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Neighborhood Happy Hour

PARTY TIME!!! A neighborhood gathering - with wine & cheese or cocktails - is scheduled for the afternoon of **Sunday, May 21, 2017, from 4 to 6 p.m.**

Again this year, the Warner's have offered their driveway, at 2305 Sundown Court, for this fun get-together. ALL SCHOA members are encouraged to attend, and to bring an appetizer, dessert, and/or drink to share. (It might also help to bring a chair, if you can.) Plates, napkins, cups, etc. will be provided.

More information will follow in an email, so watch your inbox!



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2017 Board Topics

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

- President, Alan Hanson (term ends 12/31/18).
- Vice President, Jean Warner (term ends 12/31/18).
- Secretary, Amy Schnabel (term ends 12/31/17).
- Treasurer, Tisa Kniskern (term ends 12/31/17).
- Architectural Review Committee Chair, Ken Goodwin (term ends 12/31/18).
- Landscape Committee Chair, Jean Warner (term ends 12/31/18).
- Publicity Committee Chair, vacant.

Committees were also re-formed this winter, and the members who

have volunteered for each committee are:

Architectural Review: Ken Goodwin, chair; Paul Allen, Kim Graf, Scott Hayes, Jim Nelson, and Gabrielle Thurman.

Landscape: Jean Warner, chair; Paul Allen (co-chair), Kim Graf, Judy Moore, and Ron Telles.

Publicity: (no chair); Gabrielle Thurman and Jackie Etsell (newsletter).

Welcome aboard, and thank you to all of you!

Please note that the Board represents each and every home, unit, or lot owner, so please let us know your thoughts, suggestions, ideas, and/or concerns. To contact the board members by e-mail use board@sunsetcove.org.

You are also welcome to attend the semi-monthly Board meetings, which are generally held at the Anacortes Library. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 15. Double-check the website for potential meeting changes.

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!

If we don't know, we can't help!

Thanks!!!

What's New on the Trail to the Gazebo?

By Tisa Kniskern

If you regularly walk down the HOA trail leading to the gazebo, or further to Washington Park, you'll notice that some changes have been made recently – like no mud! Previously, there was an underground spring that made the trail quite muddy (in addition to all the rain, of course!). To help remedy this, the HOA board and Landscaping Committee, co-chaired by Jean Warner and Paul Allen, hired Choice Landscaping to fix this situation.



As contracted, Choice put in stone steps in several locations where the trail was very steep, in order to prevent walkers from slip-

ping on the trail. A drainage system was also installed to divert water from the spring.

They also did some work on the dog-leg trail leading to Washington Court, by leveling the trail, adding gravel and bark, and extending the stone wall along the border.



Several trees and shrubs were also pruned back, making for easier navigating down the path.

So, enjoy the new work and happy walking everyone — or should that just be Happy Trails!

Pictures of the trails by Paul Allen.



Meet Your Neighbors!

By Tisa Kniskern

What makes Deanna Brzeg happy? Sharing her passion with others. What's her passion? Specialty cheeses, wines, and conversations with new friends. So she opened a new shop in Anacortes – *Salt and Vine*.

Deanna saw a need for a spot like this where you could unwind for happy hour, date night, girls night, or host a special event. She loves talking with her customers and wants to share high quality and unique products.

Deanna and her husband Victor, retired military (and former

SCHOA Board member!), want to get to know you and your favorite cheese, salami, or wine. They have everything you need for graceful gourmet entertaining at home, or a simple picnic on your boat. The shop has many local food products as well as art displayed for sale by local artists.

Deanna previously had an organic, natural shop that catered to allergy sensitive customers in New Jersey. Deanna, Victor, and their two sons moved to Anacortes in 2011 and love the area. The whole family is involved in the business, helping one

way or another.

They look forward to meeting you and sharing the best from small food artisans in the Pacific Northwest, as well as Europe.

Drop by their shop – *Salt and Vine*, 913 6th Street, across from the Post Office. Enjoy!!

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If you wish to contribute an article about your neighbor in Sunset Cove, contact Tisa Kniskern, tkniskern@yahoo.com.

Neighborhood Notes:

- Traffic safety and speeds are always a hot topic, and as the weather warms up children and animals become more frequent sightings. Please observe the **25-mile per hour** speed limit when driving up and/or down the boulevard, and actively watch for "hazards" of all kinds.
- Vacant lot owners, it's time to make arrangements for 2017 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 please plan accordingly. And this is not just a CC&R rule but also a municipal code requirement.
- The free **Spring Clean-Up** is Saturday, May 13 from 9am until noon 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.

- **Please don't feed the deer!** Leftover 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 many articles referenced on Google, including by the Humane Society and other organizations.
- 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.
- 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.

- Happy Spring!!

Ssshhh!

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, and other Association info.



President's Corner:

Greetings and Salutations Fellow HOA Members!

My name is Alan Hanson and I am your new President. This is my third year of serving on the Board of Directors. The prior two years were serving as the Architectural Review Committee Chairman. While in this position I have learned a lot about our Home Owners Association.

The most interesting to me was that we have five individual areas included in the HOA, but that our CC&R's only cover two of the areas, and that the CC&R's for those two areas, while similar, are not identical. The other three areas have their own CC&R's and their own mini-HOAs. This does make for some interesting issues.

While reviewing the paperwork which established the HOA, I am thankful for all the hard work of the first Board in setting up the CC&R's and By-Laws we use today. I would like to especially thank Ron Telles, Paul Allen, and Barbara Ballentine for their hard work on this effort. Their names were all over the documents that gave us ultimate responsibility and moved us out from under the developer's control.

And these people served for many years to keep the organization going, and ensure we were keeping up the high standards that make this development one of the most sought after areas in Anacortes.

I have lived in Sunset Cove for over 10 years. My decision to run for a Board position was inspired by all the

years several others members served. I felt it was time to give them a break, and I encourage others to volunteer for Board positions in the future. I have met so many great people by working on the Board I am definitely glad I volunteered. I am sure we all have busy lives, whether we are still employed or retired, but I believe working on the Board is an enriching experience, both for you and our organization. The time goes so fast I encourage you to consider volunteering for a 2018 Board position.

Thank you, and I hope to see you at a future Board meeting or at one of our special events!

Alan Hanson

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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 the soon-to-be-built **Garden Village Homes** (all along Sundown Court).

The Sunset Cove Homeowners Association (SCHOA) represents *all* of these, even as the Crest, Gardens, and Village 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!
