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19805 1st Avenue South #101 Normandy Park, WA 98148 Jonathan Chicquette Mayor

Happy New Year and welcome to 2017! As a city, we accomplished much in 2016. We completed the 2017 budget for the City and Metropolitan Parks District. The residents of Normandy Park voted in the Levy Lid Lift, allowing us to service the city's base infrastructural requirements. We hired Police Chief Daniel W. Yourkoski, who is doing a fantastic job. Also, we improved our fleet of police vehicles and are working diligently to bring the police department staffing in line. The Zombie Fest and Winterfest events brought in more than 2,300 people to the Normandy Park Towne Center and Manhattan Village, delivering many of our businesses' highest revenue days.

I have a mantra of "looking forward," and to that end let me tell you what is in store for the City in 2017. The City Council and city staff are making it our legislative focus to better work with the federal, state, county and local governments, forging new relationships and fostering better communication. Through these relationships, we will align the city with available grants and services, putting us in a better position to bolster road and sidewalk repairs and improvements. City Manager Mark Hoppen and his leadership team are actively working to find the best solutions to improve the city's aesthetics, ensure functionality in infrastructure, all while remaining fiscally accountable to the adopted budget.

During my first year in office, I have learned more about Normandy Park than I thought possible. The largest part of this learning has come from the residents I have encountered throughout the year. Many of you have told me incredible stories and shared with me your vision of Normandy Park's future. Every small piece of what I hear and learn becomes a part of the story I share with those in leadership around the state. I look forward to the year in front of us and ask myself, "What exciting things will we accomplish?" The answers are as-yet-unrealized, but the vision and budget are clear, and together we will do great work.



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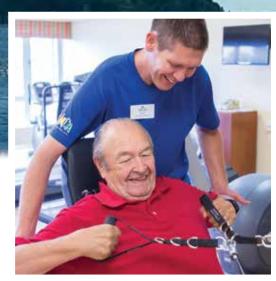
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## Welcome to 2017 and a new steps for the Economic Development Committee



Susan West Councilmember and Economic Development Committee Chair

May, 2017, marks the 5th anniversary of the City of Normandy Park Economic Development Committee (EDC). The EDC started at the request of resident George Buley at a May 2012 Normandy Park City Council Meeting. The group has met more than 100 times and has 80+ members including residents, business leaders, commercial property owners, council members and city staff. Over the years, the EDC has held business open houses, introduced businesses to our city and surrounding communities through festivals, and offered networking opportunities.

The EDC also started Zombie Fest which is entering its sixth year and the annual holiday tree lighting ceremony at Normandy Park Towne Center (NPTC) which will celebrate its fifth. It's been exciting watching each festival grow over the years. Zombie Fest's attendance has grown to more than 2,000 each year, along with more than 30 sponsors and dozens of volunteers. This year's tree lighting ceremony drew over 600 attendees.

The EDC and Friends of Normandy Park Foundation always partner on these events with the EDC organizing them and the Foundation managing sponsorship and funding. In 2017, we move in a new direction. The City's EDC will pass the "organizing baton" to the Foundation which will now completely oversee Zombie Fest and Winterfest's daytime events at Manhattan Village and evening tree lighting ceremony at NPTC. The plan was always to have the Foundation eventually run the festivals and this seems to be the perfect time to take that step! The Foundation, which was started a few years ago by members of the EDC, is in the process of expanding. In addition, this change will make more time available for the EDC to focus on current and new economic development projects and programs.

The Foundation is a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3), charitable association of community members and local businesses who wish to enhance Normandy Park. Through fundraising, and event and project planning, the Foundation was launched to serve as a facilitator to build community pride, to improve our business climate, and to attract people to Normandy Park. Details and membership information will soon be available. You can also contact the Foundation's President Patti Gifford to learn more about the group's purpose and goals. She can be reached at pattigifford2@gmail.com

Thanks and Happy 2017!



If you are interested in learning more about the EDC and sharing economic development ideas for Normandy Park, contact me at susan.west@ ci.normandy-park.wa.us or 206-818-6945.



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#### MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

Arts Commission 1st Tuesday, 7pm

Council Meeting 2nd Tuesday, 7pm

Metropolitan Parks District 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm (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



## City Council Approves 2017–2018 Budget

Normandy Park City Council unanimously adopted the 2017/2018 budget at its November 8th meeting. The adopted 2017–2018 biennial budget includes the following major initiatives and proposals:

- Voter-approved levy lid lift to reinstate 2 police officers and .50 full-time equivalent (FTE) records clerk,\$250,000
- Funding for road maintenance and improvements, \$575,500
- Part-time engineer, .80 FTE
- Additional staffing dedicated to parks maintenance, 1.30 FTE

The 2017–2018 adopted budget totals \$12.4 million and \$12 million, respectively. Copies of the budget will be available to the City Council and the public by the January 10th City Council meeting.

Capital projects and funding sources for 2017 and 2018 are outlined below. These costs reflect total project cost including design and construction.

## 2017–2018 Capital Budget

2017 Projects	Project Cost	Street/TBD	<b>REET/CIP</b>	Stormwater	HWD-ILA	DOE-Grant	TIB-Grant	MPD
Park Signage – Nist/Marine View	\$6,600							\$6,600
City Hall Ballfield Restroom Improvements	\$82,500							\$82,500
Nature Trails Park invasive removal and Native Plant Establishment	\$55,000							\$55,000
Replace concrete sidewalk at Rec Center entrance	\$26,400							\$26,400
Master Planning for PROS Plan	\$33,000							\$33,000
Marvista Irrigation	\$66,000							\$66,000
Normandy Road LID	\$1,589,659		\$560,126	\$338,040		\$356,250	\$310,000	\$25,243
Small Works Projects: Prioritized Annually	\$55,000	\$55,000						
Operations and Maintenance PW Projects: Prioritized Annually	\$16,500	\$16,500						
Crack Sealing and Pavement Repairs	\$299,000	\$299,000						
Double Chip Seal in Manhattan Village Neighborhood	\$276,500				\$276,500			
Carpet Replacement	\$44,000		\$44,000					
Small Works Projects – annual selection performed by crew	\$50,000			\$50,000				
SWP: Vactoring Contract for 1st Ave and Normandy Terrace	\$10,000			\$10,000				
SWP: GIS Stormwater system data and video information	\$10,000			\$10,000				
Total Capital Projects	\$2,620,159	\$370,500	\$604,126	\$408,040	\$276,500	\$356,250	\$310,000	\$294,743

2018 Projects	Project Cost	Street/TBD	<b>REET/CIP</b>	Stormwater	HWD-ILA	DOE-Grant	TIB-Grant	MPD
Park Signage – Marvista/City Hall	\$17,600							\$17,600
Nature Trails Park invasive removal and Native Plant Establishment	\$55,000							\$55,000
Marvista Park P-Patch Fence	\$22,000							\$22,000
Marvista Pathway	\$16,500							\$16,500
Crack Sealing and Pavement Repairs	\$299,000	\$299,000						
Electric Replacement	\$165,000	\$165,000						
SW 186th street & 1st–4th Ave Sidewalk/Drainage/Chipseal	\$159,650		\$39,650	\$50,000		\$70,000		
Marine View Dr SW 199th to SW 208th	\$373,180		\$75,000				\$298,180	
Urban Sidewalk Program – 1st Ave	\$330,800			\$83,000			\$247,800	
Normandy Road & 4th Ave Embankment	\$152,000			\$152,000				
12th Ave SW walker Creek Culvert Replacement	\$127,800				\$127,800			
SW 186th street & 1st–4th Ave Sidewalk/Drainage/Chipseal	\$50,000		\$50,000					
Small Works Projects – annual selection performed by crew	\$50,000			\$50,000				
SWP: Vactoring Contract for 1st Ave and Normandy Terrace	\$11,000			\$11,000				
SWP: GIS Stormwater system data and video information	\$11,000			\$11,000				
Total Capital Projects	\$1,840,530	\$464,000	\$164,650	\$357,000	\$127,800	\$70,000	\$545,980	\$111,100



## PROS PLANNING Coming to Normandy Park

BY AMANDA LEÓN, PARKS DIRECTOR

**IN 2017 RESIDENTS,** Commissions, and the City Council will embark on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, called the PROS Plan. The PROS Plan will provide guidance to the City in its management and development of parks. The PROS Plan provides a clear vision for the City's Parks and Recreation and acts as a road map for providing the policy framework for the City's acquisition, planning, development, stewardship, maintenance, management, and funding of its system of parks, trails, and open spaces. This will help to enrich a healthy community through an integrated system of parks, open spaces, recreational and cultural arts.

The PROS Plan was last revised in 2011 and adopted by City Council in 2012. The plan is updated every six years. The PROS Plan fulfills the Growth Management Act planning requirements from the Washington State Department of Commerce (RCW 36.70A). The updated PROS Plan enables Normandy Park to be eligible for certain federal and state grants, especially through the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office. One of the products of the PROS Plan will be a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which will suggest funding sources and timing of capital improvements for parks at both six and 20 years.

Citizen input is absolutely crucial in assuring that program goals and priorities are consistent with community needs. There will be several opportunities for residents to participate. The Parks Commission will distribute an online survey and hold several public meetings to facilitate community input. This process will help assure that we have identified the best ways to serve the recreational needs of our dynamic community for the next 20 years.

Please call Parks Director Amanda León at 206.248.8257, or email amandal@ci.normandy-park.wa.us for information about the PROS Planning process.

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## Walker Preserve Project

EAGLE SCOUT PETER GROTZ APPROACHED THE CITY in late summer 2016 and said that he wanted to do a trail restoration project in Normandy Park. Consistent with the existing Parks, Recreation, and Open Space "PROS" Plan, Park Director Amanda León and Parks Commissioner Ron Ebbers determined that one of the most needed restoration projects

### 18 Volunteers 116 Hours

would be at Walker Preserve. Peter and Commissioner Ebbers surveyed the Walker Preserve and decided that trail restoration on "the main loop" trail would be the best site.

Peter formulated the details of his project which entailed removing invasive plants, securing the fence, and clearing and widening the walking trail. Peter invited his troop, as well as friends, and family to help with the project.

The work crew worked two weekends in October, focusing on pulling ivy from the ground, trail, and around the fence. They also focused their attention on removing holly and laurel from the forest, two shrubs that are extremely invasive in Walker Preserve. Park Commissioner Ebbers helped guide and mentor Peter throughout the project.

The next time you are walking through Walker Preserve please look at the widened trails! This collaboration between Peter, volunteers, Scouts, and city staff is truly a testament to the power of volunteers improving Parks!

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## **Pea Patch Lotto**

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- 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.
- Normandy Park residents have priority in receiving a plot. Non-residents may apply and will be assigned a plot if available. Residency will be confirmed by a valid driver's license and a utility bill.
- One entry per household.
- Gardeners must have an adult sign the User Agreement Forms.
- \$35.00 fee is due no later than five days after the drawing.

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

Pea Patch Lotto Entry Form 2017
Name
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	\$5/\$5.50					
	\$39/\$42.90					

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Surveys will continue daily until late December or early January. This spring, everyone will be invited to hear the final fish tally and how it compares to previous years, and see photos and videos.

Ashley, a volunteer measures a dead salmon as part of Community Salmon Investigation for Highline. By Elissa Ostergaard.



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### Wooden Sign UPDATE

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New tight knot cedar has been purchased from a local mill on Vashon and Bob is beginning to assemble the blank signs. In the next few months, the volunteers will be working to re-create new signs. They will also be working on securing additional metal hangers for the new signs. Meanwhile, City staff is working on the post design and location orientation.

We are especially grateful for our community volunteers; Bob Schneebeli, Dwight Fagothey, Ron Ebbers, Bill Vilonza, Teresa Matthews, Seth Emtage, Rob Anderson, and Terry West. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Parks Director Amanda León at 206-248-8257 at City Hall.



## New Arts Commissioners

AS OF DECEMBER, 2016, THE NORMANDY PARK ARTS COMMISSION has an influx of new commissioners. The Commission is proud to announce that Dona Bostrom Lewinger, Vanessa Lamoreaux, and Dana Flanegin have joined the Commission.



**Dona Bostrom Lewinger** is a retired K–12 Art Teacher, who just moved to Normandy Park from Arizona. She is a lifelong dedicated community volunteer, activist and an accomplished artist. She was a former Vice President of the Arizona Pastel Artists Association and member of the Arizona Watercolor

Associations Northwest Pastel Artists Society. She is thrilled to be living in Normandy Park, close to her grandchildren and able to devote time to various community activities. She is excited to work as part of a team to collaborate and provide art programming and leadership in Normandy Park.



Vanessa Lamoreaux is an artist and art educator whose community outreach is centered on projects at Marvista School. She is the Co-Chair of the Art Docent Committee at Marvista and a board member at Marvista. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts and has ten years teaching experience in Brooklyn, New York

and Washington State. She is looking forward to helping the Arts Commission enrich art experiences and explore new opportunities in Normandy Park.



**Dana Flanegin** has worked for nonprofit organizations for over 25 years. Currently, she works as the Donor Systems Coordinator at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. She has also coordinated art exhibitions for the Armand Hammer Foundation and special events for the Sports and Events Council.She holds a Bachelor's Degree in

Art History and is especially interested in arts programming which involves families and local businesses.

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## Where do we go from here? Now that the Police Levy has passed when will the Normandy Park Police Department be back to its authorized strength?

**WE CURRENTLY HAVE SIX OFFICERS**, and as of January, 2017, will have four vacancies. We are making every effort to fill those positions, but it is likely to be an extended period of time before the community sees some new faces making an impact in Normandy Park. The hiring process for law enforcement Officers is an arduous ordeal that begins with a physical fitness and written test. If candidates pass those tests, then they proceed to an oral board where they are evaluated on their answers and their ability to communicate. The few individuals fortunate enough to advance are then given an interview with the Chief, so he can make a decision relating to the candidate's overall fit with not only the Department but the community as a whole.

That's the easy part. If advanced by the Chief, the candidate begins his or her background investigation, which also includes a medical and psychological evaluation, as well as a polygraph exam. If the applicant completes all of this successfully, they will be scheduled for an academy class at the Criminal Justice Training Center. The current wait for a seat is 30–60 days. The academy itself lasts 4 ½ months at which time the newly minted Officer will return to Normandy Park. The training process, however, is not yet complete. Before being able to work on their own, new Officers complete a 12 week field training program within the Department. Only then will they be able to begin contributing to the safety of our residents.

Obviously, the hiring and training process takes a while. I ask for your continued patience as we select the best candidates for Normandy Park. As difficult as it is to be operating shorthanded, it would be even worse if by attempting to shorten the process we hired someone who was not the ideal candidate for our City.

### **New Faces at the Police Department**



Officer Mike Riess

**OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS**, we have had several changes at the Police Department including a couple of additions to our Reserve Police Officers. We would like to welcome both **Mike Riess** and Ted Childs to our team and are sure they will be great additions. Our Reserve Officers serve as a force multiplier, especially for special events or in times of emergency. I would like to take the time to tell you about one of them.

Officer Riess grew up in the Chicago area where he attended junior college before enlisting in the U.S. Army National Guard. He served for nine years as a crew chief on the Army's UH-1H Huey helicopters before being honorably discharged from the Army Reserves with a rank of Sergeant. Mike has been with United Airlines for 31 years working on a variety of different aircraft to include the Boeing 747 and 757 as well as the Airbus A319 and A320. He has been married to his wife Wendy for 20 years. Officer Riess became interested in law enforcement after talking with an Officer he met at the gym. Before coming to Normandy Park, Mike served as a Reserve Officer with both the King County Sheriff's Office as well as the Napavine Police Department. If you see him driving through the neighborhood, please give him a warm Normandy Park welcome.

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Until January, 2018, if traveling by air or entering a Federal Facility, residents from ANY state are still able to use a driver's license, or any of the various other forms of identification accepted by the Transportation Security Administration (Passport or Passport Card, Global Entry cards, U.S. military IDs, airline or airport-issued IDs, federally recognized, and tribal-issued photo IDs. See the full list on the TSA website.)

Effective January 22, 2018, if you have a driver's license or identification card issued by the state of Washington, you must present an alternative form of identification acceptable to TSA in order to board a commercial domestic flight or to enter a federal building.

Starting October 1, 2020, every air traveler will need a REAL ID compliant license, or another acceptable form of identification, for domestic air travel.

Additional information on this topic is located on the DHS website: www.dhs.gov/real-id-and-you-rumor-control





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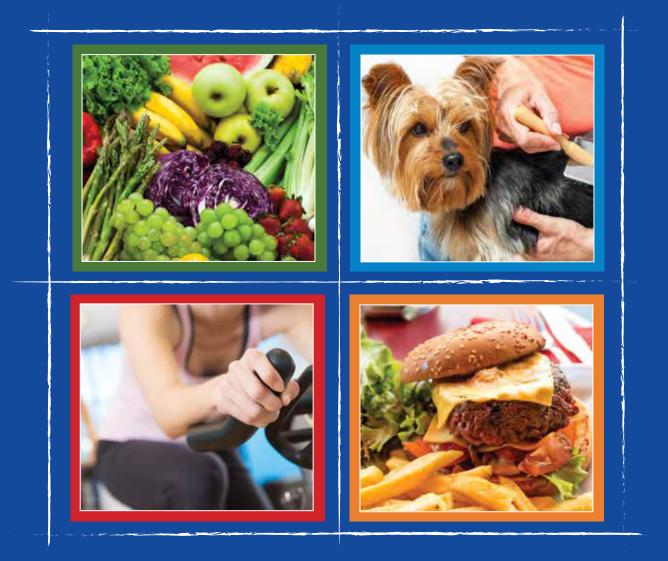






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## From the City Manager

### City Council Strategic Goal #1: Stabilize City Finances with Sustainable Economic Development

The City Council has seven strategic goals. The first one begins with "Stabilize city finances." This involves fostering adequate, on-going revenues to cover on-going operational expenses. Operational expenses are repetitive, predictable city expenses. Such expenses include costs such as police services, road costs, staff costs, facilities costs—mostly operational costs experienced within the General Fund.

Obviously, the relationship between city revenues and expenses involves taxes and fees, including both property tax and sales tax. Fees collected by government must be no greater than the related costs for which they are collected. So too, taxes should match expenses.

The problem for cities in this state is that the 1% cap on property taxes cannot out-perform the rate of inflation over time. This causes imbalance, causing some cities, particularly those with little retail business like Normandy Park, to have to resort to special property tax measures.

Fortunately, the citizens of the City of Normandy Park have already thought ahead and resolved the need for special property tax measures for the next six years.

Unfortunately, the city sales tax scenario, while improved, is not rosy enough without on-going improvement to sustain city finances long term. So, what to do?

"Sustainable economic development" is necessary. "Sustainable" in this context means "on-going, predictable and reliable." "Economic development" from a City of Normandy Park perspective means fostering and retaining businesses that can produce sales tax. So, what does the City Council do to recruit and retain local business?

The Normandy Park City Council recently charged the Normandy Park Economic Development Committee, a city code-defined committee, to act as a formal liaison between the city and interested local business stakeholders, to market the business community (i.e. events, promotions), and to recommend economic development strategy to the City Council.

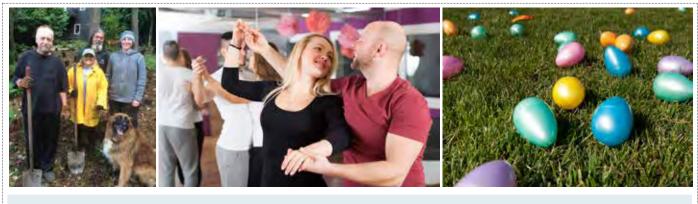
Essentially, this committee and the City Council focus on four areas that can make difference: 1) development of infrastructure and zoning that make business development more likely; 2) development of organizational capacity to represent the interests of business, including high quality, readily available small business information; 3) promotion of Normandy Park's retail areas; and 4) design of retail areas as places to shop, work, walk, invest, and live.

I will write more about each of these four focus areas in future Normandy Park City Scene articles. In the meantime, if you are interested, you might review the following website: http://www.dahp.wa.gov/programs/ mainstreet-program. Much of what the City Council currently does is similar to the Washington State Main Street program.



## January to April 2017 – Events Calendar

The Parks Department will provide the full year of events and additional information on the city's website as it becomes available.



JANUARY	JUDY LANE ART RECEPTION, Arts Commission, City Hall Chambers BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS, Normandy Park Community Club, The Cove MILLER-WALKER CREEK STEWARDSHIP WORK DAY, Parks Commission, Walker Preserve
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MARCH	MILLER-WALKER CREEK STEWARDSHIP WORK DAY, Parks Commission, Walker Preserve
APRIL	<b>COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENT</b> , Cities of Normandy Park and Burien, John Knox Church <b>KID'S EASTER EGG HUNT</b> , Normandy Park Community Club, The Cove <b>MILLER-WALKER CREEK STEWARDSHIP WORK DAY</b> , Parks Commission, Walker Preserve

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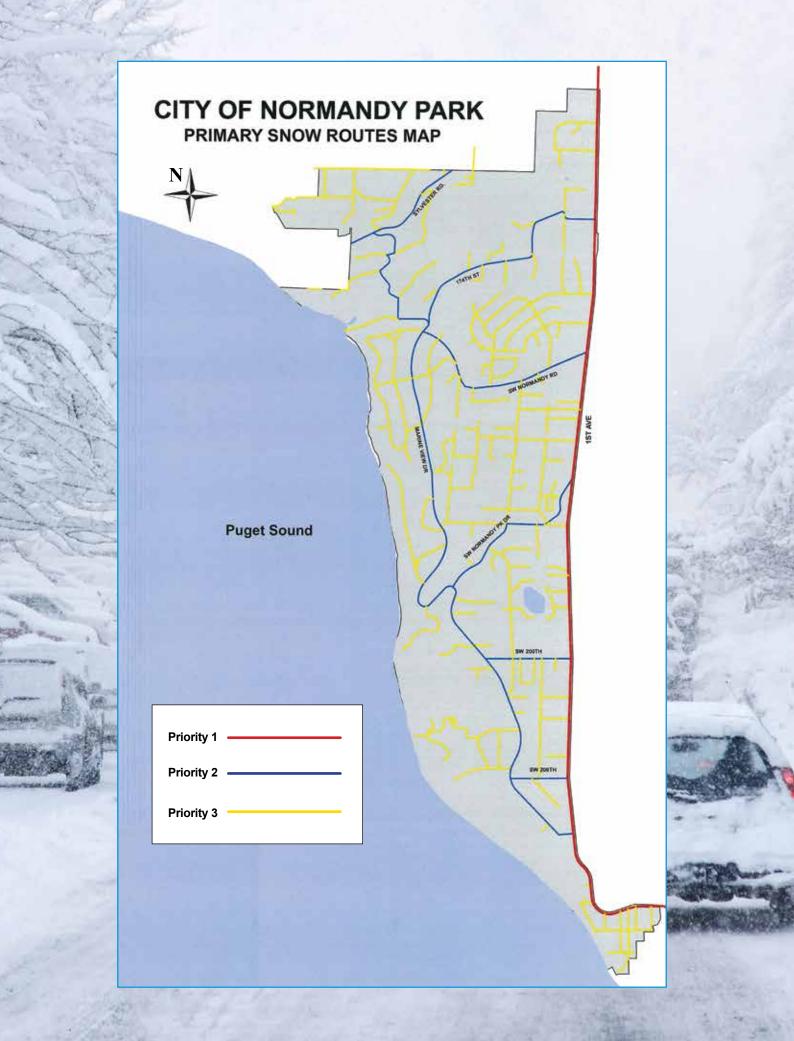
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