



BIRCH BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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Village residents gathered at the BBV Pro Shop to cheer on the Seahawks during the conference championship and again as they celebrated their second Super Bowl victory. Both viewing parties were filled with great food, plenty of fun, and the start of new friendships.

ASSOCIATION

News and Information

**Committee Meetings are held via ZOOM
or in the Maintenance Conference**

Room:

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MARCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 2 - Lakes, Ponds & Drainage 5 PM
- 3 - ACC 10AM
- 9 - Safety & Security 3 PM
- 10 - Golf 1 PM
- 13 - 64.90 Task Force 10 AM
- 24 - Marina 2 PM
- 25 - Finance 1 PM

MARCH BOARD MEETING

(via Zoom & in Clubhouse)

Board Meeting - MARCH 19 at 2 PM

BBVCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Email: bbvboard@bbvcc.com

Current Members:

David Wilbrecht, Dan Nedved,
President Treasurer

Mathue Totten, Vice Randy Ambuehl
President

Bob Whale, Secretary Dave Owen



ACC APPLICATIONS

PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE
TUES., APRIL 7, 2026 MEETING
MUST BE SUBMITTED BY **9 AM ON**
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL (ACC)

email: ACC@bbvcc.com

Current Members:

Michael Stringam, Chair Rich Santi

Lisa Guthrie Patrick Ryan

Kevin Ryan Robert Whale

Lyle Sieg

ELECTION

Current Members:

Laura Bailey Rob Simonds

Beth Seils Michael Sipes

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION 02-19-2026 (REGULAR MEETING)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Agenda approved as presented

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved Consent Agenda as presented
 - a. Approval of January 22, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. ACC- No Minutes
 - c. Safety & Security – Minutes of January 12, 2026
 - d. Golf Committee – Minutes of January 13, 2026
 - e. Finance Committee – Minutes of December 17, 2025 and January 28, 2026
 - f. Marina Committee – Minutes of January 27, 2026
 - g. Operations Report Review
 - h. Action Item List

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Not Approved - Motion to authorize the Board Treasurer and the General Manager to complete the evaluation and select a new HOA software platform for BBVCC, based on staff's review and vendor due diligence, and to present the selected software and implementation plan to the Board of Directors at the next regular Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS AND VOTING AS NECESSARY

- Approved the General Manager job description as presented.
- Approved the Assistant General Manager job description as presented.
- Approved the Harbormaster job description as presented.
- Approved the Safety and Compliance Officer job description with discussed changes that included safety inspections, root cause analysis capabilities, and required safety and training certifications.

NEW BUSINESS AND VOTING AS NECESSARY

- Approved committee and club fair proposal, as presented by David Scheirman, for May 30, 2026 from 10 AM to 2 PM with the volunteer dinner that evening.

AUTHORIZATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Approved transfer of \$260,000 from General Reserves to Marina Reserves, representing fiscal year excess member income funds previously transferred from the Operating Fund on December 31, 2025, based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.
- Approved banking resolution as presented adding the AGM and restricted access for the Bookkeeper.
- Approved expenditure request for Boat Ramp Replacement Engineering and authorization of GM to contract with proNHS Project for an amount not to exceed \$24,000 with funding from the Marina Reserve Fund.
- Approved expenditure authorization and contract with Northwest Surveying for surveying work related to stormwater culvert replacement and a log boom at Roger's Slough in an amount not to exceed \$14,000 to be paid from the Roads and Drainage Reserve Fund.
- Approved expense authorization and contract with Lakeside Industries for the 2026 Asphalt Paving Project in an amount no to exceed \$784,386 including a 3% contingency and applicable sales tax, to be paid from the Roads & Drainage Reserve Fund, subject to final quantities and standard contract terms.
- Approved motion to move into executive session at 3:54 PM to discuss personnel matters, possible violations of governing documents and possible legal issues.
- The board moved out of executive session at 5:31 PM with no actions taken.
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE 03-03-2026 MEETING AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 80036 Makah Rd – Tree Removal
- B. 5445 Salish Rd – Culvert
- C. 5703 Nakat Way – Tree Removal

D. 5640 Nakat Way – New Home Construction

E. 8133 Cowichan Rd – Addition – Golf Cart Shed/Garage

F. 8102 Quinault Rd – Outdoor Sauna

ADDITIONAL ITEMS DISCUSSION: Scheirman Agreement

FEBRUARY COMPLIANCE REPORT

Compliance Letters Issued			
Speeding	3	Illegal Parking	1
Dog Off Leash	2	Dumping	1
Barking	1	Failure to Stop	6

INCIDENT REPORTING ONLINE

GOLF COURSE INCIDENTS:
<https://bbvcc.com/submit-a-golf-course-incident-report/>

VILLAGE INCIDENTS: <https://bbvcc.com/submit-a-village-incident-report/>

Speed Data						
MPH	5397 Salish	8211 Skeena	8226 Sehome	8250 Quinault	Totals	%
0-20	1658	1382	3280	6173	12493	77.2%
21-25	370	245	982	1943	3540	21.9%
26-30	15	6	37	83	141	.87%
31-35	1	1	3	6	11	.06
36+	1	0	0	0	1	.006

Compliance & Speed Data Gathered from February 1 - 25, 2026

FROM THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

As per the Birch Bay Village By-Laws 5.1.4 item (b) Procedures for Election of Directors

Between the fifteenth (15th) day of February and the fifteenth (15th) day of March, at five P.M. (5:00 P.M.), inclusive, any voting Member in good standing and having been a member for not less than one (1) year may file with the Election Committee a statement of his/her candidacy for election as a director of the Club for the term beginning immediately following the annual meeting of the Club held after the filing of the such statement. Each candidate shall be required to submit a biographical statement, including any facts that might be considered a conflict of interest, and a statement of objectives. Said statements shall be subject to verification by the Election Committee.

There will be three (3) open positions for the Board of Directors to be elected at the Annual Meeting held on June 5, 2026. All positions are for three year terms.

Candidates for election to the Board will be announced in the April Bulletin. If more than two members in good standing apply for these two positions, a Candidates Forum will be held at the BBV Clubhouse in on April 12, 2026. Further information will be published in the April Bulletin and through the GM's Friday newsletters. Any member initiatives regarding amendments to the By-Laws must be completed by March 5th, 2026 per By-Law 9.1.

To provide your statement of candidacy and other information, please use the Board Member Application Form on our website [HERE](#).

Please contact Justine Brooks @ justine@bbvcc.com for more information if you are interested in running for the BBVCC Board of Directors.

The election committee is seeking additional volunteers to serve on the committee. Applications to be sent to the Board Secretary at rwhale@bbvcc.com

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FINANCE

Current Members:

Bev Franklin	Mary Santi
Sue Garrigan	David Towle
Dan Nedved	Bonnie White
Erin Ryan	

GOLF

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Current Members:

Laura Bailey, Chair	Patty Nitta
Darrell Cowan	Dave Schwab
Steve Franklin	Don Shank
Craig McCallum	

LAKES & DRAINAGE

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Current Members:

David Carpenter, Co- Chair	Bill Reilly
Jonathan Hall, Co- Chair	David Scheirman
Jack Dyrland	Betsy Just (Ad-hoc)
Gwynne Fowler Briggs	Lowell Lorenz (Ad- hoc)

MARINA

email: marinacommitee@bbvcc.com

Current Members:

Charlie Hall, Chair	John Stone
Kevin Anthony	Scott Tobiason
Mike Moriarty	Bryan VanderYacht

SAFETY & SECURITY

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Current Members:

David Scheirman, Chair	Mike Lubow
Ron Bendschneider	Maureen Server
Billy Brown	

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you are interested in volunteering for a committee, please submit a Committee Member Application which can be found on the BBV Website at:

<https://bbvcc.com/applications-forms/>
and email to justine@bbvcc.com

ASSOCIATION

News and Information

FROM THE OFFICE

COMMUNITY PLAN TOWN HALL MEETING



The Board reviewed a draft report from our planning consultants at their February meeting. The report highlighted collected and analyzed data and trends of the community's demographics, economics, land use and governance that will point to possible options for the community's future. There are many different futures for the Village. All of them depend on what is possible and desirable from you all as a collective membership.

Mark **Thursday, March 12th at 6pm** on your calendar to learn more and participate, in person (at the clubhouse) or via teleconference, in the future of your community.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION CONSENT FORM

To date we have only received a little more than 200 electronic communication consent forms out of a possible 1,129. We realize that some members sent in a similar form a few years ago, but to fully comply with the new Washington State legislation in effect as of January 1st, 2026, we need to have a consent form on file for all members who want to receive notices and communication in lieu of paper. The form was originally mailed out with the Annual Dues last month. The more members who opt- in increases our ability to communicate with the members and decreases the cost to all.

Remember, postage, paper and labor to mail a statement or even simple notices required by the state are expensive. If you are reading this message and haven't filled out and sent a form in yet....click on the link below, fill out the form and send it to contatcus@bbvcc.com.

[ELECTRONIC CONSENT FORM LINK](#)

ARCHITECTURAL HOUSE PLANS

We have architectural plans available at the office for pick-up. For the last few years, we have been working on getting all of the house plans digitized. Paper plans tend to take up a large amount of office space. In October, Karie sent out an email to all members that we had plans for requesting that if you notify us if:

- You would like us to pull your plans and hold them if you are out of town.
- Pull your plans so you can come and pick them up.
- You don't want your plans, in which case we can properly dispose of them.

If you don't know if you have plans at the office, you can always call or email.

If you believe you may have plans on file and would like to make arrangements for pick-up, storage, or disposal, please contact either Karie Totten at karie@bbvcc.com or Justine Brooks at justine@bbvcc.com

2026 BILLING UPDATE

The 2026 Annual dues were due on February 28th, 2026. Please be aware that any payments after that date are subject to Late Fees and Interest.

CONGRATULATIONS JUSTINE!

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Justine Brooks to Assistant General Manager of Birch Bay Village. Justine joined the Village two years ago from Semiahmoo and has consistently excelled in her roles as ACC Coordinator and Executive Secretary to the Board and Committees. In addition to her assigned duties, she has supported nearly every area of Village operations....from the Marina to Compliance, customer service, payroll, and more. Simply put, if something needs to get done, Justine is there helping to make it happen.

Alongside expanding her hands-on operational experience, Justine has also pursued the academic side of community association management. She recently completed the required coursework and testing to earn her Certified Manager of Community Association (CMCA) accreditation.

If you've had the opportunity to work with Justine, you already know how fortunate we are to have her on our team. If you haven't yet, chances are you will, and we're confident you'll be just as impressed as the rest of us. Justine is a lifelong resident of the Blaine, Custer, and Birch Bay area and lives just up the hill in Birch Bay. We hope she remains a part of the Village team for many years to come.

COMMON AREA LIGHTING PROJECT UPDATE

You may have noticed that the areas around the Clubhouse, Pro Shop, and Office are now more brightly lit than in the past. This improvement was made after BBVCC identified these locations as inadequately lit—particularly during the long winter months—creating potential safety concerns for members and guests. Over the past six years, Birch Bay Village has experienced three trip-and-fall incidents that resulted in insurance claims, reinforcing the need to address lighting deficiencies and reduce liability exposure.



A professional lighting study confirmed that nearly all BBVCC common areas, except for two small sections, were significantly below county code requirements. A contractor was retained to develop lighting specifications, select appropriate fixtures to meet code in public spaces, and minimize light spillover to neighboring properties and the night sky.

New fixtures were installed this fall and winter, and light levels were measured to confirm compliance. This work represents Phase One of the project.

Phase Two is scheduled to begin this spring. This phase will include replacing the existing 12-foot parking lot light poles with 20-foot poles and installing updated fixtures. County code requires lower illumination levels in parking lots than in walkways or entryways, so these lights will be less intense and designed to direct light downward. Once installed, light levels will again be measured to verify compliance.

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FROM THE OFFICE

COMMON AREA LIGHTING PROJECT UPDATE - *continued from page 3*

We understand that some members feel the new lighting is too bright or disruptive, including some homes located a considerable distance from the fixtures. After Phase Two is completed, we will work with the contractor to evaluate whether adjustments can be made, such as further directing building-mounted lighting downward, to minimize impacts to individual properties while maintaining required safety standards and code compliance.

We anticipate having a clearer picture of the final lighting configuration once Phase Two is complete this spring.

WINTER/SPRING PROJECTS

The volume of activity at Birch Bay Village is very seasonal. In the summer, everyone is here and active. The golf course, marina and pool operations are in full swing, along with construction project activity and home improvement. Staff and management are just hanging on for dear life. During the winter many of you go south, the marina and golf are in a winter slumber, and the Village is generally quiet. But this is not the case for the organization. This is the time for working on major projects and planning for future projects. Here are some of the things that are currently keeping us busy:

****HOA Software Search and Selection**** - The General Manager, Bookkeeper, Assistant General Manager, 2 members of the Finance Committee and the Harbormaster (when necessary) have been attending meetings/demonstrations for new HOA and accounting software. We have narrowed the search down to 3 software companies and are waiting for some clarification on fees and some specific department functions before making the final choice. This is a huge decision that will affect the efficiency of the operation and member satisfaction for years to come. Once the selection is made (very soon), the real work begins. Software conversions are intensive work for staff and much of their time we be devoted to this project over the next 4-5 months.

****Ticketing Project Management Software****- Staff have tried to utilize the ticketing system in our current management software, but it is as bad if not worse than other areas of functionality. A new program will be utilized for better keeping track of our larger projects, work orders, reoccurring tasks and preventative maintenance schedules and inspections. This will help staff be more efficient, effective, and focused on the highest priority work. This project will help keep us track of the following and more:

- MOU Drainage Project – drainage from Birch Point Road/ Birch Bay Drive to Kwann Lake to Rogers Slough. We are working with the County on this project, and it is currently in the survey and design stage.
- Marina Dredging – working on permitting with consultants and other agencies.
- Boat Launch Ramp Replacement – Expense authorization to be to the board at their February meeting.
- 2026 Paving – Expense authorization to be to the board at their February meeting.
- Marina Restrooms – Working on permitting process and preparing the RFP to go out to contractors.
- Culvert Replacement – we have 125 total culverts that are BBVCC responsibility to repair or replace and we have 30 standard 12-inch culverts that need to be replaced in the immediate future. We also have 3 larger culverts that need replacements that will require more extensive engineering, construction and cost.

All of the above and more is captured monthly for the board meeting packet in the "Operations Report". These reports have a lot of information about what we are doing and what is planned for the immediate future, but we realize they are not widely read. By publishing a link in the Weekly Update once each month, we hope to give the members more convenient access to this information so you can all be more aware of what is happening or going to happen in the Village.

OFFICE

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Karie Totten, Office Administration
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GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE

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Steve Brand, Golf Superintendent

Ryan Alexander, Assistant Greenskeeper

MAINTENANCE STAFF

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Bobby Hoffer, Maintenance Supervisor
Bob@bbvcc.com

Brian Nelson, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor

Robert Cota, Maintenance Staff

Ray Heinzen, Maintenance Staff

PRO SHOP

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Phone: (360)371-7744, option 5

Hours: 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

Krista Templeton, Recreation Supervisor
krista@bbvcc.com

Ryan Turnberg, Pro Shop Attendant

Barb VanSwearingen, Pro Shop Attendant

SECURITY

Email: security@bbvcc.com

Phone: (360)371-7744, option 2 (front gate),
option 99 (patrol)

SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE

BBVCC General Rules Reminder Regarding Dogs

1. All dogs must always be leashed and under direct control of a responsible person when off the owner's property*. Use of others' private property or vacant lots for off leash time is only allowed with express permission on file with the office of that property owner and acceptance of liability of any issue that may arise from the use of that property in such a manner.**
2. Owners are obligated to clean up after their animals on all BBV property and on properties other than their own. Offenders will be fined.
7.2.3 Dogs are not allowed inside of any BBVCC Common Area structure, except for "qualified" service animals referenced under section 7.6.

* Reminder that property lines do not extend to the street.
** The fenced, "off leash" dog park is free for dog owners to use.
To read more about the General Rules regarding pets:

[General Rules](#)



Visitor Entry System Class - GateKey

Quick and easy class on how to use the GateKey Visitor Entry System

May 9th, 2026 at 10:00 am in the Clubhouse

Bring your phone, iPad, or laptop and learn the basics

RSVP to class using this email Link - [GateKey Class RSVP](#)

MARCH REMINDER

Spring Forward Sunday,
March 8th, 2026



The deadline to remove studded tires in Washington State is **March 31**



The BBVCC speed limit applies to ALL vehicles, motorized or not



5.1.1 The speed limit on all roads within BBV is 20 MPH. Violators will be subject to citations.

SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE

Prepare

in a
Year



2. Action Plan



What to do NOW

Learn what types of disasters are likely to happen in your area.

Learn about your community's warning signals — what do they sound like and what should you do when you hear them? Also, learn which radio stations will provide emergency information for your area.

Learn about animal care in your area.

If you are disabled and unable to care for yourself, your planning needs to include your support network who will help you and your household.

Find out about the disaster plans at your workplace, your children's school or child-care center and other places your family frequently visits.

Before an Evacuation

- Plan how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate.
- Identify several places you could go in an emergency, such as a friend's home in another town or a motel. Choose destinations in different directions so that you have options during an emergency.
- If needed, identify a place to stay that will accept pets. Shelters may or may not be able to accommodate your pet. Have supplies ready to take.
- Be familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
- Always follow the instructions of local officials and remember that your evacuation route may be on foot depending on the type of disaster.
- Assemble supplies that are ready for evacuation, both a "go-bag" you can carry when you evacuate on foot/ bicycle or public transportation and larger supplies for traveling in a personal vehicle.

Practice and Maintain Your Plan

- Review your plans every six months so everyone remembers what to do.
- Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills.
- Test and recharge your fire extinguishers, according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every month; replace batteries every six months.
- Replace stored water and food every six months to a year, depending on expiration dates.
- Update plan as necessary.

Evacuation Planning

A wide variety of emergencies may cause an evacuation. In some instances, you may have a day or two to prepare, while other situations might call for an immediate evacuation. Planning is vital to ensuring that you can evacuate quickly and safely, regardless of the circumstances.

If you evacuate by car

Always keep a half tank of gas in case of an unexpected need to evacuate. Keep a full tank of gas if an evacuation seems likely. Gas stations may be closed during emergencies and unable to pump gas during power outages.

- Plan to take one car per family to reduce delay.
- Make sure you have a portable emergency kit in the car.
- If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave via other forms of transportation or on foot.

If evacuation is urgent, you will not have time to prepare, which is why it is important to plan ahead. Certain evacuations, like a tsunami, may require an evacuation by foot.

For more information on evacuations: [Emergency Preparedness video](#)
To learn about how to prepare in a year: [Prepare in a Year](#)

Get alerts/apps & stay informed
[Severe Weather alerts](#)
[Emergency alerts on your iPhone](#)
[Road closures](#)



SPRING 2026 UPDATE



A REMINDER ABOUT WHAT THIS COMMITTEE DOES: IN COORDINATION WITH BBV MAINTENANCE STAFF, ITS ACTIVITIES COVER FOUR KEY AREAS:

1. Control Treatment Applications: maintain water quality by testing to mitigate unwanted plants/algae growth in lakes and ponds (this activity will start later this month).

- Phosphorus(P)-binding, mineral-based substance applications to control algae and improve water quality
- UV-Shading Dye applications to reduce amount of sunlight penetrating water column
- Algaecide (EPA-registered and Dept. of Ecology-approved) for algal bloom control in lakes & ponds; all treatment applications are summarized in a Lakes Management Log
- Water Quality Monitoring C Testing of residual Phosphorus, Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and water temperature at sampling locations; interface with testing labs to guide maintenance
- Aeration bubbler system equipment inspection and maintenance to sustain dissolved oxygen in lakes and ponds

2. Hydrologic control: Monitor and manage drainage systems; improve seasonal circulation to sustain the aesthetic quality of lakes and ponds.

- Coordinate with Whatcom County Public Works and BBWARM (Birch Bay Watershed Aquatic Resources Management, a stormwater management district), to improve drainage patterns
- Coordinate operation of fixed pumps to manage water levels in lakes & ponds by lowering elevation of Thunderbird Lake to increase storage capacity during high rainfall events
- Coordinate operation of mobile pumps to alleviate potential flooding
- Update Drainage Improvement Plan and Emergency Flood Preparation & Protocols; inform BBV residents
- Collaborate with engineering and consulting resources to optimize and update BBV drainage system documentation; advise on drainage system projects

3. Biological Management

- Monitor existing grass carp population
- Assess impact of fish on the plants in lakes and ponds, and consider any actions

4. Vegetation Management

- Aquatic plants and pond weed control activities based on regular inspections
- Cattail, blackberry and noxious weeds control in common areas along shorelines
- Algae identification C control activities

LAKES, PONDS, & DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

SHORELINE VEGETATION UPDATE



Above image: vegetation on a shallow shoreline, showing mix of Blackberry, Canary Grass, Cattails and Nightshade



Above image: view of a steeper shoreline at edge of a residential lot, showing overgrown homeowner plants (ivy, laurel) mixing with typical shoreline vegetation

Some homeowners who live around BBV lakes and ponds may at times desire to make changes to the vegetation on a shoreline adjoining their private property, either by introducing new plantings or removing existing vegetation. Questions may arise about whether Whatcom County approval is required, whether or not a Notification of Activity Application must be made, and whether it is a property owner's responsibility, or that of BBV Maintenance, to deal with unwanted shoreline vegetation. Both Kwann Lake and Thunderbird Lake are listed as Critical Areas per the Whatcom County CAO (Critical Areas Ordinance) due to watershed and wildlife habitat characteristics.

WHAT ARE CURRENT PRACTICES IN BIRCH BAY VILLAGE?

BBV Maintenance staff manages shoreline vegetation growth in the primary common areas around the lakes as the weather warms up and time permits. With the increased number of new homes and built-upon properties around Kwann and Thunderbird Lakes, the BBV Maintenance department now has fewer access options than in years past to reach all shoreline areas from on land with mowing equipment. With extendable mower heads, they typically address four primary types of invasive vegetation around BBV lakes: Blackberry, Nightshade (a non-toxic type), Cattails and Canary Grass. While aggressive and fast-growing, neither the Nightshade nor Blackberry plants found in BBV are classified as noxious weeds by the Whatcom County Noxious Weed Control Board.

Noxious weeds are those classified as non-native, aggressive and invasive plants that have the potential to be eradicated or controlled within Washington State. If there are noxious weeds (as listed by the County/State) to be removed that require control by the County and the State of Washington, BBV maintenance must be notified for their removal.

WHAT REQUIRES A COUNTY PROJECT APPLICATION AND APPROVAL?

Removal of vegetation within Critical Areas without a project review can be a bit of a conundrum, because a 50-foot buffer zone around such areas (including our lakes' shorelines) is mandated. Therefore, any substantial removal of invasive and overgrown vegetation within that 50' buffer requires a Notification of Activity Application and Project Review by the County.

Whatcom County contact: Planning Department, (360) 778-5900,
<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/358/Planning-Development-Services>.



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LAKES, PONDS, & DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Exempt activities as noted in WWC General Code, Critical Areas (section 16.16.230)

The following activities as specified are exempt from the requirements of this chapter:

B. Maintenance of lawfully established vegetation, landscaping, and gardens within a regulated critical area or its buffer, including, but not limited to, cutting, mowing lawns, weeding, removal of noxious and invasive species, harvesting and replanting of garden crops, pruning and planting of noninvasive ornamental vegetation or indigenous native species to maintain the general condition and extent of such areas; provided, that native growth protection areas, or other areas protected

via conservation easements or similar restrictive covenants are not covered by this exception.

F. Maintenance and/or repair of lawfully established single-family residences and appurtenant features; provided, that the activity does not further alter, impact, or encroach upon critical areas or buffers or further affect their functions. The maintenance activity shall not result in increased risk to life or property.

HOW MUST SHORELINE VEGETATION REMOVAL ACTIVITIES BE HANDLED?

At present, removal requirements on embankments and land located between a property owner's lot boundary and a lake shoreline are as follows:

- Only designated plants may be removed including Blackberry & Nightshade (non-noxious). Other plants could be included in this list in the future upon request. Other grasses, ground covers and trees should remain as a buffer to the water body.
- No power tools may be used, removal by hand only.
- Removed material must be taken away completely from the water and disposed of on land, to prevent additional Phosphorus loading.
- Vegetation removal must not leave the banks devoid of all vegetation to prevent erosion. Whatcom County Natural Resource Management stipulates that "vegetation removal will be done in a manner that minimizes disturbance and prevents adverse effects on soil stability, fish or wildlife habitat, water quality or quantity."
- The embankment must not be covered with rock or other man-made material for erosion control. If erosion protection is desired on the common-area land strip between an HOA member's property-line boundary and the waterline, it should be done with permission, using suitable native plants. (This is typical of stream or shoreline requirements for Critical Areas).

The BBV Lakes, Ponds & Drainage Committee continues to (a) review the overall issue of shoreline vegetation, (b) research current applicable requirements, and (c) assist the Board by making policy recommendations to clarify processes for H.O.A. members. Questions and comments on this topic may be addressed to the committee via email (lakes@bbvcc.com)

Neighborhood Native Landscaping Program (NNLP)

The Neighborhood Native Landscaping Program (NNLP) invites homeowners to convert existing lawns and landscaping into native plant gardens, free of charge. Native landscaping offers a beautiful, low-maintenance yard, protects water quality, and improves habitat. Participants will receive free mulch, native plants, and assistance to plan and permit their project. We are now looking to recruit groups of interested neighbors living in the Birch Bay watershed. If you are interested in participating, fill out the online interest form and share the link with your neighbors:

whatcomcounty.us/NNLP



CHESS CLUB

The BBV Chess Club will meet **Wednesday March 4 and March 18, 2:00 to 4:00** at the Clubhouse.

This is informal play, open to everyone; guys and gals, youngsters and oldsters, beginners and advanced players.

If you'd like more information, contact John Goldsbury at flatpick_guitar@yahoo.com

BYOCB (bring your own chess board).

If you don't know how to play chess but would like to learn, contact John and we can work that in.



Birch Bay Village Arts & Craft Fair

March 28th

9am - 2pm at the BBV Clubhouse

Open to All BBV Residents and their Guests

bbvcraftfair@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Birch Bay Village Service and Social Club



GOLF



BIRCH BAY VILLAGE GOLF CLUB LEAGUE PLAY

Must be a member of the Birch Bay Village Golf Club and have a GHIN for most league play unless otherwise noted.

- Mondays - **Scramble League** 3pm (check-in 2:30pm) -No GHIN required. Starts March 2, 2026.
- Tuesdays - **Money League** 10am (check-in 9:30am). Starts March 3, 2026.
- Thursdays - **Men's League** (18-holes) 10am (check-in 9:30am). Starts March 5, 2026.

Women's League will start in April, and Friday Night Fun will start in May. Please check back for changes to League start times throughout the season.

Sign up for the [BBV Golf Club](#).

Did you know that regular golf play is allowed during League play if space allows? Need help scheduling your tee time - call the Pro Shop at (360)371-2026



2026 MARCH GOLF TOURNAMENTS



Join us for the first tournament of the season!

DATE: March 28, 2026 starts at 10AM

FORMAT: 2 - Person Scramble

ENTRY FEE: \$5

Tournaments are open to all BBV residents and their guests. Greens fees applicable for non-pass holders. Contact the Pro Shop at (360) 371-2026 for more info or to sign up

**Tournament Dates, start times and format are subject to change*

SERVICE & SOCIAL CLUB

Monthly Meeting – March 9 - 12:30 PM pm

MEETING IN PERSON AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Masks may be worn if you feel more comfortable
Join Us To Serve Our Community

Chair, Heather Taylor 425 - 785-5771
Co-Chair, Caprice Pine 425-503-5770
Email: bbvsocialclub@gmail.com

Ongoing Community Projects:

Stafholt Good Samaritan Center: We provide birthday gifts for residents each month

Blaine Food Bank—Bin located at the Pro Shop and Clubhouse

Helping Hands - For BBV Residents—see article below

Welcome to New BBVCC Owners—contact info below



HELPING HANDS of Birch Bay Village

If you are sick, recovering from surgery or otherwise need a temporary helping hand, contact Leanne Keel at 360-739-5282 to arrange for equipment or a volunteer.

- Volunteers can provide meals, grocery shopping. Advance notice is needed.
- The Medical Equipment Locker offers short term loans of used manual or transfer wheelchairs, shower & tub transfer chairs, 2 & 4 wheel walkers, crutches, commodes & toilet risers, canes, a 4' ramp & more.
- Due to space limitations, donations of medical equipment will not be accepted at this time.
- Please return equipment sanitized.
- To become a Helping Hands Volunteer contact Leanne.

FIND THE RIGHT ASSISTANCE

Opportunity Council 360-734-5121 Care Coordinator
NW Regional Council 360-738-2500 Care Coordinator
Eden Health 360-734-5410 for home health, home care, and Hospice care.

For transportation needs for Dr. visits or hospital:
Whatcom Transportation 360-733-1144 Must register first
Care E Me 360-755-3239

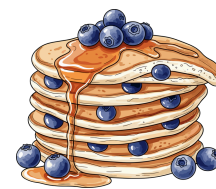
For questions or concerns call Leanne Keel
Helping Hands Coordinator 360-739-5282



The Service and Social Club would like to welcome all new residents to Birch Bay Village! Don't be alarmed if Karen Parry delivers you a welcome gift bag to your home. If you do not want a welcome gift or have any questions, feel free to call Karen at (509)993-2245 or email her at kparry05@yahoo.com

Community Breakfast

March 7, 2026 8 AM - 10 AM
in the BBV Clubhouse
\$7/PERSON—\$3/KIDS 10 AND UNDER
BRING EXACT CHANGE IF YOU CAN
ENJOY A FEAST
BISCUITS & GRAVY, HAM, PANCAKES,
SCRAMBLED EGGS, JUICE, FRUIT,
TASTY PASTRY



Masks not required—feel free to use one

Donations Always Needed for the Blaine Food Bank Our local community needs help providing food for their families!!

Please go through your pantries and cupboards for non-perishable items to donate to the Blaine Food Bank. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the bin at the Rec Center anytime. Please do not bring food that has an expiration date prior to **MARCH 2026**. Monetary donations are welcome as well. Make the check out to the

Blaine Food Bank and put it in the mail!
Thanks for your continued support!



Service and Social Club Membership

BBV Service and Social Club always welcomes new members. You can join at anytime. Membership dues are \$25 for the year. If you'd like to join, please fill out the form and include your check (made out to BBV Service and Social Club). Forms are located in the Pro Shop and then can be dropped off at the village office.

PLEASE HELP SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY!

SAVE THE DATE! Annual FREE Shred Event



THE TAYLOR TEAM

**Saturday, April 4th
2-4 pm**

**Clubhouse parking
lot**



COMPASS

Please join us for this
community service event

*No limit

*Shredding completed
while you watch

*Complimentary to BBV
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- Must have weekend availability
- Employee Benefits
- Positions start in May 2026

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APRIL 1, 2026

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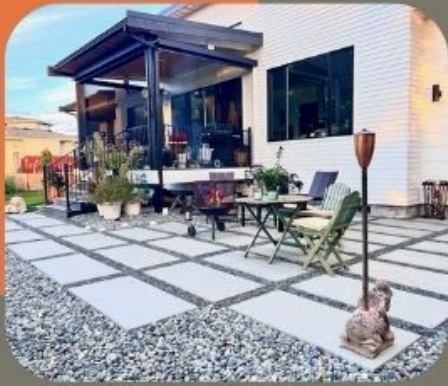
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Exercise Group 9 AM Mah Jongg 1 PM Lakes & Drainage 5 PM	3 Morning Coffee 8 AM ACC 10 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM 	4 Exercise Group 9 AM Chess Club 2 PM Kovid Kickers 5 PM	5 Morning Coffee 8 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM	6 Exercise Group 9 AM	7 BBVSSC's Community Breakfast 8 AM - 10 AM 
8 Card Group 6 PM Spring Forward!	9 Exercise Group 9 AM BBVSSC Meeting 1 PM Mah Jongg 2:30 PM Security & Safety 3 PM	10 Morning Coffee 8 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM Golf 1 PM	11 Exercise Group 9 AM Kovid Kickers 5 PM	12 Morning Coffee 8 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM Community Plan Town Hall Meeting 6 PM	13 Exercise Group 9 AM 64.90 Task Force 10AM 	14
15 Last day to submit BOD Candidate Statements 5 PM	16 Exercise Group 9 AM Mah Jongg 1 PM	17 Morning Coffee 8 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM 	18 Exercise Group 9 AM Chess Club 2 PM Kovid Kickers 5 PM 	19 Morning Coffee 8 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM Board of Directors 2 PM	20 Exercise Group 9 AM Bunco 6 PM	21 BBVSSC's Community Potluck 5:30 PM
22 Card Group 6 PM 	23 Exercise Group 9 AM Mah Jongg 1 PM	24 Morning Coffee 8 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM Marina 2 PM	25 Exercise Group 9 AM Kovid Kickers 5 PM Finance 1 PM	26 Morning Coffee 8 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM	27 Exercise Group 9 AM	28 BBVSSC's Arts & Craft Fair 9 AM - 2 PM Golf Tournament 10 AM 
29	30 Exercise Group 9 AM Mah Jongg 1 PM 	31 Morning Coffee 8 AM Tai Chi 10:30 AM				