

Sunset Cove Development Homeowners Association

October Addition 2025 SCHOA
4th Quarter Newsletter



From the President



Hi all, as we wind down on 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 daylight 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, our local Farmers Market ongoing through October as scheduled and then transitioning to Winter hours (calendar on page 26), and our own Sunset Cove Brunch held on August 23rd. 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.

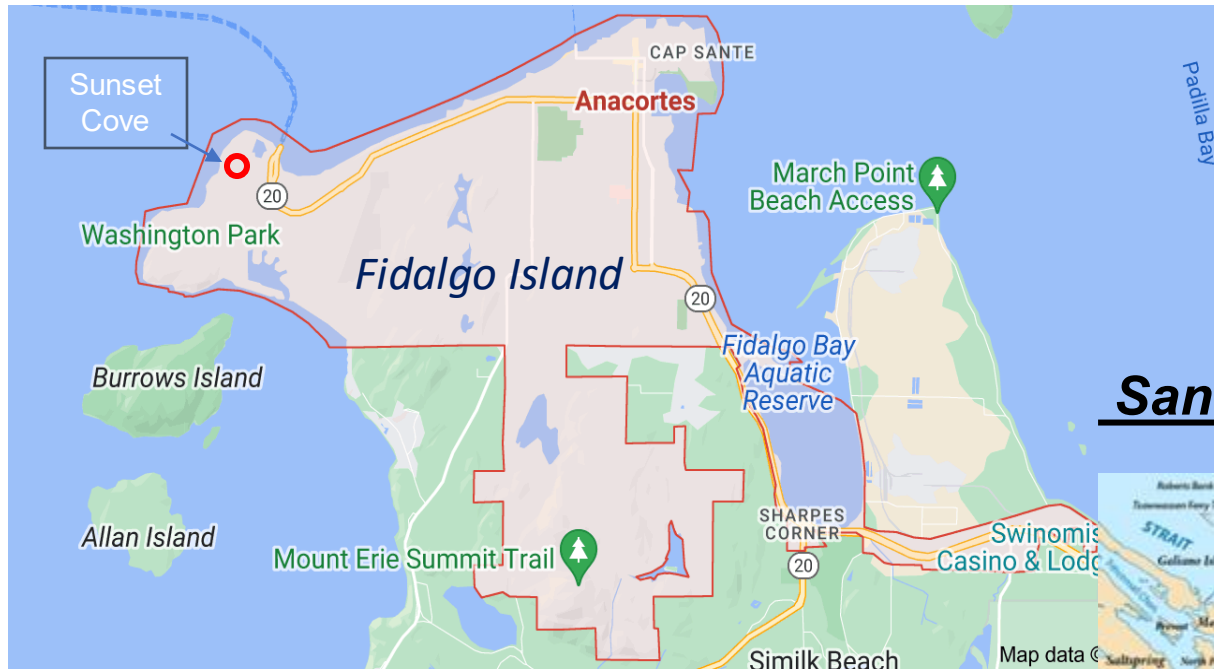
The Sunset Cove Homeowners Association (SCHOA) represents all of the aforementioned areas held within the Sunset Cove community. The Crest, The Gardens and Doe Run each have their own HOA's. The SCHOA in totality represents the entire development taking care of the common areas as well as common issues.

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

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 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 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 September 30, 2025 are \$32,357.93. Working balance \$10,995.93; unallocated Reserve balance \$21,362
- As mentioned in the July newsletter we have not been transferring additional reserve build from Checking to Reserves, but are still transferring the WA State recommendation of 10% of income to Reserves each month. This is helping us to catch up on unexpected expenses. We should end the year under budget
- We have established a digital document repository for the Board and are moving to electronic documentation for SCHOA which aligns with WA Secretary of State recommendations for HOA documentation retention
- 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 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. We've assembled a committee of owners to review and update specific articles that are a bit dated. Thanks to the folks on the volunteer committee; Rick and Jackie Etsell, Kim Graff, Annie Hayes, Paul Allen and Carl Colson

Bob Rosain Architectural Review 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>

A promotional graphic for SeeClickFix. It features a blue banner at the top with the text "GET CONNECTED. GET INVOLVED. GET RESULTS." and "SeeClickFix power to the community Report potholes, downed trees, graffiti, missing street signs, park and trail issues, and more!". Below the banner are two smartphones displaying the SeeClickFix app interface. To the right of the phones are two QR codes, one labeled "YouTube Tutorial" and the other "Learn more on our website!". At the bottom, there are logos for the App Store and Google Play, and a text box explaining that SeeClickFix (aka CivicPlus 311 CRM) allows users to send pictures, locations, descriptions, and more valuable information directly to the City crews to get the job done efficiently. It also mentions that users can report a problem or request service, and choose to get automatic updates on the status of their report or request every step of the way!



2025 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates

Publicity Committee Update

Welcome to the Neighborhood, 2025 Edition

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>

City of Anacortes Police Dept. - <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/270/Police>

City of Anacortes Fire Dept. - <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/200/Fire-Department>

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



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-*"Posted on the SCHOA website"*
- 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
- As we transition into fall and winter weather Washington Park offers a number of great opportunities for fun, exercise and outdoor activities. The park is open from 6am to 10pm 7 days a week and offers hiking, biking, boating, picnics and camping activities. Come traverse the 2.2 mile loop around the park and take in the scenic beauty surrounding the area

SCHOA Board

2025 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates

Publicity Committee Update

SCHOA Brunch

It's been years since our community has gotten together as a group to meet publicly for things other than SCHOA meetings and the like. On August 23rd 2025 the HOA hosted a brunch held at Doe Run Souths communal driveway. Volunteers Bev Bothel and Tracy Averil (Crest residents) did an amazing job of organizing and hosting the event which included quiche from Calico Cupboard, mimosas, coffee, water and a host of other side dishes that were brought to the event by our neighbors. In attendance were approximately 50 residents, some pets and few relatives and friends of Sunset Cove home and condo owners. Fun was had by all, and what a great venue to meet neighbors for the first time.

Cleanup was seamless with everyone pitching in to take down tables and pack up leftovers. A big shout out to the Doe Run South Community for lending us the use of their communal driveway; Beth and Ken Pine, Dawn and Doug Bachmann, Jan and Greg Light and Leah and Bill Collins. It was a fun morning and early afternoon, the Board is already discussing a similar event next year!



Publicity Committee Update-cont'd



2025 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates



Landscape Committee Update

- The City requested that the Observation Ave detention pond be cleaned up and made ready for the Summer months. The project was completed the week of 7-14. It was a pretty extensive cleanup with alders being removed, stumps pulled, blackberry's cut back to a manageable level and the entire area being overseeded to suppress future growth of weeds and volunteer plants. A big shout out to the Signature Tree team for the work they performed
- 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 your landscape becomes a priority, should you need a landscape maintenance company please reach out to the Board for recommendations. Below are some options:

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

Liana Yelle
Landscape
Committee Chair

Landscape Committee Update

- Gazebo Trail Update-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. The Board has spent a great deal of time working with the City of Anacortes and Legal Counsel to pursue avenues for remedies and restitution for the damages. The situation was very well documented over time including a chronology of events, pictures of the damage, professional survey of tract B and ongoing commentary from homeowners and neighbors. We worked with our Attorney to send multiple demand letters which resulted in multiple conflicting and negative exchanges between the parties involved. After lengthy discussion with Legal Counsel and Board Members it has been decided not to pursue legal action at this time. The decision was made solely to avoid the cost and inconvenience of litigation. This is not a reflection of our perception of the strength of our claim(s). Please understand that our HOA is not set up financially to pursue such action that can only be supported by assessments and or dues increases.
Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Sunset Cove Board

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



Educational Outreach

WSU Extension Master Gardener Programs statewide host educational classes, workshops, demonstrations, and field days. Through these events our university-trained volunteers bring relevant, unbiased, research-based horticulture and environmental stewardship education to their local communities.

Demonstration Gardens

Want to see sustainable gardening in action? Stop by one of our gardens. These outdoor classrooms give gardeners the opportunity to see and practice sustainable gardening techniques. Master Gardeners demonstrate via classes, workshops, and field days a range of gardening practices including water wise gardens, native plant gardens, English knot gardens, raised bed vegetable gardening, composting, container gardening, espaliered apples, berry beds and more.

Ask a Master Gardener

Have a gardening question? Ask a Master Gardener at one of our in-person or on-line plant and insect diagnostic clinics. From our beginning, Master Gardeners have provided free access to unbiased research-based horticulture advice to help people find answers to their gardening questions. Clinics are located at farmers markets, hardware stores, nurseries, demonstration gardens and Extension offices throughout the state of Washington. You can also find us online.



WSU EXTENSION
Skagit County

Our Program

The WSU Extension Skagit County Master Gardeners have been cultivating plants, people and communities in Skagit County since 1977.

<https://extension.wsu.edu/skagit/mg/>

For more information regarding Master Gardeners programs visit the site below

<https://mastergardener.wsu.edu/priorities/programs/>

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
- **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!
- 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

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?

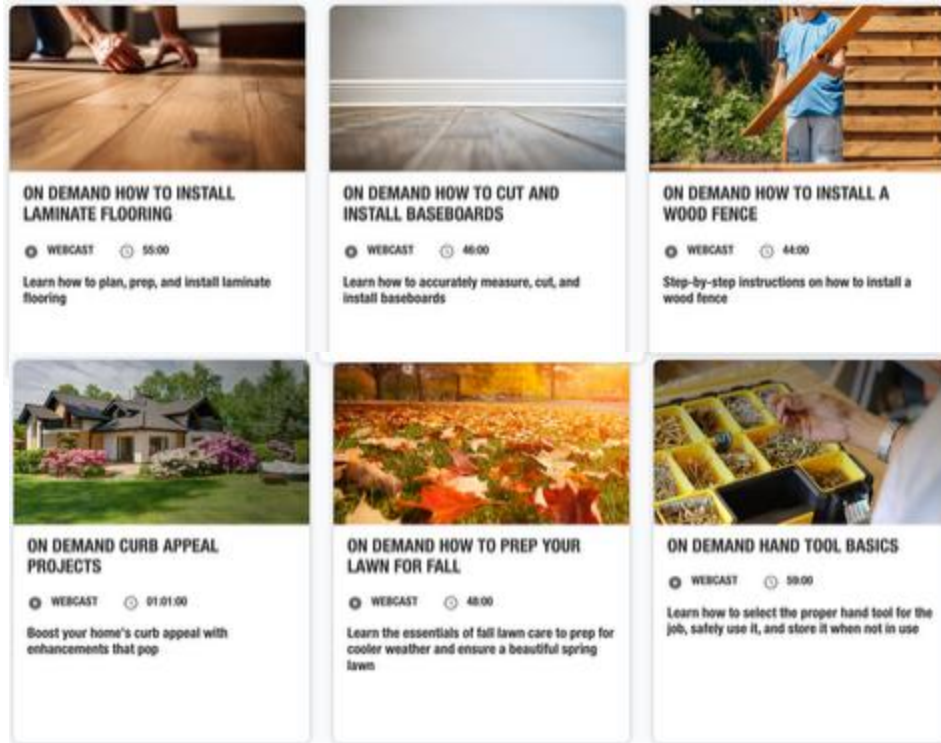
- Visit the Garden Club website at
<https://www.homedepot.com/c/alp/outdoor-living-ideas-garden-ideas-projects/157n-o4v9>
- Sign up and start saving
- Get \$5 off instantly for joining
- Receive coupons outlining promos and promotions



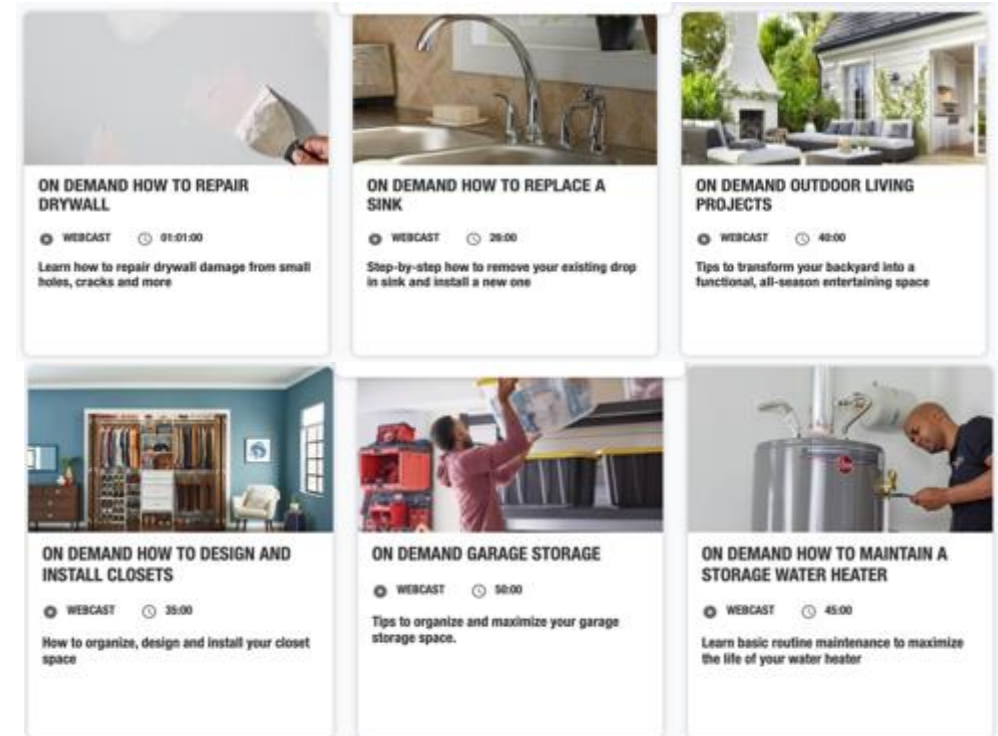
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Experience Anacortes



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 2025



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	2 The 39 Steps @ ACT	3 Harvest Tea 2025 Anacortes Bier Near the Pier The 39 Steps @ ACT	4 Harvest Tea 2025 Anacortes Bier Near the Pier The 39 Steps @ ACT
5 Harvest Tea The 39 Steps @ ACT	6 Harvest Tea	7 Harvest Tea Tuesday Trivia Night	8 Harvest Tea Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	9 Harvest Tea 2025 October Luncheon - Candidates Forum 2025 October Multi Chamber After Hours The 39 Steps @ ACT	10 Harvest Tea The 39 Steps @ ACT	11 Harvest Tea The 39 Steps @ ACT
12 Northwinds Quintet	13	14 2025 Candidates Forum - City Hall Tuesday Trivia Night	15 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	16	17 October 2025 Rise & Learn - Business Tax Breaks	18
19 Modern Manners for Modern Children	20	21 Tuesday Trivia Night	22 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	23	24	25
26	27	28 Tuesday Trivia Night	29 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	30	31	

Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar October 2025 Hi-Lights



*Tuesday Trivia Night @ The Brown Lantern
Tuesdays 8pm-9pm pst
October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th*



*Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
Wednesdays 6pm-9pm pst
October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th*



2025 Bier Near the Pier

*Bier near the Pier
The Depot Arts Center
611 R Ave.
October 3rd 5pm to 8pm pst
October 4th 12pm to 3pm pst
October 4th 4pm to 7pmpst*

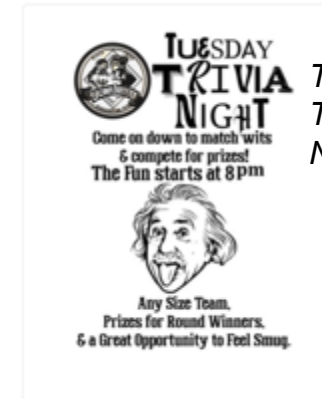
Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar November 2025



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Skagit Symphony: Stranger Strings
2	3	4 Tuesday Trivia Night	5 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	6 2025 November Luncheon - State of the Port	7	8
9	10	11 Tuesday Trivia Night	12 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	13 2025 November Multi Chamber After Hours	14 The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Kickoff	15
16	17	18 Tuesday Trivia Night	19 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	20 2025 November Business After Hours @ Fidalgo Dance Works	21 November Rise & Learn - Digital Marketing	22
23	24	25 Tuesday Trivia Night	26 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	27	28	29
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Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar November 2025 Hi-Lights



*Tuesday Trivia Night @ The Brown Lantern
Tuesdays 8pm-9pm pst
November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th*



*Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
Wednesdays 6pm-9pm pst
October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th*



*Skagit Symphony-Stranger Strings
McIntyre Hall 2501 E College Way
Mount Vernon
November 1st 7:30pm-9pm pst*

Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar December 2025



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Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar December 2025 Hi-Lights



*Tuesday Trivia Night @ The Brown Lantern
Tuesdays 8pm-9pm pst
December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th*



*Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
Wednesdays 6pm-9pm pst
December 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st*

ROCKIN' YULE BIZARRE!

*2025 Rockin Yule Bizarre
A-Towns Festive Musical Showcase
The Arts Center @ Buxtons
December 20th 6pm to 10pm pst*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Tuesday Trivia Night	3 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	4	5 Holiday Tea	6 Holiday Tea
7 Holiday Tea	8 Holiday Tea	9 Holiday Tea Tuesday Trivia Night	10 Holiday Tea Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	11 Holiday Tea 2025 December Luncheon - Holiday Buzz Party	12 Holiday Tea	13 Holiday Tea
14	15	16 Tuesday Trivia Night	17 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	18	19 Membership 101 December 19, 2025	20 2025 Rockin' Yule Bizarre
21	22	23 Tuesday Trivia Night	24 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	25	26	27
28	29	30 Tuesday Trivia Night	31 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill			

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)

- The Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 23rd

Anacortes Farmers Market
611 R Ave

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!



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

<https://secureapps.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/reservations/vehicle/default.aspx?op=Make+reservations>



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