

# Sunset Cove Newsletter

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## Tenth Annual(!) Sunset Cove Picnic

Believe it or not, the Association is celebrating our **10th annual Sunset Cove picnic** this year!! Time sure has flown! Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this historic, fun, and informal event!

ü **Saturday, September 7**

ü **1 to 6 pm**

ü **Washington Park, by the playground**

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be supplied; please bring your own beverages. We also welcome any desserts, appetizers, and salads/ side dishes from our neighbors.

To make your decision easier, we suggest that families with last names beginning with the letter indicated bring an item in the category of ...

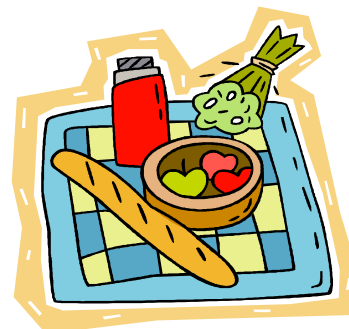
**A—G : appetizer**

**H—N : salad / side dish**

**O—Z : dessert**

Please RSVP to Victor Brzeg at [vicbrzeg@yahoo.com](mailto:vicbrzeg@yahoo.com) or 360.873.8705 and let him know how many people will be in your party (we don't want to run out of hot dogs!).

We look forward to seeing all of you this year!!!!



## 2013 Board of Directors

The current Board of Directors, and their positions, are as follows:

- President, Paul Allen (term ends 12/31/13).
- Vice President, Jim Gray (term ends 12/31/13).
- Secretary and Treasurer, Jackie Etsell (term ends 12/31/14).
- Architectural Review Committee Chair, Vickie Cooley (term ends 12/31/14).
- Publicity Committee Chair, Victor Brzeg (term ends 12/31/13).
- Landscape Committee Chair, Barbara Ballentine (term ends 12/31/14).

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns that you wish to bring to the Board's attention, or you

just want to make them aware of how you feel about something, feel free to use the blanket email address: [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org).

Also, check out the fall meeting schedule for the Board on page four of this newsletter, or on the web at [www.sunsetcove.org](http://www.sunsetcove.org).

Thanks!!

## On The Waterfront Trail, Part II

By John Crawford Howell

I had been putting this day off. After my Davy Crockett inspired slog from the ferry terminal into the Western Washington University research facility (SSCHOA Newsletter Summer/Fall 2011), I was not so eager to continue the mission from WWU to our community gazebo. What might be skulking under the cover of those thickets, brambles, and branches waiting for me? Certainly more bogs. Definitely more slippery slopes. Absolutely more scrapes and cuts! Hungry coyotes? Rabid beavers? Giant attack squirrels? Hmmm.

Then, St. Patrick's Day dawned. Throughout the day, brisk 30 knot winds out of the southwest rattled our windows and Mother Nature, that fickle exterior designer, delighted herself by constantly rearranging the deck furniture. Rain pelted the rooftops. It was chilly. Inspiration struck. It was time to complete the mission.

Fortified by my friends, Jameson and Bushmills, I laced up my reserved-for-mountains hiking boots, heavily fleeced myself and headed out the door. I decided to start at the gazebo and head north. At least I could see the faint outline of a trail; the first hundred yards would be easy, the wind was at my back. Off we go!

Much to my amazement, the trail was well defined all along the bank parallel to Guemes Channel and straight into the research center. There were two places where the wind had knocked over trees thus requiring a bit of inelegant negotiation, yet there were many places where it was obvious someone had sawn off branches and removed obstacles. The city had not done this, so I concluded it may have been students in the dormitories. The trail was otherwise a breeze. Midway, a natural pond to the east welcomes an artist's stool and subtly evokes a northwest version of Monet's Water Lilies. How pristine and how lovely it would be to simply sit here in summer's sun and shadow and let the mind drift.

I went on the trail in a frontier state of mind, but was immediately rewarded with a smooth passage between stands of cedar, grasses, salal, and the ever present pungent sweet aroma of the sea. I wonder if those early Spanish explorers who came here in 1792 went back to Sevilla and regaled their children with stories of a magical far away land that we now call home. I shall ponder this and more today, March 17th, as I warm up next to the fireplace with my other friend, Baileys. We all agree this was a most excellent adventure.



## Upcoming Area Events

Some of the many activities in our community this summer and fall:

- **52nd Annual Anacortes Arts Festival**, August 2-4, 10am-6pm, downtown Anacortes; arts, crafts, demos, music, & food! Family fun for everyone! [www.anacortesartsfestival.com](http://www.anacortesartsfestival.com)
- **Skagit County Fair**, August 7-10, Mount Vernon; food, contests, displays, live entertainment, kid zone events, & more. Info & tickets at [www.skagitcounty.net/fair](http://www.skagitcounty.net/fair).
- **Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival**, August 9-24; talks, concerts, seminars, and interviews. Visit [www.oicmf.org](http://www.oicmf.org) for info.
- **13th Annual La Conner Classic Yacht and Car Show**, August 10, 10am-4pm; La Conner Marina South Basin, 312 N 2nd St; pancake breakfast (7:30-11am), kids activities, booths, car & boat show, 10am-4pm; (small fee). <http://www.lovelaconner.com/la-conner-classic-boat-and-car-show/>
- **San Juan County Fair**, August 14-17,

Friday Harbor; art & gardening exhibits, animal events, entertainment, and food — times and prices vary.

[www.sjcfair.org](http://www.sjcfair.org)

- **36th Annual Victoria Classic Boat Festival**, August 30-September 1; Victoria's Inner Harbour; boats, parades, the Victoria Classic Rowing Regatta, and more boats! [www.classicboatfestival.ca](http://www.classicboatfestival.ca)
- **37th Annual Wooden Boat Festival**, Port Townsend, September 6-8; Fri & Sat, 9am-7pm, plus after hours music until midnight; Sun, 9am-5pm, sail-by at 3pm; all types of boats! For information, please visit [www.woodenboat.org](http://www.woodenboat.org).
- **18th Annual Anacortes Antique Machinery Show**, September 14; 9am-4pm; Market & 6th (north and east of the WT Preston snag boat). [www.amshow.org](http://www.amshow.org)
- **City of Anacortes "Free Fall Clean-up"**, September 14, 9am-1pm; 37th & D Street; dispose extra residential garbage and yard waste; 1 load per

household. [www.cityofanacortes.org](http://www.cityofanacortes.org)

- **32nd Annual Oyster Run**, weekend of September 22nd; music at 1pm, 7th & Q St; "Largest Motorcycle Run in the Pacific Northwest!" according to their website, [www.oysterrun.org](http://www.oysterrun.org).
- **Farmers Market**, (ongoing) Saturdays, 9am-2pm until October 26, and Wednesdays, 4-8pm until August 28; at the Depot Arts Center, 611 R Ave. Come support your local growers and crafters! For more info, go to: [www.anacortesfarmersmarket.org](http://www.anacortesfarmersmarket.org)



## Neighborhood Notes

- The trees along Washington Boulevard will be sprayed soon to combat an infestation of Pacific Coast Pear Rust. Follow-up instructions, costs, and other info for the affected homeowners are in the works. Watch your mailboxes.
- Thank you to all homeowners who are keeping the neighborhood looking neat and trim, "horticulturally" speaking! Besides keeping grasses and weeds under control, it also reduces the fire hazard that can result from dry and overgrown lawns, according to the City of Anacortes.
- Summertime and the living is easy ... plus, there are a lot of people strolling, of all ages, so please observe the **25-mile per hour speed limit** when driving up and/or down the boulevard.
- This message is for the **dogs** of Sunset Cove: "woof, woof, ruff!" Translation: thank you to your guardians for having you safely on a leash at all times, and for cleaning up after you!
- As usual: if you have received this newsletter via regular U.S. mail this means we do not have a current e-mail address on file for you. PLEASE contact [rick@etsell.com](mailto:rick@etsell.com) with your e-mail address, either new or **changed**, so we may update our records.
- The secret password to the documents section of the Sunset Cove website is **ssc98221** (lower case letters). You'll find the minutes of the Board meetings, past newsletters, both sets of CC&R's, by-laws, etc. (And just a note: the minutes get posted after they're approved by the Board, which is usually after the next meeting.)
- Please submit articles, topics, or any other ideas for future Newsletters to: Editor, [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org). Submit a question and someone from the Board will answer!

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## Publicity Committee

Newsletter Editor: Jackie Etsell

We're on the Web!  
[www.sunsetcove.org](http://www.sunsetcove.org)

## Board Meeting Schedule:

The Sunset Cove Homeowners Association has scheduled board meetings at the Anacortes Public Library Community Meeting Room, for 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- Thursday, August 15
- Tuesday, September 17
- Thursday, October 17

Although these are working meetings of the Board, the community is invited and encouraged to attend and participate. Contact Board President Paul Allen if you have any business to bring to the attention of the Board. This is an excellent way to get involved and be heard!

Always double-check the website, [www.sunsetcove.org](http://www.sunsetcove.org) for meeting reminders.  
E-mail: [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org)

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## Election Season Is Coming ...

Very soon the Nominating Committee for the Homeowners Association will be kicking into gear to recruit neighbors who might be willing to serve on the Board of Directors for a two-year term.

If you have ever thought you might like to give Board membership a try (how hard could it be, right?!), now is your chance!

Contact the Board in general at [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org) or any individual member to throw your hat into the ring. Get involved! It's fun!!

## Sunset Cove HOA:

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

The Sunset Cove community consists of **Washington Park Estates** (homes along Washington Boulevard), **Sunset Cove Estates** (homes along Washington Court), and **The Crest and The Gardens at Sunset Cove** (condominiums and townhomes).

Welcome to **all** our neighbors, new, "established", and those who haven't moved here yet!

