

# Sunset Cove Newsletter

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## Special Points of Interest

- Earthquakes
- Scams and Phishing
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## Being Prepared

With the many earthquakes and tsunamis around the globe these past few months, we have to remember that even though our neighborhood is the greatest, we are in a vulnerable location. So what should we do to prepare for an emergency? And what should we do during one?

According to the American Red Cross, the basic preparations need to include:

- Pick safe places in each room of your home, like under a piece of furniture or against an

interior wall, away from windows or tall furniture.

- Keep a flashlight and a pair of sturdy shoes by each person's bed.
- Make sure your home is securely anchored to its foundation.
- Bolt and brace water heaters, gas appliances, bookcases, china cabinets, and other heavy furniture to wall studs.
- Hang heavy items away from where people sleep or sit.
- Keep and maintain an

emergency supplies kit in an easy-to-access location.

During an earthquake, if you're inside when the shaking starts:

- Drop, cover, and hold on. Move as little as possible.
- If you're in bed, stay there, and curl up and hold on. Protect your head with a pillow.
- Stay away from windows; stay indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it's safe to go outside.

For more helpful tips go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

## 2010 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 12/31/11)
- Secretary and Treasurer, Susan Singer

(term ends 12/31/10)

- Architectural Review Committee Chair, and Chair of the new Audit Committee, Paul Allen (term ends 12/31/11) (A full report on the Audit Committee will be in the next issue.)
- Publicity Committee Chair, John Howell (term ends 12/31/11)
- 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 four of this newsletter.

## Scams, Phishing, and ...

Everyone is familiar with the bounties possible from your Nigerian relative who just died and left everything to you, or the magical products that are available if you just “click here.” And we all know by now to totally **ignore** those e-mails, right? (Answer: YES!!!!)

But what about those curious messages from ebay, or Paypal, or from “your” bank, that something is wrong with your account? **DO NOT RESPOND!!!!** They are “phishing” for your personal information – either legitimate email addresses or account numbers.

Finally, not as potentially dangerous but just as annoying are those well-meaning emails that people forward, that are untrue to varying degrees. An excellent source to check on ANY urban legend making the rounds, whether a news item that doesn't ring quite true or your friendly chain email, is [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com). Definitely take a minute to check it out the next time you get a phishy message!

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## Neighborhood Notes

- The board thanks everyone who heeded the call to remove the empty trash and recycle cans from the curb as soon as possible on pick-up day. Even on the windiest days, the neighborhood has been looking much better! Let's keep it up!
- Meanwhile, the Anacortes Solid Waste crew also suggest placing garbage in bags that are tied shut **before** they are placed in the cans and put out for pick-up. This also keeps the garbage from blowing around.
- 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!
- Everyone will thank you, so **please** clean up after your dog, who is of course on a leash at all times.
- Work parties to maintain the

SCHOA path and beautify the area around the gazebo may also be scheduled for later this spring. Watch the website for announcements!

- The Anacortes Senior College has been in full swing this winter and spring, with many classes offered. Calligraphy, science, money (!), and civilization are some of the many topics studied. For the schedule and more info, [www.seniorcollege.org](http://www.seniorcollege.org).
- If you have received this newsletter via regular mail, this means we do not have an email address on file for you. Please contact [rick@etsell.com](mailto:rick@etsell.com) with your email 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, the by-laws, etc.



“Friendship multiplies the good in life and divides the evil.”

- Baltasar Gracian

## 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.
- **7th Annual Garden Art Fair**, April 24-25, 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)
- **Anacortes Waterfront Festival**, May 15-16, 10am to 5pm, Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes; 360.293.7911; ([www.anacortes.org](http://www.anacortes.org))
- **Trawler Fest**, May 20-22, Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes; seminars and boat show; ([www.trawlerfest.com](http://www.trawlerfest.com))
- **Anacortes Airport Fly-In**, June 12, 10am to 3pm; free! ([www.anacortesflyin.com](http://www.anacortesflyin.com))
- **Berry Dairy Days**, June 17-20, Burlington; fireworks show on June 18; June 19, parade at 11am, vendor fair from 10am to 5pm; ([www.burlington-chamber.com](http://www.burlington-chamber.com) for more info!)
- **Shipwreck Day**, July 17, 8am-4pm, downtown Anacortes; flea market time!
- **San Juan Island Summer Arts Fair**, July 17 (10am-5pm) & July 18 (10am-4pm), Friday Harbor; arts, crafts, & food for sale. ([www.sanjuanisland.org](http://www.sanjuanisland.org))
- **49th Annual Anacortes Arts Festival**, August 6-8, 10am-6pm, downtown Anacortes; arts, crafts, demos, music, & food! Family fun for everyone! ([www.anacortesartsfestival.com](http://www.anacortesartsfestival.com))

## Time For Spring Activities

Along with the ever-earlier switch to Daylight Saving Time, our very mild winter (okay, our very early spring!) makes it easy to get in gear for all that the spring season has to offer.

This of course means the traditional spring cleaning. The City of Anacortes Solid Waste Division is again offering residential customers a "Spring Clean Up" program on **Saturday, April 10**, 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.

But after those chores are done, it's time to check out the fun stuff of bicycles, barbecues and outdoor fires, and lawn mowers. Yay!

The Anacortes Police Department suggests all bicyclists keep a few rules of the road in mind:

- Be visible to vehicles and other riders, and leave room to maneuver around items and other roadway surprises.
- Stay to the right in traffic (don't ride opposite of the traffic flow) and use hand signals.
- Remember that paths belong to everyone, and look out for others; also, ride at an appropriate speed. [Cars too!! 25 mph on our street, please!!!!!!]
- Wear a helmet for safety.

The Anacortes Fire Department also has a few reminders for outdoor recreational fires:

- Burning brush is not allowed.
- Recreational fires must be no larger than 2 feet by 3 feet, must only burn firewood, and need a

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permit, which is valid for 90 days.

- A garden hose and shovel should be present, along with an adult.

Lawn mowers: you're on your own, or leave it to your gardeners!!!

**Hooray for spring!!!**

Sunset Cove Homeowners Association  
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Anacortes, WA 98221



Publicity Committee



## 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 15**
- **Thursday, May 20**
- **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, and 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!