

Sunset Cove Newsletter

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Board Bits

Community Garage Sale

Your Directors are nothing if not responsive to neighbor's ideas!

At the January 2012 Annual Meeting, an idea was floated as to the possibility and interest in having a neighborhood garage sale. Everyone agreed that it was an intriguing idea, to say the least, and the topic was tabled for the Board's review and discussion at a future meeting.

At the very next meeting our new Publicity Committee Chair, Victor Brzeg, offered to do some research. A weekend in May or June was preferred, as perhaps it would most likely have decent weather.

Logistics will be kept relatively simple, with individual homeowner's deciding whether to participate or

not. Those choosing to take part will be responsible for their own inventory, supplies, and profits.

In addition, the Board *may* pay for an ad in the weekly Clamdigger magazine. So, please let us know if you might be interested in taking part in this project!

Annual Picnic

It's early yet, but it should be enough lead time for you to mark your calendars for this year's annual picnic.

We've reserved the main shelter at Washington Park again, for Saturday, September 8th, 2012. More details will follow in the summer newsletter, but mark the date for good-neighbor mingling and the usual gastronomic delights!

2012 Board of Directors

At the January Annual Meeting, the new slate of Board of Directors were approved. The positions have been sorted out 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 12/31/12).
- Architectural Review Committee Chair, Don Berg (term ends 12/31/12).
- Publicity Committee Chair, Victor Brzeg

(term ends 12/31/13).

- Landscape Committee Chair, Barbara Ballentine (term ends 12/31/12).

Welcome aboard, and thank you to all of you! To contact the board members by e-mail: board@sunsetcove.org

The board meets each month at the Anacortes Public Library, in the Community Meeting Room, at 7 p.m. The next meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

- Thursday, April 19
- Tuesday, May 22

Although these are

working meetings of the Board, members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend. Contact Board President Paul Allen if you have any business to bring to the attention of the Board.

Always double-check the website for meeting reminders and other information: www.sunsetcove.org

Please note: the Board represents each and every home owner (or lot owner), so please bring your thoughts, suggestions, ideas, and/or concerns to our attention. If we don't know, we can't help!

Thanks!!!

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The Wreck of the *S. S. BUNKER HILL*

Article by: Rick Etsell

U.S. Department
of Homeland Security
United States
Coast Guard

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

District: 13

Week: 11/12

ISSUED BY: COMMANDER, THIRTEENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT (4pm)

SECTION I - SPECIAL NOTICES

This section contains information of special concern to the Mariner.

WASHINGTON – PUGET SOUND – ROSARIO STRAIT – Diving Operations

A diving vessel will be anchoring in Rosario Strait on 18 Mar 12 and 16 Apr 12 from 1000 to 1500. The diving vessel will be conducting dive operations on the Wreck of the SS BUNKER HILL located at 48-25.058N, 122-44.535W. The dive platform will monitor VHF-FM channels 5A and 16 when operating IVO the dive site. Contact USCG Sector Puget Sound Waterways Management at (206) 217-6051 or SectorPugetSoundWWM@uscg.mil for more information.

Intrigued by the above item issued by the Coast Guard in their weekly Local Notice to Mariners, I did some Googling to try to “get to the bottom” of it. It turns out *Bunker Hill* was a U.S. Navy T-2 Tanker, 504' long, 10,590 Gross Tons, used during WWII to service navy ships in combat in the South Pacific.

In March of 1964, the *Bunker Hill* was in Puget Sound, discharging gasoline cargos in Seattle and Tacoma. Early the morning of March 6, she departed Tacoma with empty, but not gas-free, tanks for Anacortes where she was to replenish her petroleum cargos. At 4 a.m. she was steaming north, a few miles west of Deception Pass, when she was rocked by a massive explosion that effectively split the vessel in two. The explosion was seen (and felt!) by personnel at the Navy's Ault Field, and rescue efforts were launched immediately. Within 45 minutes 25 survivors were rescued, but 5 persons went missing/presumed dead, including the Captain. The ship sank in about 280 feet of water.



The dive operation underway now is by a firm called DCS Films (dcsfilms.com), which specializes in advanced technical diving and underwater photography. They are producing a documentary about the wreck, to add to their portfolio which includes extensive filming of airplane and ship wrecks in Lake Washington.

*S.S. Bunker Hill*

Upcoming Area Events

Some of the many activities in our community this spring:

- Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, April 1-30, Skagit Valley; tours and flowers galore! (www.tulipfestival.org)
- Anacortes Annual Quilt Walk, April 1-30, downtown Anacortes; 360.293.0622 for more info.
- 9th Annual Garden Art Fair, May 4th & 5th, (Fri, 11-8; Sat, 10-4), at the Depot Arts Center, Anacortes; demos, yard art, plants, products, food, etc.; 360.293.3663 for more information or go to www.anacortesartscommission.com
- Trawler Fest, May 15 -19 Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes; seminars and boat show; (www.trawlerfest.com)
- Anacortes Waterfront Festival, June 2-3, 10am to 5pm, Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes; 360.293.7911; (www.anacortes.org)
- Bark in the Park Dog Festival, June 9, 10am to 3pm, Storvik Park, 32nd Street, Anacortes; dog contests, games, demos, and more! For more info, 360.293.1918.
- Anacortes Airport Fly-In and Open House, June 16, 10 am to 4 pm; free! (www.anacortesflyin.com)
- Shipwreck Day, July 14, 8am-4pm, downtown Anacortes; flea market time!
- What the Heck Fest, July 13-15, various times and venues around Anacortes. Features
- San Juan Island Summer Arts Fair & Lavender Festival, July 14 (10am-5pm) & July 15 (10am-4pm), Friday Harbor; arts, crafts, & food. (www.sanjuanisland.org)
- 51st Annual Anacortes Arts Festival, August 3-5, 10am-6pm, downtown Anacortes; arts, crafts, demos, music, & food! Family fun for everyone! www.anacortesartsfestival.com

Neighborhood Notes


- The Anacortes Solid Waste crew reminds us to put our garbage in bags that are tied shut before they are placed in the cans and set out for pick-up. This also keeps the garbage from blowing around.
- The free Spring Clean-Up is April 14 from 9 am until 1 pm at the City Operations Facility at 37th Street and D Avenue. On that day only, they will be accepting the FREE disposal of residential-only refuse and yard waste (all garbage must be bagged or bundled). Quantities are limited to one load per household, and proof of Anacortes residency will be required.
- Speaking of cleaning up ... everyone will thank you, so please clean up after your dog, who is of course on a leash at all times.
- The Anacortes Senior College has been in full swing this winter and spring, with many classes offered. Fun with Marine Biology, The Media and Politics, Russian History in Music, and Basic French for Travelers are some of the many topics. For the schedule and more info, visit www.seniorcollege.org.
- If you have received this newsletter via regular U.S. mail, this means we do not have an email address on file for you. Please contact rick@etsell.com with your email address, either new or changed, so we may update our records.



Ssshhhh!

The "secret" password to the documents section of the [Sunset Cove website](http://www.sunsetcove.org) is **ssc98221** (lower case letters).

You'll find minutes of the Board meetings, past newsletters, both sets of CC&R's, the by-laws, neighborhood roster, and other Association info.



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We're on the Web!
www.sunsetcove.org

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 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!

"There comes a
time when
summer asks
what you have
been doing all
winter."

— Unknown