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# Sunset Cove Newsletter



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A HUGE "Thank You" goes to Jean Warner, who resigned her Board position at the end of January after serving for three years. She was tireless in her efforts to keep the landscape maintenance company on their toes, and both the Board and community will miss her enthusiasm and hard work. Good luck to you, Jean, and thanks again!

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, Mike Freeman (term ends 12/31/19).
- Secretary, Lavon Fisher (term ends 12/31/19).
- Treasurer, Tisa Kniskern (term ends 12/31/19).
- Architectural Review Committee Chair, Ken Goodwin (term ends 12/31/18).
- Landscape Committee Chair, Kim Graf (appointed to fulfill Jean Warner's term, which 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, Scott Hayes, Jim Nelson, and Gabrielle Thurman.

Landscape: Kim Graf, chair; Paul Allen (co-chair), Steve Krippner, Tony Maggio, Sheila Kaufman, Leon Fisher,

Lavon Fisher, Scott Hayes, Bob Woods, Rick Etsell, Mike Freeman, and Ron Telles.

Publicity: (no chair); Dan Worra and Jackie Etsell (both newsletter only).

Welcome aboard, and thank you to all of you!

Please note that the Board represents each and every home, unit, or lot owner (87 in total), so please let us know your thoughts, suggestions, ideas, and/or concerns. To contact the board members by e-mail use [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto: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 21, which is discussed on page 2 and is a VERY IMPORTANT MEETING to attend. 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!!!**

## Landscape Committee Update



Watch your mail box for very important information about the Washington Boulevard Median Project and the SCHOA meeting on June 21. Ballots regarding approval of the special assessment are due that day!!!

The Landscape Committee has been hard at work since January. I want to thank all of those who have volunteered their time to participate on the committee this year. Your participation and input are greatly appreciated!

### **Washington Boulevard Median Project:**

As a result of the January Annual Meeting, the Landscape Committee met in early February and developed an on-line survey, in order to gain insight on the community's desires for the Washington Boulevard Median Project (WBMP). We had over fifty (50) residents participate in the survey. The results, discussed at the February SCHOA Meeting, provided the Landscape Committee with direction for the scope of the project:

- Refresh current landscaping, including trimming or skirting trees and shrubs, or removal as necessary.
- Replace plantings as needed, with drought-resistant and deer-resistant plants, to include addition of hardscapes (boulders and driftwood).
- No irrigation.
- Lighting is important,

however there were strong opinions to not "light up" the Boulevard.

In March, the Landscape Committee met and walked the community to identify landscape needs for this year and beyond.



In April, the committee reviewed the three bids received for the WBMP. The Landscape Committee selected a landscaper to complete the project, and presented it to the Board in May. The Board approved the recommendation. At the **June 21 SCHOA Meeting**, there will be a detailed presentation of the WBMP, and a community vote for the assessment to complete the Project.

### **Cul de Sac Medians and Gazebo:**

The Board approved routine maintenance projects for the Washington and Sundown Court medians (adding mulch and river rock, and trimming plants), and the gazebo (cleaning

and oiling). These projects will be completed over the next several months. It was also decided that the Tract B and Dogleg trail improvements will be scheduled in 2019.

### **Other Projects:**

- The Washington Boulevard **trees** were **sprayed** in early March, to protect against pear rust disease.
- Everflow will be in our community in early May for the annual spring maintenance and service on our community **irrigation systems**.
- It is that time of the year when spring and summer bring new growth to yards and vacant lots! Weeds and grasses are growing and we remind all residents to please keep **yards/lots mowed and weeded** in order to control and prevent the spread of weeds!

The Landscape Committee thanks you all for doing your part to keep our community looking pristine!

Sincerely,  
Kim Graf,  
Landscape Chair

## 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 2018 **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.
- **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 excellent articles referenced on Google, including by the Humane Society and other organizations.
- If you have received this newsletter via regular U.S. mail, this means we do not have an email address on file for you. Contact [rick@etsell.com](mailto: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:

### Greeting Neighbors!

After a wetter than usual winter it is great to see the sun shining. I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy our wonderful Northwest summer.

Along with this summer fun period, I must also provide some caution to go with your enjoyment:

1. Wear a life vest always when around the water.
2. Be extra careful when driving around the many construction areas, to watch for people who may be more distracted than usual.

3. With the many summer visitors to our City, (most of whom are very nice) car prowls still occur every week. Make sure you keep your doors locked and personal items out of view.

Meanwhile, discussions on the Guemes Channel Trail are continuing, with various options under consideration for its extension towards Washington Park. There are still several sections with issues that need to be resolved, but the movement is always forward.

Now for the most im-

portant things you can all do to help our neighborhood. Get out and say hello to your neighbors. The Doe Run development will bring in nine new families when fully populated, and families are moving out and new ones coming in each year.

We wish everyone the best, and hope to see some of you on the Board in the future. Help our Homeowners Association be the best in the City!

Thank you!

Alan Hanson





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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 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-finished Doe Run at Sunset Cove (all along Sundown Court).

The Sunset Cove Homeowners Association (SCHOA) represents *all* of these, even as the



Crest, Gardens, and Doe Run 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!

### ***Neighborhood Happy Hour!***

**PARTY TIME!!!** All SCHOA members are invited to a neighborhood gathering on **Sunday, June 3, 2018, from 4 to 6 p.m.**, at the Doe Run development, at the east end of Sundown Court.

This fun get-together could include a tour of the Doe Run model home, courtesy of Mike and Leslie Freeman. Please 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!