



Sunset Cove Newsletter

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Board Bits

Community Garage Sale

It looks like this may just become an annual activity!

Publicity Committee Chair Victor Brzeg noted that the 2013 Community Garage Sale will be held in May or June, as last year's proved to be quite popular. It is very easy to participate: let Victor know of your interest; he'll handle the publicity; then each participating homeowner will be responsible for their own inventory, supplies, and profits.

Please let him know if you have any additional ideas or comments, or might be interested in helping him with this project!

Annual Picnic

It's early yet, but mark your calendars now for this year's annual picnic.

We've reserved the main shelter at Wash-

ington Park again, for Saturday, **September 7th, 2013**. More details will follow in the summer newsletter, but mark the date for good-neighbor mingling and the usual gastronomic delights!

Monthly Board Meetings

Please remember that the board meets each month at the Anacortes Public Library, in the Community Meeting Room, at **7 p.m.**

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.

Jason's Car Cleaning

Hand Car Wash/
Vacuum/Wheel Cleaning
at your location —
Cleaning Supplies Supplied.

Contact Jason Brzeg at 360.927.8315 to schedule your car cleaning!



2013 Board of Directors

At the January Annual Meeting, the new slate of Board of Directors was 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 12/31/14).
- 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).

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

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

Please note: the Board represents each and every homeowner (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!!!

Spring 2013 Landscape Update



Spring has arrived! With each day new shades of green appear as trees and scrubs and grass and yes, even those pesky weeds, start the 2013 growing season. Here in Sunset Cove we have several landscape related issues that need our attention.

Community Common Area Maintenance:

The Green Street Yards crews are back for 2013 and have begun working in the common area medians and cul-de-sac gardens. The crews mulched and aggressively pruned mature plants last Fall, so we are looking to see lots of plant growth this spring and summer.

Vacant Lot Mowing: Lot owners, it's not too early to make arrangements for 2013 mowing and noxious weed control. Last year several property owners found it difficult to make last minute arrangements after the lots grew thick with weeds and tall grasses. It is the owner's responsibility to control noxious weeds and keep vacant lots mowed, so please plan ahead.

Curb Trees along Washington Blvd: The

original curb trees planted along Washington Boulevard were *Pyrus Calleryana*. Due to lack of availability, we are recommending *Styrax Obassia* as the new choice for curb trees. They are similar in shape and appearance, and seem to blend well with the existing trees.

Regardless of who originally planted the trees, homeowner's are responsible for maintenance and trimming all curb trees adjacent to their property. Branches should not extend over the street as they interfere with City of Anacortes trash and street cleaning trucks. Low branches over the sidewalk should also be kept trimmed to avoid interfering with pedestrian traffic.

Our tree-lined boulevard is one of the great features of our neighborhood; please keep the curb trees healthy and trimmed!

Happy Gardening!

Barbara Ballentine,
Landscape Committee Chair

Follow Up: Power Outages



In the last issue of this newsletter we had an article about Cold Weather Tips for your Home and Garden. Luckily this winter has been somewhat mild (at least so far!) but **power outages** can happen at any time. This was proved in February when the power went out here after an animal shorted out a transformer at a substation.

Weather reasons - high winds or heavy snow - along with traffic mishaps may be more common causes for losing power, but what to do when it happens remains the same. Herewith are some tips which may help for

when the next power outage occurs:

- ⇒ Keep flashlights handy and make sure they have fresh batteries.
- ⇒ The 24-hour hotline for Puget Sound Energy is 1-888-225-5773. Their Twitter feed is very useful for outage updates.
- ⇒ We have personally noticed that outages due to weather are usually preceded by "flickers." If we're on the computer, that usually provides us enough time to save whatever we're working on and then shut it down. Surge protectors are also

very useful for desktop computers.

- ⇒ After a couple of ruined compressor motors in the refrigerator, we finally installed a surge protector on that as well. Also, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
- ⇒ We manually turn off the breaker to the hot tub, in order to minimize the power surge when power is restored.
- ⇒ Finally, resist the urge to flip light switches on and off; it doesn't do any good, and it makes you feel like an idiot!

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; for more info call 360.333.9311.
- **Art of Gardening Event**, April 27-28, 10am to 4pm, at the Depot Arts Center, Anacortes; displays and demos, yard art, plants, products, food, etc. Info: www.anacortesfarmersmarket.org
- **Trawler Fest**, May 14 -19 Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes; seminars and boat show; (www.trawlerfest.com)
- **Anacortes Waterfront Festival**, June 1-2, 10am to 5pm, Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes; 360.293.7911; (www.anacortes.org)
- **Bark in the Park Dog Festival**, June 15, 10am to 3pm, Storvik Park, 32nd Street, Anacortes; dog contests, games, demos, and more! For more info, 360.293.1967.
- **34th Annual Shipwreck Festival**, July 20, 8am-4pm, all around downtown Anacortes; flea market time! Amazing treasures and one of a kind antiques mean fun for the whole family! For more info, www.shipwreckfest.org
- **San Juan Island Summer Arts Fair & Lavender Festival**, July 20 (10am-5pm) & July 21(10am-4pm), Friday Harbor; arts, crafts, & food. (www.sanjuanisland.org)
- **52nd Annual Anacortes Arts Festival**, August 2-4, 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 garbage from blowing around as the trucks rumble down the boulevard.
- The free **Spring Clean-Up** is **April 13 from 9am until 1pm** 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.
- A **Shred-A-Thon** will be held on Saturday, **April 27 from 10am to 2pm** in the Safeway parking lot. With a suggested cash donation to the Anacortes Family Center, you will be able to securely destroy your confidential paper documents. No more excuses: time to clean up!
- 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 from which to choose. Music Appreciation, Native Plants and Backyard Critters, and Investment Management are some of the many topics offered. For the schedule and more info, www.seniorcollege.org.
- Neighbor John Crawford Howell has written a follow-up article, "[On the Waterfront Trail, Part II](#)" which is available on the Sunset Cove website. Check it out!!
- 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.
- Happy Spring!!

Sssshhhh!

The "secret" password to the documents section of the [Sunset Cove website](#) 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



"The fence that makes good
neighbors needs a gate to
make good friends."

- Unknown

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!