# Sunset Cove Newsletter

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"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

- Dr. Suess

### 2019 Board Bits

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, Ken Goodwin (term ends 12/31/20).
- Vice President, Mike Freeman (term ends 12/31/19).
- Secretary, Tisa Kniskern (term ends 12/31/19).
- Treasurer, Jackie Etsell (term ends 12/31/20).
- Architectural Review Committee Chair, Mike Freeman (term ends 12/31/19).
- Landscape Committee Chair, Kim Graf (term ends 12/31/19).
- Publicity Committee Chair, Gabrielle Thurman (term ends 12/31/20).

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.

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 Tuesday, April 16. Double-check

the website for potential meeting changes.

Even if you're not on a specific committee (see below), 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!!!

### **Committees:**

Committees were again re-formed this winter, and the members who "officially" volunteered for each committee are:

Architectural Review: Mike Freeman, chair; Paul Allen, Kim Graf, Barbara Ballentine, Rob Warner, and Alison Hill.

<u>Landscape</u>: Kim Graf, chair; Paul Allen, Trinka Mount, and Alison Hill.

<u>Publicity</u>: Gabrielle Thurman, chair; and Jackie Etsell (newsletter only).

AND NEW THIS YEAR! Community
Buffer Zones, View, and Vegetation
Issues: Kim Graf and Mike Freeman,
co-chairs; Paul Allen, Barbara Ballentine, Alan Hanson, Bill Collins, and
Tim Cornelius.

Please join us!!!

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# Landscape Committee Update:

Welcome Spring!!

I am pleased to share that the Washington Boulevard Medians Project is near completion!! Simply Yards has done a wonderful job adding deer and drought resistant plants, as well as mulch to the medians. The Landscape Committee will now focus on the addition of accent lighting to complete the project.

While on your walk through the neighborhood, please notice that we have also added plants and new mulch along Tract B and the Dogleg Trail.

For those who signed up for Everflow irrigation service, information will be shared when we confirm a date with Everflow.

With the growing season upon us, please remember to keep all yards — vacant lots as well as actual gardens and lawns — mowed and weed free.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our neighborhood pristine and well maintained!

Kim Graf, Landscape Chair





# **Are You Prepared?**



Normal fault



Not a picture from *here* — but a dramatic example of possible earthquake damage.

With the many earthquakes and tsunamis around the globe these past few years, we have to remember that even our wonderful neighborhood is in a vulnerable location. So what should we do to prepare for an emergency? And what should we do during one?

According to the American Red Cross, your basic preparations should include:

- Pick safe places in each room of your home, like under a piece of furniture or against an interior wall, away from windows, fireplaces, and tall furniture.
- Keep a flashlight and a pair of sturdy shoes by each person's bed.
- Make sure your home is securely anchored to its foundation.
- Bolt and brace water heaters, gas appliances, bookcases, china cabinets, and other heavy furniture to wall studs.
- Hang heavy items away from where

people sleep or sit.

 Keep and maintain an emergency supplies kit in an easy-to-access location.

During an earthquake, if you're inside when the shaking starts:

- Drop, cover, and hold on. Move as little as possible.
- If you're in bed, stay there, and curl up and hold on. Protect your head with a pillow.
- Stay away from windows; stay indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it's safe to go outside.

For more helpful tips go to www.redcross.org.

[Please Note: This article is reprinted from the Spring 2010 edition of this newsletter, Volume 6, Issue 1. After a couple of updates, it is hoped that the information is still timely today.]

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# **Neighborhood Notes:**

- Traffic safety and speeds are always a hot topic, so please observe the 25mile per hour speed limit when driving up and/or down the boulevard. Actively watch for "hazards" of all kinds: kids and animals.
- Vacant lot owners, it's time to make arrangements for 2019 mowing and noxious weed control, if you haven't already. Avoid the difficulty of making last minute arrangements, when lots have grown thick with weeds and tall grasses. And this is not just a CC&R rule but also a municipal code requirement.
- A FREE CleanUp Day will be Saturday, April 13, from 9 am until noon, at the City of Anacortes Operations Facility at D Ave and 37th Street. City residents are allowed

- one "pick-up" load, to get rid of household garbage, furniture, and yard waste. For more info, call 360.293.3134.
- 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.
- Please contact <u>rick@etsell.com</u> with any email address changes, so we may keep the records up to date. Important messages are sent periodically and we'd hate for anyone to miss out.
- Happy Spring!!

### SSSShhhhhh!!

The "secret" password to the documents section of the <u>Sunset Cove website</u> 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 (recently updated!), and other Association info.





Doe Run continues to evolve. Phase one has been completed, with four homes and happy neighbors. Phase two is well underway. One house has closed, with the move-in scheduled for late May; another house is pending with the move-in scheduled for early summer. Work is progressing on the remaining three homes, in varying stages of completion. Landscaping is in process for the new section, and the second road within Doe Run will be in place soon. Walk on up and visit!

Dawn Bachmann

## **President's Corner:**

**Greetings Neighbors!** 

Spring is here, and summer won't be far behind, that's for sure. Time to start boating, golfing, playing tennis or pickle ball, lawn maintenance, and/or block parties. Or all of the above!

Forecasts are for a warm summer, let's hope we don't repeat the devastating fires of last year.

We have an energetic Board committed to maintaining the common areas, as well as welcoming new homeowners. The Crane's (at WPE Lot 19) are close to completing construction and we welcome them to our neighborhood. The Colson's (at WPE Lot 17)

have completed the ARC review process, and are awaiting permits to begin building.

Doe Run is being built out at an astonishing pace, with several units already sold and occupied. It won't be long before all our lots are developed!

Please feel free to reach out to me or any of the Board members if you need assistance with something we can help with.

**Enjoy your Spring!** 

Ken Goodwin President

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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 quickly-filling-up 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!

