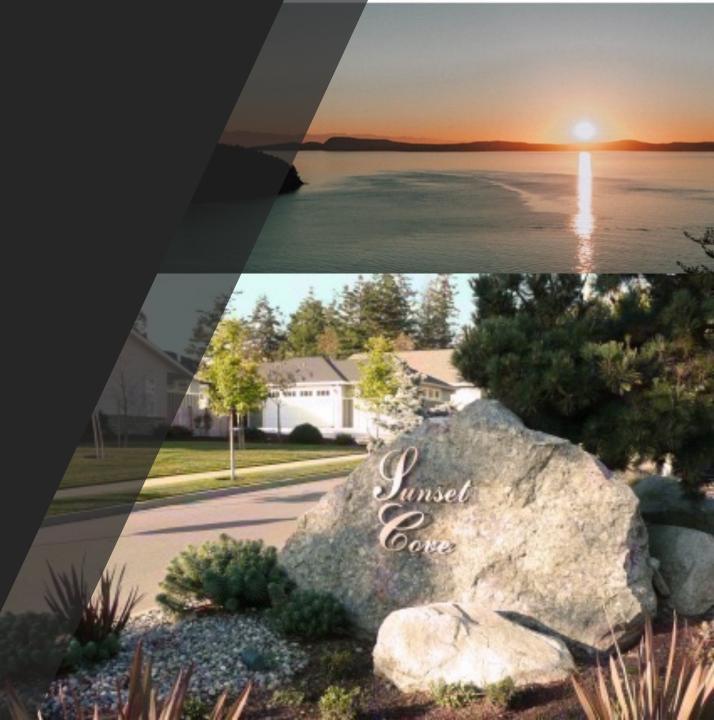
# Sunset Cove Homeowners Association

# April 2022 SCHOA "Quarterly Newsletter"

**Official Publication of the Sunset Cove HOA** 



# From the President



Hi all. Now that 2021 is in the books and Q1 of 2022 is behind us we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel and some new and challenging headwinds. Gas prices and what we are paying for other goods and services have reset, in some cases at all time highs. Tailwinds have also been coming our way as we've navigated our way through the pandemic. Relaxed mask mandates, more businesses coming back on-line and a general sense that we've made it through the worst of the pandemic are all great signs of progress. As things continue to open up the SCHOA Board will keep you abreast of any changes to our operating structure along with the opportunities we see impacting Sunset Cove. We are however getting back to what I anticipate will be a new normal for all of us.

As a group the SCHOA Board has re-aligned its communication medium(s) and feels good with the go forward plan utilizing a Zoom platform for Annual Meetings and bi-monthly Board Meetings. We will continue to use such mediums as cell phones, conference calls, emails and one-on-one contact in smaller groups where and when necessary. We have adapted well and are pleased that SCHOA business has been conducted efficiently. The Board has and will continue to function at 100% to serve the needs of all SCHOA owners.

#### **Doug Berard**

**President, Sunset Cove Homeowners Association** 

(Email us at board@sunsetcove.org)

# About the SCHOA

## **Sunset Cove Homeowners Association**





Located in Anacortes, WA, at the western edge of Fidalgo Island, Sunset Cove is uniquely situated with views of the San Juan Islands, Rosario Strait and Burrows Bay. Sunset Cove owners enjoy 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 Blvd), Sunset Cove Estates (homes along Washington Court) and The Crest at Sunset Cove Condominiums, The Gardens at Sunset Cove Condominiums and Doe Run at Sunset Cove detached Condominiums all along Sundown Court. The Sunset Cove Homeowners Association (SCHOA) represents all of the aforementioned areas held within the Sunset Cove community. The Crest, The Gardens and Doe Run each have have their own HOA's. The SCHOA in totality represents the entire development taking care of the common areas as well as common issues.

Welcome to all our neighbors, new, established and those who are entertaining a move to Sunset Cove!

#### SCHOA Board

# Where We're Located

## Westend Anacortes





# 2022/2023 SCHOA Board

### 2022 SCHOA Board Meeting Schedule-Zoom Format

- > January 25th, 2022-Annual meeting-Minutes posted on website
- > February 19th, 2022-Bi/monthly meeting-Minutes posted on website
- April 23rd, 2022-Bi/monthly meeting
- June 25th, 2022-Bi/monthly meeting
- August 27th, 2022-Bi/monthly meeting
- October 15th, 2022-Bi/monthly meeting
- November 12th, 2022-Financial review
- January 24th, 2023, 7pm-Annual meeting (anticipated date and time)
- NOTE: Bi-monthly meeting dates and times are finalized

2 months in advance and posted on the SCHOA website



### 2022 Board of Directors by position:

- President-Doug Berard, The Gardens resident
  - □ Term ends 12/31/22
- Vice President-Daniel Allawatt, Crest resident
  - □ Term ends 12/31/22
- Secretary-Jean Warner, The Gardens resident
  Term ends 12/31/23
- Treasurer-Dawn Bachmann, Doe Run resident
  - □ Term ends 12/31/22
- Architectural Review Committee Chair-Annie Hayes, WA Park resident
  - □ Term ends 12/31/22
- Landscape Committee Chair-Steve Krippner, WA Park resident
  - □ Term ends 12/31/22
- Social /Publicity Committee-Team sport, all Board members

# 2022/2023 SCHOA Board

### **Current SCHOA Board Update(s)**

This year the Sunset Cove HOA Board has made progress to simplify Board tasks so that future Board members can transition into roles without a lengthy learning curve. We are developing an operations manual and event calendar to take the guess work out of Board member roles and responsibilities and associated time frames. If you have an interest in serving a two-year term (we are still currently in need of a Publicity Committee Chair along with an Audit Committee Chair) please email <u>board@sunsetcove.org</u>. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have. The Board meets every other month via Zoom to discuss SCHOA business and future planning needs. Our HOA cannot function without volunteers.

As reported at the Annual Meeting several Board members extended their terms in order to complete the SCHOA 5 year strategic plan, automation of information and activities and operational manuals. This makes 2023 an important year as we will have 5 outgoing Board members with streamlined processes to hand off as a gift for new Board members.

#### **Current SCHOA Board Update(s)**

If you want to find out more about Board opportunities and responsibilities please reach out to any member of our Board. 2023 Board member solicitation will begin earlier in 2022 than in years past. We want to insure the right fit for all open positions. In addition to talking directly with a Board member about opportunities in 2023 you can also email the Board at the Email address referenced earlier.

Thanks for your help!

#### **Doug Berard, President Sunset Cove HOA**





# 2022 SCHOA Board Meeting Dates-Committee Chair Updates

### **Treasurer Update**

- Pleased to announce that all dues/assessments have been paid in full for fiscal year....2022
- > Assets on hand as of March  $31^{st}$ , 2022:
  - Total assets \$70,780.19
  - Operating funds = \$26,340.93, Reserve funds = \$44,439.26
    Note: The asset total in the Q1 newsletter was mis-stated only showing the reserve fund total
- The mailbox lock repair on WA BLVD has taken place without replacing the box itself
  - A big <u>THANK YOU</u> to Tom Blackwood and David Wilton for their efforts lubricating and conditioning all the mailbox locks in Sunset Cove along with working with the USPS in the process
  - On a go forward basis we'll monitor the functionality of the mailboxes and set in motion an annual maintenance program

### Treasurer Update-Cont'd

- Access Anacortes Fiber Optics (AAFO) Network update
  - AAFO has completed laying the new fiber optics cable in Sunset Cove
  - A number of residents that have the new fiber optics cable in place have commented on the speed and functionality of the new system. One resident stated that it was "smokin fast"!
  - o Installation crews are city employees
  - Most installations take place in under 2 hours
    Notes:
  - 1. AAFO is in the process of completing sidewalk repairs
  - 2. They will replant grass once the weather improves
  - 3. A quality walk will be done towards the end of May by the the AAFO Project Manager
  - All impacted areas have been documented and turned over to the AAFO Project Manager for repair and maintenance disposition(s)

#### Dawn Bachmann Treasurer



# 2022 SCHOA Board Meeting Dates-Committee Chair Updates

#### Landscape Committee Update

- Our new landscape maintenance program was awarded to ProScapes earlier in the year. Early on it would appear that service levels are solid and the appearance of our common areas look great for this time of the year.
- The Gazebo trailhead maintenance project has been out for bid and we hope to see the project start soon. The project scope includes new mulch and gravel along with selective tree removal
- Un-authorized tree topping has taken place in the neighborhood. buffer zones. Alterations (proposed) to our buffer zones must be approved by the SCHOA Landscape Committee prior to any work being done. Pruning done without a trees health in mind often times leads to removal and or replacement which is costly to say the least.
- It is that time of the year when we evaluate new mulch/bark for our beds. Steve and Linda Krippner have used a number of different mulch/bark combinations over the years. Consider looking at their landscape for new ideas; 2714 WA BLVD.

#### **Steve Krippner Landscape Committee Chair**

#### Architectural Review Committee Update

- Sunset Cove Construction Update
  - Lot #SCE6 construction not started
  - Lot #WPE6 under construction
  - Lot's #WPE9 & 10 (combined lots) under construction
  - Lot #WPE27 under construction
- For more information regarding the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and its function can be found in the CC&Rs section III through VI.
  - Section III- Architectural Review Committee overview
  - Section IV-Approval Requirements
  - o Section V-Building Restrictions
  - Section VI-Land Use Restrictions

#### **Annie Hayes ARC Committee Chair**



# 2022 SCHOA Board Meeting Dates-Committee Chair Updates

### **Publicity Committee Update**

- Our quarterly newsletter will continue as usual leveraging information from the SCHOA, Skagit County, San Juan Islands, and the City of Anacortes.
  - Publication dates
    - ✓ First Quarter 2022, Posted Wednesday, February 16th
    - ✓ Second Quarter 2022, Friday, April 15th
    - ✓ Third Quarter 2022, Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>
    - ✓ Fourth Quarter 2022, Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- Until the pandemic is at a point where medium to large group functions are the norm again we don't anticipate scheduling group functions.
  - Smaller casual get togethers are at the owner's discretion
  - The circle located on Sunset Court can be used by all Sunset Cove residents for group gatherings.
     No reservation required, its a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> basis

#### **SCHOA Board**



### Value Added by Your SCHOA Committee Members

Important issues can be identified and worked through utilizing our Committees when seeking the Board's approval before any action takes place. Homeowner participation is a large part of the success in helping to maintain our community. Working alongside the SCHOA Board and your community managers, Committees created by volunteer members make life easier for our residents. Following the guidelines of the association's bylaws, SCHOA Board members have assembled and operate Committees structured to fit the needs of the Sunset Cove community.

SCHOA Board members come together from vastly different backgrounds to focus on the common goal of serving Sunset Cove. Some are inclined to research the smallest details while others make decisions based on experience. This diversity helps bring different perspectives to the table for better decision-making.

# **Neighborhood Updates**

- General-As spring begins and daylight savings time starts our days will begin to seem longer with more daylight into the evenings. With more time for outdoor activities let's be mindful of the speed limit in our community which is 25 MPH. We've also got kids and adults playing in the streets which supports driving at the speed limit or below.
- Habitat for deer-We all enjoy seeing deer in the immediate area. That said, let's not make it a practice to feed them. Rats, mice, etc. also like what deer eat; lets avoid an infestation by not feeding them.
- The Crest-Let's all be mindful of trash receptacle usage at The Crest. The large receptacles found on Sunset Court are for Crest residents only. Fines have been levied for materials found in the trash receptacles that are prohibited. Let's respect the residents of The Crest and not use their trash containers under any circumstance.



- Trash disposal and pick up-Friday is trash pick up day for our neighborhood. Let's respect the appearance of Sunset Cove and bag all trash for pickup. Lets also be mindful of returning trash cans to an area on your property not visible to the public. For large trash and debris removal you can also use the following facility: *Skagit County Recycling and Transfer Station* 14104 Ovenell Rd Mount Vernon, WA 98273 (360) 416-1570
- Pets-For those of us that walk pets in the neighborhood it is our responsibility to clean up after them. Let's all pitch in!
  Landscape maintenance-As temperatures start to increase it becomes increasingly important to stay on top of yard maintenance. Mowing, pruning and debris removal from your yard is a must. If you need assistance the Board can recommend a number of local landscape maintenance companies to use.

# **Summer Best Practices**

### **Summer Maintenance Checklist**

- Inspect and clean gutters
- Wash windows and screen and screen doors
- Power wash driveways and sidewalks
- Inspect HVAC system and perform annual maintenance
- Inspect decks/railings and clean and or refinish as needed
- Clean and stage outdoor furniture
- Treat exterior of foundation with pesticide to prevent infestation(s)
- Tune up power equipment: Change oil, spark plugs, sharpen blades and chains
- Remove old gas from power equipment unless previously stabilized
- Check garden hose connections, insert new washers if needed
- Remove dead plants from your landscape
- Prune trees, shrubs & grasses as needed
- Fertilize lawn with summer rated fertilizer
- Add mulch to garden beds and other landscaped areas
- Clean grill(s) and check propane connection
- Fill or replace propane tank(s)



### **Spring/Summer Garden Tool Necessities**

- Round point shovel
- Bow and leaf rakes
- Garden hoe
- Spade
- String trimmer
- Lawn mower or equivalent
- Leaf blower
- Gas can(s)
- Pruning and lopping shears
- Soil knife
- Garden trowel, handheld rake
- Garden gloves
- Handheld weeder
- Knee pads
- Garden hose and hose reel
- Wheelbarrow
- Protective eyewear
- Trash and debris bags

# Spring/Summer Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club

# Leverage the Home Depot Garden Club website for all your Spring, Summer and Fall projects.

**<u>NO</u>** cost to join, <u>**NO**</u> annual dues, fees etc.

#### > Access to

- Project guides
- Buying guides
- Inspiration guides
- o Influencer guides
- o DIY workshops
- Garden ideas and projects
- How to videos
- Expert gardening advice
- Local and regional gardening tips
- Coupons, discounts, special promotions and offers

#### How do I join?

- Visit the Garden Club website at pages.homedepot.com/garden
- Sign up and start saving
- Get \$5 off instantly for joining
- Receive coupons outlining promos and promotions



GET A FRESH START FOR SPRING

Learn More



# Home Depot Garden Club-2nd Quarter Planner



April



· Plant vegetables outside once soil warms to 60 degrees Fahrenheit during the day.

· Feed new seedlings with a balanced fertilizer.

· Direct sow veggies like cucumbers and watermelon after the year's last frost.

· Spread mulch to control weeds and conserve water.

May



- · Pick up a hanging basket or orchid for your favorite mom.
- · Deter mosquitoes from the yard by eliminating standing water.
- · Plant annuals in flower beds and containers.
- · Stake or cage tornatoes.





Monitor and treat plants for pests.

- · Promote plant growth with regular fertilizing and watering.
- · Plant vegetables for a second harvest.
- · Check garden hoses and accessories and purchase new ones as needed.

#### Looks Like You're Ready to Dig In

# ALL OF YOUR GARDEN NEEDS

The Right Products & Inspiration for a Flourishing Garden



# Summer Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club





#### **Project Guide**

How to Plant a Wildflower Garden With Seeds

Beginner

Over 1 day

Plant wildflowers and attract butterflies, hummingbirds and more to your yard



Project Guide How to Make a 90-Degree Rumblestone Planter

Difficulty O Time Intermediate

Use Rumblestone pavers to make a simple DIY 90degree planter



Project Guide DIY Raised Garden Bed

Beginner C 2-4 hours

Grow fresh edibles in a raised garden bed in your own yard



# GAS GRILLS

Buying Guide Charcoal vs. Gas Grills

Consider your options and choose the right grill for your backyard



Project Guide How to Build a Vertical Herb Garden





Create a simple vertical garden using fence pickets and clay pots



Project Guide How to Start a Vegetable Garden



inner Under 2 hours

Time

Make room for a vegetable garden and grow fresh veggies in your own backyard



Inspiration Guide Tips for Growing Tomatoes

Red, ripe homegrown tomatoes are the crown jewel in many a vegetable garden

# **Experience Anacortes**





Anacortes, the crown jewel of Fidalgo Island, is conveniently situated halfway between Seattle & Vancouver BC, and is the destination point for the San Juan Islands and International Ferry runs. The island is known for its historic waterfront, 50-miles of hiking trails, and a mix of annual festivals.

Its year-round music scene is lively and visitors can soak up a range of tunes from rock to bluegrass to jazz at outside venues during the summer and restaurants and bars throughout the year. The culinary scene is ever-growing and you'll find a variety of restaurants with farm-to-table menus, scratch and house-made ingredients, and their specialties like BBQ, fusion, and rustic scratch.

#### Anacortes

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ravel prep demands both planning and dreaming, and Experience Anacortes is your guide to get tarted doing both. Read on to discover some of the many things you can enjoy while visiting this ibrant seacoast town.

# Magazine





# **Experience Anacortes-Arts and Crafts**





#### Shops

There are plenty of special gifts to be found in Anacortes boutiques. all of them can help keep those memories of unique local flavor alive

#### Scott Milo at the Framemaker

420 Commercial Ave , Anacortes, WA 98221

Eddie Murdock Photography

1901 Lea PL, Anacortes, WA 98221

(360) 293-6938

#### Worden Art Studio 1109 8th St, Anacortes, WA 98221

(360) 224-5769

#### Joanie Schwartz Glass 404 Commercial Ave, Anacortes, WA 98221

(925) 989-7798









(360) 299-2755

#### Fidalgo Artisan Yarn and Clothing 711 Commercial Ave, Anacortes, WA 98221

(360) 293-7377

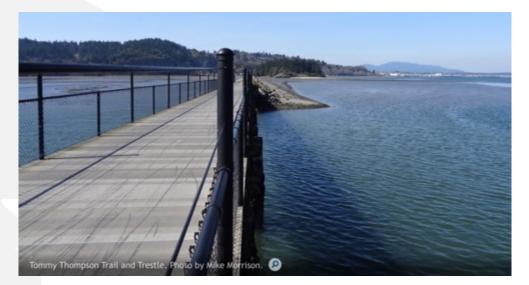
(360) 333-0167





# **Experience Anacortes-Tommy Thompson Trail**





# **Tommy Thompson Trail**

🖷 LENGTH

PUGET SOUND AND ISLANDS

LOCATION Puget Sound and Islands --Bellingham Area View map below -



Parking Pass/Entry Fee: None

6.6 miles, roundtrip

LEVATION Gain: 0 ft. Highest Point: 25 ft. ♥ RATING ★★★★★ (6 votes) Log in to rate

This hike is a flat 3.3 mile one way blacktop trail that starts at The Port of Anacortes and ends at March Point near The Shell and Tesoro Refineries. The trail has great views of Mount Baker, Fidalgo Bay and lots of blue heron, especially when the tides are low.

Rarely do hikers have the opportunity to traverse a magnificent bay on an abandoned railroad trestle, but this paved rail trail offers just that. Keep an eye out for marine life. You may see a sea lion staring back at you as you stroll across the trestle connecting the eastern and western shores of Fidalgo Bay.

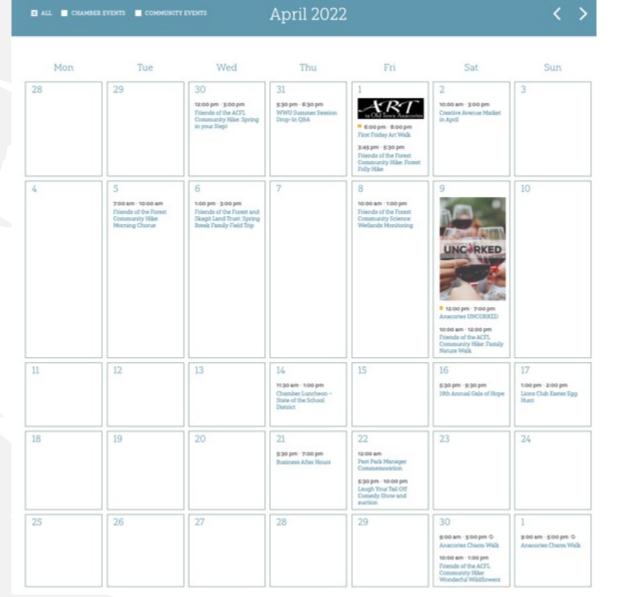
The Tommy Thompson Trail starts at the intersection of 11th Avenue and Q Street in Anacortes. The blacktop heads south along Q Avenue. After 7 blocks, the trail heads diagonally east and the street changes names to R Avenue. After 0.6 mile, the trail passes the access point at the intersection of 22nd Street and R Avenue. There is a restroom here.

Heading south again, the trail passes a public restroom at 30th Avenue. In another 0.7 mile from 22nd Avenue, the trail reaches 34th Street. Continuing south, the trail traverses the western shore of Fidalgo Bay. Looking across the bay on a clear day, there are views of Mount Baker on the distant eastern horizon.

After another mile from 34th Street, the trail passes an RV park. A majestic totem pole stands next to the trail. After crossing Weaverling Road at the RV park, there is an ADA accessible port-a-potty next to the blacktop. Beyond the RV park, the trail heads in a southeasterly direction and crosses Fidalgo Bay on a rocky causeway and then a wooden trestle.

Your turnaround point is March Point Road on the eastern shore of Fidalgo Bay. The trail crosses an additional mile between the RV Park and March Point Road.

# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar April 2022



# Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar April 2022

- ➤ Hi-lights
  - o 1st Friday Art Walk
  - Anacortes wine festival-UNCORKED
  - o 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala of hope
  - Lions Club Easter egg hunt



# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar May 2022

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## Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar May 2022

- ➤ Hi-lights
  - $\circ~$  Friends of the ACFL Community hike
  - Creative Avenue Market in May
  - Anacortes Charm Walk
  - Anacortes Boat and Yacht show

# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar June 2022

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27	28 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Friends of the ACFL Community Hike: ACFL Traverse	29	30	1	2	3



# Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar June 2022

- ➤ Hi-lights
  - Anacortes Waterfront Festival
  - Friends of the ACFL community hike & ACFL traverse
  - Anacortes Schools Foundation
    Scholarship Ceremony
  - Race week Anacortes

# San Juan Islands







### About the San Juan Islands

Say farewell to worry and stress and say hello to the mellow islands vibe, a temperate year-round climate, and long, lazy hours of doing just what you want. Count on temperatures around 70° in the summer and 40° in the winter. A happy confluence of weather systems also accounts for the high level of air quality you'll appreciate across the San Juan's. So, relax—you're on "island time" now!



# San Juan Islands-Recreation and Wildlife





#### Recreation & Wildlife

Let us acknowledge that we reside on the ancestral lands and waters of the Coast Salish people who have called this place home since time immemorial and let us honor inherent, aboriginal, and treaty rights that have been passed down from generation to generation.



Orcas Island Film Festival 360-378-7527 donna@orcasfilmfest.com Orcas Island



Orcas Island Trail Rides (360) 376-2134 Info@orcastrailrides.com Orcas Island



San Juan County Fair (360) 378-4310 Info@sjcfair.org San Juan Island



San Juan Islands Sculpture Park (360) 622-5270 sjispark@gmail.com San Juan Island



Horseshu Ranch - Horseback Riding 360-378-2298 roxanne@horseshu.com San Juan Island



Canoe Island French Camp (360) 468-2329 info@canoeisland.org Orcas Island

# WSDOT Ferry System

## If you're heading to the islands plan ahead!



#### Washington State Ferries

Getting here is half the fun aboard a Washington State Ferry! Take a scenic ride through the islands as you make your way to your final destination. You can drive your car right onto the boat, or board as a foot passenger and simply walk on. The ferries run year-round and there are several sailings each day to and from each of the four main islands - Lopez, Orcas, San Juan, and Shaw. An interisland ferry allows island hoppers to travel between the islands and an international ferry offers service to Sidney, B.C. March - December.

All San Juan Islands ferries depart from the Anacortes Ferry Terminal located at 2100 Ferry Terminal Rd, Anacortes, WA 98221. Allow a comfortable 2 - 3 hours to enjoy the drive and the scenery from Seattle or Vancouver B.C. Make sure this includes enough time to arrive 30-minutes before departure for your reservation check-in.

# Sunset Cove Homeowners Association