

Sunset Cove Newsletter

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Annual Meeting

As a resident and/or owner in the Sunset Cove community, you are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on **Saturday, January 29, 2011** in the meeting room at the Anacortes Public Library.

Light refreshments (cookies and coffee) will be available starting at 1:00 p.m. with the gavel falling to start the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Come early and get to know some of your neighbors!

The agenda is likely to include the Treasurer's report, a review of activities and projects from 2010, and the election of new Board members. And a BIG Thank You to the outgoing Board members as they finish their terms!

If you have any agenda items or other concerns that you would like dis-

cussed, please feel free to email any of the current members of the Board at: board@sunsetcove.org

If you are unable to make the meeting, please mail in your ballot and proxy to:

SCHOA
PO Box 943
Anacortes, WA 98221

We look forward to seeing you all!

Reminder:

**Homeowners' Association
Dues for 2011 are due by
January 1, 2011.**

2010 Board of Directors

The current Board of Directors serving us are :

- 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, Paul Allen (term ends 12/31/11)
- Publicity Committee Chair, John Howell (term ends 12/31/11)
- Landscape Committee Chair, Barbara Ballentine (term ends 12/31/10)

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns that you wish to bring to the Board's attention, or you just want to make them aware of how you feel about something, feel free to

use the blanket e-mail address:

board@sunsetcove.org

Many thanks to Roy and Susan — outgoing Board members — for their many years of service to the Association. We appreciate the time and attention you devoted to the group!!

Did You Know? TIDAL WAVES Here ...

Although we live in an area remote from the open ocean, tsunami waves could still inundate low lying areas of the Salish Sea. An earthquake on the off-shore fault called the Cascadia subduction zone could send waves crashing into Washington coastal shorelines within minutes.

It would be about 2 hours and 15 minutes, however, before we would experience the effects here on Fidalgo Island. First, the waters would recede dramatically, followed by a surge that could flood low areas more than 7 feet above the normal tide level in some areas.

Nearby Skyline Marina would be one area of potentially severe flooding and high current velocities. Another potentially dangerous area to be in would be the Skagit Valley flats, Swinomish Slough, and Fir Island areas, including Highway 20 where it crosses the Skagit flats.

The City of Anacortes is aware of the danger and has prepared an evacuation plan that is available on their website. It instructs people to travel up the hill northeast of Skyline, although it would appear that traveling up the hill to our homes in the Sunset Cove neighborhood would offer an equivalent level of safety.

In the event that Anacortes receives notification of a potentially dangerous tsunami (generally that would be from an earthquake over 7.5 Richter in the subduction zone), the City may utilize the Community Alert Network (CAN) system and the Emergency Broadcast System (via local radio stations) to notify residents to seek higher ground. In addition, public safety vehicles may use their mobile loud-speaker systems to warn people in affected areas.

Past Tsunami History

On January 26, 1700, a massive earthquake occurred off the coast of Washington. The earthquake resulted in a tsunami which hit Japan's coast with waves up to 10 feet high.

In 1964, an earthquake along the coast of Alaska caused a tsunami which affected the coast from Alaska to California and Hawaii. The 1964 Alaskan tsunami killed 110 people and destroyed property in many areas along the coast from Alaska to California. In Washington alone, this tsunami caused \$105,000 in damage.

It is important to note that a tsunami

can remain deadly for the duration of the wave activity, and not just at first impact. The first and second waves from the 1964 Alaska earthquake struck Crescent City, California at low tide and did little damage. The third and fourth waves, however, killed 11 people and caused \$7.4 million in damage.

- Written by Rick Etsell



In the Cascadia Subduction Zone, there is a 10 to 14% chance of a magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami in the next 50 years.

More Info:

[Anacortes Tsunami Action Plan \(pdf\)](#)

[Anacortes/Whidbey Tsunami Hazard Map \(pdf\)](#)

[Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup](#)

[NOAA Center for Tsunami Research](#)

Upcoming Area Events

Some upcoming community events that may be of interest (and get us up off the couch this winter!):

- **Anacortes Tree Lighting Ceremony**, December 3, 5-7 p.m., downtown Anacortes.
- **Anacortes Lions' Club Parade and Winter Celebration**, December 4, 11 a.m., downtown Anacortes.
- **La Conner Lighted Boat Parade**, December 11, 6:30 p.m. along the Swinomish Slough.
- **Anacortes Annual Lighted Boat Parade**, December 18, 6-9 p.m. along Guemes Channel; 360.507.9999 to participate.
- **Fishing Derby: 8th Annual Salmon Classic Invitational**, February 3-5, Roche Harbor; entries limited, lots of cash prizes; 360.378.5562 or visit www.sanjuanisland.org for info. (last year entries sold out by Dec. 5!!)
- **La Conner Smelt Derby**, February 26, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; pancake breakfast @ 8 a.m., 5K-10K Smelt Run/Walk @ 10 a.m., Smelt Fest dinner 5-9 p.m.; prizes and raffles throughout the day. (360.466.4778 for more info)
- **Anacortes Salmon Derby**, March 26-27, activities include a free fishing seminar and door prizes; tickets on sale Feb. 1. (www.anacortessalmonderby.com for tickets and more info)
- **Skagit Valley Tulip Festival**, April 1-30, Skagit Valley; tours and flowers galore! (visit www.tulipfestival.org)
- **Anacortes Annual Quilt Walk**, April 1-30, downtown Anacortes; call 360.293.0622 for info.



- **Skagit Fly-In and Airshow**, April 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Skagit Regional Airport. (360.757.0011 for more info)
- **First Friday Gallery Art Walks**, first Friday of every month, generally 6-9 p.m., downtown Anacortes (visit www.anacortes.org for info).

Neighborhood Notes

- 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 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! Also, please remember that dogs are required by a City of Anacortes ordinance to be on a **leash** at all times when off their owners' property. Everyone will thank you.
- Please check out the Anacortes Senior College website at www.seniorcollege.org for info on classes and seminars. There is also a link on our website.
- Thanks to everyone for removing empty trash and recycle cans from the curb as soon as possible on pick-up day. The neighborhood is kept much better looking — especially on the very windy days we've been having!
- Finally, don't forget to mail in your Association dues for 2011!

"The best vitamin for
making friends, B-1."

- unknown

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Publicity Committee

Newsletter Editor: Jackie Etsell

Board Meetings:

The Sunset Cove Development Homeowners Association schedules board meetings at the Anacortes Public Library, Community Meeting Room, for **7 p.m.** Dates for 2011 have not specifically been scheduled yet.

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

Always double-check the website, www.sunsetcove.org for meeting reminders and other information. E-mail the board@sunsetcove.org with any thoughts, suggestions, ideas, or concerns.

Don't forget the **Annual Meeting:** January 29, 2011 at the library! More details on page 1. See you there!

***Please Don't Speed
In Our Neighborhood!***



***Watch for Children,
Pets, and Deer!***

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!