

# Sunset Cove Newsletter

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## President's Corner:

Greetings, Neighbors -

To say the least, this has been a very unusual year for all of us. From "stay at home" mandates, wearing masks, and social distancing, our lives have changed and may never return to what we consider "normal" again.

With those circumstances in mind I want to reassure all HOA members that the SCHOA Board of Directors continues to function during these unusual times, with the health and safety of each of its members a top priority.

Although our methods of

operation have had to change, as they have with all businesses and organizations, we are using multiple avenues of communication open to us such as social media, telephone conferencing, and Zoom, to ensure HOA operations continue without interruption.

Rest assured the HOA is functioning at 100% and will continue to do so during the health crisis. Be sure to email the Board with any HOA concerns, and we will promptly deal with it.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and social dis-

tancing mandates, all of our physical/social activities are canceled for the foreseeable future, until the pandemic is over or contained.

Take care.

*Gabrielle Thurman,*  
SCHOA President



## Fun in the Kitchen!

Once we're able to entertain again among friends and family, this recipe (courtesy of neighbor Cori Nelson) for Sugar and Nut Glazed Brie, is fantastic!!! Or make it just for fun!

It's good with crackers, little toast bits, or sliced apples, pears, or grapes. Yum!

In a small glass container with a lid, combine ¼ cup packed brown sugar, ½ cup

broken pecans, and 2 tbsp. (or more) bourbon. Cover and chill up to a week (the longer the better!).

When ready, place half a 14 oz. brie wheel in a glass pie plate and microwave long enough to soften (about 30 seconds). Put glaze mixture on top to cover brie completely, then microwave until mixture bubbles.

Serve immediately and enjoy!

## SSSShhhhhh!!

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, newsletters, both sets of CC&Rs, the by-laws, neighborhood roster, and other Association info and announcements.

## 2020 Board Bits:

The current Board of Directors, and their positions, are as follows:

- President, Gabrielle Thurman (term ends 12/31/20)
- Vice President, vacant.
- Secretary, Lori Campbell (term ends 12/31/21).
- Treasurer, Jackie Etsell (term ends 12/31/20).
- Architectural Review Committee Chair, Ken Goodwin (term ends 12/31/20).

- Landscape Committee Chair, Steve Krippner (term ends 12/31/21).
- Publicity Committee Chair, Dawn Bachmann (term ends 12/31/21).

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

During the lockdown, the Board has been meeting virtually. We may try a Zoom-type meeting, to which all neighbors could be invited. More details will be on the website. Plans about the annual membership meeting next January are still to be determined.

Even if you're not on a specific committee, your input is welcomed and valued. And don't forget to consider becoming a member of the Board of Directors!

Thanks!!!

## Landscape Committee Update:

There were no landscape related expenses this past spring due to work stoppages related to the pandemic. With Phase 2, Simply Yards is back up and running, so ongoing HOA related maintenance has resumed.

The mowing maintenance of vacant lots has also been impacted by the pandemic and related slow downs in work crews, but all have been completed by now. A dead and snapped cedar tree was removed from the SCHOA natural buffer behind the

townhomes, and a lot of the Scots broom in that area was removed as well.

The two benches in the Sundown Court median have been cleaned, sanded, and treated.

A bid has been received for trimming several trees along the Observation Avenue trail; other brush will be cleared.

An estimate was secured to maintain the storm water pond across from Washington Park, but since the bids

were pretty high we'll wait. Also, the City mowed the parking strip by Washington Park, so for now it looks fine. When the ponds are thoroughly dry, it would be consistent with County guidelines to remove brush and at least the fast growing red alders from the ponds. I will get additional bids for this work and hope to accomplish it before the Fall rains come back.

Steve Krippner,  
SCHOA Landscape Chair

## ARC Update:

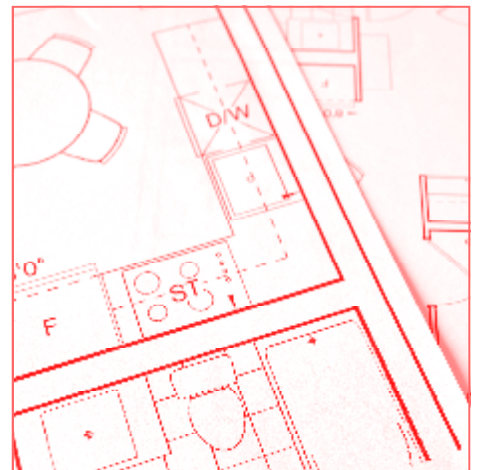
Another casualty of the pandemic shutdowns was the construction industry. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has therefore been very quiet this past spring.

Section III through Section VI in the CC&Rs for both Washington Park Estates and Sunset Cove Estates address the duties and requirements for approval for building plans, as well as landscape and fence plans.

The committee members meet on an as-needed basis, in order to review plans and determine if anything more is needed for approval.

The number of vacant lots is fast dwindling as new homes are built. But from the first dig until the completed Certificate of Occupancy, ARC is here to help out.

Ken Goodwin,  
SCHOA ARC Chair



## Neighborhood Notes:

- Traffic safety and speeds are always a hot topic, so please be careful and observe the **25-mile per hour** speed limit when driving up and/or down the boulevard and courts. Actively watch for "hazards" of all kinds: kids and animals.
- **Tree Trimming** along Washington Boulevard is a requirement in order for the City to sweep the streets, which they have been doing. On the side walk side, please trim accordingly.
- Be sure to put your **garbage in bags** and tie them before putting in the cans and out at the curb. This will prevent loose items from blowing through the neighborhood — which happens almost every week with loose garbage (and recycling)!
- **Please don't feed the deer!** Left-over 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 [rick@etsell.com](mailto:rick@etsell.com) with any email address changes, so we may keep the records up to date. Important messages are sometimes sent periodically throughout the year, and we'd hate for anyone to miss out.
- Remember to wear a mask, social distance, and wash your hands! Thanks!

## Volunteers Needed:

It is much too early to think about Fall and next year's Board, but alas, we must. Even in the Summer 2007 Newsletter, a plea was made:

"The Board needs your help! We are a small community and to thrive and keep our special part of paradise moving the way we wish, we need the participation and help from all the homeowners. Join the Board, join a committee. Share your ideas. Share what you like or what you'd like to see changed. Help make Sunset Cove all it can be!"

There will be at least two openings for the 2021 Board, and please consider taking "your turn" at serving a two-year term on the Board. Join a fun group of people who get things done. Think you're too busy? Ha, never! And it's the busiest people who usually get things done, right?!

Please think about it. Thanks!

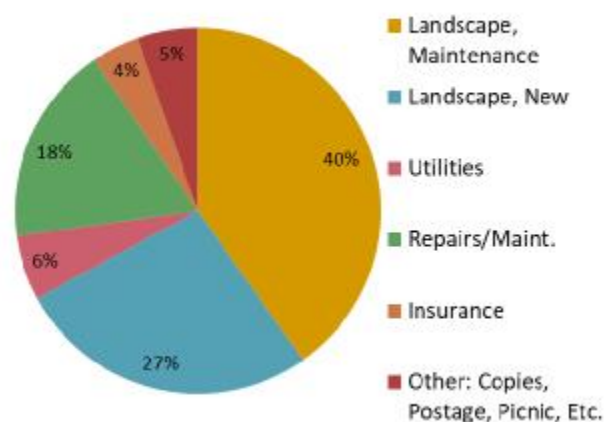
"Ah! There is nothing like staying at home for real comfort."

— Jane Austen

## Treasurer Update:

Everyone approves the annual budget each year, which specifically outlines where the total funds that are collected each year are spent. But have you ever wondered just where your \$300 annual dues actually go?

The pie chart to the right visually represents where your dollars are being spent this year. Clearly the largest category is Landscaping, and when the annual landscape maintenance expenses (yellow) are added with the new landscaping allotment (blue), you're looking at 2/3 the total budget (67%)! That's a lot of landscaping! But many thanks to the Committee, who work on keeping it all in control!



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We're on the Web!  
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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 **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!

