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# SUDDEN VALLEY VIEWS

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## Mail theft increase in Sudden Valley, USPS says

Zoe Russom, customer service manager with the US Postal Service covering Bellingham and Mount Baker, wrote Sudden Valley residents on Dec. 28 about mail theft. In her letter, Russom explained that mail theft in Bellingham has increased in the past few months.

“It appears that it has now moved to the Sudden Valley area as of a few weeks ago,” she wrote in her letter. “Please know that we are aware of this theft, and we are taking steps to replace the locks on all the CBU’s (mail receptacles) in Bellingham, starting with the Sudden Valley community. The new locks will provide more security than the current locks that are installed. The locks have been approved and ordered; however, I do not have an anticipated delivery date for them yet.”

“In the meantime, I want to ensure that you are aware of steps you can take to help reduce the chances of mail theft occurring:

- Please pick up your mail daily, preferably before the sun sets.
- Any outgoing mail that you may have please consider dropping it in a nearby blue collection box.
- The nearest collection boxes are located in Bellingham at 1941 Lake Whatcom Blvd., and 2410 Alabama St.
- If you elect to place outgoing mail in the outgoing slot of the mailboxes, please do so in the morning hours (preferably after sunrise and before the carrier has come for the day).
- Sign up for Informed Delivery and get daily digest emails that preview your letter mail and packages that are scheduled to arrive, you can do this at [usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm](https://usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm)
- Be vigilant and if you notice suspicious activity please report it to the local police immediately.
- You also have the option of coming into our facility at 3150 Orleans St., Bellingham and placing your mail on hold in the office. Where you can come in at your convenience to our retail window with ID and pick up your mail until the locks have been changed.

For more information, email Zoe Russom at [Zoe.A.Russom@usps.gov](mailto:Zoe.A.Russom@usps.gov).

## Sudden Valley volunteers respond to disaster



From moving branches to clearing downed trees, Team Rubicon spent two full days helping Sudden Valley residents return their yards to their pre-storm state. (SVCA photo)

By Maxx Robinson  
SVCA Staff

After the Nov. 19 bomb cyclone, many Sudden Valley homes and properties were left damaged by falling trees and debris.

The unprecedented storm brought with it many challenges for residents, and Sudden Valley conducted a storm damage survey to assess the damage to request assistance.

The survey resulted in a team of volunteers stepping in to help. Team Rubicon is a veteran-

led humanitarian aid organization that specializes in disaster response. On Dec. 6-7, Team Rubicon helped clear debris off 15 Sudden Valley properties.

From moving branches to clearing downed trees, Team Rubicon spent two full days helping Sudden Valley residents return their yards to their pre-storm state.

Sudden Valley housed Team Rubicon in the Sunshine Room in the Community Center and provided full meals with financial help from Toyota of Bellingham.

The Community Center be-

came their base of operation, where they planned their route and stored their gear. Sudden Valley Maintenance partnered with Team Rubicon to chip debris brought to the roadside.

On the West Coast, Team Rubicon generally does more mitigation work to prevent forest fires.

While storm response was their primary goal, clearing the debris mitigates fires during the dry seasons.

To volunteer or donate to Team Rubicon, visit [teamrubiconusa.org](https://teamrubiconusa.org).

**Special thanks to Toyota of Bellingham as they helped fund food for Team Rubicon.**

## SVCA approves funding for windstorm tree, debris removal

By Bill Helm  
Editor

At its only December meeting, the Sudden Valley Community Association’s board of directors approved costs associated with tree and debris removal throughout the association that were caused by the Nov. 19 windstorm.

According to a draft of the Dec. 12 meeting’s minutes, the board unanimously approved \$228,131 from the SVCA Roads Fund to cover the costs associated with removing trees and debris caused by the windstorm.

Part of this project, at a cost of \$95K, is for Rawls Tree Service to remove trees and debris from the roadside throughout the Association. Initially, the board approved the \$95K contract with Rawls to be covered by UDR (an undesignated reserve account).

Later in the meeting, the board unanimously de-obligated the \$95,000 of funding from UDR and change this funding source for these approved cleanup activities to be utilized from the \$228,131 Roads Fund.

Then-general manager Jo Anne Jensen explained in a Nov. 22 memo to the board that the windstorms caused extensive damage throughout the association.

“Many homes were damaged and almost all properties have downed trees, limbs and other debris that needs to be removed,” Jensen explained to the board in her memo. “It is important to remove this debris so that it does not fill the ditches or block culverts that are needed for drainage. Debris should also be removed before we get snow, because it will make plowing more dangerous and less effective.”

Jensen explained to the board in a Dec. 12 memo that by using Rawls to do the cleanup, Sudden Valley “got access to 20 experienced crew members and heavy equipment with significantly more capacity than our everyday equipment.”

“For example, Rawls is able to chip debris up to 22 inches in diameter, and their unit also operates much more quickly,” Jensen wrote in the memo. “In only five days of clearing, Rawls Tree Service gener-

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# Congratulations to Jo Anne Jensen and Michael Bennett



On Dec. 20, 2024, Jo Anne Jensen retired as general manager of the Sudden Valley Community Association. Her successor, Michael Bennett, began his role as the new general manager on Dec. 10. Please enjoy some photos from Jo Anne Jensen's goodbye party and Michael Bennett's welcome celebration. (Maxx Robinson/SVCA)

# Polar bear plunge into the New Year



To kick off 2025, more than 70 Sudden Valley residents plunged into the chilly 46-degree waters of Lake Whatcom on New Year's Day. Four people stayed in the water for 12 minutes. (Photos by Karina Stevenson/SVCA)

By Ray Meador  
SVCA Board Member

More than 70 brave Sudden Valley residents started 2025 by taking a plunge in the chilly 46-degree waters of Lake Whatcom New Year's Day.

Some were in and out quickly, but one bear - Willadee Worthing-



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ton King stated in the water 10 minutes, while four bears - Ruth Musonla, Ron Russ, Corby Worline and Christine Simmons all stayed in the water for 12 minutes.

All who stayed in the water for 12 minutes were rewarded with a tumbler or heated commuter cup. Everyone was in great spirits, including the approximately 30 on-lookers.

Thanks to Rob, Bob and Randy Stevenson for building the fires that had to be started with a torch, and Trang Worline, CTK and Taimi Van de Polder for providing hot coffee, cider and hot chocolate.

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## November 2024 Bomb Cyclone Individual Assistance

As a result of the impacts from the November 2024 bomb cyclone incident (Nov. 17-25, 2024), limited disaster recovery financial assistance is available to our community members that meet the eligibility criteria.

As part of the Disaster Proclamation issued by Gov. Jay Inslee, in an announcement on Jan. 7, some aspects of the state's Individual Assistance program are now available to residents of Whatcom County who suffered damage from the storm.

Instruction on eligibility for assistance below, see "Important" paragraph.

The program can provide financial assistance for extended sheltering, home repairs, and certain other unmet needs caused by the disaster.

This is a state financial assistance program that is intended to support low-income disaster survivors that meet the following criteria:

**General Eligibility**

To be eligible for State Individual Assistance, an applicant must meet all general eligibility requirements outlined below in addition to any program-specific requirements.

**Program applicants must:**

- Be a resident of Whatcom County or tribal nation.
- Uninsured or Underinsured. If underinsured, show proof of insurance and any claim settlement information related to the disaster.
- Present evidence of damages that are

attributed to the declared disaster, including but not limited to:

- Proof that the primary home was destroyed or rendered inaccessible (e.g., only the foundation remains, or there is a partial or complete failure of the roof, walls, framing, and/or the foundation; confirmed imminent health and/or safety danger such as broken gas lines, impending landslides, mudslides, or sinkholes).
- If applicant is seeking Medical/Dental assistance through Disaster-caused Unmet Needs, proof of destroyed or major level of damage to primary residence is not required.
- Provide proof of disaster assistance received from any other entity for this event (duplication of benefits).
- Have a household income equal to or less than 80 percent of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) area median household income based on the number of persons in the household. HUD's area median income includes the county or nearest metropolitan statistical area, whichever benefits the applicant.

**Number of persons in the home/Income equal to or less than**

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- 3/\$76,050
- 4/\$84,450
- 5/\$91,220
- 6/\$98K
- 7/\$104,750
- 8/\$111,500

- Small Business Administration (SBA)

Application requirements are waived for Whatcom County, as SBA assistance is not available for Whatcom County households based on SBA's announcement.

**IMPORTANT:** If the general eligibility criteria listed above seem to apply to you, help us determine if you are eligible for assistance by completing the survey at <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/b952c6c1ed7a4d6d9861ea60e2c10890>. You must complete this survey to move on in the process to determine if you may be eligible for financial assistance.

**Explanation of Programs Activated Housing Assistance Extended Sheltering Assistance**

- Extended Sheltering Assistance provides transitional shelter for displaced survivors for a limited period of time. The intent of this program is to support survivors in situations where congregate sheltering is not feasible or no longer available so they can begin to secure temporary or permanent housing accommodations.
- Up to three weeks of lodging and meal.
- Funds will cover up to state/General Services Administration per diem for that specific location.

**Home Repair**

- Home repair assistance is available for owner-occupied primary residences and will be provided for the purpose of making repairs to restore the home to a habitable

condition. Assistance is available up to the maximum Housing Assistance award.

**Disaster-Caused Unmet Needs Household Needs Grant**

- The Household Needs Grant (HNG) is available to disaster survivors who have sustained verified damages in the Major or Destroyed categories. The intent of this grant is to provide survivors with prompt assistance to help stabilize their initial recovery. An application for an SBA disaster loan, if available, is not required for HNG assistance.

**Household Needs Assistance**

- Survivors may be eligible for additional assistance to meet disaster-caused unmet needs. This assistance will be approved on a case-by-case basis up to the maximum amount of Household Needs Assistance. Disaster-caused unmet needs may include but are not limited to:
  1. Medical/dental
  2. Transportation assistance (repair/replace)
  3. Funeral assistance
  4. Childcare assistance
  5. Personal property
  6. Accessibility items

The Washington State Individual Assistance program is established under state law.

If you have questions, contact Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management at 360-676-6681 or [wcsodem@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:wcsodem@co.whatcom.wa.us).

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# Around the Valley in December 2024

## Maintenance

### Activity Summary

- Assisted Team Rubicon with volunteer efforts
- Continued storm cleanup efforts
- Removed tree from over the roadway on Mountain Ash Court
- Removed tree from over the roadway on Sigma Circle
- Removed tree from over the roadway on Wisteria Lane
- Removed tree from over the roadway on Grandview Lane
- Removed broken limb from large tree on Par Lane
- Removed fallen tree in Strawberry Park
- Transported debris accumulated during street sweeping
- Repaired boat launch gate at the Marina
- Repaired road shoulder on Southern Court
- Repaired road shoulder at entrance to Gate 5
- Repaired stormwater line and sink hole on Oval Ct.
- Repaired re-set switch on wood-chipper
- Repaired storm water catch basin on Spring Road
- Repaired electrical outlet cover and performed sheetrock repairs at Adult Center
- Replaced street sign on Polo Park
- Replaced stop sign on Mari-

gold Drive

- Installed new signage on Southern Court
- Cleared blockage in stormline on Rocky Ridge Drive
- Cleared blockage in stormline on Acorn Place
- Cleared catch basin and culverts during heavy rain event
- Installed conduit for gate card reader at tennis court and backfilled electrical connection trench
- Installed sander and plow on OP-20
- Installed plow and sander on UTV
- Set up the Christmas tree and lights at the Rec Center
- Adjusted HVAC system at Adult Center
- Gutters were cleaned on all SVCA facilities

### Successes

- The timely response to wind-storm event was appreciated by outside agencies and residents
- Fall street sweeping has been completed
- Cameras and gate card readers are operational at tennis courts
- Site evaluations for hazard tree requests are up to date

### Planned Work

- Continue storm cleanup efforts
- Repair fence at Turf Care
- Remove fence at Welcome Center

- First aid & CPR Training
- Snowplow training
- Install brine tank on tractor
- Repair water heater at Dance Barn
- Remove Christmas tree and lights at Rec Center
- Continue trash can container project
- Painting at the Rec Center
- Install dumpster at Rec Center parking lot for winter season

## Golf

### Activity Summary

- Promoted and prepared for our fifth winter series event, the How Low Can You Go Scramble – Jan. 4
- Prepared year-end reports for accounting
- Reviewed membership records for accuracy for start of 2025
- Daily meeting with Greg on course conditions, preparation for events and future projects

### Successes

- Early payment for membership is slightly ahead of 2024

### Planned Work

- Inactivate handicap service to members that haven't renewed membership by Dec. 31
- Run a successful How Low Can You go event
- Return pre-paid membership

sales from October through December 2024 and re-ring Jan. 1 into 2025 membership revenue

- Continue to contact 2024 outside events and rebook for 2025

## Turf Care

### Activity Summary

- Fall/Winter maintenance practices continue

### Successes

- Equipment r/m continues
- Second windstorm cleanup branches/trees/debris substantially complete from last event
- Meeting daily with Kevin to update course conditions and long-term strategies for the golf course
- Drain line installed on #11 fairway completed
- Fairway turf aerating/slicing continues
- Bridge maintenance recommendations substantially complete. Bridge No. 2 scour hole to be filled and No. 3 bridge loose deck board to be replaced. All other recommended maintenance is complete
- No. 13-14-15 greens repairs completed
- Removed large cottonwood tree felled by a Beaver in Austin Creek
- Significant repairs were completed on bridge at No. 10 hole

including two additional steel beams installed

- Annual soil testing completed on all putting greens for next season nutritional/fertilizer needs
- Removed fallen Willow tree on No. 15 hole

### Planned/Ongoing Work

- Turf equipment preventative maintenance is ongoing
- Wrap up bridge work. This will complete all Engineer maintenance recommendations this go round
- Planning sod nursery and chipping green rebuild for 2025 budget year
- No. 9 Green repairs ready to start
- Begin our annual sprinkler head clearing throughout the golf course
- Drainage work started on No. 12 hole at green approach
- Start large garden cleanup around clubhouse/10 tee
- Attended to two residential tree removal requests for golf course trees with approvals pending
- Preparing temporary greens in anticipation of cooler frost delay starts on the course
- Clearing permanent yardage markers throughout the course
- Extensive pruning project on Willow trees throughout the course



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## A guide to Sudden Valley dues in 2025

By Maxx Robinson  
SVCA Staff

Sudden Valley dues help keep the community association maintained and provide residents access to various amenities.

It's important to pay dues on time to ensure proper upkeep of Sudden Valley.

Here is a brief overview of Sudden Valley dues, from what they cover to how to pay them.

Sudden Valley dues for developed lots are currently \$156.28 per month, and undeveloped lots are \$148.41 per month.

Dues can be paid in a multitude of ways, with one of the most popular methods being auto pay.

For those on auto pay, dues payments will automatically be withdrawn from your preferred bank account once per month, usually on or around the fifth.

To apply for autopay, please submit an ACH form, which can be found on the Sudden Valley website under Commonly Requested Forms.

For those not already on auto pay, you will be provided with a book of coupons via mail.

These coupons indicate how much you owe each month to

help ensure accurate payments.

If you would like to mail a check to pay for dues, you may mail it along with your coupon to Sudden Valley Community Association at 4 Clubhouse Cir, Bellingham, 98229.

Also, we accept dues payments in person via cash or check at our Welcome Center at 1850 Lake Whatcom Blvd.

We also have a drop box on the side of the Welcome Center, which is checked multiple times per day.

Dues may also be paid online with a debit or credit card through a website called Property Pay.

The link to Property Pay is found on the Sudden Valley website under Commonly Requested Forms.

You will need to make an account with Property Pay and provide your Account Number, Association ID (0603), and Management ID (5545).

Your Account Number is found on the coupons provided via mail.

If you do not have access to your account number, please call the Welcome Center at 360-734-6430.

Dues payments provide you

access to Sudden Valley amenities, such as the pools and the fitness center.

To access the facilities, each resident will need an access card, which can be obtained at the Welcome Center or the Rec Center.

The first access card per property is free, and each additional card for additional residents is \$8.

If your card is missing, you can be issued a replacement for \$15.

To be issued an access card, you must be listed as a resident in the Sudden Valley accounting system if you are over 18. If you are not in our system, you will not be issued a card.

To be put in our system, the property owner must provide a lease agreement or an email stating each person that lives at the property.

If you are a renter, the property owner will need to submit an Assignment of Recreational Membership Rights form, giving their rights to the amenities to you.

This form is found on the Sudden Valley website under Commonly Requested Forms.

A lease agreement, Assignment of Recreational Membership Rights form, or email confirming residence can be sent to office@suddenvalley.com.

In addition to providing access to the amenities, dues payments also help maintain Sudden Valley. Road work, snow plowing, hazard tree removal from Sudden Valley property, tennis court resurfacing, and general maintenance are all covered by your dues payments.

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# Tree lighting shines bright in Sudden Valley

By Taimi Van de Polder  
SVCA Vice President

Saturday, Dec. 7, Sudden Valley residents enjoyed a day of pre-Christmas festivities, which included the return of the golf cart parade followed by a tree lighting ceremony.

Families then went inside for pictures with the Grinch and the Candy Cane Twins with photos taken by Macy Adkinson.

Cookie decorating was a hit with kids both young and not so young, with nearly 200 cookies being decorated and enjoyed.

Hot apple cider and hot chocolate with all the trimmings were served by Sudden Valley staff.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success, with special thanks to Chris Weitzel as the Grinch and Carrie Van de Polder and Allison Thompson as our Candy Cane Twins.



Saturday, Dec. 7, Sudden Valley residents enjoyed a day of pre-Christmas festivities, which included the return of the golf cart parade followed by a tree lighting ceremony. (Photos by Macy Adkinson and Taimi Van de Polder/SVCA)



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# Sudden Valley resident says choose your plants well



**By Cheryl Lovato Niles**  
Water Resource Educator  
WSU Whatcom County Extension

Susan Miracle moved to Sudden Valley several years ago. The largest tree on her property is a variegated Japanese maple that just reaches the railing of the upper deck.

But like most properties in Sudden Valley, the surrounding forest provides ample shade and a forest ambiance.

Susan had a professional landscaper taking care of the property for a few years but, as a life-long nature lover, she was uneasy with the landscaper's use of herbicides to manage the weeds.

With retirement on the horizon, she looked forward to taking over the landscaping herself.

I had the pleasure of meeting Miracle when she took the WSU Whatcom County Extension Gardening Green course that I taught in April 2024.

I followed up with her in the fall to learn whether she was able to use what she had learned in the course and what were her key takeaways.

### Taking the reins

Susan was motivated to enroll in the WSU Gardening Green course for several reasons.

She wanted some practical know-how to boost her confidence about taking the landscaping reins, and she was drawn to the course's emphasis on sustainability.

Learning ways to conserve water and protect the broader environment felt like an appropriate response to climate change.

She also wanted to learn about less labor-intensive gardening methods that work with nature rather than against it.

### Landscape plans

The Gardening Green course features a series of exercises to help participants create a cus-

tomized landscaping plan for an area of their property.

Susan had recently removed a tree from a sloped area near the street and she focused her course exercises on that area - striving to gain an understanding of the sun exposure and soils there so that she could choose plants that would naturally do well and would also complement the established Oregon grape.

Susan historically spent most of her time on the back deck where she gets a fabulous view of both her back and side gardens but, as she has spent more time in the yard, she's developed a deeper appreciation for what she has.

The overall aesthetic of her property is akin to a Japanese garden in which the spaces between the plants are just as important as the plants themselves.

She's noticed that the local deer, which are famous garden spoilers in Sudden Valley, don't seem to browse her rhododendrons or azaleas and that's good news.

She likes both of those plants, and they grow well in her partly shady environment. She's planning to add more rhododendrons and azaleas to her yard and to look for other plants that the deer aren't keen on.

She does have some favorites which unfortunately the deer also favor - but deer repellent helps to protect those.

As a retired engineer, Susan loves a good tool. She's chosen several to help her manage her property sustainably. She's planning to use a flame weeder to deal with weeds in the gravelly and rocky areas of her yard.

She also has a combination leaf vacuum and shredding tool she'll use to keep her driveway clear of fallen leaves.

She plans to let those shredded leaves decompose in her landscaping beds where they will enrich the soil, and she's pleased that she won't need to haul them off site.

Another tool Susan recently acquired is a set of root irrigators to help her deliver water directly to the trees and shrubs that need it, when they need it.

Like drip irrigation or soaker hoses, root irrigators will help her to use just the right amount of water to keep the plants healthy, and they won't encourage weeds because they'll provide water

only to the desired plants.

Because of the deer who pass through her yard, she felt that root irrigators were a better choice than drip irrigation.

Walking or running deer would likely tear out any drip lines.

### Takeaways

Susan says that the Gardening Green course helped her to think through what she wanted to do with her property, and made her feel empowered to let go of the landscaper.

Because of what she learned about plant hardiness zones, she plans to choose plants that are better able to withstand our periodic cold snaps.

Also, after learning more about the many benefits of mulch, she's become a fan and plans to add it to her landscape.

She reports that meeting the other course participants and learning from them was also fruitful. A discussion on microclimates with another Sudden Valley resident made her realize that she could grow tomatoes in Sudden Valley - so long as she chose the right variety and put them in the sunny spot on her elevated deck.

But she said the most helpful takeaways were learning about her soils, and learning a process for evaluating sun exposure, so that she can put plants where they will naturally thrive.

Susan has noticed that people are often frustrated and dismayed when they try to garden with plants that they knew and loved in their last home, or even their childhood home, if those plants aren't well suited for the conditions at their new home.

Her advice to other gardeners is "choose your plants well."



Susan Miracle moved to Sudden Valley several years ago. Her advice to other gardeners is "choose your plants well." (Courtesy photo)

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# Allen Helvajian joins Sudden Valley compliance process

By Allen Helvajian  
SVCA Compliance  
Manager

The new compliance manager for the Sudden Valley Community Association (SVCA) is Allen Helvajian.

Allen comes to the role after serving as a member of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) where he was appointed and then elected to serve in early 2024.

The compliance manager assists the Sudden Valley Com-

munity Association in its administration and enforcement of the SVCA restrictive covenants, bylaws, policies and rules & regulations, county ordinances, and state and federal laws.

The compliance manager supports the ACC by managing AC submissions, reviews, decisions, inspections and communications.

Issues, complaints or concerns can be reported to the SVCA by completing and submitting a complaint form.

The form can be

found in the Commonly Requested Forms section of the Sudden Valley website (suddenvalley.com/home/commonly-requested-forms) near the bottom of the web page in the Security, Safety and Compliance section.

Once the form is received and reviewed by the compliance manager, the investigation and documentation process begins.

If a violation is found, the compliance manager will contact the homeowner by letter

and/or phone to discuss mitigation strategies and a time frame for resolving the issue.

Please note that property owners are responsible for violations by tenants and short-term renters.

If the violation is egregious or mitigation is not achieved within the specified time frame, a fine or fee may be imposed on the homeowner.

If the fee is unpaid, additional interest or fees may also be imposed.



# Breakfast with Santa brings Sudden Valley community together



By Trang Worline  
Member Submission

On Saturday, Dec. 14, my family and I joined hundreds of our neighbors at the annual Breakfast with Santa event in Sudden Valley — a heartwarming tradition that brings our community together each holiday season.

The day was magical from the moment we walked into El Agave 2, where Cruz and his incredible family and staff greeted everyone with a hot, delicious breakfast buffet. It felt like the perfect start to the holidays, with plates filled and spirits high.

Santa and Mrs. Claus, played by Scott and Barbara Walsh, were as charming as ever, taking time to meet each child, posing for photos, and sharing warm laughs with families.

Thanks to The Weitzel and Andrew Home Team of RE/MAX in Sudden Valley, each family was able to take free photos to capture the memory.

My family treasures these photos — they've become an annual keepsake for us.

While parents sipped coffee

and chatted, the kids dove into craft activities provided by the South Whatcom Library and CTK Sudden Valley Church.

The cheerful buzz of laughter and holiday music filled the air as the children created ornaments and decorations to take home.

Volunteers were everywhere — from Sudden Valley Board members clearing tables to neighbors refilling water and lending a hand wherever needed. Everyone worked together seamlessly to ensure the event ran smoothly. The teamwork and dedication behind the scenes were truly inspiring — a heartfelt reminder of the community spirit that makes this event so special.

For my family, this event is more than just breakfast — it's a beloved community tradition.

The first Breakfast with Santa we attended was in 2018, just one month after moving to Sudden Valley from Northern California, where we had lived for the past 20 years. It was the warm welcome we needed, and it left a lasting impression on us.

Although we had to miss the event in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID, our family has attended every other year since, cherishing it as a cornerstone of our holiday season.

This year felt particularly special. My husband now works with The Weitzel and Andrew Home Team. Although Chris Weitzel, one of the original organizers, is semi-retired and no longer manages the team, his role as Santa's Elf and his unwavering dedication to this



SVCA breakfast with Santa volunteers. (Photo courtesy Caspar Hickman of Hickman Aerial)

community continue to inspire us.

Our family has been privileged to give back to the community that welcomed us so warmly. Last year, we joined our neighbors to help revive this cherished tradition, and this year, we had the joy of contributing once again.

Standing among my neighbors, sharing smiles and holiday cheer, reminded me of what makes Sudden Valley so unique. It's not just a neighborhood; it's a community that comes together to celebrate, support, and create memories.

Breakfast with Santa isn't just an event — it's a celebration of the holiday spirit and the heart of our Sudden Valley community.



Santa and Mrs. Claus hold a child for a photograph. (Photo courtesy Caspar Hickman of Hickman Aerial)

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Sudden Valley Community Association  
Operations - By Department  
January 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024  
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	272,706	195,414	-	74,131	441,651	(136,830)	(168,945)	132,715
Accounting	24,022	(15,012)	296,165	(1,982)	79,569	(16,198)	(350,712)	(31,192)
Administration	5,568	3,548	369,065	8,321	116,024	(29,041)	(479,521)	(17,172)
Common Costs	40,527	7,944	-	-	416,088	(100,992)	(375,561)	(93,048)
Facilities	74,812	9,352	39,316	4,663	127,463	50,318	(91,967)	64,333
Maintenance	-	-	314,291	15,512	85,008	35,499	(379,299)	51,011
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>417,635</b>	<b>201,246</b>	<b>1,018,837</b>	<b>100,645</b>	<b>1,244,803</b>	<b>(197,244)</b>	<b>(1,846,005)</b>	<b>104,647</b>
Golf	1,362,355	135,005	677,956	34,945	386,286	(53,848)	298,113	116,182
Marina	248,110	50,390	-	-	12,551	2,758	235,559	53,148
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	44,592	15,022	229,065	(4,243)	124,563	(11,343)	(309,036)	(564)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,655,057</b>	<b>200,497</b>	<b>907,021</b>	<b>30,702</b>	<b>523,400</b>	<b>(62,433)</b>	<b>224,836</b>	<b>168,766</b>
<b>Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues</b>	<b>2,072,692</b>	<b>401,743</b>	<b>1,925,858</b>	<b>131,347</b>	<b>1,768,203</b>	<b>(259,677)</b>	<b>(1,621,369)</b>	<b>273,413</b>
Ops Dues Earned	2,227,532						2,227,532	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(45,082)						(45,082)	
<b>Net Ops Dues</b>	<b>2,182,450</b>	<b>69,615</b>					<b>2,182,450</b>	<b>69,615</b>
<b>Net Operations</b>	<b>4,255,142</b>	<b>471,358</b>	<b>1,925,858</b>	<b>131,347</b>	<b>1,768,203</b>	<b>(259,677)</b>	<b>561,081</b>	<b>343,028</b>
<b>Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations:</b>								
Firewise	-		-		5,734		(5,734)	
Hazardous Tree Removal	-		-		55,000		(55,000)	
GM Recruiting Search	-		-		24,495		(24,495)	
Legal Expenses - Past Due Account Collections	-		-		1,940		(1,940)	
<b>Net Operations with Board Approved UDR</b>	<b>4,255,142</b>	<b>471,358</b>	<b>1,925,858</b>	<b>131,347</b>	<b>1,855,372</b>	<b>(259,677)</b>	<b>473,912</b>	<b>343,028</b>
<b>Other Operating Activity</b>								
UDR Activity	73,071				19,593		53,478	
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	(43,985)				-		(43,985)	
AR Accrual - Current Year	-				-		-	
Lease Income- Library Prepaid Recognized	2,667				-		2,667	
Vacation Liability Accrual	-				17,317		(17,317)	
<b>Total Other Operating Activity</b>	<b>31,753</b>				<b>36,910</b>		<b>(5,157)</b>	
<b>Grand Total Operations Activity</b>	<b>4,286,895</b>	<b>471,358</b>	<b>1,925,858</b>	<b>131,347</b>	<b>1,892,282</b>	<b>(259,677)</b>	<b>468,755</b>	<b>343,028</b>

\* Excludes Depreciation  
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October 2024 Internal Financial Statements

Sudden Valley Community Association  
Operations - By Department  
October 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024  
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	23,096	22,867	-	7,097	108,934	(75,896)	(85,838)	(45,432)
Accounting	1,976	743	27,185	984	10,574	(5,898)	(35,783)	(4,171)
Administration	1,801	1,652	33,830	2,300	20,187	(12,397)	(52,216)	(8,445)
Common Costs	4,251	993	-	-	40,221	(15,011)	(35,970)	(14,018)
Facilities	9,517	(630)	3,748	478	18,126	1,377	(12,857)	1,225
Maintenance	-	-	22,866	9,153	9,525	21,310	(32,191)	30,463
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>40,641</b>	<b>25,625</b>	<b>87,629</b>	<b>20,012</b>	<b>207,567</b>	<b>(86,015)</b>	<b>(254,555)</b>	<b>(40,378)</b>
Golf	88,614	21,071	61,870	7,108	30,658	(1,717)	(23,914)	26,462
Marina	-	-	-	-	900	473	(900)	473
Rec/ Pools/ Parks	2,608	2,369	19,586	(6,554)	6,962	1,700	(23,940)	(2,485)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>71,222</b>	<b>23,440</b>	<b>81,456</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>38,520</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>(48,754)</b>	<b>24,450</b>
<b>Subtotal Operations before Ops Dues</b>	<b>111,863</b>	<b>49,065</b>	<b>169,085</b>	<b>20,566</b>	<b>246,087</b>	<b>(85,559)</b>	<b>(303,309)</b>	<b>(15,928)</b>
Ops Dues Earned	222,528						222,528	
Curr Yr Bad Debts Activity	(360)						(360)	
<b>Net Ops Dues</b>	<b>222,168</b>	<b>10,884</b>					<b>222,168</b>	<b>10,884</b>
<b>Net Operations</b>	<b>334,031</b>	<b>59,949</b>	<b>169,085</b>	<b>20,566</b>	<b>246,087</b>	<b>(85,559)</b>	<b>(81,141)</b>	<b>(5,044)</b>
<b>Net BOD Approved UDR Activity for Operations:</b>								
Firewise	-		-		6,460		(6,460)	
Hazardous Tree Removal	-		-		6,545		(6,545)	
GM Recruiting Search	-		-		1,940		(1,940)	
Legal Expenses - Past Due Account Collections	-		-		-		-	
<b>Net Operations with Board Approved UDR</b>	<b>334,031</b>	<b>59,949</b>	<b>169,085</b>	<b>20,566</b>	<b>261,032</b>	<b>(85,559)</b>	<b>(96,086)</b>	<b>(5,044)</b>
<b>Other Operating Activity</b>								
UDR Activity	5,187				3,039		2,148	
AR Accrual - Prior Year Reversal	-				-		-	
AR Accrual - Current Year	-				-		-	
Lease Income- Library Prepaid Recognized	667				-		667	
Vacation Liability Accrual	-				(2,900)		2,900	
<b>Total Other Operating Activity</b>	<b>5,854</b>				<b>139</b>		<b>5,715</b>	
<b>Grand Total Operations Activity</b>	<b>339,885</b>	<b>59,949</b>	<b>169,085</b>	<b>20,566</b>	<b>261,171</b>	<b>(85,559)</b>	<b>(90,371)</b>	<b>(5,044)</b>

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Capital Reserve Funds

Operating Reserve Funds

Table with columns for Capital Reserve Funds (CRRRF, Roads, CRRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash, Road Density Reduction, Mailbox, Mitigation Assignment of Savings\*) and Operating Reserve Funds (Emergency Ops, UOR, Total Operating Reserve Funds). Rows include Net Available Cash 12/31/2023, Dues Received, Storm Water Mitigation Plan Fee, Investment Income, Sale of Assets, Board Approved Transfer- Marina Dock Replacement, Board Approved Transfer- Other Transfers, Mitigation Release, 2024 Expenditures, Net Available Cash at 10/31/2024, 2 Month Outlook, Outlook - 2024 Dues (95% collections), Outlook - Prior Year Collections, CRRRF loan Payments for year 2024, Obligated Expenses/Holdings, Net Usable Cash Balance 12/31/2024, Board Recommended Carryover Balance, Net Usable Cash 12/31/2024, After Recommendation, and Net Current Year Cash Increase (Decrease).

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

Sudden Valley Community Association Balance Sheet October 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023

Balance Sheet table with columns for Unaudited Oct. 31, 2024, Unaudited Dec. 31, 2023, and In. / (Out.). Rows include Current Assets (Operating Cash, Building Completion Deposit Fund, Member Recoupables - Operations\*, etc.), Current Liabilities (Accounts Payable, Account Vacation Liability, etc.), Deferred Lease Revenue Liabilities, Operating Reserve Funds, Capital Current Assets (CRRRF Capital Reserve Holding Cash, Roads Reserve Cash Fund, etc.), Capital Fixed Assets (Fixed Assets, Finance RCU Assets, etc.), Long Term Liabilities (CRRRF loan 2022, Finance Loans), and Member Equity.

Sudden Valley Community Association

Sudden Valley Community Association Income Statement Summary

UNAUDITED

Income Statement Summary table with columns for Current Month - October 2024 and Year to Date - 10 Months Ending 10/31/2024. Rows include REVENUE (Current Year Dues & Assessments Income, Bad Debt Recoveries - Prior Years, Golf Income, etc.) and EXPENSES (Salaries & Benefits, Contracted & Professional Services, CCRRF/ Mandates, etc.).

\* The Association's internal policy is to write off any member recoupables that are 180 days past due as bad debts for internal financial statements purposes. As per SVCA policy, Management continues to pursue collection of these recoupables as all amounts allowed by Washington State law. In addition, the Association recoups and bills finance charges on recoupables that are 180 days past due at \$5 per month. At October 31, 2024, and December 31, 2023, the balances of recoupables written off were \$176,711 and \$425,674, respectively.

\*\* Agreeing with the 2022 year end audited financial statements, Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 860 requires issued audited financial statements to replace unspent capital dues revenue, including related capital transfer fee collections, as a contract liability balance (deferred revenue), which is then reversed out in future years when capital dues/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/transfer fee transfers collected for internal monthly presentation purposes. See SVCA's 2023 through 2023 audited financial statements (2023) represents the most recently issued audited statements, which fully incorporate ASC 860 and comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

\*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) 860 and capital dues revenue collections.

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## SVCA resident to participate in Cayman Cookout

Story courtesy Lisa Russell  
Member Submission

A longtime Sudden Valley resident and her company will participate in January at the 2025 Cayman Cookout in the Cayman Islands.

In a press release, Lisa Russell, CEO & Founder, Mr. Frank's Seasonings, announced the company's sponsorship of the 2025 Cayman Cookout, hosted by acclaimed Chef Eric Ripert at the Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman.

Celebrated as one of the world's premier culinary festivals, the Cayman Cookout, Jan. 15-20, brings together elite chefs, mixologists and food enthusiasts for an unforgettable weekend of flavors and innovation.

"We are thrilled and proud to be part of the Cayman Cookout, an exciting and esteemed event that brings together the best of the best in the culinary industry. We can't wait for everyone to try our seasonings that are based on a legacy of global flavors that elevate every dish," Russell stated

in the press release.

Renowned for its commitment to flavor, quality, and sustainability, Mr. Frank's Seasonings are made with 100% real spices, free from additives, non-GMO, gluten-free and Kosher. This year, the brand takes center stage not only as a sponsor but also as the exclusive seasoning partner for celebrated Maitre Cuisinier de France, Bernard Guillas, executive chef and owner of Chefluv Inc.

"My culinary philosophy reflects the vivid memories of the food and precious ingredients I encountered during my travels. Mr. Frank's Seasonings will be at the center of my cuisine this year at the Cayman Cookout. This will create a unique opportunity for everyone to expand their palate and discover new dimensions of flavor and a true sensory experience rooted in gastronomic exploration," Guillas stated.

"Chef Bernard is such a skilled and diverse chef and is one of the bright stars at the Cayman Cookout. We are truly honored to be

working with him and can't wait to see and try the masterpieces he creates exclusively with Mr. Frank's Seasonings," Russell stated.

Attendees of the Cayman Cookout will have the opportunity to savor Mr. Frank's Seasonings including the Original, Spicy Original, Seasoning Salt, Garden Siracha, Tropical Siracha and Mediterranean blends. Mr. Frank's is the perfect accompaniment to every dish and can be used to rim glasses for a unique twist on a popular cocktail or mocktail.

Mr. Frank's is also thrilled to announce its sponsorship of the Chew On That Podcast, hosted by host and chef Joe Gatto, who will be capturing the excitement of the Cayman Cookout via Instagram Live and recording an exclusive episode from the festival itself.

Experience the difference of Mr. Frank's Seasonings at the Cayman Cookout 2025 — where the world's best chefs meet the world's finest flavors.



Lisa Russell and her company, Mr. Frank's Seasonings, will participate Jan. 15-20 at the 2025 Cayman Cookout in the Cayman Islands. (Photo courtesy Lisa Russell)

## SVCA Board: Approves funding

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ated 30 truckloads of wood chips. This translates to 448 cubic yards of material. For perspective, that amount of material would cover a football field at a depth of about three inches."

Further, the board approved another \$251,424 from its Capital Repair and Replacement Reserve Fund (CRRRF) to cover costs associated with hazardous tree removal caused by the windstorm. In a Dec. 12 memo to the board, Jensen wrote that in addition to clearing downed trees and debris, SVCA is "also actively evaluating and removing trees that were damaged by the storm but have not yet fallen."

"Managing the evaluation and removal of these hazardous trees is a part of SVCA's normal operations," she wrote. "As I reported to the Board on March 28 and again on Nov. 14, Association spending on the removal of hazardous has already significantly exceeded the budgeted amount for this activity. The November windstorm damaged many trees on SVCA property, greatly increasing the number of trees that must be evaluated and removed."

Other news from the Dec. 12 meeting:

- Board authorized the GM to execute a contract with Resourceful, a OneDigital company for a six-month retainer contract, including 30 hours of consulting per month to be paid for out of

the 2025 operations fund.

- Board directed the GM, working in partnership with the N&E Chair, to obtain a contract from UniLect for the 2025 AGM.

- Board approved Colleen Mitchell, Judy White and Edward Wang for the 2025 Safety Committee.

- Board approved Linda Tessier for the 2025 ACC Committee.

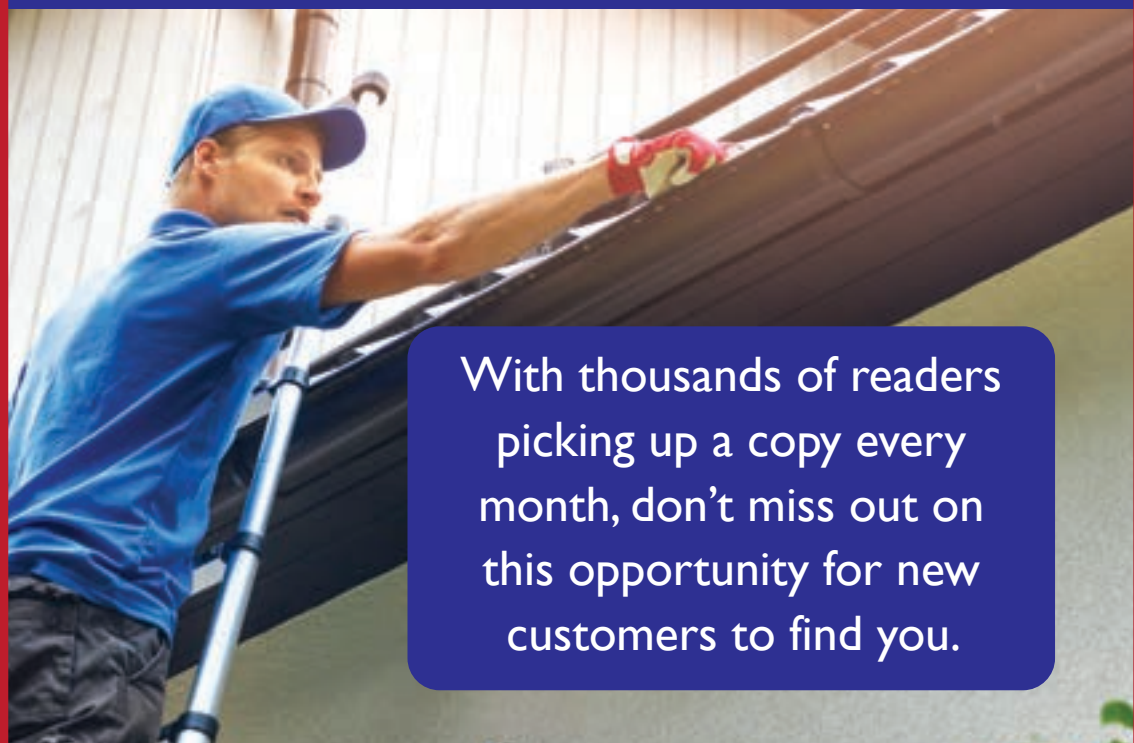
The SVCA Board will meet twice in January, both times at 7 p.m. in the dance barn. First meeting will be on Jan. 9, the second on Jan. 23. Each month, unless otherwise specified, the SVCA board meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the dance barn. Visit [suddenvalley.com](http://suddenvalley.com) for a copy of the board's agendas.

According to a draft of the Dec. 12 meeting's minutes, the board unanimously approved \$95,000 to cover the costs associated with removing trees and debris from the roadside throughout the Association and authorize the GM to execute a contract with Rawls Tree Service for this work.

Initially, the board approved the cost from UDR (an undesignated reserve account). Later in the meeting, the board unanimously de-obligated the \$95,000 of funding from UDR and change this funding source for these approved cleanup activities to be utilized from the \$228,131 Roads Fund storm event cleanup project.

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# 10 things to do to lower your home's risk

By Judy White  
Submitted by Rick Asai  
Safety Committee

Although it's winter, and summer may seem years away, now is a great time to prep for the risks of wildfire in just a few months.

Here are 10 ideas that we can accomplish now:

- Remove anything flammable within five feet of your home, deck or porch.
- Schedule a free fire risk assessment now from the Firewise team at the Whatcom Conservation District. Call Robert Walters at 360-526-2381 x106, or email [rwalters@whatcomcd.org](mailto:rwalters@whatcomcd.org).

- Add one-eighth inch (not one-quarter inch) screening over all roof and attic vents to prevent entry from embers.
- If you plan to upgrade your deck, roof or yard, first research and follow the recommendations of Firewise and other experts.
- Develop the habit of

always keeping at least a half-tank of gas in your cars in case of evacuation.

- Create a Go-Bag of essentials. Keep it up to date and easy to grab if necessary.
- Take lots of photos of your home and property, inside and out, from all directions.

Open closet and cupboard doors, drawers. Include all of your possessions, not just the valuable ones.

Store your photos in a safe location away from your home.

- Also store your important papers, deeds, insurance policies and contact

information safely.

Consider renting a safety deposit box.

- Add PulsePoint to your cell phone for emergency alerts.
- Become very familiar with multiple exits from your home to Lake Whatcom Blvd. and Lake Louise Road.

## SVCA Drop-In Sports

Join other community residents at drop-in sports:

- CoEd Tennis – Tuesday at 5:45 p.m.
- CoEd Soccer, Ages 30+ – Thursdays at 5:45 p.m.

- CoEd Soccer, Ages 8+ – Fridays at 5:45 p.m.
- CoEd Soccer, All Ages – Saturday at 10 a.m.
- CoEd Pickleball – Saturdays at 9:45 a.m. Call 360-734-6430 for more information.

## SUDDEN VALLEY Pet of the MONTH



Smudge

This month's pet of the month is Smudge, submitted by Sudden Valley staff member Maxx Robinson. Smudge is a 2-year-old Siamese mix that we adopted on a whim. She makes plenty of noise when she wants treats and loves playing with ice cubes.

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

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## SVCA acronyms

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| ACC – Architectural Control Committee                      | 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                           | WCSD – Whatcom County Sheriff's Office                            |
| LWWSL - Lake Whatcom Water &                               | WDFW - Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife           |
|  | WTA - Whatcom Transportation Authority                            |
|  | WUCIOA – RCW 64.90 – The WA Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act |

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