

# Sea Links at Birch Bay

Sea Links Community Association

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[www.sea-links.org](http://www.sea-links.org)

News & Information

## STORM DRAIN ISSUES

Directors are exploring how best to manage our community's drainage system.

Weden Engineering, the civil engineering company who originally designed Sea Links' drainage system, was contacted to identify problems and develop a long-term maintenance plan. Directors Sandy Lahn, Curt Kinley and Claude Newton, met with a Weden representative on Tuesday, February 23rd, and toured the entire Sea Links drainage system, including inlets and outlets on the golf course.

Among the engineer's findings were pipe outlets and inlets full of water and covered in sediment, indicating possible blockages downstream as well as dense blackberry bushes and debris covering pipe outlets.

The goal of our Directors is to a 5 to 10 year maintenance plan which will resolve existing problems as soon as possible, to keep our drainage system working at top performance.

### \*\*\* YARD WASTE \*\*\*

#### \*\*\* Discovery of yard waste being dumped in our wetlands and on the golf course! \*\*\*

Many of these areas are part of the community drainage system! The dumping of yard waste onto these areas blocks the system and has to be cleaned out later.

Please remove yard waste from your property in approved containers.

BE SMART! DO YOUR PART!

## ENGINEERED LANDSCAPING aka RAIN GARDENS COME TO SEA LINKS

Did you notice the rain garden at the newest home in our neighborhood at 7957 West Golf Course?

Have you ever thought of a natural drainage system or "engineered landscaping" to improve your yard?

A rain garden is a shallow depression, planted with deep-rooted native plants and grasses. The garden should be positioned near a runoff source like a downspout, driveway or sump pump to capture rainwater runoff and stop the water from reaching the sewer system.

Usually it is designed to withstand the extremes of moisture and concentrations of nutrients, particularly Nitrogen and Phosphorus, found in stormwater runoff.

Check out [www.raingardennetwork.com](http://www.raingardennetwork.com) or [www.ext100.wsu.edu/raingarden](http://www.ext100.wsu.edu/raingarden) if you have internet service. Information may also be found at local gardening stores and/or garden departments of larger stores.

## DIRECTORS

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Guests are welcome to attend Board of Directors meetings, 2nd Tuesday of each month  
Peace Arch Business Center, Suite 205, 6pm

## SAVE THE DATE!

☆ Saturday, June 25, 2016 ☆

SEA LINKS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

8:30am - 3:30pm

Flyers will be hand delivered in May

### COMMUNICATION

Written communications with the Board of Directors should be mailed to:

Sea Links Community Association  
4550 Birch Bay Lynden Rd  
PMB B-1190  
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## LOST PET? ANNOUNCEMENTS?

To post a lost pet or other announcements online

Contact Sandy Lahn  
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## Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management

**BBWARM**

~ Guide for Shoreline Living ~

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Sea Links is located in the Birch Bay watershed and is covered by **BBWARM** a stormwater management district established in 2007 to reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff. Our watershed, **BBWARM**, works to decrease threats to private and public property from flooding and improve the water quality, aquatic habitat and the quality of life that a healthy watershed provides.

The **BBWARM** official handbooks are available free from **BBWARM** and contains many helpful tips which homeowners can follow to protect water quality, provide habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion and keep our watersheds healthy.

Please see [www.bbwarm.whatcomcounty.org/home](http://www.bbwarm.whatcomcounty.org/home)  
OR Call **BBWARM** Hotline 360.778.6300 to get a copy of the handbook