has also participated in Halloween and Christmas activities for the community such as pumpkin carving and a craft activity table for the children at Breakfast with Santa and the Jingle Bell Brunch. Most recently, an annual Easter Egg Hunt was a big success in the community. Flowers were distributed for Mother's Day and root beer floats for Father's Day. All these additional activities are free of charge

to anyone who wishes to attend. As a lease holder they have made improvements to the Dance Barn by furnishing and painting the Dance Barn walls as well as installing a back wall update and skirting of the stage to provide a much needed facelift to the Dance Barn. Their rent has helped to provide a steady yearly income stream for the Dance Barn rather than the occasional events scheduled there before they became a lease holder. Their presence has in no way interfered with the Association

scheduling other events. For a while the church offered SVCA the use of their sound equipment and staffing to facilitate board meetings until the Association could get a good system installed. As to community outreach, CTK has aided neighbors in need; from anyone needing yard clean up, or minor repairs, to providing food assistance when necessary. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the church helped coordinate volunteers when the school district was bringing meal boxes for the students in our community. They have provided gift cards to community members in need as well as, in the past, providing holiday meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Members simply need to reach out should they need help, and every effort will be made to see what assistance can be arranged. I view the church as an asset to Sudden Valley by the activities the ministry provides to all members of the community. Opportunities for fellowship and friendship and when needed a helping hand. Linda Bradley Sudden Valley

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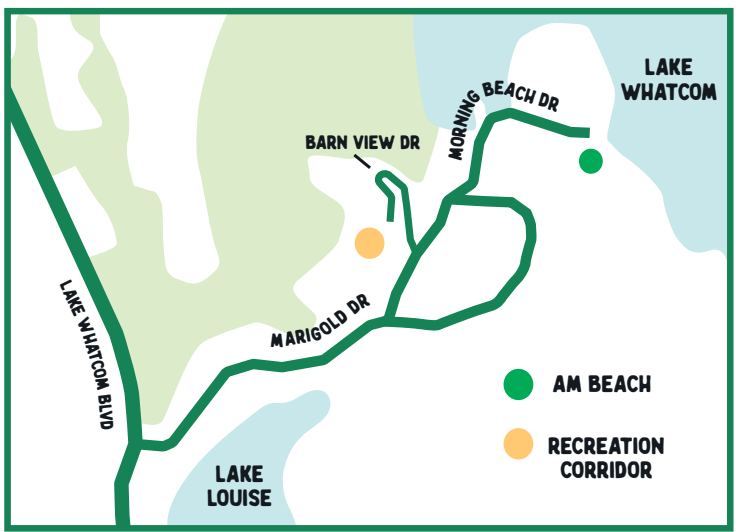
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FINANCIALS

**Sudden Valley Community Association
Operations - By Department
April 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023
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	(2,100)	(3,017)	-	6,962	40,358	(13,810)	(42,258)	(9,865)
Accounting	1,912	(1,688)	26,200	(80)	2,862	(269)	(7,150)	(2,037)
Administration	121	(21)	21,738	15,527	14,171	(6,247)	(35,788)	9,259
Common Costs	36,216	33,296	-	-	29,442	(6,096)	6,774	27,200
Facilities	7,216	2,464	-	3,673	19,883	(3,865)	(12,667)	2,272
Maintenance	-	(83)	12,166	5,645	3,975	4,609	(16,141)	10,171
Subtotal	43,365	30,951	60,104	31,727	110,491	(25,678)	(127,230)	37,000
Golf	79,294	14,954	55,384	(1,723)	38,368	(6,837)	(14,458)	6,394
Marina	65,145	64,510	-	-	747	1,916	64,398	66,426
Subtotal	144,439	119,464	55,384	(1,723)	39,115	(4,921)	50,338	72,820
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	36,494	(540)	21,529	(8,969)	16,022	(5,752)	(36,195)	(9,484)
Special Assmt Earned	36,494	-	-	-	-	-	36,494	-
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(540)	-	-	-	-	-	(540)	-
Net Special Assmt Dues	35,954	1,482	-	-	-	-	35,954	1,482
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	1,356	237	21,529	(8,969)	16,022	(5,752)	(36,195)	(9,484)
Subtotal Rec/ Pools/ Parks	37,310	1,719	21,529	(8,969)	16,022	(5,752)	(241)	(8,002)
Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues	225,114	112,134	137,017	26,035	165,628	(36,351)	(77,511)	101,618
Ops Dues Earned	179,708	-	-	-	-	-	179,708	-
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(4,421)	-	-	-	-	-	(4,421)	-
Net Ops Dues	175,287	4,883	-	-	-	-	175,287	4,883
Net Operations	400,401	117,017	137,017	26,035	165,628	(36,351)	97,756	106,701
Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations Firewise/Road Mowing/Clean Green Hazardous Tree Removal	-	-	-	-	1,984	-	(1,984)	-
Net Operations with Board Approved UDR	400,401	117,017	137,017	26,035	167,612	(36,351)	95,772	106,701
Other Operating Activity UDR Activity	4,739	-	-	-	204	-	4,535	-
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AR Accrual - Current Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacation Liability Accrual	-	-	-	-	10,160	-	(10,160)	-
Total Other Operating Activity	4,739	-	-	-	10,364	-	(5,625)	-
Grand Total Operations Activity	405,140	117,017	137,017	26,035	177,976	(36,351)	90,147	106,701

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

**Sudden Valley Community Association
Operations - By Department
January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023
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	2,400	983	-	30,963	150,703	(45,378)	(148,303)	(13,332)
Accounting	6,782	(7,618)	105,554	2,407	12,346	(1,967)	(111,118)	(7,178)
Administration	341	(226)	79,221	74,887	45,813	(14,118)	(324,693)	60,543
Common Costs	47,644	35,961	-	-	134,965	(12,180)	(67,311)	23,781
Facilities	21,924	2,916	7,364	7,719	20,768	(11,699)	(56,206)	(1,064)
Maintenance	-	(333)	77,690	4,745	33,315	24,314	(110,805)	28,726
Subtotal	79,091	31,683	269,829	120,721	447,708	(68,928)	(68,846)	91,478
Golf	378,756	8,421	205,004	10,651	137,267	(10,014)	36,485	9,058
Marina	109,107	(43,556)	(1)	1	5,088	2,695	103,120	(40,860)
Subtotal	566,954	(3,452)	474,832	111,373	590,963	(68,247)	(498,841)	59,674
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	145,973	(910)	89,370	(5,985)	37,779	(8,050)	(121,901)	(13,261)
Special Assmt Earned	145,973	-	-	-	-	-	145,973	-
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(910)	-	-	-	-	-	(910)	-
Net Special Assmt Dues	145,063	7,167	-	-	-	-	145,063	7,167
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	5,248	774	89,370	(5,985)	37,779	(8,050)	(121,901)	(13,261)
Subtotal Rec/ Pools/ Parks	150,311	7,941	89,370	(5,985)	37,779	(8,050)	23,162	(6,094)
Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues	717,265	4,489	564,202	125,388	628,742	(76,297)	(475,679)	53,580
Ops Dues Earned	718,824	-	-	-	-	-	718,824	-
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(28,844)	-	-	-	-	-	(28,844)	-
Net Ops Dues	689,980	8,366	-	-	-	-	689,980	8,366
Net Operations	1,407,245	12,855	564,202	125,388	628,742	(76,297)	214,301	61,946
Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations Firewise/Road Mowing/Clean Green Hazardous Tree Removal	-	-	-	-	1,984	-	(1,984)	-
Net Operations with Board Approved UDR	1,407,245	12,855	564,202	125,388	630,726	(76,297)	212,317	61,946
Other Operating Activity UDR Activity	47,980	-	-	-	3,581	-	44,599	-
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	(46,750)	-	-	-	-	-	(46,750)	-
AR Accrual - Current Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacation Liability Accrual	-	-	-	-	15,206	-	(15,206)	-
Total Other Operating Activity	1,230	-	-	-	18,587	-	(1,357)	-
Grand Total Operations Activity	1,408,475	12,855	564,202	125,388	649,313	(76,297)	194,960	61,946

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for each event starting at 6 p.m.
July 14 Flicks in the Park
Flicks in the Park will be held Fridays nights June 23, June 30 and July 14 in Pioneer Village, Ferndale. Grab a blanket or chair and join us after the sun goes down at 9 p.m. Free popcorn and

soda available. On June 23, watch Top Gun: Maverick. On June 30, watch Puss in Boots: The Last Wish. Finally, on July 14, watch Back to the Future.

July 14-16 Northwest Tune-Up
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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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Sudden Valley Community Association
Reserve Cash Balance & Activity
4 Months Actual, 8 Months Projected

UNAUDITED

	Capital Reserve Funds						Operating Reserve Funds			
	CRRRF	Roads	CRRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash	Board Density Reduction	Mailbox	Mitigation Assignment of Savings*	Total Capital Reserve Funds	Emergency Ops	UDR	Total Operating Reserve Funds
Net Available Cash 12/31/2022	3,220,671	2,560,947	262,193	87,552	101,061	53,621	\$ 6,286,045	361,096	223,385	\$ 584,481
Dues Received	448,025	461,110			8,324		917,459		50,475	50,475
Storm Water Mitigation Plan Fee										
Investment Income	1,578	1,291	79	0	32	44	3,024	119	81	200
Sale of Assets										
Mitigation Release										
2023 Expenditures	(315,719)	(405,630)	(49,188)				(770,537)		(1,261)	(1,261)
Net Available Cash at 4/30/2023	3,354,555	2,617,718	213,084	87,552	109,417	53,665	\$ 6,435,991	361,215	272,680	\$ 633,895
8 Month Outlook										
Outlook -2023 Dues (95% collections)	857,104	881,552			15,904		\$ 1,754,560			\$ -
Outlook - Prior Year Collections	13,589	13,977		13	252		27,831		23,694	23,694
CRRRF Loan Payments for year 2023	(222,026)						(222,026)			-
Obligated Expenses/Holdings	(681,318)	(974,892)	(213,084)			(53,665)	(1,922,959)		(36,853)	(36,853)
Net Usable Cash Balance 12/31/2023	3,321,904	2,538,355	-	87,565	125,573	-	\$ 6,073,397	361,215	259,520	\$ 620,735
Board Recommended Carryover Balance	(600,000)	(500,000)					\$ (1,100,000)			\$ -
Net Usable Cash 12/31/2023, After Recommendation	\$ 2,721,904	\$ 2,038,355	\$ -	\$ 87,565	\$ 125,573	\$ -	\$ 4,973,397	\$ 361,215	\$ 259,520	\$ 620,735
Net Current Year Cash Increase (Decrease)	101,233	(22,592)	(262,193)	13	24,512	(53,621)	\$ (212,648)	119	36,135	\$ 36,254

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

Around the Valley

Continued from 3

via eblast

- Final prep for Junior Camp
- Coordinate and host Men's Club event on June 24th
- Continued budget work

Turf Care

Activity Summary

- Scheduled golf course conditioning/mowing continues at a scheduled pace, keeping up with turf growth
- Sand traps are receiving fresh top up sand
- Irrigation leak on #12 fairway found and repaired
- Greens verticut and sand top-dressed
- Work has begun on cleaning

up gardens around the clubhouse starting with the bank facing #18 green.

- Replaced defective 3" water main valve at #18 pond.
- New seasonal employee onboarding well underway.
- Seeded barn lawn now actively being watered; should see results in the next 7 days.

Successes

- Favorable weather is helping us keep up on mowing and maintenance operations
- New hire on board learning quickly

Planned Work

- Replacing sod on putting greens that did not survive winter

- Continue working gardens around clubhouse
- Start garden work around #18 pump house
- Extra attention to conditioning detail with Ladies Invite and club function coming up



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SVCA Main Pool Swim Schedule 2023

9:00 AM	Lap Swimming for All Ages 9AM - 12PM Lifeguard Break 12PM - 12:15PM	Lap Swim The lap lanes are for lap swimmers and are open to all swimmers who can obtain a green band. You may be required to share a lane with another member or guest. Deep water aerobics can take place in the deep end.	9:00 AM
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2:00 PM	Open Swim W/ a Lap Lane (when requested) 12:15PM - 7PM	Open Swim The pool is open to individuals of all ages during open swim. During open swim there is a maximum of 1 adult per 6 children. All minors 13 years of age or younger must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Pool games are allowed throughout the pool during this time. Lap swimmers may have the occasional swimmer cross their lane to get to the deep end, which is permitted during open swim.	2:00 PM
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6:30 PM			6:30 PM
7:00 PM	7:00 PM		
7:00 PM	Pool Closed	Enjoy Your Swim!	7:00 PM

Capital Projects updates include asphalt repairs, covered walkway to barn

Asphalt Repairs

- Project began on Monday, June 26, with repairs expected to be completed the week of July 24. The asphalt work is being completed by WRS. WRS will be working Monday thru Thursday each week from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Asphalt repairs are taking place throughout SVCA in all the gates.
- No work will occur the week of July 3-6. SVCA residents should expect isolated road closures, and delays during this period.

- Design was completed, and building permit application was submitted to Whatcom County on March 30.

- On May 25, the Board approved the Boat Launch Dock Project to go out to bid, with the total project cost estimated at \$266,820.

Playground ADA Improvements

- Construction will occur late summer by Premium Services. Equipment is currently being ordered, and a construction schedule is forthcoming.

Culvert C315

- The project is anticipated to start in August and be completed this summer by Premium Services.

Golf Austin Creek Repair

- Design and permitting is ongoing. The project requires a Shorelines permit in addition to others. With these requirements, construction is proposed for 2024.

Barn 8 Siding & Covered Walkway to Barn Replacement

- The project was submitted to Whatcom County for permit review on Feb. 7. It is anticipated to go out for bid this summer. The construction period is unknown currently due to Whatcom County's extended permit review timeline. Construction will either be completed this fall after the pool closes, or next spring before the pool opens. Construction will not occur during the winter due to weather conditions.
- Design for replacing the covered walkway to the barn is ongoing and being submitted as a separate project for permit review by Whatcom County.

Cold Spring Drainage Repair

- Design, permitting, and construction is anticipated to be completed this summer.

2023 Culvert Cleaning

- Cleaning of culverts began Feb. 20 and was finished in April.
- The inlet and outlet ends of culverts were addressed to provide positive drainage leading to and from the culverts. This project has been completed.

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 Feb. 20 and is complete. Summary reports and recommendations are anticipated to be finalized by August.

Rec Corridor: Tennis Court Resurfacing

- Design and permitting is anticipated to be completed this summer with construction proposed for September.

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Map: Sudden Valley Downtown routes showing Cable St, Lakeway Dr, and other streets.

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Maintenance Shop Remodel

- Design is complete and was submitted to Whatcom County for permit review on Feb. 27. It is anticipated to go out for bid this spring/summer. Construction will start once permits are received from Whatcom County.

Marina Boat Launch Dock

- SVCA has received a Shorelines Permit from Whatcom County.

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SV community 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
- LWWSO - 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
- WCOS - 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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Marty Lynam and the many silent keys



The May 22 Silent Key Ceremony at Elizabeth Park in Bellingham. (Photo courtesy Frank Procella)

SUDDEN VALLEY — Some probably haven't heard the term *silent key*. The key is in reference to a telegraph key used to send Morse code or CW as it is often called. CW stands for continuous wave.

Silent key or SK is a CW procedural sign (prosign). Prosigns are two-letter abbreviations to simplify and standardize Morse code communications.

In Morse code, SK is used to indicate the end of a transmission. Today, SK is used by amateur radio operators as a sign of respect and condolence for deceased amateur radio operators.

The Sudden Valley Amateur Radio Club (SVARC) has been active for the past 15-plus years. Since then, there have been several silent keys.

Sadly, the club had to recently conduct a silent key for the club's president Martin (Marty) J. Lynam, who passed suddenly on April 29.

It is not easy to partake in a radio silent key. The call sign for the deceased is called out three times with pauses in between waiting for a response and, when there is no response on the third call, the deceased is declared a silent key.

There is no set protocol: a minute of silence, tributes or just call sign check-ins by anyone present afterwards. It is basically a memorial service over the radio.

Marty and his wife Patty Jo lived in Sudden Valley for eight years. They had moved here from Texas in 2009.

Marty brought a strong background in project management, and information systems and application development.

These skills were put to great use in the many volunteer groups Marty joined.

More on that later. Marty obtained his amateur radio technician license and joined the SVARC in 2016. He went on to obtain a general license (more power and radio bands) in 2017.

Despite moving with Patty Jo to the Cordata area in 2017, he continued to be an active club member. He served in various officer positions and was currently the club president.

Marty provided many trainings and exercises that greatly enhanced the memberships' experience and knowledge base. Additionally, Marty was a member of the Sudden Valley and Bellingham Community Emergency

Response Teams (CERT). As an instructor, he helped with trainings twice a year in Sudden Valley and Bellingham. Marty's enthusiasm, comradery, commitment and expertise were exceptional.

Marty volunteered with several other groups in Bellingham and Whatcom County. He was the assistant emergency coordinator for Whatcom County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) and part of the management team for the Whatcom County Sheriff's Auxiliary Communication Service (WCSO-ACS).

Marty was also a member of the steering team for the Volunteer Mobilization Center (VMC) as the IT/communications manager.

Marty's wife Patty Jo, who passed in 2020, also played a major role with the VMC.

It is no surprise that there were four radio silent key ceremonies for Marty around Bellingham and Whatcom County, and a special in-person silent key ceremony held at Elizabeth Park on May 22.

There was a large gathering and a representative from each of the seven groups Marty belonged to checked in via radio as their radio call sign was called and then Marty's call sign, WA7MJL, was called three times and declared a silent key.

One of the last SVARC projects Marty was working on was to hold an amateur radio technician license course this summer in Sudden Valley. Before 2020, two courses were offered every year in Sudden Valley. This will be the first one to be held in Sudden Valley since 2019.

There has been a scramble to fill in the gaps but fortunately the course will still happen. It is scheduled to begin Aug. 24 and will meet every Thursday night for seven weeks at the Sudden Valley Fire station.

There is still room to sign up for the course. It is free except for purchasing the ARRL study guide (\$15) and a fee for the license exam (\$15).

For anyone interested, send an email to techclass2023@yahoo.com to receive the course information and signup.

Pet of the MONTH

This month's pet of the month is Lacey, submitted by Violet Van Diest.

This is my niece Lacey who loves to visit her auntie in the Valley. She is a large and in charge kinda gal, albeit a miniature long-haired Dachshund, who is full of sweet snuggles and kisses too!

Do you have a pet of the month?
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