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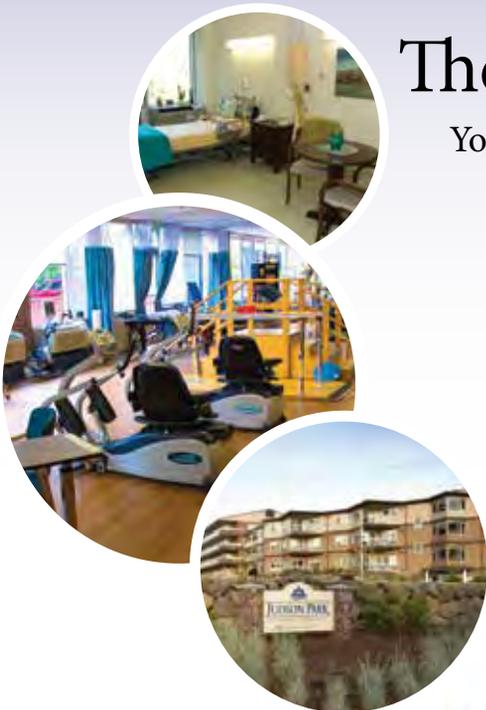
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VOLUNTEERS VITAL TO NORMANDY PARK



Susan West
Mayor

WE ALL LEAD BUSY LIVES THAT TAKE US IN MANY DIRECTIONS each day. But imagine what we could accomplish in Normandy Park if each of us spared a few moments and volunteered for a task.

It could be as quick as filling out a City survey or as lengthy as spending four years on the City Council. Every moment, every effort, and every second counts.

WHY IS VOLUNTEERING SO VITAL TO NORMANDY PARK?

The City of Normandy Park has a very lean staff of 25 people, due to significant limitations in the City's revenue. They're a dynamic and dedicated team, but they only have so much time in their day. As a result, volunteers step forward to help in many ways. Normandy Park has a wide variety of volunteers, including residents, local business owners and employees, local corporate property owners, and community members from surrounding cities, neighborhoods and nonprofits. I greatly appreciate all their help and valuable time!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

No matter how much time you give as a volunteer, you make a difference in Normandy Park. The volunteer possibilities are endless and rewarding, so let me know if you think of additional volunteer opportunities!

Public Feedback: Fill out surveys, speak at public hearings, or provide written comments. Speak at public comment periods during Council meetings.

Community Festivals: Greet festival-goers, cook hot dogs, handout maps and flyers, manage a booth, set up and run audio, sell raffle tickets and t-shirts, take photos, videotape the event, provide entertainment, or donate products and services to help us save precious dollars.

City Committees: Join a City Committee. Do you have a suggestion for a committee or public task force?

Share your ideas! Consider joining the Economic Development Committee (EDC), which conducts surveys and organizes projects, programs and festivals that boost Normandy Park's economy and community spirit. The EDC plans, for example, Winterfest's Tree Lighting Ceremony, Zombie Fest, and business open houses. The EDC is also currently working on welcome signs and light pole banners for 1st Avenue that will soon be presented to the community for feedback. The EDC team includes residents of Normandy Park and nearby communities, business leaders, and representatives from nonprofits. You can participate by attending the EDC's weekly meetings or sharing your ideas and feedback by phone, email, or text. The EDC meets on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm. (The 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at City Hall; the 3rd Wednesday at the Normandy Park Towne Center, in the same building as the Normandy Park Ale House, on the 2nd floor.) Contact me if you want to be added to the EDC mailing list, which includes 82 other community members! susan.west@ci.normandy-park.wa.us or (206) 818-6945.

Commissions: Attend Commission meetings and consider applying for the Arts, Planning, or Parks Commissions. Call City Hall or visit the City website for an application or more information: www.normandyparkwa.gov

City Council: Attend City Council meetings and consider running for a position. The Council meets at least once a month, depending on the magnitude and number of issues at hand. Councilmembers also participate in City and regional committees and events. Councilmembers hold a four-year term.

Parks: Participate in clean-up days at our parks, which can involve pulling ivy and planting flower, trees, and shrubs.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

Sign up for City E-Notices to receive the latest information about volunteer opportunities, events, meetings, and police activity: normandyparkwa.gov

You can also call or email a wide variety of people to point you in the right direction, including City administrative staff, Councilmembers, or Commissioners. Visit the City website for their contact information. Or stop by an Economic Development Committee meeting!

Volunteering takes time – sometimes a lot of time – but in the end, it is extremely rewarding. Next time you go by our parks, visit a community event, or sit in on a Council, Commission, or Committee meeting, please think about all the volunteers and their roles. And, please consider joining us in helping make Normandy Park an even more wonderful place to live, play, and work.



MEETINGS:

New Video and Online Streaming

Effective May 12, 2015, all City Council and Commission meetings can be streamed live and are saved online for on-demand viewing.

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To access live streaming or on-demand content, visit the City's website at www.normandyparkwa.gov



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MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

Arts Commission

1st Tuesday, 7pm

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday, 7pm

Metropolitan Parks District

2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm (if necessary)

Transportation Benefit District

3rd Tuesday, 7:00pm (if necessary)

Council Study Session

4th Tuesday, 7pm (if necessary)

Civil Service

3rd Tuesday, Noon

Park Commission

3rd Wednesday, 7pm

Planning Commission

3rd Thursday, 7pm

TRASH TALKING



Stacia Jenkins
Council Member

LET'S TALK TRASH – garbage, recycling, and compost! One of my Council responsibilities is serving on the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC), with representatives from each of the 37 cities utilizing King County's transfer station and landfill services. Last year, I was selected by Sound Cities Association as the South County representative to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) of industry representatives and interested citizens. Yes, there are citizens interested in garbage, and with some of the biggest changes since curbside recycling coming up, you should be, too!

The King County Solid Waste Division is updating its Comprehensive Plan, to set goals, policy direction, and a vision for the next 10 years of garbage collection, transfer, and storage. A key issue is how the County will achieve its goal to recycle 70% of all solid waste by the year 2030.

If the 70% recycling goal is not achieved, Cedar Hills Landfill will be full and closed sooner than previously projected. The County landfill is currently the least expensive way to dispose of our solid waste. Building a new landfill is not considered an option, so the County will likely contract with a private landfill, as the City of Seattle and many Washington State counties already do. Extending the life of Cedar Hills Landfill for as long as possible is in the best interest of all King County citizens and businesses, to maintain the lowest possible rates, for as long as possible.

While King County boasts one of the highest recycling rates in the country at 53% in 2013 (57% in Normandy Park), the actions that got us to 53% over the past 10 years will not get us to 70%. The goal is attainable. Even with the widespread use of curbside recycling, King County estimates that 78% of the waste going into the landfill is recyclable material. We simply need to change which container we use to throw away our waste, and make the options more widely available.

The greatest potential for reducing landfill waste is in changing how we dispose of "organics"—food and yard waste. Organics make up 29% of the waste that gets buried in the landfill, more than 230,000 tons of material each year that could be deposited instead at the neighboring Cedar Grove facility and turned into commercial grade compost.

Cities across King County are working together on a wide range of collection, policy, and material ban options to reduce landfill waste, with agreement that achieving 70% recycling will require collective action by every city in the County system, as well as the unincorporated areas, just as countywide curbside recycling boosted our rate to 53% in the last decade.



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Potential actions the cities are considering include:

- Mandatory collection service for all single family homes, including organics.
- Mandatory recycling and organics collection for multifamily and commercial buildings.
- Building code revisions for new multifamily and commercial construction to include necessary space for recycling and organics containers.
- Every other week garbage collection and every week organics collection, such as the City of Renton adopted in 2014.

Potential County options include all of the above for the unincorporated areas they service, and materials banned at the transfer stations where recycling options are available, i.e. no yard waste, paper, wood, plastic or metal in your garbage load.

In the meantime, here is what you can do today to reduce the amount of waste you send to the landfill:

- Separate your food waste and dispose of it with your yard waste, not in your garbage can. Covered containers and daily disposal to your outside cans will reduce odors in the summer months.
- Separate all recyclable material from your garbage – plastics, glass, metal, mixed paper and cardboard.
- Contact Republic Services to switch to larger organics and recycling containers. You'll quickly find when you dispose your waste there first, you'll fit what's left into a much smaller garbage can, and your monthly costs may even go down.
- Buy groceries and other essentials with less packaging, and utilize donation sites and the Bow Lake Transfer Station to recycle household items, textiles, and clean wood.

Solid waste is a smelly fact of life, but we can all do our part to reduce the amount of waste we send to the landfill by taking these few simple steps. Stay tuned for more information about the changes that will help extend the life of the Cedar Hills Landfill, and maintain the lowest possible rates for King County residents and businesses.

November 3rd Election

HOW TO VOTE IN KING COUNTY

King County votes by mail, which means that you'll receive your ballot and voters' pamphlet through the mail. Ballots are mailed 20 days prior to the election and earlier to **military and overseas voters**.

To help make sure you receive your ballot, keep your **address up to date** with King County Elections. You can check on your registration status and other information using the **Voter Guide**.

DIDN'T RECEIVE A BALLOT? LOST OR DAMAGED BALLOT OR ENVELOPE?

You can get a replacement ballot or replacement envelope. You can also check the **Voter Guide** to verify that you are registered to vote in King County and are eligible to vote in the upcoming election.

RETURNING YOUR BALLOT

Return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service, using a first class stamp, or at a **ballot drop box**.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO CONTACT THE VOTER SERVICE CENTER, AS THERE CAN BE LONG LINES ON ELECTION DAY. QUESTIONS? CALL 206-296-VOTE (8683)

TIPS FOR VOTING

- Read the ballot, envelope and voters' pamphlet carefully.
- Use a black ink pen to fill out your ballot.
- The County counts only those races for which you voted, and your ballot will be processed even if you don't vote for each race.
- Remove and recycle the stub at the top of the ballot.
- Sign the declaration on the back of the return envelope.
- Do not put multiple ballots in one envelope.
- The security envelope is not required.
- Whether you use the security envelope or not, your ballot will be processed and counted with other ballots.

CANDIDATE LIST:

City of Normandy Park

Council Position No. 1

- DOUG OSTERMAN

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Council Position No. 3

- JONATHAN CHICQUETTE

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Council Position No. 5

- MICHELLE N. SIPES-MARVIN

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Council Position No. 7

- SHAWN MCEVOY
- JOHN L. RANKIN

What makes the Park... THE PARK?

THE PEOPLE! Volunteers are a big part of how the City provides services to the community. Our City Councilmembers are not paid and volunteer their time. Our Councilmembers are Susan West, Doug Osterman, Shawn McEvoy, Stacia Jenkins, Tom Munslow, Kathleen Waters, and Mike Bishoff. They not only have their City Council duties, but also represent us on the following regional committees: Highline Communities Coalition, Highline Forum, Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee, Puget Sound Regional Council, Sound Cities Association, Soundside Alliance, South County Area Transportation Board, and the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed Team.

The Parks Commission is responsible for developing our Parks Master Plan, individual parks site plans, and the Parks Capital Improvements Projects, which are paid from the MPD tax approved by voters in 2012. Additionally, all Recreation programs are self-funded by user fees. These programs include the Normandy Park Preschool, Drop-In Basketball, Melanie's Dance, Seattle Tae Kwon Do, Non-Profit Community Service Groups, and many one-time uses of the facilities for birthday parties, receptions, baby showers, and other family functions. Our thanks to Park Commission Members Jay Osborne, Ron Ebbers, Scott Salzer, Maryanne MacKay, Aimee Lloyd, Bill Vilonza, and Jenny Love.

Planning Commission members are responsible for advisory development of our Comprehensive Plan, land use and zoning codes, as well as shoreline management and critical areas regulations. Our thanks to Planning Commission Members Pat Presentin, Clayton Brunt, Moira Bradshaw, Peter Ronald, Tim Sorensen, and Ryan Weller.

Adequate public facilities are essential to providing quality community services. Such facilities include City Hall, the Community Recreation Center, the Police Station, and the Public Works Shops. The Facilities Planning Task Force is charged with reviewing our current and future facilities needs, and advising Council on the most cost-effective ways to meet those needs. Our thanks to Task Force members Charlie Harris, Sheri Healey, Rick Chapman, Anya Alexandra Bonner, Tay Krull, Joe Marek, Kathleen Appleyard, Jeff Cohn, Kathleen Quong-Vermeire, Elaine Cotlove, and Craig Daly.

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) is composed of residents of Normandy Park and nearby communities, business leaders, and representatives from nonprofits. The EDC conducts surveys and organizes projects, programs and festivals that boost Normandy Park's economy and community spirit. Zombie Fest and Winterfest's Tree Lighting Ceremony are but a couple of the events that EDC plans. Special thanks to the dozens of EDC members!

And what would THE PARK be without a touch of class? Our Arts Commission brings art into our public places and attention to local artists. Thanks to Arts Commission Members Amber Nichol, JoAnn Cowan, Malorie Spreen, Nadia Counter, Raymond Street, Robert Frey, and Zen McManigal.



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The Planning Commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The Planning Commission advises the City Council on zoning ordinance amendments, Comprehensive Plan amendments and rezoning requests.

Applications will be accepted at any time. First review will be Monday, August 3, 2015. Application forms are available online or can be picked up at City Hall at 801 SW 174th St., Normandy Park, WA 98166. Applications can be submitted online or mailed to City Hall.

For application information, contact City Clerk Debbie Burke at (206) 248-8248 or debbieb@ci.normandy-park.wa.us. For position information, contact Community Development Director Amanda León at (206) 248-8257 or amandal@ci.normandy-park.wa.us.

Normandy Park Facility Planning Task Force

In case you missed our booth at the Fourth of July Celebration at the Cove, we are a City Council-appointed task force of 12 volunteers, whose mission is to identify and analyze options for the needs, functions, services and location(s) of the Normandy Park City Hall and Recreation Center facilities.

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please visit us on the City website and fill out our questionnaire. We want your thoughts on a City Hall and Recreational Facility that can serve the Normandy Park community for years to come.

To receive the survey via e-notice, sign up on the City website at www.normandyparkwa.gov

TASK FORCE MEMBERS: Charlie Harris (Chair), Sheri Healey (Vice Chair), Kathleen Appleyard, Anya A. Bonner, Clayton Brunt, Rick Chapman, Jeff Cohn, Elaine Cotlove, Craig Daly, Tay Krull, Joe Marek, and Kathleen Quong-Vermeire.

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Maintaining City Services

IN EARLY MARCH OF THIS YEAR, staff informed the Normandy Park City Council of its financial challenges. While the City ended up with more money by the end of 2014 than anticipated, a series of events gradually used up the City's available funds. These events included:

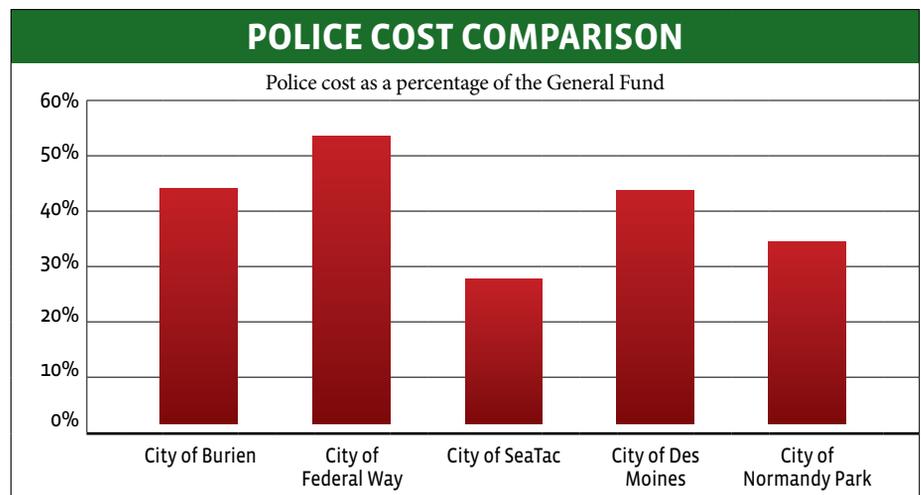
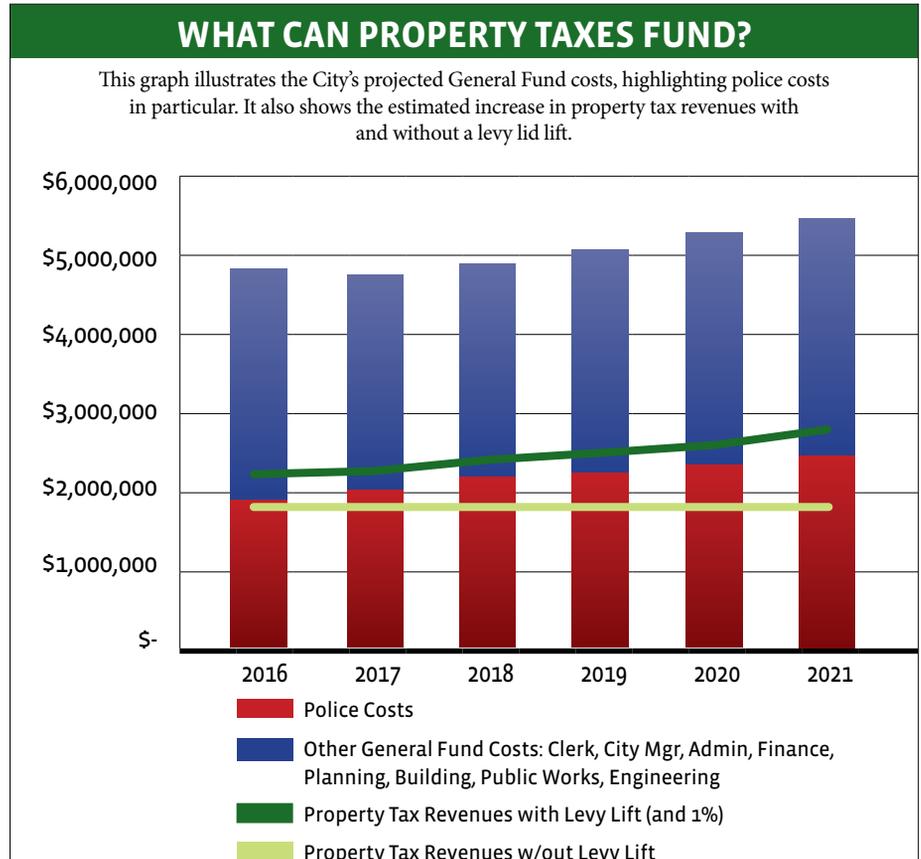
- A reduction of overstated revenue projections [\$384,000]
- A severance package for the previous City Manager [\$94,000]
- The hiring of an interim City Manager [\$80,000]
- Unexpected and unaccounted necessary expenses not included in the budget initially adopted by the City Council [\$525,000]

The circumstances above would result in a negative fund balance of \$350,000 in the General Fund by the end of 2016. Even if the City used all available revenues and reserves, it still would be short. In order to deliver a balanced budget to Council, City staff underwent a reorganization that examined levels of service and established core levels of operations in all departments

The cost of City Services is growing by more than 3%, while property tax revenues are only growing by 1%.

except for the Police Department state our limited levels. Additionally, City staff presented the Council with revenue enhancements to help ensure a positive fund balance by the end of 2016. These enhancements included a Transportation Benefit District license fee, a water and sewer utility franchise agreement, and an increased stormwater utility tax.

Even if all of these revenue enhancements are adopted and put in place, the City still faces the risk of staff and service reductions in police or service level reductions for street maintenance. Low sales tax cities like Normandy Park



rely heavily on property taxes to provide city services. Unfortunately, the cost of City services is growing by more than 3%, while property tax revenues are only growing by 1%. This structural deficit leaves the City unable to maintain service levels.

In 2012, the community passed a Levy Lid Lift to raise the City's property tax levy rate to the statutory maximum of \$1.60 per

one thousand dollars assessed valuation (AV). Although the lift was projected to bring in \$330,000 annually for four or five years, this was not the case. It was actually only a one-time increase which generated an additional \$258,000 in 2013. The following years' property tax revenues to the City were then limited to the one percent annual growth allowed under

Washington State law.

The property tax rate did not remain at \$1.60 per one thousand AV like some people thought. This is because whenever property values go up and the amount of revenue generated when applying the maximum rate of \$1.60 is larger than the 1% allowed by law, effective property tax rates decrease to within legal 1% increase limits.

Today, the effective property tax rate for Normandy Park is \$1.44 per one thousand AV. We anticipate this would generate \$1.7 million in property tax revenues in 2015. This isn't even enough to cover the \$1.9 million cost of police services for this year, let alone the cost of all the other services the City provides for the Normandy Park community.

If you have comments or questions about this important issue, contact your Councilmembers, Finance Director Jennifer Ferrer-Santa Ines (JenniferF@ci.normandy-park.wa.us), or City Manager Mark Hoppen (MarkH@ci.normandy-park.wa.us). You can also attend an upcoming Town Hall meeting with City Councilmembers and staff.

Normandy Park HISTORY



Wonderful World of Woods and Water—A History of Normandy Park

Look for the third installment of this three-part series in the next issue of *City Scene*. Writer Andy Batcho covers Normandy Park's history from the 40's to the present.



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Mayor Susan West and new municipal judge, Lisa Leone

New Municipal Judge

The City of Des Moines provides Municipal Court services to Normandy Park through an interlocal agreement. Governor Jay Inslee appointed the prior Judge, Veronica Alicea-Galvan, to fill a vacant Superior Court Judge position.

The City of Des Moines conducted a recruitment to fill the unexpired term of the elected Municipal Court Judge position, received seventeen applications, and interviewed the top six applicants using the following four panels:

1. Community Panel, featuring Des Moines Mayor Kaplan, Des Moines Councilmembers Musser and Sheckler, Civil Service Commissioner Angie Chaufy, and Community Member Nadya Curtis.
2. Department Directors
3. Court Employee Panel
4. City Manager's Panel (Tony Piasecki and Bob Jean)

Candidate Lisa Leone impressed all of the members on the interview panels. The Des Moines City Council confirmed the City Manager's recommendation of her appointment effective May 11, 2015 through December 2017.

The Normandy Park City Council confirmed the appointment at their meeting on June 23rd. Mayor West delivered the ceremonial oath of office.

COMP PLAN UPDATE

> Why Should Cities Plan?

City planning has multiple purposes. Most significantly, planning ensures that the community has an active part in deciding how the city looks, functions, and serves the needs of residents. Forecasts are never perfect, but planning helps cities anticipate and guide change rather than suffer from it. Planning also gives residents a chance to voice preferences, identify what's most important, and assist in developing plan strategies. Together, plans help ensure that decisions on land use, transportation, public investment, and overall city management respect community values.

Plans provide community leaders with clear priorities when making decisions. In budgeting, for instance, comprehensive plans help leaders allocate scarce resources, leveraging these to the community's best advantage. Specific tasks are also included in plans, providing staff and residents concerted, effective ways to achieve long-range goals.

> Normandy Park's Planning History

The City of Normandy Park has been growing under various comprehensive plans since 1957, when the City's first such plan was developed. Major updates to plans occurred in 1979, 1987, 1995, and in 2004—making the City's current plan more than a decade old. Per Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements, Normandy Park's comprehensive plan includes land use, housing, transportation, utilities, and capital facilities chapters, all guided by an adopted vision statement and implemented by a set of goals and policies.

Sometimes, cities need to prepare more localized plans to address issues—like the one Normandy Park prepared in 2012 for the Manhattan Village area. That plan supports the goals of the comprehensive plan, but lists a number of policies and action items to tackle needs specific to Manhattan Village and portions of the 1st Avenue corridor.

> The Growth Management Act (GMA)

In the late 1980s, the Washington legislature recognized that uncoordinated, unplanned growth posed a threat to the environment, sustainable economic development, and the quality of life in Washington. In response to this, the State's Growth Management Act (GMA) was crafted and adopted in 1990. Normandy Park, like many cities across the state, was required to meet the new regulations. The GMA also requires cities to review and, if necessary, amend their plans once every eight years. In addition, new 20-year population and employment targets must be incorporated—and this 2015 plan update process will include these targets.

> Where Does Zoning Fit In?

Planning is not zoning, though plans do help define what zoning should achieve. Comprehensive plans are policy-based, guideline documents, intended to steer future decision-making on a wide range of actions, including zoning regulations. Plans include "future land use" maps that illustrate the plan's vision of how (or if) land uses should evolve over the course of the planning period. So, even though plans may look or read like regulations, they're policy-level documents that help cities achieve their goals through strategic choices in terms of actions, infrastructure investments, and as necessary, regulations.

> This Update: Timeframe

Along with most other cities in King County, Normandy Park is required to complete an update to its comprehensive plan in 2015. Accordingly, the City has begun the process of Planning Commission and City Council review and revision with the goal of a December 2015 adoption.

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Area Demographics

How Normandy Park Compares



Data sources noted:

OFM = Office of Financial Management (WA state)
 ACS = American Community Survey (US Census)
 NAICS = North American Industry Classification System (US Census)

Median Age - On the whole, residents of Normandy Park are **significantly older** than those in neighboring Des Moines, King County, regionally or statewide - nearly a decade older, in fact.

Education - Normandy Park residents are **well-educated**, with 52% holding a Bachelor's degree or higher (versus an average of 32% across Washington State). Despite substantial advantages compared to Des Moines and regional counts, attainment in King County is close to that of Normandy Park.

Income - Median and household incomes in Normandy Park are **significantly higher** than comparison areas and statewide averages. In addition, the City's poverty rate is estimated at just two percent - far lower than statewide norms.

Households - Average household sizes and families as a percentage of households in Normandy Park are **comparable** to local and regional norms.

Housing - Owner-occupied housing numbers are **much higher** in Normandy Park than in comparison areas. More striking are **median home values**, more than 23% higher than King County norms, or 77% higher than Des Moines.

Commuting - Figures show Normandy Park **relies on single-occupancy vehicles** for commuting, with more than 79% of residents driving to work alone, compared to 65% in King County. Use of public transportation and walking to work is far less common than in comparison areas, though cycling numbers are close to regional figures. Residents also enjoy **somewhat shorter commuting times**.

Jobs - People employed in Normandy Park are most likely to be engaged in health care/social assistance, retail trade and food services, education or professional/technical services. Together, these job categories account for **more than 45%** of all jobs in Normandy Park.

	Normandy Park	Des Moines	King County	Puget Sound	Washington State
Population Figures					
Population (2013 OFM)	6,375	30,030	2,017,250	3,780,900	6,968,170
Median Age (2013 ACS)	46.7	37.7	37.1	37.4	37.3
Population, by Age (2013 ACS)					
0 to 24	27%	30%	30%	33%	33%
25 to 34	12%	16%	16%	14%	14%
35 to 44	7%	12%	15%	14%	13%
45 to 54	17%	14%	15%	15%	14%
55 to 64	17%	13%	12%	13%	13%
65+	20%	15%	11%	12%	13%
Education, 25 and Older (2013 ACS)					
Less than high school	2%	15%	8%	8%	10%
High school or equivalent	14%	26%	17%	23%	24%
Some college, no degree	23%	26%	20%	26%	25%
Associate degree	9%	10%	8%	10%	10%
Bachelor's degree or higher	52%	23%	47%	32%	32%
Income (2013 ACS)					
Median household income	\$84,679	\$59,799	\$71,811	\$65,452	\$59,478
Per capita income	\$47,739	\$27,056	\$39,911	\$32,813	\$30,742
Individuals below poverty level	2%	15.2%	11.5%	11.2%	13.4%
Households (2013 ACS)					
Average household size	2.44	2.57	2.42	2.55	2.54
1 and 2 person households	62%	60%	64%	62%	63%
3 person households	15%	15%	15%	16%	15%
4+ person households	23%	24%	20%	22%	22%
Families as a percent of households	68%	63%	59%	63%	65%
Average family size	3.03	3.14	3.07	3.07	3.11
Housing (2013 ACS)					
Owner occupied housing	69%	56%	55%	57%	57%
Renter occupied housing	25%	34%	39%	36%	33%
Vacant housing units	6%	10%	6%	7%	9%
Owner-occupied median home value	\$463,900	\$260,800	\$377,300	\$294,600	\$262,100
Commuting (2013 ACS)					
Drive alone	79.5%	73.3%	65.2%	71.7%	72.7%
Carpools	11.8%	14.7%	10.3%	10.5%	10.6%
Use public transportation (excluding taxicab)	1.6%	7.2%	11.4%	7.2%	5.8%
Walk	0.6%	2.2%	4.5%	3.4%	3.5%
Bicycle	0.6%	0%	1.5%	0.7%	0.9%
Taxicab, motorcycle, other means or work at home	5.9%	2.6%	7%	6.7%	6.6%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.5	25.9	27	28.8	25.7
Jobs in NP (2011 NAICS Industry Sector)					
		Count	Percent		
Construction		111	4.4%		
Wholesale Trade		133	5.3%		
Transportation, Warehousing		162	6.4%		
Admin., Support, Waste Management, Remediation		236	9.4%		
Manufacturing		277	11.0%		
Health Care, Social Assistance		373	14.8%		
Retail trade, Accommodation, Food Services		382	15.2%		
Professional, Scientific, Technical Services, Education		391	15.5%		
All other sectors		455	18.1%		

Comprehensive Plan Survey

The City of Normandy Park is currently updating its **Comprehensive Plan**, a document that guides decision-making regarding land use, housing, transportation, parks and recreation, utilities, capital facilities, the environment and more. This update will address Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements, incorporate 20-year population and employment targets, and maintain City eligibility for parks-related grants.



Whether you are a new resident or someone who has lived in Normandy Park for decades, please take a few moments to consider and answer the following questions. Your thoughts and ideas will help shape the City's **long-range future!**

Instructions: Thinking of Normandy Park over the long term, please indicate how important you consider each of the following to the community's future. Circle or "X" your score for each item, where 1 = "Lowest Importance" and 5 = "Highest Importance." Feel free to explain your ratings next to each item. We've also included space for any other topics you think we've missed that ought to shape long-term City policy. **Thanks in advance!**

	Lowest	< IMPORTANCE >					Highest	Unsure
Q1: Land Use - How important do you consider change in the following areas?								
A) More housing options (<i>greater diversity, all housing types</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X		
B) More local employment (<i>improved ability to live and work in NP</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X		
C) More local retail / services (<i>stores, restaurants, professional offices, medical, etc.</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X		
D) Successful town or neighborhood center(s) along 1st Avenue South	1	2	3	4	5	X		

Q2: Transportation - How important do you consider the following to NP's future?							
A) Improved transportation options, motorized (<i>transit, shuttles, etc.</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	
B) Improved transportation options, non-motorized (<i>walkability, bikeability; ease and safety</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	
C) Traffic control (<i>maintain location-appropriate speeds and volumes</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	

Q3: Basic Services - How important do you consider the following to NP's future?							
A) Police service (<i>maintained or improved levels of protection</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	
B) Fire service (<i>maintained or improved levels of protection</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	
C) Schools (<i>maintained or improved K-12 education</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	
D) City customer service (<i>improved permit processing, staff availability</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	
E) Trash recycling (<i>maintained or improved levels of service</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	
F) Sewer service (<i>provision for all areas of NP</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	
G) Street conditions / maintenance (<i>for City-controlled streets and roadways</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	

Q4: Parks & Recreation - How important do you consider the following parks-related improvements?							
A) More "passive" parks (<i>open spaces and greenbelts like Marine View and Walker Preserve</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	
B) More "active" parks (<i>playgrounds and sport facilities like City Hall, Marvista parks</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	
C) More shoreline parks (<i>public beaches, water access</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	
D) More sports-related programs (<i>youth or adult; indoor or outdoor sports</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	
E) More arts-related programs (<i>youth or adult; art, craft, dance, etc.</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	X	

Q5: Community Character - How important do you consider the following to NP?	Lowest	< IMPORTANCE >					Highest	Unsure
	1	2	3	4	5		X	
A) Trees and vegetation (maintaining and preserving NP's urban forest)	1	2	3	4	5		X	
B) Puget Sound views (maintained or improved conditions)	1	2	3	4	5		X	
C) Cleanliness (overall maintenance of public and private features)	1	2	3	4	5		X	
D) Sense of refuge (quieter pace, "exclusive" neighborhood feel)	1	2	3	4	5		X	
E) Visitor orientation (City and neighborhood signs, "wayfinding," entryway features)	1	2	3	4	5		X	
F) Marine View Drive improvements (right-of-way landscaping, lighting, curbs, bike lanes, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5		X	

Q6: Other Considerations - How important are the following to NP's future?

A) Affordability (maintained or lowered taxes, service, housing costs)	1	2	3	4	5		X
B) Clean / healthy environment (water quality, habitat areas, clean air, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5		X
C) "Green" initiatives (sustainability, charging stations, urban farming, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5		X
D) Economic development (work to spur investment per community objectives)	1	2	3	4	5		X
E) Inter-local collaboration (work with County, neighboring cities to address NP objectives)	1	2	3	4	5		X
F) Sense of activity / gathering (community events, farmers markets, festivals, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5		X
G) Natural / man-made disaster plans (earthquake, landslide, fire, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5		X

Q7: Other Topics & Ideas

Have we missed anything? What other long-range issues should the comprehensive plan update address?

Q8: About You

Do you currently live, work or own property in Normandy Park? (Circle one)

1. Yes
2. No

In what ZIP code is your home located? (Five digit code) _____

What is your age group? (Circle one)

1. Under 18
2. 18 to 24
3. 25 to 34
4. 35 to 44
5. 45 to 54
6. 55 or over

Wrap-up:

Please leave your completed survey at the door (at open house or workshop) or return to City Hall, 801 SW 174th Street, 98166 by **Friday, July 31st**. For more on the update process, including meeting dates and materials, visit the comprehensive plan page - linked from the Departments>Community Development menu on the **City website**:

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POLICE NEWS

THE PARKS IN NORMANDY PARK ARE BEAUTIFUL PLACES that add to the quality of life in this wonderful city in which we live and work. It takes a team of people to keep them up and running. From the Parks Director and the Public Works team, to the Police Department, to residents and visitors, we all must work together for the parks to be successful. Some of the complaints we have received are as follows:

- Marijuana use at Nist Park
- Homeless encampment at Nature Trails Park
- Vehicle prowls at Marine View Park
- Loitering after hours at Nist Park

The Normandy Park police spend a lot of time in the park system, whether it is performing random security checks, answering calls for service, or providing support like locking and unlocking Marine View Park. You can help us keep the park system clean and inviting if you:

- Never leave anything in your vehicle you don't want stolen
- Call in persons using the parks after hours
- Call in suspicious activity
- Report maintenance issues to Normandy Park Public Works at (206) 248-7603

Homicide Seminar

In October of this year, Detective Jeremy Hedrick will be attending the Colonel Henry F. Williams Homicide Seminar in Albany, NY. In June, Detective Hedrick was asked by a King County Homicide Detective if he would be interested in attending this seminar with several other investigators from the King County Sheriff's Office. Detective Hedrick and the King County Detective asked Chief Gaddis if this would be possible. They were advised that it was not in the training budget, but that the Chief would present it to the Coalition of Small Police Agencies Board for approval. Detective Hedrick is an Incident Commander for the CSPA's Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF) and was the lead investigator on our homicide in 2014.

Ultimately, the CSPA Board felt this was a worthy investment, because it is highly likely that if there were a homicide in any of the 13 cities represented by the CSPA, Detective Hedrick would be one of the lead investigators. He will also use his training to teach the other members of the CSPA MCTF. The CSPA is covering all costs for Detective Hedrick to attend this training. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and we are very happy for Detective Hedrick.

Remember to join your Normandy Park Officers at the **4th Annual Normandy Park Zombie Fest** at the Normandy Park Towne Center. This Emergency Preparedness (against Zombies) Festival takes place on **Saturday, September 19, 2015, from 3 PM to 8 PM.**



VACATION HOUSE CHECKS

Our vacation house check program has been around for many years and is very popular with citizens who are familiar with it. To get signed up for a vacation house check, you should:

- **Call (206) 248-7600 to report when you will be leaving and returning**, and to answer some simple questions about what lights you will leave on, who may be stopping by during your leave, and other information.
- Enjoy your time away from Normandy Park.
- **Call (206) 248-7600 when you get back**, to confirm you have arrived home. This is especially important if you come home early. We don't like surprises when we are doing perimeter checks!

While you are away, Normandy Park officers will conduct visual and physical house checks. For the most part, physical house checks occur during daylight hours. Officers will conduct visual house checks during their night shifts. We try not to do physical house checks at night, because it might cause concern for your neighbors.



Be on the lookout for the roving Police Chief. Over the next couple of months, **Chief Gaddis** will be taking his office to the people. If you catch him, make sure you tag a photo of him with **#rovingpolicechief**.

Thanks!

From July 27th at 7 PM until July 29th at 5 AM, the Port of Seattle Police Department will be providing police services for the City of Normandy Park. This allows all of our employees to attend our 4th Annual Staff Meeting at the Museum of Flight.

(Below) Officer Morella and K-9 "Rocky" from the Retirement Ceremony.



MARIJUANA USE

In response to several recent calls for service, we would like to remind citizens and visitors of Normandy Park about our marijuana laws. Even though there are several instances where the use of marijuana is legal, this does not allow for unrestricted use.

Please keep in mind the following facts regarding marijuana use:

- Marijuana use in parks is illegal, regardless of age.
- Marijuana cannot be produced in Normandy Park. Collective gardens are not allowed by Normandy Park's Municipal Code.
- Smoking marijuana in a vehicle is considered public and therefore illegal.
- Smoking marijuana is illegal for any person under twenty-one years of age.
- It is illegal to possess over 1 ounce of dried Marijuana.

If you do partake, please make sure you do so responsibly.

Emergency Preparedness

PSERN

The Police Department would like to thank the citizens of Normandy Park for their affirmative vote for the Public Safety Emergency Radio Network (PSERN). The passage of King County Proposition 1 in the last election will increase the ability for police, fire, EMS, and other first responders to communicate with each other during emergencies. This will also improve coverage in more areas within King County and allow more first responders to use the radios at the same time.

Normandy Park will be receiving replacement mobile and portable radios at no additional cost to Normandy Park taxpayers. These purchases would have cost the Normandy Park Police Department over \$120,000, if we would have funded this one-time replacement ourselves. All radios in King County will have to be upgraded to these new standards by 2019–2020. Our current radios will no longer work on the new system.

24-HOUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KITS

On Saturday, June 13, 2015, Chief Gaddis and Emergency Management Volunteer Mary Anderson, handed out over twenty, 24-Hour Emergency Preparedness Kits to kids ages 15 and under. The kits were handed out at the Normandy Park Villa Apartments. Chief Gaddis would like to thank the following donors for making this possible: QFC, Normandy Park Market, Gilbert Family Dentistry, Normandy Park Family Dentistry, Normandy Perk, the Anderson family, and the Normandy Park Arts Commission. The remaining donations will be used for the scavenger hunt kits at Normandy Park Zombie Fest in September.

EMI

In late June and early July, Chief Gaddis attended the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) training center in Emmitsburg, MD. EMI is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) training facility that provides free emergency management training for federal, state, and local emergency managers. The "Continuity of Operations Planning" class helped Chief Gaddis ensure that our plan for operating the City during and after a disaster is consistent with federal guidelines. This training is provided at no cost to the City. FEMA covers the cost of the flight, and students at EMI are housed in dorms on campus.

For more information about EMI, visit <https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx>.

1st Avenue Speed Limit

At the April 14th regular council meeting, the Normandy Park City Council approved lowering the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph on 1st Ave S from S. 174th to SW 211th. This brought all of 1st Ave S in Normandy Park to the same limit.

Lowering this last section of 1st Avenue took longer, because this part of the roadway is actually State Route 509. At the beginning of June, 2015, the Washington State Department of Transportation made the final changes to the speed limit of 1st Ave S (SR 509) by installing new speed limit signage. Additionally, the Normandy Park Police Department began extra enforcement in the area. At the time of the publishing of this issue of City Scene (mid July 2015), the grace period for speeders, where police were issuing warnings to give drivers time to adjust, will have probably come to an end.

Please drive carefully and watch your speed.

Highline Public Schools Community Survey Results

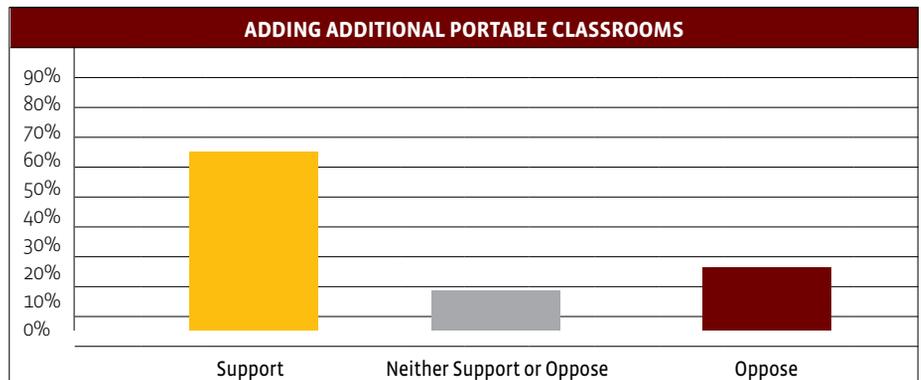
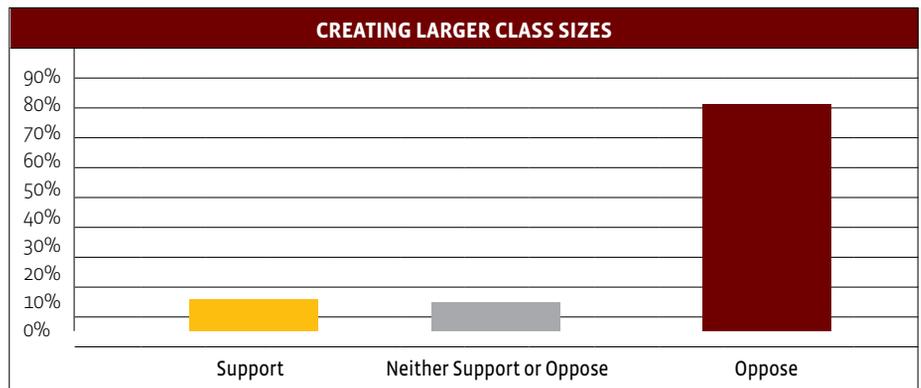
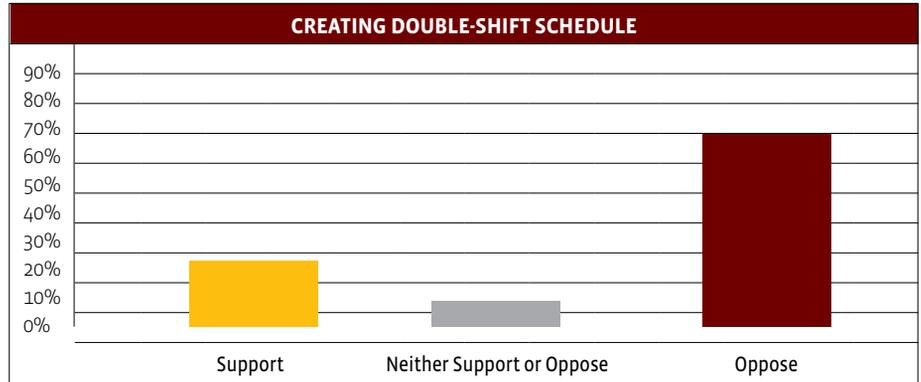
RESULTS FROM A COMMUNITYWIDE SURVEY will help Highline Public School District leaders develop a plan to address growing enrollment and aging schools. The survey was launched this spring after the failure of the capital improvement bond in February.

Survey participants said they want to be involved in developing a future bond package. They want the District to be transparent and provide more opportunities for people to share their thoughts on issues facing the District. One person wrote, "Include your community and staff in each step of the process. Not top down, but bottom up."

"Include your community and staff in each step of the process. Not top down, but bottom up."

Respondents also weighed in on immediate solutions to current overcrowding. Most people opposed split-shift scheduling and larger class sizes. Consequently, installing portable classrooms was a popular option.

"It is clear our community expects transparency, and we are deeply committed to an open process," said Superintendent Susan Enfield. "Starting this fall, we will have multiple ways for community members, families, and staff to help build a plan for meeting the challenge of crowded and aging schools."





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- Federal Way’s Caffe D’Arte Coffee Roasting Tour
- Bainbridge Island Organic Distillery Tour with Fall Foliage
- Lakewold Gardens Beautiful Tables Showcase
- My Fair Lady at Village Theatre
- Seattle Men’s Chorus Holiday Concert

SAVE THE DATE

Spaghetti Night 2015 • Friday, October 2, 2015

Doors open at 4pm - Sponsored by Normandy Park Senior Living. Proceeds support senior center programs and services. Tickets in advance or at the door.



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It’s Smart to License Your Best Friend!

Normandy Park Municipal Code (NPMC) 6.04.020 requires all dogs over six months of age, kept within the city, to be licensed through the City of Normandy Park. A dog license is valid for one year from the date of issuance, expiring on the last day of the twelfth month. City residents, 65 years of age or older, may purchase a special permanent license for the lifetime of a spayed or neutered pet for which they are the registered owner. Applications are available at City Hall, on the City’s website in the document library, and can be emailed or mailed upon request by calling (206) 248-8270. Complete animal regulations are online in NPMC Title 6, which can be found at www.codepublishing.com/wa/normandypark.

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- \$10 ... Late Fee
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FIRE DEPARTMENT KIDS’ DAY

September 12, 2015 • 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
STATION 28 • 15100 8th Ave SW, Burien, WA (yes, another year at our old station).



King County Fire District #2 invites you and/or your agency to join us again this year as we participate in Burien’s annual Fire Department Kids’ Day.

This event focuses on injury prevention, interesting displays and demonstrations, and most of all - FUN for everyone!

The set-up period begins at 9:00AM. Coffee and snacks are provided. Tables, chairs, and electricity may be arranged.

Please RSVP as soon as possible, even if it’s a “maybe.”

Last year, 1,000 kids attended our event which included:

- A display of fire engines, ladder truck, aid units, police vehicles, helicopter, etc.
- Auto extrication, high-angle rescue, and other demonstrations.
- Safety instruction for children (fire prevention, burns, electrical, and fire escape practice).
- Prize drawings, balloons, candy and hot dogs.
- Face painting, local mascots, games, etc.

A Zombie Invasion is Coming to Normandy Park!

Join us for the 4th annual Zombie Fest! Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19th from 3pm to 8pm at Normandy Park Towne Center.

Zombie Fest is a family-friendly event that raises money for the Highline Schools Foundation, Highline Food Bank, Des Moines Food Bank, and the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, while also raising awareness about disaster preparedness.

ADMISSION IS FREE!

Enjoy live music, food, beverages, local business booths, free prizes and arts and crafts activities for kids, a mock disaster zone with emergency vehicles, a dance performance by the amazing Seattle Thrillers, a musical performance by a local high school marching band, a Zombie Zumbathon, raffle baskets, t-shirts, and a FREE Zombification Booth! Within minutes, our Zombie volunteers will transform you into a zombie with make-up and zombified clothing!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS!

This event is made possible by generous volunteers and sponsors from Normandy Park and surrounding communities. THANK YOU to every one of them, including the Normandy Park Economic Development Committee, which organizes this annual event.

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If you said YES to any of the above, please contact Susan West at scwestnews@gmail.com or (206) 818-6945.

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The Buzz on Neonicotinoids

Bees and other pollinators account for 85 percent of the pollination of the world's flowering plants. Pollinators contribute substantially to the US economy and are vital to keeping fruits, nuts, and vegetables in our diets. Honey bee pollination alone adds more than \$15 billion in value to agricultural crops each year. In Washington State, agriculture is one of the largest sectors of the economy, accounting for \$49 billion dollars in revenue and 13% of the state's economy.

Over the past few decades, our environment has experienced a loss of pollinators, including honey bees, native bees, birds, bats, and butterflies. Last year, beekeepers reported losing about 40% of honey bee colonies. This problem is serious and requires immediate attention in order to ensure the sustainability of our food production systems, to avoid additional economic impact on the agricultural sector, and to protect the health of the environment. About one-third of our daily diet directly benefits from honey bee pollination. These pollinators are under tremendous environmental stress. Since 2008, German scientists began linking neonicotinoids to Colony Collapse Disorder in honeybees. This results in die-off and diminishing honeybee populations.

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Neonicotinoids are broad spectrum insecticides that bombard the nicotinic receptors of animal nervous systems, causing nerves to fire continually until they fail, resulting in paralysis and death. Neonicotinoids are a class of neuroactive insecticides chemically similar to nicotine, and can affect bees' reproductive systems, navigation, and foraging instincts. They were developed in the 1980s to produce effective insecticides that target sucking and chewing insects such as woody adelgids,

leaf hoppers, aphids, white flies, stink bugs, beetles, emerald ash borers, bed bugs, and fleas on domestic animals. Neonicotinoids can also harm earthworms, aquatic invertebrates, lizards, fish, birds, bees, butterflies, and moths. Common neonicotinoids include imidicloprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, nithiazin, thiacloprid, and thiamethoxam.

Neonicotinoids are a systemic insecticide, meaning that if they are used to coat seed as the plant grows, the insecticide is incorporated into every bud and branch, as well as nectar and pollen. The treated plants become poisonous, not only for the insects that the farmers are targeting, but also for beneficial insects like bees. It's estimated that neonicotinoids can remain in the soil for 19 years. Most products that are treated with neonicotinoids are agricultural: corn, soybeans, beets, rice, and stone fruits. But often shrubs and trees are sprayed with neonicotinoid-based insecticide to prevent or eliminate sucking and chewing insects.

The EPA is now reviewing neonicotinoids to determine if they meet current health and safety standards. They are scheduled to release their report in 2018. The agency already mandated that many labels for products containing neonicotinoids incorporate a "bee advisory icon" drawing attention to specific hazards.

Many EU countries such as Germany, France, Italy, and Switzerland have banned neonicotinoids. In 2014, the US Fish and Wildlife Service phased out neonicotinoid use on National Wildlife Refuges across the country. In May 2015, the White House established the Pollinator Health Task Force, which devised a national strategy to promote the health of honey bees and other pollinators, calling for \$82 million in funding to address pollinator health.

Since 2014, Spokane, Seattle, the Oregon cities of Portland and Eugene, and Sherwood, Minnesota, instituted neonicotinoid bans on municipal sites, in an effort to create sustainable cities. Some cities have urged local businesses to ensure that no plants, seeds, or products containing neonicotinoids are purchased, sold, or used within city limits. This summer, the



Pruning vs. Topping

Pruning, cleaning, thinning, trimming, and topping are terms often used when describing maintenance techniques for woody shrubs and trees. Before having maintenance work done on your trees or shrubs, it is important to assess the overall health, shape, and positioning of the tree and to determine the overall objective for the work. Remember the old arborist proverb: “Assess twice, cut once!”

The most important and routine pruning task is the removal of dead, diseased, and damaged tissue. If done routinely (2–5 years for small shrubs and trees, and every 5–10 years for large trees), this type of pruning will promote plant health and recovery from damage and disease.

Pruning techniques can also be used to improve the structural integrity of a tree, create pleasing shapes to display a plant’s ornamental qualities, stimulate growth, and enhance flowering and fruiting. It is

best to employ these latter techniques with an understanding of the tree biology that defines natural directional growth and shape, strength characteristics, and typical life span.

Ideally, pruning starts when the tree or shrub is young and then is maintained throughout the plant’s life span. Drastic changes to a mature shrub or tree not only create significant more work and cost, but also produce a tremendous amount of stress for the plant that may cause permanent damage.

Topping, another common term, is a poor and highly discouraged practice. Topping is the indiscriminant cutting to stubs of the top or lateral branches. Trees produce a dense crown of leaves to manufacture sugar (energy), which promotes growth. Proper pruning techniques stimulate the release of the hormone cytokinin, which promotes new lateral growth.

Drastic cutting, such as topping,

stimulates the release of the hormone auxin, which promotes new, vigorous vertical growth. Additionally, the large wounds from topping dramatically increase the risk of disease and permanent structural damage.

Let’s take, for example, an ornamental plum tree that has many small vertical stems reaching for the sky. If topped, tipped, or pruned too drastically, the tree will produce new vertical stems that will be back to the same height in just a few months. If pruned gradually, with the tree biology (i.e., shape and maturity) in mind, the vertical shoots will be under control in no time, and the interior of the tree will be clean and selectively thinned, allowing more light and air flow.

It may take more time to have a tree properly pruned—gradually, under and over the canopy. Ultimately, however, less maintenance will be required in the future, and the tree will be in better health.

Stephen Higgins is an ISA Certified Arborist who resides in Normandy Park.

Normandy Park City Council will vote on a resolution urging retailers to remove seeds and plants that contain neonicotinoids from their stores.

Home gardeners can help ensure bee safety by planting flowering perennials and flowering trees according to the following best practices:

- **Avoid spraying insecticides** on flowering plants. If you discover that insects have been chewing on your leaves, you can use *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) and horticultural oils and soaps that can be sprayed in the early morning before bees are active.
- **Create a diverse plant palate** in your yard. Diversity in plant selection will help ensure that if one type of plant becomes infested, your entire plant collection will not be affected.
- **Create a good foraging habitat** by planting native flowering plants that have overlapping bloom times from early spring through fall.
- **Realize that water is essential** to pollinators and create a water source that is shallow, with sloping sides that allow pollinators to approach easily.



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Interview *with* Xavier Lopez

By Amber Raven • Arts Commissioner

If you're visiting Marvista Park this summer, you might notice something a little different about the restroom building: there are colors and figures popping off the wall!

The Normandy Park Arts Commission, in conjunction with the Parks Commission and Normandy Park Public Works, were happy to sponsor artist Xavier Lopez, Jr., as he created our very first piece of public art. The Arts Commission is proud to help bring color and life to the community. We hope that this is the first of many public art pieces around town.

I recently had the chance to talk with Xavier about his life as an artist, his influences, and where he is going with the piece at Marvista.

Amber Raven: When did you first realize that art spoke to you?

Xavier Lopez, Jr.: When I was a small kid, I remember watching my father move paint around a canvas, and even more so, I remember my dad painting these huge images—religious scenes, images of Mexican workers, roosters on walls—as people looked on. I remember always looking up, as he stood atop a ladder and he looked like a conductor. In fact, he was more of a conduit than a conductor.

A.R.: Your dad's influence as an artist is pretty strong. Do you have other experiences that shaped your artwork?

X.L.: Taking images from his mind and placing them on whatever surface he found before him. It's an image that sticks with you. An image that can generate a fate that continues throughout a person's life. I hate and rebel against the idea that I could be so simple, that my life's obsessions could be generated from such specific events, but I imagine that it is like chaos theory—the butterfly wings. Little moments that fan out and generate super-big waves of possibility. Imagine it. Small, forgettable moments that come together to create a person. The good and the bad.

A.R.: Your perception, your influences, your experiences—everything has come together to form this kind of art mutant. I can see glimpses of my own childhood in your work. Similar influences.

X.R.: I think that artists take this experience of the universe and remake it in their image. We do act as a conduit for our experiences—all of them—and make something new out them.

A.R.: What was your moment of clarity, when you embraced art as your muse? Or, as I like to call it, your Xanadu moment?

X.L.: When I was an undergraduate at the University of Nevada-Reno, I was taking a few art classes, but my focus was on poli-sci. You see, my parents always wanted a lawyer in the family, and so I



was plugging away taking all of those classes and getting into all sorts of trouble, because my heart just wasn't in it. Then one day, the woman who would one day become my wife for thirteen years, took me aside and said to me, "You have a decision to make. This pre-law, it isn't making you happy. You need to decide whether you are going to be an artist or a lawyer." After about a day of turmoil, the answer was obvious, and I have never looked back since then. After that, I went to grad school at UC-Davis, have shown artwork in New York, San Francisco, Bordeaux, London, and here in good old Seattle.

A.R.: Tell me about your murals.

X.L.: Murals are special for me. There's something about painting that big, something that is truly freeing, exhilarating. But no, I do sculpture, painting, murals, writing, and performance art. I have

never believed in the purity of materials, but rather the purity of ideas.

A.R.: How about your mural that you have planned for Normandy Park?

X.L.: Something colorful—yes, that is for sure! But also something very accessible, innocent, and which celebrates life. I have been looking at the work of Richard Scarry and I will be doing a kind of homage to his work. I did a preliminary sketch for the mural, and it will expand on that. But at present, the final piece exists only in my mind.

A.R.: Do you ever stop going? It seems like you are always working on something awesome!

X.L.: Do, I ever stop going? Heck no! This is what I love. This is my reason for being on this planet. Everything else could be falling apart, but this, this keeps me going. I try to have several projects

going at any time. This year I will have a book, this mural, be in several magazines, including Studio Visit Magazine. We are working with the Seattle Art Museum to bring you the next Xavier and Ryan Henry Ward collaboration. I have several performance art pieces that I am working on, live painting, and of course several shows throughout the West.

A.R.: I'm a firm believer that cool things happen because people champion them. You are a champion of the arts, and I am proud to be working with you on this project.

X.L.: Yes, I really feel very lucky to have met you and I hope that this is just the beginning of many, many projects and adventures between the two of us and also with Normandy Park!

You can read more about Xavier Lopez Jr at his webpage at <http://www.xavierlopezjr.blogspot.com/>



ARTS COMMISSION

People's Choice Award Winners

Congratulations to the winners of this year's People's Choice Award at the 2015 Normandy Park Arts Festival! Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's festival by entering artwork, vending your craft, visiting the festival, and voting for your favorite piece.

ADULT DIVISION WINNER:
"Preponderance of Pattern"
by Kristina Smithers

YOUTH DIVISION WINNER:
"Fontanoi le Trevi"
by Sophie Loughlin

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Born and raised in Seattle, WA, Edna was a homemaker and mother who spent 27 years in retail sales. She seriously pursued a lifelong passion for the fine arts, studying under the direction of Betty Mears, Mary Jarrett, Leslie deMille, Del Gish, Bill Harisch, and Raleigh Kinney. She also attended a workshop with Bruce Houghney and studied the "spectral approach" for nine years with Drew Jones, doing work in oil, charcoal, pastel, and gouache.

Edna has received many gallery awards, both in Washington and Arizona, where she spends her winters. She was awarded the Annual Spectral Artists Show's Spectral Award in 1986 and 1991.

She is a member of Lakewood Artists, the Rainier League of Arts, Cowboy Artists of Arizona, and Spectral Artists. She was invited to join the Pacific Gallery of Artists in Washington State. For two years, she was also a judge for drawings, pastels, and charcoal in the Puyallup Fair Art Department. Edna works as a volunteer in the yearly Puyallup Fair art, as well.

At this time, Edna only does commission portraiture. Her paintings are in private collections across the U.S. and Canada.



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Going forward, what you choose to do to preserve and enhance this investment makes or breaks the City of Normandy Park. How city residents see the future matters. What do you want Normandy Park to be? What are you willing to do to assure it?

You have an opportunity to respond to the comprehensive planning update Community Survey that will set the stage for the Planning Commission to recommend, and for the City Council to articulate, what future is best

Please make an investment in creating the future that you want by returning your Community Survey.



for Normandy Park.

Completing the Community Survey is the best way to initiate a vision of the future that will assist the City Council to determine what services to provide and what infrastructure to build.

Napoleon Hill says, "There is no such thing as something for nothing." Right now, the probability that the City of Normandy Park can sustain all its current level of services—roads and sidewalks, street lighting, trails and recreation, conservation areas, public safety, and other services—is zero. In light of this, it's important for residents and property owners to express what is most important to the future of the City of Normandy Park.

So, please make an investment in creating the future that you want by returning your Community Survey.

Normandy Park is a safe, clean, green, hidden gem. I'm proud to be able to help you keep it a special place, and I'm committed to help you find a way to realize your vision. Please help me learn about your vision for Normandy Park's next 20 years by filling out the questionnaire by July 31st.

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Thanks to you!



King County Councilman Paul Barden, County Executive John Spellman, Des Moines City Manager Stan McNutt and Highline Schools Superintendent Dr. Robert Sealey join with Kaye Remmereid, Miss Des Moines, to officially open the pool.

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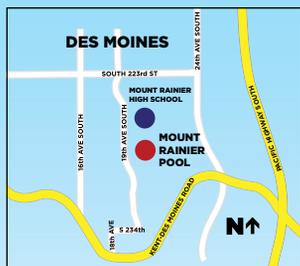
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8:30 - 9:30 am		Shallow Water Ex/Lap Swim	Swim Lessons/ King Aquatics 10 am - Noon				
11 am - 2 pm		Lap/Family swims					
2:30 - 5:30 pm		Mount Rainier/ King Aquatics swim teams	Lap Swim Noon-1 pm Open Swim 1-2 pm				
5 - 7 pm		Swim Lessons & King Aquatics	Swim Lessons Parent-Tot & King Aquatics	Swim Lessons & King Aquatics	Swim Lessons Parent-Tot & King Aquatics	Family Swim 6 - 7 pm	*1 Open Swim (First Saturday only) 2-3 pm
7 - 8 pm		Open Swim	Water Exercise	Open Swim	Water Exercise	Open Swim	Available for rental 2 (3) -10 pm
8 - 9 pm		Lap Swim/Exercise		Lap Swim/Exercise		Lap Swim	

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