

Sunset Cove Homeowners Association

July Addition 2025 SCHOA
3rd Quarter Newsletter



Presidents Note



There's nothing like the PNW in the Summertime, great weather and plenty to do. Let's focus on outdoor activities like flower and vegetable gardening, and then the fun stuff like golf, pickleball, boating, hiking, biking and more. As a community we've done quite well in the recent past relative to economic challenges, a wet Spring and an awesome start to Summer. Local businesses for the most part are back on track and seem to be thriving in spite of continued inflation and an economy that is somewhat uncertain when it comes to prices for consumer goods, home sales and gas prices. As things continue to progress the SCHOA Board will keep you abreast of any changes to our operating structure along with the opportunities we see impacting Sunset Cove. Some of the opportunities we see this year are projects that we are evaluating that will increase property values and visibly enhance our communities' aesthetics. With our neighborhood almost built out (one lot remains vacant) the residents of Sunset Cove have done a great job landscaping around their homes. Our new landscape maintenance company, Choice Ground Care, has been a pleasant surprise keeping our common areas well maintained and looking better than they have in years.

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 residents.

Doug Berard

President, Sunset Cove Development 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 residents 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 and established, and those who are entertaining a move to our Sunset Cove community!

SCHOA Board

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

2025/2026 SCHOA Board



2025/26 Board of Directors by Position:

- President-Doug Berard, The Gardens resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/20/26
- Vice President-Bill Dubiel, WA Court resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/21/27
- Secretary-Janie Crane, WA Park resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/21/27
- Treasurer-Dawn Bachmann, Doe Run resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/20/26
- ARC Committee Chair-Bob Rosain, WA Park resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/21/27
- Landscape Committee Chair-Liana Yelle, WA Park resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/21/27
- Social /Publicity Committee-Team sport, all Board Members

Note: Our 2025/26 Board was announced at the last Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 21st, 2025

Current SCHOA Board Update(s)

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 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 HOA cannot function without volunteers. The 2026 Board nominations will present some unique challenges and opportunities. With 2 outgoing members from the 2025 Board, we will be looking for a President and Treasurer to serve a 2-year term starting in January of 2026.

If you've never served or have served and are interested in serving another term, please reach out to the Board for more information.

Our 2025 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.

Doug Berard, President Sunset Cove HOA



2025 SCHOA Board Meeting Dates



Meeting Type	Day	Date	Time
Annual Meeting	Tuesday	1/21/2025	7pm PST
Board Meeting	Saturday	2/15/2025	9am PST
Board Meeting	Saturday	4/26/2025	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	6/21/2025	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	8/23/2025	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	10/11/2025	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	11/15/2025	9am PST
Annual Meeting	Tuesday	1/20/2026	7pm PST

NOTE: Bi/monthly Board meeting dates are established prior to the Annual meeting and posted on the SCHOA website. Changes to meeting dates are posted on the SCHOA website as soon as a change is determined.



Treasurer Update

- Total assets on hand as of June 30, 2025 are \$43,319.91. Working balance \$18,453.51, unallocated Reserve balance \$24,866.40.
- We have incurred unexpected expenses associated with the damage to the Gazebo Trail. While we are awaiting the final resolution of restitution we have been transferring funds to Reserves at 10% of SCHOA income per WA State guidelines, but have been keeping additional Reserve build in checking to cover some of the expenses.
- We have updated our Reserve analysis to support decisions about the timing of the Gazebo Trail repairs.
- HOA dues for 2025 have been paid in full. Thanks everyone.
- SCHOA resident directories will be updated soon and will be available on the SCHOA website.

Dawn Bachmann SCHOA Treasurer



2025 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 and or 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
 - Lot #SCE 17 Construction not started
- For more information regarding the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and its function can be found in the CC&Rs section III through VI.
- The CC&R's have stood up well over the years and have served our community well. There are however some articles that are in need of review and possibly updates. If there are residents that have architectural expertise who would like to assist in the review process feel free to reach out to me. My contact info can be found in the Sunset Cove Directory on the SCHOA website.



Architectural Review Committee Update- Cont'd

- Approval Requirements For Property Improvements-As a homeowner in Sunset Cove the need often arises to improve the exterior aesthetics of your home. Improvements can include items such as fencing, air conditioner installation and screening around the unit, gates, drainage systems and storage sheds to name a few of the many possible upgrades. Prior to starting on exterior home improvements, the Board suggests that you refer to section 4 of the CC@R's for guidance.

Section 4 has several sub sections (4.1 through 4.8) that explain the submission, review and approval process for projects to the exterior of your home. To make the process seamless the Board has produced and published a "request and approval" form for your use. The form can be found in the HOA Documents section on our website. Click on the icon labeled "SCHOA Project Request and Approval Form" to find it. During the planning process reach out to Board when questions arise. Our intent is to review plans as they are received and act accordingly.

Bob Rosain Architectural Review Committee Chair



2025 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates

Publicity Committee Update

Welcome to the Neighborhood, 2025 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.

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>

The Board is in the midst of planning a Sunset Cove gathering/picnic for sometime around Labor Day. Stay tuned for more details as the plan comes together.



Publicity Committee Update-cont'd

- Our quarterly newsletter will continue as usual leveraging information from the SCHOA, Skagit County, San Juan Islands, and the City of Anacortes
 - 2025 anticipated publication dates
 - ✓ First Quarter-January 2025-*"Posted on the SCHOA website"*
 - ✓ Second Quarter-April 2025-*"Posted on the SCHOA website"*
 - ✓ Third Quarter-July 2025-*"Posted on the SCHOA website"*
 - ✓ Fourth Quarter-October 2025
- 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 the fall and winter months as weather permits. The circle is for the use of all members of the Sunset Cove HOA
- Summer picnic-The Board will be looking for volunteers to help schedule and organize an SCHOA picnic. It would typically follow the Labor Day weekend but dates and timing are open at this point. If you have an interest in assisting please reach out to the Board at board@sunsetcove.org

SCHOA Board



2025 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates



Landscape Committee Update

- The early results from our new landscape maintenance company, Choice Landscape, have been positive to say the least. The common areas of the HOA have never looked better i.e. WA BLVD median, WA Court circle and Sundown court circle.
- The City has requested that the Observation Ave detention pond be cleaned up and made ready for the Summer months. The project will commence sometime later this Summer.
- 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 warms up and your landscape becomes a priority, should you need a landscape maintenance company please reach out to the Board for recommendations. Below are some options:

Liana Yelle
Landscape
Committee Chair

Sunset Cove Landscape Maintenance Companies

Company	Contact	Contact #
Dust to Beauty	Javier Chavez	(360) 202-5943
Marvins Gardens	Marvin Ruiz	(360) 5407411
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

Landscape Committee Update-cont'd

- Gazebo Trail Update-Buffer Zone, Tract B
Several months ago, demolition and construction started taking place on a property directly south of a portion of the gazebo trail/tract B damaging HOA property. In the demolition process a number of trees, shrubs and fencing were otherwise damaged or destroyed creating an unsightly mess of debris and construction materials. The Board is well aware of the damage to the habitat on the trail and is taking steps to remediate the area and deal with the party(s) involved. Stay tuned for more updates as this process plays out. Thanks for your patience!

Tract B Buffer Zone



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!

Washington State Master Gardeners

2025

FIND SKAGIT COUNTY WSU EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS AT

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MONTH	DAY(S)	DESCRIPTION
July	5	Mount Vernon Farmers Market, 501 Main Street, Mount Vernon, 9AM-2PM
	16	Sedro-Woolley Farmers Market, Hammer Heritage Square, 640 Metcalf St., 3PM-7PM
	26	Concrete Farmers Market, 45821 Railroad Ave, 10AM-2PM
	30	Toddler's Day, Discovery Garden, 16602 State Highway 536, 10AM-12PM. Pre-register at 360-395-2356
August	3	Mount Vernon Farmers Market, 501 Main Street, Mount Vernon, 9AM-2PM
	7-10	Skagit County Fair, Skagit County Fairgrounds, 501 Taylor Street, Mount Vernon, 10AM-9PM
August	19	Know and Grow, <i>Dahlia</i> s, NWREC, 16650 State Highway 536, Mount Vernon, 1PM-2:30PM
	20	Sedro-Woolley Farmers Market, Hammer Heritage Square, 640 Metcalf St., 3PM-7PM
	23	Concrete Farmers Market, 45821 Railroad Ave, 10AM-2PM
September	6	Mount Vernon Farmers Market, 501 Main Street, Mount Vernon, 9AM-2PM
	16	Know and Grow, <i>Houseplants</i> , NWREC, 16650 State Highway 536, Mount Vernon, 1PM-2:30PM
	17	Sedro-Woolley Farmers Market, Hammer Heritage Square, 640 Metcalf St., 3PM-7PM



Note: For more information visit <https://skagitmg.org/>

Neighborhood Updates



- **General**-As summer begins, we have more opportunities to spend time outside. 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; let's avoid an infestation of rodents.
- **Pickleball Courts**-For those of you that enjoy the game of pickleball there are 10 covered courts located at the Blackburn Pavilion in Mount Vernon, 2405 E College Way. Free and open to the public on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. You can also join the Skagit Valley Pickleball Club which gives you access to tournament play and other pickleball related events. For local play in Anacortes there are 4 courts located at Clearridge Park, 4436 Blakely Dr, Anacortes 98221. Hillcrest Park in Mount Vernon also offers 6 outdoor courts.
- **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
- **Pets**-For those of us that walk pets in the neighborhood it is your responsibility to clean up after them. Let's all pitch in!
- **SCHOA resident directory updates**
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)

Summer Cookout Tips and Hacks



Essential Grilling Tools and Accessories

- Gas or charcoal grill
- BBQ thermometer for just the right temperature for all foods
- Charcoal starter can or electric charcoal starter
- Wood chips to increase flavor
- Internal smoker box for the taste you are craving
- Grill rotisserie for evenly done hard to turn meats
- Infrared searing burner
- BBQ griddle
- BBQ ready pizza stone
- Grill tool set and basting brush
- Grill cleaning tools
- Grill rack and roaster
- Grill basket
- Apron and gloves

Essential Grilling Attachments

- Grill mat and pads
- Drip pans
- Smoker box
- Grill cover

10 Tips for Excellent Summer Grilling

- Start with a clean grill. Grills tend to clean up easier when the grill is still warm. Use ½ and onion to clean your grates
- Don't move or flip food unnecessarily, it leads to overcooking
- Don't squeeze or flatten meat, it depletes the juices
- Soak wooden kabob skewers in water for 30 mins prior to use
- Use a meat thermometer and guide for the correct food temps
- Avoid putting cold or frozen food straight onto the grill. Your food will cook evenly if it sits for 30 mins and thaws to room temperature prior to cooking
- Undercook foods slightly to compensate for carryover cooking. Your food will continue to cook for a short period of time after removing it from the grill
- Rest all meat before slicing and serving it. The juices need time to redistribute themselves throughout the meat
- Don't over-char food to cook through meat with bones
- Stay organized when serving a group. Keep track of what food went onto the grill 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc
- Use a cast iron skillet on your grates to evenly cook food

Spring/Summer Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club



Leverage the Home Depot Garden Club website for all your Spring, Summer, 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
<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



Home Depot Garden Club 3rd Quarter Planner



Gardening in July is hot, hot, hot! As temperatures increase, vegetable gardens pump out the produce and flowers bloom nonstop. This extreme month is also peak time for pests and diseases to appear in your garden.

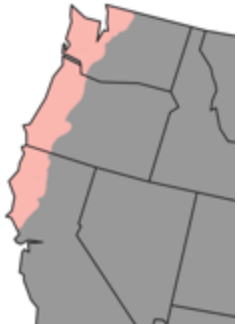
Fill your outdoor spaces with beautiful blooms to greet visitors to your home when you entertain. Look for Drop-N-Bloom containers at your local The Home Depot Garden Center that will take the guesswork and planting out of creating containers. Red, white and blue combinations featuring colorful geraniums, petunias, lobelia, calibrachoas and pentas will add patriotic panache to your front porch.

Keep up with the harvest by checking your vegetable garden every day. Even if you're not harvesting every day, it's a good idea to scout for insects and diseases by checking underneath leaves and examining new fruit for signs of nibbling or infestation. Frequently pick high producing vegetables like zucchini, squash and cucumbers. When they get too big, they lose flavor.

Like vegetable gardens, lawns need about an inch of water each week. An irrigation system makes it easy to deliver water to your thirsty lawn. Start seeds indoors this month for your fall garden crops like greens and root vegetables. There's still time for a second crop of summertime favorites like green beans and squash. If you start with seedlings, you'll have more time to harvest before frost.



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Note: For more garden ideas and project information visit The Home Depot website

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/alp/outdoor-living-ideas-garden-ideas-projects/157n-o4v9>

Home Depot Garden Club 3rd Quarter Planner



Pick, Pickle, Preserve:

The hottest summer days bring more tomatoes, peppers, squash and cucumbers to enjoy. This is also the time to get the most out of annual herbs like basil. Pinch back flowers to extend the harvest and savor the leaves in herb butters and pesto.

Sun-ripened tomatoes and peppers are delicious in summer salads. Try canning a small batch of salsa with extra produce from your garden. A bumper crop of cukes means plenty of pickles. Look for quick pickling recipes to save time.

Cut Summer Flowers for Bouquets:

When it's too hot to go out in the garden in the middle of the day, head out early and snip zinnias, sunflowers, daisies and dahlias for abundant cut flower bouquets.

Rejuvenate them with some timely deadheading, and if it's been awhile since you've fertilized, give them a dose of all-purpose plant food.

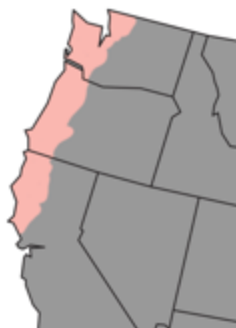
Aerate and Reseed Lawn:

Prepare for the fall season by aerating and reseeding your lawn. Give cool-season grasses time to grow before first frost.

Plan Water Wise Changes:

If summer has been hard on your gardens, make plans to improve irrigation and bring better health to your landscape.

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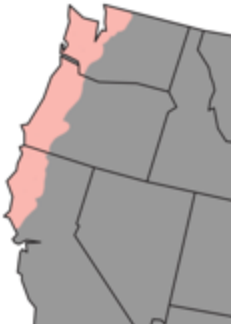
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Home Depot Garden Club 3rd Quarter Planner



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Refresh Your Home With Fall Annuals:

Give your garden some fall love and instant color by planting annuals, such as pansies, mums, celosia, coleus, ornamental peppers and more

Most perennials need dividing at some point, usually every two to three years. Otherwise, your blooms will be competing for nutrients and water. Find out which perennials need dividing now

Plant Perennial Ornamental Grasses:

Ornamental grasses add drama to containers and landscapes. They are among the most drought-tolerant, deer-resistant and easy to establish plants you can grow. Most ornamental grasses ask for little more than room to grow and average soil. Once they're settled in, they are low-maintenance and long-lasting

Prune ornamental grasses in the fall and provide an annual fertilizing. Choose ornamental grasses with care and know your hardiness zones. Some of the most popular grasses, like purple fountain grass, are not cold-tolerant and, unless you're in frost-free zones, they should be treated like annuals in planters and borders

Bring Plants Inside Before the First Frost:

Trends point to a continuing love of greenery indoors, so bring plants inside for a second life during winter. Cactus, succulents, geraniums and herbs overwinter indoors as long as you take precautions.

Note: For more garden ideas and project information visit The Home Depot website

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/alp/outdoor-living-ideas-garden-ideas-projects/157n-o4v9>

Home Depot Workshops

ON-DEMAND HOW-TO WORKSHOPS

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▶ WEBCAST ⌚ 46:00

Learn to install window treatments.



ON DEMAND HOW TO PAINT A DECK

▶ WEBCAST ⌚ 32:00

Step-by-step instructions on prepping and painting your deck



ON DEMAND HOW TO PLAN FOR YOUR KITCHEN PROJECT

▶ WEBCAST ⌚ 56:00

What to consider before tackling your kitchen project



Note: For more information regarding ON-DEMAND workshops visit The Home Depot website

<https://gateway.on24.com/wcc/eh/3092587/category/51898/on-demand-how-to-workshops>

Livestream Workshops

With The Home Depot's free, interactive livestream workshops, our associates can help you take on projects, teach you how to care for different areas of your home, plus so much more. See what's available on-line and register today.



Note: For more information on Livestream workshops visit The Home Depot website

<https://gateway.on24.com/wcc/eh/3092587/category/51558/livestream-how-to-workshops>

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-Parks and Recreation



ANACORTES FOREST LANDS

The Anacortes Community Forest Lands (ACFL) is approximately 2,800 acres of forestland owned by the City of Anacortes in several large tracts. Within city limits, find forested hills, lakes, streams, wetlands, and meadows. Twenty miles of trails provide public access to the forest lands.

There are nine loop trails for horses, motorcycles, bikers, and hikers. Some areas are limited to specific user groups. The changing terrain and trailside viewpoints provide panoramic views of the surrounding area. Trail maps are available at several local businesses.

DECEPTION PASS STATE PARK

This park is a 4,134-acre marine and camping park on three different lakes with 77,000 feet of saltwater shoreline and 33,900 feet of freshwater shoreline surrounded by breathtaking views, old-growth forests, and abundant wildlife.

CAUSLAND PARK

Causland Park was built in the 1920s by John Baptiste LePage to honor Anacortes veterans from World War I to the Vietnam War. It has extensive ornate rock work and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The park, surrounded by low serpentine mosaic walls, has a bandstand, amphitheater, and terraces made of colored pebble and rock mosaic. Other park features include picnic tables, mature ornamental plantings, and a small grassy lawn.

CRANBERRY LAKE AREA

This heavily forested site near the city center contains Cranberry Lake (approximately 27 acres) and several other small lakes and bogs. The terrain varies from flat to steep slopes. This area has an extensive trail system.

ALICE PARCHMAN NEWLAND PARK

A 10-acre linear park and street median developed along the R Avenue access road from Highway 20 into Anacortes waterfront industries and recreation areas. The south end contains the Smith sculpture, and the north end of the median widens to accommodate the Ben Root Skate Park. The 7,500 square foot concrete skate park has parking, a drinking fountain, lights, seating, and a restroom nearby.

SEAFARERS MEMORIAL PARK

The Seaman Memorial is located at the Cap Sante Marina. Parking, picnic tables, a promenade, and beach access with a stunning view of Fidalgo Bay are all available.

VOLUNTEER PARK — KIWANIS MEADOWS PARK – DANIELS FIELD

This sports field complex includes three baseball fields and a soccer field. The Kiwanis Meadows area is a full-size soccer field/open space with trees that provide a meadow-like atmosphere. The Alton R. Daniels and Volunteer fields are regulation baseball fields, while the Marguerite and Don Daniels field is artificial grass. The newest addition to the park is the Doug Colglazier Playground featuring play equipment, a covered picnic shelter, and a full-size basketball court. When completed, the Rice Complex will include a football and soccer stadium, a 400-meter surfaced track, and other related amenities.

MOUNT ERIE PARK

Mt. Erie Park spans 160 acres. At the top of Mt. Erie, elevation 1,270 ft, choose from four viewing areas and be rewarded with spectacular views in all directions. Mt. Erie is Fidalgo Island's highest point and is part of the former Anacortes watershed. There is a small parking area as well as a road that leads to the summit. Trails from this area lead into a portion of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands covering 1400+ acres.

ROTARY PARK

Rotary Park is a 1.5-acre linear park located on the north and east edge of the Cap Sante Boat Haven at the base of Cap Sante. Rotary Park has a paved pedestrian trail out to the Cap Sante breakwater, picnic tables, and a shelter. A nine-hole disc golf course at Rotary Park was made possible with support from the Anacortes Parks Foundation, the City of Anacortes, and the Rotary Club. The course is a challenging short par-3 course with many obstacles.

SHARPE PARK & MONTGOMERY-DUBAN HEADLANDS PARK

A 110-acre park has the most undeveloped waterfront on Fidalgo Island. Highlights include a freshwater beaver pond and stunning views of Rosario Strait. A short 3/4-mile walk through old-growth firs, madronas, and lichen-shrouded trees take you to sweeping views of north Puget Sound. Kids will enjoy walking first along the trail by a large pond filled with widgeons, mallards, cattails, and red-winged blackbirds.

ACE OF HEARTS ROTARY PARK

The fenced dog areas include off-leash dog areas, one for large dogs and one for small dogs, plus water for the pets, pet waste disposal bags, and portable restrooms. The City of Anacortes Parks Department, Anacortes Rotary Club, and the Anacortes Little League worked together to develop a new baseball field. Ace of Hearts Rotary Park also includes wetland improvements, a parking lot, trails, and a creek. Dogs must have current vaccinations and a license.

Experience Anacortes-Historic Skyline Marina



Nestled on the Northwest side of beautiful Anacortes WA, the Skyline Marine Center and surrounding Skyline community has a rich and fascinating history. Currently one of the fastest growing communities in Anacortes and the surrounding areas, Skyline was originally home to WF Industry-Mills.

Opening its doors in Skyline in 1924, WF Industry-Mills was one of the largest wood mills in the Puget Sound. Exemplified by its (at the time) state of the art drying and milling facility, WF Industry-Mills was a staple of the wood milling industry of the Pacific Northwest. Unfortunately, union strikes forced the mill to close in 1952.

Even though it's been over 60 years since the mill was in operation, its footprint still finds a very useful purpose today. The area that once featured the main mill building now provides homes for 5 different condominium buildings. The one-of-a-kind dry and milling building still stands today and sees regular use by the marina for indoor boat storage.

Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar July 2025



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tuesday Trivia Night	2 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	3	4	5
6	7	8 Tuesday Trivia Night	9 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	10 2025 July Multi Chamber After Hours @ Proscapes	11	12 Sip & Sea 2025
13	14	15 Tuesday Trivia Night	16 Island Adventures Full Day Whale Watching Tour Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	17	18	19 SHIPWRECK FEST Shipwreck Music Fest
20	21	22 Tuesday Trivia Night	23 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	24	25	26
27	28	29 Tuesday Trivia Night	30 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	31		

Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar July 2025

➤ Hi-lights



Shipwreck Fest
Saturday 7-19-2025
Causland Park
8am-4pm pdt



Tuesday Trivia Night at The Brown Lantern
Tuesdays starts 8pm pdt
July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th



Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
Wednesdays 6-9pm
July 2nd, 9th, 16th,
23rd, and 30th

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Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar August 2025



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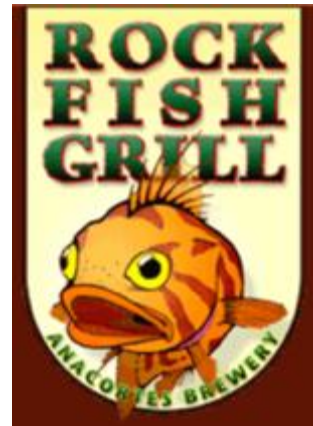
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Anacortes Arts Festival	2 Anacortes Arts Festival
3 Anacortes Arts Festival	4	5 Tuesday Trivia Night	6 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	7 Skagit County Fair All the Cool Cats are at the Fair!!	8 Skagit County Fair All the Cool Cats are at the Fair!!	9 Skagit County Fair All the Cool Cats are at the Fair!!
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17	18	19 Island Adventures Extended Range Whale Watching Tour Tuesday Trivia Night	20 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	21	22 Historical Cruise	23
24	25	26 Tuesday Trivia Night	27 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	28	29	30 Steps Rock 'n' Roll Stroll
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Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar August 2025

➤ Hi-lights



Anacortes Arts Festival
Friday and Saturday 8-1, 8-2
10am-6pm pdt
Sunday 8-3
10am-5pm pdt



Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
Wednesdays 6-9pm pdt
August 6th, 13th, 20th,
and 27th



Tuesday Trivia Night at The Brown Lantern
Tuesdays starts at 8pm pdt
August 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

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Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar September 2025



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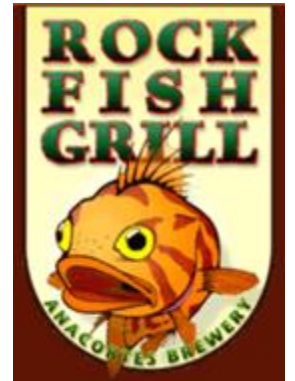
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Tuesday Trivia Night	3 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	4	5 Historical Cruise	6 2025 AMP Fest
7	8	9 Tuesday Trivia Night	10 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	11 2025 September Luncheon - State of the County 2025 September Multi Chamber After Hours	12	13
14	15	16 Tuesday Trivia Night	17 2025 September 17th Ribbon Cutting - Salish Sea School - 1 Year Milestone! Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	18 2025 September Business After Hours @ Wellness for Life	19 September 2025 Rise & Learn - Influencer Marketing 31st Annual Skagit County Fair Fall Garage Sale Island Adventures Full Day Whale Watching Tour	20 31st Annual Skagit County Fair Fall Garage Sale
21	22	23 Tuesday Trivia Night	24 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	25	26 Membership 101 September 26th	27
28 2025 Oyster Run	29	30 Tuesday Trivia Night				

Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar September 2025

➤ Hi-lights



31st Annual Skagit County Fair and Garage Sale
Skagit County Fairgrounds
Friday and Saturday 9-19 & 9-20 9am-4pm pdt



Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
Wednesdays 6-9pm pdt
September 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th



Tuesday Trivia Night at The Brown Lantern
Tuesdays **starts at 8pm** pdt
July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

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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!



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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