



2022 Uncertified AGM Results

The 2022 Sudden Valley Annual General Meeting was held Nov. 5 and the results are here. The final tally goes through a certification process scheduled to take place Monday, Nov. 7 at the N&E Certification meeting. The uncertified results are as follows:

Board of Directors Results (*uncertified)		
Candidate	# of Votes	Term
Stu Mitchell	674	3 Year
Andrew A.J. Tischleder	537	3 Year
Linda Bradley	523	3 Year
Nancy Alyanak	458	1 Year
Asia Marie Andrade	457	1 Year
Laurie Michelle Robinson	447	
Andy B. Glover	438	
Kate Quigg	422	
Morgan Libby	405	
Tara Elizabeth De Veaux	329	
Sandi Hersch Mitchell	287	

N&E Results
Gail Chairello: **784 votes**
Two-year term

ACC Results
Daniel Rodriguez: **722 votes**
Three-year term

Measure 1: Budget
Shall the SVCA's 2023 Annual Consolidated Budget, which provides for assessment revenue of \$5,045,864 and non-assessment revenue of \$1,565,016 (total combined assessment and non-assessment revenue of \$6,610,880 be approved or rejected? The result of the vote on this measure will be determined by CW 64.90.525 which provides

that the budget is ratified if it is not rejected by owners holding a majority of votes in the Association.
Approved: **738 votes**
Rejected: **297 votes**
APPROVED

Measure 2: Bylaw Amendment
Bylaw requiring the member approval of the sale of SVCA non-trust properties. The result of the vote on this measure will be determined by SVCA Bylaws, which provide that a bylaw amendment is approved if 2/3 or more of voting members in good standing vote in favor of the measure.

See **AGM Results** on 4

Department of Revenue ruling regarding transfer fee refunds

MEMORANDUM
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2022

FROM: RICHARD A. DAVIS II
SETH A. WOOLSON

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE RULING REGARDING TRANSFER FEE REFUND

DOR's response.

Neither the initial request nor the response from DOR identifies the person who submitted the request.

But the Board has informed us that the Board did not authorize any SVCA representative to seek this opinion.

Binding rulings cannot be obtained by a customer or consumer.

They can only be issued to taxpayers which, in this case, is SVCA. That did not happen here.

I. BACKGROUND

SVCA first established a transfer fee in 2015 at the level of \$125.

Effective July 1, 2016, the transfer fee was increased to \$125 plus % of 0.01% of the sales price of the real property.

In October, 2021, the Board rescinded that portion of the transfer fee which exceeded \$125 (effective January 1, 2022) and implemented a program to refund that portion of the transfer fees that had been previously collected.

That refund program is currently underway. It is expected that some of the transfer fees collected by SVCA will not be claimed.

A concern has been expressed in the community that any transfer fees which are unclaimed will be deemed "abandoned property," and subject to custody of the State of Washington.

Recently, a third party unilaterally contacted the Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR) in an effort to obtain a ruling which would be binding on SVCA as to whether unclaimed transfer fees would be considered unclaimed property and, therefore, subject to the custody of the State of Washington.

We have reviewed the request and

II. ISSUES

You have asked us to answer the following questions:

1. Since the DOR ruling was not requested by SVCA, as the taxpayer, is it binding on SVCA?

2. If the ruling is not binding, are unclaimed transfer fees presumed abandoned and subject to the custody of the State?

III. ANALYSIS

A. The DOR Ruling Was Not Sought By SVCA and Cannot Be Binding on SVCA.

The DOR website confirms that binding rulings can only be issued to the taxpayer (business) and not to customers or consumers:

Customer/consumer questions

Binding rulings are not issued to customers or consumers. However, we provide tax assistance on issues of general taxability

Ruling requests

A taxpayer requesting a binding ruling must disclose the name of the business, provide all pertinent facts, and provide a complete and accurate description of the

planned transaction or business activity. The request should state the questions the taxpayer wants answered or the information the requester is seeking.

When providing a binding ruling, the Department uses information from

- The ruling request
- The taxpayer's website
- Department of Revenue account information

The Department may use other relevant information to develop the ruling.

The ruling will summarize the information used.

Informational responses

Informational responses result from requests from consumers or from someone other than an identified business or their hired representative.

Informational responses from the Department are not binding on the Department or the requestor.

These responses are merely for informational purposes.

Here, SVCA (the taxpayer) did not request a binding ruling from DOR.

Rather, an unidentified third party requested it and received the ruling.

The ruling was not issued to SVCA and, in fact, has never been received by SVCA.

We understand SVCA became aware of it through social media postings.

In light of the foregoing, we see no reason to believe that SVCA is bound by the ruling.

We have issued a Public Records Act request to DOR to obtain the identity of the individual(s) who sought the ruling to confirm that it was not an SVCA authorized representative.

In the meantime, we have also advised DOR that the ruling was requested by someone other than the taxpayer (SVCA).

We expect DOR to confirm that the ruling is not a binding ruling as to SVCA.

However, if DOR were to conclude otherwise, SVCA has the right to appeal the ruling.

B. Any Unclaimed Transfer Fees Likely Are Not Presumed to be Abandoned Property.

Washington has a Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, RCW 63.29 ("Original Act"). However, Washington recently adopted the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act ("Revised Act"), which will go into effect on January 1, 2023, and will repeal and replace the Original Act. The pertinent provisions of the Revised Act are similar to the Original Act.

Under the Original Act, "[A]ll intangible property, including any income or increment derived therefrom, less any lawful charges, that is held, issued, or owing in the ordinary course of the holder's business and has remained unclaimed by the owner for more than three years after it became payable or distributable is presumed abandoned." RCW 63.29.020(1). An "owner" means "a person having a legal or equitable interest in property subject to this chapter ..." RCW 63.29.010(14).

Under the Revised Act, property is presumed to be abandoned "the earlier of three years after the owner first has a right to demand the property or the obligation to pay or distribute the property arises." S.S.B. 5531, Sec. 201 (14). "Owner" means a person that has a legal, beneficial, or equitable interest in property subject to this chapter." S.S.B. 5531, Sec. 102 (21).

Here, there is no evidence that an SVCA member who paid a transfer fee has an actual legal, beneficial, or equitable interest in the funds paid to SVCA. SVCA could terminate the refund program at any time.

A member who paid the transfer fee could only establish a legal, beneficial, or equitable interest by obtaining a court ruling that they have an interest in the money and ordering SVCA to issue the refund.

Further, after the statute of limitations has run, a member loses the opportunity to make that claim in court. SVCA would have the ability to obtain a binding ruling from DOR to confirm this advice.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Richard Seth

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SVCA hires Jo Anne Jensen as new general manager



The SVCA Board of Directors has appointed Jo Anne Jensen as the community's new general manager, effective immediately.

Jensen brings significant credentials to SVCA's general manager position. AJ Tischleder, president of the Sudden Valley Community Association said Jensen is "well versed in the aspects of organizational management, community planning,

project management, and effective community communications."

"In Jensen's short time with Sudden Valley, we've all been impressed with her professionalism, intelligence, and the respectful and thoughtful manner in which she approaches each situation," Tischleder said. "So, we are extremely happy to announce Jo Anne Jensen as the

SVCA's new general manager."

Tischleder said the Board would like to thank Joel Heverling for his time and work as acting general manager, and for his continued guidance and support as Jensen transitions into her new role.

Outgoing General Manager Dan Pike said that with "a mixture of pride, hope and optimism that I announce my resignation."

"We have all witnessed the progress that has been made over the last several months," Pike said. "With the hiring of Jo Anne Jensen, I and the SVCA Board, believe the Sudden Valley Community Association's future over the next several years has been secured. I leave knowing that Sudden Valley is in very capable hands. It has been my honor to serve this community."

Transfer fee refund program update

By Jo Anne Jensen
SVCA General Manager

In recent weeks, questions have been raised about how the transfer

fee program works. Specifically, a ruling from the Department of Revenue (DOR) has been posted on social media that says the unreimbursed funds must

be returned to Washington State, because they are deemed to be abandoned property.

This ruling was inappropriately obtained and is not

accurate. For a complete explanation of the situation, please read the memo from Sudden Valley's legal counsel included in this month's Views.

The SVCA is making every effort to ensure that all additional transfer fees originally placed in the Capital Reserve Holding Account are distributed.

If you have a question about this program, please email Joel Heverling, finance director, at AcctMgr@SuddenValley.com.

SUDDEN VALLEY HAPPENINGS

Due to COVID-19, these meeting times, dates and locations are subject to change and can vary from meeting to meeting. Check SuddenValley.com's "Committees" page to confirm, or

visit the websites listed.

SVCA Committees Board of Directors

The Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month via Zoom.

Architectural Control Committee

The ACC is responsible for reviewing requests to make exterior modifications to your property. These can include

general landscaping, fence requests, building an addition, tree limbing, and removal considerations. The ACC normally has meetings the first and third Thursdays of every month. One is generally scheduled as an AM (9 a.m.) meeting and one a PM (6 p.m.) meeting. These meetings currently take place via Zoom.

Communications Committee

For 2022, the Committee normally meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m, but may change that schedule and may have additional meetings. These meetings currently take place via Zoom.

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Annual Trunk or Treat a spooktacular success



Hundreds of families filled the Rec Corridor parking lot at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 for Sudden Valley's annual Trunk or Treat event. Attendance was reported to be nearly double that of last year. Sudden Valley Recreation staff greeted princesses, goblins, pirates, witches, and more - all in search of candy and some Halloween spirit during the annual Trunk or Treat event. The excitement was palpable as kids, parents, and other community members prepared their uniquely decorated trunks and passed out candy. Halloween

music topped off the spooky adventure as kids worked their way past the trunks to the haunted house, photo booth and beverage area. (Courtesy photos)

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After Noon Play	\$1,400	\$120	After Noon Play	\$1,550	\$135
Senior Limited (62 & up, M-F)	\$1,450	\$125	Senior Limited (62 & up, M-F)	\$1,540	\$135
Intermediate (Ages 18 - 28)	\$1,000	\$85	Intermediate (Ages 18 - 28)	\$1,100	\$95
Junior (17 and Younger)	\$275	\$25	Junior (17 and Younger)	\$325	\$28

Associate Membership: Associate members receive three complimentary rounds of golf, 50% off all green fees, 50% off range balls, handicap service, a locker, preferred tee times, and may play in all Golf Club tournaments and participate in all social events. **Cost: \$485 / year - \$41 / mo.**

Social Membership: Social members receive two complimentary rounds of golf, 25% off all green fees, a locker, preferred tee times and may play in all Golf Club tournaments and participate in all social events. **Cost: \$130 / year (\$140 / year with GHIN Handicap Service)**

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- Letters of up to 550 words are allowed.
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2022 PROJECTS

At a Glance

Year in Review

PROJECTS OCCURRING AT NUMEROUS LOCATIONS

2022 Potholes: 100% COMPLETE

- A Contract was executed with Huizenga Enterprises, LLC.
- Potholes within all Gates repaired.

2022 Road Project: 98% COMPLETE

- Tiger Construction was awarded the Contract as the low bidder.
- Cascade Lane and Green Hill repairs and asphalt paving complete.
- Spring Road repairs and asphalt paving complete; awaiting delivery of stormwater vault. This project is anticipated to be completed mid-November.

2022 Road and Drainage Notice of Activity Project: 100% COMPLETE

- SVCA identified 58+ locations throughout all gates.
- General scope of work consisted of:
 - o Road repairs – larger than a pothole.
 - o Ditch cleaning.
 - o Culvert cleaning and culvert replacements.
 - o Drainage improvements.

Playgrounds: 20% COMPLETE

- The landscape architect, Pacific Landscape Architecture, has completed the asbuilts, and design.
- A bid package will be ready for Board review late November.

Marina Parking Lot: 100% COMPLETE

- Filled in the potholes; general grading of the gravel surface.
- Additional layout modifications for additional parking spaces.
- Sudden Valley has an existing permit that covered this project.
- Designated overflow parking was installed.

Barn 7 Foundation Removal: 99.9% COMPLETE

- Demo Permit was approved by Whatcom County.
- Removal of the foundation was completed in September after the end of pool season.
- Former Barn 7 footprint received stormwater treatment and are was hydroseeded.
- Fence will be removed by end of November.

Barn 8 Siding Refurbishment: 15% COMPLETE

- Preliminary design approved by Board.
- Replace: Siding; covered walkway; doors; windows; HVAC
- Repair: Flat roof; ventilation system
- Permits are being submitted.
- Construction is expected to begin Spring 2023.

Clubhouse: 98% COMPLETE

- Complete building assessment performed.
- In the kitchen:
 - o Asbestos remediation completed.
 - o Water remediation completed.
 - o Water damaged walls and floors removed, replaced, and refinished.
- Repairs to lower level offices and Pro Shop ongoing.

Golf Course Bridge: 100% COMPLETE

- Worked with Golf Director to determine equipment and load requirements of the Golf Utility Bridge.
- Contract was executed with P&P Excavating for bridge installation.
- Bridge arrived onsite July 6th, to await final Construction Permit.
- Bridge install completed in October.

AGM Results

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For: **756 votes (70.26%)**
 Against: **320 votes (29.74%)**
APPROVED

Measure 3: Bylaw Amendment

Shall Article Ili C. Section 2 be amended to require member petitions to contain the: (i) purpose of the Special

General meeting (SGM); (ii) proposed wording of any measures to be submitted to the membership, (iii) printed name, signature, street address and the lot and division number for each signatory; and (iv) designation of a representative and backup representative for the petitioners (both of whom shall be SVCA members) and who are authorized to receive communications from the Association concerning the petition. The result of the vote on this measure will be determined by SVCA Bylaws, which provide that a

bylaw amendment is approved if 2/3 or more of voting members in good standing vote in favor of the measure.

For: **758 votes (69.10)**
 Against: **301 votes (28.42)**
APPROVED

For the most up-to-date results, visit <https://suddenvalley.com/2022-agm-election-results-uncertified>.

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Around the valley

Golf utility bridge is now open

After permitting delays, the Golf Course Eighth-hole Bridge install was completed in mid-October.

The asphalt cart path was restored, railing installed, and storm drainage addressed.

Working with Sudden Valley's golf director, Brian Kruhlak, to determine usage and load requirements, engineers got to work designing and permitting the bridge.

The bridge is elevated above the 100-year flood plain.



Golf club members in front of the bridge deck. Photo above from left, Bonnie Frank, Kerri Larrabee, Kristen Frank and Elaine Maki. Photo above at right, utility bridge collapsed due to extensive erosion and scour caused by the November 2021 flood. The new golf utility bridge (Hole 8), top photo. (Sudden Valley photos)

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Sudden Valley Community Association
Reserve Cash Balance & Activity
8 Months Actual, 4 Months Projected

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	Capital Reserve Funds						Operating Reserve Funds				
	CRRRF	Roads	Capital Reserve Holding Fund	CRRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash	Board Density Reduction	Mitigation Assignment of Savings*	Total Capital Reserve Funds	Emergency Ops	UDR	Total Operating Reserve Funds	
Net Available Cash 12/31/2021	2,688,455	2,911,292	1,157,885	-	87,365	75,985	182,139	\$ 7,103,121	360,736	342,077	\$ 702,813
Dues Received	901,282	937,579				16,766		1,855,627	-	101,763	101,763
Transfer Fees Received, ¼ of 1% Storm Water Mitigation Plan Fee			7,922					7,922			-
Investment Income	2,501	3,072		1,160			68	6,801	240	234	474
Sale of Assets								-			-
Board Approved Transfer	500,000		(1,165,807)	1,165,807				500,000			-
Additional Loan Funding	1,098,468										-
Mitigation Release	128,641						(128,641)	-			-
2022 Expenditures	(1,866,924)	(435,483)			(52)			(2,302,459)		(194,693)	(194,693)
Net Available Cash at 8/31/2022	3,452,423	3,417,460	-	1,166,967	87,313	92,751	53,566	\$ 8,270,480	360,976	249,382	\$ 610,358
4 Month Outlook											
Outlook - 2022 Dues (93% collections)	420,468	432,464				7,804		\$ 860,736			\$ -
Outlook - Prior Year Collections	1,685	1,733			2	31		3,450		2,708	2,708
CRRRF Loan Payments for year 2022	(111,013)							(111,013)			-
Obligated Expenses/Holdings	(518,611)	(1,883,470)		(1,166,967)			(53,566)	(3,622,614)		(83,539)	(83,539)
Net Usable Cash Balance 12/31/2022	3,244,951	1,968,187	-	-	87,315	100,586	-	\$ 5,401,039	360,976	168,551	\$ 529,527
Board Recommended Carryover Balance	(600,000)	(500,000)						\$ (1,100,000)			\$ -
Net Usable Cash 12/31/2022, After Recommendation	\$ 2,644,951	\$ 1,468,187	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,315	\$ 100,586	\$ -	\$ 4,301,039	\$ 360,976	\$ 168,551	\$ 529,527
Net Current Year Cash Increase (Decrease)	556,496	(943,105)	(1,157,885)	-	(50)	24,601	(182,139)	\$ (1,702,082)	240	(173,526)	\$ (173,286)

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

Happenings

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee typically meets the third Wednesday of the month,

but may change that schedule and may have additional meetings. These meetings currently take place via Zoom.

Nominations and

Elections Committee

The Nominations and Elections (N&E) Committee typically meets the fourth Monday of the month. These meetings currently take place via Zoom.

Document Review Committee

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

Long-Range Planning Committee

The LRPC normally meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. These meetings currently take place via Zoom.

Valley Arts Group

Meets quarterly from 10 a.m. to noon at the Dance Barn café on the second Saturday of January, April, July and October. For more information



New welcome center was once valley sales office

In 1976, Sudden Valley sold Area M to Roger Ufkes. The agreement stating, in part, the property on which the Sun Mark Marketing and Sales office was located “will ultimately be used for commercial purposes or (up to 20 units of multi-family) condominiums in Area M.” The Association retained the option to purchase the property should it be listed for sale. (Courtesy photo)

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Sudden Valley ALANON

Group meets on Zoom and in person in the South Whatcom County Library Meeting Room.

Friday book study group from 8:30–9 a.m., then group session from 9–10 a.m. Visit <https://wa-al-anon.org/locations/sudden-valley-south-whatcom-library-building> for more information.

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FINANCIALS

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

	Unaudited** Aug 31, 2022	Unaudited** Dec 31, 2021	Inc / (Dec)
OPERATIONS			
Current Assets			
Operating Cash	\$ 532,738	\$ 823,297	\$ (290,559)
Building Completion Deposit Fund	562,800	437,850	125,150
Member Receivables - Operations*	-	34,910	(34,910)
Other Receivables	12,568	9,075	3,493
Prepaid Expenses	77,653	73,567	4,086
Inventory	7,101	3,622	3,479
Total Current Assets	1,192,860	1,382,121	(189,261)
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	(101,298)	(188,530)	87,231
Accrued Vacation Liability	(61,136)	(47,192)	(13,944)
Accrued Payroll	-	(58,874)	58,874
Prepaid Assessments	(285,961)	(211,076)	(74,885)
Building Completion Deposits	(562,800)	(437,650)	(125,150)
Other Refundable Deposits	(6,066)	(6,663)	597
Prepaid Golf Memberships	-	(26,269)	26,269
Total Current Liabilities	(1,017,261)	(976,254)	(41,008)
Operating Reserve Funds			
Emergency Operating Cash	360,976	360,736	240
Undesignated Reserves Cash	249,382	342,077	(92,695)
Total Operating Reserve Funds	610,358	702,813	(92,455)
Net Operating Assets	\$ 785,957	\$ 1,108,680	(322,724)
CAPITAL			
Capital Current Assets			
CRRRF (Capital Repair & Replacement) Cash Fund	3,452,423	2,688,455	763,968
Roads Reserve Cash Fund	3,417,460	2,911,292	506,168
Board Density Reduction Cash Fund	87,313	87,365	(52)
Mailbox Cash Fund	92,751	75,985	16,766
Capital Reserve Holding Cash Fund	-	1,157,885	(1,157,885)
CRRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash	1,166,967	-	1,166,967
Mitigation Assignment of Savings Cash	44,500	44,445	55
LWWSD Assignment of Savings Cash	9,066	137,694	(128,628)
Member Receivables - Capital**	-	21,253	(21,253)
Total Capital Current Assets	8,270,480	7,124,374	1,146,106
Capital Fixed Assets			
Fixed Assets	13,050,622	11,559,476	1,491,146
Lots Held for Sale	204,809	204,809	-
Total Capital Assets	13,255,431	11,764,285	1,491,146
Long Term Liabilities			
CRRRF Loan 2018	-	(1,119,444)	1,119,444
CRRRF Loan 2022	(2,150,000)	-	(2,150,000)
Capital Leases	(185,712)	(223,599)	37,887
Total Long Term Liabilities	(2,335,712)	(1,343,043)	(992,669)
NET ASSETS	\$ 19,976,156	\$ 18,654,297	\$ 1,321,859
MEMBER EQUITY			
Member Equity			
Current Year Net Income: Operations	195,945	\$439,833	(243,888)
Current Year Net Income: Rec Special Assmt	(8,605)	63,481	(72,086)
Transfer Out from Operations to Capital	(500,000)	-	500,000
Current Year Net Income: Capital**	1,134,619	1,946,672	(812,053)
Transfer In to Capital from Operations	500,000	-	500,000
Retained Earnings**	5,068,407	4,565,093	503,314
Capital**	13,585,890	11,639,218	1,946,672
TOTAL MEMBER EQUITY	\$ 19,976,156	\$ 18,654,297	\$ 1,321,859

* 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 August 31, 2022, and December 31, 2021, the balances of receivables written off were \$659,837 and \$583,636, respectively.

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

**Sudden Valley Community Association
Income Statement Summary**

UNAUDITED	Current Month - August 2022			Year to Date - 8 Months Ending 8/31/2022		
	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	181,174	-	231,841	1,445,421	-	1,849,596
Bad Debt Reserve	1,720	-	1,985	(38,453)	-	(38,062)
Net Current Year Assessment Income	182,894	14,760	233,826	1,406,968	61,897	97.3%
Special Ops Assmt Income- Rec/ Pools/ Parks						
Dues & Assessments Income	35,393	-	-	282,509	-	-
Bad Debt Reserve	787	-	-	1,229	-	-
Net Special Ops Assmt Income	36,180	3,354	-	283,738	21,124	-
Bad Debt Recoveries - Prior Years						
Golf Income	189,308	55,808	-	935,751	84,751	-
Marina Income	6,710	6,710	-	142,350	(8,346)	-
Rec Center & Pools Income	3,891	1,475	-	15,360	3,302	-
Legal & Collections Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	10,637	3,574	-	53,210	(2,624)	7,019
Rental Income - Other	2,866	2,100	-	8,688	4,555	-
Area Z Rental Income	1,695	(305)	-	16,104	104	-
Lease Income	17,236	13,733	-	19,098	(8,931)	-
New Home Construction Fees	14,000	7,750	-	74,500	24,500	1,000
Capital Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	76	(11)	584	508	(192)	6,800
Total Revenue	465,493	108,948	235,895	2,956,275	180,140	1,871,037
EXPENSES						
Salaries & Benefits	191,652	(4,611)	-	1,247,115	171,699	-
Contracted & Professional Services	28,713	(13,538)	-	302,891	(182,626)	-
CC&R's/ Mandates	37,939	(4,092)	-	312,612	(73,818)	-
Maintenance & Landscaping	23,993	10,172	-	279,911	(1,602)	-
Utilities	7,970	13,932	-	119,695	10,172	-
Administrative	18,636	(2,379)	-	110,033	(3,264)	500
Regulatory Compliance	12,218	3,198	-	168,314	(70,283)	238
Insurance Premiums	12,408	(186)	-	92,135	5,648	-
Other Expenses	-	84	-	258	409	-
Depreciation Expense	-	-	85,809	-	-	686,468
Interest expense	-	-	-	-	-	27,959
Total Expenses	333,529	2,580	85,809	2,632,964	(143,665)	715,165
Net Income (Loss)	131,964	111,528	150,086	323,311	36,475	1,155,872
Net UDR Activity for Operations						
Firewise/Road Mowing/Clean Green	(3,177)	-	-	(15,586)	-	-
Clubhouse Remediation & Assessment	-	-	-	(23,639)	-	-
Epiq Transfer Fee Refund Servicer	(38,304)	-	-	(38,304)	-	-
2022 Clubhouse Kitchen Repairs	(14,545)	-	-	(14,815)	-	-
Hazardous Tree Removal	-	-	-	(60,000)	-	-
Net Income (Loss) with Board Approved UDR	75,938	111,528	150,086	170,967	36,475	1,155,872
Other Activity						
Net Other UDR Activity*	4,390	-	-	65,127	-	-
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-	-	(21,253)	(34,910)	-	(21,253)
AR Accrual - Current Year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacation Liability - Prior Year Reversal	-	-	-	(13,944)	-	-
Total Other Activity	4,390	(21,253)	-	16,273	-	(21,253)
Grand Total Activity	80,328	111,528	128,833	187,240	36,475	1,134,619

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

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

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Operations - By Department
August 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022
CURRENT MONTH

Whole \$

UNAUDITED

Department	Actual Revenue	Revenue B / (W)	Actual Salary Benefits	Salary & Benefits B / (W)	Actual Other Expense *	Other Exp B / (W)*	Net Income / (Loss) *	Net B / (W)*
ACC / Security	16,400	9,922	926	3,605	28,816	474	(13,342)	14,001
Accounting	3,966	532	27,117	(3,830)	4,621	6,585	(27,772)	3,287
Administration	146	5	35,978	(2,191)	19,779	(4,943)	(55,611)	(7,129)
Common Costs	4,003	1,082	-	-	31,434	(8,917)	(27,431)	(7,835)
Facilities	15,031	10,279	786	2,665	3,075	11,778	11,170	24,722
Maintenance	-	(84)	29,009	(11,211)	6,216	1,036	(35,225)	(10,259)
Subtotal	39,546	21,736	93,816	(10,962)	93,941	6,013	(148,211)	16,787
Golf	189,308	55,808	64,094	479	25,302	7,054	99,912	63,341
Marina	6,908	6,575	-	4,854	488	2,115	6,420	13,544
Subtotal	235,762	84,119	157,910	(5,629)	119,731	15,182	(41,879)	93,672
Rec/ Pools/ Parks								
Special Assmt Earned	35,393						35,393	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	787						787	
Net Special Assmt Dues	36,180	3,354					36,180	3,354
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	10,656	6,714	33,742	1,018	22,145	(7,990)	(45,231)	(258)
Subtotal Rec/ Pools/ Parks	46,836	10,068	33,742	1,018	22,145	(7,990)	(9,051)	3,096
Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues	282,598	94,187	191,652	(4,611)	141,876	7,192	(50,930)	96,768
Ops Dues Earned	181,174						181,174	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	1,720						1,720	
Net Ops Dues	182,894	14,760					182,894	14,760
Net Operations	465,492	108,947	191,652	(4,611)	141,876	7,192	131,964	111,528
Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations								
Firewise/Road Mowing/Clean Green	-		-		3,177		(3,177)	
Clubhouse Remediation & Assessment	-		-		-		-	
Epiq Transfer Fee Refund Servicer	-		-		38,304		(38,304)	
2022 Clubhouse Kitchen Repairs	-		-		14,545		(14,545)	
Hazardous Tree Removal	-		-		-		-	
Net Operations with Board Approved UDR	465,492	108,947	191,652	(4,611)	197,902	7,192	75,938	111,528
Other Operating Activity								
UDR Activity	7,105				2,715		4,389	
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-				-		-	
AR Accrual - Current Year	-				-		-	
Vacation Liability Accrual	-				-		-	
Total Other Operating Activity	7,105				2,715		4,389	
Grand Total Operations Activity	472,597	108,947	191,652	(4,611)	200,617	7,192	80,327	111,528

* Excludes Depreciation
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Call 360.752.8334 for information.

Nov. 18-Dec. 24 43rd Annual Allied Arts Holiday Festival of the Arts

Nov. 18-Dec. 24 at 1411 Railroad Ave., Bellingham, Allied Arts 43rd Annual Holiday Festival of the Arts is starring more than 100 local artisans and craftspeople presenting their holiday goodies consisting of one-of-a-kind gifts, specialty food and treats, stunning jewelry, and paintings.

SUDDEN VALLEY

Pet of the MONTH

Cheska

This month's pet of the month is Cheska, submitted by Kolleen Mitchell. Meet Cheska, our adventurous and fun-loving 12-year-old Blue Weimaraner! Cheska lived her first 8 years in Alaska where she spent her time running, hiking, camping, fishing and skijoring before moving to Sudden Valley. She became a part of our family on an Alaskan January day where the temps were at a high of -13°! Since her move, she spends most of her time soaking up the sun, chilling by the water and walking around Lake Louise. Cheska especially loves playing hide & seek with treats and bones.

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

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FINANCIALS

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

Whole \$

UNAUDITED

Department	Actual Revenue	Revenue B / (W)	Actual Salary Benefits	Salary & Benefits B / (W)	Actual Other Expense *	Other Exp B / (W)*	Net Income / (Loss) *	Net B / (W)*
ACC / Security	77,105	25,272	19,014	19,169	292,406	(58,376)	(234,315)	(13,935)
Accounting	22,317	(5,150)	192,466	4,167	30,392	5,422	(200,541)	4,439
Administration	1,265	132	240,482	44,999	187,026	(110,070)	(426,243)	(64,939)
Common Costs	23,951	584	-	-	278,962	(72,925)	(255,011)	(72,341)
Facilities	30,001	(8,015)	18,672	10,461	93,295	13,161	(81,966)	15,607
Maintenance	38	(629)	146,914	43,031	136,073	(65,541)	(282,949)	(23,139)
Subtotal	154,677	12,194	617,548	121,827	1,018,154	(288,329)	(1,481,025)	(154,308)
Golf	935,751	84,751	437,649	564	208,981	19,326	289,121	104,641
Marina	145,892	(6,804)	19,499	21,428	9,541	11,404	116,852	26,028
Subtotal	1,236,320	90,141	1,074,696	143,819	1,236,676	(257,599)	(1,075,052)	(23,639)
Rec/ Pools/ Parks								
Special Assmt Earned	282,509						282,509	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	1,229						1,229	
Net Special Assmt Dues	283,738	21,124					283,738	21,124
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	29,248	6,977	172,419	27,880	149,172	(57,764)	(292,343)	(22,907)
Subtotal Rec/ Pools/ Parks	312,986	28,101	172,419	27,880	149,172	(57,764)	(8,605)	(1,783)
Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues	1,549,306	118,242	1,247,115	171,699	1,385,848	(315,363)	(1,083,657)	(25,422)
Ops Dues Earned	1,445,421						1,445,421	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(38,453)						(38,453)	
Net Ops Dues	1,406,968	61,897					1,406,968	61,897
Net Operations	2,956,274	180,139	1,247,115	171,699	1,385,848	(315,363)	323,311	36,475
Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations								
Firewise/Road Mowing/Clean Green	-				15,586		(15,586)	
Clubhouse Remediation & Assessment	-				23,639		(23,639)	
Epiq Transfer Fee Refund Services	-				38,304		(38,304)	
2022 Clubhouse Kitchen Repairs	-				14,815		(14,815)	
Hazardous Tree Removal	-				60,000		(60,000)	
Net Operations with Board Approved UDR	2,956,274	180,139	1,247,115	171,699	1,538,192	(315,363)	170,967	36,475
Other Operating Activity								
UDR Activity	89,286				24,159		65,127	
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	(34,910)				-		(34,910)	
AR Accrual - Current Year	-				-		-	
Vacation Liability Accrual	-				13,944		(13,944)	
Total Other Operating Activity	54,376				38,103		16,273	
Grand Total Operations Activity	3,010,650	180,139	1,247,115	171,699	1,576,295	(315,363)	187,240	36,475

* Excludes Depreciation
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**Nov. 25-Dec. 11
Elf: The Musical**

The Claire Theater, 655 Front St., Lynden, invites you to join us for some holiday hilarity and heart-warming Christmas cheer. Elf: The Musical, directed by Tina Miller, will play weekends Nov. 25-Dec. 11. Evening shows at 7:30 p.m. on Nov 25-26, Dec 1-2, 8-9; matinees at 2 p.m. Nov 26-27, Dec 3-4, 10-11. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and students, \$11 for children ages 4-11. No children younger than age 4, please. Tickets available online at TheClaire.org, by phone at (360) 354-4425, or by email at TheClaireBoxOffice@gmail.com.

**Dec. 2-17
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month of December, Allied Arts features a selection of holiday festival talent at our downtown gallery, at 1418 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham, to give them a chance to exhibit some of their larger, higher-end showpieces that don't otherwise make it to the holiday festival. The Holiday Festival Showcase will take place Dec. 2-17.

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David Vidal: A traveling troubadour in our midst

By Karen Hardesty

Did you know that Sudden Valley is home to a lot of creative people, including a number of musicians and artists? As I discovered this for myself, I decided I wanted to meet some of them, and introduce them to the community.

So when I got the chance to write an article for the Sudden Valley Views, I knew just who I wanted to interview: David Vidal, a modern day traveling troubadour in our very own neighborhood.

Vidal, a singer-songwriter, was one of the first musicians I met in person. Right away, I was inspired to host my first house concert. So in the winter of 2020 BC (before COVID-19), I invited Vidal to come over to try out the acoustics in my living room.

I had read a description of Vidal's music that included this line, "His haunting and emotional slide guitar playing and honest voice are the perfect vehicles for storytelling." (ReverbNation)

The description was perfect; Vidal's music warmed the winter room. The acoustics were great, and he generously let me sing along with him a bit. We made big plans. But then COVID-19 hit us, and life got in the way, so I wasn't able to invite you to hear him in my home.

So instead I interviewed him, and I'm sharing just a little about a man about whom there is so much to say.

Tales of the Wild Frontier - Americana music

Any minute now, Vidal's 10th album, Tales of the Wild Frontier will be released.

"It's Americana music, I guess," he told me, when I struggled to find a name for his style. "Americana music tells stories about who we are and where we are." Sometimes called 'roots music,' Americana emerged from rural regions of our country, and incorporates traditional music styles including early blues, folk, country, rock and even gospel influences.

"And unrequited love," he added. "That seems to be a theme in all kinds of Americana."

Box quote: "Just finished listening to his new CD. I feel like I just met Dylan, John Prine, and



Townes [Van Zandt]. David is that good." Roger Dawson, musician

As an independent artist, Vidal writes and performs his own original music, but said it takes a team to bring an album about. For this new album, his team included old friends, family, and a new friend - another SV neighbor - Joshua Bowens.

After meeting at a Sudden Valley event, Vidal and Bowens decided to get together to jam. "We were just getting together to make some music - because that's what we do," Vidal told me. Though their personal music styles were different, together they found they clicked. They played together at the SV Valley Fair in 2021.

"It was fun," Vidal said, "but I'm always thinking about recording. If it sounds pretty good, let's lay it down and see what happens."

And, in his words, "the album coming together was a pleasant surprise - it just rolled along on its own energy - that happens sometimes."

For Vidal, at least. He's been writing songs and playing the guitar since he was a teenager. He's had years of experience a musician and songwriter, has pro-

duced at least nine albums, and has performed in a huge variety of venues in the West, Southwest, Midwest and the South.

"For Joshua," Vidal said, "I think it was his first - which is great."

Of course, Bowens is about half Vidal's age, and has a career other than music. But Vidal predicts more recordings in Bowens' future. "He's a humble guy," Vidal says. "But he's very talented. He's got a lot of creative talent."

Bowens offered some behind-the-scenes insights into the making of the album.

Vidal did all the singing on the album, Bowens told me. In addition to being the primary songwriter, also played the guitar, the percussion, flute, slide whistle, organ, and bass.

"He played many road-worn, antique stringed instruments," Bowens said, such as his vintage Martin (held together with glue and gumption), a lap steel guitar from the 1930s, and a parlor guitar from the early '20s."

"He drummed on a tattered old suitcase in some pieces," Bowens said. That suitcase was well traveled, and had gone with David around the country for years, carrying CDs to sell and catching tips from listeners.

"We used a bell from an old John Deere alarm clock that had belonged to my late grandfather on my mom's side," Bowens also said. "One of the acoustic guitars we played was handed down to me from my other grandfather on my father's side." Vidal's 7-year-old grandson made one of the shakers used for percussion.

So many stories - one behind every instrument it seemed - but not enough space to share them all.

When Bowens finally got around to telling me what he contributed, he said his role was engineering, mixing, producing,

and creating the album art. "Oh," he said, "I also played bass, guitar, percussion, piano, and co-wrote one song."

"Working with David changed how I look at songwriting; he taught me so much without trying. I'm honored to have been able to work together on this album," Bowens said. It's no surprise the two have become close friends.

But back to Vidal. When he was playing slide guitar in my living room, back in B.C., he played a tune he guessed I might know, so I could sing along. He was spot on. I remembered "Hang Down Your Head, Tom Dooley" and "Down in the Valley," from listening to my parents' albums when I was a kid.

Vidal learned those songs from listening to his father sing them.

Born in New Mexico, and moving to Colorado as a boy, Vidal grew up in a musical family. He was exposed to a variety of genres, learning to play guitar early, developing his unique style.

His father played piano and guitar, his mother sang along, and his three older sisters performed as a trio.

"They were the ones with the talent, I was told," Vidal said. "I was told I'd better stick to sports, that I had no 'natural talent.' I had to chuckle. "But that didn't stop me - it just took the pressure off me." Without expectations, he was free to play around with music, experiment and find his own voice and style. And he did.

Like a lot of kids in the 1960s, Vidal started playing guitar when he was in junior high school. But unlike many of those kids, by the age of 16, he was writing songs and performing with local bands in the Denver area.

After graduating high school, and some adventures such as rid-

ing freight trains through Mexico and hitchhiking much of North America, Vidal accepted a position with Criterion Music, in Hollywood.

At Criterion, as a staff writer, he soon found his songs being placed in major films and television shows, including My Cousin Vinny, and Friday Night Lights.

Still writing and performing, he toured Europe as the lead singer and guitarist with the band Village of Odd Waters, and then began to focus on his solo career - and his family - and became known as a traveling troubadour.

The modern-day troubadour: "It wasn't my idea to call myself a troubadour," Vidal said. I had been babbling on to him about how romantic I found the idea of the troubadour of old, traveling from town to town, performing songs & stories for food and drink and shelter.

"But the troubadour is not just a historic figure," he said. "It's what I do. And people started calling me a troubadour and it stuck," he said.

"I'd stay with old friends or new ones, play three or four times in a town. You really get to know the people, and they get to know you," he said. "I've stayed in some amazing places, and I've stayed in hovels. It's a very humbling experience - but also very life affirming."

Vidal explained that there are plenty of places for a troubadour to share Americana music. "There's kind of a triangle from New Orleans, up to Nashville, over Memphis and back to Eastern Kansas -- it's still part of the culture there."

Vidal expands that triangle in his travels, performing in his home state of New Mexico and also in Texas. The names of some of the places he's performed seem perfect for an Americana theme; The Buckhorn Saloon in Piños Altos, NM; Babin's in Katy, TX; and Smoot's Grocery (actually a funky bar, according to Vidal) in Natchez, Mississippi.

Though David has played all kinds of venues - from small bars to festivals, farmer's markets, theaters and coffee houses, his favorite, he said, is the house concert.

"That's where you get the most honest reaction," he said.

And his favorite town to play? "Natchez, Mississippi," he said, "and Hutchinson, Kansas."

Having visited Kansas quite a few times as a kid, I'm surprised. "Why?" I asked.

"They love me and I love them," he told me.

I knew Hutchinson, at the intersection of routes 50 and 61, as the place where my dad learned to fly for the U.S. Navy. I hadn't ever thought of it as a spot for Americana music. But it makes more sense when I consider that 'cowboy' music is an aspect of roots music, and David told me that The West influenced much of his songwriting.

"And by 'The West,'" he said, "I'm not talking about the Rocky Mountains, but the iconic Frontier West. The iconic image of the West, of the prairie," he continued, "and buffalo and tee-pees; of wagons full of settlers moving across the Great Plains; of cowboys and cattle trails that ran from Texas all the way up North." When he was young, his family had a sprawling cattle ranch on the NM border with Mexico.

Music as a refuge that can be shared

What compels Vidal to create, I wondered; where did the songs come from?



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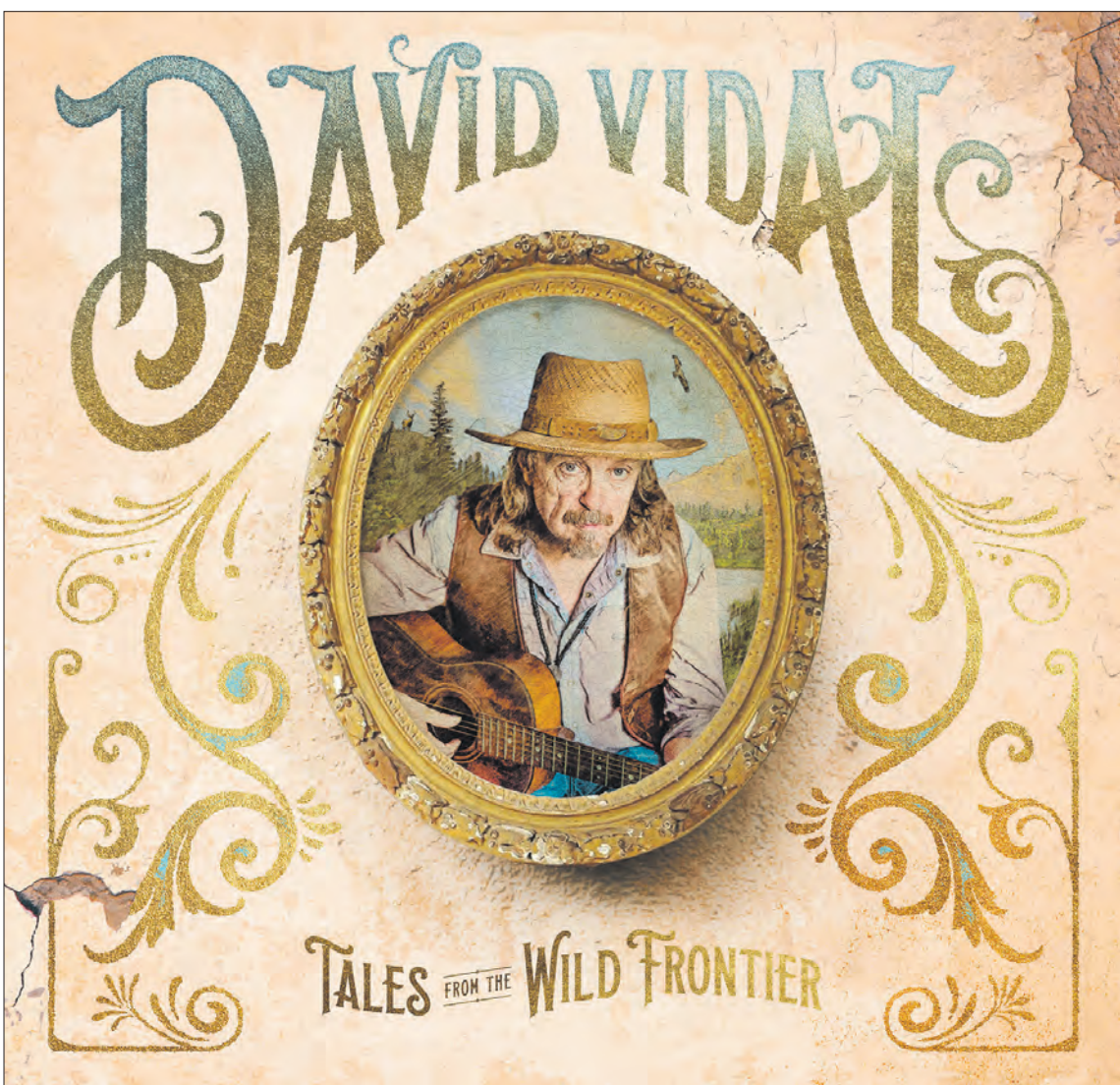
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 CIP - Capital Improvement Plan
 CRRRF - Capital Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund
 CTK - Christ the King Church
 DNR - Washington State De-



"Creating music," he said, "is about giving in to our muse and letting it flow."
 "The music has its own life," he said, "you really have to just get out of the way and let it live."
 "And in letting the muse out, we can kind of get lost," he said. "Music for me has always been a refuge. Whether I was writing, playing around or performing, I get lost in the music, lost into the music."
 "I want my music to have that effect on my listeners too," he told me. "I want the music to break down some barriers - so they can get lost in it, so we can connect and find refuge together."
 Vidal's hope for his listeners summons more meaning when you realize that he has been living with terminal cancer throughout the creation of this album.
 I end the interview without

bringing up Vidal's health. But I'm grateful to his muse for having so much to say, and to Vidal for music in which we can find refuge together.
 That sounds like a beautiful refuge.
 Tales of the Wild Frontier will be released soon.
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Sudden Valley BOD October meetings

Motions passed; project updates given during both meetings

By Leora Watson
Staff Reporter

SUDDEN VALLEY — A Sudden Valley community member opened the Oct. 27 Board of Directors meeting public comment segment by welcoming Jo Anne Jensen, Sudden Valley's new operations manager.

"I just want to welcome Jo Anne and to say how thrilled I am, in the seven years I've lived here, a female has not occupied

that position and I'm thrilled," said the community member. "I have every confidence that you're going to put all of your best skills into play and really push progress."

Returning from closed session, the Board of Directors passed unanimously to release the attorney memo regarding the department of revenue ruling regarding the transfer fee refund.

"The ruling from the Department of Revenue was requested

from a consumer not from the Association which means it's not technically a binding ruling," said Board of Directors President Andrew (A.J.) Tischleder. "The legal opinion will go into the details of that as well as the details of why the funds are not considered abandoned unclaimed property."

The eight-hole bridge project was completed Oct. 17 on budget and the draining components were installed Oct. 21, according to Jensen during her project up-

date.

"The clubhouse kitchen repair was completed and turned back to El Agave on Wednesday, Oct. 19," said Jensen.

The Sudden Valley Board approved a capital request for \$254,657 for the remodel of the Area Z maintenance facility.

"Our records indicate that the area z maintenance shop and office was constructed about 50 years ago and it has been identified as needing improvements to address safety concerns as well as the functionality of the building," said Jensen.

The board also approved a request for \$39,792 to move forward with the design and permitting for the remodel of the barn eight.

"A walkway at the front entrance that's like the covered bridge also has a lot of rot and so that'll be completely replaced," said board member Sonia Voldt. "So it should have a similar appearance, this isn't a whole redesign."

Board member Brian Cope ended the meeting on a positive note.

"I just want to just say that it's great that this board is doing what we said we were going to do in last year's budgeting process," said Cope. "Accomplishing every single thing I believe."

Oct. 13 Board meeting

Jensen announced during the Oct. 13 Board of Directors meeting that the holiday craft fair is scheduled Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Vendors interested in reserving a table can fill out a registration form online or email office@suddenvalley.com, according to Jensen.

Jensen also announced that the welcome center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. but the parking lot is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week.

The barn seven foundation removal is complete and came in on budget, according to Jensen during project updates.

"The foundation has been removed, the site was graded, topsoil was installed and hydro-seeding occurred," said Jensen. "There's currently a high visibility construction fence surrounding that grassy cloth and once the vegetation has been established there, that fencing will be removed."

The Sudden Valley board also passed the following items on Oct. 13:

- The allocation of \$35,596 from roads reserve for the cold spring drainage repair.
- The allocation of \$14,051.91 from CRRRF to purchase a new dump trailer.
- Approval of a three year contract with Comcast at \$1,642.99 per month to upgrade phone services to VOIP and increase the internet service speeds.
- To ratify the Executive Committee's decision to obligate \$26,932.80 from CRRRF to foundation restoration for the repair of the main pool gutter leak.

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