



*Neighbors for
Birch Point*
Blaine, WA 98230

July 10, 2006

TO: Blaine City Council
FR: Jo Slivinski, Neighbors for Birch Point
RE: Enclosed "fast-track" petition

Honorable Members of the Blaine City Council:

Enclosed please find a "fast-track" survey/petition-in-progress addressed to the Blaine City Council, sponsored by our grassroots neighborhood organization, Neighbors for Birch Point, in conjunction with other community members and groups in Blaine/Semiahmoo, Birch Point, and Birch Bay-Pt. Whitehorn. We started this petition a little over two days ago, on July 7, 2006. To date, it represents 103 concerned residents and property owners among your constituents in the Blaine/Semiahmoo, Birch Point, and Birch Bay-Pt. Whitehorn areas.

In this petition, we, the undersigned, respectfully request that the Council declare an immediate, temporary moratorium on building permits and on the City's acceptance of submissions of applications for Planned Unit Developments (PUDs), Preliminary Plats, and Associated SEPA Reviews for multi-housing developments in east and west Blaine/Semiahmoo until the City can demonstrate that sufficient infrastructure (water, sewer capacity, access roads, fire/emergency services) exists to properly serve the existing community (including Blaine and Birch Bay, which purchases water from Blaine), in addition to the new developments.

The Blaine/Semiahmoo, Birch Point, and Birch BayPt. Whitehorn neighborhoods want the Council to realize that there is strong community support for such a moratorium, and they are calling for responsible and accountable local government.

As a preface to the survey/petition, I have included an e-mail sent out to the community that explains the rationale for this petition and an update comprising additional rationale information. Following that is a copy of the petition form itself that was sent out over e-mail, and then the "signatures."

Please note that because time was of the essence, the other community members and I spearheading this have thus far conducted this petition campaign over e-mail and via phone calls to those not on e-mail. Thus, it does not consist of written signatures, so we're on the honor system with this. However, all information needed to verify each person's support is included in the petition. We simply felt it was necessary to communicate the concerns of a large contingency of the community to the Council immediately because of the dire problems related to infrastructure in our community. I will personally attest that all of the undersigned on this petition either sent back the petition form over e-mail or gave me permission to add their name, address, etc., to this petition.

We would like to point out that, because we just started this petition in the last three days, we have not yet been able to contact a good many people in the community. However, we feel that this is a strong, initial showing of the community's concerns and are confident that it will only turn into a groundswell as we are able to get the word out to more people.

Depending on the Council's actions this evening, this petition may be ongoing. If that is the case, we will deliver the final petition results at a date yet to be determined. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions. I should note that I have submitted several "fast-track" survey/petitions to the Whatcom County Council, and they have indicated

that this is an acceptable format for gauging a community's concerns. However, please let me know if you do not think this is an acceptable format for a petition, and we will put together a written petition and get written signatures from all who have supported this petition.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jo Slivinski

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Rationale for Petition

The following is a prefatory memo explaining the rationale for the petition that I sent out to the community prior to sending the fast-track survey/petition form.

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Friday, July 07, 2006 7:29 PM

Subject: IMPORTANT: Semiahmoo/Blaine/Birch Bay issues

Dear folks,

This is a matter of such utmost urgency and importance to the future of both the Blaine/Semiahmoo and Birch Bay areas that I will momentarily be sending you a new "fast-track" survey/petition in a separate e-mail.

- **The fast-track survey/petition calls for the Blaine City Council to declare an immediate, temporary moratorium on building permits and on the City's acceptance of submissions of applications for Planned Unit Developments (PUDs), Preliminary Plats, and Associated SEPA Reviews for multi-housing developments in east and west Blaine/Semiahmoo until the City can demonstrate that sufficient infrastructure (water, sewer capacity, access roads, fire/emergency services) exists to properly serve the existing community (including Blaine and Birch Bay, which purchases water from Blaine), in addition to the new developments.**

Please fill out the survey/petition and send it back to me ASAP so I can present it at this Monday evening's Blaine City Council meeting.

Note: If you disagree with what the survey/petition calls for, please still fill it out, and write your reasons in the optional comment section provided. I will be preparing an analysis document to go with the survey/petition, so I will include a section on those in the community who disagree with the request. I'm trying to give the Council a gauge of the community's concerns.

For details on the rationale for requesting this, please refer to the e-mails I sent earlier this week (let me know if I need to re-send them to you), summarizing the comments of Nicole McCaig and Penny Senov at last week's Blaine City Council meeting. In addition, here is new information, along with a brief recap of the points in Ms. McCaig's and Ms. Senov's e-mails:

- **It's the water.** Yes, that used to be a beer-ad slogan, but now it's our #1 issue. I thank Elie Friedlob for the following information, based on her research of the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) Watershed Management Plan: While we have no direct evidence that there are problems, we have no knowledge about our water supply in the existing wells nor data on the demand in the face of all this development. The issue is not confined to Blaine: Birch Bay purchases its water from Blaine and is growing rapidly. Every summer we see posted warnings about water consumption around the Birch Bay State Park and the Birch Bay area -- which of course by itself does not indicate a problem, but we need to know going forward. More seriously, the WRIA water management plan approved in 2005 is silent on the specific numbers for this region (what is the supply, what is the current and projected demand, and how do we match the supply with the growing demand?). The City of Blaine and the community need to buy the time to find out this information.

Before they approve new multi-housing developments, it is the responsibility of Blaine City Council to prove to the public that there will be sufficient water supply for both the existing community as well as the new developments, and we need to hold Council accountable to that. I thank John Sand for alerting me to the fact that there is a recent precedent for this type of action with the City of Lynden. The following information is from <http://realestatebellingham.blogspot.com/>, dated Tuesday, January 10, 2006: "From 1999-2004 the city had a moratorium on new subdivisions due to a lack of water (the city was already overdrawing on the Nooksack River). A plan to obtain unused portions of the Nooksack River in Bellingham fell through, and they are now working with the Whatcom County Public Utility District No. 1 to come up with a solution." Bill Verwolf from the City of Lynden confirmed this information and today told me that they reached a clean water agreement with Dept. of Ecology, but they're still working on a final solution.

Furthermore, as Nicole McCaig has pointed out, there are also problems with lack of water pressure in some areas of Semiahmoo, which are bound to worsen as more burdens are placed on water requirements.

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- **Growth figures.** My thanks to Penny Senov for this information: In 2004, there were 474 residences at Semiahmoo. By the end of 2006, there will be over 875 residences, an increase of more than 85%. The new homes will come from Meritage on the Spit, Seagrass on the Spit, Carnoustie, Inverness, and Prestwick Village II. This does NOT include Horizons at Semiahmoo (and Horizons Village (Lincoln and Shintaffer) because they are under "County" jurisdiction, but those developments will add 646 residences immediately beside Semiahmoo and increase traffic, water use, water treatment, and 911 calls and services. That's a total of 1521 homes alone, not counting individual (non-multi-housing-development) new homes and new multi-housing developments already in progress in Blaine and Birch Bay, all new burdens on the existing infrastructure.
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- **Lack of adequate access roads.** With part of Drayton Harbor Road closed for repairs, Lincoln Road/Semiahmoo Parkway is the main access into Semiahmoo. Lincoln Road needs to be widened, and is particularly hazardous now with greatly increased large-truck traffic related to all the new development.
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- **Lack of sufficient 911 emergency services.** We must rely on Blaine to supply a our 911 services--fire and police protection and emergency medical (the Semiahmoo Drive fire station is unmanned, and the Birch Bay-Lynden Road fire station is still only partially manned and not full-time, as I understand it). The situation is further exacerbated by the abovementioned problems with access roads and by the fact that the train tracks between east Blaine and west

Blaine/Semiahmoo/Birch Bay are routinely blocked by stopped trains. All of this potentially affects our ability to get fire insurance on our homes.

- **Lack of adequate waster/water treatment.** My thanks to Nicole McCaig for this information: The present system is old, unreliable, and maxed out. At times, the fowl smell coming from the plant deters people from using the spit.

Those are the super-crucial reasons, folks, but that's not all.

- **New housing outpacing new people.** Furthermore, in a January 15, 2006 *Bellingham Herald* article (entire article included below), Aubrey Cohen reported that new homes and vacancies were outpacing new people. In the article, Hart Hodges, director of Western Washington University's Center for Economic and Business Research, is quoted as saying, "I keep telling people I don't see explosive population growth; I do see a heck of a lot of building." Troy Muljat, local real estate agent and developer, is quoted as saying, "With all the permits and all the things that are being planned today, I see a massive over-building that's going to occur."
- Nicole McCaig writes in response to this article, "If population growth and real estate sales are slowing down, we could be faced with more developers financially unable to complete their projects. Example of this occurred about 19 years ago on the Spit at Semiahmoo, where Beachwalker Villas building B was left unfinished for a few years and what about the developer in Blaine, near the Boardwalk, that decided to call it quits in midstream. This is bound to happen more and more, this is not good for any community."

The following statistics are from that article:

WHATCOM COUNTY	BELLINGHAM
2000	2000
Homes: 73,897	Homes: 29,474
Population: 166,826	Population: 67,171
People per home: 2.26	Per home: 2.28
2005	2005
Homes: 82,742	Homes: 32,751
Population: 180,800	Population: 73,320
People per home: 2.19	Per home: 2.24
Change	Change
Homes: +8,845	Homes: +3,277
Population: +13,974	Population: +6,149
*Per home: 1.58	*Per home: 1.88
*New residents	
<i>Source: Washington Office of Financial Management</i>	

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SURVEY/PETITION, AND FORWARD IT FAR AND WIDE AS APPROPRIATE! I'm sending it right now.

Thank you!
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Here is the *Bellingham Herald's* Website version of the text of the abovementioned article that accompanied the table above:

GROWTH

County gaining homes faster than people

AUBREY COHEN

THE BELLINGHAM HERALD

related articles

Homes, vacancy on the rise since 2000 (January 15, 2006)

Vacancy rates (courtesy of U.S. Postal Service)

Sandy and Dan Keenan, of Longboat Key, Fla., decided to buy a Fairhaven condominium as an investment last year, after noticing the Harris Square development while visiting Dan's brother.

"Fairhaven used to be not too much even four years ago," Sandy Keenan said. "It looked like it was becoming pretty popular and we just assumed and thought it would be a place people would like to live."

It has become almost conventional wisdom that Bellingham and Whatcom County have been growing fast in recent years. But that growth appears to be more in homes than people.

From 2000 to 2005 Whatcom County gained a new home for every 1.58 new people - 30 percent fewer people per home than the county total in 2000, according to the state Office of Financial Management.

"I keep telling people I don't see explosive population growth," said Hart Hodges, director of Western Washington University's Center for Economic and Business Research. "I do see a heck of a lot of building."

To some extent, brisk housing development in the past five years filled a pent-up demand, said Troy Muljat, a local real estate agent and developer, with Andre Molnar, of Harris Square. Now, Muljat worries the county is swinging in the other direction.

"With all the permits and all the things that are being planned today, I see a massive overbuilding that's going to occur."

This could help slow increases in home prices but is unlikely to cause prices to go down, Muljat and other market observers say.

Cooling prices, particularly for single-family houses, could attract more businesses and residents to the county, Hodges said. "If I'm trying to decide between Bellingham and Boise and I have good job offers in both places, then I start looking at housing and the overall cost of living."

Hodges also noted that many jobs rely on home building, while local governments have benefited from taxes on new construction.

"I keep wondering, how fast will the construction slow and what might replace it."

Local experts attribute much of the housing demand to investors attracted by low interest rates and a slumping stock market.

County records show many of Harris Square's condos are owned by a variety of business entities and people, like the Keenans, with addresses in other cities or states.

"There's probably a good 35 to 40 percent that are second homes or investor purchases," Muljat said.

Mike Kent, a Windermere Real Estate agent who works in fast-growing Birch Bay, said 20 to 25 percent of buyers have been investors in recent years.

"The investment buyer really picked up about three years ago," he said. "When the tech segment of the stock market took a dive, people looked for other ways of putting their money to work."

Kent also gets people buying second homes for occasional use or rental now and retirement later. This is a big trend with baby boomers nearing retirement, said Glenn Crellin, director of the Washington Center for Real Estate Research at Washington State University.

Low interest rates have driven developers to build more homes, in some cases finishing projects that had been abandoned for decades, Lowe said.

In Bellingham, developer David Ebenal recently turned a framework of girders that had sat along Harris Avenue since 1975 into a new residential-retail building and plans to do the same with the Waldron Block, a 12th Street building that has been unfinished for more than a century. Charly Myers built an apartment building on a State Street site abandoned in 1991.

Sandi Jones, a partner and broker at Windermere Management by Ebright Wight, has seen investors and future retirees putting more houses into the rental market.

Meanwhile, renters have taken advantage of low interest rates and new types of mortgages to buy, Jones said.

"We lost a ton of long-term renters that thought they would rent for the rest of their lives and all of a sudden they're homeowners," she said. "That's a wonderful thing, but it certainly does impact our ability to fill the vacancies that we have."

From September 2000 to September 2003, apartment vacancies in Whatcom County buildings with 20 or more units jumped from 2.8 percent to 6.3 percent, according to Dupre + Scott Apartment Advisors, in Seattle. The rate has since declined to 4.1 percent.

Apartment rents went up just over 10 percent from March 2000 to March 2005, according to Dupre + Scott. In the same period, the county's median home price shot up nearly 70 percent, according to the Center for Real Estate Research.

With so many investors, competition appears fiercer for rental houses.

Jones said she had just talked with a homeowner who got \$1,350 a month for his four-bedroom rental house two years ago, is getting \$1,200 now and expected to get \$1,100 next year.

"Right now rent is a screaming deal," she said. "You could not possibly own a property and compete with the prices in the market."

Blaine resident Dawn Ford, who has been renting out a house she owns in Birch Bay for about 19 years, said the market has gotten more competitive in recent years.

"There are a lot more rentals out there," she said. "I don't know if I'd want to buy a house at this point and try putting it on the market."

University students and families generally move in to rentals before the start of the school year, Jones said. "Anything that doesn't get rented up during that time we struggle with a little bit. This year you'll notice that there's a lot of struggling going on."

CHANGING MARKET

People have been willing to lose money on rentals because homes were rapidly gaining in value, but they will start selling as these gains slow and homes take longer to rent out, Kent said. He said several large new housing developments coming up across the county would moderate prices even more in the \$250,000 to \$375,000 range.

Housing will remain a good investment, Kent said. "People are going to have to exercise a little more patience and treat it more as an investment instead of a windfall."

The recent pace of housing development is not sustainable, Hodges said.

"You can't build more houses each year than people need for very long, so you know it's going to end," he said. "It'll end if interest rates don't go up. It'll end even faster if rates do go up."

7/10/06 Update: Additional Rationale for the Petition

I have downloaded the pertinent Blaine Comprehensive Plan documents that are available via the City's official Website (1996 Comprehensive Plan and the 2005 update documents—GMA Compliance Amendments, and ORDINANCE 06-2628), and I reviewed the appropriate sections. In the 2005 update documents (GMA Compliance Amendments and ORDINANCE 06-2628), I find absolutely no current and updated statistical information to answer the following crucial questions and address the issues that face the community today:

- What is the water supply?
- What is the current and projected demand?
- How does the City intend to match the supply with the growing demand?

With all due respect to the Council, my apologies if I missed this information, but indeed I do not believe it is there. In fact, the version of the 1996 Blaine Comprehensive Plan on the City's Website is missing all graphics and tables, so any possibly remotely relevant statistical data, though outdated, is not even available to the public—at least via the City's Website. So, in addition to the lack of data in the WRIA documents, there appears to be this key, relevant data deficit in the City of Blaine's Comprehensive Plan documents.

Furthermore, the July 9, 2006 edition of the *Bellingham Herald* contained the article below, forwarded to the community by Birch Bay Steering Committee Chair Kathy Berg. This is why this community is requesting this moratorium and demanding answers and accountability from the Blaine City Council.

Honorable members of the Council, one local resident who signed this petition perhaps put it best. In the optional comment field of the petition form she wrote, "Back to the same question: How can many new houses be O.K. when currently we are being asked to conserve our water?"

----- Original Message -----

From: ChairKathy

To: Undisclosed-Recipient: @nas.com

Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2006 12:29 PM

Subject: In Birch Bay-2 items

Sunday, July 9, 2006

ENVIRONMENT

Birch Bay told to conserve water

CALEB HEERINGA

THE BELLINGHAM HERALD

Warm weather has led to water shortages in the Birch Bay area, and officials are urging customers to conserve water.

Customers used an average of 1.8 million gallons a day last weekend - much higher than the district's record of 1.6 million gallons in a four-day period. The increased demand took 700,000 gallons from storage reservoirs, which are necessary for fires and other emergencies.

About 40 percent of water used during peak months is for outdoor chores, such as watering the lawn or washing the car, according to officials at the Birch Bay Water and Sewer District.

Officials are asking people to avoid over-watering their lawns or let them go dormant for the summer.

Note from Kathy Berg: In the Year 2000 U.S. Census, 51% of the housing in Birch Bay was seasonally occupied. Last year the Water & Sewer District noted that on a warm summer weekend or holiday weekend, water consumption could be 3 to 4 times normal daily consumption.



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Community Fast-Track Survey/Petition

To: Blaine City Council

I (we), the undersigned, respectfully request that the Blaine City Council immediately declare a temporary moratorium on building permits and on the City of Blaine's acceptance of submissions of applications for Planned Unit Developments (PUDs), Preliminary Plats, and Associated SEPA Reviews for multi-housing developments in the City of Blaine (east and west Blaine, Semiahmoo, also including, but not limited to, the proposed Seagrass Cottages II, Prestwick Village II, and Carnoustie developments and the future multi-facet development in the uplands on the corner of Semiahmoo Parkway and Semiahmoo Drive). We ask that said moratorium remain in effect until the City can demonstrate to the public that sufficient infrastructure (water, sewer capacity, access roads, 911 fire/emergency services) exists to properly serve the existing community (including Blaine and Birch Bay, which purchases water from Blaine), in addition to the new developments.

Until the City of Blaine implements and demonstrates said sufficient infrastructure, it is our belief that without said sufficient infrastructure, future multi-housing developments will threaten and endanger our safety and quality of life by lack of water and water pressure, lack of access roads, lack of fire protection and police and medical emergency services, and lack of sewer/water treatment capacity.

The SEPA (State Environment Policy Act) requires local government to consider the environmental impacts of each proposal before making decisions.

Honorable members of the Council, please note that comments from those opposed to this petition were invited, but to date, none have been received.

Petition Signatures and Comments

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Comments (optional): The clearing of Semiahmoo Pointe may cause less water to penetrate the subsurface, and accumulate in the wells, as more efficient surface drainage is completed. Please, City Council, understand the water supply before allowing more homes to the Blaine, Birch Bay and Semiahmoo areas.

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Comments (optional): I attended the last council meeting where they were to address the S. Spit issue and it was postponed. I thought the two women who presented had very good arguments, and the members of the council did not seem to appreciate what they had to say. At least, they could have given them some encouragement and told them that some of the items were going to be addressed later in the meeting. As they did not do that, many of the audience left before that information was shared. The council members expressed dissatisfaction that they had left, but I am sure they got the impression that they were not appreciated by the council.

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Comments (optional): We do not support speculative home building in Blaine or Whatcom County. This practice overwhelms the community with traffic, people, noise, and other crowding problems that can be avoided. We encourage the Blaine City Council and Whatcom County Council to adopt a policy of build-to-suit only. That slows down the building of homes to a pace that can be adapted to over the long term. It also preserves the value of existing homes and land.

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Comments (optional): It has not been sufficiently proven that the City of Blaine adequately meets the needs of existing residential taxpayers, let alone that developers are being charged with the burden of providing improved infrastructure like roads, etc., needed to meet the impact of their development. We will welcome our new neighbors, but we refuse to pay thru high taxes and poor service for what a responsible community agency should collect in permit fees and conditions of approval.

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The proposed Carnoustie development at Semiahmoo should not be approved by the City of Blaine for a number of reasons:

1. The roads leading through the Carnoustie development fail to give adequate consideration to the large changes of elevation in Carnoustie and the scattered groves of large significant trees. Semiahmoo's highest ridge line runs through and parallel to the longest axis of Carnoustie. The proposed building sites are on both sides of that ridge. Drayton Harbor, Drayton Hillside homes, and the Drayton Harbor Road are on one side of the ridge; lots and existing single-family homes along Canvasback Road are on the other side. Conceptual plans for Carnoustie should be unacceptable unless topographical, privacy, and woodland features are detailed and given adequate consideration.
2. There is no buffer of vegetation between the proposed lots and the existing adjacent lots and homes on Canvasback road. Other lots in the Semiahmoo highlands have adequate "backyard" buffers in the form of golf course fairways, parks, ponds or wooded areas. Without such buffers, the lots and homes on Canvasback will be back-to-back and consequently devalued because they will have less privacy than other homes in Semiahmoo.
3. Inadequate consideration has been given to the views of Drayton Harbor and White Rock from lots other than those planned multi-family units nearest the Drayton Harbor Road. The proposal has those multi-family units arranged in a line parallel to and above the Drayton Harbor Road. With inadequate spacing and without staggering of individual buildings this will too closely resemble an apartment complex or row-housing that would be inappropriate for Semiahmoo or any other well-developed community. Also, but of equal importance, the inadequate space between those units does not provide adequate view-corridors between buildings or allow for large trees to soften the appearance of the buildings. The appearance of the multi-family buildings from the road below, the harbor, the sandspit, the City of Blaine, and those Carnoustie homes located above the multi-family units will be unsatisfactory.
4. The water pressure along bordering Canvasback Road is already low, probably as a result of its higher location. Since Carnoustie will be largely at a higher elevation and will add to the total water consumption rate, its water pressure will be even lower than along Canvasback Road.
5. The additional traffic along Wood Duck Road, an existing residential street, will be greatly increased. Until the Drayton Harbor Road is reopened, most traffic to and from Carnoustie will be added to the Wood Duck and Snow Goose roads. No new developments should be allowed within Semiahmoo until the roads leading to Semiahmoo are improved and reopened.
6. Existing big significant trees in Carnoustie should be precisely located on topographical survey charts before lot lines and roads are plotted.
7. Plans for Carnoustie should give due consideration to the excellent architectural, landscaping, and construction standards that have evolved in Semiahmoo's 20+ year history. Although conceptual plans developed 25 years ago probably anticipated mostly second home or weekend vacation cottages and homes, the actual development has been mainly of larger luxury primary homes. From Carnoustie, the excellent world-class views of Canadian mountains, Drayton Harbor, the Marinas, the sandspit, and the sound, make the development deserving of better conceptualization that meets the existing high standards of Semiahmoo.

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