

Sea Links HOA meeting 1/27/2026

Maintenance report

1/22/26 Gateway Controls replaced the memory chip in the entry keypad at the front gate.

Flooding problem

11/7/25 Spoke to Holly Faulstick at Whatcom County Public Works Stormwater Division regarding the flooding caused by the L49 retention pond overflowing into Sea Links and eventually pooling in the cul-de-sac at Wedgewood Ct. and up into the driveways of homeowners there. I had been asked for help by Jole Metz, one of the homeowners. Over the next few weeks, I tried to determine whether the County could compel L49 to correct the inefficiency of their pond and correct the problem. Both Myra and County employees called the manager but got no response. Holly suggested I file a Code Enforcement Investigation request with the County Public Works dept., which I did on 12/10/2025. After the holidays, I learned that the Code Enforcement Division could not help us because the retention pond is grandfathered under old rules and is not new construction.

1/13/26 I received several videos from Joel showing the water overflowing from the L49 pond and down North Golf Course to Wedgewood Ct. These videos were also sent to Holly. Holly eventually got a call back from the L49 manager, who said the development has performed all annual inspections and dredging at their pond, suggesting that the problem has not their pond. But when Holly asked to see copies of the inspection reports, L49 refused to supply them. I learned from Holly that the county has complaints on this problem going back to 2010.

1/16/26 Stormwater Division performed an inspection of the catch basins and drainage pipes between the L49 retention pond and catch basins in the Birch Bay Resort in order to determine whether there was a blockage preventing water from the pond from flowing out to Birch Bay. They had not thought to get permission from Birch Bay Resort to access the catch basins on their property, so they did not inspect the entire pipeline. However, they did not find any blockage between L49 and BB Resort. I was able to obtain permission from BB Resort, but have not heard when the inspection will be completed.

1/19/26 Enviro NW performed an inspection and cleaning of all the catch basins and drainage pipes for Sea Links. He pulled out over 9 tons of debris, indicating they have not been cleaned for a very long time. Going forward, we will have an annual inspection done to prevent this degree of build-up.

1/22/26 I asked Mike Price for his opinion about the feasibility of using sandbags as a temporary solution to block overflow from leaving the L49 pond. Mike looked at the water flow maps he had for Sea Links and determined that the water would escape from another low spot and would still flow into the subdivision.