

# Sunset Cove Newsletter

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"If you pay attention to the present, you can improve upon it."

- Paulo Coelho

## Neighborhood Happy Hour:

As summer comes to an end, and the days sadly get shorter, it is time for **EVERYONE** to attend the annual Neighborhood Happy Hour, or, get together, as the case might be.

⇒When: Sunday, September 8, 2019, from 4 to 6 p.m.

⇒Where: Doe Run Condominiums, Cul-de-sac (east end of Sundown Court)

⇒Bring: An appetizer or dessert to share, a chair, and a beverage (whatever you want to drink). Get reacquainted with "old" neighbors, and meet all the new neighbors in our area.

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*Editor's note: This will be the fourth year we have held this get together in this format, and it is really a lot of fun! We thank the Freeman's and everyone at Doe Run for use of their space, and hope to see everyone there!!*





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## Landscape Update:

Dear Residents —

The SCHOA Board received the email below from the City of Anacortes:

*Good morning,*

*My name is Tom Shardlow and I work for the City of Anacortes Street Department. It has come to our attention most trees along Washington Boulevard, from Sunset Avenue to Observation Avenue, are in need of some trimming in order to accommodate our street sweeper. For the sweeper to have enough room to sweep the curb gutter, the trees need to be cut back 1 foot over from the top back of the curb and 12 feet up from the top back of curb. I have included a diagram to help explain this.*

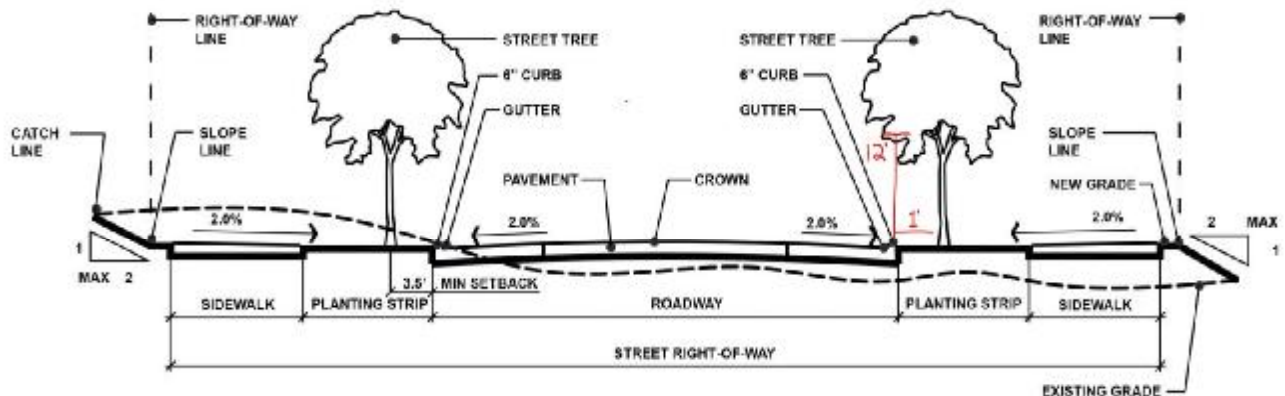
*We would like to be able to continue to sweep Washington Boulevard in the future, but without the trees being cut we will no longer be able to do so.*

The above request will be further addressed at the **October 29** Board meeting. The Landscape Committee will invite a representative from the City to participate in the discussion and provide recommendations.

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Thank you.

Kim Graf,  
SCHOA Landscape Chair



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## President's Corner:

Greetings Neighbors!

We have had wonderful weather this summer and are fortunate to not suffer with the smoke from fires as we did last year. While smoke is not an issue for us this summer, water shortage is.

Low streamflow in the Skagit River has forced the Skagit County PUD and City of Anacortes to ask customers to reduce their water usage by 10%. The agencies requested that customers conserve 10-15 gallons of water per

day because the Lower Skagit-Samish, Upper Skagit, and Stillaguamish watersheds were declared drought areas by the Governor in May.

It isn't necessary to stop watering your lawns, but reducing the volume of watering, as well as watering frequency, will comply with the voluntary reduction requests.

Enjoy your Fall!

**Ken Goodwin, President**



## Neighborhood Notes:

- Traffic safety and speeds are always a hot topic, and as the weather cools and children go back to school, please be more careful and observe the **25-mile per hour** speed limit when driving up and/or down the boulevard and courts. Actively watch for “hazards” of all kinds: kids and animals.
  - **Tree Trimming** along Washington Boulevard will become a requirement as the City replaces old street sweeping equipment in the near future. (Please refer to the other article in this newsletter.) On the side walk side, please trim accordingly.
  - Even though it feels kind of early, the holiday solid waste pick-up will be the **Monday** after Thanksgiving, *not* the usual Friday. So don't put your containers out too soon!
- Also, be sure to put your garbage
- in bags and tie them before putting in the cans and out at the curb. This will prevent loose items from blowing through the neighborhood — which happens!
- **Please don't feed the deer!** Left-over food scraps can attract rats and other vermin, and looks messy. Park and wildlife experts caution against feeding such animals, as it can lead to many problems. There are excellent articles referenced on Google, including by the Humane Society and other organizations.
  - Please contact [rick@etsell.com](mailto:rick@etsell.com) with any email address changes, so we may keep the records up to date. Important messages are sometimes sent periodically throughout the year, and we'd hate for anyone to miss out.
  - Happy Fall!!

### SSSShhhhhh!!

The “secret” password to the documents section of the [Sunset Cove website](#) is ssc98221 (lower case letters).

You'll find minutes from the Board meetings, past newsletters, both sets of CC&Rs, the by-laws, neighborhood roster (to be updated soon!), and other Association info.

## 2019 Board Bits:

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

- President, Ken Goodwin (term ends 12/31/20).
- Vice President, Mike Freeman (term ends 12/31/19).
- Secretary, Tisa Kniskern (term ends 12/31/19).
- Treasurer, Jackie Etsell (term ends 12/31/20).
- Architectural Review Committee Chair, Mike Freeman (term ends 12/31/19).
- Landscape Committee Chair, Kim Graf (term ends 12/31/19).
- Publicity Committee Chair, Gabrielle Thurman (term ends 12/31/20).

Please note that the Board represents each and every home, unit, or lot owner (87 in total), so please let us know your thoughts, suggestions, ideas, and/or concerns. To contact the board members by e-mail use [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org). If we don't know, we can't help!

You are also welcome to attend the semi-monthly Board meetings. The next meeting will be **October 29 at 7:00pm at the Library**, but because of a recent change in their policies we will no longer be able to meet at that location. As we look for other places to meet, be sure to check the website for further details.

Even if you're not on a specific committee, your input is still welcomed and valued! And don't forget to consider becoming a member of the Board of Directors!

Thanks!!!



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## Sunset Cove Homeowners Association

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

The Sunset Cove Homeowners Association (SCHOA) represents *all* of these, even as



the Crest, Gardens, and Doe Run each have their own HOA's. Think of the SCHOA as the umbrella organization for the entire development, taking care of the common areas (medians and buffers) as well as common issues.

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

