

# Sunset Cove Newsletter

Publicity Committee

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Sunset Cove Development Homeowners Association

## Street Party – Sunday, September 7, 2008

Since the 5th annual Sunset Cove picnic, originally scheduled for Sunday, June 8, 2008, was cancelled due to apparent lack of interest, the Publicity Committee and the Board of Directors have decided to pursue an idea put forth by one of our homeowners: a **Street Party!**

On **Sunday September 7th, from about 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.**, the cul-de-sac at the end of Washington Court will be closed to traffic so our group may have a potluck barbecue!

The theme is “*Dress Your Pet*”, and prizes will be awarded for Most Creative

Outfit and Best Northwest Theme. Other categories may be added at the discretion of the Publicity Committee (mainly after seeing who and/or what shows up!).

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be supplied. Please bring your own beverages and chairs. We welcome any appetizers, side dishes, and desserts from our neighbors.

We suggest families with last names bring ...

A — J - side dish

L — O - dessert

P — Z - appetizer



**Please** email Liana at [liana@ayc.com](mailto:liana@ayc.com) or call 360-293-8505 with your R.S.V.P.

We look forward to seeing you all!

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## 2008 Board of Directors

- Paul Allen, President (term ends 12/31/08)
- Bill Whittemore, Vice President (term ends 12/31/08)
- Stan Singer, Secretary/Treasurer (term ends 12/31/08)
- Vickie Cooley, Director/ARC Committee Chair (term ends 12/31/09)
- Ted Filler, Director/Landscape Committee Chair (term ends 12/31/09)

- Liana Yelle, Director/Publicity Committee Chair (term ends 12/31/09)

**Board members** may be contacted via email at: [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org)

Check out the meeting schedule on page 4 of this newsletter.

### Special points of interest:

- Street Party
- Lighting
- Events in the area
- Mini-Notes

## Spotlight on: Landscape Committee

In this issue, we are taking a look at another committee of the Homeowners Association: the Landscape Committee, or as it was formerly called, the Maintenance Committee.

As defined in the Association's By-Laws, this committee is responsible for "advising the Board of Directors on all matters pertaining to the maintenance, repair, or improvement of the common properties and facilities of the Association, and shall perform such other functions as the Board, in its discretion, determines."

While maybe not as all encompassing as the Architectural Review Committee (highlighted in the last issue), the chairperson of this committee has

a huge responsibility — especially in the past few months.

Dealing with the contracts for the median's landscaping, getting the trail to the gazebo improved, reminding homeowners to mow their vacant lots, and the most recent achievement of researching and assessing the median lighting replacement (see article below) have all been handled by Ted Filler, chairman of the committee. Whew! We have a lot to thank him for!

Anyway, if you have any questions or comments for Ted, he may be reached at [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org) or [tednrita@comcast.net](mailto:tednrita@comcast.net).



Next newsletter we'll highlight another committee of the Association.

## Let There Be Light?

As mentioned in the article about the Landscape Committee, a decision was recently reached by the Board of Directors to replace the median lighting along Washington Boulevard. This was in no way a hasty decision — as fellow Board meeting attendees can attest — as the issue has been in the forefront of discussion since at least March of this year.

The following is the letter to the homeowners, as posted on the website message board, from Paul Allen, Board President:

"Your Board thanks each of you who took the time to comment about repairing/replacing the median lighting, and those who took the time to attend last evening's Board meeting. We discussed each point of view and heard from those in attendance before putting the issue to a vote.

"The Board agreed 5 to 1 (one member absent) to accept the proposal from Hillman's Landscaping to replace the current inadequate lighting with a new state-of-the-art low-voltage system. We believe the center island lighting was a feature that added value to the neighborhood originally, and during the dark days and long nights of winter added warmth and a measure of security. We further agreed the expenditure is within our budget and the ongoing expense of lighting and maintenance will prove far less costly than the original outdated system.

"As the contract is executed, watch for work to begin on our new system. Again, thanks to each of you who took the time to voice your opinion."

And from the homeowners, many thanks to Ted Filler for all the work

he did and the research he conducted, and to Paul for leading the way!

**"Let's all be cognizant of our better lit and clean neighborhood."**

## Events Calendar

Some upcoming community events that may be of interest:

- **Anacortes Arts Festival**, August 1 to 3, downtown (sorry, we left this off the list in the last issue!)
- **“Colors Ceremony”** in Roche Harbor, to glorious music and real cannon fire, held each night at sunset at Roche Harbor Village, through Labor Day weekend.
- **San Juan County Fair**, August 13 to 16, Friday Harbor
- **Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival**, August 18 to 31 (visit [www.oicmf.org](http://www.oicmf.org) for more info)
- **Victoria Classic Boat Festival**, August 29 to 31, Victoria's Inner Harbour (for more info visit [www.classicboatfestival.ca](http://www.classicboatfestival.ca))



Rick Etsell is Captain of the Victoria Festival's poster vessel "[Olympus](#)"

- **Anacortes Jazz Festival**, August 30 to Sept. 1, Curtis Wharf (visit [www.anacortes.org](http://www.anacortes.org) for ticket and line-up information)
- **32nd Annual Wooden Boat Festival**, Sept. 5 to 7, Port Townsend (visit [www.woodenboat.org](http://www.woodenboat.org))
- **Antique Engine and Machinery Day**, Sept. 13, downtown Anacortes
- **Oyster Run**, weekend of Sept. 27 & 28, officially downtown (but

many decide to visit Skyline and Washington Park!)

- **Farmers Market**, (ongoing) Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., through October 11, at 611 R Ave.

As you can see, many things are happening in and around our community this fall. Please let us know about any special winter events that are coming all too soon!

## Not That It's Happening Here ...

Stan Singer, our HOA Secretary/Treasurer, attended a meeting with the Anacortes Police Auxiliary Patrol this past May. The general warning to all homeowners was that there has been an increase in burglaries, espe-

cially occurring in garages left open. Gasoline cans and tools have been the target.

Also, it seems that thieves have been sawing off catalytic converters on cars left outside (it can take less

than two minutes to remove one!)

Finally, also with cars left outside, gas caps are being forced open and the gasoline siphoned out.

So, be advised to be keep an eye out for suspicious activity!

## Neighborhood Mini-Note Reminders

- If you have received this publication via regular mail this means we do not have your email address on file. Please contact [rick@etsell.com](mailto:rick@etsell.com) with your email address so we may update our records. Also please let him know of e-mail address changes. Thank you for helping us stay “green”.
- Please remember you're responsible for cleaning up after your dog. Also, the leash law requires dogs to be leashed at all times and are not allowed to roam through the neighborhood and into yards.
- Owners are also responsible for mowing vacant lots and keeping parking strips mowed and under control.
- The secret password to the documents section of the Sunset Cove website is [ssc98221](#) (be sure to use lower case letters). You'll find the minutes of the Board meetings, past newsletters, both sets of CC&R's, By-Laws, etc.
- Finally, try to floss every day!

**“Help us stay ‘green’”.**

# Board Meeting Schedule:

The Sunset Cove Development Homeowners Association has scheduled board meetings at the Anacortes Public Library, Community Meeting Room, for **7 pm** on the following dates:

- **Thursday, August 14th**
- **Thursday, September 18th**
- **Thursday, October 16th**

Although these are working meetings of the Board, the community is invited and encouraged to attend. Contact Board President Paul Allen if you have any new business to bring to the Board.

Always double-check the website for meeting reminders.

Email: [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org) with any thoughts, suggestions, ideas, or concerns.

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# Sunset Cove HOA:

Located in Anacortes, Washington, at the western end of Fidalgo Island, Sunset Cove is uniquely situated with views of the San Juan Islands, Rosario Strait, and Burrows Bay, and enjoys the privilege of adjoining beautiful Washington Park, with miles of beaches, trails, picnic and camping sites.

The Sunset Cove community consists of **Washington Park Estates** (homes along Washington Boulevard), **Sunset Cove Estates** (homes along Washington Court) and **The Crest and The Gardens at Sunset Cove** (condominiums and townhomes.)

Welcome to **all** our neighbors, new, “established”, and those who haven’t moved here yet!

