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Jonathan Chlcquette  
Mayor

# To Our Future

For many of us, Normandy Park residents, this is not just a place to call home, this is home. Away from the hustle and bustle, yet only a stone's throw away from the city lights, late nights and early flights. This is where you grew up, started or are starting a family. You added on a room or two, planted an organic garden, raised some chickens and faithfully walk your dog any chance you get. Or perhaps you stumbled into this secluded little hideaway and never left. After all, when you fall in love with a place like this, why would you ever leave? This is our past, present, and future.

But, as we know all too well, many factors affect one's decision to stay or leave their home. It could be that the housing market is doing exceptionally well and it is simply time to cash in and move to that tropical oasis you have been dreaming about all these years. Or, you are living on a fixed income and between the growing cost-of-living and taxes, life has taken a bite out of your ability to stay. Whatever your reasons, we, as a community, can work together to find equitably feasible solutions to retain the amazing people that make this city beautiful.

Where do we start? The basics. Being fiscally responsible is more than saving money by not spending money, it's about being good stewards of the money we have and the budgets we set. It's about making investments in things that increase the quality of Normandy Park and make this a safer, more enjoyable atmosphere for all. The value of building an efficiently operating infrastructure far exceeds the investment associated with it. The value of committing to happiness is greater than that of waiting.

What is our future? I like to think of it this way; what do we want our future to be? It is up to us to aspire change in our government, neighbors, and community. If you choose to be involved and demand a better tomorrow, never settling for less, you just might get the very future you are looking for.



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Tom Munslow  
Councilmember

OUR CITY WAS INCORPORATED IN 1953. You'll see that date on our soon to be installed welcome signs on First Ave. S.

A more important number that you may not know is 1721. That's our city "State Revenue Tax Number". All businesses located in our city use 1721 when reporting sales tax to the State Department of Revenue. That means that about \$.08 of each tax dollar collected comes back to Normandy Park.

A continuing problem for our city is that businesses located outside Normandy Park, but doing some business in our city, do not use the correct tax number. Tax money that should come to us goes elsewhere; and there is no incentive for those businesses to make sure they report correctly. For example: you buy a washing machine in Tukwila and have it delivered to your home in Normandy Park. The merchant charges 9.5% sales tax but reports the sale to the state using Tukwila's tax number. At this point it is important to note that the washing machine does not belong to you until it

**FROM THE PUBLISHER**



Peter Phillips  
Publisher

AS WE LEAVE ONE OF THE WETTEST WINTERS on record I am not alone in looking forward to those beautiful spring days under clear skies when we can sit outside and enjoy the garden color

that our northwest rain makes possible.

Just as the wet winters encourage spring flowers, so too do our local businesses nourish our community by providing local products and services tailored to the particular needs and wants of Normandy Park.

From the Normandy Park Market to our local Access Pharmacy, local businesses rely on local residents to sustain them. The symbiotic relationship between resident and local business makes Normandy Park a particularly nice place to live.

arrives at your door. You may have paid for it before you left the Tukwila store, but if it falls off the delivery truck on the way to your house it's the merchant's problem: it's not yours until it arrives safely at your door and you sign for it. The "point of sale" is at your door and not at the store in Tukwila. Normandy Park should get the \$.08/dollar and not Tukwila.

So how can Normandy Park get their fair share of sales tax?

First, of course, is shop local. Second, ask merchants if they are correctly using 1721 in their sales tax reporting. At this point, I usually get a puzzled look from the sales clerk. But if I'm dealing with the owner of the store, I can get things done right and our city is just a little better off.

Most large businesses have a computer program that tracks deliveries and sales tax by address or zip code. Programs that track by address are probably reporting correctly. However, those that track by zip code usually send "our" sales tax somewhere else.

Our city is presently working with a company that tracks proper sales tax reporting. You can help by "pushing" merchants outside our city to use 1721 on their delivery receipt.

*Normandy Park City Scene* provides our local businesses with an affordable and targeted advertising medium through which to publicize their products to you—*their customers*. Our advertisers in turn allow us to produce this local magazine for local residents at no cost to the city.

Please patronize these local businesses and thank them for their support of Normandy Park *City Scene*. For a city the size of Normandy Park to support a four-color glossy magazine like ours is a rare thing indeed. It's possible only because we all understand the symbiosis between resident and local business.

As our rain ensures the health and beauty of our flowers, so too do our residents ensure the health of our local businesses, and keep our community vibrant. And your patronage of those businesses that support *City Scene* makes our magazine bloom!

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**MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR**

**Arts Commission**

1st Tuesday, 7pm

**Council Meeting**

2nd Tuesday, 7pm

**Metropolitan Parks District**

2nd Tuesday, 7pm (if necessary)

**Council Study Session**

4th Tuesday, 7pm (if necessary)

**Civil Service**

3rd Tuesday, Noon

**Park Commission**

3rd Wednesday, 7pm

**Planning Commission**

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# Spring and Summer Construction PROJECTS

THE ENTRANCE TO NORMANDY PARK on Normandy Road will be getting a makeover and much of Manhattan View will get new waterlines this summer. Despite the activity of these two construction projects, the result will be a big benefit to the neighborhood and the community.

The first project is the **Manhattan View Water Main Replacement Project** by Highline Water District. Construction will begin in early spring. The first phase for Highline is to relocate a section of water pipe on Normandy Road to accommodate the City's upcoming road construction project.

The second and larger phase of work for the Highline project will be to install new water mains throughout the Manhattan View neighborhood. The project will replace aging water mains installed in the 1950s. The work includes the installation of approximately 10,000 LF of new ductile iron piping, hydrants, services, and other water system amenities. The project will utilize new and modern water materials and installation techniques. The neighborhood will benefit with improved water and fire hydrant systems.

The project is expected to take approximately 4 months to construct. The construction costs are estimated at \$2.5 million and funded by the District's Capital Improvement Program. Properties will not be assessed any special charges for the project. The District will reach out to affected customers with further information.

In tandem, but with a later start date than the Manhattan View water main replacement project, the City will construct the **Normandy Road Improvements Project**. The makeover will be on Normandy Road from 1st Ave South to 4th Ave South. The project includes new curb and gutters, sidewalks, raingardens, street trees, and street lighting. The driving experience entering Normandy Park community will be greatly enhanced and the walking community will enjoy new sidewalks, lighting, and beautification.

The City conducted public meetings to plan and engineer the Normandy Road Improvement project in 2015 to get ready for the 2016 construction season. The City's project is funded by a Department of Ecology grant, Transportation Improvement Board grant, and the City of Normandy Park. The anticipated construction cost is \$1.3 million.

These projects are getting ready to go to bid, so both projects do not have a contractor at the time of this publication.





FINANCE

# Budgets with POTHOLEs

BUDGETS WITH POTHOLEs? WELL, NOT EXACTLY. What does budgeting have to do with potholes? We're going to start work on the next biennial budget in May, just 3 months from now.

The budget is a plan that allows us to anticipate how much we'll spend and how much we'll make in the coming two year period. It's a plan with huge consequences, so the better the plan the better the consequences. This year it's crucial that we plan very carefully, making sure the money we need is going to be there when we need it.

I'll use one example of the City's daily work as it relates to the budget process and the final plan that is produced that we all call "the budget."

An enlarged pothole opened up on the asphalt on SW 177th several months ago. Initial work was done by the Public Works Department crew to evaluate the extent of the hole. They removed asphalt and placed cones around a temporary fix, so that pedestrians and vehicles could safely pass by the in-progress repair. Later, when the repair was not yet scheduled for completion, neighbors noticed the topography changing and the city came out on an emergency basis to assess the situation. It was determined that work had to be done right away to fix an expanding opening that was now much more

than a pothole. The work was completed and because of excessive rain, the area was ready for asphalt but still blocked off by safety cones. So, the job awaits more asphalt when circumstances permit.

Here is a breakdown of the costs to the city for the work that our crew of three workers undertook in repairing the pothole to date.

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Salaries:	\$695
Benefits	\$208
Supplies/Materials	\$150
Total	\$1,053

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The costs for the work include wages and materials. Don't forget that when we talk about wages the unseen costs to the city in the wages category include: health insurance, FICA, L& I, and retirement. Additionally, the use of specialized rental equipment sometimes crops up unexpectedly, in this case, an additional \$801. Consequently, for this job the cost of all phases to date is estimated at: \$1,854. There is one more phase of work before the project is complete. The final phase is expected to cost an additional \$1,051. In total, it will cost the City \$2,905 to repair the pothole on SW 177th.

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Salaries:	\$695
Benefits	\$208
Supplies/Materials	\$150
Specialized Rental Equipment	\$801
Additional Phase Estimated at	\$1,051
Total cost of repair	\$2,905

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One other unseen cost is worthy of understanding. The crew that does the heavy lifting in this example is supported by a management team. In this case, the Public Works Superintendent and the Community Development Director prioritize the work to be done, scheduling staff and work load, including one-on-one conversations with the crew and the paperwork that is essential to documenting the work schedule, as well as following-up on the quality and completion dates of the work. The Finance Department staff monitors expenditures and revenues, compiling the wage data for processing payment, cutting checks and many other activities that make the street maintenance a multi-department function of the city. In budget jargon, the three departments in this example are within the General Fund with the Finance department under the sub-heading of Financial Management.

Let's put this pothole cost figure in context of our budget for the 2015/2016 budget. Our Revenue Forecast gave us an estimate of how much we generate in fees or receive in taxes. Some of the ways we generate or receive money are: a portion of real property taxes, sales tax, property sales tax, utility fees, vehicle license fees and stormwater fees. From the perspective of money that is revenue, we then plan how to use that money. In the pothole example, the expenses were Operating Budget expenses. The pothole repair was just one repair completed within the Streets portion of the budget during the last year.

Budgeting may be a tedious task that is unappealing to the senses because it requires thought and judgment. Nevertheless, the budget is our most crucial tool. The budget is a two year financial snapshot of each employee, each fee, each permit, each management action and compliance response, each material purchased, money received, and money spent in our city.

What makes us a city is the fact that we have a budget, have a council to lay out goals and policies, have a staff to implement the budget including a police department to keep us secure. Please do your part to make our budget for 2017–2018 reflect the expenses and revenues that you believe will sustain Normandy Park. Attend meetings, come to public hearings, email, and call. Let us know your priorities so our city administrative staff and managers can develop solid guidelines, which they need to prioritize, schedule and cost-out pothole and other repairs and actions—from pothole repair to large projects—that are needed to sustain the city. Our staff makes sure all expenditures and revenues are in sync with the budget. Please be a part of that process.

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## COMP PLAN UPDATE

At its January 26, 2016 meeting, the Normandy Park City Council approved an updated Comprehensive Plan for Normandy Park.

Adoption of the new Comprehensive Plan will provide the City with an updated policy basis to guide future actions and decisions regarding growth and development, parks and recreation, shorelines and environmentally critical areas, traffic and public transportation. It will also assure that the City remains in compliance with the State Growth Management Act. This will enable the City to continue to apply for various State grants, and will assure that the City continues to receive State grant funds already awarded.

The City began its Comprehensive Plan update process in 2014 with a citizen survey in order to understand the priorities and preferences of the community. During 2014 and 2015, the City conducted open houses, an additional citizen survey, and community workshops in order to get additional public input into the Comprehensive Plan update.

The City's Planning Commission held a series of public meetings and public workshops in order to develop the Comprehensive Plan update, and held a public hearing on a draft Comprehensive Plan in November. The Commission continued its review of the draft plan in December, and in January, made a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the Comprehensive Plan. The Normandy Park City Council also held public meetings on the Comprehensive Plan, beginning with a joint meeting of the City Council and the Planning Commission in March 2015, to establish the work plan for the update of the Comprehensive Plan, and continuing throughout the remainder of 2015, with meetings to adopt an Annotated Policy Framework and a schedule for adoption.

State law requires that each city planning under the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) periodically update its Comprehensive Plan. The City's Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2004.

# Pea Patch Lotto

Submit your name and number to City Hall prior to March 7th, 2016 drawing.

The City supports community efforts of P-Patch neighbors and encourages family members and friends to share in a garden so that everyone has an enjoyable experience. The plot sizes, approved plants, and the lottery process will be updated for 2016.

A drawing will be held at 5:00 pm on Monday, March 7th to determine the plot selection. If you are interested in gardening in the P-Patch for the 2016 season (April 1–October 31). Cut out the P-Patch Lotto Entry Form or fill a form out at City Hall. Forms are due prior to the drawing on March 7th.

This year's lotto will establish the plot selection the day of the drawing.

- You must be present at the drawing to select your plot. A designated friend may serve as your proxy if you cannot be present.
- One entry per household.
- Gardeners must have an adult sign the User Agreement Forms.
- \$35.00 fee is due no later than 5 days after the drawing.

Complete program information is available in the Community Development Office at City Hall, 801 SW 174th Street, or by calling Amanda León at 206-248-8257.



## PEA PATCH LOTTO ENTRY FORM 2016

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*One entry per household. Drawing at 5pm, Monday, March 7th, 2016 at City Hall. Rental payment due no later than 5 days following the drawing.*



### 2016 Special Recycling Collection Event and Rain Barrel Sale

**NEW LOCATION: John Knox Presbyterian Church – 109 SW Normandy Rd  
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Complete information can be found online at [www.normandyparkwa.gov](http://www.normandyparkwa.gov) on the home page under News and Announcements. The annual informational brochure will be mailed to residents prior to the event.

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Last year, the Parks Commission embarked on a plan to build a memorial seating area incorporating elements from the Nist home and elements of the original pastoral nature of the property.

This past January, the E.J. Nist memorial benches were built, a small flowering crabapple was planted, and shrubs were added around the benches. A memorial dedication is planned for Saturday, June 4th.



### WITH YOUR HELP A Cleaner, Greener Normandy Park

The City of Normandy Park is always developing innovative ways to improve your experience in our Parks. Using money from a King County Waste Reduction and Recycling grant, we recently purchased 15 recycled plastic recycling trash cans. We’re launching a new trash management system that will increase recycling. The strategic placement of can locations means fewer pickup vehicles on paths, and a cleaner Park for children and pets.

Park Patrons like you will be our most important partners in making this new plan a success. With your help, the Parks will be cleaner and more sustainable than ever.

## SIGNS of the Times

The Parks Commission will be tackling the job of recommending how to repair and update some of the signage around the city. Many of you know the rustic wooden signs that greet us as we enter the community. They have been in place for more than 50 years and many show a great deal of wear and tear. They are not easily maintained, and, therefore, have deteriorated. Some have been taken down. The Commission is considering stone and wood updates to keep the rustic feel, yet provide durable and low maintenance alternatives to what we have.

In addition, our parks have a variety of styles of signs, some being rather non-descript. We are thinking of standardizing park entrances with etched stone boulders inviting patrons into the parks. Our larger parks, Marvista and City Hall, would have more formalized signs.

This article is designed to pique your interest and come to a Parks Commission meeting to give feedback. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Join us March 16<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, or May 18<sup>th</sup> in the City Council Chambers. We look forward to meeting with you!

(included two photos, one of a current wood sign-make larger, and one of the pile of signs at the shop-make a smaller pic)





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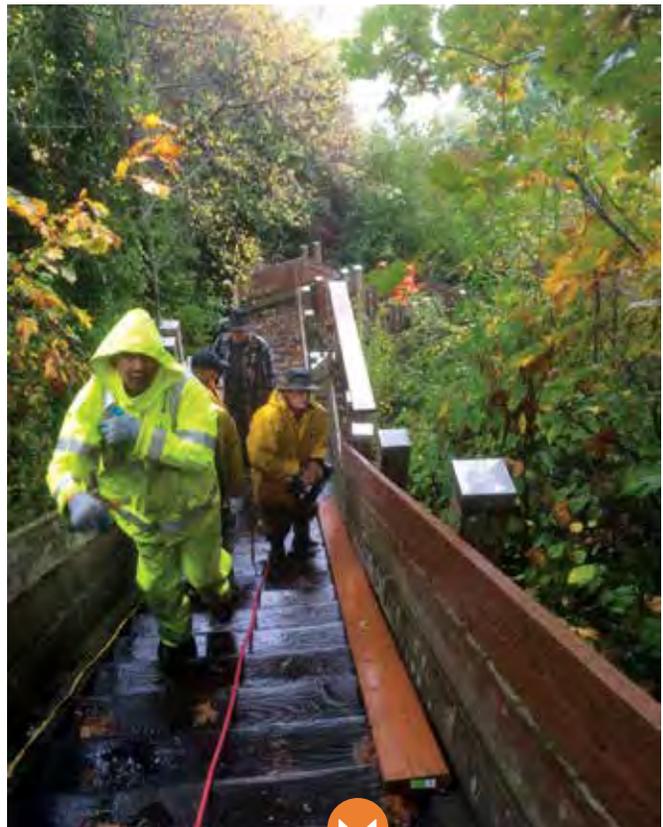
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# Park Volunteers Shine!



The sun was NOT cooperative, but our park volunteers nevertheless out-shone the rain on two projects last October 10<sup>th</sup>. At Nist Park, numerous native plants were added to the hillside along the drive and the bed near the water spigot. Jenny Love, MaryAnn MacKay, Earnest Thompson joined up with city staffers Amanda León and Corey Tillman to make this planting event happen. Bill Vilonza and Ron Ebbers helped them finish up. Thanks also to Herb Tinker and his landscape crew.



Over at Marine View Park, a large contingent tackled new handrails for the wooden stairs down to the beach. Bill Vilonza coordinated the delivery of supplies and equipment for this major undertaking. Saws buzzed, nail guns nailed, and the rain rained! But spirits were high and the project was completed! Thanks to these fine volunteers for their expertise and dedication: Andy Batcho (pictured), David Krull, Tom Munslow, Ron Ebbers, Ron Johanson, Shawn McEvoy, Scott Mansfield, Jay Osborne, Chuck McKindley, Pat Pressentin and Steve Nuss. A big “Thank You” also to AJ Gonzalez from Public Works for helping things to run smoothly!



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# Police Department UPDATE

WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE OUR READERS AN UPDATE as to the status of the Police Department. As many of you know, Officer Dave Bond left the Department in lieu of being laid off. His last day was scheduled to have been December 31st, but he decided to resign as of December 15th. There is great news on two other department positions that were slated to be eliminated on December 31st. With the help of two funding sources, we have been able to stave off one Police Officer layoff notice and delayed layoff for one month for our Records Specialist.

One funding source is a "Policing the Parks Pilot Program" approved by the Normandy Park Metropolitan Parks District (MPD), which will pay \$69,000 for new Police programs in our Parks system. We would like to thank the Metropolitan Parks District for developing this program. This new Pilot Program should help increase the safety and security in our Parks. Also, stay tuned for events that will be planned in 2016.

The other funding source is so unusual and unique it is hard to believe. When a group of residents and business owners found out about our pending layoffs in the Police Department, due to the failure of the Levy Lid Lift, they put into motion an unprecedented fundraising effort to help fund as many of the positions through 2016 as possible. The commitment

shown by a handful of people has set a high bar. Because of the hard work of the Save Our Police Committee, the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation 501(c)(3), Normandy Park residents and business owners who have donated to the "Save Our Police" GoFundMe campaign, we are excited to announce a couple of things. Combining the MPD and two checks from the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation (amounting to over \$50,000), we have been able to save our 9th Officer position for 2016, as well as the Records Specialist position through January, and periodically throughout 2016 to cover shifts in the Records Office. The Save Our Police Committee is still working toward raising funds for the 10th Officer position.

We cannot thank the people enough who have donated to this fund. The time, energy and passion that has gone into this fight to save our staffing has truly been inspiring. At a time around the nation where community/police relationships have been strained, it is wonderful to see a group of residents stand up for their employees who strive to provide a high level of service on their behalf. The Police Department is humbled by your actions, and we thank you for your commitment. We are lucky to work in a community where there is such trust between police and residents, business owners, and visitors.

Join us!

## City of Normandy Park Town Hall Meeting: POLICE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT



IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, your Police Department has been presenting the dire state of our aging patrol vehicles and the imminent need for their replacement to Normandy Park City Council. Due to interest in this topic from the public, it was determined a Town Hall meeting would be the best course of action to receive your direct questions about the state of the fleet and how it is being managed. If you would like to take part in the Town Hall meeting, please join us at Normandy Park City Hall on Thursday, March 10th from 6-8 PM. The meeting will be held in the gymnasium of the Recreation Center. There will be a host of panelists available to discuss the broad impacts of purchasing and maintaining police vehicles. The panelists include Chief Chris Gaddis, Mayor Jonathan Chicquette, City Manager Mark Hoppen, and Finance Director Jennifer Ferrer-Santa Ines. Handouts for the event will be placed on the City's website ([www.normandyparkwa.gov](http://www.normandyparkwa.gov)) in the days prior to the meeting. If you are unable to attend the Town Hall meeting and you have specific questions for any of the panelist, feel free to email Chief Gaddis at [chrisg@ci.normandy-park.wa.us](mailto:chrisg@ci.normandy-park.wa.us) and they will be passed along.

**DATE:** March 10, 2016  
**TIME:** 6-8 PM  
**LOCATION:** Normandy Park City Hall  
Recreation Center  
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**PANEL:** Chief Gaddis, Mayor Chicquette,  
City Manager Hoppen, Finance  
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# Residential Communication Hubs Update

IN PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE *CITY SCENE MAGAZINE*, and through the Police Department's social media channels, we have discussed our proposed Residential Communication Hubs (RCH's). These RCH's will serve as a communication area for neighbors to give and receive information during a disaster. In April, the Police Department will begin to create the first RCH at Nist Park in the 300 block of

SW Normandy Rd. This will be a trial RCH to work out any problems before we move forward with RCH's in the rest of Normandy Park. Our first meeting will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. This meeting

is open to any Normandy Park resident interested in the RCH process, but specifically geared towards people who live around Nist Park. We will be talking about the Residential Communication Hubs and Emergency Preparedness in general.

RCH Volunteers may be expected to do the following: (this is not a complete list of tasks)

- Put up a small shelter.
- Pass along direct communication from the City.
- Attend a short training once chosen to assist.
- Participate in annual training activations.
- Work with your fellow volunteers during training and real life activations.

People who are interested in volunteering should be on the lookout for information about the RCH's in social media and e-notices. If you just cannot wait and you need more information now, feel free to email Mary Anderson at [marya@ci.normandy-park.wa.us](mailto:marya@ci.normandy-park.wa.us).

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### OFFICER DAVE BOND

Within the last few months, there have been several changes in the Police Department. With the failure of the 2015 Levy Lid Lift, it was apparent that cuts would need to be made within the Police

Department to keep the City afloat. The Police Department had to recommend four positions be cut from the 2016 budget. This included the Community Service Officer (CSO), a Records Specialist, and two Police Officer positions.

A few months ago, the decision was made to move Dave Bond from the CSO position to the one unfilled Police Officer position. The hope of this move was to bring a little more stability to his status in the Department. Unfortunately, with the failure of the Levy, Officer Bond was slated to be one of the layoffs. The layoff notices were handed out on December 1, 2015.

Officer Bond chose to resign from the Police Department in lieu of being laid off. His last day was December 15, 2015. The Police Department lost a tremendous asset in Officer Bond. He has been involved in some of our biggest cases over the last twenty years. Officer Bond, who was our Community Service Officer since 1998, was also a Reserve Police Officer with the Department. Dave was solo-qualified and had filled in as an Emergency Police Officer several times during his career with Normandy Park.

Officer Bond was responsible for many things in the Department. He was an instructor in the following areas:

Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission  
Emergency Vehicle Operations Simulator Trailer;  
First Aid/CPR/AED;  
Rape Aggression Defense (RAD);  
Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) Response;  
Respiratory Protection;  
and a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Instructor Trainer.

Officer Bond was the grant writer for the Department. He was able to secure tens of thousands of dollars in grant funding which supplied everything from Bullet Resistant Vests for our Officers, to Emergency Management Preparedness Funding to aid the citizens and visitors of Normandy Park before, during and after a disaster.

We wish Dave Bond and his family nothing but the best in whatever he chooses to do in the future. Normandy Park was a better place with Dave in our midst and we will miss him dearly. Thank you Dave, for everything you have done for the residents and visitors of Normandy Park.



Left: Reserve Police Officer Darryl Lee. Right: Reserve Officer Miko Tempski being sworn in by Chief Gaddis.

## Volunteerism

The Normandy Park Police Department has always used volunteer employees. We currently have five Reserve Police Officers, one emergency management volunteer, and several amateur radio operators. Most of our current staff started out as volunteers in policing. We rely on volunteers to help provide the high level of customer service that the residents, business owners and visitors have come to expect.

If you would like to find out the qualifications and training requirements for becoming a Reserve Police Officer, please email the Reserve Officer Coordinator, Officer Shawn Hayes at [shawnh@ci.normandy-park.wa.us](mailto:shawnh@ci.normandy-park.wa.us). If you would like to find out how to volunteer in a non-law enforcement capacity, contact Chief Gaddis at [chrsg@ci.normandy-park.wa.us](mailto:chrsg@ci.normandy-park.wa.us). Current openings include:

- Vehicle Transports (usually to and from Burien)
- Data Entry
- Answering Phones
- Case Filing

# Mail Thefts

In early January, the City of Normandy Park had several instances of mail theft. In one of the cases, it was reported that a dark colored pickup truck was seen in the area during the thefts. A week later, this same pickup showed up in town. This time, the original reporting party called us again to tell us about the truck being in the area again. Sergeant Morella arrived and tried to stop the vehicle as it left the scene. The driver jumped from the moving vehicle as it drove down SW 186<sup>th</sup>. Sergeant Morella later captured the suspect and recovered stolen mail from inside the suspect vehicle. This was the third mail theft arrest in a one week period. Our Officers also identified two other mail theft suspects who were associated with the latest crime spree. We have arrested one of those new suspects on felony warrants.

While we cannot prevent all criminal activity in Normandy Park, there are some things

residents and visitors can do to help us out. Like the Federal Government says, "If you see something, say something." We need our residents, visitors, and business owners to advise us when they see something out of the ordinary. The other thing is make sure you are picking up your mail as soon as you can after it is delivered. If you are going to be gone for a couple of days, ask a neighbor to pick it up for you. If you will be gone for more than a few days, have your mail held at the post office to ensure it stays out of the hands of criminals.

If you think you may have become a victim of mail theft, call us immediately and report it. We can provide you with information on how to keep from becoming a victim of identity theft.



## WORDPRESS BLOG

We have heard from several residents that since they do not use Social Media, they have a hard time finding out what is going on in the Police Department. With that in mind, I am pleased to announce the department will begin a WordPress Blog on March 1, 2016. The Police Department has been using an internal WordPress Blog for several months to improve our internal communications. The Blog will automatically update by email, Facebook, and Twitter which will save time and increase the communications for the Department. Stay tuned to E-Alerts and Press Releases about the new Blog.

## VIDEO PRODUCTION FOR FIREWORKS

The Police Department is looking for a *City Scene* magazine reader with video creation and editing experience. We hope to produce a video of the legal fireworks that are for sale at local fireworks stands. There is such a misunderstanding of what the legal fireworks look like. If we can film the display of the legal fireworks, it will help the residents of Normandy Park understand which fireworks are legal and which are not. If you would like to find out more about this project and how you can help, please email Chief Gaddis at [chrisg@ci.normandy-park.wa.us](mailto:chrisg@ci.normandy-park.wa.us). The video would need to be completed by early June for a release date in mid-June.

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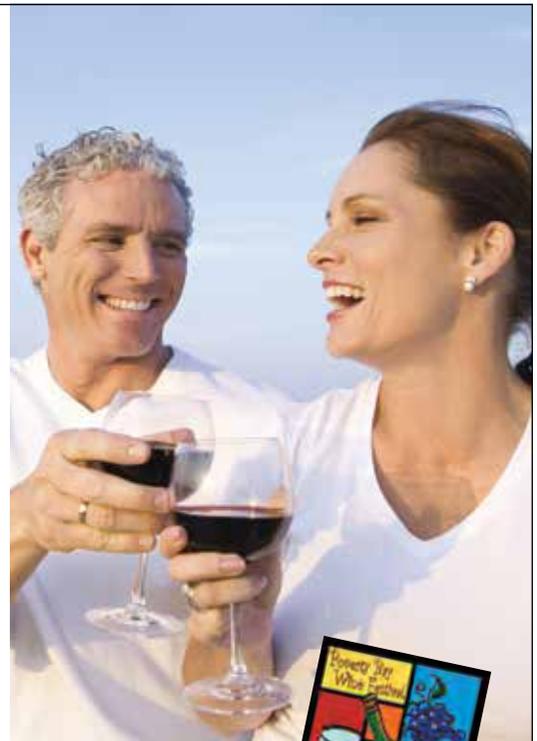
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The Rotary Club of Des Moines and Normandy Park donates 100% of the net proceeds from these events and its other fundraisers back into the community.





## Your ARTS Commission

A NEW YEAR MEANS A WHOLE NEW SCHEDULE OF ALL THINGS ARTS related in Normandy Park! Your Arts Commission is busy planning and working our magic to bring you a full year of art and music.

Our annual Arts Festival planning is well under way. Get ready for a weekend of awesome artwork, live painting, performance, and vendors at City Hall in early May!

Also be on the lookout for our cool poster that will be going up with featured artwork from Normandy Park artist Reyde Grantham. Reyde won second place with his photograph “OGRE’S DAY OUT” in the adult division at 11 years old. Congratulations Reyde and thanks for the use of your winning photograph!

The Music in the Park Summer Concert Series will begin with GreenStage Theatre’s Shakespeare in the Park on July 10th. With performances of theatre, music and more, the Arts Commission invites everyone to come to Marvista Park on Sundays throughout the summer for these free shows. As always, we are happy to be bringing back the kid’s show which is partly sponsored by King County Library System grant with 4Culture. In August, we will be partnering with local groups such as the

Environmental Sciences Center and Republic Services to present Quack Attack: A Celebration of Art, Music, and Parks! Look for **SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK**, **QUACK ATTACK**, and our complete show schedule to be handed out at the 4th of July Parade!

The Arts Commission is always looking for ways to form new relationships with other community groups, arts organizations, and students. Our outreach program with Marvista Elementary and High 5 Arts resulted in our first **STUDENT ART SHOW AT CITY HALL!** Student art will be on display in the hallway at city hall from April 11th through May 10th, and you can join students, parents, and High 5 Arts at the reception on April 12th from 4 to 6 pm. We hope this will be the first of many student art events for the community.

Are you interested in being a part of the Arts in Normandy Park? The Arts Commission is always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to be a part of our team! From a gallery docent at the arts festival, to picking up a plywood stage with your truck or some other special skill that you can offer, there is a volunteer opportunity at every level. Please visit City Hall during open business hours for more information.

# ARTScene



*"Ogre's Day Out" by Reyde Grantham will be featured in this year's art commission poster.*



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# Wonderful World of Woods and Water— A HISTORY OF NORMANDY PARK

*A Story of Native Americans, Pioneers, Farmers, Bootleggers, Loggers, The Great Depression, Developers, World Wars, and spirited citizens that lead to the beautiful community we all enjoy today.*

PART 4 OF A 4-PART SERIES

by Andy Batcho

IN THE EARLY 1980S, RESIDENTS OF NORMANDY PARK and members of the Normandy Park Community Club, lead by members of the Des Moines Chapter of Trout Unlimited, began to realize the dire condition of our degraded local streams. Logging, development, pollution, and harvest impacted the thousands of salmon that used to return to our streams. Salmon returns had reached near zero in the 1960s and 1970s. These volunteers began working to create “self-sustaining runs of salmon to local streams.” They spent months of Saturday mornings surveying the length of Miller Creek using the U.S. Forest Service Scientific Method of Stream Survey for fish and habitat relationships. That survey produced thousands of data points that began to show what had gone wrong with our streams. With that information, rehabilitation projects were planned and permits were obtained.

Thousands of volunteer and scout hours were spent over the next 25-plus years to install in-stream structures, remove invasive plants, plant native plants, protect stream banks with raised trails, create a salt marsh at the mouth of Miller Creek, and create an “artificial beaver pond” on the Cove property to rear Coho fry and support Sea-run Cutthroat trout in an ideal habitat. The Cove Board instituted the “Stewards of the Cove” group and a “Stream Committee” to implement and maintain improvements on Miller and Walker Creeks. Additionally, Trout Unlimited installed, in cooperation with the sewer district, a restoration hatchery that has raised and released over 100,000 Coho fry in local streams for more than 25 years. Because of this work, there is hope for our salmon. Recent salmon returns



Volunteers Roger Neubauer and Michael Roedell check for adult salmon on Miller Creek in icy conditions on December 9, 2013.

**“Only a community can love salmon streams back to health.” That love must come from the current generation of Normandy Park salmon and stream advocates.**

range between 50 and 400 fish on average, with some returns reaching as high as 1000. (Although 1000-fish returns are still only 50% of normal.)

In 2010, King County Basin Steward Dennis Clark started a Citizens Salmon Investigation (CSI) team of volunteer citizens who walked streams daily from September to December each year to count returning salmon and collect scientific data. The CSI work discovered in our Coho salmon a “pre-spawn mortality” (PSM)—healthy salmon dying soon after entering they stream, before they can spawn. This PSM was most likely caused by polluted roadway runoff into the streams. King County is now developing basin “rain gardens” to help capture polluted runoff and is mobilizing volunteers to help remove invasive plants like ivy from within the Walker Preserve.

Will the historic salmon runs seen by Native Americans and pioneers ever return to our streams? Normandy Park salmon may have a chance. As the saying goes, “Only a community can love salmon streams back to health.” That love must come from the current generation of Normandy Park salmon and stream advocates. This generation must show the same internal fortitude as generations past.

### **NORMANDY PARK TODAY (2005)**

Normandy Park is the 114th largest community in Washington. As of the 2010 census, there were 6,335 people residing in the city. Forty years ago, one might have considered the bulk of this population to be older, more established residents. As the census shows, however, Normandy Park residents constitute a wider array of age groups. About 27% of our community is made up of youth, 53% is middle-aged, and 20% are seniors. The median age is 46 years.

The 2010 census also shows the median income for a household in Normandy Park is \$70,367. Zillow lists the median home value as \$511,100. Normandy Park homes are valued at \$220 per square foot, which

is higher than the Seattle Metro average of \$184 per square foot. According to some sources, Normandy Park home prices are not only among the most expensive in Washington, but also consistently rank among the most expensive in America.

The people who call Normandy Park home belong to a variety of racial and ethnic groups. The greatest number of Normandy Park residents identify as non-Hispanic white. The second largest number of residents identify as Asian. Many residents have ancestral ties to England, Ireland, Germany, Norway, and Italy. The most common language spoken in Normandy Park is English.

Normandy Park is a decidedly white-collar city, with 87% of the workforce being employed in white-collar jobs. This percentage is well above the national average. Generally speaking, Normandy Park is a city of managers, engineers, airline pilots, professionals, salespeople, and office workers. A significant proportion of residents work in management occupations (23.32%), sales jobs (11.34%) or office and administrative support (8.55%). It's also worth noting that Normandy Park has more residents working in the fields of computers and math than do 95% of other U.S. cities.

The education level of Normandy Park residents ranks among the highest in the nation, according to the 2010 census. 48% of residents 25 and older have at least a bachelor's degree. Nationwide, only 21% of such adults can say the same.

As you can see, Normandy Park is a special place. This is due in large part to the fortitude of the original settlers, the tenacity of our spirited citizens, the vision of our past and present leaders, and the ongoing efforts of our many volunteers. It's no wonder why we all love to live in our great community.

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## TRANSPARENCY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# Local Government Needs Informed Citizens



Mark Hoppen  
City Manager

NOT SO LONG AGO, THERE WAS A MID-SIZED, MIDDLE INCOME, California city name Bell that was a corrupt city. Contracts were signed with city administrative staff that paid large, fixed percentage increases each year; city

council members were paid around \$100,000 per year; and by the time a couple of the long-standing administrators retired, their active salaries were well over a half million dollars each, with other salaries amazingly out of scale.

Bell reminds us all that although local government officials, elected and appointed, are almost always efficient, honest, prudent and ethical, the public needs oversight to assure that the public's interest is placed ahead of the personal interests of officials.

### KEEP TRACK OF YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The City of Normandy Park has numerous ways for citizens to stay informed and engaged, including information on the city website at [www.ci.normandy-park.wa.us](http://www.ci.normandy-park.wa.us).

This information includes, on the left side of the homepage: the City Facebook page, the Chief's Facebook page, City E-notice, *City Scene Magazine*, and audio visual recordings

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of all council meetings (AV Capture All) and all standing committees. If a viewer clicks on the colored items on an "AV Capture All" adjacent agenda, then the viewer can immediately listen to the dialogue for a particular agenda item.

The right side of the homepage shows the upcoming public meetings schedule. This information can assist your involvement and review.

In addition to the city website, the Municipal Research Service Center offers a variety of resources on its website ([www.mrsc.org](http://www.mrsc.org)) to help local officials and citizens in their service to the community.

### FOSTER OPEN PROCESS

The means of governance—the governance process—is often more important than the outcomes. State ethics and open government laws are very clear, and all government officials, both elected and appointed must go through training within 90 days of election or appointment to office. You can review this training at <http://www.atg.wa.gov/open-government-training>. Government officials must renew this training every four years. (And yes, I completed my training on time!)

Elected and appointed officials in Normandy Park are committed to understand and apply open government principles; encourage the public's active engagement in city decision-making, including the development of the biennial budget; and exchange timely government information to foster an informed community.

I intend to involve and reach out to Normandy Park citizens, and I will **make myself available to talk to any neighborhood about city affairs at times that are convenient for your neighborhood.**

### PROVIDE GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ON REQUEST

Additionally, City officials, elected and appointed, are committed to honoring public document requests in a timely, legal, and helpful manner. Hopefully, citizens understand that current Washington State public information law challenges the staffing and budget capability of all local governments, including the City of Normandy Park.

Nevertheless, government integrity relies on the accessibility of government documents upon request. So, accessibility is what we provide. Of course, almost every city document of substance is already available by accessing the City of Normandy Park website.



City Council members: Counterclockwise from top-left: Tom Munslow, John Rankin, Kathleen Waters, Michelle Sipes-Marvin, Mike Bishcoff, Doug Osterman and John Chicquette

# UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES

## Get to know our local businesses

By Susan West, EDC Chair

Mark your calendar! This spring, Normandy Park's Economic Development Committee will hold open houses at Manhattan Village and Normandy Park Towne Center. These open houses will be a great opportunity for our community to welcome new businesses to Normandy Park, thank our long-time business leaders, and discuss Normandy Park's economic health. Stay tuned for the open house dates and times in the next edition of City Scene magazine, along with a list of guest speakers who will attend upcoming EDC meetings. Be sure and sign up for the City's e-alerts to receive EDC schedules and agendas.



The Normandy Park Economic Development Committee includes more than 80 local business leaders, residents, City staff and non-profits. The EDC mission statement: A community-minded committee that attracts and enhances new and existing local businesses.

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) started in May 2012, at the request of resident George Buley to the Normandy Park City Council. The Committee has met more than 150 times since then, focusing on Normandy Park's economic health, business networking, and marketing projects, including welcome signs and light pole banners. The EDC also organizes events that promote our local businesses, draw shoppers to Normandy Park and boost community spirit, including Winterfest's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Zombie Fest.

EDC meetings are held on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Sign-up for our email list to receive EDC minutes and keep up-to-date on our efforts to keep Normandy Park an economically healthy community. Questions? Contact EDC Chair Susan West at 206-818-6945 or scwestnews@gmail.com.

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