

What's Happening in Birchwood?

Birchwood Neighborhood Association (BNA)

January 2024 🎉 Newsletter



2024 Membership drive

In addition to contributing to neighborhood expenses, paid members have voting privileges and the ability to run for a position on the Birchwood board.

Membership dues for January 1 – December 31, 2024:

- Annual \$15-\$100 dues (sliding scale!) are paid and you are one of the following:
 - Resident
 - Property Owner
 - Business Owner
 - Business Operator/Manager

We are a 501C3, so all donations are tax deductible. Also, anyone can make *donations whether you live in Birchwood or not!*

A note from our treasurer: 2024 is here and to help with voting, bookkeeping and budget planning dues are due in January for everyone. This will help us plan our budget and have more accurate membership records. (Our bylaws require you to be a paid member to vote in elections and other needed votes). We have kept our dues at \$15 to keep it affordable. If this is still difficult please let us know privately at birchwoodboardmember@gmail.com and we will try to accommodate you. If you can afford to donate toward other families becoming members please note it on your check or when you pay at a meeting. If you are mailing your check to our treasurer: BNA c/o Jeannie Gilbert, 2717 W Maplewood Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225 please enclose a piece of paper with your name, email and address on it so she can get you into the membership list correctly.



Neighborhood Meeting
Tuesday, January 23rd
6:30 - 8:00
Birchwood Elementary
School Library
3200 Pinewood Ave

We have lots of news to share with you, our community, so we hope to see you there! There will be:

- Tea Time and Chat at 6:15**
- Neighborhood Announcements**
- Bellingham Police Deputy Chief Almer will speak about Neighborhood Safety**
- Q and A session**
- Community Chat**

Many thanks!

BIRCHWOOD



As we retire our old logo (see left), we appreciate that Viry Bugarini had designed something for BNA when we needed an update!

New logo, new signs!

Our new logo honors the diversity of our neighborhood, the rainbow bridge community art project, and our interdependence of trees. It was designed by Grant McMeekin and Renee Evans. They have provided several renditions and our new design will be highlighted in a new placemaking signage project around our neighborhood. You will soon see eleven new signs in neighborhood parks and on trails. There will be ten new neighborhood signs at street entrances to Birchwood.

Website

Many an hour went into upgrading our [BNA website](#), so if you haven't been there lately, check it out! There's a lot more information and it is much easier to navigate.

Save The Waterfront



Wondering what these blue 'Don't Shred on Bellingham' yard signs are all about? Check out the [Save the Waterfront](#) website to get updated on the proposed metal shredder on Marine Drive and to order your yard sign.

Upcoming events






Volunteer Work Party
In Honor Of
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day of Service

Saturday, Jan 13, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Unite with your community, plant trees, and restore salmon habitat near the Squalicum Creek Re-route project!

Registration required
cob.org/volunteer-MLK2024



Community Meetings

Held at Birchwood Elementary School library
6:30 - 8:00. Doors open at 6:15 for Tea Time!

- January 23
- March 26
- May 28

Feel free to come at 6:15 to have a cup of tea and chat with neighbors.



TEA TIME

Summer Celebrations:

- TBD Birchwood International Market
- August 6 National Night Out Ice Cream Social