



Blaine Birch Bay Seniors Association

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We started 2025 as the Blaine Senior Center and this year began the modifications to become the Blaine Birch Bay Seniors Association. As you can imagine, we have gone through some major changes. It has been quite the ride, with Blaine Birch Bay Parks and Recreation District #2 taking over the day to day operations of the Center (extremely well) this leaves us free to promote and support senior's quality of life in so many ways. If you stepped away from the Center because of past turbulent times, we hope you will come back for a visit to see what is happening now.. We are very excited with all the new as well as old options for those of us 50 and older.

One of our challenges has been working to get our membership records current. Many records were lost during the transition. We know that not everyone chooses to have an email address and some of you have moved. If you are not receiving our newsletters via email and would like to, please let us know. If you do not have an email and would like your address to be updated, we need your current information. Lastly, if you do not want to hear from us again, we can make that happen as well! We would be sad to see you go, but understand.

On the back of this letter, you will find a BBBSA Membership Info Form. Please feel free to use it to update your information. You can return it to us or in the alternative, you can simply send us an email, snail mail or drop a note to us at the office in the Community Center. We really want to hear from you!

Thank you for taking the time to read this short note and get back to us, so that we may continue to help meet your needs. You can contact us using the above information or through the website.

Cordially,

Donna Rayburn

Vice President of the Board of Directors & Chair of the Membership Committee

Blaine Birch Bay Seniors Association Membership

(Formerly the Blaine Senior Center non-profit)



The Blaine Birch Bay Seniors Association is a nonprofit that serves Blaine, Birch Bay and surrounding areas by promoting and supporting seniors quality of life. We do this by facilitating nutritional, social, educational, recreational and advocacy needs for the

senior community at large. Blaine Birch Bay Seniors Association partners and supports senior programming with Blaine Birch Bay Parks and Recreation District 2, the City of Blaine, the Whatcom Council on Aging and other community organizations and groups that share our common goals.

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We invite you to participate in this next Big Adventure. We have a place for you and your expertise will be valued. Monthly Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Mon. @12.:30pm at the Community Center. Notifications of activities and events being held by Blaine Birch Bay Seniors Assoc. as well as volunteer opportunities to help make our senior community even better, are provided through our contact list. You can also read about our activities on the bulletin board in the clubroom (where pool table is).

Confirm your membership by completing the below information and return. If you do not have an email address, simply leave blank. **Please Print**

Name _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Mailing Address _____

By signing below, you authorize Blaine Birch Bay Seniors Association to be in possession of the above information. You may withdraw yourself from the contact list or membership at any time by notifying BBBSA. You are considered a member if you are 50+ years of age, have provided your contact info and/or were a member in June of 2025. There is no charge to belong. Membership allows you to participate in some limited access events/activities as well as vote in the annual election or serve on the Board of Directors. We welcome your involvement and enthusiasm!

Signature _____ Date _____

Received by _____ Print Name _____

Date _____ Recorded _____



Board Elections

Cast Your Vote . . .

Sept. 10-11, Thurs and Friday from 10am-4pm

Sept. 12, Saturday from 9am-1pm

Sept. 14, Monday from 8am-10am

Election and Meeting at 12:30pm pm Sept 14.

If you have email, you can vote by sending in your ballot from the email address that we have for you on file. Ballots will be sent out by Sept. 7 via email. If we only have your mailing address, you will be able to pick up a ballot at the Community Center on the above dates and cast your vote. In the alternative, you can download a copy of the ballot from our website and bring it to the Community Center on the above dates to cast your vote.

Information on the candidates running will be available no later than Aug. 31.

JOIN THE FUN—Climb “On Board”

Have you considered running for the Board—NOW is a great time to get on-board. We are excited to be exploring new and fun ideas for fundraising, as well as introducing new programming.

Please feel free to reach out to any of our current board members to discuss commitment (no we really do only need your time for 3-4 hours a month!), how you can help shape our future as well as support our mission today.

To be kept up to date and receive regular reminders of our activities, please

BE SURE to send an email to Board@bbbseniors.org

You can also visit our website and download a nomination form

Go to www.bbbseniors.org and find the Documents page. There you will be able to download a Nomination Form.

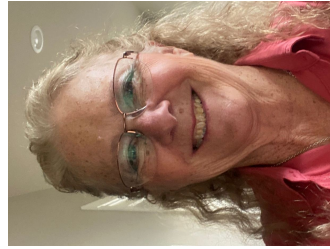
2026 Board of Directors



Kelle Rankin-Sunter
Board President



Conrad Leer



Donna Rayburn
Board Vice President
Membership Chair



Maureen Call
Term ends in Sept
Term expires in
Sept.



Debra Brown
Board Treasurer



Heino Sunter
Acting Secretary
Events/Fundraising
Chair



Sara Cutler

Retired Board Members whose terms would have ended in September
Sieneke Stevenson, Board President
Sue Cushman, Board Treasurer
Glenn Briskin, Board Secretary

Blaine Birch Bay

Seniors Association Non-Profit

Monthly Meetings

Always on the second Monday of each month (unless it is a holiday) at 12:30pm in the main room, Blaine Community Center.

August 10

September 14—Annual General

Meeting and Election

October 12

November 9

December—14

January—11, 2027

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Welcome! This our first missive to our regular "mail-list", since our name change. Just in case you haven't heard—we were Blaine Senior Center and we are now Blaine Birch Bay Seniors Association.

It has been a busy year getting ourselves restructured from a non-profit that *ran* the Senior Center by contract with the City into a more general non-profit. Our mission continues to serve in the capacity of supporting not only Senior Programming at the Community Center, but seniors at large throughout our community.

We currently have many challenges facing our "non-profit service communities". Cutbacks from the federal government that used to provide services are drastic and deep. That, in turn is affecting our local governments, who don't have the revenue stream to support the short-fall. That is resulting in an ending of services or major reductions in what is available. This process may be in our backyard before the end of the year. We have been advised by Whatcom County that the 2027-28 budget may include an 88% CUT to funds that the County provides to the Blaine Senior Center. That will result in \$80k less to operate Senior Programming. Luckily, the City has pledged that they will continue to provide their portion of funds.

What can we do to help? Volunteer! Become involved and participate in whatever level you can. There are lots of opportunities out there from helping out with an occasional event to a regularly scheduled shift.. It doesn't even have to be related to seniors!! This helps on a multitude of levels. The most important being that YOU get the good feelings that come from participating and being helpful.. We all feel better when we have a reason to "put our pants on and start our day". Secondly, volunteering helps our organizations spread their dollars over a greater field of activities. Staff can do more things when volunteers are taking up the slake. Be an enthusiastic advocate and supporter of the Center and it programs/activities. The more participation we have, the more we make a statement that THIS is an important place to us. It is valued and appreciated. When you interface with folks, be passionate about our services, lunch, facilities. Encourage folks to join and be a part of our community.

Get involved with our organization. We are looking for a few good folks who would be interested in serving on the Board of Directors, be on committees or just be advisors.. Do you like to organize parties? Problem solve? Share ideas? We have a great mission and a good group of folks who are very excited to move BBBSA into it's next chapter. Take this chance to not sit on the sidelines, but get into the game! We need team players!!

Hoping that we hear from you.

Always, in joyous appreciation for what each of you brings to our community.

Kelle A. Rankin-Sunter, Board President