

Sunset Cove Newsletter

Annual Meeting

As a resident and/or owner in the Sunset Cove community, you are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on **Saturday, January 21, 2012** in the meeting room at the Anacortes Public Library.

Light refreshments (cookies and coffee) will be available starting at 12:45 p.m. with the gavel falling to start the meeting at 1:00 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 2011, 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 discussed, 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 2012 are due by
January 1, 2012.

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Special Points of Interest:

- Annual Meeting Time
- Ship Harbor
- Community Events
- Crime Spree
- Board Notes
- Reminders

2011 Board of Directors

The current Board of Directors, and their positions, are as follows:

- President, Paul Allen (term ends 12/31/11).
- Vice President, and Audit Committee Chair, Ted Filler (term ends 12/31/11).
- Secretary and Treasurer, Jackie Etsell (term ends 12/31/12).
- Architectural Review Committee Chair, Don Berg

(term ends 12/31/12).

- Publicity Committee Chair, Jim Nelson (term ends 12/31/11).
- Landscape Committee Chair, Barbara Ballentine (term ends 12/31/12).

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 email address:

board@sunsetcove.org

Many thanks to Ted Filler for his many years of service to the Association, as well as to Jim Nelson for stepping in to finish out the term. Even though they have decided to not run for reelection, we appreciate all the time and attention they have devoted to the group.

Many thanks for serving!

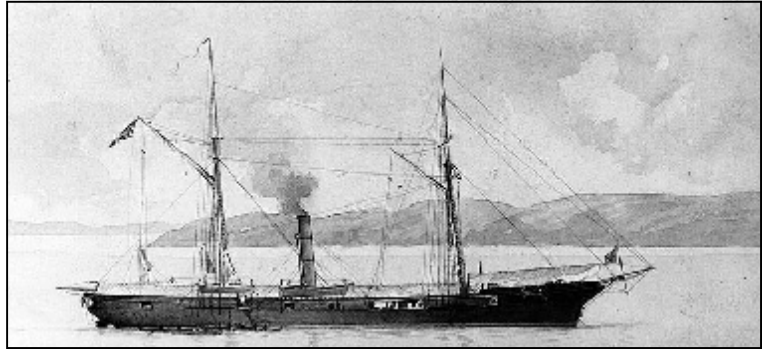
Ship Harbor

Just east of our community, along the north shore of Fidalgo Island, is an indentation from Guemes Channel known as Ship Harbor. From the road it doesn't look like much of a "harbor," but it does offer anchored ships good protection from our predominant southern storm winds. Hence the location there of the San Juan Islands ferry terminal.

Locals began calling it "Ship Harbor" during 1856-1857 when the warship *USS Massachusetts* used the anchorage during a campaign to protect American interests in the San Juan Islands and to convince Indian tribes to meet with Government officials to negotiate treaties.

According to Wikipedia, the *Massachusetts* was sent to Port Gamble in the Washington Territory in 1856, where indigenous Indian raiding parties from British and Russian territories had been harassing local Native Americans. When the warriors refused to hand over those among them who had attacked the Puget Sound Native American communities, *USS Massachusetts* landed a shore party and a battle ensued in which 26 natives and one sailor were killed.

In 1894, Ship Harbor became the home of the first cannery on Fidalgo Island — the Fidalgo Island Packing Company, later changed to Fidalgo Island Canning Company. It became one of the largest salmon canneries in the world before closing in 1933 and moving to Canada. Two of its well-known labels



USS Massachusetts (1845), was a wooden steamer that saw action during the Mexican-American War and in Puget Sound. [No images of *Massachusetts* could be found for this article. The above is the *USS Aroostook*, a similar size screw steamer from the same period.— RE]

were "Holly Leaf" brand salmon — "packed fresh on Puget Sound" — and "Wild Rose" brand. Another of the several local canning companies, Anacortes

Canning Company, was also located at Ship Harbor. Alaska Packer Association purchased it in 1904 and it closed in 1934. During these years, Anacortes was often referred to as "the salmon canning capital of the world."

The remains of pilings from the canneries are still very evident today, and in 1997 the Anacortes Parks Foundation began the Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve program (SHIP) to create a wetlands interpretive center at Ship Harbor. The land for SHIP was

donated to the City of Anacortes by a private developer who purchased it from the Port of Anacortes for the purpose.

In the aerial photo above, you can also see "Cannery Pond", which is a natural freshwater wetland just north of the ferry terminal.

For further information:

- nwstraits.org (Report on Cannery Pond wetlands preservation)
- AnacortesParksFoundation.org (SHIP program)
- museum.cityofanacortes.org Anacortes History Museum
- [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS Massachusetts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Massachusetts)



Ship Harbor, c. 1900 (Anacortes Museum collection)

Article by: Rick Etsell

Upcoming Area Events:

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

- **Wonderland Walk at Washington Park**, December 9 & 10, 5-8 p.m. View the decorated campsites at the park.
- **Anacortes Annual Lighted Boat Parade**, December 10, 6-9 p.m. along Guemes Channel; 360.507.9999 to participate.
- **La Conner Lighted Boat Parade**, December 10, 6:30 p.m. along the Swinomish Slough.
- **Fishing Derby: 9th Annual Salmon Classic Invitational**, February 2-4, Roche Harbor; entries limited, lots of cash prizes; 360.378.5562 or visit www.sanjuanisland.org for information.
- **La Conner Smelt Derby**, February 25, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; pancake breakfast @ 8 a.m., 5K-10K Smelt Run/Walk @ 10 a.m.; prizes and raffles throughout the day (for more info, 360.466.4778).
- **Anacortes Salmon Derby**, March 31-April 1, activities include a free fishing seminar and door prizes; tickets on sale Feb. 1 (for tickets and info, www.anacortessalmonderby.com)
- **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 information.
- **First Friday Gallery Art Walks**, first Friday of every month, generally 6-9 p.m., downtown Anacortes (visit www.anacortes.org for info).



***"Friends are the
sunshine of life.***

- John Hay

Neighborhood Crime Spree



Now that I've got your attention...I hope. It's time to ramp up our neighborhood watch efforts. Not to increase your paranoia, but there have been a rash of incidents in our little corner of paradise here. While we used to consider the cul de sac idea a sure-fire deterrent to thieves, it appears our dwindling economy has sparked a new boldness in the heart of the desperate.

There have been at least two confirmed break-ins recently, either in our neighborhood, or just behind us on Puget Way. There have also been a number of suspicious individuals who have warranted a call to police. While police have identified at least one group of culprits, some have not been apprehended.

Be vigilant for unknown and possibly unwanted individuals in the area. Not every slow moving or parked vehicle is watching the sunset or the deer. Our latest individual was looking in windows for activity and was bold enough to knock on the door to see if anyone was home. Thankfully, the police response was only about three minutes! The police are very aware of activity out here, as should you. Don't ever hesitate to call 911.

As we clean up from Santa's mess, remember those electronics boxes in the recycle bin are a shopping list for thieves!

Article by: Jim Nelson

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We're on the Web!
Sunsetcove.org



Publicity Committee
Newsletter Editor: Jackie Etsell

Board Meetings:

The Sunset Cove Homeowners Association schedules board meetings at the Anacortes Public Library, Community Meeting Room, at 7 p.m. usually on the third Thursday of each month. The dates for 2012 meetings 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 on Saturday January 21, 2012 at the library! (More details on page 1.) See you there!

Neighborhood Notes:

- Please observe the 25-mile per hour speed limit when driving up and/or down the boulevard.
- This message is for the dogs of Sunset Cove: thank you to your people for having you safely on a leash at all times (and for cleaning up after you!).
- The Anacortes Senior College will soon be gearing up for winter and spring classes; for schedules and information call 360.293.1200 or go to www.seniorcollege.info.
- If you have an idea, topic, article, or burning desire to see your name in print, please feel free to submit your morsel for this newsletter. Believe me, I am running out of ideas — and new and different voices are always welcome!!
- Usually if you have received this newsletter via regular mail this means we do not have a current e-mail address on file for you. For this issue, however, everyone received a hard copy with their dues assessment and annual meeting notice. PLEASE continue to contact rick@etsell.com with your e-mail address, either new or changed, so we may update our records. Your notification to us is the only way we can keep up.
- 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, current and past newsletters, both sets of CC&R's, by-laws, etc. (And just a note: the minutes get posted after they're approved by the Board, which is usually after the next meeting.)
- Speaking of Association dues, don't forget to mail them in before the end of the year! Thanks!