

Sunset Cove Newsletter

Winter 2013

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Annual Meeting

As a resident and/or owner in the Sunset Cove community, you are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2013 in the meeting room at the Anacortes Public Library.

Light refreshments (cookies and coffee) will be available starting at 12:45 p.m., with the gavel falling to start the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Come early and get to know some of your neighbors!

The agenda is likely to include the Treasurer's report, a review of activities and projects from 2012, and the election of new Board members. And a BIG *Thank You* to the outgoing Board members as they finish their terms!

If you have any agenda items or other concerns that you would like discussed, please feel free to email any of the current members of the Board at: board@sunsetcove.org

If you are unable to make the meeting, please mail in your ballot and proxy to:

SCHOA
PO Box 943
Anacortes, WA 98221

We look forward to seeing you all!

Special Points of Interest:

- Annual Meeting Time
- Cold Weather
- Community Events
- Contest!
- Board Notes
- Reminders

Reminder:

Homeowners' Association dues for 2013 are due by January 1, 2013.

2012 Board of Directors

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

- President, Paul Allen (term ends 12/31/13).
- Vice President, Jim Gray (term ends 12/31/13).
- Secretary and Treasurer, Jackie Etsell (term ends 12/31/12).
- Architectural Review Committee Chair, Don Berg (term ends 12/31/12).
- Publicity Committee Chair, Victor Brzeg (term ends 12/31/13).
- Landscape Committee Chair, Barbara Ballentine

(term ends 12/31/12).

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns that you wish to bring to the Board's attention, or you just want to make them aware of how you feel about something, feel free to use the blanket email address: board@sunsetcove.org

Cold Weather Tips: Home and Garden

With the coldest months of the year upon us, it's important to be prepared for any rough weather that comes our way. Plan ahead and stay safe.

- ü Keep flashlights handy and make sure they have fresh batteries.
- ü Note the 24-hour customer service lines for utilities, in case you have a power outage or suspect a natural gas leak (Puget Sound Energy's is 1-888-225-5773.)
- ü Build an emergency kit that includes at least a three-day supply of food, water, medicine, and pet supplies, a first-aid kit, more flashlights and batteries, and a battery-powered radio.
- ü Check your furnace filter monthly and clean or replace as needed.
- ü Keep your home at the lowest comfortable temperature. (For most homes, the heating bill

drops by about 2 percent for every degree the thermostat is lowered.)

- ü Keep shades and curtains open during the day so the sun can make your home warmer. Close them in the evening to keep the heat in.
- ü Use generators correctly - never inside your home or garage. Also, do not hook up a generator directly to your home's wiring.
- ü If using space heaters, be very careful. Place on a level, hard, nonflammable surface, and away from curtains and clothing. Never leave unattended.
- ü Never burn charcoal indoors, and do not use a stove or oven to try to heat your home.
- ü Also, be very careful with lit candles; as a light source, flashlights are much safer.
- ü Open cabinet doors under sinks, especially where plumbing is in outdoor walls, to let interior heat warm the pipes. Let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes.
- ü Keep your outdoor meters clear of snow and ice buildup. Use a broom to gently clear snow away from the meter and the area around it, and never shovel snow against the meter or pipes.
- ü Don't forget to have a supply of rock salt or sand on hand for traction on ice.
- ü There's still some time to complete fall garden clean up to prepare for spring: remove frost-bitten annuals; cut back the yellow leaves of hosta, daylilies, and lilies; dig and divide the spring-blooming perennials; move tender plants indoors or under cover; and pull the deep-rooted weeds like thistle, dandelions, and plantain now so they don't get established over the winter.

"I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it."

- Thomas Jefferson

As he steps down from the Association's Board of Directors, we would like to extend a hearty "thank you" to Don Berg. The time and attention he devoted to the group, especially chairing the Architectural Review Committee, has been appreciated by all.

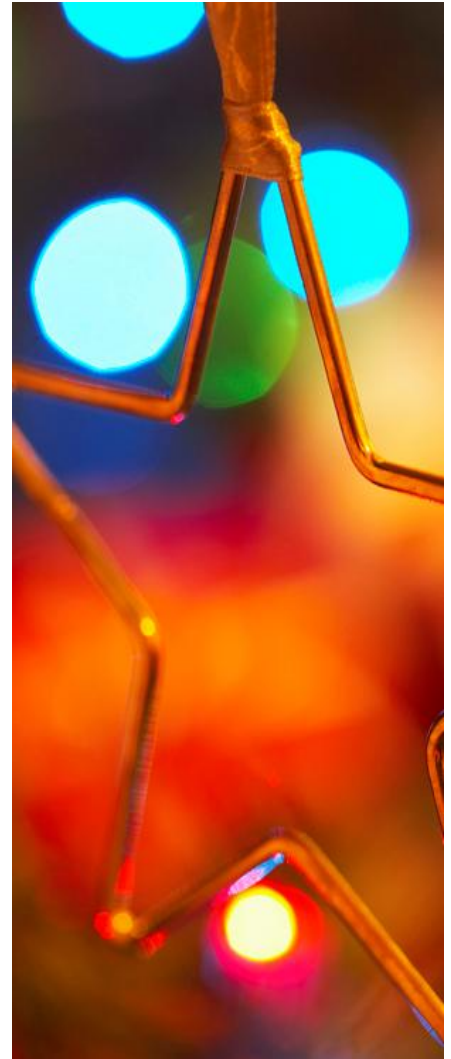
Take care, Don, don't be a stranger, and again, many thanks!

For more information about cold weather safety tips and checklists to minimize storm impacts, visit www.govlink.org/storm.

Upcoming Area Events:

Some upcoming community events that may be of interest (and get us up off the couch this winter!):

- La Conner Lighted Boat Parade, December 8, 6 p.m. along the Swinomish Slough.
- Wonderland Walk at Washington Park, December 14 & 15, 5-8 p.m. View the decorated campsites at the park, and maybe even see Santa!
- Anacortes Annual Lighted Boat Parade, December 15, 5-9 p.m. along Guemes Channel; 360.507.9999 to participate.
- Fishing Derby: 10th Annual Salmon Classic Invitational, February 7-9, Roche Harbor; entries limited, lots of cash prizes; 360.378.5562 or visit www.rocheharbor.com for entry information.
- La Conner Smelt Derby, February 23, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; pancake breakfast @ 8 a.m., 5K-10K Smelt Run/Walk @ 10 a.m.; prizes and raffles throughout the day (for more info, 360.466.4778).
- Anacortes Salmon Derby, March 29-31, activities include a free fishing seminar and door prizes; entries due by Jan. 31; for tickets and more information, visit www.anacortessalmonderby.com
- Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, April 1-30, Skagit Valley; tours and flowers galore! (visit www.tulipfestival.org)
- Anacortes Annual Quilt Walk, April 1-30, downtown Anacortes; call 360.293.0622 for information.
- First Friday Gallery Art Walks, first Friday of every month, generally 6-9 p.m., downtown Anacortes (visit www.anacortes.org for info).



Let's Light Up The Neighborhood!

Most of us drive up Washington Boulevard at some point during the day or week, and have you ever thought, like I have, that it would sure be pretty if more people decorated their homes or yards with lights for the holidays? Just think — wouldn't it be fun to be highlighted in the Anacortes American (or even the Skagit Herald) for the street with the most and prettiest lights?

So, what better way to encourage this than by having a little contest! Indeed. Just fill out the coupon to the right, and

vote for your favorite! You can even include your vote with your dues payment if you'd like, but please send it in before December 24. Email votes will also be accepted, at jackie@etsell.com.

Winner/s will be announced at the Annual Meeting on January 19 (1 p.m. at the library).

Vote early, and vote often!

[Disclaimer: participation is voluntary; voting is on the honor system; the results are final, and may be arbitrary.]

SUNSET COVE HOLIDAY LIGHTS

2012 OFFICIAL BALLOT

Address* of the house I/we think is the BEST decorated:

* or name or description.



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Publicity Committee
Newsletter Editor: Jackie Etsell

We're on the Web!
sunsetcove.org

Board Meetings:

The Sunset Cove Homeowners Association schedules board meetings at the Anacortes Public Library, Community Meeting Room, at 7 p.m., usually on the third Thursday of each month. The dates for 2013 meetings have not specifically been scheduled yet.

Although these are working meetings of the Board, the community is invited and encouraged to attend. Contact the Board President if you have any business to bring to the attention of the Board.

Always double-check the website, www.sunsetcove.org for meeting reminders and other information. E-mail the board@sunsetcove.org with any thoughts, suggestions, ideas, or concerns.

Don't forget the Annual Meeting on Saturday January 19, 2013 at the library! (More details on page 1.) See you there!

Neighborhood Notes:

- Please observe the 25-mile per hour speed limit when driving up and/or down the boulevard.
- This message is for the dogs of Sunset Cove: thank you to your people for having you safely on a leash at all times (and for cleaning up after you!).
- The Anacortes Senior College will soon be gearing up for winter and spring classes; for schedules and other information call 360.293.1200 or visit www.seniorcollege.info.
- Attention all budding writers: the position of Newsletter Editor is now open! If you have ideas for topics and articles, or have some extra time on your hands (and computer) three times per year, please feel free to submit your name to the Board for taking over this newsletter. It has been a lot of fun, and it is time for a new voice!
- Usually if you have received this newsletter via regular mail this means we do not have a current e-mail address on file for you. For this issue, however, everyone has received a hard copy with their dues assessment and annual meeting notice.

PLEASE continue to contact rick@etsell.com with your e-mail address, either new or changed, so we may update our records. *Your* notification to us is the only way we can keep up.
- The secret password to the documents section of the Sunset Cove website is **ssc98221** (lower case letters). You'll find the minutes of the Board meetings, current and past newsletters, both sets of CC&R's, by-laws, etc. (And just a note: the minutes get posted after they're approved by the Board, which is usually after the next meeting.)
- Speaking of Association business, please don't forget to mail in your dues before the end of the year! Thanks!
- And, finally, happy new year!