

Sunset Cove Development Homeowners Association

October 2024 SCHOA

“4th Quarter Newsletter”

Publication of the Sunset Cove HOA



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 economic 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 and then transitioning to Winter hours (calendar on page 25) . As things continue to progress our Board will keep you abreast of any changes to our operating structure along with the opportunities we see impacting Sunset Cove.

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 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



San Juan Islands



Sunset Cove Neighborhood



Fidalgo Island



Fidalgo Island is an island in Skagit County Washington, located about 60 mi (97 km) north of Seattle. To the east, it is separated from the mainland by the Swinomish Channel, and from Whidbey Island to the south by Deception Pass. The island is named after the Spanish explorer and cartographer Salvador Fidalgo who explored the area in 1790.

Its largest and only city is Anacortes with a population of 17,637 at the time of the 2020 Census. Anacortes has ferries with daily service to the San Juan Islands and Guemes Island.

From 1924 to 1935, Fidalgo Island was linked to Whidbey Island by the Deception Pass ferry, which was superseded in 1935 by the completion of the Deception Pass Bridge. Today, Fidalgo Island is the site of the ferry terminal that links Anacortes to Vancouver Island and the San Juan Islands to the rest of the state.

Fidalgo Island has a land area of 106.684 km² (41.19 sq mi). There are at least eight major lakes on Fidalgo Island which are named Campbell, Erie, Heart, Little Cranberry, Mud, Pass, Trafton/Crater, and Whistle.



The forested western slopes of Fidalgo Island overlook the Strait of Juan de Fuca

2024 SCHOA Board

2024 Board of Directors by Position:

- President-Doug Berard, The Gardens resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/20/26
- Vice President-Kathy Edmonds, WA Park resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/21/25
- Secretary-Lori Campbell, WA Court resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/21/25
- Treasurer-Dawn Bachmann, Doe Run resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/20/26
- ARC Committee Chair-Annie Hayes, WA Park resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/21/25
- Landscape Committee Chair-Claire Colson, WA Park resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/21/25
- Social /Publicity Committee-Team sport, all Board Members

Note: Our new 2024 Board was announced at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024



SCHOA Board

The Sunset Cove HOA Board has had a difficult time finding volunteers to serve as Board Members. If you have an interest in serving a two-year term please email us at board@sunsetcove.org. 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 Board also works with Community leaders to advance the interests of the City of Anacortes as well as our Sunset Cove neighborhood. Our commitment to City, County and State initiatives lends itself well to building needed infrastructure in and around Anacortes.

Our 2024 Board looks forward to serving the residents of Sunset Cove. As with past Boards, we anticipate and look forward to working with our community and our City to keep our neighborhood moving forward, addressing issues and opportunities as they arise.



2024 SCHOA Board Meeting Dates



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. 2025 Board member solicitation will begin earlier in 2024 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 2025 you can also email the Board at the Email address referenced earlier. Our HOA cannot function without volunteers.

Thanks for your help!

Doug Berard, President Sunset Cove HOA



2024 SCHOA Board Meeting Dates

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Time
Annual Meeting	Tuesday	1/23/2024	7pm PST
Board Meeting	Saturday	2/17/2024	9am PST
Board Meeting	Saturday	4/20/2024	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	6/22/2024	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	8/24/2024	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	10/12/2024	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	11/16/2024	9am PST
Annual Meeting	Tuesday	1/21/2025	7pm PST

NOTE: Bi/monthly meeting dates are established prior to the Annual meeting. Changes to meeting dates are posted on the SCHOA website 2 months in advance of each meeting



2024 SCHOA 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
 - 2024 anticipated publication dates
 - ✓ First Quarter-January 2024-*"Posted on the SCHOA website"*
 - ✓ Second Quarter-April 2024-*"Posted on the SCHOA website"*
 - ✓ Third Quarter-July 2024-*"Posted on the SCHOA website"*
 - ✓ Fourth Quarter-October 2024-*"Posted on the SCHOA website"*
- The Anacortes Parks and Recreation Department are pleased to offers diverse community-wide programs to fulfill the recreational needs of youth, seniors and adults. The Parks department publishes a quarterly schedule of events and classes entitled "The Quarterly Menu". Sign up for the APRD newsletter for more information on programs and special events. cityofanacortes.org/536/recreation
- Gatherings at the Sundown Court Circle-It's been great to see residents using the circle for social gatherings this summer. We hope to see that continue during fall months as weather permits. The circle is for the use of all members of the Sunset Cove HOA



SCHOA Board

Publicity Committee Update cont'd

Welcome to the Neighborhood, 2024 Addition

On behalf of the Sunset Cove HOA Board of Directors and the other homeowners of Sunset Cove we welcome you to our Community. Over the coming months we look forward to meeting you and your family, whether it be walking down the street, a hike at Washington Park or at one of the great local establishments downtown. Our community website <https://sunsetcove.org> is a repository of information regarding Sunset Cove and the surrounding area. Upcoming activities and events, announcements, Board Meeting Minutes, directory of owners, CC@R's, by-laws and newsletters can all be found there. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with this resource and get to know your community. The website provides ready answers to most of the questions new homeowners have.

In addition to our HOA's website there are many other resources available to residents of Sunset Cove:

Anacortes Chamber of Commerce - <https://anacortes.org/chamber>

Anacortes City Offices - <https://www.anacorteswa.gov>

Anacortes Schools - <https://www.asd103.org>

2024 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates



Nominations Committee

As our community ages the need arises to form a sanctioned committee to assist the SCHOA Board in the search for qualified Board Members to serve a 2-year term. In the recent past fewer owner/members have stepped up and volunteered their time and effort; simply put, the Board can't function without volunteers from the community. Alternatives to a functioning member driven Board:

- Structure the Board with fewer positions
- 3rd party management company
- Dissolution of the Board as we know it

None of the alternatives solve the need for a hands on, engaged member driven group that truly understands the needs of our community.

I'm pleased to announce the formation of our HOA's formal Nominations Committee that will come together in 2024. The members include, Committee Chair Doug Berard, members at large Paul Allen, Kim Graf and Amy Schnabel. Please join me in welcoming Paul, Kim and Amy to the committee. Our first meeting (July 24th) was a success. We've identified several candidates and will be soliciting they're support in August and September.

Treasurer Update

- Total assets on hand as of October 1st, 2024 are \$32,717.36. Working balance \$24,954.68, unallocated reserve balance \$7,762.68.
- The projects we had scheduled for 2024 have been completed. We were also able to complete phase 3 of the WA Court Circle project which was earmarked for 2025. Phase 3 included a new irrigation system and new barkmulch.
- The SCHOA Board has completed all the major projects that were planned and approved. If we don't have any unexpected issues in 2025 next year will be a year of replenishing Reserves.
- SCHOA resident directories have been updated and are available on the Sunset Cove HOA website. If revisions are necessary, please email Dawn Bachmann with the correct information at the following email address board@sunsetcove.org

Dawn Bachmann SCHOA Treasurer



2024 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates



Landscape Committee Update

- All scheduled projects for 2024 have been completed to date. The most recent project brought to completion is the WA Court Circle refresh which included; new irrigation, shrub and grass removal of dead and marginal plants, rock bed upgrade and new bark/mulch. attached are pictures of the completed project.
- To help research, facilitate and coordinate projects the Board is always looking for volunteers to serve on our standing committees. If you have an interest in volunteering your time, please email us at board@sunsetcove.org.
- As the weather cools down and you're getting ready for fall cleanup and winterization below are some options for landscape maintenance companies should you need assistance.

Sunset Cove Landscape Maintenance Companies

Company	Contact	Contact #
Dust to Beauty	Javier Chavez	(360) 202-5943
Pro-Scapes	Office Contact-Diana	(360) 724-3220
Pro-Scapes	Field Contact-Jon Lothrop	(360) 202-8936
Choice Landscape	Office	(360) 419-5785
Lawn Boy	Jennifer Aase	(360) 922-4254
Signature Tree Service	Rich Holman	(360) 941-8105
Olsen Tree Service	Office	(360) 941-3189
Urban Forestry Services	Jim Barborinas	(360) 770-9921

Claire Colson

Landscape Committee Chair

WA Court Circle Refresh Completed July 2024



2024 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates

Architectural Review Committee Update

- About the ARC Committee-Your ARC committee is comprised of neighborhood volunteers responsible for reviewing and approving plans for new home construction and plans for most exterior changes or additions to the homes in the community. The ARC's primary purpose is to ensure that changes or additions are consistent with the community's overall design and aesthetics
- Sunset Cove Construction Update
 - With the exception of lot #SCE 17 the community is completely built out
 - Lot #SCE 17 no current activity
- 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

Architectural Review Committee-cont'd

- See Click Fix
 - Get involved keeping our community safe utilizing See-Click-Fix
 - Report issues to the City of Anacortes for immediate action
 - To report an issue, use the following website
<https://anacortes.gov/1549/SeeClickFix>

GET CONNECTED. GET INVOLVED. GET RESULTS.

SeeClickFix
power to the community
Report potholes, downed trees, graffiti, missing street signs, park and trail issues, and more!

Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google play
Download on your smart phone or use the SeeClickFix website!

Learn more on our website!

CITY OF ANACORTES

SeeClickFix (aka CivicPlus 311 CRM) allows you to send pictures, locations, descriptions, and more valuable information directly to our City crews to get the job done efficiently. Not only can you report a problem or request service, but you can choose to get automatic updates on the status of your report or request every step of the way!



Washington State Master Gardeners



What is a Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners are community educators trained to work in partnership with WSU Extension to teach the public and enhance the quality of life in the community by promoting sound gardening practices with research-based information. From big box retailers to smaller IGC garden center formats, Masters Gardeners contribute their time and knowledge with in-house educators to meet, teach and train shoppers of all ages. Having Master Gardeners available in a retail setting is a golden opportunity to learn the latest trends in gardening.

Skagit County WSU Extension Master Gardeners

Program Contact: Alex duPont, Master Gardener Program Coordinator
360-395-2367 • alex.dupont@wsu.edu

Want to Become a Master Gardener? Sign up for WSU Skagit County Master Gardener Training

The Certification Process

The application deadline in Skagit County is October 31 for training which begins in January. Applicants are interviewed during November. The cost of the Master Gardener education is \$400. A refund of \$100 is returned to the Master Gardener once the required volunteer time is completed by the end of their intern year.

The Skagit County Master Gardener program starts with a 12-week course combining classroom and online computer based education. The weekly classes are held on Mondays at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, beginning mid-January. The curriculum includes lectures in botany, horticulture, soil science, sustainable garden management, integrated pest management, plant health, pesticide safety, entomology, pest management, plant pathology, plant disease diagnosis and control, weed identification, tree fruit and small fruit production.

After completing the academic syllabus, Master Gardener Interns must complete 60 hours of supervised learning to become fully certified. This hands-on training is completed at plant diagnostic clinics, the Discovery Garden, and other community outreach and education events such as rain garden education, community school gardens, farmers markets, and the Skagit County Fair.

After qualification, MGs must complete 25 hours of public service annually, including 4 hours of educational outreach to the public and 10 hours of MG continuing education to maintain their certification. Volunteers often give back much more!

Neighborhood Updates

- As Fall begins and daylight savings time ends our days get shorter and we lose daylight earlier in the day. With very few 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.



- 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. 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)

Fall/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 season 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 plant varieties need extra time to recover

Fall/Winter 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 using frost cloth or mulch
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and thermostats
- Replace furnace filters
- Close exterior vents that were opened for summer
- Open and clean furnace vents

Fall/Winter Household Necessities

- Snow shovel(s)
- Ice melt
- Ice scraper(s)
- Flashlights
- Spare batteries
- Emergency car kit
- Firewood/Dura-Flame logs
- Windshield wash-Fall mix 0-32 below mix
- Battery (jumper) 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 c



➤ How do I join?

- Visit the Garden Club website at
- <https://www.homedepot.com/c/alp/outdoor-living-ideas-garden-ideas-projects/157n-o4v9>
- Sign up and start saving
- Get \$5 off instantly for joining
- Receive coupons outlining promos and promotions

Fall and Winter Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club



Plan the Year with The Home Depot Garden Club Calendar

October



- Add fall color with mums and pumpkins.
- Rake and mulch leaves.
- Plant trees, shrubs and spring flowering bulbs.
- Empty and put away garden hoses and accessories.

November



- Force paperwhites and amaryllis for Christmas blooms.
- Prepare next year's flower beds, including rose beds.
- Clean and store garden tools. Seal with gear oil and let dry.
- Enjoy the bounty of your harvest at the Thanksgiving table.

December



- Find the perfect fresh-cut Christmas tree.
- Decorate with poinsettias and evergreen garland and create a Christmas tree.
- Clean and store power tools for winter.
- Choose orchids and houseplants for gift-giving.

For More Information Visit:

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/ai/plan-the-year-with-the-home-depot-garden-club-calendar/9ba683603be9fa5395fab9051c959fc>

Experience Anacortes



Anacortes

Travel prep demands both planning and dreaming, and Experience Anacortes is your guide to get 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



Anacortes trails meander through 2,800 acres of forests, meadows, wetlands, lakes, and offer 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. Erie, 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 handfults 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 2024



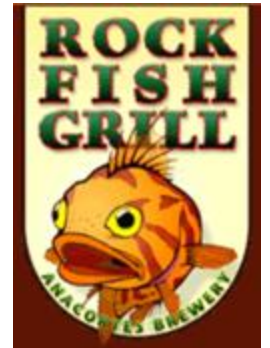
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tuesday Trivia Night	2 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	3 Open Mic Night	4 2024 Anacortes Bier Near the Pier October First Friday Artwalk	5 2024 Anacortes Bier Near the Pier Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
6	7	8 Tuesday Trivia Night	9 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	10 Candidates Round Table Luncheon Open Mic Night	11	12 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
13	14	15 Tuesday Trivia Night	16 Candidate Forum 2024 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	17 Open Mic Night	18 Rise & Learn Workshop	19 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
20	21	22 Tuesday Trivia Night	23 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	24 Open Mic Night	25	26 Anacortes Rotary Community Benefit Dinner and Auction Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
27	28	29 Tuesday Trivia Night	30 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	31 Trick or Treat Downtown Open Mic Night		

Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar October 2024 Hi-Lights



*Tuesday Trivia Night @ The Brown Lantern
8pm-9pm pdt*



*Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
Wednesdays 6pm-9pm
Saturdays 7:30pm-10pm pdt*



*Open Mic Night @ The Brown Lantern
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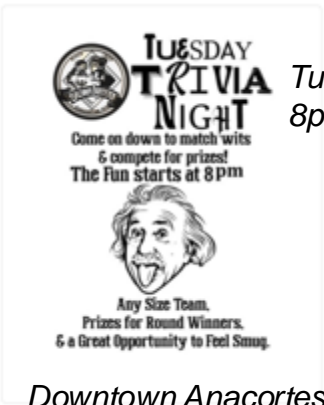
Event(s) Calendar November 2024



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 November First Friday Artwalk	2 Burlington-Edison Craft Fair Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
3	4	5 Tuesday Trivia Night	6 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	7 Open Mic Night	8	9 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
10	11	12 Tuesday Trivia Night	13 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	14 State of the Port Chamber Luncheon 2024 Open Mic Night	15 Rise & Learn Workshop	16 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
17	18	19 Tuesday Trivia Night	20 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	21 Open Mic Night	22	23 Elves Night Out Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
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Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar November 2024 Hi-Lights



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*Downtown Anacortes
Elves Night Out
11-23-24 4pm-7pm pst*

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Elves Night Out*



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Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar December 2024



← December 2024 →

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Tuesday Trivia Night	4 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	5 Open Mic Night	6 December First Friday Artwalk Coastal Christmas Tree Lighting 2024	7 Anacortes Charm Walk - Coastal Christmas Edition Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
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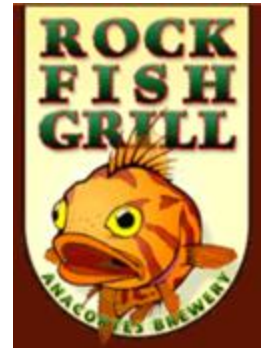
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*Anacortes Coastal Christmas
Tree Lighting
12-6-2024 6pm-7pm pst*

Anacortes Farmers Market Calendar

Anacortes Farmers Market



Summer "Farmers Markets" – at the Depot (9am to 2pm)

- Every Saturday
- From the first Saturday in May through the last Saturday in October
- Pie Festival Lite on the 3rd Saturday in September

Winter Markets – at the Depot (9am to 2pm)

- Second Saturday – Jan, Feb, Mar and Apr

Holiday Market @ the Depot Arts Center (10am to 4pm)

- Saturday, November 16th

Anacortes Farmers Market
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Anacortes, WA 98221

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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-Great Hikes, San Juan Island

Young Hill

If you want to wear hiking boots, experience some history, and see views that take your breath away, tackle Young Hill. Situated at the north end of the island, the 650-foot summit offers unmatched panoramas of San Juan, Canada's Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island, and beyond. Pick up the trailhead across the road from English Camp, occupied by the British in 1860 and find traces of its history on Mount Young itself—watch for the 1860s Royal Marine Cemetery.

Distance: 2.2 miles

Elevation gain: 600 ft

From the parking lot at English Camp, find the trail in the eastern corner of the lot and head southeast. At the first branch in the trail, stay right, and the trail will start climbing almost immediately. Cross San Juan Valley Road at 0.3 miles. and continue until you see a signed path leading to the English Camp cemetery. This piece of history is worth a stop as you ascend or descend Young Hill. A memorial to seven Royal Marines who died on the island in the 1860s, this cemetery is surrounded by gnarled Garry Oaks that are part of an ongoing restoration project.

After your side trip to the cemetery, head back to the main trail and continue climbing. You will reach your first viewpoint at 0.8 miles with an informative plaque naming some geographic features visible on a clear day. Keep climbing, and at 1.0 miles reach the summit, with spectacular views of the Salish Sea and surrounding islands. If you've brought lunch, settle down and enjoy some of the best views in the area. You have the world at your feet.

You can also hike from English Camp to Westcott Bay Shellfish Farm, through lush forests and along the water.

Jakle's Lagoon & Mount Finlayson

Named after the first Cattle Point Lighthouse keeper, George Jakle, Jakle's Lagoon is located just south of the Fourth of July Beach on Cattle Point and is part of the San Juan Island National Historical Park. A forest loop hike takes you to the top of Mt. Finlayson, the highest point on San Juan's south end, with a beautiful view of Cattle Point Lighthouse towards Lopez Island.

Distance: 3.5 miles

Elevation gain: 350 ft

At 295 feet, this is not a challenging climb, although a few sections run a little steep. With South Beach, Jakle's Lagoon, and Fourth of July Beach nearby, this hike fits very well into a day of south-end sightseeing. From the Jakle's Lagoon parking lot and trailhead, you can start at either end of the loop trail.

Head right on the wide Mount Finlayson Trail, which climbs gradually across golden grasslands lined by wind-blasted, contorted firs paralleling Cattle Point Road. The trail crests on the long ridge of Mount Finlayson, named for one of the founders of Victoria, B.C., which you can see from along the trail.

At 1.3 miles a trail leads left, near a group of large firs—your return route. But walk a bit farther for a grand view of Cattle Point Lighthouse. (Watch for eagles, plovers, sandpipers and hawks.) Loop back down into a cool forested ravine to reach a trail junction at Third Lagoon after 0.25 mile. Turn left onto an old woods road, 1.75 miles back to the trailhead.

Or at the parking lot, take the wide trail through the cool evergreen forest to the summit, then follow the high, open ridge and hike down the mountain back to the parking lot. From the summit you'll have spectacular views across Haro and Juan de Fuca Straits to the Olympic Mountains and Vancouver Island. Watch for whales in these waters



For Places to Stay on San Juan Island
Visit <https://www.visitsanjuans.com/stay-san-juan-island>



Note: For more information on hiking on beautiful San Juan Island visit → <https://www.visitsanjuans.com/hiking-san-juan-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.

Washington State Ferries Vehicle Reservations Home Page

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