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SVCA Board approves new furnace for Barn 8

By Bill Helm
Editor

SUDDEN VALLEY — In April, Barn 8's gas furnace that serves its entry-way and central upstairs area failed because of a cracked heat exchanger. Since then it's been out of service.

On Aug. 14, the Sudden Valley Board of Directors officially asked General Manager Michael Bennett to execute a construction contract with Marr's Heating to replace the furnace.

From previously held capital funds under project 9722-09, the job is expected to cost \$6,661.50.

According to an Aug. 14 memo from Bennett to the board, the Barn 8 furnace "was identified for replacement in the 2023 Board-approved Barn 8 Refurbishment Project based on inspection and recommendation by Berona Engineers." The task was included in the reserve-funded project scope for 2024.

The memo also states that the Barn 8 furnace is "one of several HVAC units scheduled for replacement as part of the broader Barn 8 renovation plan" the board approved in September 2023. That project allocated \$768,990.90, which includes \$80,000 for complete HVAC replacement work.

"As Barn 8 remains in regular use year-round and colder months are approaching, it is necessary to replace this specific furnace in advance of the full construction package to ensure heat is available for Rec Center users," Bennett wrote in his memo to the board.

The bid from Marr's Heating was close to \$1,500 less than runner up Lynden Sheet Metal for the same furnace, an American Standard 95%.

This expense qualifies under the previously approved 2023 CRRRF funding for Project 9722.09, which includes HVAC replacement costs. CRRRF stands for Capital Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund.

As of the Aug. 14 memo, \$656,317 remains in the project fund balance, which Bennett wrote is "more than sufficient to cover" the proposed cost of the Barn 8 furnace.

All board members in attendance voted in favor of the replacement furnace.

Long Range Planning Committee discusses updated Barn 6 proposal, future of Barn 8



By Rick Asai
The Views

The Long-Range Planning Committee held a town hall meeting Aug. 27 to present its updated proposal for Barn 6 and to outline potential next steps for Barn 8.

LRPC Committee members also fielded questions from residents about cost, permitting, and long-term planning.

LRPC Chair Ray Meador opened the meeting by introducing fellow members Rick Asai, Elizabeth Huthert and

Mitch Waterman. He said input from the first town hall led the committee to shift course on the Barn 6 site and pursue a new concept.

Barn 6 enclosed pavilion proposal

The current proposal calls for an enclosed pavilion on the Barn 6 site, based on the design included in the 2023 advisory vote. At that time, the pavilion was estimated to cost \$2.17 million.

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Although the Aug. 27 town hall focused on Barn 6, pictured, the discussion also included Barn 8, the community's primary gathering space. No final decision has been made on Barn 6 or Barn 8. That decision rests with the Board of Directors, which will review the committee's recommendations.

(Taimi Van de Polder/The Views)

SVCA Board approves funding for Turf Care Building Remodel project

By Bill Helm
Editor

SUDDEN VALLEY — The Sudden Valley Board of Directors approved one capital request and one contract request at their Aug. 28 meeting.

The capital request authorizes \$147,752 from CRRRF — Capital Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund — for construction to

replace the Clubhouse HVAC 20-ton unit. The contract request is for \$116,785 — also from CRRRF — to complete the Turf Care Building Remodel project.

Projects

In an Aug. 28 memo to the SVCA Board, General Manager Michael Bennett wrote that on Feb. 22, 2024, the Board approved CRRRF Capital Code 9724.06 for design and permitting of the HVAC replacement. He explained that the design work is complete, and permitting is currently under final review, but that this capital request is a change order request to the capital code that adds additional money for construction.

"The existing unit has suffered multiple bearing failures, with a broken shaft now requiring custom fabrication," Bennett wrote. "Due to the age of the unit, replacement parts are unavailable, and a temporary repair is underway to maintain minimal heating until a full replacement can be made."

ment can be made."

Bennett wrote a memo to the board on Aug. 24 that explained the request to fund the Turf Care project. With approval to fund, the project will go out to bid, then the board will award the contract, the memo states.

Bennett explained in the memo that the contract award capital request would include allowances for architect support and construction management "but this project is primarily assumed to be managed by the Turf Care Superintendent."

Resignation

Because of an illness in his family, General Manager Michael Bennett tendered his resignation to the SVCA Board. His last day will be Dec. 5.

"We have over three months to work on a successor, and I will be working with the Board throughout that three month process and beyond, if requested to do so," Bennett told *The Views*.

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Community standards and the impact of disorderly homes

By **Allen Helvajian**
The Views

Maintaining a clean and orderly community is a shared responsibility that contributes to the safety, aesthetic appeal, and overall property values for all residents.

To ensure our neighborhood remains a welcoming and pleasant place to live, it is important to be aware of the policies regarding disorderly homes and the storage of materials on properties.

The Sudden Valley Community Association's (SVCA) policies clearly define what is considered a disorderly home and outline the

regulations for outdoor storage. SVCA prohibits the open storage of unsightly materials and conditions on any property.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Junk, trash, debris, or refuse
- Construction materials
- Disabled or non-operative vehicles
- Furniture and appliances
- Inoperable or Unlicensed Automobiles

Any such items must be stored within a fully enclosed building or behind a fence or screen that makes them unviewable from neighboring properties and

public areas.

Disorderly homes have a ripple effect that extends beyond a single property. They can reduce property values for the entire neighborhood by diminishing the visual appeal of our beautiful community. They can also possibly attract pests and rodents, posing a public health risk and create safety hazards for residents and visitors.

To maintain compliance, the SVCA has a clear process for addressing violations. If a property is found to be in violation of the disorderly home policy, the association will issue a written warning.

If the issue is not resolved within the specified timeframe, a series of fines may be imposed, starting with a \$100 fine for the initial violation, followed by \$200 for the second violation, and \$500 for the third and subsequent violations.

SVCA can also pursue other actions, including legal remedies and suspending membership privileges.

By working together to keep our properties well-maintained, we help ensure that Sudden Valley remains a desirable and thriving community for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation in upholding these standards.



The Sudden Valley Community Association prohibits the open storage of unsightly materials and conditions on any property. (Courtesy photo)

Sudden Valley announces 2025 fall festivities

By **Maxx Robinson**
The Views

As the summer winds down and autumn creeps in, Sudden Valley is getting ready for a variety of fall festivities.

From Halloween trunk or treating to the Annual General Meeting, here are a few events to look forward to in the coming months.

A planting party for the Welcome Center's new garden is being held at 9 a.m. Oct. 25. If you

love gardening or want to learn about a variety of native Washington plant species, this is the event for you.

All ages are welcome, and no experience is needed.

Registration for this event is available on SuddenValley.com under Volunteer Opportunities or by calling 360-734-6430.

Also on Oct. 25 is Sudden Valley's annual Trunk or Treat event. Trunk or Treat begins at 2 p.m.

Taking place at the Community Center parking lot, this popu-

lar Halloween celebration sees a number of residents decorating their cars and handing out candy. This event is fun for the whole family.

Of course, fall is also Sudden Valley election season. The most important date to remember is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Nov. 1. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. in the Dance Barn and will include the announcement of the new Board of Directors and committee members.

Leading up to the AGM are two candidate forums and a candidate meet and greet.

The two candidate forums take place on Sept. 24 and Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dance Barn. The candidate meet and greet will be held on Oct. 26 at 3 p.m., also in the Dance Barn.

These events are an excellent opportunity to get to know the residents running for open Board of Directors and committee positions.

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On Oct. 25 is Sudden Valley's annual Trunk or Treat event. Trunk or Treat begins at 2 p.m. (SVCA photo)

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Short-term rentals

Editor,

Speaking for myself, I prefer not to have a purple house next to me, loud obnoxious blaring techno (or any) music blaring at any hours, nor cars on blocks sprouting trees on neighbors' lawns, haphazard vehicle parking spilling onto the street, or driveway garbage piles appearing on Sunday night awaiting Friday pickup.

That we have enforceable Architectural Control Committee policies and Rules and Regulations that prohibit these, and other non-neighborly behaviors, is one of the benefits of an HOA.

If the peace of the neighborhood is disturbed, a member can call security and file an anonymous complaint.

Security has the authority to observe and report on those complaints. They may address specific and timely issues, such as noise or parking complaints with the people involved, hopefully resolving such in a neighborly manner.

Staff has the authority to impose fines against homeowners when it is deemed appropriate. Nothing says "let's communicate" more effectively than a hit on one's pocketbook.

If the offender is a renter, SVCA fines the owner, who can address the issue with their tenant.

When it comes to application of the rules there is no distinction between homeowner or renter, the rules apply equally. If a fine is issued, it is the owner who must pay.

If issued, interest will accrue, more fines can be added. In my personal experience, I have witnessed a simple fine left unresolved that climbed to more than \$10,000, and it was collected.

In the bigger picture I have little care

if the home next to me is owner or renter occupied.

I have a reasonable belief that my neighbors understand, accept and live within our common community rules and they in turn expect the same from me.

Enter the post COVID-19 travel addiction world which has given rise to owners and budget savvy travelers offering/ seeking short term rentals, aka STRs.

Post your house on a web site and you quickly rent it out for a short duration (weekend, week, month, etc.). It's a good financial deal for both the owner and the traveler.

Many states, cities and unincorporated counties and independent communities such as HOAs have also taken notice, some for different reasons. States, cities, and counties are separately promulgating their own requirements, and assigning (substantial \$4 - \$5,000) fees.

It's a cash crop where they have neither the means nor care to enforce.

HOAs located in unincorporated county land are also implementing new rules; requiring owners to register the names of the STR occupants, require the owner to communicate the rules, maximum occupants/vehicles, and provide contact information should concerns arise.

As HOAs we are responsible for assuring the peaceful enjoyment of the community by its owners, and should an issue arise, do not expect the county to act, expect it from your Association.

Why should we mandate owners pay the county a fee for which we gain nothing. STRs are not going away, let's not drive them underground or make them members-in-bad-standing.

Rather, let's be responsible for impacts to SVCA and govern the process.

*Mitch Waterman
Sudden Valley*

Job well done

Editor,

Bravo on a job well done. Making life jackets available to all boaters and swimmers is a valuable contribution to SVCA. I noticed it when taking my dog for a swim.

This is the result of a Boy Scout service project led by young Jack Anderson who is striving to earn the coveted Eagle Scout rank.

With help from local Troop 4019, it was designed, built, and installed perfectly after gaining approvals. The result is a smart safety feature for our marina and invaluable management experiences for these young men - a real win-win.

Thanks to Jack Anderson for his leadership here.

*Jim Robins
Sudden Valley*

Let's meet at the green

Editor,

Imagine the old agricultural Barn 6 gone, opening up a beautiful view of the community garden, golf course and Lake Whatcom.

In its place is a green space ringed by shade trees with benches and tables, where folks are enjoying a picnic or cooling down after a yoga class on the grass.

The renovated Barn 8, now just called The Barn, is accessible and earthquake-reinforced. It even has rooftop solar panels with battery storage to power a backup generator as well as heat the pool and sauna.

On The Barn's lake-facing side, leadership had the vision to incorporate a modest sheltered performance space where both Sudden Valley and its South Whatcom Library partner host live music and an occasional outdoor family movie night.

Encircling this entire activity corridor —

from the green space, past the playground, pool, dog park, courts and soccer field — is a bustling paved loop. The kids are riding bikes and scooters, new parents are pushing strollers, folks are in conversation while getting in their steps.

And this green space happened with no assessment levy imposed.

Imagine it: Sudden Valley with its own people's park, open to all, no SV sticker required.

*Gregg Ramseth
Sudden Drive*

So. Whatcom one of busiest medium-sized WCLS branches

Editor,

In his long-range planning committee article in the August Views, Rick Asai wrote: "The library was relocated to the former Adult Center, now the busiest branch in the county."

WCLS staff measure two metrics at each branch — circulation (materials checked out) and door counts (number of people coming through the library doors).

South Whatcom is strong in both areas, but our larger branches in Lynden, Ferndale and Blaine have more circulation and traffic.

South Whatcom is one of the busiest medium-sized branches in the Whatcom County Library System.

*Mary Vermillion
Community Relations Manager, WCLS*

Editor's note: Rick Asai has read this letter and regrets the error in his August Views story.

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Submitting letters to the editor

The *Sudden Valley Views* encourages letters to the editor.

However, submissions must refrain from attacking individuals without providing supporting documentation or a rational and legally defensible justification.

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Opinions, complaints, and politicking belong in the Letters to the Editor, and will not run as a member feature article.

Articles promoting a vendor's services, or advertisements disguised as articles, will not be accepted.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Summer is winding down in Sudden Valley

By Michael Bennett
SVCA General Manager

As the vibrant energy of summer winds down and we prepare for a productive fall season, Sudden Valley remains active and engaged across all departments.

Although summer brought drier-than-average weather — just 26.07 inches of precipitation year-to-date compared to 32.60 inches in 2024, our teams have maintained momentum in delivering community events, infrastructure projects, and essential services.

The Stage One Burn Ban issued earlier this summer by the South Whatcom Fire Authority remains in effect and triggers SVCA's automatic burn ban.

Please remember:

- Only enclosed cooking fires using gas or charcoal are allowed.
 - All recreational fires and open flames are prohibited, even if permitted elsewhere in Whatcom County.
 - Violations may result in \$250 fines for first offense and \$500 for repeat violations.
- Thank you for your continued cooperation in safeguard-

ing our forested community during this and every fire season.

Community events and recreation

- Valley Fair 2025 was a great success thanks to the combined efforts of Maintenance, Recreation, and community volunteers.
- Trunk or Treat, Holiday Market & Tree Lighting planning is well underway. Vendor applications are open, with strong early interest.
- The Main Pool will close for the season on Sept. 2, following a successful summer.

Lifeguard training and inspections were completed in August, and Marina enforcement activities are underway.

- Facility improvements include new rental forms, updated signage, and staff training to ensure excellent service and safety moving into fall.

Golf and Turfcare highlights

- Hosted the Building Industry Association of Whatcom County (BIAWC), Aslan Brewery, and Men's Invitational (124 players), the Mid-Summer Best Ball, and the Bucks & Does

events.

- Wrapped up the Ladies Club Championship.
- Preparations are now underway for the 50th Annual Bellingham Amateur in late September.

Turfcare team achievements

- Completed major irrigation mainline repairs on holes No. 5 and No. 12.
- Performed Verti-cutting, overseeding, and topdressing to maintain course quality.
- Addressed a sanitary sewer overflow near Hole #15 in coordination with LWWSD.
- Trained new staff and maintained consistent conditioning throughout the busy tournament season.

Maintenance and Facilities

- Completed installation of crosswalk and signage on Marigold Drive and finished tree removals, road repairs, and painting across the community.
- Repaired or replaced critical assets including ADA lifts, playground equipment, signs, lights, and building access locks.
- Cleaned vandalized areas and completed refurbishment

projects at the Clubhouse and Welcome Center.

- The department is now fully staffed and making progress on deferred maintenance, including pool winterization, pothole repair, park upgrades, and RV storage improvements.

Elections and Budget season

As we approach the fall Annual General Meeting and Budget (AGM) season, please take note of the following important dates:

- 2025 Board and Committee Candidate forums: Tuesday, Sept. 24 and Friday, Oct. 11, both from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and both held at the Sudden Valley Dance Barn
- Candidate Meet & Greet: Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Dance Barn
- Election & Budget Mailing: Members will receive candidate statements, budget information, and voting materials between Sept. 22–24.
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Budget Approval Vote: Saturday, Nov. 1, location and time to be confirmed.

We strongly encourage all members to participate, ask questions and make your voice

heard as we shape SVCA's leadership and financial future.

Closing thoughts

As previously outlined in the Sudden Valley Views, SVCA continues to develop a voluntary vehicle registration program to help improve data collection concerning the numbers of residents versus non-residents using SVCA parking and amenity facilities, security patrol effectiveness, and resident safety.

Participating members will receive a small SVCA decal that can assist in identifying authorized resident and guest vehicles during routine patrols and emergency events.

With strong momentum across all departments, continued resident engagement, and cooler weather ahead, Sudden Valley enters the fall season with purpose and a strong sense of community spirit.

Please stay engaged during the upcoming election cycle, continue observing burn restrictions, and help us maintain the beautiful, vibrant environment we all call home.

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Sudden Valley lifeguards wrap up end-of-season training

By Nakell Jones
The Views

It's been a great season at the Sudden Valley Community Center pool. As summer winds down, our lifeguards continue to keep safety their top priority. This past month, the team participated in an in-service training designed to refresh their skills, review safety protocols, and strengthen teamwork.

While our staff members have been on duty all summer, in-service trainings are an important opportunity to practice real-life scenarios and build confidence in their abilities. We want our guards to feel prepared for any situation, whether that's providing first aid, rescuing a patron, or responding quickly to emergencies.

Our trainings have been led by Richelle Williams, a professional trainer with 18 years of experience in Aquatics & Safety, including planning, teaching, and facilitating youth and adult swim lessons, as well as teaching American Red Cross courses.

In August's training, the lifeguards practiced quick responses to mock scenarios, reinforced the importance of communication on the deck, and completed a CPR refresher. This session set the tone for a safe and successful close to the pool season.

Thanks to the ongoing hard work of our lifeguards, the Sudden Valley Pool remains a safe and welcoming place for all. We look forward to seeing you back at the pool next season.



Sudden Valley lifeguard staff participating in end-of-season CPR training. (Kyle Kaltenfeldt/The Views)

Enrollment for CERT Basic Training is now open

If you go

What: CERT Basic Training, Chuckanut Bay

When: Sept. 8–Oct. 2, 2025 from 6–9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays

Where: SWFA Fire Station No.18, 686 Chuckanut Drive, Bellingham

How long: Eight class meetings of three hours each

Enrollment for CERT Basic Training is now open. Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) training enables ordinary citizens to safely act as first responders in the event of a disaster.

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Topics covered in the course include:

- Session 1: Disaster Preparedness, CERT Organization
- Session 2: Fire Safety, Fire Suppression, Utility Controls
- Session 3: Disaster Medical Operations, Part 1 (Triage, Life Saving Interventions)
- Session 4: Light Search & Rescue Operations
- Session 5: Disaster Medical Operations, Part 2 (Public Health & Hygiene, Head to Toe Assessment, Basic Treatments)

Session 6: Disaster Psychology, CERT & Terrorism

Session 7: Tabletop Exercise & Final Exam

Session 8: Final Exercise (Simulated Disaster Response)

To enroll in the course above, or for more information, email dbestle@co.whatcom.wa.us. The basic training course usually fills up within 24-48 hours and we limit enrollment to each course at 30. We suggest that you confirm your enrollment ASAP.

The course fee is \$80 for all eight sessions and can be paid on the first class session by either

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OPERATIONS			
Current Assets			
Operating Cash	\$ 354,019	\$ 579,484	\$ (225,465)
Building Completion Deposit Fund	687,400	749,910	(62,510)
Member Receivables - Operations*	-	53,456	(53,456)
Other Receivables	3,250	3,350	(100)
Prepaid Expenses	180,937	82,148	98,789
Operating Lease RDU Assets	26,346	29,554	(3,208)
Inventory	6,594	5,824	770
Total Current Assets	1,258,546	1,503,726	(245,180)
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	(76,959)	(159,772)	82,813
Accrued Vacation Liability	(93,332)	(76,335)	(16,997)
Accrued Payroll	-	(115,575)	115,575
Prepaid Assessments	(275,253)	(241,080)	(34,173)
Building Completion Deposits	(687,400)	(749,910)	62,510
Other Refundable Deposits	(14,096)	(9,956)	(4,140)
Operating Lease Liability	(26,346)	(29,554)	3,208
Prepaid Golf Memberships	-	(112,307)	112,307
Total Current Liabilities	(1,173,386)	(1,494,489)	321,103
Other Liabilities			
Estimated Contingent PPP Loan Liability***	(357,700)	(357,700)	-
Deferred Library Lease Revenue	(32,000)	(36,000)	4,000
Total Other Liabilities	(389,700)	(393,700)	4,000
Operating Reserve Funds			
Emergency Operating Cash	364,324	363,815	509
Undesignated Reserves Cash	352,694	302,135	50,559
Total Operating Reserve Funds	717,018	665,950	51,068
Net Operating Assets	\$ 412,478	\$ 281,487	\$ 130,991
CAPITAL			
Capital Current Assets			
CRRRF (Capital Repair & Replacement) Cash Fund	3,552,919	3,172,197	380,722
Roads Reserve Cash Fund	2,645,605	2,102,138	543,467
Board Density Reduction Cash Fund	87,962	87,889	73
Mailbox Cash Fund	165,435	151,970	13,465
CRRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash	219,925	219,618	307
Mitigation Assignment of Savings Cash	49,866	49,821	45
LWWSD Assignment of Savings Cash	14,946	14,939	7
Member Receivables - Capital**	-	(13,625)	(13,625)
Total Capital Current Assets	6,736,658	5,812,197	924,461
Capital Fixed Assets			
Fixed Assets	16,754,435	17,006,025	(251,590)
Finance RDU Assets	80,159	119,060	(38,901)
Loss Held for Sale	231,826	231,826	-
Total Capital Assets	17,066,420	17,356,911	(290,491)
Long Term Liabilities			
CRRRF Loan 2022	(1,403,876)	(1,539,073)	135,197
Finance Leases	(73,753)	(104,457)	30,704
Total Long Term Liabilities	(1,477,629)	(1,643,530)	165,901
NET ASSETS	\$ 22,737,927	\$ 21,807,068	\$ 930,862
MEMBER EQUITY			
Member Equity			
Current Year Net Income: Operations	127,060	(374,591)	501,651
Transfers Out from Operations to Capital	-	(145,600)	145,600
Current Year Net Income: Capital**	803,802	1,294,054	(490,252)
Transfers into Capital from Operations	-	145,600	(145,600)
Retained Earnings**	4,858,301	5,232,892	(374,591)
Capital**	16,948,764	15,654,710	1,294,054
TOTAL MEMBER EQUITY	\$ 22,737,927	\$ 21,807,068	\$ 930,862

* The Association's internal policy is to write off any member receivables that are 30 days past due as bad debts for internal interim 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, 2025, and December 31, 2024, the balances of receivables written off were \$757,462 and \$699,426, respectively.

** Beginning with the 2020 year end audited financial statements, Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 606 requires issued audited financial statements to reclassify unspent capital dues revenue, including related capital transfer fee collections, as a contract liability balance (unearned revenue), which is then reversed out in future years when capital dues/capital transfer fee collections are actually expended on capital related expenditures. This particular accounting standard change is only incorporated into the issued audited financial statements and is not factored into SVCA's internal monthly statements as it would obscure the reality of monthly capital dues/capital transfer fee revenues collected for internal monthly presentation purposes. See SVCA's 2020 through 2023 audited financial statements (2023 represents the most recently issued audited statements), which fully incorporate ASC 606 and comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

*** At 2024 year end, the Association recorded a contingent liability relating to Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan funds that were received in May 2020 and then forgiven by the Small Business Administration (SBA) in September 2021, which are funds that the SBA has since subsequently deemed that the Association did not qualify for because of its 501(c)(4) tax exempt status, which was communicated to the Association by the government in April 2025. This contingency was classified by the Association as probable. And upon final resolution with the SBA, the Association believes that the estimated amount of liability will be limited to the original amount of the PPP loan funds received (\$357,700) because of the fact that the Association fully disclosed its tax exempt status to the SBA during the PPP loan application process, which the government has especially acknowledged.

Sudden Valley Community Association Income Statement Summary						
UNAUDITED	Current Month - June 2025			Year to Date - 6 Months Ending 6/30/2025		
	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Capital Reserves**	Operations & Operating Reserves	Operations Better / (Worse) Budget	Capital Reserves**
REVENUE						
Current Year Dues & Assessments Income						
Dues & Assessments Income	238,092	-	246,560	1,431,234	-	1,482,377
Bad Debt Reserve	(4,572)	-	(2,989)	(39,353)	-	(28,509)
Net Current Year Assessment Income	233,520	7,413	243,571	1,391,881	35,240	1,453,868
Bad Debt Recoveries - Prior Years						
	-	-	731	-	-	28,733
Golf Income	183,019	(1,136)	-	695,731	12,543	-
Marina Income	1,430	(3,885)	-	227,171	(1,611)	-
Rec Center & Pools Income	7,200	(6)	-	14,134	3,146	-
Legal & Collections Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	8,423	(1,294)	-	91,442	34,368	-
Rental Income - Other	2,760	1,346	-	7,840	945	-
Area Z Rental Income	(62)	(62)	-	13,043	114	-
Lease Income	5,732	949	-	34,389	5,689	-
New Home Construction Fees	8,700	(13,040)	-	76,700	16,900	-
Capital Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	-	-	200	-	-	1,200
Investment Income	512	(71)	2,793	3,829	331	17,208
Total Revenue	451,234	(9,786)	247,295	2,556,160	107,665	1,501,009
EXPENSES						
Salaries & Benefits	219,984	3,480	-	1,161,905	13,386	-
Contracted & Professional Services	42,525	(23,005)	-	138,663	(34,906)	-
CC&R/ Mandates	51,765	(14,459)	-	299,816	(73,758)	-
Maintenance & Landscaping	45,966	(6,543)	-	272,560	(16,702)	-
Utilities	28,288	(1,523)	-	117,354	2,411	-
Administrative	18,728	(1,738)	-	105,315	(5,270)	-
Regulatory Compliance	2,125	8,157	-	183,229	(80,452)	-
Insurance Premiums	38,470	(20,964)	-	120,109	(15,068)	-
Other Expenses	-	417	-	217	2,283	-
Depreciation Expense	-	-	108,710	-	-	652,260
Interest expense	-	-	4,978	-	-	31,322
Total Expenses	447,851	(56,178)	113,688	2,399,168	(208,076)	683,582
Net Income (Loss)	3,383	(65,964)	133,607	156,992	(100,411)	817,427
Net UDR Activity for Operations						
Legal Expenses - Past Due Account Collections	-	-	-	(9,984)	-	-
Hazardous Tree Removal	(19,302)	-	-	(19,302)	-	-
Net Income (Loss) with Board Approved UDR	(15,919)	(65,964)	133,607	127,706	(100,411)	817,427
Other Activity						
Net Other UDR Activity*	9,091	-	-	65,808	-	-
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-	-	-	(53,456)	-	(13,625)
AR Accrual - Current Year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lease Income- Library Prepaid Recognized	667	-	-	4,000	-	-
Vacation Liability Accrual	(1,539)	-	-	(16,998)	-	-
Total Other Activity	8,219	-	-	(646)	-	(13,625)
Grand Total Activity	(7,700)	(65,964)	133,607	127,060	(100,411)	803,802

*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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join the Sudden Valley Native Plant Demonstration Garden Work Party!

Get your hands dirty and help grow a greener, healthier community! Join your neighbors on Saturday, October 25 at 9:00 AM at the Sudden Valley Welcome Center (1850 Lake Whatcom Blvd) to help bring a beautiful, sustainable Native Plant Demonstration Garden to life. **All ages welcome – no experience needed!** Just bring yourself, some gloves, and a willingness to dig in.

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**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 12/31/2024	3,172,197	2,102,138	219,618	87,889	151,970	64,760	\$ 5,798,571	363,815	302,135	\$ 665,950
Dues Received	718,810	741,857	-	-	13,247	-	1,473,914	-	81,973	81,973
Storm Water Mitigation Plan Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	9,657	6,900	307	73	218	52	17,208	509	449	958
Sale of Assets	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	-	-	-
Mitigation Release	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025 Expenditures	(348,945)	(205,290)	-	-	-	-	(554,235)	-	(31,863)	(31,863)
Net Available Cash at 6/30/2025	3,552,919	2,645,605	219,925	87,962	165,435	64,812	\$ 6,736,658	364,324	352,694	\$ 717,018
6 Month Outlook										
Outlook - 2025 Dues (95% collections)	686,996	706,559	-	-	12,627	-	\$ 1,406,182	-	-	\$ -
Outlook - Prior Year Collections	9,946	10,230	-	-	183	-	20,359	-	19,641	19,641
CRRRF Loan Payments for year 2025	(166,520)	-	-	-	-	-	(166,520)	-	-	-
Obligated Expenses/Holdings	(1,076,957)	(1,386,915)	(219,925)	-	-	(64,812)	(2,748,609)	-	(97,754)	(97,754)
Net Usable Cash Balance 12/31/2025	3,006,384	1,975,479	-	87,962	178,244	-	\$ 5,248,070	364,324	274,581	\$ 638,905
Board Recommended Carryover Balance	(600,000)	(500,000)	-	-	-	-	\$ (1,100,000)	-	-	\$ -
Net Usable Cash 12/31/2025, After Recommendation	\$ 2,406,384	\$ 1,475,479	\$ -	\$ 87,962	\$ 178,244	\$ -	\$ 4,148,070	\$ 364,324	\$ 274,581	\$ 638,905
Net Current Year Cash Increase (Decrease)	(165,813)	(126,659)	(219,618)	73	26,274	(64,760)	\$ (550,501)	509	(27,554)	\$ (27,045)

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

**Through Sept. 30
Eat Local Month**

Join Sustainable Connections for a month-long celebration of local food. All September long we'll highlight opportunities to meet your chef, farmer, fisher and grocer and experience the unique flavors of our region. New in

2025, the Sandwich Showdown will debut as community members will have the opportunity to vote on sandwiches made with local ingredients from talented chefs all over NW Washington. Visit sustainableconnections.org for more.

Fall: Festivities in Sudden Valley

Continued from 1

Looking forward to the winter, the annual Holiday Market is scheduled for Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The market is held inside the Dance Barn and will offer a variety of vendor booths with locally made crafts and goods.

If you would like to participate as a vendor, applications are available on SuddenValley.com

and are due by Oct. 3.

The final big event of the year is the annual tree lighting at 5 p.m. Dec. 6. Join Sudden Valley staff and residents right outside the Community Center for music, holiday decorations, cookies and hot chocolate.

To stay up to date on all the latest Sudden Valley events, sign up for the e-Blast at SuddenValley.com. There is also a QR code link for registration.

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2026 Sudden Valley Election

DATES TO REMEMBER

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WELCOME CENTER
@4:30PM

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WED 9/24/25**

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WED 9/24/25
CANDIDATE FORUM @6:30PM
SAT 10/11/25
CANDIDATE FORUM @6:30PM
SUN 10/26/25
MEET AND GREET @3PM

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MEETING**

ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS
OF THE ELECTION
INCLUDING THE NEW BOD
AND ELECTED COMMITTEE
MEMBERS @1PM



2026

**SUDDEN
VALLEY**

FINANCIALS

Sudden Valley Community Association
Operations - By Department
June 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025
CURRENT MONTH

Whole \$

<u>UNAUDITED</u>	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)*
Department								
ACC / Security	9,300	(12,572)	7,605	(490)	37,085	(2,807)	(35,390)	(15,869)
Accounting	2,761	(2,440)	29,390	653	3,204	734	(29,833)	(1,053)
Administration	601	447	32,176	4,249	14,709	(3,593)	(46,284)	1,103
Common Costs	3,934	18	-	-	65,425	(36,330)	(61,491)	(36,312)
Facilities	5,670	720	5,237	(605)	17,815	(600)	(17,382)	(485)
Maintenance	-	-	27,452	3,602	12,308	3,150	(39,760)	6,752
Subtotal	22,266	(13,827)	101,860	7,409	150,546	(39,446)	(230,140)	(45,864)
Golf	183,019	(1,136)	77,525	1,452	53,180	(17,384)	52,314	(17,068)
Marina	2,469	(3,743)	-	-	1,821	1,338	648	(2,405)
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	9,960	1,507	40,599	(5,381)	22,320	(4,166)	(52,959)	(8,040)
Subtotal	195,448	(3,372)	118,124	(3,929)	77,321	(20,212)	3	(27,513)
Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues	217,714	(17,199)	219,984	3,480	227,867	(59,658)	(230,137)	(73,377)
Ops Dues Earned	238,092						238,092	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(4,572)						(4,572)	
Net Ops Dues	233,520	7,413					233,520	7,413
Net Operations	451,234	(9,786)	219,984	3,480	227,867	(59,658)	3,383	(65,964)
Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations								
Legal Expenses - Past Due Account Collections	-				19,302		(19,302)	
Hazardous Tree Removal	-							
Net Operations with Board Approved UDR	451,234	(9,786)	219,984	3,480	247,169	(59,658)	(15,919)	(65,964)
Other Operating Activity								
UDR Activity	9,271				180		9,091	
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-							
AR Accrual - Current Year	-							
Lease Income- Library Prepaid Recognized	667						667	
Vacation Liability Accrual	-				1,539		(1,539)	
Total Other Operating Activity	9,938				1,719		8,219	
Grand Total Operations Activity	461,172	(9,786)	219,984	3,480	248,888	(59,658)	(7,700)	(65,964)

* Excludes Depreciation
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Through Sept. 30 Sandwich Showdown
 Sustainable Connections has announced September Eat Local Month's Sandwich Showdown which brings together local restaurants, chefs and food enthusiasts for a month-long celebration of sandwiches and the restaurants who serve them. More information at sustainableconnections.org.

Sept. 11 and Sept. 18 Adoption and fostering virtual classes
 Northwest Adoption Exchange invites anyone interested in adopting from foster care to attend free, virtual information sessions to learn about the process. Participants are encouraged to attend the first session on Sept. 11 at either noon or 6 p.m., then the second session

on Sept. 18, also either noon or 6 p.m. Register for this free class at nwae.org.

Sept. 13 Whatcom County Farm Tour
 The Whatcom County Farm Tour will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Each of the locations will offer a unique opportunity to meet the folks who grow and raise our food and learn more about how that food makes it from the farm to the plate. This self-guided event is free for all ages. Visit sustainableconnections.org for more.

Sept. 13-21 Whatcom Water Week
 Whatcom Water Week celebrates the vital role of water from Sept. 13-21. This county-wide event offers diverse, free and family-friendly activities, including tours, contests and special community events, all aimed at fostering appreciation for our essential water resources. Most events are open to all, but some require pre-registration. For a full schedule and registration details, visit WhatcomWaterWeeks.org.

Sept. 16 Create a Seasonal Bouquet
 Whatcom Horticultural Society is back with one of its favorite member-only events: making your own arrangement. Materials fee \$45. Pre-registration online by Sept. 11 is required. Pay online or at the door. Must be a current member to attend, join or renew online. Renew also for 2026 at the door. The first beer or wine is on us, and delicious snacks and desserts will be served. More information: publicity@whatcomhortsociety.org.



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FINANCIALS

Sudden Valley Community Association
Operations - By Department
January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025
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	114,649	43,158	44,585	(2,523)	301,487	(75,710)	(231,423)	(35,075)
Accounting	15,500	(4,897)	171,651	5,932	30,060	(2,561)	(186,211)	(1,526)
Administration	3,153	2,659	193,661	21,669	101,469	(40,819)	(291,977)	(16,491)
Common Costs	34,278	10,782	-	-	300,723	(94,151)	(266,445)	(83,369)
Facilities	47,432	4,803	27,752	(346)	80,188	30,259	(60,508)	34,716
Maintenance	-	-	192,602	6,329	46,493	16,102	(239,095)	22,431
Subtotal	215,012	56,505	630,251	31,061	860,420	(166,880)	(1,275,659)	(79,314)
Golf	695,731	12,543	381,802	22,098	291,416	(53,138)	22,513	(18,497)
Marina	231,560	(1,715)	-	-	14,518	(3,804)	217,042	(5,519)
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	21,974	5,091	149,852	(39,773)	70,907	2,361	(198,785)	(32,321)
Subtotal	949,265	15,919	531,654	(17,675)	376,841	(54,581)	40,770	(56,337)
Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues	1,164,277	72,424	1,161,905	13,386	1,237,261	(221,461)	(1,234,889)	(135,651)
Ops Dues Earned	1,431,234						1,431,234	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(39,353)						(39,353)	
Net Ops Dues	1,391,881	35,240					1,391,881	35,240
Net Operations	2,556,158	107,664	1,161,905	13,386	1,237,261	(221,461)	156,992	(100,411)
Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations								
Legal Expenses - Past Due Account Collections	-		-		9,984		(9,984)	
Hazardous Tree Removal	-		-		19,302		(19,302)	
Net Operations with Board Approved UDR	2,556,158	107,664	1,161,905	13,386	1,266,547	(221,461)	127,706	(100,411)
Other Operating Activity								
UDR Activity	71,649				5,841		65,808	
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	(53,456)				-		(53,456)	
AR Accrual - Current Year	-				-		-	
Lease Income- Library Prepaid Recognized	4,000				-		4,000	
Vacation Liability Accrual	-				16,998		(16,998)	
Total Other Operating Activity	22,193				22,839		(646)	
Grand Total Operations Activity	2,578,351	107,664	1,161,905	13,386	1,289,386	(221,461)	127,060	(100,411)

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Think twice before you park your car in the grass

Editor,
Every year, when the grass has dried out, I see people parking their cars on it. I know that here in Sudden Valley there is never enough parking and I understand why people wish to park in these areas.

I would like to point out that cars driven on dry grass can cause grass fires. I am not sure everyone is aware of this, since western Washington has been

in the past a wet climate, hence in the past this probably hasn't been an issue.

Just to make sure, I wasn't over reacting, I Googled the issue and this is what AI had to say: "Cars, especially when malfunctioning or improperly driven, can be a significant cause of grass fires. Hot exhaust systems, catalytic converters and even tire friction can ignite vegetation."

Susan Miracle
Sudden Valley

Sept. 21
Celebrating Local Peacemakers and Fostering Community
From 3-6 p.m. Sept. 21 at Structures Brewing, 601 W. Holly St., Bellingham, the Whatcom Peace & Justice Center will host its 22nd annual International Day of Peace event to celebrate local peacemakers, multicultural artists and grassroots groups.

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Sudden Valley showing its summertime vibes



Brody, Logan, Azazeabelle, Sapphire, and Cassidy enjoyed catching this cute little snake on a day at Lake Whatcom. If you would like to see your child featured in our kid's views section, please send your submissions to BODvandepolder@suddenvalley.com. (Photo courtesy Paul Brennan)


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LRPC: Barn 6, 8 talks

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The new projection is \$2.93 million, with no changes to the floor plan.

The cost increase reflects several factors:

- Rising construction costs: Wages and material prices have climbed significantly since the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Updated regulations: The state has adopted stricter building and energy-efficiency codes that require more expensive materials. For example, buildings must now meet minimum efficiency levels determined by a point system, which limits the use of less costly components.

Optional additions — such as a family bathroom, kitchen, and up to two meeting rooms — would add about \$140,000.

An enclosed pavilion would allow year-round use, in contrast to an open-air structure that would be weather-dependent. The building could also temporarily house activities displaced during work on Barn 8. With the installation of a 65KW backup generator (approximately \$75,000), it could be used as an emergency shelter, a role Barn 8 has historically served as a Red Cross facility.

The proposal would not require a special dues assessment. It would also provide over \$800,000 in funding for Barn 8 design and permitting, allowing that project to begin moving forward.

nities should be included.

Financial and Permitting Considerations

Several residents questioned long-term financial impacts, including maintenance and operating costs for new facilities. Others raised concerns about duplication of amenities between Barn 6 and Barn 8.

Permitting was another area of discussion. The committee reported that initial, informal conversations with county officials have been positive. The architect's bid includes the fee for the pre-application process, which will clarify potential requirements once plans are finalized.

The architect also noted that the current construction market may work in Sudden Valley's favor. A recent \$2 million commercial project attracted two bids at about \$1.6 million, roughly a 20 percent savings. If the Barn 6 project is pursued soon, competitive bidding could similarly reduce costs.

Next steps

No final decision has been made on Barn 6 or Barn 8. That decision rests with the Board of Directors, which will review the committee's recommendations.

The LRPC encouraged residents to continue providing input as planning progresses.

Barn 8 options under review

Although the town hall focused on Barn 6, the discussion included Barn 8, the community's primary gathering space.

According to the committee, there was the realization that Barn 8 may very well be better served with a teardown and rebuild rather than putting approximately half of what it would cost for a new building into extensive repairs of an aging building.

If the pavilion project moves forward, funds would be available to begin the design and permitting process for Barn 8, pending decisions on what ame-

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How to vote in Sudden Valley's AGM with an e-ballot

By Nominations and Elections Committee

This year, Sudden Valley members will have two options for submitting their vote in the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The first is by using a traditional paper ballot, as in years past.

The second is by submitting an electronic ballot (e-ballot), which is a new option designed to create a

more efficient process, reduce costs and potentially increase voter participation.

To vote electronically, state law and our bylaws require members to register for online voting.

To do so, follow these instructions:

- Visit the Sudden Valley website at suddenvalley.com
- Click on the Announcements link.

- Select Register for Online Voting and then click the link to register for an e-ballot.

- Complete the form to update your current email and cell phone information.

This information will be securely provided to our election services company, who will send you your official electronic ballot via both text message and email. You may vote using either method.

Important notes

If you submit votes by more than one method — e-ballot by text/email or paper ballot — the first ballot submitted will be counted.


All electronic ballot contact information will be protected.

To ensure your vote is counted, you must complete your electronic ballot no later than noon on Wednesday, Oct. 29.


Why e-ballots?

Electronic voting has the potential to save the Association significant expenses by reducing costs associated with printing and returned mail. More importantly, it makes voting easier, which may lead to higher participation — a benefit to the entire community.


Any questions or concerns, contact Elections Chair Rob Gibbs at BODGibbs@suddenvalley.com.



SUDDEN VALLEY
Pet of the
MONTH



Riley



Remy

This month's pets of the month are Riley and Remy, submitted by Blake Rogers.

The one on the top is Riley and the one on the bottom is Remy. Both are cockatiels and their nicknames are Birt Handsome (Riley) and Rembo Peat (Remy). The two brothers say "peekaboo" and sometimes "pretty bird." Riley loves kitchen towels and socks, so when we do the laundry he always is around. Remy is a bit shyer, but likes to imitate sounds every once in a while. They are famous on Instagram @thepeekaboobirds. They are both very cute and happy birds we are very grateful to have them.

SVCA acronyms

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

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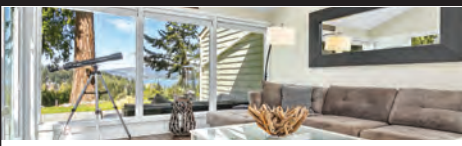
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