

"Spring won't let me stay in this house any longer. I must get out and breathe the air deeply."

~ Gustav Mahler

### Meeting Dates

#### Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Via Zoom

Please mark your calendars!

### Outreach to Bellingham Police Department

It's always a good idea to consider the safety of our neighborhood and what resources are available to our community, as well as what we can do ourselves.

Lt. Claudia Murphy and Officer Miranda Seines met with our Board recently to thoroughly discuss neighborhood safety and concerns about local homeless encampments. We received several good tips:

- Best practice is to make our presence known
- If someone has encamped in the wetland, immediately call BPD
- Make it clear that you are paying attention
- Turn on outdoor lights (front and back)
- Talk with neighbors
- Look out for each other
- Talk to people that are new in the area
- Call 911 if solicitors raise suspicions, as people could be scoping out the neighborhood

We would like to extend our thanks to the Bellingham Police Department and to the officers who took the time to speak to us.

### Landscape News

The Board team walked through the neighborhood with Onorio Duran Lopez from our new landscaping company, Northwest Landscape Services (NLS), a Monarch Landscape Company. Onorio is a manager for NLS and will be supervising the crew responsible for the upkeep of our common areas.

Also, the Board identified a large blackberry patch for removal and will be putting out bid inquiries. Hopefully, this issue can be addressed in the future.



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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](mailto:support@navigatecm.com).

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

Thank you.

## Protecting Our Wetland and Drone Patrol

As we are stewards of our surrounding wetland, it seemed prudent to further address concerns that the homeless may move into this critical area, especially since the major encampment at Aldrich and Northwest was cleared.

Ray Pomerinke and Dave Schmitt recently walked the wetland and cleaned up two old, deserted encampments. They also posted 10-12 "No Trespassing" signs along June Road, Aldrich Road, and along the south tree line. They met with our south bordering neighbor, Ray Gould, and he's completely on board with our mutual efforts.



So, in the spirit of protecting the wetland, David Williams from NW Drone Pros conducted a fly-over survey of the complete area. During the survey, he did not observe any incursions into the wetland, nor did he see any non-organic materials, which is apparently rare. We are pleased to have no encampments and will continue to monitor the area.

These images will be added to the portal. This gives us an excellent baseline going forward.

## New Year Eve Luminaries



Thanks to the efforts of Mike and Robin Nowlin, The Loop was turned into a fantasy thoroughfare, greeting the New Year with glowing luminaries.



Mike and Robin then went on to host a fire pit soiree that included a cozy fire, warm your cockles libations, and of course, good conversation and friendship.



Thanks Mike and Robin for a lovely evening! So thoughtful of you both!

Bye-Bye Winter...



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](mailto: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](mailto:support@navigatecm.com)**

### **Current Board Members**

**President**  
Dave Schmitt

**Vice President**  
Ray Pomerinke

**Treasurer**  
Robin Nowlin

**Secretary**  
Leslie Myers

**At Large**  
Ashley Holmes

**Board General Email**  
**[commonscordata@gmail.com](mailto:commonscordata@gmail.com)**

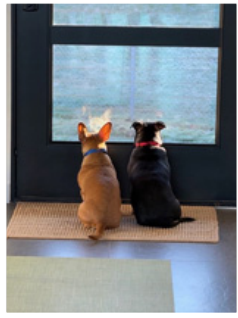
### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025**  
**at 5:00 pm**  
**via Zoom**

**All are Welcome!**

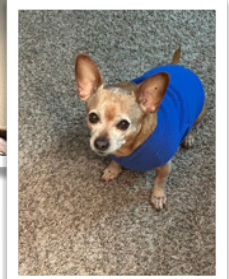
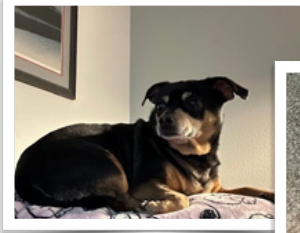




## Mookie and Rizzo

Mookie and Rizzo are approximately 11 years old and were adopted in 2015 from Dog Rescue in Gig Harbor, Washington. They were previously rescued from a large puppy mill down in California. They are Chiweenies which are a mix of Dachshund and Chihuahua breeds.

Mookie is the darker colored of the two and Rizzo is the one with the large ears. They are a bonded pair and spend much of their time snuggled up together, or in a human's lap. Mookie is the "sentry" of the house and keeps me posted on anyone she doesn't know walking in the front of our house, or over on Fuchsia Loop.



For the most part, their days are spent snoozing with an occasional burst of the zoomies up and down the front hallway. They love to rub noses with their furry next door neighbor, Hazel, and are happy to live close to many wonderful walking trails.

~ Submitted by Bea Westcott-Curl

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)



## What a Beautiful Place to Live

How lucky are we to live in such a beautiful area? Just a short walk from our community's front entrance and we are able to enjoy trails, parks, and on a clear day, Mt. Baker.



Please enjoy this lovely photo taken by our neighbor, Ashley Holmes, on one of her many walks.

**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.



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

