

Semiahmoo: A Premier Residential Resort Community in the Pacific Northwest

SEMIAHMOO NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President April Hashimoto

The SRA Annual General Meeting was held on October 26, 2024 at the Blaine Senior Center, where we welcomed two new Board members, David Moon and Ciaran Brennan. Thank you to all of the candidates who stood for election and to the Election Committee who worked diligently behind the scenes to ensure that the election ran smoothly starting back in June. The staff is busy preparing the minutes and presentation materials, and the YouTube recording will be made available on the SRA website.

As this is the last Newsletter for 2024, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who served on the 2024 SRA Board with me and particularly thank outgoing board members Greg Booth and Joel Green. Greg served as the SRA Treasurer for most of his term and expertly guided the Finance Committee through the year with the result that a number of improvements to financial policies and procedures were recommended and approved by the Board. Joel joined the SRA Board in late 2023 to fill a Board vacancy created due to illness and brought his practical perspective and prior SRA experience to the Communication Committee, the ASC, and the Board.

I would also like to welcome Elisa Claassen as a full-time employee at SRA as administrative assistant. Elisa originally joined SRA in May on a temporary contract. She helps organize the Board and Committee meetings, takes minutes and works on the SRA Newsletter. We are happy to have Elisa bring her friendly and cheerful energy to the SRA team.

As we face the rain and wind and falling leaves of autumn, we are grateful to have our own street sweeper to clean the SRA streets on our own schedule. Prior to promoting Leroy Dougall to Maintenance Director, the Board was advised in 2023 that the street sweeper would not be able to run for all of 2024. Based on quotes, we budgeted \$30,000 for a half-year of outsourced street sweeping services on the assumption that our street sweeper would only be functional for half of 2024. With Leroy's expert care, the street sweeper ran through 2024, and is scheduled to keep running through 2025. Not only does this save our membership the higher cost of outsourcing (including travel to and from Semiahmoo), but owning our own street sweeper means that we do not wait in line with all the other customers of street sweeping services after every windstorm.

The Safety and Security Committee has done a lot of work to collect information on emergency response, disaster preparedness, and evacuation planning. This information was presented, and well received, at both the June Town Hall and again at the Annual General Meeting, where it was summarized. One outcome of all the research was that there are many resources and a lot of information already prepared and available from the state, county and city. The Safety and Security Committee has assembled all of this material and made it available on the SRA website for members to use to make plans in the event of an emergency. Thank you to the Safety and Security Committee, chaired by Delia Alberstein, for working on this important matter.

The SRA finances to the end of September 30, 2024 were presented at the Annual General Meeting. The revenues are on budget and expenses are under budget due to the execution of work in-house by SRA maintenance staff. There are still some maintenance projects to be done in the last quarter of the year, but the forecast is to finish the year within budget. The audited December 31, 2023 financial statements with a clean audit opinion were provided in the meeting materials as well as presented at the Annual General Meeting. They will also be made available on the SRA website.

Thank you to the SRA staff for all their hard work this year, including the weekends spent by the administration staff setting up and attending SRA events such as Town Halls, and work done by maintenance staff in 2024 that was outsourced in 2023. I look forward to working with the new SRA Board in 2025 and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTE

As we finish up the year, it's time to look at everything we accomplished and start planning for 2025. Some of the many tasks ahead include gate repairs, maintenance, and painting, and road repairs early next summer. Our amazing maintenance team works hard daily to be sure we are on top of all things in the community. If you see anything that needs attention, please call the SRA office and we will send them out to take a look.



Aaron Hasson



Administrative Staff Elisa Claassen, GM Aaron Hasson, Lori Thorne, Carroll Ballard (ASC) in front of the SRA Center office this fall.

The Annual General Meeting at the Blaine Senior Center was a success again this year, with about 40 people in attendance and 20 watching via Zoom. We again want to thank the team at the Senior Center for accommodating us.

The staff at the SRA would like to wish all homeowners a safe and happy holiday season. As a reminder, the offices are closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, and closed Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, December 25. The office will reopen on Thursday, December 26.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office at 360-371-7796 if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

MAINTENANCE CORNER

Tasks Accomplished This Fall

- Routinely swept all SRA roads during the last week of the month added extra sweeping due to the number of leaves that are falling.
- Planted winter foliage and cleaned up all gates.
- Continued painting and touch ups around the neighborhoods as needed.
- Cleaned all catch basins around the community.
- Winterized ponds, irrigation and park areas.

Upcoming Tasks

- Sweep all SRA Roads.
- Prepare for the upcoming winter months.
- Finish painting all fences and fence posts, weather permitting.
- Remove, repair and paint gates as time and weather permit.



Mike Larson and Leroy Dougall of Maintenance in front of the Maintenance shop at the SRA Center.

SRA ELECTIONS RESULTS

Elected Board Members

Following are the four individuals were elected to the Semiahmoo Residents Association Board of Directors. Each was elected to a two-year term beginning January 1, 2025.

Ciaran Brennan. Newly elected to the SRA Board of Directors, Ciaran has lived in Blaine since 2015. He has been a federal employee since 2011, where he has served as a law enforcement agent, a supervisory law enforcement intelligence agent, and as an intelligence analyst. He is currently studying to earn his JD this December.

April Hashimoto. Elected to her second term on the SRA Board of Directors, April has served as President of the SRA Board of Directors since January 2023. She previously served as President of the Turnberry Wood NHOA, and prior to that served as Treasurer and President of the St. Andrews Cottages NHOA. April is a Chartered Accountant and MBA with an extensive career in financial management with small and large companies.

David Moon. Newly elected to the SRA Board of Directors, David and his wife have lived in the Semiahmoo community since 2002. David’s career has included serving 36 years in the Canadian Army and then for a Canadian company involved in starting companies in South Africa, Australia and the United States. Currently retired, David enjoys spending time on his hobbies which include cooking, stamps, and painting.

Debbie Paquin. Debbie, who is currently serving on the SRA Board of Directors as Vice President, was just elected to her first full term on the SRA Board of Directors. Debbie has over 20 years experience serving on HOA boards, having previously served on the board of a Toronto-based HOA in addition to her time on the SRA Board. Debbie earned her MBA with a specialization in information technology and is a CPA. She has a diverse professional and volunteer background.

Resolutions and Special Assessment

The following table presents the election results for the budget ratification, the special assessment, and the six member resolutions.

	Percent “For”	Percent “Against”	Result
Resolution to Ratify the 2025 Budget	87%	13%	Passed
2025 Special Assessment Resolution to Repair “Beach Stairs”	52%	48%	Passed
Member Resolution to Rescind Amendment 43 Concerning Maintenance of Undeveloped Lots	42%	58%	Failed
Member Resolution to Create a New Sub-Category of SRA Membership	44%	56%	Failed
Member Resolution to Create a <u>Due</u> Process for the Removal of Appointees of the Board of Directors	36%	64%	Failed
Member Resolution to Require New Qualifications to Serve on the SRA Board of Directors	36%	64%	Failed
Member Resolution Regarding New Pre-Requisite Requirements to Place a Member Resolution on the Ballot	42%	58%	Failed
Member Resolution Regarding Elimination of the Need to Establish a Members-Only Web Page	79%	21%	Passed

INTO THE WILD....GIANT TREES

BY JENNIFER PLOMBON
FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

I was excited to find a Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) growing in Semiahmoo, and soon found many more in several neighborhoods and on the golf course. I was initially skeptical of a UW Forestry Professor's response to my query on how they got here; he said they must have been deliberately planted. But, since neither Giant Sequoias nor Coast Redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens* - the other GIANT tree from California) naturally germinate in Western WA from seeds, that had to be the explanation. I called local nurseries to check if they sell either of these trees as saplings for planting, and yes they do! One mystery solved, although I still wonder who these prescient Semiahmoo residents and golf course managers were to think of planting these magnificent trees 40 years ago. Thank goodness they did. The ones I've seen are doing well and are simply stunning.

Furthermore, I have just learned of a most wonderful thing from a helpful person at Cloud Mountain Farm Center in Everson (<https://www.cloudmountainfarmcenter.org/>) There is a Giant Sequoia on the Western Washington University campus that is either 80-plus or 100-plus years old (there's a mystery involved which you can read about in the second link below) which is decorated with lights for Christmas. Giant Sequoias being perfectly Christmas tree-shaped, it must be gorgeous and I plan to see it soon. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/yjdxcbm6> and <https://window.wvu.edu/mystery-giant-sequoia>

I was told that there are Coast Redwoods growing in a neighborhood off of "H" Street in Blaine, and drove there to investigate. The roads were narrow dead-ends and there was nowhere to park and explore. I can't tell you if there are Redwoods or not. But here are some places you can find Sequoias right here in Semiahmoo:

- 862X Great Horned Owl Lane - 1
- Snow Goose Lane where the golf cart path crosses the road - 3
- 878X Goshawk Road - 2
- 881X Osprey Road - 1, several visible behind the house which are on the golf course
- 882X Osprey Road - 2 really magnificent trees, several visible behind the house which are on the golf course
- Bald Eagle Drive where the golf cart path crosses the road - several trees on the golf course near the road
- 545X Night Heron Drive - 1
- Semiahmoo Drive, across the street from and approximately 1/8 mile north of the SRA office - 3
- Many on the golf course. Some are "topped" and are squat and thick instead of tall and stately



Leaves are delicate and look "perky" on tree.



You can find Redwoods at Redwood park in Surrey, BC, across the border using the truck crossing <https://www.surrey.ca/parks>



- 885X Dunlin Court—1 magnificent tree

**How to identify them? Look up!
They look like this (left) - conical and delicate.**



Photo by Elisa Claassen.
Tree at Redwood Park in Surrey, B.C. just north of the border which is another place for tree-lovers to visit.

AUTUMN COOKIES

*Submitted by Jennifer Plombon of Drayton Hillside from a favorite recipe book.
What could say autumn better than a cookie made with all the autumn ingredients: pumpkin spice, pumpkin, cranberries and pecans? Plus, of course, chocolate!*

Prep Time: 20 min. | Cook Time: 14-16 min. + 5 min. cool



Jennifer Plombon



Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/3 cups quick or old-fashioned oats
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup canned pumpkin
1 large egg
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3/4 cup chopped pecans (toast at 330° for 12 minutes first and cool thoroughly)
3/4 cup dried cranberries
1 cup chocolate chips

Preparation

PREHEAT oven to 350° F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper.

COMBINE flour, oats, baking soda, pumpkin pie spice and salt in medium bowl.

BEAT butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar in large mixer bowl until light and fluffy. Add pumpkin, egg, and vanilla extract; mix well.

ADD flour mixture; mix well. Stir in pecans, dried cranberries and chocolate chips.

USE a large cookie scoop (3 tablespoons) to drop dough onto prepared baking sheets.

BAKE for 14 to 16 minutes or until cookies are firm and lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets for 5 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

This section of the bi-monthly newsletter features favorite recipes of both local professional chefs and community members. We hope you enjoy it.

SEMIAHMOO SIGHTS



Photos of Semiahmoo ponds and golf course in September. General Manager Aaron Hasson preparing barbecue lunch for SRA staff at the end of summer. Photos by Elisa Claassen



For consideration of using some of your visual community memories in the newsletter, submit to elisa@srahoa.com or to a member of the Communications Committee. Tell us where you were when you took them.



Photos taken by Darcee Woods and Elisa Claassen at the SRA Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 26, 2024 held at the Blaine Senior Center in Blaine, Washington. More information about the AGM online at the SRA website.





Holiday photos from Winter 2023-2024 taken by Semiahmoo residents Guy Kelly and Pam Moroso. What are some of your favorite Semiahmoo holiday memories — snowstorms, decorated homes, neighborhoods gatherings?



More photos from the 2024 Annual General Meeting by Darcee Woods of the Semiahmoo Greeters. The Greeters assisted with the Town Halls and AGM. Thank you to all who came and who helped.



HOLIDAYS AT SEMIAHMOO

CHEF'S TABLE @ THE GREAT BLUE HERON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
6 - 8 PM
\$100++

Featuring Del Rio wines from
Willamette Valley, OR

Course Dinner

*Seared foie gras, peach butter, nori brioche,
lemon salt

with Del Rio Grenache Rose

*Steelhead trout, Crows Farm fennel cream,
braised radish and beets

with Del Rio Pinot Noir

*Seared Japanese Wagyu strip loin,
Thumbelina carrots, duck fat roasted
romanesco, Cabrera Farms butternut squash

with Del Rio Cabernet

*Sticky toffee pudding, Nooksack blueberry
caramel, white miso whipped cream
with specialty cocktail

*Price does not include service charge or tax
*72 hour cancellation policy applies

Reserve your spot
today on OpenTable
or call 360-371-5745

GREAT BLUE HERON GRILL

"LET US DO THE COOKING FOR YOU"

THANKSGIVING TO GO

M E N U

ROASTED TURKEY & GRAVY
YUKON MASHED POTATOES
MUSHROOM AND SAUSAGE STUFFING
CREAMED CORN
COLLARD GREENS & HAM HOCKS
DINNER ROLLS & BUTTER
CRANBERRY SAUCE
MIXED GREEN SALAD WITH
CRANBERRY VINAIGRETTE
PUMPKIN PIE WITH DARK
CHOCOLATE GANACHE

\$50 PER PERSON | LEFTOVERS INCLUDED

Call 360-371-5745 to place your order by Sunday, November 24th

Pick up available Thursday Nov. 28th between 12PM-4PM.

Please specify pick up time when ordering.

Meals will be cold, in oven-ready disposable pans. Heating instructions included.



Ladies High Tea

Thursday, December 12th
1:30pm - 3:30pm

Mark your calendars Ladies!

You are invited to our 2nd annual
Member High Tea and Silent Auction!

Don your fanciest fascinator and get ready to enjoy all
your favorite high tea traditions with a festive twist
that will make this year's event truly unforgettable. All
female members may invite one guest prior to
December 1. After December 1, additional guest may
be added subject to availability.

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 6TH BY CALLING THE
CLUB AT 360.371.7015 EXT. 4 OR 5
OR BY EMAILING MEMBERSHIP@SEMIAHMOO.COM

DON'T FORGET TO BRING CASH OR
A CHECK BOOK FOR THE SILENT AUCTION
ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO THE
BLAINE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPT.

COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS | 40
GUESTS | 45

*Pricing does not include tax & service charge.
*72 hour cancellation policy

Greatest Of All Time

Hot Sandwiches

Brisket and Cheddar - \$13

Grilled Parmesan encrusted thick cut sourdough bread with
slow roasted brisket and sharp cheddar cheese

Garlic Lover - \$13

Roasted herb pork loin, Havarti cheese, roasted red peppers,
and garlic aioli on a toasted ciabatta bun

Grilled Pastrami - \$14

Grilled pastrami, pepperoncini, Swiss cheese, and Thousand
Island dressing on a toasted sourdough hoagie

Ham and Swiss - \$12

Toasted baguette, Black Forest ham, and Swiss cheese

The Philly - \$14

Slow roasted brisket, grilled onions, green bell peppers,
garlic aioli, and American-Swiss cheese on a toasted
sourdough hoagie

Vegetarian Melt - \$12

Parmesan cheese encrusted thick cut sourdough with
sauteed red onions and green peppers, roasted red
peppers, Havarti cheese and garlic aioli

The Rubeen - \$14

Roasted corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, and
toasted marble rye bread

Turkey and Pesto - \$14

Grilled turkey, roasted red pepper, pesto, garlic aioli,
Havarti cheese on a toasted ciabatta bun



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Sides

Fire Roasted Veggies - \$3

Broccoli, red and green bell peppers, red onions,
topped with gratin parmesan cheese

Roasted Street Corn - \$3

Shaved yellow sweet corn, fire roasted hatch
green chili red and green bell peppers, red onion,
topped with cotija cheese

Tim's Cascades Chips - \$2

Desserts

Double Fudge Brownie - \$3

Extra chocolate to make the perfect fudge brownie

Chocolate Chip Cookie - \$3

Large freshly baked ooey-gooey goodness

Lemon Bar - \$3

Zesty lemon custard on top of a shortbread cookie
crust

G.O.A.T Sandwiches is open locally part-time —
Thursday, 4 to 7 p.m., Friday 4 to 8 p.m., and Saturday
8 to 11 a.m. at 4580 Legion Drive in Blaine. G.O.A.T.
provided the food at the SRA AGM. Support local.

UPCOMING EVENTS: SEMIAHMOO

THANKSGIVING AT SEMIAHMOO RESORT

GRAND BUFFET
SEMIAHMOO BALLROOM | 11AM-7PM
\$75 ADULT | \$25 KIDS UNDER 12 | KIDS UNDER 4 FREE

SALAD STATION
ALL FIXINGS FOR SALAD SEPARATE WITH DRESSINGS
PARKERHOUSE ROLLS

SEAFOOD STATION
SHRIMP | CRAB | RAY | SOUP | CEVICHE |
SMOKED SALMON FLASKED BY AN ATTENDANT AND SERVED

CARVING STATION
CONFIT TURKEY | GIBLET GRAVY | ORANGE CRANBERRY SAUCE
ROASTED GLAZED HAM

SIDE DISHES
PORK AND OYSTER STUFFING | CHICKEN APPLE SAUSAGE
STUFFING | TRADITIONAL MASHED POTATOES | BABY GREEN BEAN
CASSEROLE | SWEET POTATO GRATIN | BRISSELE SPROUT HASH

DESSERT STATION
CHEF'S ARRAY OF TRADITIONAL CLASSIC DESSERTS

COCKTAILS

MULLED WINE | 12
CHATEAU DE BEVILLAC | TRINIDAD MULLDOBB
BLANCO CORDON ROUGE | VALLÉE | VALLÉE ROUGE

Celebrate Thanksgiving with a bountiful buffet at Semiahmoo Resort! Enjoy a delicious spread of traditional holiday favorites, including roasted turkey, savory sides, decadent desserts, and more. Gather with family and friends to savor the flavors of the season in a warm and inviting atmosphere. Let us take care of the cooking while you focus on making memories. Reserve your spot today for a Thanksgiving feast you won't want to miss!

Dates

Thursday, Nov. 28—RSVP for timing seatings

Pricing

From \$25 per person

Give a Thanksgiving Basket

Once a year, the Community Assistance Program (CAP) requests funding from our community to provide Thanksgiving dinner baskets for families and individuals in need in the Blaine, Birch Bay, Custer, and Point Roberts areas. Thanksgiving baskets are available for our neighbors with financial need, including those who are disabled, unemployed or underemployed, elderly folks with limited incomes, and families that just do not have enough income to meet their needs.

What began at Annie's Place Deli for two families on Thanksgiving 24 years ago, with generous community support — largely from the Semiahmoo community — and the help of dedicated volunteers such as Mike Nelson (23 years volunteering), and Shirley Tobian, (20 years volunteering and now retired), Thanksgiving baskets has grown. In 2023, CAP provided Thanksgiving dinners to 271 families, feeding 813 adults and 400 children. This year, we expect the need will be even greater due to the current economic situation.

CAP is an all-volunteer organization and receives no government funding. Therefore, we depend on the kindness and generosity of our donors to fund this program. With the recent increase in food prices, many families will be experiencing challenging times, and the cost to buy food for the Thanksgiving Baskets will be higher, so your help is needed! If you have the means to help your neighbors in need, you can **make a check out to CAP with Thanksgiving Baskets** in the memo line, and mail it to:

CAP, 508 G Street, Blaine, WA 98230

Donations may also be made online at www.blainecap.org. On the Donation page, select "Thanksgiving Baskets" and be sure to choose the "Donate Only Once" (rather than "Monthly").

Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets

Interested in helping to provide ready-to-cook Thanksgiving dinners for families with limited financial resources in the Blaine, Birch Bay, Custer, and Pt. Roberts areas?

For Donation Options:

Visit www.blainecap.org/donate



Thank you for helping make Thanksgiving a special celebration for our neighbors in need!

Questions can be directed to Jeff Mehlert by email to Thanksgiving@blainecap.org. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



Additional November and December events are still being planned by the Semiahmoo Resort and Golf Club. Please check with Kristen Gomes, lead concierge, at the Resort or see the website for more details at "Experiences."

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

FOOD
is best
SHARED

Join the Fall
SRA PET
Food Drive for
the Blaine
Food Bank



Sponsored by the
Communications
Committee

November 2024

Drop off your non perishable pet food for cats, dogs, birds and other pets at the SRA office during business hours by Nov. 22

The Blaine Food Bank has been helping neighbors since 1972. It is open three days a week, Monday from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon, Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. It gives local residents a market-style shopping experience offering fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, protein, and bakery good. It operates with the help of volunteers and many local partners. It is located at 500 C Street in Blaine.

The SRA Communications Committee discussed an activity to benefit the local community and decided to offer a pet food drive to augment the offerings at the local food bank with things they may lack at this time of year. We request residents bring in non-perishable pet food options for all pets — dogs, cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, fish, birds, etc. We will collect the items during business hours in the SRA office, at 5787 Semiahmoo Drive. The deadline for donating is **Friday, November 22 before 4:30 p.m.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity toward our furry friends.

CITY OF BLAINE

Visit the Blaine Chamber of Commerce to read about the many events they have planned throughout the year. Link is below.

<https://www.blainechamber.com/annual-events/> Please note the chamber is going through a change of leadership and may have fewer events at this time.

Holiday Harbor Lights – Saturday, November 30. Beloved tree lighting ceremony has 30 vendors, horse-drawn carriage rides, mini-train rides, middle school and high school bands and choir performances, coffee and warm pastries, and an indoor beer garden at the Blaine Senior Center.



Blaine Holiday Harbor Lights

UPCOMING EVENTS: WHATCOM COUNTY

42nd Annual Holiday Bazaar

Bellingham Covenant Church
1530 Bakerview Rd., Bellingham
Saturday, Nov. 9 – 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fifty-plus local vendors offering a wide variety of handmade items.
No entry fee. Free parking.



Bayview Cemetery-Buried History

Buried Bellingham History: Virtual Tour Good Times Girls Bellinghistory Tours

Wednesday, Nov. 20 – 7-8 p.m.
Kolby LaBree of the Good Time Girls Bellinghistory Tours will lead you on a virtual tour featuring some of the fascinating history of Bayview Cemetery including filmed footage and historical photographs. Founded in 1887, Bayview Cemetery is the only remaining cemetery in Bellingham. Question and answer session included! Online. Your receipt will have the Zoom link and password. Cost: \$10 per device



Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer The Musical

Mount Baker Theatre, 104 N. Commercial St., Bellingham
Saturday, Dec. 7 – 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Fee.
Since its 1964 debut, Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer has charmed audiences as a cherished Christmas classic, and is now celebrating its 50th anniversary with a magical transition from screen to stage.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Holiday Festival of the Arts

Opens Sunday, through Dec. 24 – 10 a.m. – 6 pm.
Location to be announced
<https://www.alliedarts.org/holiday-festival/>
A Whatcom County holiday tradition for 45 years! The Allied Arts of Whatcom County Holiday Festival of the Arts is an indoor and online, 5 week-long festival featuring over 100 artisans from our region. Aside from vendors selling their wares, the festival boasts live music, workshops for children and artists demonstrating their craft.



Holiday Festival of the Arts

This is a portion of what is available to see and do in our community. See Lynden Chamber of Commerce, Ferndale Chamber of Commerce, Bellingham.org for additional information and community events at breweries, the waterfront, Allied Arts, Mount Baker Theatre, night clubs, Whatcom Museum, Firehouse Arts & Events, Cordata Gallery, and Fairhaven.

UPCOMING EVENTS: WHATCOM COUNTY

The Northwest Lighted Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec. 7 – 6 p.m. – Along Front Street in Lynden for approximately an hour of viewing a night-time lighted parade. Family-friendly. Dress warm. Come early to park. Be prepared to walk.

Holiday Magic! Season Concert

Mount Baker Theatre, 104 N. Commercial St., Bellingham

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.

Bellingham Symphony Orchestra features Baritone Richard Hodges in narration and Ibidunni Ojikutu, soprano. The program consists of holiday musical classics including “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year,” “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer,” and more. With an intermission the running time is 90 minutes. Tickets start at just \$15. Discounted tickets also available.



Lynden Lighted displays through the holidays.



Children’s Holiday Market in Bellingham.

Holiday Makers Market

Bellingham Cruise Terminal

355 Harris Ave., Fairhaven, Bellingham

Saturday, Nov. 30 – 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 1 - 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 21 – Dec. 22 – Sat 12 p.m.-6 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Free entry and raffle. 50-plus local makers. Stock up on gifts for all of your loved ones, from hand-crafted soaps, sustainable goods and exquisite art to delectable food items, aromatic candles, and stunning jewelry.

Children’s Holiday Market

Bloedel Donovan Community Building, 2214 Electric Ave., Bellingham

Saturday, Dec. 14 – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. . Free. Family friendly.

Get ready for a whimsical winter wonderland at the Children's Holiday Market! Join for a day of festive fun and creativity as little artisans and entrepreneurs show-case their delightful gifts and goodies.

Jingle Bell Run/Walk

Bellingham High School

2020 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham

Saturday, Dec. 14 – 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Get ready to celebrate as we mark the 40th year of Jingle Bell Run, the original festive race for charity brought to you by the Arthritis Foundation. Wear your favorite holiday gear, and let's jingle all the way toward a cure! <https://info.arthritis.org/jingbellrun/>



UPCOMING EVENTS: VANCOUVER AREA

Fleurs de Villes NOEL

Downtown Vancouver

Dec. 6-15

<https://www.fleursdevilles.com/event-page/vancouver-noel-2024>

Enchanting floral trail presented by Porsche Cars Canada with 40 unique pop-ups by top local florists, transforming the city into a blooming wonderland.



Fleurs de Villes NOEL

Winter Solstice Lantern Festival

Yaletown Roundhouse and Granville Island, Vancouver

Nov. 24 – Dec. 21

<https://www.secretlantern.org/>

Walk from the dark of winter and through the Labryrith of Light, or take a workshop to create your own lantern as part of the 30th Annual Winter Solstice Lantern Festival, presented by the Secret Lantern Society.



Soar with Santa: FlyOver Canada

Vancouver Christmas Market

Jack Poole Plaza -1055 Canada Place, Vancouver
(outdoors—rain or shine)

Nov. 13 – Dec. 24 - [https://](https://www.vancouverchristmasmarket.com/)

www.vancouverchristmasmarket.com/. Sip on mulled wine or beer and sample sweet and savory delights as you pick up unique gifts of more than 90 artisan huts. Early General admission starts at \$15.99 CDN. Season passes also available.

Soar with Santa at FlyOver Canada

Located at Canada Place, Vancouver

Nov. 21, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025

<https://www.flyovercanada.com/now-showing/>

Could that be the North Pole? This holiday season, Soar with Santa across Canada and the North Pole.

Festival of Lights

Van Dusen Botanical Gardens, Vancouver

<https://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/festival-of-lights.aspx>

Nov. 24, 2024 -Jan. 7, 2025

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