

Semiahmoo Resort Association

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President's Message

M:KOV, Inc., the owners of the 19 acre parcel southwest of the intersection of Semiahmoo Parkway and Semiahmoo Drive now known as "Zone 3" (formerly called Burnside Village), have filed an application with the City of Blaine for a Planned Unit Development to allow the company to construct residential, multi-use and commercial buildings on the site. Phase 1 of the project includes 40 residential units on the east part of the property adjacent to Semiahmoo Parkway and an indoor storage facility of approximately 22,000 square feet in several buildings in the far southwest corner of the site bordering Semiahmoo Drive. A public hearing before the City of Blaine Planning Commission has been scheduled for August 25. I encourage SRA members to participate in the public hearing process.

The relationship between the SRA and the Zone 3 owners has yet to be resolved. A committee representing the SRA met with Zone 3 representatives on July 29. Progress was made and further talks will be scheduled with the hope that an agreement can be reached prior to the Planning Commission meeting on August 25. Of the many issues under discussion is the degree to which the commercial aspects of the project will be subject to SRA jurisdiction, the uses for which the storage facility will be permitted, and how best to mitigate traffic and other impacts to nearby Semiahmoo neighborhoods.

We are concerned about several recent burglaries and thefts from automobiles that have occurred in several Semiahmoo neighborhoods in recent weeks. SRA Executive Director Debbie Smith and I recently met with Blaine Police Chief Mike Haslip. He told us that additional police patrols, some of them on foot, have been deployed in our community. He urged Semiahmoo owners to take the following steps: If cars are left outside your garage make sure that they are locked. Avoid leaving electronic devices or weapons in your cars. Lock the doors to your home. Set home alarms when you are away. Pay attention to any suspicious activities in your neighborhood and do not hesitate to call 911. Please also call the SRA office 371-7796 and let us know about any such events so that we can alert the community.

I hope that you are enjoying your summer especially now the good weather has returned.

John H. Binns, Jr.

SRA President

Semiahmo Shore Update.



Construction of the Semiahmo Shore development down on the spit is steadily progressing. The target date for full completion is December 2018. We will then have 46 new addresses in Semiahmo and potentially 46 new families as full members of the Semiahmo Resort Association.

As of July of this year deposits have been paid on eleven of the properties so there is considerable early interest. The potential buyers so far are local area residents looking to downsize or outsiders from Seattle and as far away as California. There is also considerable interest from Canadians; despite the lower value of the Canadian dollar these properties are a bargain when compared to Vancouver prices. Some buyers are certainly looking for a second home in an attractive location.

The properties range in size from 2,025 sq ft to 3,395 sq ft and the prices range from \$775,000 to \$1,195,000. Detailed plans of the properties are available at <http://semiahmooshore.com/siteplan.html>, and this website also provides an opportunity to take a virtual 3-D tour of the model homes. The smaller properties have 3 bedrooms and 2 ½ bathrooms, the larger properties have 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms and a self-contained casita over the garage. Every address has a double garage, and all the shoreline models have an outdoor fireplace. Features and fittings in all the residences will be similar to those shown in the model homes.

So what about the rest of the spit area? The shoreline path will remain unimpeded around the whole development. Some grading will be carried out on the northwest shore where there is a considerable drop-off to the beach. This is apparently due to erosion of fill that was deposited during the dredging for the marina. The objective will be to return the slope of the land to the beach to its original more gradual configuration.

There are no plans at present for any development at the tip of the spit, on the land between Marin and the Marina, or in front of Beachwalker Villas. Any previous plans to extend the Marina are presently on hold. All these parcels of land are 'For Sale' but at present no developers are showing any interest. The previous plans for multi-family dwellings and commercial properties beside the marina have been abandoned. Phase 3 of the Marin development is presently owned by a Canadian developer, a conceptual plan was presented to the ASC some months ago, but final building plans have yet to be submitted.



NORTH WHATCOM FIRE AND RESCUE OFFERS FREE CPR/HEARTSAVER CLASSES

On May 3, 2016, Lieutenant Kristopher Jorgensen, of North Whatcom Fire and Rescue (NWFR), came to the Semiahmoo Fire Station to teach the Semiahmoo Resort Association (SRA) staff along with two (2) SRA Board members, the CPR and *Heartsaver* class. This class teaches Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), as well as how to use an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), if available. When a person is not breathing normally, doing CPR will increase the chance of survivability. There have been changes in the techniques and the new training is clear, and concise, removing any doubts about your ability to perform CPR effectively. Assisted breathing is no longer recommended and

CPR focuses on rapid chest compressions. It is also important to know how to use an AED if one is available.

It is a great benefit to the community to have SRA staff trained in CPR. The maintenance crew is often out driving around the neighborhoods and might be close at hand in an emergency. We encourage the entire community to enroll in one of these free classes, so that there will be a better chance of an individual receiving CPR when needed. It is especially important for residents of Semiahmoo, because professional emergency responders could take some time to get here. Even if you have been certified previously, please take a class and receive the updated information.

Classes are free.

Take only a few hours.

Certification lasts two (2) years.

Even if you have taken a class before, it is important to learn the new information.

Save a family member, friend, or neighbor!

Additionally, there is exciting new Smartphone Technology available that alerts you, that your help may be needed. You may be able to help a neighbor before emergency services can get to them. Go to www.pulsepoint.org and download the Pulsepoint app for Android or iPhone. Click to follow: Whatcom Fire/EMS. When a call comes in to 911, and CPR is needed, your phone will alert you. Another app you may find useful is the PulsePoint AED app that maps where AEDs are located in the community.

To sign up for a class visit nwfrs.net and click on resources, then classes.

You may still be able to sign up for the following classes in 2016:

August 30-Bellingham

September 28-Blaine

October 19-Bellingham

November 30-Bellingham

December 20-Bellingham

The Staff and the two (2) Board members who attended this training would like to thank North Whatcom Fire and Rescue for providing this class, and also Lieutenant Jorgensen for his phenomenal teaching skills. We hope to never need the skills we were taught, but will be confident to do so if the need arises.

Contributed by Lori Thorne.

Map your Neighborhood (MYN) comes to Semiahmoo communities



As reported in the previous edition of the Courier, the Stonehaven neighborhood has already embarked on the MYN program. Drayton Hillside residents held their first meeting to initiate such a program on June 19th and hope to have this established and in place by this summer.

We are repeatedly warned that the Pacific Northwest is going to experience another major earthquake at some time. In the past these have occurred every 200 to 500 years, and our last one was over 300 years ago. The “Cascadia Rising” exercise was held by emergency services throughout the Pacific Northwest for four days in June. During this exercise the organizers were collecting data to judge how well our society would survive a massive earthquake and how well our emergency services could cope with the major demands that this would bring. It will be some time before all the results can be analyzed and conclusions drawn, but it is already known that establishing communications will be a major problem to solve. How will it be possible to effectively coordinate a widespread response when there may be no telephones (landline or cellular) and no internet services. Amateur radio operators (Ham Radio) may have an important role to play.

An early conclusion of the exercise is that, after a major disaster, many residents will probably have to look after themselves and or look to their neighbors for help, for hours and perhaps days. Emergency services will be overwhelmed and will not be immediately available to help. This being so the “Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)” program is of vital interest to us all. It is designed to answer the question: “Who will help you when 911 can’t?”.

The MYN program prepares a community to make use of their own local resources to enable them to survive the hours or even days before fire, medical, utility or police personnel may arrive to help. The program collects and catalogues details of special survival skills available within the neighborhood (Medical, electrical, firefighting etc.) and makes an inventory of equipment held locally which might be useful after a disaster (First Aid supplies, walkie-talkies, chain saws etc.).

More information about the MYN program and planning materials can be obtained from Whatcom Unified Emergency Management at (360) 676-6681 or www.whatcomunified@gmail.com.

Fireworks on the Spit banned for 2017



Personal fireworks are banned in the whole of West Blaine, including the spit for 2017. On June 13th last Blaine City Council unanimously passed 2 ordinances restricting the use of fireworks within the city limits from 2017. Already banned behind our gates, there is now a total ban in West Blaine (Semiahmoo). The use of personal fireworks throughout the rest of the city is in future restricted to just one day; the 4th of July. This will not affect the professional fireworks display which has been a popular feature of the Blaine Old Fashioned Fourth of July.



Architectural Standards Committee (ASC)

The ASC is having a busy time at present! New construction and remodeling around Semiahmoo has increased significantly since the beginning of the year. If you are contemplating any projects on your property that might need ASC approval you are requested to phone Sandy Bonnicksen, ASC Administrator at 371-7796 ext 1 or sandy@semiahmooresortassociation.com to make an appointment to come and see her to discuss your plans. Thank you!

Motors at the "Moo" 2016



A second meeting and display for classic and collector car, truck or motorcycle enthusiasts will be held at Carnoustie on August 28th from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. All Semiahmoo residents and their guests are invited to attend and/or participate in this event. Further details may be obtained from Lary Breitbarth (371-3198). Last year's event was a great success and the organizers are looking forward to another memorable show.

Semiahmoo Blood Drive



The second annual Semiahmoo blood drive was held on 11th of July at the Resort. A total of 17 donors attended, five of these were "First time" donors. This was a good response but perhaps we could do even better next year! It will be an annual event and donors are encouraged to attend. Watch for next year's announcements. Anyone over the age of 18 may donate subject to a few exclusions, and there is no age limit. The discomfort is very minor and the satisfaction is very great!

There is always a need for donated blood, and new donors are urgently needed. In the present day almost all donated blood is rapidly divided into its various fractions so that all of it can be put to the best use. The blood cells are separated away and concentrated to be stored refrigerated for up to 42 days—these are then re-suspended in saline and transfused to treat anemia from any cause. The plasma fluid which is left when the cells are removed may be frozen (preferably within 8 hours) and kept for up to a year. This plasma fluid is rich in clotting factors and is used to treat patients with bleeding problems, such as may occur with some congenital deficiency diseases and after major surgery. The plasma fluid may be further fractionated into specific clotting factors so that predetermined causes for bleeding can be more effectively and economically treated. The blood platelets, essential to the clotting process, may also be separated, but can only be stored for a few days at room temperature; cooling destroys their function. Fortunately platelet donations may be made more frequently as the body can rapidly replace these. Plasma and platelets can be collected by a process of plasmapheresis in which no red blood cells are taken; this requires attendance at a donation center. Platelet transfusions are given to correct bleeding secondary to blood diseases, or following open heart surgery—especially in very small infants. (Yes, very small infants do sometimes need open heart surgery).

Please consider attending next year's Semiahmoo Blood Drive; full details about becoming a donor can be found at <http://www.bloodworksnw.org/programs>

The Birds of Semiahmoo: The Chickadee.

The Black Capped Chickadee is one of the commonest birds that we see at our feeders throughout all the year. They pick their seed from the feeder and usually flit off to a nearby branch to crack it open and eat it. They are accomplished acrobatic fliers maneuvering skillfully through the bushes and trees.

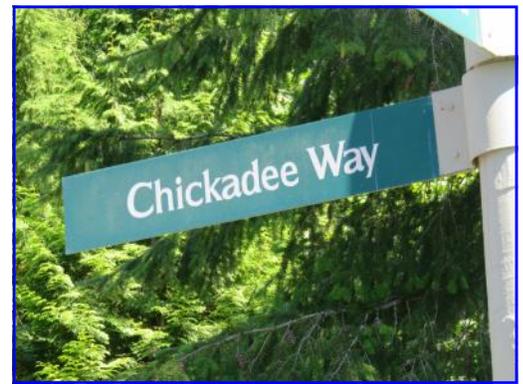
Chickadees live an average of 6-7 years but individual birds as old as 12 years have been recorded. They prefer to nest in cavities such as old woodpecker holes but will readily adapt to nesting boxes. The female lays 6-7 eggs which will hatch in about 12 days and in another 14-16 days the young birds will be ready to leave the nest. Usually only one brood is hatched per year.

Much has been learned about the remarkable brains of the birds in the past few years. Far from being “Birdbrains”, birds are very intelligent and resourceful. Though small the bird’s brain packed with an increased density of small neurons (Nerve cells) extensively interconnected. This accounts for the surprising intelligence that many birds demonstrate and also the extreme skill with which they fly.

The brains of chickadees have been extensively studied. During winter chickadees in the wild feed in flocks, depending in part upon insects as food, but also utilizing food stores that they have stashed away during the summer and fall. These food stashes may be located over a very wide area and one of the remarkable features of the Chickadee is an excellent memory for these locations. Investigations have demonstrated that the tiny brain of this bird undergoes extensive reprogramming during the fall, and the region associated with spatial orientation (The hippocampus) markedly expands by adding more new nerve cells. This is even more marked in birds living in harsher climates where memory of food storage sites is vital to survival. In the Spring this process reverses and the hippocampus returns to a smaller size as an extensive spatial memory becomes less vital.

The potential of the adult avian brain to selectively add neurons to a specific brain area is of great interest to researchers. All song birds seem to be able to augment regions of the brain associated with the generation of sounds. In the Spring the parts associated with birdsong expand, only to regress once the Spring breeding season is over. In adults of other animal species, including humans, the potential to add new neurons is absent or very limited (A matter of current controversy!) Obviously if we could determine the processes by which new neurons are added to bird brains this might conceivably eventually lead to useful therapeutic advances for humans.

If you want to learn more about the amazing intelligence and brain power of our feathered friends the book “The Genius of Birds” by Jennifer Ackermann is highly recommended.





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INVOICING OF DUES INFORMATION

The majority of property owners in Semiahmoo will receive their SRA dues invoices via email. Invoices are emailed from: invoicing.of.dues@semiahmooresortassociation.com

Many email servers detect the invoices as "spam" or "junk" and some people missed seeing them in their inbox. Please keep an eye out in January for your next invoice and mark it as "not junk".

The invoice also includes the new gate code for your community.

The most convenient way to pay your dues is our *Direct Debit* option. Contact Lori (See below) to request a Direct Debit authorization form. Customers who use Direct Debit still receive an invoice stating the amount to be debited from their checking or savings account and the date the draw will take place.

Whether you receive your invoice via email or snail mail, please contact Lori by email or phone at lorithorne@semiahmooresortassociation.com or at 360-371-7796, ext. 2 to ensure your address (email or mailing) is accurate in our database.



Finish Summer and Fall into Fun with Semiahmoo this Autumn!



Vintner Dinners

We continue to welcome renowned winemakers and vintners,
pairing their superb wines with a
five-course meal from Chef Bruno Feldeisen



Thurs, Aug 25, Wagner Family feat. Caymus • Tuesday, Oct 4, Cakebread
Thurs, Sept 8, Rodney Strong • Thurs, Nov 3, Stags Leap



Oenophile Club at Semiahmoo

Join fellow wine aficionados and enjoy benefits including:

Wine Tastings • Private Wine Storage

Vintner Dinner Advanced Booking and Discounts, and more!



Dining at Semiahmoo Resort

Our chefs are constantly creating beautiful, creative, delicious dishes

Weekend Brunch at Pierside Kitchen • Dining at Great Blue Heron Grill

NEW! Dining at Loomis Trail Golf Club through October 16th, 2016



Weekend Beach Barbecues with Live Music

Every Friday and Saturday Night at 5:30 PM

Fri, August 5 Lord Knapp • Fri, August 26 The Replayzmentz

Sat, Aug 6 Blues Union • Sat, August 27 Stranded Dog

Fri, August 12, Blues Union • Fri, Sept 2 Nashville Northwest

Sat, Aug 13, Lord Knapp • Sat Sept 3 Blues Union

Fri, August 19 The Atlantics • Fri, Sept 9 Queen's Bluegrass

Sat, Aug 20 Naughty Blokes • Sat, Sept 10 Lord Knapp



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**Keeping Up with
Semiahmoo Golf & Country Club and Loomis Trail Golf Club!**

\$40 rounds at 4PM • Surf the Earth with GolfBoards at SG&CC

Semiahmoo Spa and Fitness Center

Upcoming Specials include:

Orange Peel Purifying Facial • Honey and Lemon Body Wrap

Oatmeal and Almond Exfoliation • Honey Oatmeal Facial

Try a Fitness Class!

TRX, Pilates, Stretch, Zumba, and more!

Semiahmoo Beach Activities Center

Open to the Public!

Rent a bike, paddleboard, or kayak and explore the bay into September

Seahawks Games in Packers and Discovery Theater

Join fellow 12's for viewing parties

Brost! Experience Oktoberfest at Semiahmoo

Saturday, October 8th

Beer Tasting, German Cuisine, Music, and Art

