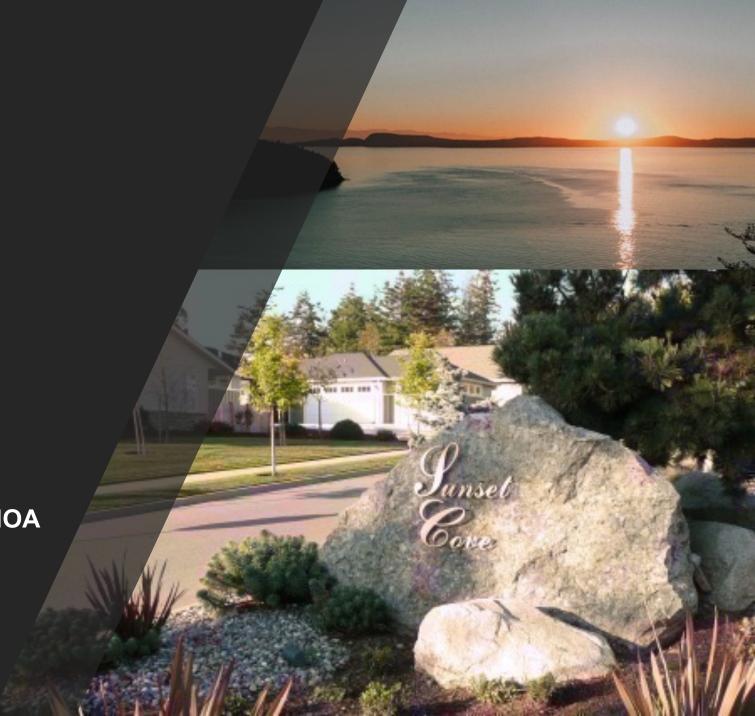
# Sunset Cove Homeowners Association

**April 2024 SCHOA "2nd Quarter Newsletter"** 

Official Publication of the Sunset Cove HOA



## **Presidents Note**

Hi all, hang in there, the winter weather is coming to an end and relief is in sight. Let's focus on outdoor activities such as yard cleanup and gardening, and then the fun stuff like golf, pickleball, boating, hiking and biking. Our community continues to thrive welcoming new neighbors and families to the Sunset Cove neighborhood while saying goodbye to others. Local businesses for the most part are back on track and seem to be thriving in-spite of continued inflation and an economy that is somewhat uncertain when it comes to interest rates, home sales, gas and prices. As things continue to progress the SCHOA Board will keep you abreast of any changes to our operating structure along with the opportunities we see impacting Sunset Cove. Some of the opportunities we see this year are projects that will increase property values and visibly enhance our communities' aesthetics. Stay tuned for more information as our Board researches the projects that were discussed at our annual Meeting in January along with others that were planned in advance.

As a group the SCHOA Board has re-aligned its communication medium(s) and feels good with the go forward plan utilizing a Zoom platform for Annual Meetings and bi-monthly Board Meetings. We will continue to use such mediums as cell phones, conference calls, emails and one-on-one contact in smaller groups where and when necessary. We have adapted well and are pleased that SCHOA business has been conducted efficiently. The Board has and will continue to function at 100% to serve the needs of all SCHOA residents.

### **Doug Berard**

**President, Sunset Cove Development Homeowners Association** 

(Email us at board@sunsetcove.org)

# About the SCHOA

### **Sunset Cove Homeowners Association**





Located in Anacortes, WA, at the western edge of Fidalgo Island, Sunset Cove is uniquely situated with views of the San Juan Islands, Rosario Strait and Burrows Bay. Sunset Cove residents enjoy the privilege of adjoining beautiful Washington Park with miles of beaches, trails and picnic and camping sites.

The entire Sunset Cove community consists of Washington Park Estates (homes along Washington Blvd), Sunset Cove Estates (homes along Washington Court) and The Crest at Sunset Cove Condominiums, The Gardens at Sunset Cove Condominiums and Doe Run at Sunset Cove detached Condominiums all along Sundown Court.

The Sunset Cove Homeowners Association (SCHOA) represents all of the aforementioned areas held within the Sunset Cove community. The Crest, The Gardens and Doe Run each have their own HOA's. The SCHOA in totality represents the entire development taking care of the common areas as well as common issues.

Welcome to all our neighbors, new, established and those who are entertaining a move to Sunset Cove!

**SCHOA Board** 

# Where We're Located

### **Westend Anacortes**





# Sunset Cove Neighborhood



## 2024 SCHOA Board

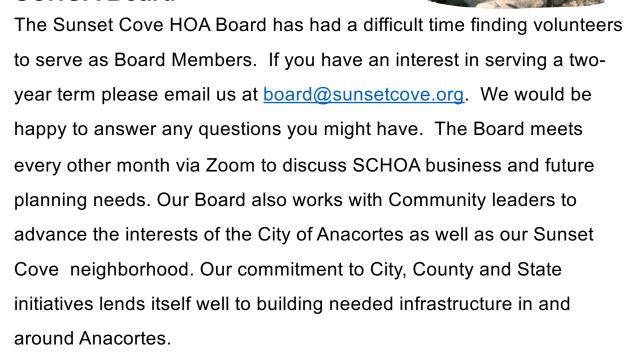
### **2024 Board of Directors by Position:**

- President-Doug Berard, The Gardens resident
  - ☐ Term ends 1/21/25
- Vice President-Kathy Edmonds, WA Park resident
  - ☐ Term ends 1/21/25
- Secretary-Lori Campbell, WA Court resident
  - ☐ Term ends 1/21/25
- > Treasurer-Dawn Bachmann, Doe Run resident
  - ☐ Term ends 1/21/25
- > ARC Committee Chair-Annie Hayes, WA Park resident
  - ☐ Term ends 1/21/25
- Landscape Committee Chair-Claire Colson, WA Park resident
  - ☐ Term ends 1/21/25
- Social /Publicity Committee-Team sport, all Board Members

**Note:** Our new 2024 Board was announced at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024



### **SCHOA Board**



Our 2024 Board looks forward to serving the residents of Sunset Cove. As with past Boards, we anticipate and look forward to working with our community and our City to keep our neighborhood moving forward, addressing issues and opportunities as they arise.



# 2024 SCHOA Board Meeting Dates

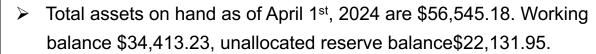
### **2024 SCHOA Board Meeting Dates**

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Time
Annual Meeting	Tuesday	1/23/2024	7pm PST
Board Meeting	Saturday	2/17/2024	9am PST
Board Meeting	Saturday	4/20/2024	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	6/22/2024	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	8/24/2024	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	10/12/2024	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	11/9/2024	9am PST
Annual Meeting	Tuesday	1/21/2025	7pm PST

**NOTE:** Bi/monthly meeting dates and times are finalized 2 months in advance and posted on the SCHOA website



### **Treasurer Update**



- 2024 projects were discussed at the February 2024 Board meeting. Project updates will be part of the quarterly newsletter. The updates will include the research done, Board vote and the anticipated start date if approved
- We have larger landscape projects completed, pending or under review this year which include the WA Court circle refresh, WA Blvd street tree test and our buffer zone assessment for trees at risk from disease and target risk trees
- ➤ As of March 12th, 2024 all SCHOA annual dues have been received for a total of \$34,400. Thanks to everyone for your prompt response(s)
- SCHOA resident directories will be updated soon and will be available on the SCHOA website

**Dawn Bachmann SCHOA Treasurer** 

### **Architectural Review Committee Update**

- About the ARC Committee-Your ARC committee is comprised of neighborhood volunteers responsible for reviewing and approving plans for new home construction and plans for most exterior changes or additions to the homes in the community. The ARC's primary purpose is to ensure that changes or additions are consistent with the community's overall design and aesthetics
- Sunset Cove Construction Update
  - Lot #SCE 6 under construction
  - Lot #SCE 17 Construction not started
- ➤ For more information regarding the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and its function can be found in the CC&Rs section III through VI.
  - Section III- Architectural Review Committee overview
  - Section IV-Approval Requirements
  - Section V-Building Restrictions
  - Section VI-Land Use Restrictions



### **Publicity Committee Update**

- Our quarterly newsletter will continue as usual leveraging information from the SCHOA, Skagit County, San Juan Islands, and the City of Anacortes
  - 2024 anticipated publication dates
    - ✓ First Quarter-January 2024-"Posted on the SCHOA website"
    - ✓ Second Quarter-April 2024-"Posted on the SCHOA website"
    - ✓ Third Quarter-July 2024
    - ✓ Fourth Quarter-October 2024
- Gatherings at the Sundown Court Circle-It's been great to see residents using the circle for social gatherings this past summer.
   We hope to see that continue during the spring and summer months as weather permits. The circle is for the use of all members of the Sunset Cove HOA
- Summer picnic-The Board is looking for volunteers to help schedule and organize an SCHOA picnic. It would typically follow the Labor Day weekend but dates and timing are open at this point. If you have an interest in assisting please reach out to the Board at

board@sunsetcove.org

**SCHOA Board** 



### Publicity Committee Update cont'd

### Welcome to the Neighborhood, 2024 Addition

On behalf of the Sunset Cove HOA Board of Directors and the other homeowners of Sunset Cove we welcome you to our Community. Over the coming months we look forward to meeting you and your family whether it be walking down the street, a hike at Washington Park or at one of the great local establishments downtown. Our community website https://sunsetcove.org is a repository of information regarding Sunset Cove and the surrounding area. Upcoming activities and events, announcements, Board Meeting Minutes, directory of owners, CC@R's, by-laws and newsletters can all be found there. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with this resource and get to know your community. The website provides ready answers to most of the questions new homeowners have.

In addition to our HOA's website there are many other resources available to residents of Sunset Cove:

Anacortes Chamber of Commerce - <a href="https://anacortes.org/chamber">https://anacortes.org/chamber</a>
Anacortes City Offices - <a href="https://www.anacorteswa.gov">https://www.anacorteswa.gov</a>
Anacortes Schools - <a href="https://www.asd103.org">https://www.asd103.org</a>

### **Nominations Committee**

As our community ages the need arises to form a sanctioned committee to assist the SCHOA Board in the search for qualified Board Members to serve a 2-year term. In the recent past fewer owner/members have stepped up and volunteered their time and effort; simply put, the Board can't function without volunteers from the community. Alternatives to a functioning member driven Board:

- Structure the Board with fewer positions
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party management company
- Dissolution of the Board as we know it

None of the alternatives solve the need for a hands on, engaged member driven group that truly understands the needs of our community.

I'm please to announce the formation of our HOA's formal Nominations Committee that will come together in 2024. The members include, Committee Chair Doug Berard, members at large Paul Allen, Kim Graf and Amy Schnabel. Please join me in welcoming Paul, Kim and Amy to the committee. The newly formed committee will be looking for volunteers to serve 2-year terms starting in January of 2025.



### **Landscape Committee Update**

- ➤ The Board has decided to continue using Pro-Scapes as our communal landscape management company. The contract started March 1st
- ➤ As discussed at our Annual meeting the Board will be undertaking several projects for the 2024 time frame. Below are a number of the projects that the Board is currently working on and the progress to date
  - WA Court circle refresh phase 2-Clean up and removal of dead and or marginal plantings
    - ✓ Project to commence in March of 2024
  - Buffer zone at risk tree assessment
    - ✓ Have contracted with Bartlett Consulting to perform the assessment. Assessment took place on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024
    - ✓ Awaiting results
  - WA BLVD street tree testing
    - ✓ Have contracted with Urban Forestry Services to perform the test in selected parking strips on WA BLVD
    - √ Samples taken March 7<sup>th</sup> 2024
    - ✓ Awaiting results

### **Landscape Committee Update**

- WA BLVD street tree testing cont'd
  - ✓ Next steps
    - Review and select tree varieties
    - Plant trees in test parking strips
- To help research, facilitate and coordinate projects the Board is always looking for volunteers to serve on our standing committees. If you have an interest in volunteering your time, please email us at <a href="mailto:board@sunsetcove.org">board@sunsetcove.org</a>.
- ➤ As the weather warms up and your landscape becomes a priority, should you need a landscape maintenance company please reach out to the Board for recommendations. Below are some options:

#### **Sunset Cove Landscape Maintenance Companies**

Company	Contact	Contact # (360) 202-5943	
Dust to Beauty	Javier Chavez		
Pro-Scapes	Office Contact-Diana	(360) 724-3220	
Pro-Scapes	Field Contact-Jon Lothrup	(360) 202-8936	
Choice Landscape	Office	(360) 419-5785	
Lawn Boy	Jennifer Aase	(360) 922-4254	
Signature Tree Service	Rich Holman	(360) 941-8105	
Olsen Tree Service	Office	(360) 941-3189	
Urban Foresty Services	Jim Barborinas	(360) 770-9921	

### **Claire Colson**

**Landscape Committee Chair** 



### **DNR Update-Sunset Cove Project**

A big shout out for your SCHOA Treasurer Dawn Bachmann for the work she has done with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) cleaning up Tract C of the perimeter buffer zone. The project started as a fact finding mission with the Conservation District of Skagit and Whatcom counties to assess fire risk in buffer zone Tracts C and D. Since Sunset Cove property backs up to the Western Washington University Shannon Point Marine Center property line Dawn spent a great deal of time working with the DNR, WWU and the Conservation District of Skagit and Whatcom counties to coordinate the project. The end result of the project was cleaning up brush and noxious weeds along with thinning trees in buffer zone C behind Doe Run property and into the Sunset Cove buffer zone.

Dawn has also talked to the DNR about working on Tract D of the SCHOA buffer zone which is along the north side of Doe Run, The Gardens and The Crest working the same type of cleanup project. We anticipate this project will start sometime later in 2024 or early 2025. The DNR works on projects like these on a gratis basis, the only cost that was incurred was for woodchipper rental.

Dawn, thanks for all that you do for our Sunset Cove neighborhood!

February 23, 2024

Hilary Franz Commissioner of Public Lands State of Washington

Dear Ms. Franz:

I am writing you to showcase the work completed by the DNR and on behalf of Doe Run HOA and Sunset Cove HOA to thank



the DNR for the well-executed forest remediation project on February 12-14, 2024 in Anacortes, WA. Doe Run HOA is comprised of nine homes built in 2018 and 2019. The HOA property is surrounded by forest with some homes in such close proximity to the trees that we could reach out from our patios and touch the forest. Smaller trees and undergrowth were dying due to lack of sunlight which posed an ongoing fire risk. As a young HOA we did not have funds to tackle this forest perimeter problem. Then we discovered programs offered by the DNR!

In late August 2023, I reached out to Gene Phillips, District Manager of Forest Resiliency and he responded immediately even though the whole DNR team were fighting forest fires. Ian McLelland and Dylan VanPelt met with us for an initial meeting in November 2023 and a pre project planning and tree tagging meeting in February. The work crew was exceptional. They were efficient, hard-working, well trained, experts in their field, and very professional. They had a great sense of humor. I panicked the afternoon prior to the scheduled pickup of the chipper after being informed the chipper we planned to use was broken. The crew brainstormed and asked how many beavers we could get into our HOA President's truck. They were so calm! All of us thought this was such a funny solution. We scrambled and found a replacement chipper, and now have this story to tell for years to come. Ian McLelland helped us to qualify for your program and managed the project objectives. The work crew included:

Dylan VanPelt, Vince McGough, James Martinez, Eric Burns, Ty Cresap, Brandon Jenkins, Ashley Sytsma and Nino Chavez

We have completed phase one which was tree removal and thinning, and are scheduling phase two which will lop and scatter brush and undergrowth just beyond the forest perimeter. Thank you so much for the program the DNR offers to our community and for your outstanding team!

Regards,

Dawn R. Bachmann
Doe Run HOA Treasurer and Secretary
Sunset Cove HOA Treasurer

2411 Sundown Court Anacortes, WA 98221

dawnbachmann@gmail.com 360-919-3467

Cc: Gene Phillips, District Manager of Forest Resiliency, Northwest Region, WA DNR

# Neighborhood Updates

- ➢ General-As spring begins, and daylight savings time starts our daylight hours increase well into the evening giving us more time outside. With more time for outdoor activities let's be mindful of the speed limit in our community which is 25 MPH. We've also got kids and adults playing in the streets which supports driving at the speed limit or below.
- ➤ Habitat for deer-We all enjoy seeing deer in the immediate area. That said, let's not make it a practice to feed them. Rats, mice, etc. also like what deer eat; lets avoid an infestation of rodents.
- Pickleball Courts-For those of you that enjoy the game of pickleball there are 10 covered courts located at the Blackburn Pavilion in Mount Vernon, 2405 E College Way. Free and open to the public on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. You can also join the Skagit Valley Pickleball Club which gives you access to tournament play and other pickleball related events. For local play in Anacortes there are 4 courts located at Clearridge Park, 4436 Blakely Dr, Anacortes 98221.



- Friday is trash pick up day for our neighborhood. Let's respect the appearance of Sunset Cove and bag all trash for pickup. Let's also be mindful of returning trash cans to an area on your property not visible to the public. For large trash and debris removal you can also use the following facility:

  Skagit County Recycling and Transfer Station
  - 14104 Ovenell Rd Mount Vernon, WA 98273 (360) 416-1570
- Pets-For those of us that walk pets in the neighborhood it is our responsibility to clean up after them. Let's all pitch in!
- SCHOA resident directory updates

Please contact Dawn Bachmann, Treasurer, to make changes to the information found in the Sunset Cove HOA directory; email address(s) and phone #'s. We want to ensure that all SCHOA communication(s) is received in a timely manner. (Email us at board@sunsetcove.org)

# **Spring Best Practices**

### **Spring Maintenance Checklist**

- Inspect and clean gutters
- Wash windows and screens and screen doors
- Power wash driveways and sidewalks
- Inspect HVAC system and perform annual maintenance
- Inspect decks/railings and clean and or refinish as needed
- Clean and stage outdoor furniture
- Treat exterior of foundation with pesticide to prevent infestation(s)
- Tune up power equipment: Change oil, spark plugs, sharpen blades and chains etc
- Remove old gas from power equipment unless previously stabilized
- Check garden hose connections, insert new washers if needed
- Remove dead plants from your landscape
- Prune trees, shrubs & grasses as needed
- Fertilize lawn with spring rated fertilizer
- Add mulch to garden beds and other landscaped areas
- Clean grill(s) and check propane connection
- Fill or replace propane tank(s)



### **Spring/Summer Garden Tool Necessities**

- Round point shovel
- Bow and leaf rakes
- Garden hoe
- Spade
- String trimmer
- Lawn mower or equivalent
- Leaf blower
- Gas can(s)
- Pruning and lopping shears
- Soil knife
- Garden trowel, handheld rake
- Garden gloves
- Handheld weeder
- Knee pads
- Garden hose and hose reel
- Wheelbarrow
- Protective eyewear
- Trash and debris bags

# Washington State Master Gardeners





### What is a Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners are community educators trained to work in partnership with WSU Extension to teach the public and enhance the quality of life in the community by promoting sound gardening practices with research-based information. From big box retailers to smaller IGC garden center formats, Masters Gardeners contribute their time and knowledge with in-house educators to meet, teach and train shoppers of all ages. Having Master Gardeners available in a retail setting is a golden opportunity to learn the latest trends in gardening.

Skagit County WSU Extension Master Gardeners
Program Contact: Alex duPont, Master Gardener Program Coordinator
360-395-2367 • alex.dupont@wsu.edu

# Want to Become a Master Gardener? Sign up for WSU Skagit County Master Gardener Training

#### **The Certification Process**

The application deadline in Skagit County is October 31 for training which begins in January. Applicants are interviewed during November. The cost of the Master Gardener education is \$400. A refund of \$100 is returned to the Master Gardener once the required volunteer time is completed by the end of their intern year.

The Skagit County Master Gardener program starts with a 12-week course combining classroom and online computer based education. The weekly classes are held on Mondays at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, beginning mid-January. The curriculum includes lectures in botany, horticulture, soil science, sustainable garden management, integrated pest management, plant health, pesticide safety, entomology, pest management, plant pathology, plant disease diagnosis and control, weed identification, tree fruit and small fruit production.

After completing the academic syllabus, Master Gardener Interns must complete 60 hours of supervised learning to become fully certified. This hands-on training is completed at plant diagnostic clinics, the Discovery Garden, and other community outreach and education events such as rain garden education, community school gardens, farmers markets, and the Skagit County Fair.

After qualification, MGs must complete 25 hours of public service annually, including 4 hours of educational outreach to the public and 10 hours of MG continuing education to maintain their certification. Volunteers often give back much more!

# Washington State Master Gardeners

Spring is coming-let's get out and garden!

Skagit County Master Gardeners are ready solve your gardening problems. All of our programs are free to the public!

#### 2024 Event Highlights

#### Know & Grow: Pruning Shrubs & Trees - Free

February 27 - 1 PM NWREC Sakuma Auditorium (16650 State Route 536; Mount Vernon)

When, where and how to prune for a more beautiful garden. Sharpen your shears and get out that dead wood. What else might need doing? or not? Timing is an important aspect of pruning. Presented by Bob Baines

#### Know & Grow: Support Your Plants (Wire Cage Building) - Free

March 19 - 1 PM NWREC Sakuma Auditorium (16650 State Route 536; Mount Vernon)

Presented by Sandra Swarbrick

#### Master Gardeners at SICBA Home & Garden Show

March 22 - 24 at the Skagit County Fairgrounds

Visit our booth, see our displays, and talk with master gardeners about how to make your garden more beautiful and productive. Learn about free events and programs for home gardeners in Skagit County.

#### Food Innovation - Food Waste Prevention - Free

April 6 - 9 AM to 12PM at the Port of Skagit

Celebrate Food Waste Prevention Week. Check out the worm composting bin, attend food waste prevention classes. Talk to the Skagit Gleaners. The WSU Breadlab sale starts at 10 AM. Event held at the Extension Office on 11768 Westar Lane, Burlington.

#### Know & Grow: Growing Roses in Skagit County - Free

April 16 - 1 PM NWREC Sakuma Auditorium (16650 State Route 536; Mount Vernon) Presented by Virgene Link-New

#### Skagit County Master Gardener Plant Fair -

Free Admission

May 11 - 8 AM to 2 PM at the Skagit County Fairgrounds

Don't miss the annual Plant Fair on the Saturday before Mother's Day. You will find 1,000's of perennials and vegetable starts, and more than 3,000 tomatoes. There will be many vendors selling interesting plants and products too. Master Gardeners will be presenting short gardening demonstrations and hosting a Plant Clinic.

#### Know & Grow: Gardening for Pollinators - Free

May 21 - 1 PM NWREC Sakuma Auditorium (16650 State Route 536; Mount Vernon) Presented by Virgene Link-New

#### Know & Grow: TBD - Free

June 18 - 1 PM NWREC Sakuma Auditorium (16650 State Route 536; Mount Vernon)

#### Discover the Display Gardens Open House - Free

June 29 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Discovery Garden in Mount Vernon

Three Gardens - One Location! Explore 8 acres of gardens and talk to the volunteers who maintain them. Master Gardeners will be available to answer your plant and landscaping questions. Bring your plant problems to our Plant Clinic. There will be educational exhibits, children's activities, tool sharpening, and more.

#### Skagit County Fair

August 9-12 at the Skagit County Fairgrounds (Building D)

Visit our booth, see our displays, and talk with master gardeners about how to make your garden beautiful and productive.

Visit our Events Webpage for more info.

Read and subscribe to our Ask A Master Gardener Blog

# Osha Master Gardener

Timely insights on relevant topics from our area's home gardening experts



# Winter/Spring Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club

Leverage the Home Depot Garden Club website

for all your projects.

**NO** cost to join, **NO** annual dues, fees etc.

### Access to

- Project guides
- Buying guides
- Inspiration guides
- Influencer guides
- DIY workshops
- Garden ideas and projects
- How to videos
- Expert gardening advice
- Local and regional gardening tips
- Coupons, discounts, special promotions and offers

### ➤ How do I join?

- Visit the Garden Club website at pages.homedepot.com/garden
- Sign up and start saving
- Get \$5 off instantly for joining
- Receive coupons outlining promos and promotions



## Home Depot Garden Club-2nd Quarter Planner



April



- · Plant vegetables outside once soil warms to 60 degrees Fahrenheit during the day.
- · Feed new seedlings with a balanced fertilizer.
- . Direct sow veggles like cucumbers and watermelon after the year's last frost.
- . Spread mulch to control weeds and conserve water.

May



- Pick up a hanging basket or orchid for your favorite mom.
- . Deter mosquitoes from the yard by eliminating standing water.
- · Plant annuals in flower beds and containers.
- · Stake or cage tomatoes.

June



- Monitor and treat plants for pests.
- . Promote plant growth with regular fertilizing and watering.
- · Plant vegetables for a second harvest.
- . Check garden hoses and accessories and purchase new ones as needed.

ALL OF YOUR GARDEN NEEDS

The Right Products & Inspiration for a Flourishing Garden



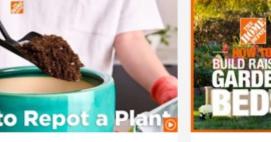
**Note:** For more information visit The Home Depot website below

# Spring/Summer Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club









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**Project Guide** 

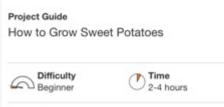
Difficulty

Beginner Beginner

in your own yard

How to Build Raised Garden Beds





Plan to plant sweet potatoes in your summer vegetable

garden.



**Project Guide** 

How to Repot a Plant

Difficulty

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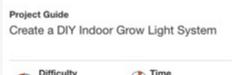




2-4 hours











It's easy to create a DIY indoor grow light system for growing fresh herbs and vegetables

**Note:** For more information visit The Home Depot website below

# Home Depot Virtual Interactive Workshops



### Workshops

With The Home Depot's free, interactive livestream workshops, our associates can help you take on projects, teach you how to care for different areas of your home, plus so much more. See what's available on-line and register today.

#### Virtual Workshops



#### Homeowner 101 Workshops

Learn how to care for different areas of your home and gain confidence to DIY from our knowledgeable associates in our free, interactive Homeowner 101 livestream workshops.

Check Availability



#### DIY Workshops

Our knowledgeable associates help you tackle your DIY projects with step-by-step instructions in our free, interactive DIY livestream workshops

Check Availability



#### Kids Workshops



#### In-Store Kids Workshops

Join us the first Saturday of each month between 9 am - 12 pm for free in-person Kids Workshops. While supplies last.

Sign Up



#### Visit Kids Workshops on Roblox

Do more building with The Home Depot® in Redcliff City and put your DIY skills to the test

Go to Redcliff City





Note: Check availability on The Home Depot website below https://www.homedepot.com/workshops/#change\_store

# **Experience Anacortes**





#### Anacortes

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started doing both. Read on to discover some of the many things you can enjoy while visiting this vibrant seacoast town.

Anacortes, the crown jewel of Fidalgo Island, is conveniently situated halfway between Seattle & Vancouver BC, and is the destination point for the San Juan Islands and International Ferry runs. The island is known for its historic waterfront, 50-miles of hiking trails, and a mix of annual festivals.

Its year-round music scene is lively and visitors can soak up a range of tunes from rock to bluegrass to jazz at outside venues during the summer and restaurants and bars throughout the year. The culinary scene is ever-growing and you'll find a variety of restaurants with farm-to-table menus, scratch and house-made ingredients, and their specialties like BBQ, fusion, and rustic scratch.



# Experience Anacortes-Mt Erie

# Mount Erie frames the skyline of Skagit County, known as one of the Anacortes area's most recognizable landmarks

- The mountain is believed to have been formed during the Jurassic Period and was named in modern times by members of the Wilkes Expedition in 1841.
- Since the 1960s, it has been a popular climbing spot in Washington State, offering stunning panoramic views of its surrounding areas from its summit.
- Its surrounding lands are operated as a city park by the City of Anacortes and are accessible by hikers throughout the year.
- Visitors can climb a moderately-strenuous trail to the top of the summit or connect to the Sugarloaf Summit Trail halfway through the climb for additional panoramic views.





# Experience Anacortes-Rosario Beach



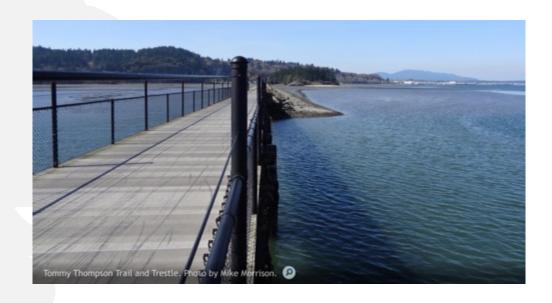
Rosario Beach is a beautiful sandy cove along the southwestern edge of Fidalgo Island, known for its extensive beachfront stretches and charming wildlife

- The beach area is believed to have been occupied for at least 3,000 years, originally used by regional Coast Salish Samish indigenous tribes as a hunting and fishing site.
- Today, the beach's Maiden of Deception Pass story pole carvings honor Samish legends connected to the beach area, a remnant of development of the area in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- A former kitchen shelter developed by the CCC has been converted into a field classroom today.
- Gorgeous century-old trees frame the beachfront, while an overlooking meadowy bluff is populated by beautiful wildflowers throughout the summer months.



# **Experience Anacortes-Tommy Thompson Trail**





# **Tommy Thompson Trail**



O LOCATION

Puget Sound and Islands --Bellingham Area View map below • LENGTH

6.6 miles, roundtrip

**ELEVATION** 

Gain: 0 ft. Highest Point: 25 ft. ♥ RATING
★★★★
(6 votes)
Log in to rate











Parking Pass/Entry Fee: None

This hike is a flat 3.3 mile one way blacktop trail that starts at The Port of Anacortes and ends at March Point near The Shell and Tesoro Refineries. The trail has great views of Mount Baker, Fidalgo Bay and lots of blue heron, especially when the tides are low.

Rarely do hikers have the opportunity to traverse a magnificent bay on an abandoned railroad trestle, but this paved rail trail offers just that. Keep an eye out for marine life. You may see a sea lion staring back at you as you stroll across the trestle connecting the eastern and western shores of Fidalgo Bay.

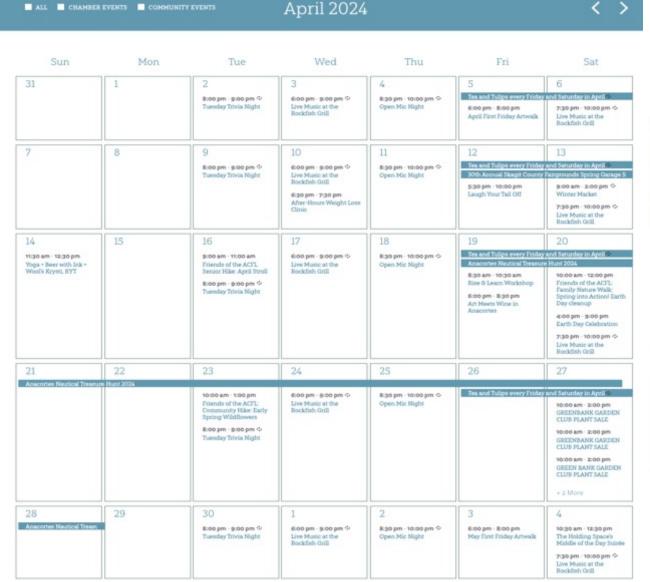
The Tommy Thompson Trail starts at the intersection of 11th Avenue and Q Street in Anacortes. The blacktop heads south along Q Avenue. After 7 blocks, the trail heads diagonally east and the street changes names to R Avenue. After 0.6 mile, the trail passes the access point at the intersection of 22nd Street and R Avenue. There is a restroom here.

Heading south again, the trail passes a public restroom at 30th Avenue. In another 0.7 mile from 22nd Avenue, the trail reaches 34th Street. Continuing south, the trail traverses the western shore of Fidalgo Bay. Looking across the bay on a clear day, there are views of Mount Baker on the distant eastern horizon.

After another mile from 34th Street, the trail passes an RV park. A majestic totem pole stands next to the trail. After crossing Weaverling Road at the RV park, there is an ADA accessible port-a-potty next to the blacktop. Beyond the RV park, the trail heads in a southeasterly direction and crosses Fidalgo Bay on a rocky causeway and then a wooden trestle.

Your turnaround point is March Point Road on the eastern shore of Fidalgo Bay. The trail crosses an additional mile between the RV Park and March Point Road.

# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar April 2024





# **Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar April 2024**

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### Tea and Tulips every Friday and Saturday in April

Celebrate the coming of spring with High Tea at Willowbrook Manor. Sweets, savories and scores accompany a delicious pot of tea in a place that feels like the English countryside. Reservations required, 553/person.

Add to calendar ~

April 5 - April 6

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#### Anacortes Nautical Treasure Hunt 2024

April 19 @ 8:00 am - April 28 @ 10:00 pm

For more information and instructions click here!

Or visit: https://www.anacortesartsfestival.com/anacortesnauticaltreasurehunt

Mark your calendars for the return of the Anacomes Nautical Treasure Hunt, brought to you by the Anacomes Arts Festival and Anacomes Chamber of Commerce!

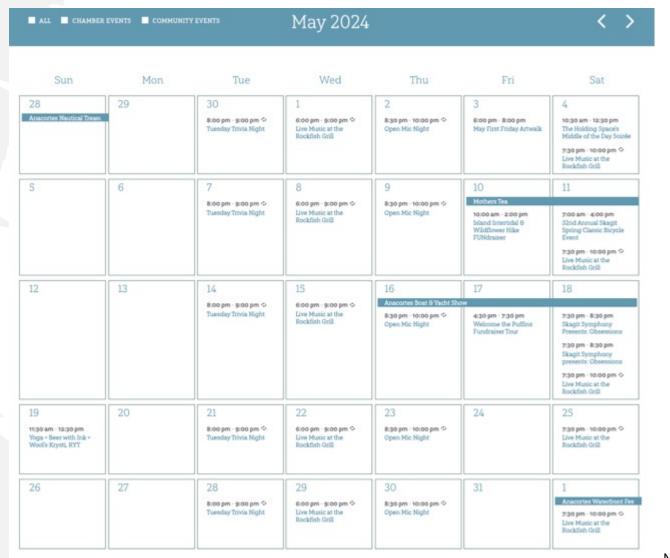
Starting April by through April 28, treasure hunters (inston and locally will set out to explore the island in search of prise balls hidden throughout Anacortes. If a treasure short as prize ball, they can exchange it for an artistcreated nautical treasure at a number of retail partners. Every day of the treasure hunt, there will be at least to plastic prise balls hidden in parks and businesses in Anacortes.

Local artists will create nautical art pieces, such as ceramic star fish, whale tiles, glass seashells, and more for our prize ball finders.

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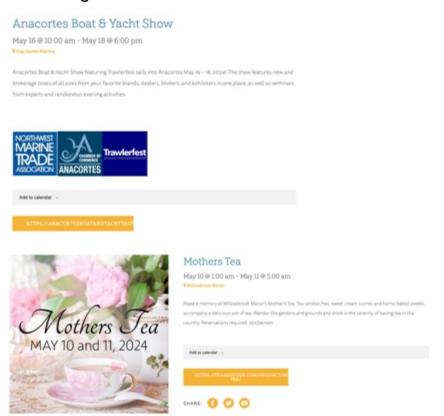
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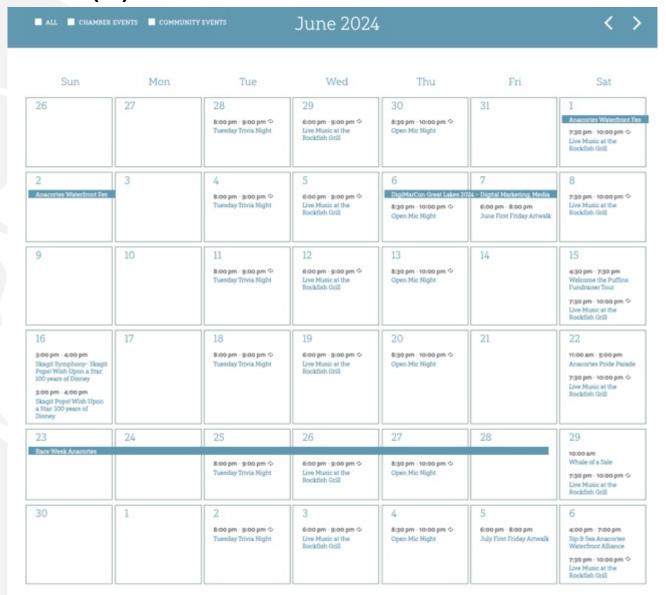
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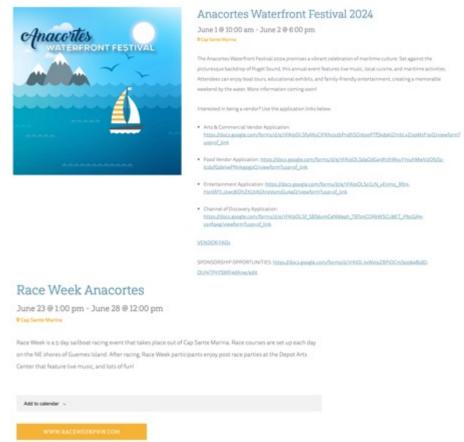
# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar June 2024





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# San Juan Islands







### About the San Juan Islands

Say farewell to worry and stress and say hello to the mellow islands vibe, a temperate year-round climate, and long, lazy hours of doing just what you want. Count on temperatures around 70° in the summer and 40° in the winter. A happy confluence of weather systems also accounts for the high level of air quality you'll appreciate across the San Juan's. So, relax—you're on "island time" now!

# San Juan Islands-April 2024 Events





#### Open Silks

Monday, Apr 1, 2024

Sunday 11am-4pm Monday 5pm-7pm, and Ladies Night's

Climb San Juan 327 Argyle Avenue, FRIDAY HARBOR,

Occurs: Every week on Sunday Monday, until December 30, 2024



### Spring 2024 Exhibitions at The San Juan Islands Museum of Art

Monday, Apr 1, 2024 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

San Juan Islands Museum of Art 540 Spring Street, Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Occurs: Every week on Sunday Monday, Friday, Saturday, until June 03, 2024



#### Knit Night at Salish Sea Yarn Co. Tuesday, Apr 2, 2024

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Salish Sea Yarn Co. 365 North Beach Rd, Unit 1 Eastsound, WA 98245

Occurs: Every week on Tuesday until July 02, 20



### Tuesday Night Scramble

Tuesday, Apr 2, 2024

Orcas Island Golf Course 2171 Orcas Rd, Eastsound, WA 98245

Occurs: Every week on Tuesday until October 29,



#### **Daffodil Frolic & Spring Bird Walks**

Wednesday, Apr 3, 2024 Bird Walks: 8:00-10:00 am

San Juan Islands Sculpture Park 9083 Roche Harbor Rd, Roche Harbor, WA 98250

Occurs: Every week on Wednesday until June 19,



#### Ladies Night at Climb San Juan

Wednesday, Apr 3, 2024 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Climb San Juan 327 Argyle Ave, Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Occurs: Every 2 weeks on Wednesday until December 25, 2024

Note: For more information on times and dates visit the San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau website

https://www.visitsanjuans.com/events

# San Juan Islands-May 2024 Events





Orcas Choral Society - Songs of Shadow and Light

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Saturday, May 18th at 7:00 pm; Sunday, May 19th at

Orcas Center 917 Mount Baker Road, Eastsound,

Occurs: Every day until May 19, 2024



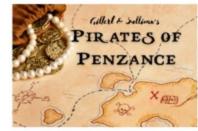
La Forza Del Destino (Met Opera) Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Orcas Center 917 Mount Baker Road, Eastsound,



Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony Monday, May 27, 2024 10:00 am

Downtown Friday Harbor Friday Harbor, 98250



#### The Pirates of Penzance

Friday, May 10, 2024 7:30pm (Thurs/Fri/Sat) & 2:00 pm (Sun)

San Juan Community Theatre 100 2nd St, Friday Harbor, WA 98250, WA 98250

Occurs: Every week on Sunday Thursday, Friday, Saturday, until May 26, 2024



Carmen (Met Opera) Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Orcas Center 917 Mount Baker Road, Eastsound, WA 98245



Alchemy Art Center: Figure Drawing Nights Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Alchemy Art Center 1255 Wold Rd, Friday Harbor,

Occurs: The Third Thursday of every 1 month(s) until June 20, 2024

# San Juan Islands-June 2024 Events





Friday Harbor Film Fest: Best of the Fest Friday, Jun 14, 2024 7:00 pm

San Juan Island Grange or San Juan Island Library (see description) See Schedule, Friday Harbor, WA

Occurs: 04/12/2024, 05/10/2024, 06/14/2024, 07/12/2024, 08/09/2024, 09/13/2024



Three Lakes Triathlon, Marathon, Half-Marathon & 10K

Friday, Jun 14, 2024 See Description for Schedule

Lakedale Resort 4313 Roche Harbor Road, Friday



Luca Stricagnoli Saturday, Jun 15, 2024

San Juan Community Theatre 100 2nd St, Friday Harbor, WA 98250, WA 98250



Washington State Park "Free Days" Saturday, Jun 8, 2024

Various

San Juan Islands, 98250

Occurs: 03/19/2024, 04/22/2024, 06/08/2024, 06/09/2024, 06/19/2024, 09/28/2024, 10/10/2024, 11/11/2024, 11/29/2024



The Met Live in HD: Madama Butterfly Sunday, Jun 9, 2024 1:00 pm

San Juan Community Theatre 100 2nd St, Friday Harbor, WA 98250, WA 98250



Ladies Night at Climb San Juan Wednesday, Jun 12, 2024 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Climb San Juan 327 Argyle Ave, Friday Harbor, WA

Occurs: Every 2 weeks on Wednesday until December 25, 2024

# WSDOT Ferry System

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If you're heading to the islands plan ahead!



### Washington State Ferries

Getting here is half the fun aboard a Washington State Ferry! Take a scenic ride through the islands as you make your way to your final destination. You can drive your car right onto the boat, or board as a foot passenger and simply walk on. The ferries run year-round and there are several sailings each day to and from each of the four main islands - Lopez, Orcas, San Juan, and Shaw. An interisland ferry allows island hoppers to travel between the islands and an international ferry offers service to Sidney, B.C. March - December.

All San Juan Islands ferries depart from the Anacortes Ferry Terminal located at 2100 Ferry Terminal Rd, Anacortes, WA 98221. Allow a comfortable 2 - 3 hours to enjoy the drive and the scenery from Seattle or Vancouver B.C. Make sure this includes enough time to arrive 30-minutes before departure for your reservation check-in.

