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DIRECTORS

Board of Directors considers replacement options for ice barn, marina dock

By Taras McCurdie
Staff Reporter

SUDDEN VALLEY — At the Aug. 10 meeting, Sudden Valley Community Association board members discussed placing an advisory vote on the Nov. 4 AGM ballot to address options on replacing the Ice Barn and Marina Dock. The board also approved money to be put toward replacing more than 50 culverts.

There are three choices for how the board could go about replacing the Ice Barn.

Option No. 1, which the board has already included in its proposed capital budget, includes removing the existing structure and replacing it with an open-air pavilion that does not require a special assessment for funding.

Option No. 2 is removing the existing structure and replacing it with an enclosed structure that's paid through a special assessment. The third option is removing the existing structure and not replacing it.

One board member brought up the hypothetical about what would happen if the community voted one of the options that the board did not select as the recommended option. Board President Andrew

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Sudden Valley celebrates 50 years



The Sudden Valley community came together on Aug. 26 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its incorporation. (Photos by SVCA)

Sudden Valley staff

SUDDEN VALLEY— What a celebration! Our Sudden Valley community came together on Aug. 26 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its incorporation.

It was so wonderful to see so many community members, including many young families, our general manager, and members of our Board of Directors.

Community partners including the South Whatcom Fire Authority, the South Whatcom Library, the Valley Arts Group, and the Whatcom Disc Golf Club shared the experience and information with residents.

See **Celebration** on 12



Sudden Valley serves as command center for firefighting force

By Jo Anne Jensen
SVCA General Manager

SUDDEN VALLEY — In response to a request from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the SVCA Executive Committee approved the use of Sudden Valley athletic fields and dance barn by a firefighting force detailed to contain and extinguish the Blue Canyon fire occurring on the north side of Lake Whatcom by South Bay Drive at the south end of the lake.

More than 100 firefighters camped on

SVCA's athletic fields for a week, From Aug. 29 through Sept. 5, while the dance barn was used as an incident command center and dining hall for the firefighters.

Mitch Nolze, fire chief of the South Whatcom Fire Authority, assured that Sudden Valley was never in danger from this fire. He also confirmed the fire was under command of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

South Whatcom Fire Authority notified people in Lake Whatcom and surrounding

See **Lake Whatcom Fire** on 10



Soup lady Cindy Cohen shared this photograph of her crew feeding the 110 first responders, firefighters, incident command team, and Hotshot crews at the Sudden Valley barn, which was being used as an incident command Center for the Blue Canyon Fire, across the end of Lake Whatcom. The soup ladies provide fresh cooked meals to support first responders on the front lines in times of emergencies and disasters.

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Tischleder reassured that this matter is a related to a survey

question, and the association will gain an idea of members' stances with the topic when they submit ballots in a few months.

"If it comes back overwhelmingly that one way or the other on any of these that's not the way the board is recommended to move forward, I would move the board to reevaluate," Tischleder said. "And that's something the next year's board would have to do through the capital budgeting process."

He said if the community wanted an enclosed facility, the board would have to look at costs for that option as well as evaluating what services the board would provide with the enclosed budling compared to the open-air option.

The board discussed that design would begin next year with

demolition and building following.

On the Marina Wet Slips advisory vote, there are also three options. No. 1 is to increase the annual wet slip fees an additional \$1,200 to fund a portion of the marina docks replacement, No. 2 is to place a special assessment on all members to fund the replacement and No. 3 is to not replace the marina docks when they are completely unusable anymore.

Treasurer Sonia Voldt said in the first option, the docks would be partially funded two-thirds by the members and one-third by the wet slip users. Voldt said it's the association's obligation to maintain, take care and possibly replace the existing facilities, but

See **Board** on 6



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Celebration plans, maintenance in August

SVCA's focus in August was on maintaining the pools, marina, and trails while preparing for and hosting the 50th anniversary celebration.

We experienced exceptional summer weather, which allowed the community to enjoy SVCA amenities without interruption and in the best conditions.

Administration

Activity Summary

- Managed a very high volume of ACC submissions while continuing to adhere to the new processes
- Scheduled the planned implementation of new phone system
- Began planning computing hardware upgrade and transition of SVCA network to the cloud
- Supported the 50th anniversary event

Successes

- The 50th Anniversary Event went smoothly and everyone who attended seemed to enjoy themselves!

Planned Work

- Continued work on website
- Execution of phone implementation project

Accounting

Activity Summary

- Continued routine work to maintain monthly financial schedule; delivered June financials on schedule
- Continued work on the 2022 financial audit
- Continued work on annual Reserve Study

Successes

- Implemented a mobile POS system to support the 50th Anniversary Celebration

Planned Work

- Finalize budget measure for the ballot

Maintenance

Activity Summary

- Logs removed from shoulder of Clubhouse Circle
- Cleaned shoulders and parking area at Clubhouse (10 yards of needles and material removed)
- Parking spaces at the lower golf parking lot have been laid out and painted; removed extra gravel
- Cleaned and swept the sidewalk/shoulder along Marigold Drive
- Cleaned and cleared the storm drain located at Gate 1 mailboxes
- Cleared a fallen tree along Highwood Circle
- Removed lily pads from in front of Welcome Center
- Mowed SVCA Parks and Rec Areas
- Repaired door lock at Turf Care Maintenance shop
- Repaired overflow parking fence at AM/PM Park (completed this twice, due to vandalism)
- Cleared area around kayak rack

at Sofield Park

- Removed illicit dumping along Sudden Valley Drive and Gate 5 entrance
- Removed fallen tree from Thunder Peak Way
- Repaired siding, window screen, door closing mechanisms, and bathroom fixtures at Rec Center
- Repaired parking brake on 906 Loader; Replaced brakes on SP-6
- Installed curb stops and painted available dry slip spaces at the Marina.
- Re-painted stairs at Clubhouse entrance
- Repaired swim line cart at main pool
- Cleaned tall barn in preparation for new siding project
- Built a stage platform and concrete canopy anchors for Valley Fair event
- Attended training and re-programmed automatic door lock schedule at Rec Center and Adult Pool
- Mowed road shoulders in Gate 5
- Removed household trash from Gate 5 entrance, (two additional pickups from normal schedule)
- Removed ecology blocks at Rec Center
- Removed fencing and trimmed new grass area at Rec Center
- Repaired outdoor faucet and door lock at Adult Center
- Repaired toilet at Hole 7 bathroom
- Cleaned tennis courts and surrounding area
- Cleared around main pool fence
- Repaired gravel shoulder on Southern Court
- Repaired lock on front door of Welcome Center
- Replaced two street signs that were damaged
- Cleared debris from SVCA shoulders and ditches in interior gates (two truckloads)
- Repaired asphalt on Granite Circle and Marina Drive with cold patch
- Repaired HVAC at Rec Center
- Valley Fair preparation, event day support, and cleanup
- Cleaned out Tall Barn for siding project

Successes

- A custodian candidate has been hired and is currently onboarding

Planned Work

- Start street sign installation project. Regulatory signs have been delivered
- Start street painting project

(stop bars, speed bumps)

- Mow area parks and facilities (on going)
- Pick up and prepare snow removal UTV
- Trench work in preparation for maintenance building remodel
- Maintenance shop remodel preparation

Recreation

Activity Summary

- Continued to staff and maintain the Main Pool and Quiet Pool
- Kept the Rec Center clean and ready to support the high volume of summer visitors

Successes

- Welcomed more than 500 new swimmers to the SVCA pools this year

Planned Work

- Close the pools for the season
- Begin planning fall and winter events

Golf

Activity Summary

- Coordinated and hosted a successful Bucks & Doestournament for members
- Attended SVCA BOD meeting regarding 2024 operations budget
- Completed preparation for and hosted Men's Invitational
- Re-booked BIAWC golf outing for July, 2024
- Coordinated the movement of Bellingham Amateur tournament to the end of September and sent out informational e-blast
- Coordinated course set up for Men's Invitational
- Sent email out promoting Bellingham Amateur tournament
- Hosted Ladies Club Championship
- Booked several small (12-20 players) outings for September
- Prepared for and hosted the Aslan Brewery golf outing
- Assisted Golf Club distribution of September newsletter
- Began planning for 2023-24 Winter Series.
- Planning for 2024 golf season
- Updated outing tracking spreadsheet
- Prepared fall staffing plan

Successes

- High demand and record revenue continues
- August revenue continued to exceed expectations

Planned Work

- Host Men's Invitational
- Seek a sponsor for Bellingham Amateur
- Determine formats and schedule for 2023-24 Winter Series
- Continue to promote Bellingham Amateur
- Find new title sponsor for Winter Series
- Coordinate and prepare for September outings

Turf Care

Activity Summary

- Scheduled golf course conditioning/mowing continues at a scheduled pace, keeping up with turf growth.
- Prepared for the Club Invitational event, including: lowering the height of cut on the greens; double cutting, and double rolling the greens to increase ball roll to 11-12'; limiting the amount of water that the entire course receives to improve ball roll
- Cleaned up gardens surrounding the clubhouse; now working on the perimeter landscaping areas
- Finally repaired the troublesome irrigation leak on #15 fairway
- Met with concerned Condominium board President regard-

ing Lake Louise water elevation and excessive lily pad growth

- Assistant Turfcare Superintendent passed his WSDA Pesticide applicators examination
- Fresh topping of new sand applied to all 44 sand traps throughout the course
- Putting greens light topdressing with sand completed improving ball roll
- Replaced broken bridge deck board on Driving Range bridge
- Training two new part-time turfcare members on various aspects of maintenance

Successes

- Favorable weather is helping us keep up on mowing and maintenance operations
- Invitational event course conditioning went very well. We continue to receive comments from members and outside guests on how good the conditions are at Sudden Valley versus other clubs
- New hires are on boarding quickly

Planned Work

- Weed control at old Rotunda site
- Planning shift to Fall cultural practices: Tee box and greens aerating

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LETTERS

South Whatcom library an asset

Editor,

Our South Whatcom Library is an asset. As the daughter of a librarian, I can't imagine any community thriving without a library. Our library team provides exceptional children's programs, monthly free craft projects, and a story hour. Many of my younger friends tell me how their children can't wait to go to the library.

Often, when I've been by the check-out desk, a parent with two or three children has a stack of kids' books waiting for check out, each book individually chosen by one of the youngsters.

Our librarians schedule educational programs for older patrons, i.e., how to prepare paperwork for end-of-life, a dreamcatcher class, paper making, a recent film screening event about intelligent trees, a wildlife photography presentation, and a bird identification field trip around Sudden Valley.

Library members can order books, including those through interlibrary loan, on the Whatcom County Library website and pick them up right here in Sudden Valley, saving a trip to town (important for those who are unable to drive.)

In addition to books, our community library offers a wide variety of DVD movies and music on CDs.

South Whatcom Library

provides computers that patrons can use free of charge – a perfect solution for those without a home computer or others when their computer decides it no longer wants to work. I used their computers while renewing my aerobic instructor's license because our computer ran too slow.

During the pandemic, our community library provided free COVID-19 tests and kept their doors open by setting up a table where people could pick up books right outside the door. They truly went the extra mile.

Each employee at our library is willing to help locate a book, no matter how long it takes, and they always do it with a smile.

We can't afford to lose this asset to our community.

Alicia (Lish) Jamtaas
Sudden Valley

Bicycle safety more important than lane construction

Editor,

In the June Views there was a letter titled, "Want to see bike lanes constructed along Lake Louise Boulevard?" In response to that proposal to bike lanes on Lake Louise Road, the author has got to be kidding. The cost alone would take funds from fixing Lake Louise Road. Motorists are driving on city and county roads

that are in horrible disrepair as we pay record high gas prices and gas tax.

For too long we have watched our city street be given away to bicyclists who ride in all directions, without any lighting at night, on or off the sidewalks, and following no rules of the road.

Lake Louise Road is just one of many roads that should not have bicycles ridden on it. It is unsafe for bicycles and for motorists.

I believe before any more traffic changes are made for bikes, we should enact a bill making bicyclists get the same endorsement as a motorcyclist, follow the same rules of the road, and purchase an operator's license and purchase tabs for their bike.

Bicycle safety and consistent use of them is more important than lane construction.

Michael Wadsworth
Sudden Valley

Personal bias

Editor,

In response to the letter to the editor in the June Views titled "Separation of Church and HOA," the author wrote as if for the whole community. Too often the slimmest segment of society and community tries to speak for the larger segment of the community. I believe that most residents in our community looked for and appreciated the fact that there are schools, libraries, community activities, and a church where they chose to live. They wanted

a place that is safe to raise their families or conduct their business.

I sat on the board for five months this year and watched the budget and monthly financial reports and don't believe any of the funds held by our association are budgeted to Christ The King Church.

I believe CTK has provided structure, peace and spiritual care into this community. I believe CTK has paid what was asked of them from the association gladly and has cooperated with the management in all the contractual agreements.

It is not discriminatory to not hire someone who isn't of the same mindset or doesn't have the same mission statement as the employer. Every company has its outlook, position, or focus for success and if someone can't meet those requirements they don't get hired.

I don't believe the letter's author claims were fact but just personal bias. For the most part, I have seen a favorable response by our community, they appreciate CTK handling the Easter egg hunt, being involved in the community activities, and supporting the community. I don't see any harm in their presence when a family needs spiritual guidance in times of distress. I don't see their presence being used as a recruiting ground any more than public schools and colleges in shaping individual beliefs.

Michael Wadsworth
Sudden Valley

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ACC / Security	28,620	9,703	-	6,965	27,374	(957)	1,246	15,711
Accounting	2,807	(793)	26,704	(584)	3,465	(870)	(27,362)	(2,247)
Administration	210	68	26,234	11,049	15,212	(6,988)	(41,236)	4,129
Common Costs	3,770	850	-	-	27,710	(4,362)	(23,940)	(3,512)
Facilities	3,135	(1,617)	-	3,678	24,142	(10,988)	(21,007)	(8,927)
Maintenance	-	(83)	23,550	(2,733)	5,214	4,983	(28,764)	2,167
Subtotal	38,542	8,128	76,488	18,375	103,117	(19,182)	(141,063)	7,321
Golf	173,214	54,324	67,797	8,113	59,130	(26,494)	46,287	35,943
Marina	12,931	12,297	-	-	1,091	739	11,840	13,036
Subtotal	224,687	74,749	144,285	26,488	163,338	(44,937)	(82,936)	56,300
Rec/ Pools/ Parks								
Special Assmt Earned	43						43	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	1,349						1,349	
Net Special Assmt Dues	1,392	1,392					1,392	1,392
Subtotal Rec/ Pools/ Parks	13,500	5,704	28,604	(1,432)	22,425	(6,072)	(37,529)	(1,800)
Subtotal Rec/ Pools/ Parks	14,892	7,096	28,604	(1,432)	22,425	(6,072)	(36,137)	(408)
Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues	239,579	81,845	172,889	25,056	185,763	(51,009)	(119,073)	55,892
Ops Dues Earned	210,030						210,030	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(1,438)						(1,438)	
Net Ops Dues	208,592	10,074					208,592	10,074
Net Operations	448,171	91,919	172,889	25,056	185,763	(51,009)	89,519	65,966
Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations								
Firewise	-				2,719		(2,719)	
Hazardous Tree Removal	-							
Net Operations with Board Approved UDR	448,171	91,919	172,889	25,056	188,482	(51,009)	86,800	65,966
Other Operating Activity								
UDR Activity	5,162				1,004		4,158	
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-							
AR Accrual - Current Year	-							
Vacation Liability Accrual	-				2,421		(2,421)	
Total Other Operating Activity	5,162				3,425		1,737	
Grand Total Operations Activity	453,333	91,919	172,889	25,056	191,907	(51,009)	88,537	65,966

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if members want more done and are willing to fund the money, they need to speak up.

In unanimous decisions, the board approved to allocate nearly \$37,000 from the Roads Reserve to be put toward design and

permitting of the 2024 Road and Drainage project. In a letter to the association from PNW Services, Inc., work includes, preparing drawings and permit application for replacement of 48 culverts and preparing drawings and permit applications for asphalt repairs to Deer Run Lane.

Tischleder said getting Deer Run and the many culverts designed and permitted this year is important so the association can send out construction bids and get good prices on asphalt.

The board also approved the allocation of nearly \$110,000 for the 2023 Culvert Replacement Project, which would replace 10 culverts.

"With the available funds at \$109,712.47 some of the culverts proposed for 2023 will not be able to be completed based on the above budget. PNW recommends the board approve the available funds for this project to move for-

ward, and then culvert locations will be completed by order of priority with the funds available. Culvert locations not completed this year would be added to the 2024 Road & Drainage Project," Tyler Andrews, president of PNW Services, wrote in a letter to the association.

Each culvert in the 2023 project will cost approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 depending on material, diameter and length, and the budget ranges between \$100,000-\$150,000. For the 48 culverts listed under the 2024 Culvert Projects, each will cost the same amount of money, but the budget range is between \$490,000-\$735,000 total.

"Should all culvert and roadway projects we have recommended for the 2024 construction season be completed, we estimate the total costs to be in

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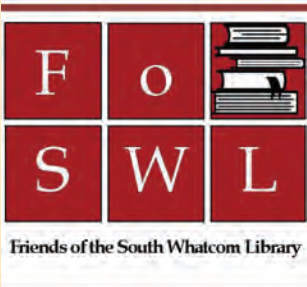
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FINANCIALS

Sudden Valley Community Association
Operations - By Department
January 1, 2023 to June 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	46,390	7,140	-	44,889	206,428	(48,236)	(160,038)	3,793
Accounting	12,349	(9,251)	158,816	1,386	27,566	(11,995)	(174,033)	(19,860)
Administration	1,067	217	128,147	100,511	77,527	(27,886)	(204,607)	72,842
Common Costs	53,975	36,450	-	-	190,441	(20,963)	(136,466)	15,487
Facilities	28,896	384	7,364	15,073	103,474	(15,537)	(81,942)	(80)
Maintenance	-	(500)	118,593	(550)	40,719	35,526	(159,312)	34,476
Subtotal	142,677	34,440	412,920	161,309	646,155	(89,091)	(916,398)	106,658
Golf	690,061	118,349	332,718	27,623	223,005	(37,637)	134,338	108,335
Marina	184,157	25,226	(1)	1	7,617	4,906	176,541	30,133
Subtotal	1,016,895	178,015	745,637	188,933	876,777	(121,822)	(605,519)	245,126
Rec/ Pools/ Parks								
Special Assmt Earned	182,513						182,513	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	633						633	
Net Special Assmt Dues	183,146	10,775					183,146	10,775
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	23,745	9,211	130,851	7,641	75,292	(15,125)	(182,398)	1,727
Subtotal Rec/ Pools/ Parks	206,891	19,986	130,851	7,641	75,292	(15,125)	748	12,502
Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues	1,223,786	198,001	876,488	196,574	952,069	(136,947)	(604,771)	257,628
Ops Dues Earned	1,108,568						1,108,568	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(30,738)						(30,738)	
Net Ops Dues	1,077,830	27,295					1,077,830	27,295
Net Operations	2,301,616	225,296	876,488	196,574	952,069	(136,947)	473,059	284,923
Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations								
Firewise	-		-		23,347		(23,347)	
Hazardous Tree Removal	-		-		-		-	
Net Operations with Board Approved UDR	2,301,616	225,296	876,488	196,574	975,416	(136,947)	449,712	284,923
Other Operating Activity								
UDR Activity	57,741				4,594		53,147	
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	(46,750)				-		(46,750)	
AR Accrual - Current Year	-				-		-	
Vacation Liability Accrual	-				21,315		(21,315)	
Total Other Operating Activity	10,991				25,909		(14,918)	
Grand Total Operations Activity	2,312,607	225,296	876,488	196,574	1,001,325	(136,947)	434,794	284,923

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

SVCA: Discusses ice barn, marina dock

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the \$670,000-\$960,000 range. The cost estimate per culvert replacement and cost per square foot of asphalt overlay is based on local historical data alone and no engineered design has been done," Scott Goodall, president of Impact Design, wrote in a letter to the association.

"Prior to construction, an engineering analysis and civil/stormwater engineering drawings should be completed," Goodall wrote. "Based on this analysis, a yearly budget of \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 appears to be adequate to catch up with and maintain SVCA's infrastructure for the

next three to five years."

Candidate applications accepted

At the Sept. 5 Special N&A meeting, several members' applications to serve on the Board, Architectural Control Committee and Nominations & Elections were accepted. For the November AGM elections, the following names will appear on the ballots.

Board of Directors: Laurie Michelle Robinson, Keith McLean, Joshua Bowens, Tom Redd and Mary Stidham.

ACC: Pat Zwolenski and Jo Jean Kos.

Nominations & Elections: Rob Gibbs.

Two candidate forums will take place in October with dates to be determined based on candidate availability.

As election day approaches, voters are encouraged to submit topics they would like candidates to discuss as they compete for votes. Send them to BODChiarello@suddenvalley.com.



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FINANCIALS

Sudden Valley Community Association
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022

	Unaudited** Jun 30, 2023	Unaudited** Dec 31, 2022	Inc / (Dec)
OPERATIONS			
Current Assets			
Operating Cash	\$ 634,208	\$ 505,901	\$ 128,307
Building Completion Deposit Fund	457,135	492,620	(35,485)
Member Receivables - Operations*	-	46,750	(46,750)
Other Receivables	17,934	8,288	9,646
Prepaid Expenses	149,752	81,738	68,014
Operating Lease ROU Assets	8,265	11,441	(3,176)
Inventory	7,811	6,200	1,611
Total Current Assets	1,275,105	1,152,938	122,167
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	(76,307)	(243,246)	166,939
Accrued Vacation Liability	(82,891)	(61,576)	(21,315)
Accrued Payroll	-	(54,127)	54,127
Prepaid Assessments	(316,103)	(181,106)	(134,997)
Building Completion Deposits	(457,135)	(492,620)	35,485
Other Refundable Deposits	(8,321)	(4,916)	(3,405)
Operating Lease Liability	(8,265)	(11,441)	3,176
Prepaid Golf Memberships	-	(153,151)	153,151
Total Current Liabilities	(949,022)	(1,202,183)	253,161
Operating Reserve Funds			
Emergency Operating Cash	361,432	361,096	336
Undesignated Reserves Cash	282,025	223,385	58,640
Total Operating Reserve Funds	643,457	584,481	58,976
Net Operating Assets	\$ 969,540	\$ 535,236	\$ 434,304
CAPITAL			
Capital Current Assets			
CRRRF (Capital Repair & Replacement) Cash Fund	3,429,885	3,220,671	209,214
Roads Reserve Cash Fund	2,429,878	2,560,947	(131,069)
Board Density Reduction Cash Fund	87,580	87,552	28
Mailbox Cash Fund	113,648	101,061	12,587
CRRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash	211,675	262,193	(50,518)
Mitigation Assignment of Savings Cash	44,611	44,545	66
LWUSD Assignment of Savings Cash	9,076	9,076	-
Member Receivables - Capital**	-	19,262	(19,262)
Total Capital Current Assets	6,326,353	6,305,307	21,046
Capital Fixed Assets			
Fixed Assets	14,728,815	14,197,452	531,363
Finance ROU Assets	175,365	214,266	(38,901)
Lots Held for Sale	228,041	228,041	-
Total Capital Assets	15,132,221	14,639,759	492,462
Long Term Liabilities			
CRRRF Loan 2022	(1,924,906)	(2,049,012)	124,106
Finance Leases	(136,799)	(166,357)	29,558
Total Long Term Liabilities	(2,061,704)	(2,215,369)	153,665
NET ASSETS	\$ 20,366,410	\$ 19,264,933	\$ 1,101,477
MEMBER EQUITY			
Member Equity			
Current Year Net Income: Operations	434,046	(115,714)	549,760
Current Year Net Income: Rec Special Assmt	748	(2,572)	3,320
Net Transfers Out from Operations to Capital	-	(482,660)	482,660
Current Year Net Income: Capital**	717,409	1,654,818	(937,409)
Net Transfers Into Capital from Operations	-	482,660	-
Retained Earnings**	4,950,121	5,058,407	(118,286)
Capital**	14,264,086	12,659,994	1,604,092
TOTAL MEMBER EQUITY	\$ 20,366,410	\$ 19,264,933	\$ 1,101,477

*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 June 30, 2023, and December 31, 2022, the balances of receivables written off were \$706,592 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 - June 2023			Year to Date - 6 Months Ending 6/30/2023			
	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	210,030	-	231,657	1,108,568	-	-	1,385,877
Bad Debt Reserve	(1,438)	-	(2,970)	(30,738)	-	-	(28,877)
Net Current Year Assessment Income	208,592	10,074	228,687	1,077,830	27,295	97.2%	1,357,000
Special Ops Assmt Income- Rec/ Pools/ Parks							
Dues & Assessments Income	43	-	-	182,513	-	-	-
Bad Debt Reserve	1,349	-	-	633	-	-	-
Net Special Ops Assmt Income	1,392	1,392	-	183,146	10,775	-	-
Bad Debt Recoveries - Prior Years							
Golf Income	173,214	54,324	-	690,061	118,349	-	-
Marina Income	12,431	12,431	-	179,458	23,064	-	-
Rec Center & Pools Income	4,304	(1,966)	-	7,924	350	-	-
Legal & Collections Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	6,794	(673)	-	72,355	28,068	-	-
Rental Income - Other	6,746	5,979	-	10,121	7,521	-	-
Area Z Rental Income	233	(1,767)	-	11,484	(516)	-	-
Lease Income	5,352	1,848	-	23,112	2,090	-	-
New Home Construction Fees	28,620	9,870	-	45,090	7,590	-	500
Capital Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	494	407	3,901	1,036	511	-	9,239
Total Revenue	448,172	91,919	233,274	2,301,617	225,297	-	1,392,564
EXPENSES							
Salaries & Benefits	172,889	25,056	-	876,488	196,574	-	-
Contracted & Professional Services	34,402	(19,828)	-	135,319	(61,209)	-	-
CC&Rs/ Mandates	35,925	(7,496)	-	228,477	(57,906)	-	-
Maintenance & Landscaping	52,725	(15,626)	-	226,553	15,912	-	-
Utilities	28,419	(8,494)	-	107,230	(18,188)	-	-
Administrative	17,311	(3,456)	-	84,916	(2,828)	-	-
Regulatory Compliance	1,271	6,341	-	85,312	(8,029)	-	-
Insurance Premiums	15,711	(2,533)	-	84,263	(5,200)	-	-
Other Expenses	-	83	-	-	500	-	-
Depreciation Expense	-	-	101,106	-	-	-	613,480
Interest Expense	-	-	7,124	-	-	-	42,413
Total Expenses	358,653	(25,953)	108,230	1,828,558	59,626	-	655,893
Net Income (Loss)	89,519	65,966	125,044	473,059	284,923	-	736,671
Net UDR Activity for Operations							
Firewise	(2,719)	-	-	(23,347)	-	-	-
Hazardous Tree Removal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Loss) with Board Approved UDR	86,800	65,966	125,044	449,712	284,923	-	736,671
Other Activity							
Net Other UDR Activity*	4,158	-	-	53,147	-	-	-
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-	-	-	(46,750)	-	-	(19,262)
AR Accrual - Current Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacation Liability Accrual	(2,421)	-	-	(21,315)	-	-	-
Total Other Activity	1,737	-	-	(14,918)	-	-	(19,262)
Grand Total Activity	88,537	65,966	125,044	434,794	284,923	-	717,409

*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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By Gail Chiarello
Chair, Nominations & Elections

When it comes to Sudden Valley Community Association elections, there are two categories of

membership in the Valley.

Members in good standing are current with all their financial obligations to the Valley, primarily — but not exclusively — their homeowner dues.

Members not in good standing are delinquent in their financial obligations. Usually these are unpaid homeowner dues, but can include some overlooked small charges, such as a late payment penalty, an unpaid kayak rental fee.

Members in good standing can vote the entire ballot, for candidates for the board, Architectural Control Committee, and Nominations & Elections, as well as the proposed budget, bylaws changes or other issues requiring a vote of the membership.

Members not in good standing are limited to voting solely for or against the budget. They cannot vote for board, ACC, or N&E candidates nor on any of the other issues.

Don't wait until ballots are mailed at the end of September if you have any doubts about your standing. Call administration at 360-734-6430 for assistance.

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FINANCIALS

Sudden Valley Community Association
Reserve Cash Balance & Activity
 6 Months Actual, 6 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	671,989	692,180			12,489		1,376,658		66,526	66,526
Storm Water Mitigation Plan Fee		500					500			
Investment Income	4,892	3,947	208	28	98	66	9,239	336	243	579
Sale of Assets										
Mitigation Release										
2023 Expenditures	(467,667)	(827,696)	(50,726)				(1,346,089)		(8,129)	(8,129)
Net Available Cash at 6/30/2023	3,429,885	2,429,878	211,675	87,580	113,648	53,687	\$ 6,326,353	361,432	282,025	\$ 643,457
6 Month Outlook										
Outlook - 2023 Dues (95% collections)	642,828	661,164			11,928		\$ 1,315,920			\$ -
Outlook - Prior Year Collections	10,192	10,483		10	189		20,873		17,770	17,770
CRRRF Loan Payments for year 2023	(166,520)						(166,520)			
Obligated Expenses/Holdings	(925,131)	(943,536)	(211,675)			(53,687)	(2,134,029)		(15,490)	(15,490)
Net Usable Cash Balance 12/31/2023	2,991,254	2,157,989	-	87,590	125,765	-	\$ 5,362,598	361,432	284,306	\$ 645,737
Board Recommended Carryover Balance	(600,000)	(500,000)					\$ (1,100,000)			\$ -
Net Usable Cash 12/31/2023, After Recommendation	\$ 2,391,254	\$ 1,657,989	\$ -	\$ 87,590	\$ 125,765	\$ -	\$ 4,262,598	\$ 361,432	\$ 284,306	\$ 645,737
Net Current Year Cash Increase (Decrease)	(229,417)	(402,958)	(262,193)	38	24,704	(53,621)	\$ (923,447)	336	60,921	\$ 61,256

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

Swimmers love art

By Lee Langdon
Valley Arts Group



SUDDEN VALLEY — If you sit, like I do, once a week with the stitch group in the Barn, every Monday afternoon, you can watch families upon families going to the pool. It's been such a great summer.

Many inquisitive kids ask about the art on the wall as they walk to the desk. And I get to see their reactions: joy, curiosity, interest. Moms and dads answer the questions as best they can. Adults stroll by too, often stopping to enjoy the art. Others enjoy the art near El Agave. How does the art get there, you ask.

The Valley Arts Group meets quarterly to share members' art, and to exhibit the work of the featured artists.

The next meeting is at 10 a.m. Oct. 14. Everyone is welcome to attend, observe and join. This quarter's Featured Artist near El Agave, is Vicki Tenpas.

By way of Minnesota first and then California, Tenpas came to Washington in 2018.

"As a young kid, I loved to color and work with clay, but never thought I could be an artist," she said. "Mostly, I looked at others and envied their talent."

"During my school years, I would doodle during lectures and later through business meetings unless I was chairing them. Outside of school or work, most of my creative life was sewing clothes for myself, my kids, and others."

"After retirement, an old friend introduced me to paper arts. I started making custom cards: greeting, birthday and Christmas with watercolor and alcohol inks."

"When I came to Sudden Valley to eventually marry an old high school friend, new friends

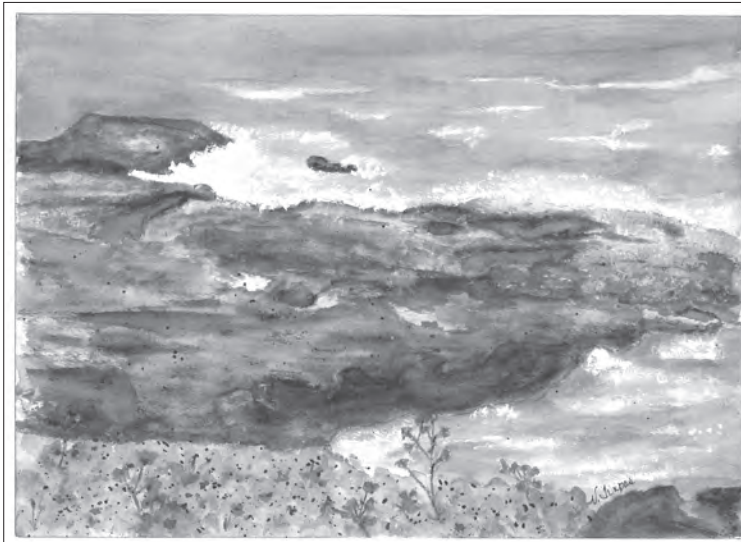
urged me to get into painting and to join the Valley Arts Group. I have learned so many things about art since I have been here, and I am learning every day."

"Painting is such a wonderful and satisfying pastime. It's been wonderful."

There will be a reception for the artists from 4-6 p.m. Oct. 21.

Next month's issue will introduce the Barn's featured artist, Kolleen Mitchell.

For more info about the Valley Arts Group, to buy a calendar, or contact and artist, visit valleyarts-group.org.



Yachats, Oregon; Magnolias. Art by Vicki Tenpas.

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After Noon Play	\$1,470	\$125	After Noon Play	\$1,625	\$140
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Intermediate (Ages 18 - 28)	\$1,050	\$90	Intermediate (Ages 18 - 28)	\$1,150	\$100
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JULY SVCA BOARD MEETING COVERAGE

Sudden Valley board considers new marina launch dock

Directors also review capital repair and replacement reserve, road projects

By Taras McCurdie
Staff Reporter

SUDDEN VALLEY — The board of directors for the Sudden Valley Community Association (SVCA) reviewed the 2024 capital budget at the July 27 meeting. Topics discussed included both capital repair and replacement reserve (CRRRF) and road projects. Once the board approves the budget, SVCA members will vote on whether they would like to see the projects put into action.

One of the higher-costing projects on the budget is replacing the marina launch dock. According to the presentation slide-show, a building permit application was submitted late March, and the design is complete. To confirm no additional design changes are needed, bids will not go out until the permits are received, and the total cost for the project is \$266,820.

The final cost for remodeling Barn 8 has not yet been finalized, but it's estimated to be approximately \$800,000. With construction not set to begin until April 2024 because of the county's extended permit review times as well as difficult winter

weather conditions, a permit application was submitted early February and bids will go out this summer.

Designs for replacing the covered bridge entrance and HVAC system have also been completed and awaiting approval from Whatcom County.

Remodeling the Area Z maintenance facility will cost \$254,657. The SVCA sent the county the design and permit application in late February, and a bid will go out sometime this summer. Construction is expected to start this fall, and it will be completed in about four to five months.

Also beginning in the fall are the playground ADA improvements at both playgrounds. With equipment arriving near the end of August, the project costs \$107,867 and will be done in September.

Resurfacing the tennis court and replacing the fence will take place next June. The bid was submitted, but no contractors were able to complete it this year. A bid will be sent out again this winter, and the estimated cost is \$189,500. Costing \$59,475, refurbishing the Area Z Tall Barn will begin mid-August and end late August or early September. Repairing Austin Creek, which will cost \$32,571, is expected to begin sometime in 2024.

For \$44,981, a contract has been signed and parts have been ordered for replacing the irrigation system pump controller, set to start once equipment arrives.

SVCA hires Tyler Andrews, owner of construction company PNW Services, to be its construction and project manager.

Andrews said Barn 6, a 13,000-square foot building, was built in the 1970s, and there were two evaluations done on the barn's structure. In 2013, Architectural Investigative Reports and Opinions identified several items needing repair, but Andrews said SVCA didn't appear to make many changes, if not any at all.

In 2014, Andrews said Kingworks Structural Engineers evaluated that the building had 18 of 100 posts that had rot as well as a leaky roof that needed replacing. Andrews said SVCA decided to not do any repairs but rather let it deteriorate.

Because of the numerous construction codes required for the building, Kingworks and Carletti Architects reported it would cost more to dismantle the barn, make improvements and put it back together rather than to just tear the whole thing down and build a new structure.

Andrews said SVCA has understood this evaluation and has created two layout concepts with the goal of keeping the same appearance of the existing structure. One option is to construct an enclosed building, and this would include a new foundation, a large open space that's as long as a basketball court, multiple roll-up doors to allow for open-air atmosphere and other additions. The second layout includes building an open-air structure.

However, the first layout concept would be more expensive of the two options, costing \$2.2 million according to Carletti. The second concept would cost around \$900,000. Currently, taking down the ex-

isting barn is estimated to cost around \$200,000.

Tyler said both concepts allow for SVCA to build additions to the structure in the future as well as meeting the goal of maintaining the same footprint of the existing barn.

Regarding road projects, the 2023 Culvert Cleaning task began in February and ended in April, and it cost \$452,117. Project Culvert C-315 will take place mid-August and be finished near the end of September. This is the most expensive task coming in at \$481,615. If permits are received in time, repairing Cold Spring Drainage will begin in September, or it will start next summer when Lake Whatcom Watershed reopens.

Replacing street signs (\$31,084), repairing a pothole (around \$35,000) and street asphalt (\$295,735) and other tasks will also take place this year.

Ferndale engineering service Impact Design wrote in a memo that they estimate total costs to be in the \$670,000-\$970,000 range and that a yearly budget of \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 is sufficient to make SVCA's infrastructure last for the next few years.

As costly as these projects are, Andrew Tischleder said that since becoming SVCA's president four years ago, the CRRRF and road project financial numbers have gone from being in the red to now being in a good spot to where the association is able to make plans to improve the area.

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Lake Whatcom Fire: Sudden Valley serves as command center

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areas to expect to see a consis-

tent presence of firefighting aircraft overhead, asking the public to "not be alarmed, as these specialized aircraft have been ordered to assist in firefighting efforts due to difficult terrain making the fire hard to fight from the ground."

"DNR is coordinating with the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management (Whatcom Ready) and others to provide information and acquire the right resources for this type of fire," South Whatcom Fire Authority stated.

Logistics Section Chief Pat Kern shared his thanks before leaving Sudden Valley.

"This has been one of the best work environments in my fire career that I've had in a very long time," Kern said. "It's all because of full cooperation of all involved."

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Sudden Valley would like to thank Kern, as well as the first responders and the Hot Shots, Rich Elliot Section Chief, the WA State Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR), and its Assistant Region Manager, Kevin Killian, the South Whatcom Fire Authority, Chief Nolze, the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management, and so many others. Your experience, expertise, and honed response plans were evident and reassuring to all in Sudden Valley.

Summary of incident report

The Lake Whatcom Fire started on Aug. 28, at 5:55 p.m. from a lightning strike. The fire was about five acres by the time initial crews arrived. Due to the steep terrain and limited access to the area, initial attack was done with a helicopter to apply water to areas that ground crews could not safely reach.

Southeast Washington Inter-agency Incident Management Team 3 took control of the fire at 6 a.m. Aug. 30.

Over several days, firefighters continued to work the perimeter of the fire.

There was an infrared flight over the fire. Crews checked and worked areas identified on the flight data.

There were a couple of areas that the helicopter was called in for water drops due to inaccessible terrain.

Mop up was completed 50 feet into the perimeter where it was safe to do so. Firefighters gridded outside the perimeter looking for hidden hot spots that could pop up later.

Firefighters checked containment lines to insure they were holding.

The perimeter continued to be worked, mitigating any hazards that may show up.

Aircraft water drops were ceased, and, on Sept. 3, the incident was turned back over to the local DNR Unit with a type 4 IC and a few resources.

Steep terrain and wet slopes created working hazards for the crews. The thick tree growth with large mature trees and areas of dense fuel, along with the damp ground, created safety issues with large trees and rocks sliding down the hillside down to the lake.

The Whatcom County Emergency Management posted evacuations and road closures for Blue Canyon residents.

Lake Whatcom was closed temporarily to clear a path for the aircraft water drops and other firefighting efforts.

The public has been asked to stay clear of the shoreline around the fire area, as falling debris has slid down to the shore.

Blue Canyon Road is still closed so fire apparatus can safely get back and forth.



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SV community acronyms

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

Sept. 19: League of Women Voters
The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, grassroots organization, will present information on their mission to protect and expand voting rights, ensuring everyone is represented in our democracy. Cam Kerst, will present about LWV, but will also do registration on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 12:45 p.m. at the Lynden Community/Senior Center, 401 Grover St. For more information, call (360) 354-2921 or email info@lyndencommunity-center.org.

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Do you have a pet of the month?
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Thank you to all who participated, volunteered, and staffed the activities.

The day started with a fun paddle regatta at AM Beach. Then the festivities moved to the recreation corridor, where attendees enjoyed a wide range of activities, such as a car show, all-day live music on the main stage, games and prizes, food, ponies, a tractor train, and a beer garden.

There were also 50 vendor booths at the valley fair, with many vendors commenting this was the best event they've attended this year.

Even with almost 1,000 attendees, and the Aslan Brewing Golf Tournament occurring the same day, there were no parking issues due to the shuttle service provided by the SVCA maintenance crew, good planning, and cooperative vendors, volunteers, and attendees.

The day ended with a wonderful video short and beautiful song about our Sudden Valley community being played on the big screen prior to the showing of Guardians of the Galaxy at the first-ever Cinema on the Square. In case you missed the retrospective video by Joshua Bowens and Joel Dobbins, it is available to view on the SVCA YouTube Channel at (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3o0-WuMA5Lk>).

Special thanks to Sudden Valley residents Doug Buchanan for organizing the car show, and Fred Haslam and Tom German for managing the main stage.

Also, a truly heart-felt thank you to the 50th anniversary committee and all the volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the planning, preparations, and the event itself: Sunny Palmtag, Sam Shahan, Nancy Alyanak, Chris and Karen Weitzel, Norm and Lore Bendure, Kolleen Mitchell, Marlen Allen, Anne Cope, Liz Vidal, Joshua Bowens, Pam O'Donald, Pat and Suzi Zwolenski, Shulan Thurm, Freddie Chrestman, and George and Iris. This fun and successful event wouldn't have been possible without all of you.



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