

## SUNSET COVE NEWSLETTER

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Military Corner
- Coping with winter garden damage
- Community Events
- Free Spring Clean
- Save the Sidney Ferry Run

## SOMETHING EXCITING: MILITARY CORNER

As many of you may know, we have several Active Duty, Retired, and Veteran military folks in the neighborhood. As such, I felt like it may be of value, to not only the former and current military folks but also the rest of the neighborhood, to keep you appraised on the existing and upcoming community outreach programs offered by the military installations nearby.

While this column doesn't reflect the official views of the Department of Defense, it's an avenue to convey some these initiatives and open the floor to any questions you may have. We welcome any of your questions or concerns and will use this forum to address concerns or answer any burning questions you may have. Please email either Jackie or Liana ([jackie@etsell.com](mailto:jackie@etsell.com) or [liana@ayc.com](mailto:liana@ayc.com)) and we will post the question with the ap-

propriate answer.

For the other military folks in the neighborhood, if you have an issue you feel is relevant to the neighborhood, please email either of us and we will post it in the next newsletter.

Some notes of interest:

- New Planes: As many of you know, the lovely, but aging EA-6B Prowler is currently being replaced by the EA-18G "Growler", so you may see some different looking (not necessarily quieter) airplanes flying over the channel. The transition is great for the community as it validates the Pacific Northwest and Naval Air Station Whidbey Island as viable and potentially long-lasting military-community partners. It just so happens, the individual in charge of ensuring the transition is smooth and successful is a

community member, Derek Leney, and he and his wife Beth moved in several months ago.

- Employment: Another common question is: Where can I learn about employment opportunities on base? You can learn about employment opportunities as well as how to apply for jobs at NAS Whidbey Island and throughout the Northwest at: <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil>

Until the next issue, regards.

Pete Yelle, "Rebel"



EA-6B Prowler with the EA-18G Growler

## 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the January Annual Meeting, the new slate of Board of Directors were approved. The positions have been sorted out as follows:

- President, Roy Raphael (term ends 12/31/10)
- Vice President, Ted Filler (term ends 12/31/09)
- Secretary and Treasurer,

Susan Singer (term ends 12/31/10)

- Architectural Review Committee Chair, Vickie Cooley (term ends 12/31/09)
- Publicity Committee Chair, Liana Yelle (term ends 12/31/09)
- Landscape Committee Chair, Barbara Ballentine (term

ends 12/31/10)

Welcome aboard, and thank you to all of you! To contact the board members by e-mail:

[board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org)

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

## COPING WITH WINTER DAMAGE

By any measure, this past winter has been very unusual for its severity. As we begin to assess plant damage in our gardens this spring, a few tips are in order for managing plants with winter injury.

According to a workshop presented by the [WSU Skagit County Extension](#) Master Gardeners recently, the primary advice was to NOT start pruning or whacking at dead looking plants now. The next season can bring surprising results.

Many landscape shrubs and trees may show bud damage, bark splits, or tip burn. Some plants may appear completely dead. But don't cut out the wood. Wait until

spring growth begins.

Sometimes, winter damage won't show up until the plant starts to move sap through its system. And some plants may look dead, and have leaf damage, but will revive and begin growth.

When you do prune, take out only what's necessary. Plants will recover faster with plenty of leaf surface left to help rebuild.

To check a branch for live tissue: scrape a shallow section from the bark with a knife or fingernail, and look at the margins of the cut. Live wood will show white or green under the bark, dead wood is gray or brownish and

may be soggy.

If branches have been broken off or split from the plant, those can be pruned out. Getting rid of broken limbs does help the plant resist further injury.

With ornamental grasses, ferns, and bamboo, don't be afraid to cut back — they will rebound. Even evergreens are known to shed their brown needles on their own.

Finally, it's okay to actually get rid of the obviously dead plants — like my "Bird of Paradise" I have to admit — but otherwise patience is the best "method" as you experiment to find good performers in your garden.



"Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart."

- Victor Hugo

## NEIGHBORHOOD REMINDERS

- If you have received this newsletter via regular mail this means we do not have an e-mail address on file for you. Please contact [rick@etsell.com](mailto:rick@etsell.com) with your e-mail address, either new or changed, so we may update our records.
- The secret password to the documents section of the Sunset Cove website is "ssc98221" (lower case letters). You'll find the minutes of the Board meetings, past newsletters, both sets of CC&R's, by-laws, etc.
- Please clean up after your dog, who is of course on a leash at all times. Everyone will thank you.
- With spring comes the arrival of more wildlife, and not just baby deer. Moles have been making a visible resurgence, but there's not much homeowners can do about them. Just think of the aeration they're providing our lawns and gardens!
- An idea was proposed at the March 3rd Board Meeting to have addresses painted on the curb at each house along Washington Boulevard and Washington Court. This would allow delivery and emergency vehicles to more easily find specific houses/addresses. What do you think? Yea or nay? Costs and logistics are being researched, but

meanwhile let me know what you think at [jackie@etsell.com](mailto:jackie@etsell.com).

- Work parties to maintain the SCHOA path may also be scheduled for later this spring. Watch the website for announcements!

## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Some of the many activities in our community this spring:

- Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, April 1-30, Skagit Valley; tours and flowers galore! ([www.tulipfestival.org](http://www.tulipfestival.org))
- Anacortes Annual Quilt Walk, April 1-30, downtown Anacortes; 360.293.0622 for more info.
- 6th Annual Garden Art Fair, April 25-26, 10am to 5pm, at the Depot Arts Center, Anacortes; demos, garden art, plants, products, food, etc.; 360.293.3663 or [www.depotartscenter.org](http://www.depotartscenter.org)
- Skagit Regional Airport Fly-In, April 25, 10am to 4pm; airshow from 1-2pm; free!
- Trawler Fest, May 7-9, Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes; seminars and boat show ([www.trawlerfest.com](http://www.trawlerfest.com))
- Anacortes Waterfront Festival, May 16-17, 10am to 5pm, Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes; 360.293.7911 ([www.anacortes.org](http://www.anacortes.org))
- Berry Dairy Days, June 18-21, Burlington; fireworks show on June 19; June 20, parade at 11am, vendor fair from 10am to 5pm; ([www.burlington-chamber.com](http://www.burlington-chamber.com) for more!)
- Shipwreck Day, July 18, 8am-4pm, downtown Anacortes; flea market time!
- San Juan Island Summer Arts Fair, July 18 (10am-5pm) & July 19 (10am-4pm), Friday Harbor; arts, crafts, & food for sale. ([www.sanjuanisland.org](http://www.sanjuanisland.org))
- 48th Annual Anacortes Arts Festival, August 7-9, 10am-6pm, downtown Anacortes; arts, crafts, demos, music, & food! ([www.anacortesartsfestival.com](http://www.anacortesartsfestival.com))



## TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING?

In order to get a head start on your spring cleaning, check out this offer from the City of Anacortes Solid Waste Division: To celebrate Earth Day, the City of Anacortes is offering residential customers a "Spring Clean Up" program on Saturday, April 11, from 9 am until 3 pm, at the City Operations Facility at 37th Street and D Avenue.

On that day only, they will be accepting the FREE disposal

of residential-only refuse and yard waste (all garbage must be bagged or bundled). Quantities are limited to one load per household.

They will be verifying city residence by checking driver's licenses and a current utility bill, so bring those items with you.

Excluded are things like roofing, concrete, tires, propane tanks, large vehicle parts, construction or demolition

material, hazardous or toxic material, and large appliances.

In addition, for two weeks after, the Solid Waste crew will pick up extra garbage from residential customers at double their normal amount.

What a great opportunity to get rid of some of that extra stuff!!!

Free Spring  
Clean-Up  
is on Saturday,  
April 11,  
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## SIDNEY FERRY RUN

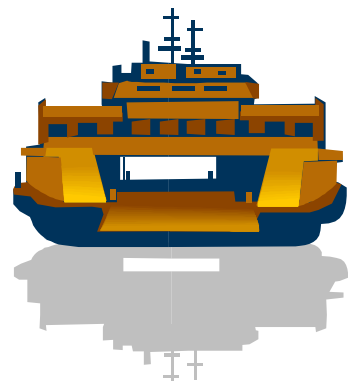
Residents are encouraged to help with the campaign to save the Anacortes-Sidney ferry run, which the state is proposing to discontinue after this year for budgetary reasons.

As most of us are aware, this international run is very im-

portant for both the economic and cultural health of our community. Our input, as well as our effort to get our friends and relatives who don't live here to write letters of support, will help decide the issue.

A website has been set up to

disseminate information and help coordinate community responses. Please visit [www.saveourferry.net](http://www.saveourferry.net) for more details of how to help, as well as the financial specifics for the Northern Puget Sound Region.



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**Publicity Committee**

**We are on the web!**

[Sunsetcove.org](http://Sunsetcove.org)

## **BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:**

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

- Thursday, April 9
- Tuesday, May 5
- June (TBD)

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

Always double-check the website for meeting reminders.

E-mail: [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org)

## **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!