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2025 🕶 Newsletter

[Birchwood Neighborhood Association \(BNA\)](#)



Time Sensitive!

Membership Drive!

✓ Tuesday, October 14 is the deadline to [pay your \\$15 member dues](#) to be eligible to vote for board members at our October 28 community meeting. If dues are a barrier, you may fill out this [Birchwood Neighborhood Dues Scholarship Request](#).

Board Members Needed!

Would you like to bring your vision to the Birchwood Neighborhood? Consider becoming a board member. At our October 28th community meeting we will hold elections for open board seats. Please email birchwoodboardmember@gmail.com if you are interested in helping our neighborhood, can attend Tuesday evening meetings, can work on Google platform, are energized to serve on teams/committees, and able to serve a three-year term. Ideally, we would like to include team members with interest/experience in finance, organizational and facilitation skills, and event coordinating. Explain why you're interested and what skills you bring that would help our organization. To qualify, you must have paid current member dues by October 14, and be one of the following:

1. Resident: An individual whose primary residence is within the neighborhood, whether owned or rented.
2. Property owner: An individual who owns real property in the neighborhood.
3. Business owner: An individual who owns a licensed business operating within the neighborhood.
4. Business operator: An individual who is the on-site manager of a business operating within the neighborhood.

August



Tuesday, August 26 3:00-4:30 PM Celebrate the Opening of North Haven Tiny Home Village (Bellingham's newest community providing transitional shelter for people experiencing homelessness).

- Hear from Mayor Lund and City Council members about the Village's impact
- Meet our partners at HomesNOW! and learn about the importance of tiny homes as a shelter solution
- Take a guided tour with a resident and hear their personal experiences with homelessness and North Haven
- Enjoy refreshments and connect with other community members

Event Details

Location: North Haven Tiny House Village, 3300 Northwest Avenue, Bellingham, WA

Parking: On-site parking is limited. If possible, please carpool, bike, or take public transit — there is a bus stop less than a block away.

September



Saturday, September 20 3-6pm: Birchwood Solidarity Community BBQ and Potluck at Birchwood Park (2709 Birchwood Ave.)

🍉 Bring a dish, meet your neighbors, and join the neighborhood.

🚲 Walking, biking, or carpooling encouraged

🤝 Birchwood Solidarity is a community of neighbors committed to deepening local resilience and mutual aid



Tuesday, September 23 6:30-8pm: Community Meeting at Birchwood Elementary School.

🗣️ Our speaker will be George Mustoe, a retired geology instructor at Western and THE local authority on the Bellingham coal mines, will talk about the Birchwood coal mines; their history and geological relevance. George has stories from interviews he did with coal miners and you will be able to locate your house in relation to the underground coal mines. You won't want to miss it!

👏 Attendees may win prizes!

October



October 14 Deadline to [pay your member dues](#) to be eligible to vote for board members at our October 28 community meeting.




October 28 6:30-8pm: Community Meeting at Birchwood Elementary School.

✅ Vote for board members!. Members can vote if \$15 dues are paid by 10/14.. If you are unsure if dues have been paid, please email us.

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November

 [November 1 Listen Deeply: Community Voices Film Fest](#) Use this link to register to celebrate the transformative personal stories of local community advocates and changemakers. There is healing that happens in telling stories and healing that comes from listening. Experience the power of listening together to 16 self-authored short videos.

Stormwater Updates in Birchwood

<https://cob.org/project/lsc-water-quality-2>

<https://cob.org/project/lsc-water-quality-3>

How to Get Involved?

- Become a [sustaining member](#) and/or donate to Birchwood Neighborhood Association.
- Birchwood Bash Community Playlist, submit your favorite song [HERE](#).
- Volunteer with BNA projects: [Rainbow Bridge](#), [Birchwood Bash](#), [Birchwood International Market](#), and [Tree Give Away](#).
- Visit our [Resources](#) page to volunteer in the community.
- Join the Board or work with a committee (email birchwoodboardmember@gmail.com to express interest)
- [Save the Waterfront Foundation](#) volunteer with and/or donate to.
- Sign up for [Engage Bellingham](#)
- Stay informed: Attend [City Council](#), [County Council](#), and [Port of Bellingham](#) meetings in-person or via Zoom.

Keep our Community Safe and Healthy

- [SeeClickFix](#) Report city issues like invasive weed species, encampment litter, potholes, stormwater issues, graffiti, non-working street lights.
- Smell fumes? see smoke? This includes operations from industrial operations in our neighborhood. [Northwest Clean Air Agency](#)
- Report beach-related issues (debris, abandoned boats, invasive species, etc.) and see tide tables through [MyCoast](#) via computer or app.
- Noise from aircraft overhead? Learn more and fill out a form to submit a [Aircraft Complaint Tracking Form](#).
- This [FAA Aviation Noise Complaint and Inquiry Response](#) form serves as a central hub for the public to submit their concerns and inquiries related to aircraft noise.
- Aircraft should be more than 1000 ft. above ground. <https://www.flightradar24.com/>