

"Sun is shining. Weather is sweet. Make you wanna move your dancing feet."

~ Bob Marley

Meeting Dates

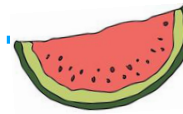
Next Board Meeting

Monday, August 4, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Via Live @ Cordata Neighborhood Park Picnic Shelter

Please mark your calendars!

Commons at Cordata Summer Party



GET READY TO PARTY!!

The Commons at Cordata will be celebrating Summer 2025 with a community gathering. The details are...

Date: August 4, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm (Directly after the Board Meeting, see above)

Place: Cordata Neighborhood Park Picnic Shelter

Cuisine Theme: Potluck

Put on your party duds and come and enjoy the festivities with family and neighbors!

It's a great way to make new friends!



SEE YA THERE!!

Fence Staining

The staining of the community fencing along June Road on either side of our entrance was completed last month by Mike's A-Team Maintenance. He came up with a reasonable bid, was recommended by our property manager, Chelsea, and was very good to work with. His painter, Brandon, replaced three boards, did a very nice job matching the existing stain, and used a backroll technique to soak the stain in better.

We would not hesitate using Mike again for other handyman chores.



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Community Support Email

For our community members who have any general questions or comments, please direct them to our general email address at

support@navigatecm.com.

All inquiries will be directed to and addressed by the appropriate Board member, or by our property manager.

Thank you.

Stormwater Inspection

The Stormwater Inspection was conducted on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, and overall, everything went very well. Kyle DelCampo is the new City of Bellingham inspector, and he's very knowledgeable and reasonable in his assessments. There were no major areas of concern, and Kyle found our system to be in very good condition.

Mike Murk from Enviro Northwest actively participated in the inspection and contributed his insights along the way. This was important, as Mike maintains our pond. Having said that, the pond is definitely in need of the upcoming dredging which will occur sometime in August or September. That scheduling will not be an issue, as Mike has our community as his only big dredging project this season.



Kyle will provide an inspection report in the next couple of weeks, which will eventually post on the community portal.



Fuchsia Loop Garden Work Party

Several neighbors on Fuchsia Loop participated in spreading five yards of mulch over the Fuchsia Loop community garden area, as well as along the entrance to The Commons at Cordata.

Participants included, Linda & Ray David, Ellen Johnston, Lisa Moss, and Median, a nice young man who assists Lisa with garden projects around her home.



After a bunch of shoveling, hauling, dumping, spreading, and weeding along the way, the project was completed with great results.



Thanks to Lisa for coordinating this effort and to those who contributed their time.

Fun Idiom

Better late than never... means that doing something late is better than not doing it at all. Fairly straightforward expression and typically used in informal contexts.

The first recorded use in English is a line from Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, which can be translated into modern English as "For better than never is late; never to succeed would be too long a period."

If you have any questions or concerns about The Commons at Cordata, please refer to the following contacts:

Chelsea St. Pierre,
Property Manager.
Navigate Community Management
Phone: 360-512-3820
chelsea@navigatecm.com

If you would like to volunteer, or if you have ideas for our community, contact our general email, or one of our board members listed below.

Navigate General Email
support@navigatecm.com

Current Board Members

President
Dave Schmitt

Vice President
Ray Pomerinke

Treasurer
Robin Nowlin

Secretary
Leslie Myers

Board General Email
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Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

Monday, August 4, 2025
at 4:00 pm
via Live

Followed by
The Commons at Cordata
Summer Potluck Party
At 5:00 pm
(See page 1 for details)

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**All are Welcome!**

### Reserve Study 2025

Jeff Samdal conducted an on-site visit on June 9, 2025. He was joined by Board President, Dave Schmitt. They walked the entire grounds and discussed many topics. Some takeaways are...

- Our recent work on the road maintenance and fixing the split rail fence will help prolong the need for major maintenance in these areas.
- Jeff recommended against the resurfacing technique for spalling repair, and suggests waiting until full replacement is needed. He didn't see any sidewalk areas needing treatment in the near term.
- Overall, our community spaces are in very good condition.

At the time of this printing, the Board had just received a draft report for review.

### Spalling Issue

Ray Pomerinke and Dave Schmitt met with several contractors regarding this issue.

The spalling situation is prevalent all over Bellingham this year. Even the "environmentally friendly" deicing treatments contain salt, and it's the main culprit in causing the damage that we see.

We are looking at eliminating deicing in our future contracts, as it has been okay, in the past, without the salt. That said, nobody thought any of our damage has caused any safety issues, i.e., tripping, or has caused any structural damage. The great majority do not recommend the resurfacing technique. Even E & E, who applied this technique to some of our affected areas in 2023, have stopped offering this service. Resurfacing is too temporary.

So, as it stands, we will hold off until full replacements become necessary.

### Blackberry Removal



There was a virtual wall of blackberries running along the split rail fence line behind the little library box and adjacent to the nearest home.

Travis from Raindance Landscaping removed a large patch in this area, including taking out root balls. Afterwards, Ray Pomerinke went to work planting some small pines and flowering red currant in that area. The adjacent homeowner, Janice, also contributed some native plants. Mike Nowlin contributed advice regarding replanting. The change is quite dramatic.

Thanks to Travis, Ray, Janice and Mike for their assistance.

## Pet Spotlight

### ZOE

Zoe is a calico who was adopted from the Humane Society as a companion to our mischievous original cat, Simon (see "two-headed kitty" pic below). She came from a feral family and was quite independent to begin with, but she soon found the value of a warm house, a food bowl, and some well-located petting.



She has always been very quick and athletic, often jumping many feet in the air in an effort to catch birds on the fly (without success). She's a spry 16 years old, and to this day, you can barely see her paws when she's chasing that elusive red laser dot.

She's a part time resident of The Commons and we try to keep her indoors, as she finds the green belt very interesting and has been known to disappear.

She's a special part of our family!

~ Submitted by Leslie & Gary Myers



If you would like your pet featured in a future newsletter, just email a photo and write-up to:

[lifeofeaz@gmail.com](mailto:lifeofeaz@gmail.com)



## Wetland Monitoring

Our surrounding wetland has been carefully monitored by members of the Board to ensure that there are no illegal incursions.

Dave Schmitt and Ray Pomerinke have walked the entire area every 2-3 weeks. They have found it to look good and free of incursions. They will be keeping a close eye on this, especially along the division trail. It's important that vigilance be maintained so as to make sure we have no homeless activity. If any of you do observe such, please contact the Board immediately and the proper steps will be taken to have them removed. It's critical that this be done as soon as possible, if it should happen.

Thanks to all in helping to keep our wetland protected and clear.

**NEWSLETTER INPUT:** If you have any ideas for the newsletter, please email them to Ellen at [lifeofeaz@gmail.com](mailto:lifeofeaz@gmail.com). Articles should mainly pertain to The Commons at Cordata community. Thank you!

**COMMONS WEBSITE:**  
[www.commonsatcordata.com](http://www.commonsatcordata.com) Check out our community's upcoming events, COA documents, forms, and much more. Please take advantage of this great source of community information. As always, many thanks to Gary Myers, the amazing guardian of our website.

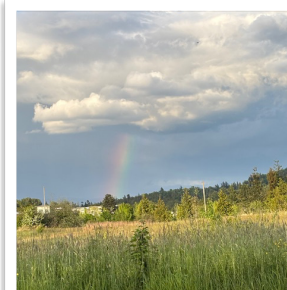


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Ashley  
Holmes



Cordata Neighborhood Association (CNA) website: [cordataneighborhood.org](http://cordataneighborhood.org)