

# Sunset Cove Newsletter

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## 11th Annual Sunset Cove Picnic

Believe it or not, the Association is celebrating our **11th annual Sunset Cove picnic** this year!! Time sure has flown! Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this fun and informal event!

ü **Saturday, September 6**

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 : salad / side dish**

**H—N : dessert**

**O—Z : appetizer**

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!!!!



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## 2014 Board of Directors

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

- President, Barbara Ballentine (term ends 12/31/14).
- Vice President, Stan Singer (term ends 12/31/15).
- 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 12/31/15).
- Landscape Committee Chair, Paul Allen (term ends 12/31/15).

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!!

## Shannon Point Shoreline Restoration Project

The following is excerpted from The Northwest Straits Foundation website, [www.nwstraits.org/Foundation/Current-Projects.aspx](http://www.nwstraits.org/Foundation/Current-Projects.aspx), describing their current project at Shannon Point:

"The Northwest Straits Foundation is partnering with the Skagit County Marine Resources Committee to remove over 2,500 cubic yards of riprap along 770 linear feet of nearshore at Shannon Point. The project will improve feeder bluff function and restore spawning habitat for Pacific sand lance and surf smelt, two important forage fish species preyed upon by salmon. When completed, approximately one-third acre of beach and intertidal habitat will be restored. The riprap at Shannon Point was originally placed to protect a now-defunct railroad line running above the shoreline."

"The project is currently in the permitting phase with construction anticipated to begin in September 2014, pending permit approval and permissions from property owners Western Washington University and the City of Anacortes. The project is funded by the Washington Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Restoration Program with additional funding from the Skagit Marine Resources Committee and Department of Ecology Coastal Protection Fund. The project is expected to be completed by June 2015."

In the meantime, the Northwest Straits Foundation was invited to make a presentation at our July 10th Board of Directors meeting. Prior to that Board meeting, a link to the Northwest Straits feasibility study was emailed to Sunset Cove homeowners: [www.dropbox.com/sh/6jblj14soj8vez/AAB\\_AW4ytFIYaMd\\_r2MEiCVda](http://www.dropbox.com/sh/6jblj14soj8vez/AAB_AW4ytFIYaMd_r2MEiCVda).

"I ALONE  
CANNOT CHANGE  
THE WORLD, BUT  
I CAN CAST A  
STONE ACROSS  
THE WATERS TO  
CREATE MANY  
RIPPLES."

- Mother Teresa

During the meeting, our assembled group listened and addressed questions to Lisa Kaufman, Project Manager, and Jim Johannessen, consulting Geologist, regarding the plans to remove existing Shannon Point revetment/riprap, including possible property damage and liability.

Following the presentation, Sunset Cove homeowners privately discussed a variety of concerns, including:

- ⇒ Validity of soil, tides, and erosion assumptions stated in the feasibility report.



*Photo: Typical view of rock riprap to be removed from the beach.*

- ⇒ City of Anacortes approval for removal of the 100+ year functioning bulkhead.
- ⇒ Project goal to cause uncontrolled inland tidal flow and erosion adjacent to Sunset Cove private property.
- ⇒ Northwest Straits' lack of responsibility and limited three-year post-project monitoring.
- ⇒ Zero liability for potential damage to SCHOA real property.

While we all favor the restoration of fish habitats, we still have very serious concerns over removal of the City of Anacortes 100+ year old functioning bulkhead, as well as private property erosion. The Board voted to contact the City detailing these concerns. The City Council has scheduled further discussions on the Shannon Point Revetment/Riprap Removal Project during their **July 28, 2014** City Council meeting. **Please plan to attend this important City Council meeting, at Anacortes City Council Chambers, 904 6th Street, at 7pm. Hope to see you there!**

Barbara Ballentine, President, Sunset Cove HOA

## Upcoming Area Events:

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

- **33rd Annual Anacortes Arts Festival**, August 1-3, 10am-6pm, downtown Anacortes; arts, crafts, demos, music, & food! Family fun for all! Visit [www.anacortesartsfestival.com](http://www.anacortesartsfestival.com)
- **Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival**, August 8-23; talks, concerts, seminars, and interviews. Visit [www.oicmf.org](http://www.oicmf.org) for info.
- **14th Annual La Conner Classic Yacht and Car Show**, August 9, 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).  
[www.lovelaconner.com/la-conner-classic-boat-and-car-show/](http://www.lovelaconner.com/la-conner-classic-boat-and-car-show/)
- **San Juan County Fair**, August 13-16, Friday Harbor; art & gardening exhibits, animal events, entertainment, and food — times and prices
- **Pirate Faire**, August 23; Pier 1 in Anacortes; races, demos, pirate contests, a chowder challenge, and more! Fun for the whole family! [www.portofanacortes.com](http://www.portofanacortes.com)
- **37th Annual Victoria Classic Boat Festival**, August 29-31; Victoria's Inner Harbour; boats, parades, crew races, and more boats! [www.classicboatfestival.ca](http://www.classicboatfestival.ca)
- **38th Annual Wooden Boat Festival**, Port Townsend, September 5-7; 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).
- **19th Annual Anacortes Antique Machinery Show**, September 13; 9am-4pm; Market & 6th (north and east of the WT Preston snag boat). [www.amshow.org](http://www.amshow.org)

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

- **City of Anacortes “Free Fall Cleanup,”** September 13, 9am-1pm; 37th & D Street; dispose extra residential garbage and yard waste; 1 load per household; ID required.  
[www.cityofanacortes.org](http://www.cityofanacortes.org)
- **33rd Annual Oyster Run,** weekend of September 28th; 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 25, and Wednesdays, 4-8pm until August 27; at the Depot Arts Center, 611 R Ave. Come support your local growers and crafters!  
[www.anacortesfarmersmarket.org](http://www.anacortesfarmersmarket.org)



### Neighborhood Notes:

- Thank you to all homeowners who are keeping the neighborhood looking neat and trim, “horticulturally” speaking! The ongoing effort (hint, hint) to keep grasses and weeds under control also reduces the fire hazard that can result from dry and overgrown lawns, according to the City of Anacortes.
- Please make it your priority to observe the **25-mile per hour speed limit** when driving up and down the boulevards — in fact, it is a better idea to go even slower than that when children are riding bikes and playing nearby.
- 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!. (Yes, people still need to be reminded— from the looks of my parking strip recently.)
- 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). Or, submit a question and someone from the Board will answer!

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## Publicity Committee

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## We're on the Web!

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

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## Board Meeting Schedule:

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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 21 - Special presentation by the Anacortes Police Department on traffic issues and safety;**
- **Thursday, September 18.**

Although these are working meetings of the Board, the community is invited and encouraged to attend and

participate. Contact Board President Barbara Ballentine if you have any business to bring to the attention of the Board. This is an excellent way to get involved and be heard!

Another way to get involved is to serve a two-year term on the Board. It's fun and does not require a huge commitment— why not give it a try? Nominations will be accepted this fall; contact a current member.

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

## Sunset Cove Homeowners Association:

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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),

**The Crest Condominiums, and The Gardens at Sunset Cove** (townhomes).

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

