

Sunset Cove Newsletter

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Board Bits

Community Garage Sale

It looks like this is becoming an annual activity!

Publicity Committee Chair Victor Brzeg noted that the 2014 Community Garage Sale will again be held in late May or early June. To participate: just let Victor know of your interest and 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! vicbrzeg@yahoo.com

Annual Picnic

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

We've reserved the main shelter at Washington Park for Saturday, **September 6th, 2014**. More details will follow in the summer newsletter, but mark the date now 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.** The next meetings are scheduled on:

- Thursday, April 17
- Thursday, May 15
- Thursday, June 12

Although these are working meetings of the Board, members of the community (that's YOU!) are invited and even encouraged to attend.

2014 Board of Directors

At the Annual Meeting, the new slate of Board of Directors was approved, and the officer positions have been sorted out 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).

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, past minutes and newsletters, and other information: www.sunsetcove.org

Please note that the Board represents each and every home, unit, 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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Spring 2014 Landscape Update

Spring has arrived! Each day new shades of green appear as trees and scrubs and grass and yes, even those pesky weeds, start the 2014 growing season. Here in Sunset Cove we have several landscape related issues that continue to need our attention.

Community Common Area Maintenance:

The Green Street Yards crews are back for 2014 and have begun working in the common area medians and cul-de-sac gardens. Near the end of 2013 a new gravel trail – including a drainage system – was installed, linking the “upper” trail to the gazebo. Recently, additional cobble rocks were spread in the medians.

Vacant Lot Mowing:

Vacant lot owners, it's not too early to make arrangements for 2014 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. Keep in mind that it is not just a CC&R rule to keep the lots mowed;

it is also a Municipal Code requirement (against allowing noxious weeds and grasses to grow). Please plan ahead.

Curb Trees Along Washington Boulevard:

Last summer, the Board took quick action to combat an infestation of Pacific Coast Pear Rust disease in some of the trees planted along Washington Boulevard. While the disease may not have been in all the trees, all were in danger if even a few were affected. Consequently, all trees were sprayed. In an effort to keep the trees healthy and disease-free, the Board recently approved that the trees again be sprayed, before they “bloom-out” this spring.

Meanwhile, originally the tree to be planted along the Boulevard was *Pyrus Calleryana*. Due to its general lack of availability, *Styrax Obassia* is recommended as the new choice for curb trees. They are similar in shape and appearance, and seem to blend well with the existing trees.

Reminder: all homeowner's are re-

sponsible for the maintenance and trimming of all curb trees and plants adjacent to their property. Branches should not extend over the street as they interfere with trash and street cleaning trucks. Low branches and plants over the sidewalk must also be kept trimmed to avoid interfering with pedestrian traffic.

Suggestion Project:

In an ongoing effort to keep our tree-lined boulevard and lush gardens the great features of our neighborhood that they are, we (the Board) are encouraging everyone to provide input as to what improvements and/or additions we should focus on, both this year and longer term. Ideas were discussed and solicited at the Annual Meeting, and will be discussed in detail at the monthly Board meetings beginning on March 20th. The Board will consider all ideas presented, so please plan to attend and participate.

Let us know what you think!!



Annual Picnic, September 7, 2013 — Enjoying the sunshine and each other!

**WHAT
IMPROVEMENTS
DO YOU THINK
SHOULD BE MADE
WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY?**

**THE BOARD
WANTS YOUR
INPUT!!**

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.

Later this year we will all be receiving new garbage totes as the City converts to a new, fully automated pick up system. Garbage will still need to be bagged, however.

- The free **Spring Clean-Up** is **April 12 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.

- The Anacortes Family Center **Shred-A-Thon** will be held on Saturday, **April 26 from 9am to 1pm** in the Safeway parking lot. With a suggested cash donation of \$10 for each banker-size box, you will be able to securely destroy your confidential paper documents and discs. 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. For the schedule and more info, visit their website 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.
- Happy Spring!!



Sssshhhh!

The "secret" password to the documents section of the [Sunset Cove website](http://SunsetCoveWebsite.com) 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.

Upcoming Area Events

Some more of the many activities in our community this spring:

- **Skagit Valley Tulip Festival**, April 1-30, Skagit Valley; tours and flowers galore! (tulipfestival.org)
- **Anacortes Annual Quilt Walk**, April 1-30, downtown Anacortes; for more information, visit fidalgo-islandquilters.com.
- **Art of Gardening Event**, April 26-27, 10am to 3pm, at the Depot Arts Center, Anacortes; displays, demos, yard art, plants, products, food, etc. Info: anacortesfarmersmarket.org
- **Trawler Fest**, May 13 -17, Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes; seminars,

demos, new products, and boat show; passagemaker.com.

- **Anacortes Waterfront Festival**, June 7-8, 10am to 6pm, Cap Sante Marina; features car and boat shows, milk carton derby, free boat rides, vendors, food, entertainment, and more. (anacortes.org)
- **Bark in the Park Dog Festival**, June 14, 10am to 3pm, Storvik Park, 32nd Street, Anacortes; pet parade, costume contest, demos, games, and more! For more info, 360.293.1967.
- **35th Annual Shipwreck Festival**, July 19, 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, shipwreckfest.org

- **San Juan Island Summer Arts Fair & Lavender Festival**, July 19 & July 20, 10am-5pm, Friday Harbor; pottery, textiles, jewelry, paintings, sculpture, soaps, furniture, hammocks, and so much more - all directly from the artists. . (sanjuanisland.org)
- **53rd Annual Anacortes Arts Festival**, August 1-3, 10am-6pm, downtown Anacortes; arts, crafts, demos, music, & food! Family fun for all! anacortesartsfestival.com

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"NEVER
CONFUSE
MOVEMENT
WITH ACTION."

- Ernest
Hemingway



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!

Congratulations to US, as we celebrate our 10th year of Association Newsletters with this issue!!!!