

## From the President

Hi all, as we wind down what has been an awesome Summer from a weather standpoint we are heading into the Fall and Winter seasons which offer a number of great recreational opportunities, the start of the new school year and the end of day-light savings time. The City of Anacortes continues to open up in our ever-changing health and wellness environment. Socially we've had success at a number of local events not the least of which have been our Summer Concert Series, the Anacortes Arts Festival and our local Farmers Market (ongoing through October as scheduled on the Chamber of Commerce calendar of events). Restaurants, local businesses and street vendors have reported numbers rivalling pre-pandemic levels which is good to hear and see. 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 Development Homeowners Association

(Email us at board@sunsetcove.org)

## About the SCHOA

## Sunset Cove Development 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**





## Sunset Cove Neighborhood



## 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-Minutes posted on website
- > June 25th, 2022-Bi/monthly meeting-Adjourned until 7-30-2022
- ➤ July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022-Bi/monthly meeting-Minutes posted on website
- August 27th, 2022-Bi/monthly meeting-Minutes posted on website
- 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

1 month in advance and are 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

## 2023/2024 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 have assembled 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 have 3 Board positions opening up in 2023; Vice President, Treasurer and Landscape Chair. For questions, please email our Board at board@sunsetcove.org. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have. The Board meets every other month via Zoom call 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 3 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 members 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-Director & Committee Chair Updates

## **Treasurer Update**

- Assets on hand as of August month end 2022:
  - Total assets on hand \$48,809.90
  - o Operating funds = \$9,836.06, Reserve funds = \$38,973.84
- YTD we are over our planned budget approx. \$4,171 due in large part to overdue landscape projects and maintenance that were approved by the Board. Towards the end of the year, we will move money out of our reserve fund to cover the overage
- The SCHOA is doing well addressing maintenance needs along with needed improvements monitoring all expenditures to align with our 2022 budget

#### **Dawn Bachmann Treasurer**

## **Landscape Committee Update**

- Gazebo trailhead initiative
  - o Tree maintenance and removal have taken place
  - New rocks, plantings and mulch have been added to the trailhead

#### Gazebo trailhead narrative:

The initiative has been a combined project of matching the south side of the gazebo trailhead to the established north side. Special thanks to the adjacent neighbors, the Colson's, for watering and caring for the new planting(s). Fresh mulch and gravel were placed along a drain line of river rock to reduce mulch and soil erosion onto the trail. These efforts make the trail safer for walkers and better for vegetation. Please visit the trailhead and checkout the revisions that have been made. Below are a few of the pics that tell the story:

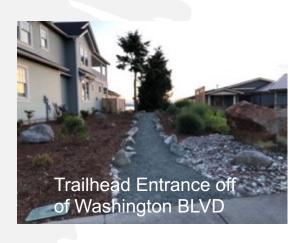
**Steve Krippner Landscape Committee Chair** 

## 2022 SCHOA Board-Director & Committee Chair Updates

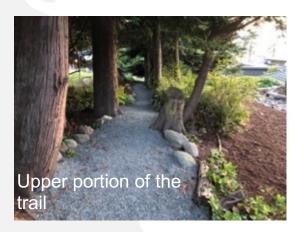


## Landscape Committee Update cont'd

Gazebo trailhead revision pics









## **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
  - Section V-Building Restrictions
  - Section VI-Land Use Restrictions

**Annie Hayes ARC Committee Chair** 

## 2022 SCHOA Board-Director & 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.
  - Newsletter link
    - √ https://sunsetcove.org/owners/newsletter2022-2.pdf
  - Publication dates
    - ✓ First Quarter 2022, **Posted** Wednesday, February 16th
    - ✓ Second Quarter 2022, **Posted** Monday, April 14th
    - ✓ Third Quarter 2022, Posted Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>
    - ✓ Fourth Quarter 2022, Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- We look forward to 2023 at which time we anticipate larger neighborhood gatherings at the Sundown Court circle as we've had in years past. The bullets below represent suggested guidelines
  - 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 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve

## **Value Added by Your SCHOA Committee Members**

Important issues can be identified and worked through utilizing our Committees when seeking the Board's approval for changes.

Homeowner participation is a large part of the success in helping to maintain our community. Working alongside the SCHOA Board and yo community managers, Committees created by volunteer members ma life easier for our residents. Following the guidelines of the association 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.

#### **SCHOA Board**

# Neighborhood Updates

- As Fall begins and daylight savings time ends our days seem shorter and we lose daylight earlier in the day. With no streetlights 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.
- Yard maintenance-As temps have dropped it becomes increasingly important to stay on top of yard maintenance. Raking leaves, pruning and debris removal from your gutters is a must. Should you be struggling with yard maintenance the Board can recommend a number of local landscapers and maintenance companies to use.
- 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.



Frash 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. Let's 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

➤ Please contact Dawn Bachmann, Treasurer, to make changes to the information found in the Sunset Cove HOA directory; email address(s) and phone #'s. We want to ensure that all SCHOA communication(s) is received in a timely manner. (Email us at board@sunsetcove.org)

## Neighborhood Updates

- Sidewalk clearance for walkers-Its that of year when the days get shorter, cooler temps kick in and our daylight hours decrease. Residents still like to get out and walk pet's hike and look for general exercise traversing the neighborhoods. If you have plantings that encroach onto the sidewalks let's be mindful of others and prune them back for ease of access. It's a great time of the year to be outside enjoying the neighborhood.
- Construction update-Currently there are 3 homes under construction (Lots WPE6, WPE9 & 10 and WPE 27) and one schedule to start in the not to distant future (SCE6). Let's be mindful of any construction debris that you encounter in the street or on the sidewalks and move it back onto the lot(s). Nails, screws, utility knife blades etc. should be discarded in the trash receptacles located on each lot. Thanks in advance for your help.
- 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!
- The mailbox locks have just been lubricated for the Fall and Winter seasons. If you have problems with your lock, please email the Board at <a href="mailto:board@sunsetcove.org">board@sunsetcove.org</a>.



- Observation Ave. fire access lane-The city has been out recently to cut back the brush in the fire access lane and has let the SCHOA Board know that the amount of trash and dog waste has increased in the general area. Let's pick up after ourselves and keep the area clean for others.
- Local Pickleball Courts-For those of you that enjoy the game of pickleball there are 4 courts located at Clearidge Park that are open to the public, 4455 Blakely Drive. There is also a free app to join a group that plays regularly at Clearidge. See below: Team Reach (HTTP://www.teamreach.com/). Enter code: 676719
- Several residents have noticed an increase in coyote sightings in the recent past. Like other canids, **coyotes don't hibernate**. They remain active throughout the year and increase their level of activity in the colder months. Coyotes are more active in the winter not only because they spend more time searching for food but because their young disperse from groups which happens mostly from October to January. A reminder for pet owners, please be cautious. In the event of an of an immediate public safety issue, wildlife violation, or injured or dangerous animal, please call the WDFW Enforcement office at (360) 902-2936 or email <a href="mailto:enforcement-web@dfw.wa.gov">enforcement-web@dfw.wa.gov</a>, or call 911.

# Winter Garden Tips-How to Prep for and Recover From Winter Weather



Some winter storms are more severe than others, but harsh, cold snow and ice can all sabotage your gardening efforts. Heavy frost can also weigh down branches and compromise your soil. Read below for tips on preparing for extreme winter weather and how to recover when the temperatures begin to rise.

#### **Prepare for Winter Storms**

#### Before the winter storm front arrives, take a few steps to prepare your garden

- Trim with pruners any low-hanging branches and overgrown plants. This should be part of your routine maintenance schedule, but it's especially important during storm season
- Secure small plants. Bring smaller, potted plants indoors to protect them from snow, ice and extreme cold. You could also put them in a portable greenhouse or other greenhouse
- · Add mulch and compost to vegetable gardens. This will add an extra layer of soil protection. This is also a good time to test the pH and add nutrients as needed
- Cover flowering plants and seedlings. Bedding can help shield them from intense frost

#### **Initial Recovery and Safety Tips**

#### Once the extreme temperatures break, take some time to review the damage and start the recovery process

- Evaluate excessive damage first and determine if there are safety hazards like weak and broken limbs
- Let ice melt on its own. Trying to manually remove it may cause further damage
- Don't try removing snow from branches hanging over your garden beds. The weight of the excess water may cause limbs to break

#### First Steps

- Dust off heavy snow from shrubs and hedges. Sweep upward from the bottom since they're still fragile at this time. Let the rest melt and give them time to recover naturally; most varieties will bounce back on their own
- Prune the weak limbs and smaller, cracked branches. This will help prevent further damage and promote healthy new growth
- · Look for any branches that may have spread as a result of heavy snow, and tie them in to help retain their shape
- If newly planted trees have fallen over, prop them back up and cover any exposed roots with fresh soil.

#### **Later Recovery**

- After you've taken those first few steps to repair winter storm damage, let your garden and landscape rest. As the weather begins to warm, most plants will begin to flourish again with your normal tending and maintenance routine
- For especially cold-sensitive plants, wait until the buds begin to emerge to see exactly how much should be pruned
- . When spring arrives, start staking and reshaping plants that are still bent. This is easier to do when the weather is warm and branches are less fragile

Tip: If you're still unsure whether certain plants can be saved, continue fertilizing regularly and wait until late spring to make the call. Some foliage varieties need extra time to recover

## **Fall Best Practices**

#### **Fall Maintenance Checklist**

- Inspect gutters for debris and damage
- Remove garden hoses from faucets and place a frost cover over the valve
- Drain and store garden hose(s)
- Drain your sprinkler system and turn your timer to the off position
- Prune plants for their winter nap
- Winterize your lawn with fall/winter fertilizer
- Check your roof for debris damage
- Bring in or cover your outdoor furniture
- Clean and cover your barbeque
- Maintenance and store outdoor power equipment
- Protect exposed water pipes with pipe wrap
- Check your fireplace, chimney and flue for blockage and creosote buildup
- Check for drafts around windows and doors and insulate accordingly

### Fall Maintenance Checklist-cont'd

- Protect plants from frost
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and thermostats
- Replace furnace filters
- Close exterior vents that were opened for summer
- Open furnace vents

#### **Fall/Winter Household Necessities**

- Snow shovel(s)
- Ice melt
- Ice scraper(s)
- Flashlights
- Spare batteries
- Emergency car kit
- Firewood
- Windshield wash-Fall mix 0-32 below mix
- Battery cables
- Portable heater(s)
- Winter clothing essentials-Hats, gloves, scarf(s), coats

## Fall and Winter Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club



# Leverage the Home Depot Garden Club website for all your Fall and Winter projects.

**NO** cost to join, **NO** annual dues, fees etc.

#### > Access to

- Project guides
- Buying guides
- Inspiration guides
- Influencer guides
- 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



The Right Products & Inspiration for a Flourishing Garden



## Home Depot Garden Club-Halloween Planning



## Visit the Home Depot Garden Club website for all your Halloween planning ideas!

https://www.homedepot.com/c/alp/home-entertaining-halloween-ideas-projects/k6vs-0mzc



**Project Guide** How to Decorate a Pumpkin

Difficulty Beginner

Decorate pumpkins with flair to make your Halloween decor stand out



**Project Guide** How to Build a Rustic Decorative Pumpkin Stand

Difficulty Beginner Time Under 2 hours

Use wooden crates to build a unique DIY decoration for fall



**Project Guide** How to Carve a Pumpkin

Difficulty Beginner

Time Under 2 hours

Enjoy the timeless tradition of carving pumpkins this season



**Project Guide** How to Make Sugar Skull Halloween Flower Pots

Difficulty Beginner

Under 2 hours

When it comes to celebrating Halloween, extend the celebration with DIY skull flowerpots



**Project Guide** How to Make Your Own Halloween Scary Fairy Garden

Difficulty Beginner

You can create a scary fairy garden for Halloween.



**Project Guide** How to Make a Scarecrow

Difficulty Beginner

Under 2 hours

Welcome Halloween guests with a rustic scarecrow and pumpkins



**Project Guide** Pumpkin Decorating Ideas

Difficulty Beginner

Time Under 2 hours

Make your jack-o'-lantern glow with these Halloween decorating tips

# **Experience Anacortes**





#### Anacortes

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started doing both. Read on to discover some of the many things you can enjoy while visiting this vibrant seacoast town.

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.



# Experience Anacortes-Hiking and Biking Trails



Find Your Favorite Fidalgo Island Hike



spectacular woodland and seascape views. With more than 50 miles of multiple-use trails, it's easy to choose a route to explore and find your favorite Fidalgo Island hike.

# Experience Anacortes-Hiking and Biking Trails

## Visit the Great Outdoors as you traverse the trails in and around Anacortes!

The **Tommy Thompson Trail** starts at 11th and Q Avenue, near the Port of Anacortes, and follows the old Burlington Northern Railway route for 3.3 miles. Most of the trail hugs the shoreline and has outstanding views of the Cascade Mountains and Mount Baker. It's paved and flat, which makes it popular for walking and biking. The southeastern portion crosses the railway trestle over Fidalgo Bay, which many consider the highlight of the trail. Along the route are access points, doggie bag stations, and restrooms.

Cranberry Lake Area has a handful of trails. The main trail follows a 1.5-mile loop around Little Cranberry Lake with various off-shoots that lead hikers on different routes and into neighborhoods like Rock Ridge, which offers outstanding views of the San Juan Islands. At the southern end of the lake, the trail continues past Little Beaver Pond, Big Beaver Pond, and Mitten Pond. For the most part, the trail is easygoing, but it can get muddy and rugged in some parts. The most popular access points are at Cranberry Lake Road, which has a small parking lot and easily accessed view area of the lake, and A Ave. with a large parking lot along the side of the road.

**Heart Lake Trail** is 2.86 miles long and almost does a complete loop around the lake through cedar and hemlock forests with pockets of views of the lake. The trail is easy, and the lake is a popular spot for fishing, kayaking, and families. On the weekends the voices of excited children can be heard as they discover the wonders of nature. There are several access points, but the large gravel parking lot off Heart Lake Road offers ample parking, restrooms, and beach access.

Adjacent to Heart Lake is the **Whistle Lake Trail** system. This is the largest trail system in Anacortes Community Forest Lands and those desiring a longer hike can follow the trails from Heart Lake to Whistle Lake or vice versa. Near Heart Lake are the two of the highest points in Anacortes: Mt. Erie at 1,273 ft. and Sugarloaf at 1,044 ft. There are pull-ins along Heart Lake Road but the best place to park is a gravel parking lot at the base of Mt. Eire, which also has a paved road leading to the top. For those wanting to start their hike at Whistle Lake, access is on the east side of the island off of Whistle Lake Terrace Road. There, the 3.7-mile trail passes by swamps, through wooded forests, a lake that gets warm enough to swim in the summer, and rocky outcroppings.

Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve Trail hugs 2000 ft. of Ship Harbor's sandy beach shoreline. There are interpretive platforms and benches to ponder the views of the ferry, birds, and islands. A boardwalk, completed in 2013, leads visitors through a portion of the wetlands and the 25-acre perimeter of freshwater wetlands. Travel west on Hwy. 20 until Ship Harbor comes into view, then turn right onto Ship Harbor Boulevard, take the next left and wind down to a cul-de-sac next to Guemes Channel.

In that same cul-de-sac is **Guemes Channel Trail**, which will eventually connect to downtown Anacortes and the Tommy Thompson Trail. The newest section of the trail opened in May 2015 and extends to Illinois Avenue. The trail is paved and follows the old railroad bed along Guemes Channel.

Sharpe Park and Montgomery-Duban Headlands Trail is a 2.6 miles loop with some rough-and-tumble hiking through the largest undeveloped and privately owned waterfront on the island. The trail passes through 110 acres of marshlands and woods with large firs and madrones and offers scenic viewpoints of Lopez Island, the Olympic Peninsula, and 400 ft. headlands rising from the sea. There is only one access to the trail. From Hwy. 20 turn left onto Rosario Road and follow it for 1.7 miles to a pull-in parking lot on the left side of the road.

Washington Park is on the western point of Fidalgo Island and has handfuls of trails that lead through 220 acres of forest to breathtaking views of the Olympic Mountains and the San Juan Islands. At Juniper Point, on the southwestern tip, is a bench and harbor porpoises can often be seen surfing in Burrows Bay Channel. Be aware that parts of the trails are steep and rooty. For a paved, yet hilly walk, take the 2.25-mile loop that curves through the park. Green Point, a grassy area on the northwestern tip, is easily accessed from the paved road and a good place to watch boat activity or climb on the shoreline rocks near West Beach. Follow Hwy. 20 past the ferry, continue down Sunset Ave. to the large parking lot at the end. There is also beach access, restrooms, and a playground. If you only have the opportunity for one Fidalgo Island hike, this one is great for all ages & skill levels.

Rosario Head, Bowman Bay, and Pass Lake are part of Deception Pass State Park and part of the Pacific Northwest Trail. For Rosario Head and Bowman Bay, the trails can start and end in either location. The length all depends on how long of a hike you want to take. For a shorter hike follow the trail to Rosario Head, past a pole carving of the Maiden of Deception Pass and around the .3-mile rocky point loop with views of Rosario Strait, Deception Island, Whidbey Island, and the Olympic Mountains. The trail does follow the cliff sides and can be steep at times so it is important to keep an eye on small children and pets. Urchin Rocks, on the south end of the beach, is a good place to explore the tide pools. From Hwy. 20 turn left onto Rosario Road, then turn left onto Cougar Cap Road, and another left onto Rosario Beach Road. This leads to a large parking lot with picnic tables and bathrooms. Please note this park closes in the winter. Click here for the Deception Pass Trail Map.

## Experience Anacortes-Cap Sante Park & Marina





Cap Sante is a forested rocky headland jutting out into Fidalgo Bay from the northeast corner of Anacortes. The name is French for "Cape Health," and was bestowed by Anne Curtis Bowman in 1877. Her maiden name was itself the inspiration for the name "Anacortes." The historical note below offers links for more details.

The streets of the cape provide access to a number of homes, some quite new, others historic. The headland itself is a dedicated park (Cap Sante Park) that has a few trails. An area along the southwestern shore also is a park (Rotary Park) that has a broad shoreline trail leading to a picnic area, plus a disc golf course that offers additional hillside trails.

It's an easy drive to the viewpoint (Cap Sante Lookout) at the tip of the cape, and if you have limited time, or if anyone in your party has mobility issues, that would be a good bet.

To get to know the area on foot, there are a number of options for a hike. Any hike here will involve a mix of city streets and actual trails. You can explore on your own if you like, or follow the route suggested here that will get you to the most interesting areas efficiently. Since the route passes by homes, please stick to the public sidewalks and trails, and respect neighbors' property.

Begin near the intersection of 4th St and T Ave, and head east up 4th St to the junction with V Ave. Turn right and follow V Ave as it first drops a few feet and crosses 5th St (your return route.) Then continue on V Ave as it begins to climb and bend around to the left, passing through a partially forested area. Soon it bends around to the right and becomes W Ave. A group of homes here, both new and vintage, occupy a compact enclave surrounded by park land.

Continue past the homes and head uphill again, once again in forest. Near the top of the hill, just before a sign proclaiming "Welcome to Cap Sante Park," there is a wide spot on the right where 1 or 2 cars could park. A well-established trail heads into the forest from here. Follow it, and in about 300 feet reach an area with a lot of bare rock.

First, check out the knoll to your right that offers a good view toward downtown Anacortes and beyond. Then backtrack a few feet and follow a narrow uphill path around the left side of the rocky area to reach more open, rocky slopes heading uphill to the high point of the cape, only a few hundred feet away.

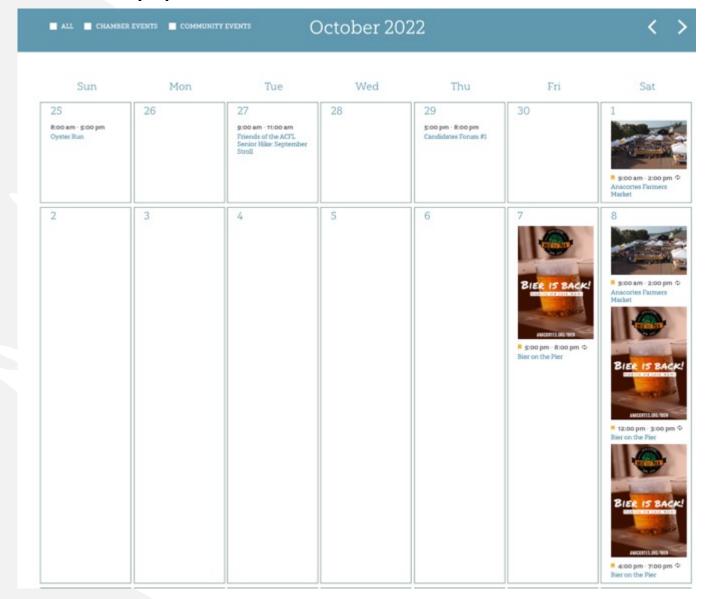
At the high point, the views to the west, south and east are superb. From the eastern edge of the high point, Mount Baker may be visible. On an exceptionally clear day you may be able to make out the summit dome of Mount Rainier, over 120 miles away to the southeast.

It's possible to scramble down the east side of the cape to the lookout parking area but it's safer to return to W Ave and follow the road around instead. From the lookout area, find good views to the south and east. A sign offers info about Anacortes in the early 1900s when many wood-processing mills were operating.

Once you have looked around the rocky headland, start back on the road and be alert for a trail on the right, just before you reach a speed limit sign. It's fairly obvious but like other trails in the park it is unsigned. It's well-established, and even is shown (very approximately) on online maps. Partway along there is a very well-worn, vintage stone staircase.

As you head farther down that trail you will pass a few side trails on the right. These apparently no longer enjoy regular maintenance. The first two may seem prohibitively rough and you should pass them by. The third side trail is much more inviting, and you can explore it easily. It leads to the site of "Marine Stadium," an impressive stone amphitheater built as a WPA project in 1938, but unfortunately now abandoned. It once was the site of band concerts, and a viewpoint for boat races.

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



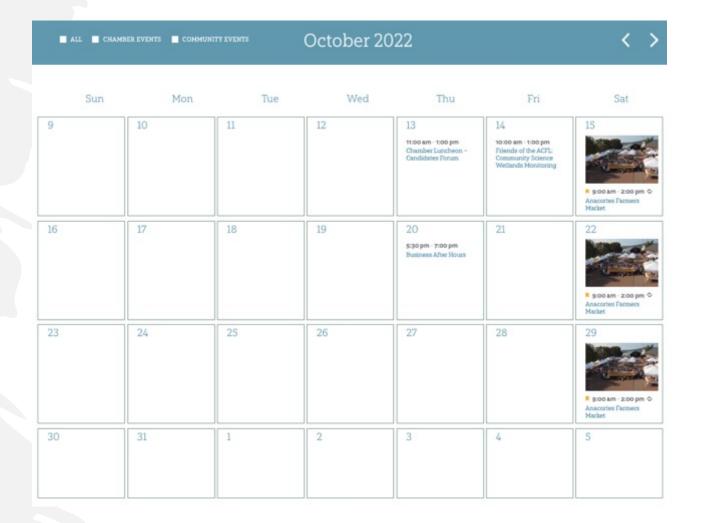


# **Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar October 2022**

- Hi-lights
  - o 9-30, 10-1 Bier on the Pier
  - Note: For more information on Chamber activities subscribe to the Chamber Calendar of Events at.....
     https://anacortes.org/events



# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar October 2022 cont'd





# **Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar October 2022**

- ➤ Hi-lights
  - o 10-1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Anacortes Farmers Mkt.
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## San Juan Islands



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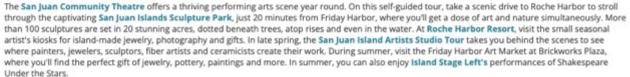
## About the San Juan Islands

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-Arts & Crafts









#### Arctic Raven Gallery

130 First Street S., Friday Harbor; (360) 378-3433

Arctic Raven Gallery is a fine art gallery featuring Arctic and Northwest Coast Native work. This Friday Harbor gallery offers a diverse collection of Northwest Coast Indian masks, wood carvings and prints representing local peoples including the Coast Salish, Kwaguilth, and Makah nations as well as the more northern Haida, Tlingit and Tsimshian. Shows change often, with works by master carvers in wood, stone and bone, and a selection of silver, argillite basketry, paintings and lvory to enhance your island experience.



## San Juan Islands-Arts & Crafts





#### **Guemes Island Art Studio Tour**

Saturday, December 3, 2022 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

The 2022 Guemes Island Art Studio Winter Tour is Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 to 4:00. A total of ten studio sites with 27 Guemes Island artists included in this year's tour.

The tour will showcase artistic styles and a variety of mediums including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, painting, photography, wood and more!

Download artist information and a studio map for a self-guided tour around Guemes Island. Check it out at "GuemesIslandArt.Org".

"Emma's" will offer coffee, fresh baked goods, and snacks at the Guemes Island Community Center Hall beginning at 9:30 am with an outside window or inside ordering. The popular drive-through "Soup to Go" will return at the Guemes Community Church with soup, bread, and dessert for \$5.

#### Explore The Arts On Orcas Island

Orcas is an island of artists, and you can find everything from pottery and jewelry to painting, sculpture and music

Orcas Island's thriving art scene is centered in the village of Eastsound, but you can also find great art throughout the Island, from historic potteries in Eastsound and West Beach, to Orcas Center, home to a thriving performing arts scene and an art gallery featuring painting, fiber art and sculpture.



#### Orcas Island Artworks

11 Point Lawrence Road, Olga; (360) 376-4408

A treasured Orcas Island destination for visitors and locals alike, the Orcas Island Artworks in Olga offers one of the finest selections of local art and crafts in the San Juan Islands. The co-op represents forty-five Orcas Island artists and crafts people, working in pottery, sculpture, jewelry, glass, wood, paintings, prints, wearable art, fiber and more. As the gallery is owned and operated by the artists themselves, there is the unique opportunity to meet one or more of them on any given day

## WSDOT Ferry System

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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.

