

SEMIAHMOO NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back & Welcome to the Board

Returning

- Cary Clevenger
- Delia Alberstein
- Mark Andrew

New

- Brian Berg
- Jim Simpson

Farewell Board Members & GM

Retiring

- Rod Nibbe
- Tom McDaniel

Resigned

- April Hashimoto

GM

Aaron Hasson
(October 2023—
November 2025)

**Thank you, Board
Members, for volunteering
to help your community!**



Debbie Paquin

2026 Board Positions & Interim GM

- Debbie Paquin—President & Interim GM
- Delia Alberstein—VP & Co-Chair Safety & Environmental Committee
- Jim Simpson—Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair
- Cary Clevenger—Secretary
- David Moon—ASC Liaison
- Luc Clement—Co-Chair Safety & Environmental Committee

Status of GM Search

The GM position was posted for about a month, and we received many applications. Board members are currently reviewing and evaluating the applications.

All the Best in the New Year!

GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTE

Transition Work

- My work with Aaron during his last days focused on his teaching me payroll processing, mortgage payment, check writing, related journal entries, computer setup and changeover with NW Technology
- Texting with Aaron for ad hoc queries
- It is a high priority for us to get other Board members as signers on bank accounts as we have lost/are losing 3 of our 4 signers (Aaron, April and Rod). We need 2 signatures on checks.
- After Aaron's departure, I have continued to do other needed changeover work such taking Aaron off the Guardian Security System call list as one example
- Meetings with Leroy and Admin Staff

Other Work

- Continuing payroll processing, mortgage payment, check writing and related journal entries
- Working with SRA Accountant Tom Lampe to understand other accounting work like financial statement preparation
- Prepared December Board Meeting Packet
- Checking in with Leroy during the heavy rain
- Emails, letters, phone calls to members and businesses
- Other duties as they arise

Acknowledgement(s):

- Our SRA Accountant Tom Lampe has been instrumental in keeping us on track with journal entries, bank reconciliations and financial statement preparation – a big thank you to Tom!
- The SRA Staff who have pitched in to help me learn and perform the work – a big thank you!\

Debbie Paquin, Interim SRA General Manager



MAINTENANCE CORNER



2025 SRA Maintenance Team: Joe Curtright, Director Leroy Dougall, and Mike Larson

December 2025 Maintenance Report

Inclement weather work:

- Checked that the Boundary Ridge bypass drain is clear of debris
 - Removed branches off roadways
 - Prepared sandbags
 - Checked drains and cleared as necessary at storm water retention ponds
 - Removed irrigation pipe from Boundary Ridge storm drain to prevent clogging (irrigation pipe to be reinstalled in better location in the Spring)
 - Answered City's drainage queries about GEV/golf course root intrusion & pond, and about Prestwick Village City drainage ditch (could improve if City used piping). Note that these are City responsibilities
 - Prepared vehicles for winter and snow clearing
- Cleared large fallen trees off the Drayton Hillside Recreational Easement Road
 - Replaced street signs
 - SRA Beach Stairs at Boundary Ridge
 - ♦ lower stairs are complete
 - ♦ temporary supports have been removed so that the current clearance meets 6'5" needed
 - ♦ work is ongoing to complete handrails and the very bottom steps to the beach
 - Catch basin inspection and cleaning was completed in October / November
 - Installed a storage shed per Aaron's specified location

Ongoing:

- Cleaning/clearing gate tracks and inspecting gate rollers and bearings for wear and tear
- Fixing/defogging sensors/reflectors that can keep gates from closing/opening
- Removing and maintaining gates through the winter as needed and time permits
- Street sweeping as weather permits
- Minor repairs as necessary to gate controls



Maintenance team members prepare for the winter. (Elisa Claassen)

Acknowledgements:

- Beth Trafton helped the staff do SRA Center outdoor planters and indoor decorations

Leroy Dougall
Director of Maintenance

DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- Repainted 21 gates from white to green
- Removed St .Andrew Green gate 2 after being bent by a truck. Cut out the damaged 6 feet and welded in a new section and repainted
- Removed both of Hillside 3 gates (aluminum) and welded a new wear plate on the bottom. Gates were failing and wearing out the rollers
- Removed the St .Andrew 1's entry gate and repaired the same as Hillside 3's gate
- Rebuilt the entry sign at Melrose Place and replaced the lattice fence
- Installed 150 feet of curb drain at Drayton Cove to keep water from crossing over the curb. This will keep ice from blocking the entry gate
- Added a third bunker in yard, purchased and installed a storage container
- Rented a large excavator to remove slides and open the Drayton Harbor public trail
- Purchased a second older four-wheel drive vehicle with a snowplow. This was to keep us from paying \$6,000 a year to have a private contractor to be on standby and \$190 per hour in the event he was needed
- Installed irrigation at Prestwick and lighted entry sign
- Refurbished limestone walking pathways leading around gates
- Removed pet waste from receptacle three times a week and removed garbage from can located on the spits shelter
- Swept streets every week (weather permitted)
- Hauled tons of sweeping over to Lynden for proper disposal
- Plowed snow from SRA street and parking lots. All done in house
- Replaced split rail fences located at the ends of SRA road leading to City streets
- Maintained all parks, traffic circles, and entries. This included mowing, yard waste removal, plantings flowers and shrubbery, mulch, and repairing sprinklers after being run over by trucks
- De-winterized and winterized sprinkler systems
- Emergency call backs to remove fallen trees and repair gates i.e., gate knock off track, power failures, broken chain and clutches needing adjustment
- Removed danger trees located in SRA green belts
- Rebuilt stairway located at Boundary Ridge (Contractor)
- Replaced failing curb and damage asphalt (Contractor)
- Cleaned catch basins of access material in lower sump (Contractor)
- Replaced 2004 Dodge transmission (Contractor)
- Pond weed control and fountain maintenance (Contractor)



Extensive cleanup work along the Drayton Harbor Road Trail during the Summer. (Elisa Claassen)

Leroy Dougall, Director of Maintenance

HEADING SAFETY INTO THE NEW YEAR

Fireworks Unlawful in All of West Blaine

The Semiahmoo Resort Association (SRA) is in an urban forested area. Practicing fire prevention helps our community reduce wildfire risk and protects lives and property. In the City of Blaine, it is unlawful to discharge fireworks in all areas west of Shintaffer Rd including:

- inside the Semiahmoo gates
- all of the Semiahmoo Spit & Marina
- all parks and beaches

Consequences of Violations:

- violating fireworks laws can result in fines, confiscation of fireworks, and potentially misdemeanor or even felony charges
- individuals may also be held civilly liable for property damage or injuries caused by their fireworks



**NO FIREWORKS
ALLOWED**

SRA Community Rule #22:

All fireworks and explosive devices are banned behind the gates of Semiahmoo (effective 06-12-06). Effective on July 1, 2017 all fireworks and explosive devices are banned on Semiahmoo Spit as well as in all other areas within the Semiahmoo Resort Association Community.

SRA Fireworks Fines:

- fine up to \$250 for first offense
- up to \$500 for each repeat offense

If you see anyone setting off fireworks, please:

- immediately call the Blaine Police non-emergency number 360-676-6911 or 911 as appropriate
- report the incident to the SRA office gm@srahoa.com

Let's have a Safe and Happy New Year!

CHEF KELLY RECIPE:



Chef Kelly Stanley

Seared Tuna with Leche De Tigre

Ingredients

Leche De Tigre

- ♦ *1/4 cup canned coconut milk*
- ♦ *2 TB fresh lime juice*
- ♦ *1 TB fish sauce*
- ♦ *1 TB ahi amerillo paste*
- ♦ *2 tsp fresh grated ginger*

Ahi Tuna

- ♦ *8-12 oz piece of ahi tuna loin*
- ♦ *2 TB sesame seeds or everything bagel seasoning*
- ♦ *Cooking oils for searing (high heat oil—avocado, canola, etc.)*

Optional garnishes

Fresh cilantro leaves, thinly sliced celery, thinly sliced jalapeno or serrano chilis, diced cucumber, salt and pepper

Preparation

- For the Leche De Tigre: Whisk all ingredients together until smooth and set in the fridge to chill while preparing fish.
- Lightly season tuna with salt and pepper. Pour sesame seeds onto a plate,. Then gently press tuna to coat on all sides.
- Heat a stainless steel pan over medium high heat until almost smoking. Add 1-2 tsp oil to coat pan. Add tuna. Sear about 45 seconds per side, then rest on cutting board for 2-3 minutes before thinly slicing. Dress with Leche De Tigre and desired garnishes.

Kelly Stanley is the Executive Sous Chef at the Great Blue Heron Grill (GBHG) at the Semiahmoo Golf and Country Club . Stanley is a dedicated chef originally from Oakland, California, and has called Blaine her home for the past 19 years. She has been the chef at the GBHG for the last two-and-half years., bringing her passion for local, seasonal ingredients to every dish. Trained at Bellingham Technical College, Stanley blends skill and creativity in the kitchen. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, tackling home projects with her husband and sons, and exploring new

The SRA solicits recipes from members and from area chefs for this portion of the SRA Newsletter.