



# Birch Bay

Chamber of Commerce &  
Visitor Information Center

## Weekly Birch Bay Buzz

March 31st, 2021 | Week 13

### Welcome to Our Newest Member!

Welcome New Member!



## PETE'S POUTINE

Catch Pete's Poutine at the Birch Bay Visitor Information Center every Saturday & Sunday starting April 3rd.

We are thrilled to be welcoming Pete's Poutine to the Visitor Center on the Weekends throughout the Spring & Summer! Check out our [events calendar](#) regularly for current dates and times, and sure to follow them on Facebook and Instagram for all the latest!

### Meet Sacha!

Birch Bay Chamber's New Event Coordinator!



Sacha joined our team in March and we are thrilled to have him! If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting him yet, shoot him an email and welcome him to the Chamber Team!

[sacha@birchbaychamber.com](mailto:sacha@birchbaychamber.com)



### Birch Bay Berm Project Video

As Granite completes the Birch Bay Berm Project, please enjoy this video recently produced by [DLS Media](#) with an up-close walking tour with Geologist and Birch Bay resident, Mike Price.



### Did you miss our last Coffee with the Contractor Meeting?

Click the link above the watch the audio recording of our meeting last Thursday with Whatcom County Public Works on our [YouTube Channel](#).

## What's Open in Birch Bay?

#### RESTAURANTS:

[CJ's BeachHouse](#)  
[Bay Breeze's Coffee Shores](#)  
[Skai Sushi](#)  
[Birch Bay Teriyaki](#)  
[Bob's Burger & Brew](#)  
[Woods Coffee](#)  
[Beach Cat Brewing Co.](#)  
[The Beach @ Birch Bay](#)

#### ENTERTAINMENT:

[WCLS - Bookmobile @ BB Library](#)  
[Birch Bay Boards \(SUP Rentals\)](#)

#### ACCOMMODATIONS:

[Beachwood Cottages By The Beach Vacationville](#)  
[Ball Bay View RV Park](#)  
[WorldMark Birch Bay & Blaine Semiahmoo Resort & Spa](#)

#### MEDICAL:

[C.O.A.S.T Physical Therapy](#)  
[Family Care Network Birch Bay](#)

#### WORSHIP:

[North Bay Christ the King](#)  
[Birch Bay Bible Community Church](#)  
[The Bridge at Birch Bay](#)  
[Waters Edge Church](#)

#### REAL ESTATE:

[Dave Hiller eXp Realty](#)  
[Windermere Real Estate Agents:](#)  
[Gerry Allen](#)  
[Billy Brown](#)  
[Jeff Carrington](#)  
[Mike Kent](#)  
[Brian Southwick](#)  
[Lisa Sprague](#)  
[Tonya Wah!](#)  
[Bay Properties, Semiahmoo Homes](#)  
[Ruth Skeete](#)  
[Katty Dooley w/ HomeSmart](#)  
[Lori Reece ReMax Whatcom County](#)  
[Josh & Jolene Baijot Den Finder](#)

#### RECREATION & FITNESS:

[Birch Bay Village Community Club](#)

**SERVICES:**  
[Asphalt Sealcoating, Inc](#)  
[Birch Bay Water & Sewer District](#)  
[Canine Devine](#)  
[Washington Paint Specialist](#)  
[BBWARM](#)  
DG Lobdell LLC (360) 961-3855  
[Mike Ormsbee Repair](#)

**CHILDCARE:**  
[Lil' Sprouts Child Care](#)

**SHOPPING:**  
[Bow Wow & Woofs](#)  
[Home Farm](#)  
[Bay Center Market](#)  
[Pacific Building Center](#)  
[Back in Thyme Lavender & Gifts](#)  
[Semiahmoo Marina Store & Cafe](#)  
[The CShop Online Store](#)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

[The Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce is now open daily 9 am - 12 pm](#)

**\*\*If we missed you, please let us know! We are sending out these emails weekly. We love to share what our members are up to, if you have something you want to share please send it to [events@birchbaychamber.com](mailto:events@birchbaychamber.com).**

**Important Information:**

**COVID-19 Emergency Grants for Small Businesses**

Over the last year, Washington State has provided small businesses throughout the state with more than \$125 million in grants to address the economic outfall of COVID-19. This effort continues with a new round of grant opportunities being managed by the Washington State Department of Commerce.

**Working Washington Grants: Round 4**

Working Washington Round 4 offers grant relief funds to small for-profit businesses, especially those that were required to close due to public health and safety measures.

Priorities for funding are:

- Businesses required to close.
- Businesses with lost revenue as a result of closure.
- Businesses with added expenses to maintain safe operations.
- Equitable distribution of grant funds across the state and to businesses owned and operated by historically disadvantaged individuals.

**March 29**

**Application Portal Opens**

- [Eligibility](#)
- [Required Documentation](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Need help?](#)

**Round 4 of Working Washington Grants for Small Business**, offered through the Department of Commerce opened on Monday, March 29th. The state's Working Washington Round 4 Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program will provide grants to eligible businesses up to \$25,000. This program's focus is helping small for-profit businesses impacted by COVID-19 and related health and safety measures.

**Whatcom Parks Survey**

Every six years Whatcom County Parks & Recreation updates the Park, Recreation & Open Space (CPROS) plan as required by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to be considered for grant funding. Last updated in 2016, the next update will be finalized in 2022, and once approved, the plan will help drive park priorities and planning for the next six years.

**With that in mind, we want to hear from you!** Please complete our survey to help gather community input on Park, Recreation, and Open Space priorities and needs within our community. Results from the survey will be compiled in the final CPROS plan.



[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)



**Bikes for Humanity**

**Thursday, April 1 - 5 from 8 AM - 5 PM**  
*You can help change the world two wheels at a time!*

Do you have unused bikes in your garage? Starting April 1st, you are welcome to drop off your bike at the Semiahmoo G&CC Clubhouse. **Bikes for Humanity** sends your unused bike to Rwanda and donates them to Rwandan families in desperate need of transportation.

For more information, please contact [Terry Mahoney](#).

Thanks to MAB Vice President Terry Mahoney, member Ward Chapin & member Kam Kihota of KamWay Trucking for organizing this drop-off point for **Bikes for Humanity**.



**Saturday, April 24th, 2021 from 10 AM - 2 PM**

At the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center located at 7900 Birch Bay Drive  
Hosted by Whatcom County Sheriff's Office & The Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, partnering with local law enforcement, The DEA took in 985,392 pounds of medications. This event helps dispose of unwanted medications keeping them out of the hands of children, and off the streets.

The drop-off will be contactless, participants will be able to drive up and drop their medication in the box with Birch Bay Neighborhood Deputy Jones.

- Controlled, non-controlled, and over-the-counter substances **may be collected.**
- Intravenous solutions, injectables, inhalers, syringes, chemotherapy medications, vaping devices that have batteries that cannot be removed, or medical waste **WILL NOT** be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens and require special disposal.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into a disposal box. This program is anonymous and all efforts will be made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications, however, participants are recommended to remove the identifying label as they will not be removed after the fact.

All solid dosage pharmaceutical products and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The depositor should ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

**Thank you and we look forward to helping you dispose of expired and unwanted medication.**

For more information or to ask questions please contact:  
Deputy Derek Jones at [DJones@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:DJones@co.whatcom.wa.us)  
or the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce at [info@birchbaychamber.com](mailto:info@birchbaychamber.com)

**Member Information:**

**Easter Bake Sale at Home Farm**

Welcome spring and celebrate Easter at [Home Farm](#) with their first Pop-Up of the year! Mark your calendars and plan on visiting April 3rd from 10 am - 2 pm for delicious baked goods and fresh flower bouquets from [Heavenly Scones](#), [Ana Rose Sweets](#), [Sweet Indulgence](#), [In Bloom Homestead](#) & Bread in Blaine!

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THEIR WEBSITE

FOLLOW HOME FARM ON FACEBOOK



SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER

**Do you know about BBWARM?**

The Birch Bay Watershed & Aquatic Resource Management (BBWARM) District was created in response to community concerns about water quality, flooding, and loss of aquatic habitat in the Birch Bay Watershed. BBWARM's stormwater program focuses on protecting water quality and reducing stormwater impacts.

**BBWARM sends a monthly newsletter full of important and interesting information, be sure to sign up for it and stay in the know!**

**Do You Want a Super Fun Job?**

The Blaine-Birch Bay Park & Recreation District 2 is hiring an Activities Coordinator to plan, organize, coordinate, administer & promote athletic, fitness, and recreation programs for the community's youth and adults!

CLICK FOR JOB DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION



*Ask us!*

## Financial Literacy Panel

Providing answers some of those questions about topics you've always wanted to know more about but have been afraid to ask!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31ST  
5:30 - 6:30 PM  
ZOOM



BellinghamWYPs.com

BELLINGHAM CHAMBER  
WHATCOM YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



Wednesday, March 31st, 2021  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

9 AM - 4 PM - 700 appointments will be available for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine!

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE CALL](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)



### Birch Bay Road Race

April 10, 2021 from 8 AM - 1 PM

Birch Bay Road Race offers a 5k, 15k & 30k distance - something for everyone! Run along the beautiful shores of Birch Bay at the Birch Bay Road Race! You'll spot eagles & herons as you run or walk along these amazing courses!

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)