

Meeting Notes

BNA Community Meeting Agenda

May 27, 2025 6:30 - 8:00 pm



- ☐ Tea Time and Chat at 6:15
- ☐ Please [sign in!](#)
- ☐ Neighborhood Announcements
 - ☐ Make sure you are signed up for our newsletter, and have paid dues for 2025! birchwoodneighborhood.org
 - ☐ The Birchwood International Market relies on volunteers. Sign up at: birchwoodinternationalmarket.com
 - Sunday July 13th and August 10th - 1-5 pm, need volunteers to work at BNA Booth.
 - ☐ We have one open board member seat. Please email birchwoodboardmember@gmail.com if you are interested. We'd love to have you join!
 - ☐ 30 day public comment period for the Whatcom County comprehensive plan DEIS is closing June 1st. Please send comments by: Email: 2025UpdateEIS@co.whatcom.wa.us OR Mail: Mark Personius, Director - Draft EIS Comments, Planning and Development Services, 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226
- ☐ 6:35-6:40 Amanda Smith, a Western student, will present a community survey.
 - Research on neighborhoods and neighborhood associations.
- ☐ 6:40 - 7:45 Speaker: Greg Hope - Emergency Preparedness Education and Outreach Coordinator - and Clare Fogelsong - Climate Adaptation Policy Manager - (both with the city of Bellingham) will facilitate a discussion on community engagement and preparedness for emergencies.
 - Clare Fogelsong encouraged the neighbors to make a plan for hot weather and air quality events. Have a plan to keep yourself safe and then think about your neighbors who may have health or mobility issues.
 - Greg Hope had an engaging group activity based around brainstorming ideas on how to make the neighborhood more resilient.
 - What ideas do you have to be more ready for the unexpected? We will post some suggestions in the newsletter.

Award prizes *if time* (must be present to win).

- ❑ Community Chat and Business of the Month (7:45 - 8:00)

What's on your mind? What would you like to know more about at future community meetings?

Upcoming Events

- Next Community Meeting will be in September (4th Tuesday, Sep 23rd). Have a wonderful summer!
- Birchwood International Market: July 13 and August 10 from 1-5pm