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HOA Upcoming Events

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:

- Tuesday, June 23
- Tuesday, July 21
- Thursday, August 20

Be sure to double-check the website (www.sunsetcove.org) for updates.

Although these are working meetings of the Board, members of the community (that's YOU!) are invited and even encouraged to attend. The Board has been discussing several hot topics recently, which are outlined in the pages which follow. Come and join in!

Community Garage Sale

Unfortunately, it looks like this annual activity will not formally be happening this year.

Work obligations have crept up and prevented Publicity Committee Chair Vickie Cooley from being able to organize this event. However, you are all welcome to hold your own "event" on the second weekend in June.

12th Annual Picnic

It's still early yet, but mark your calendars now for the 12th Annual SCHOA Picnic.

We've reserved the main shelter at Washington Park for Sunday, **September 13th, 2015**. More details will follow in the fall newsletter (or in an email blast in early August), but mark the date now for a tradition of good-neighbor mingling and the usual gastronomic delights!

2015 Board of Directors

At the Annual Meeting this past January, the new slate of Board of Directors was approved, and the officer positions have been sorted out as follows:

- President, Stan Singer (term ends 12/31/15).
- Vice President, Jean Warner (term ends 12/31/16).
- Secretary and Treasurer, Jackie Etsell (term ends 12/31/16).

- Architectural Review Committee Chair, Alan Hanson (term ends 12/31/16).
- Publicity Committee Chair, Vickie Cooley (term ends 12/31/16).
- 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.

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!!!

Landscaping Updates

Spring arrived early, and is fast turning into summer! Each day new shades of green appear as trees and scrubs and grass and yes, even those pesky weeds, gain ground in the 2015 growing season.

Here in Sunset Cove we have several landscape related issues that need our attention on an ongoing basis.

Community Common Area Maintenance:

The Green Street Yards crews are back for 2015 and have begun working in the common area medians and cul-de-sac gardens. Late last year, an irrigation system was installed at the entrance median to Sunset Cove, as well as additional plants. All the medians were mulched, and several large and overgrown trees were removed from the Washington Boulevard medians.

Curb Trees Along Washington Boulevard:

The Board recently approved the spraying again of the trees along Washington Boulevard

before they "bloomed-out".

The spraying was done in order to combat an infestation of Pacific Coast Pear Rust disease which was discovered in some of the trees a couple of summers ago. While the disease may not have been in all the trees, all were in danger as the disease is highly contagious. Consequently, all trees were sprayed in an effort to keep the trees healthy and disease-free.

At the same time, the median trees were sprayed to combat tent caterpillars, which had been seen on a few trees.

A reminder about the curbside trees: all homeowner's are responsible 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.

Median Lighting:

Part of the attractiveness of the boulevard medians are the lights, and this past winter all of the bulbs were tested and the majority of them were replaced. Damage to the bulbs — whether due to careless deer, the bulbs themselves overheating, or overzealous maintenance workers — have really made an impact the past few years. But now they are all working again!

Tree Stakes:

Many trees within the association have stakes and support posts around them. The rule of thumb with most profession-

al landscapers is to keep these in place for one year. Some feel two years are better, if extreme winds are an issue.

Most of these stakes have been in place in excess of these time frames. If you have stakes around your trees and the trees have not been compromised and are growing well, it might be time to remove them. The ties between the tree and the stakes can end up choking the trees and scarring them.

Also, leaving them in place too long does not allow for the tree to build up its own strength to brace for windy conditions and an occasional deer rub! Of course, leaving the deer guards around the trees in this area is necessary.

(Thank you to Jean Warner for this item.)

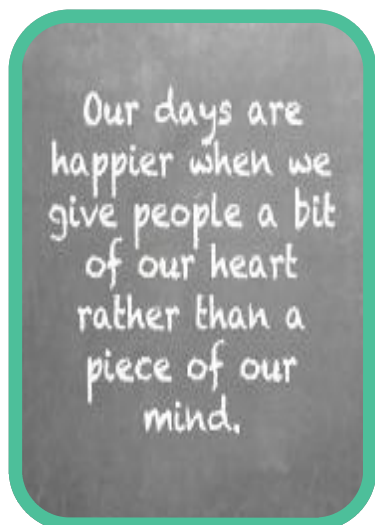
Vacant Lot Mowing:

Vacant lot owners, it's time to make arrangements for 2015 mowing and noxious weed control, if you haven't already. Sometimes it becomes difficult to make last minute arrangements after the lots grow thick with weeds and tall grasses — so, don't let this happen to you!

Keep in mind that it is not just a CC&R rule to keep the lots mowed; it is also an Anacortes Municipal Code requirement (against allowing noxious weeds and grasses to grow). Please plan ahead.

Gazebo and Trail:

The gravel path to the gazebo is due to be refreshed this summer. All neighbors with encroachments along the path will be notified to make room for the contractor's equipment. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation!



Upcoming Area Events

A few of the many activities in our community this spring and summer:

- **Anacortes Waterfront Festival**, June 6-7, 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 13; 10am to 2pm, Storvik Park, 32nd Street, Anacortes; pet parade, costume contest, demos, games, and more! For more info, 360.293.1967.
- **Kids-R-Best Fest**, July 11; 11am to 4pm; Storvik Park, 32nd Street, Anacortes; entertainment, inflatable bouncer, giant slide, pony rides, game booths, and more!
- **San Juan Island Summer Arts Fair & Lavender Festival**, July 11 & July 12, 10am-5pm, Friday Harbor; pottery, textiles, jewelry, paintings, sculpture, soaps, furniture, hammocks, and so much more - all directly from the artists. . (sanjuanisland.org)
- **36th Annual Shipwreck Festival**, July 18, 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
- **54th Annual Anacortes Arts Festival**, August 7-9, 10am-6pm, downtown Anacortes; arts, crafts, demos, music, & food! Family fun for all! anacortesartsfestival.com
- **7th Annual Workboat Races and Pirate Faire**, August 22, 11am to 6pm; Pier 1 in Anacortes; races, demos, pirate contests, a chowder challenge, and More! Fun for the whole family! portofanacortes.com

Ssshhhhh!

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

Neighborhood Notes

- Now that we have the new garbage totes (since the City converted to a fully automated pick up system) it is more important than ever for the garbage to be bagged. The recycling trucks have gotten better about slowing while emptying the front loader, which has minimized paper blowing around. The Anacortes Solid Waste crew reminds us to also put our garbage cans about 3 feet apart at the curb, before 7am on pick-up day (Fridays).
- Speaking of cleaning up ... everyone will thank you, so *please* remember to clean up after your construction sites, landscape projects, and dogs, who are of course on a leash at all times!
- 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. Note also that important messages are sent periodically to email addresses *only*, so you might be missing timely information.
- Another major topic that the Board has considered during the past year is traffic safety. Please make it a priority to observe the **25-mile per hour speed limit** when driving up and down the boulevards, advises Eric Shjarback, traffic safety guru for the City of Anacortes. It is even better to go slower than that, especially when "kid-alert" symbols are out indicating children are riding bikes and playing nearby.
- **Please don't feed the deer!** Some neighbors have noticed others actively feeding the deer which roam our yards, and have expressed concern that the leftover food scraps may be inviting rats and other vermin to take up residence. Park and wildlife experts caution *against* feeding such animals, as it can lead to problems. A very good article outlining the issues is at goanacortes.com ("Critter Corner: Feeding Wildlife Leads to Problems").

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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 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 the soon-to-be-built **Garden Village Homes**.

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