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IT’S A BEAUTIFUL MIDSUMMER SUNDAY AFTERNOON as I write this, waiting for the Marvista Park summer concerts to begin later this evening. The cooler is packed and sandwiches are made as my family and I look forward to the second in the summer-long series of free concerts at Marvista Park.

I’m looking out over my parched back yard that just came through the driest July in more than 50 years. It’s hot and sunny now, but as you read this, the sprinklers will give way to rakes and shorts to sweaters as we prepare for another season. The fall color will begin to tint the leaves throughout Normandy Park as they have every autumn for the last 60 years.

60 years ago this summer a group of King County homeowners in our community became concerned about the possibility of a sewage treatment plant being sited at the Cove. Proactive and organized, they banded together to create the incorporated city of Normandy Park which we all call home today.

In commemoration of this year’s 60th anniversary of our city’s founding, we have sprinkled anecdotes and historical snippets throughout this issue of Normandy Park City Scene Magazine. We hope to carry an expanded historical feature in the holiday issue of City Scene to be published in late October.

Do you remember the early years of our city? Does your neighbor? Please help us develop next issue’s historical feature by sharing your stories and your photos with our City Scene editor Debbie Burke. Debbie can be reached Monday through Thursday at City Hall.

In addition to 60 years as a city, we are also celebrating the announcement of several new tenants at the resurgent Normandy Park Town Center. A new veterinary clinic, an ACE hardware store and the new Normandy Park Market will be moving in during the next couple of months.

Our local businesses support our quality of life here in the Park by providing products and services locally, tailored to meet our needs. Keeping our local business community healthy and dynamic by ‘shopping the park’ helps us keep Normandy Park streets safe and parks clean and green.

Be sure to welcome our new local businesses—and our loyal existing businesses—with your patronage.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Normandy Park City Scene. We’ve designed the magazine to serve our neighbors, and we are continually adapting it to ensure we provide you with an attractive, entertaining and educational publication. Please don’t hesitate to contact me personally to tell me what you like about the magazine and what we can do better.
From the Mayor

GOOD NEWS: The City has a new full time City Manager who began work on July 8th. His name is Glenn Akramoff and comes with lots of hands on experience and energy from the City of Covington where he was the Public Works Director. Glenn recently has worked on capital projects that increased that city’s economic development, one of which won three awards for excellence. He is familiar with the grant process and believes in a “promote in place” program for employee’s professional growth, retention, and succession strategy. He is familiar with working with neighboring cities (Maple Valley/Black Diamond) to achieve joint success and efficiencies. We welcome Glenn to our city and he knows we have challenges ahead to be overcome. Please offer him a warm welcome yourselves, when you have a chance to meet him.

Even more good news: The City of Normandy Park is now 60 years old with a great future ahead!

The city incorporated on June 8th, 1953 and is one of the oldest in the Highline Community. The shoreline of Puget Sound has long been a sought after area for vacation land and truck farms since as early as the mid 1850’s. With dense forest and few roads, the “mosquito fleet” ferries and long docks made this possible. The residential area named “Normandy Park” was used as early as 1928 and probably earlier by the Schwabacher brothers of San Francisco. This wealthy family aggregated over 1700 acres from lands that had been acquired by others under the Homestead Acts of 1862 and 1863. The Seattle-Tacoma Land Company purchased this block of land and later platted it as Normandy Park in February 1929 just in time for the Great Depression. Not a city, yet.

The immense struggles and bankruptcies of this period stalled growth. A community club formed in the 1940’s as growth returned to address resident concerns of policing, schools, roads, recreation, and public improvements among others. Sounds very much like the essential services of a city, but the area remained unincorporated. When the threat of eminent domain surfaced from a new sewer district that was looking at taking the Cove, Lot A, the community club added to the call of others for city hood. The thought was that a donation of Lot A to the new city for a park would stop the threat of eminent domain and give people local control. The city did incorporate in 1953 but the land was never donated when the sewer district located on the hillside to the east where it is now.

Normandy Park’s generous lot sizes afford us a very pleasant setting with a scenic woodland quality. While the Cove, Lot A remains in private ownership, the city has managed on its own and through generous donations to acquire over 100 acres of its own parkland- a real treasure for a small city. These parks vary from those of intensive sport, playground and picnic use to nature preserves with quiet trails and forest like settings, including a salt water beach that will get your heart rate going while walking back up.

Just as the Great Depression severely affected the early growth and development of the Normandy Park area, the more recent Great Recession has tested city government and forced efforts to become more efficient and leaner. We have a jewel of a city that is now just over 60 years of maturity and is definitely worth protecting and nurturing. Our citizens are doing just that by passing the Metropolitan Parks District and more recently the levy lid lift. Our citizens are active, knowledgeable and engaged. The community has come together in seeing the importance of revitalizing our commercial areas along First Avenue. We have just been awarded the 2013 Governor’s Smart Communities award for the Manhattan Village sub area planned action. Congratulations to the city staff who hold it all together on a day to day basis and our great citizens who respect the value of working together to prepare the future for success and another 60 years as an even better Normandy Park. We all know change will come; it must be managed and other challenges, yet, remain to be overcome.

Local history is from the city web site, the N.P.C.C. telephone directory with its interesting notes in the back pages and the 1929 sales brochure.

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206-248-7600

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I AM VERY EXCITED TO BE THE NEW CITY MANAGER OF NORMANDY PARK! I am honored to have been chosen to serve this community. One of the things I heard throughout the hiring process is what a hidden gem this community is. The more I get to know the more I find that to be true. I attended the 4th of July parade and celebration at the Cove. I was amazed at the energy and sense of community that thrives here. So many communities across the country would love to have that level of involvement not to mention the physical beauty and the wonderful parks and trails system that exists in Normandy Park.

In my first eight days on the job I have come to realize a few things that make this such a special place:

- A combination of long valued traditions with new ideas that create a dynamic culture
- A City Council who has the best interests of Normandy Park as their focus
- Active Commissions and volunteers that have a large impact on the community
- Active Citizens who are committed to being informed about and involved in their local government
- A dedicated City staff who have a heart for serving the community
- A dedicated and well trained police department who are enthusiastic about serving the community.

I am not usually big on talking about myself as I believe in “We” not the “Me” philosophy but I think some might like to have a few details about my past. I came from the City of Covington where I was their Public Works Director for the last 5 years. My career prior to that was focused in the maintenance field in Olympia, Lake Forest Park, Sammamish and Covington. I am originally from a small town in upstate New York with a population under 1,000. I value the small town life and a sense of community. I have a strong belief in transparency, accountability and a high level communication. In today’s municipal environment, innovation, teamwork and creativity are key assets to meet the community’s needs.

So what are the key things I will be focused on? Well it is clear that improving communication between the City team and the community is a top priority for everyone. Also continuing to stabilize the financial status of the city with the ultimate goal being financial sustainability will be a challenge that will be in the forefront of my work plan. Economic Development, evaluating city operations and an increased focus on maintenance and operations, will also be near the top of the list. There certainly will be more to come on setting priorities and the future staff work plan. I will work with the City Council and staff team over the next few months in getting clear on the big picture as well as the details that need immediate attention. Once I gather some more information I will better be able to put together a short term and long term work plan for myself and the City Team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Finance Director, Cherie Gibson, for her work as Interim City Manager during the transition period prior to my arrival. She did a wonderful job. She made some positive changes and held the city operation together in the toughest of circumstances. Well Done Cherie!

I know that this Community, City Council and Staff have been through some tough times in recent years. Normandy Park has had to fight for its very survival. Many of the issues have been divisive and painful for all concerned. I am, however, very optimistic and enthusiastic about the future of Normandy Park. What makes me so willing to believe? The willingness of this community recently and throughout its history to rally and do whatever it takes to assure a better future is readily apparent. The dedication of the Council, Staff, volunteers and community as a whole to put their collective time and resources to make a difference in the Normandy Park of today and for the Normandy Park of tomorrow. Also many things have been put in place despite the challenge that will begin to yield positive returns in the very near future.

I want to make sure that everyone knows that I am not “the” City Manager but I am “Your” City Manager and I look forward to getting to know the community better and doing my part to make a great place better. I hope to see you around the “Park” soon.

-- Glenn Akramoff
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THE RESOURCEFULNESS AND RESILIENCY of our fair city is really amazing to me. We’ve weathered a few storms through the years, literally and figuratively, yet we’ve always managed to “keep calm and carry on.”

From Hanbleceya, the Great Recession, the slings and arrows thrown at us from our own state legislature, the Port of Seattle airport expansion, and the Eyman Initiatives, we’ve figured out how to keep this wonderful city safe and secure, clean and green.

I think it is due in a large part to our own citizens, our volunteers, and our collective passion to keep this place the best it can be without costing a fortune. The City Council, Planning Commission, Parks Commission, Arts Commission and Civil Service Commission are all volunteer positions. We do it because we care; we feel we can make a difference. Citizens too have stepped up by overwhelmingly passing a new levy to help the city, as well as voting to form a dedicated Parks District.

We are so lucky to have a safe and clean place to live, a caring community, and dedicated folks to see it along. This is a wonderful little city. Thank you all for making it work.
Register to vote

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 MyVoter Guide online at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Register online, 24-hours a day at the Secretary of State’s website - http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/voters.aspx

NOVEMBER 5TH GENERAL ELECTION REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

• 29 day mail-in registration and address change deadline: OCTOBER 7, 2013

• Eight-day in-person registration at King County Elections deadline: OCTOBER 28, 2013

Register to vote!
IT HAS BEEN A GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE being a part of the Normandy Park Community for the past 15 years. When we purchased Manhattan Village, it was a tired center begging for an upgrade. We added a new 12,000 sq ft building, changed the façade and completely changed the tenant mix with the goal of creating more draw and synergy between the tenants. Once these improvements were made, QFC felt more comfortable about upgrading their store. Since that time, QFC’s sales have more than doubled and with the support of the community Manhattan Village became a vibrant neighborhood shopping center.

Our goal has always been to redevelop Manhattan Village in a way that the local community would support and be proud of. Though the last few years have been challenging we recognize that we have more work to do and continue to stay focused on pursuing new quality tenants and working with the existing tenants to ensure their success.

Our goal is to keep Manhattan Village a vibrant center that provides a pleasant and safe shopping experience. We appreciate the support from the community, as well as the city leaders and naturally welcome any suggestions and ideas you may have. Shop Local!

Sincerely,

Steve Nordby, Owner
Manhattan Village Property Shopping Center

NEW BUSINESS

Veterinary Clinic Coming Soon to Normandy Park Towne Center

Starting in September, there will be a new choice for people seeking veterinary care for their pet companions in the Normandy Park area. Priceless Pet Clinic will open in Normandy Park Towne Center, serving the local community with excellent, low-cost veterinary care. Priceless pet clinic is a family owned and operated veterinary clinic, meeting routine, urgent, and emergency needs of pets in the Des Moines, Seatac, Normandy Park and Burien area. Their purpose is to facilitate pet owners in taking an active role in their pets’ care, and to provide a range of options to fit the owner’s budget. We will accomplish this through honest, straightforward communication and advice.

Drs. Patrick and Lee Miles met in veterinary school, both graduating from Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in 1999. They moved to the Seattle area after graduation and have never left. Hours of operation will be 7:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. No appointment necessary. Service will be walk-in only, to allow greater flexibility for clients.

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IVY–A Destructive Invader

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IVY, ALSO KNOWN AS ENGLISH IVY, is a fast-growing vine that stays green year-round. Originally from England, it was planted in landscapes all around Highline and the greater Puget Sound area. But now, Parks departments, landowners and volunteers are spending hours, and big bucks, to remove it.

Without our help, ivy will slowly turn our open space, forests and yards into ivy deserts - places where nothing but ivy and a few other invasive plants will grow. It climbs up trees and smothers them. Once it starts growing up a tree or building, its stems get larger and heavier. I have cut many ivy stems that were bigger around than my arm! An ivy plant can weigh more than 2,000 pounds - ivy in a tree can cause it to topple in the next wind storm, or break branches. Ivy growing on a fence or building will cause structural damage, as the vines enter crevices and then expand. Ivy growing up trees or steep slopes will also begin making berries, which birds gobble up and transport through their droppings to nearby yards and parks. Ivy growing on the ground will slowly smother all other landscape plants, stealing all the moisture and nutrients from the soil. And it will quickly grow into your neighbor's yard.

Ivy can help stabilize steep slopes in the short run, but the roots will remain shallow, and are easily undermined. Ivy's value for native wildlife is very limited, and it provides cover for rats, which travel under the cover it provides and dig holes in the soil underneath, further undermining steep slopes.

To identify ivy, look for a groundcover with glossy, wavy-edged leaves. Vines growing up a tree have a slightly different look - they develop branches and the leaves have less pronounced lobes. They produce round black berries in loose clusters. Once you learn to recognize it, you will be amazed by how widespread it is.

To control ivy, first remove it from the base of trees. This saves the trees, and reduces the number of new seeds produced. Cut the ivy stems at shoulder height and leave the vines overhead intact – pulling on them may damage the tree or cause them to fall. Dig the roots out of the ground around the tree, creating an ivy-free ring at least five feet wide. Clear any other berry-producing branches growing on fences, structures, or slopes. Second, tackle the areas on the edge of the ivy where it is the least dense - these will go fast, and keep it from taking over new areas. Then, tackle the thickest parts. Herbicides like Roundup don't work on ivy because of the waxy leaves. Instead, Ivy can be removed by hand with a thick pair of gloves, a pruning saw for the thick branches, a screwdriver to pry it from any structure it is on, and hand pruners for the long stems. Pull all the roots out of the ground to minimize regrowth. Best of all, organize work parties with your neighbors, or offer to help those who may need it. Plant these areas with native or other landscape plants to prevent the ivy from coming back, and check back once a year to pull out any new sprouts.

For more information about English Ivy and other invasive weeds, go to www.kingcounty.gov/noxiousweeds. If you live near Miller or Walker Creeks, contact the Miller-Walker Creek Steward for advice and assistance, or to help out. There are many opportunities to volunteer with a group or start ivy removal on a new site.

Miller-Walker Creek Steward - a program supported by the Cities of Burien, Normandy Park and SeaTac, King County, and the Port of Seattle
Ivy in the Parks - Going, Going...

You may have noticed some yellow-hatted workers in Nature Trails and Nist Parks recently. They are part of the Washington Conservation Corps and have made a fantastic start on the long-term goal of ridding our parks of English ivy and other invasive plants. Ivy removal is one of the top priorities of the Parks Commission and Metropolitan Parks District tax money being used to fund these hard workers. Nist Park will have been completed by the time you read this, and all the trees in Nature Trails will have been “ringed” (ivy cut at the bottom and allowed to die on the tree.) About one quarter of the park will have had the ground ivy removed and that will be the starting point for next year’s work. Ivy at Marine View Park is the next target in the coming years. By the way, if you have not walked through Walker Preserve lately, (access on 2nd SW off of SW 172st) you will see many large piles of dead ivy. Volunteers assisted by our King Co. Basin Steward Elissa Ostergaard meet once a month to pull ivy. Great progress has been made and the volunteers will take up again in the fall. Contact Ron Ebbers (206-248-1815) with Parks Commission if you would like to be added to the volunteer list!

-- Ron Ebbers, Parks Commission Chair

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Ron Ebbers, Parks Commission Chair

COMMUNITY SALMON INVESTIGATION FOR HIGHLINE (A.K.A. CSI: HIGHLINE)

CSI VOLUNTEER TRAINING WORKSHOP
Thursday, October 3, 2013, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
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- www.kingcounty.gov search key words “CSI Highline Salmon Monitoring”
- Contact Elissa Ostergaard, Miller/Walker Creek Steward, at elissa.ostergaard@kingcounty.gov or call 206-296-1909
July Staff Meeting

ON JULY 30TH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HELD its Second Annual Department Wide meeting. The meeting wasn’t as exciting as last year’s meeting at Safeco Field, but it was still very productive. The morning was spent receiving refresher training on the Western States Information Sharing Network and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Rapid Responder program. The Rapid Responder program maps out all schools in Washington State and allows Police Department’s quick access to building layouts and emergency response protocol. A major feature of the Rapid Responder program is the plans for evacuation and reunification of the children and teachers.

The afternoon included a City wide staff meeting with the new City Manager, Glenn Akramoff, with a recognition award to Officer David Bond for 15 years of service with the city. City Manager Akramoff also met directly with just the Police Department. The final portion was a walking tour of Marvista Elementary, North Hill Elementary and the Education Complex in the 18300 block of 8th Ave S. A Department photo was taken on the Marvista campus. School safety is a priority for the Police Department and it is important to have a working knowledge of all the schools around us.

The Normandy Park Police Department would like to thank Highline School Security for allowing us access to these schools. We would also like to thank the Des Moines and Port of Seattle Police Departments for covering patrol duties so that all of our Officers could adjust their shifts and attend this meeting. It is fantastic to have such a wonderful working relationship with our neighboring jurisdictions.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Police Intern Maddison Brinson – College Scholarship awarded for her Police Intern work.
• Sergeant Brian Sommer, Officer Jeremy Hedrick and Officer Giovanni Morella - 3 Burglary suspects arrested in multiple Normandy Park burglaries and others in the Highline area.
• Sergeant Brian Sommer and Officer Jeremy Hedrick - Graduated from a Department of Defense week long pilot training program; Sgt. Sommer was asked if he would be interested in becoming an instructor for future classes.
• Officer John Lievero and Community Service Officer Bond - Graduated another class from Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training, they also set up another class at the Des Moines Senior Center.
• Sergeant Brian Sommer, Officer Jeremy Hedrick and Officer Brian Norris - Arrest of drug dealer and asset forfeiture of $30,000 cash.
• Officer Giovanni Morella - Identifying another Burglary suspect from fingerprints taken at a burglary scene. Suspect was responsible for multiple burglaries throughout King County.
• Officer Jeremy Hedrick and Detective Dan Will - collaborating on the arrest of a vehicle prowl suspect who targeted multiple vehicles in Normandy Park.
• Officer Giovanni Morella and K9 “Rocky” - Located a 7 year old sexual assault victim for the Puyallup Police Department.

Normandy Park Social Media Needs You!

In early 2012 Councilmember Susan West started an Ad Hoc Communications Committee at the request of citizens who wanted more transparency in government. Since then the entire City has put forth a tremendous amount of time and energy into improving our communication with citizens.

The City of Normandy Park is comprised of around 6,300 residents and somewhere around 2,000 households. We have a tremendous amount of vehicles that use 1st Ave S/SR 509 to travel through the Highline area every day. For Emergency Preparedness Services, Road Closures, Time-Critical Information, Current Events and simply any other communication needed to be expressed to our citizens, the City of Normandy Park relies on social media to get their message out. We have one small problem. Not enough Normandy Park residents are using the City’s social media tools. Please consider signing-up for at least one.

The following list of City communication resources is current as of July 12, 2013.

• NORMANDY PARK POLICE CHIEF FACEBOOK - 327 friends
  www.facebook.com/npchief
• CITY OF NORMANDY PARK FACEBOOK - 59 friends
  www.facebook.com/cityofnormandypark
• NORMANDY PARK ARTS COMMISSION FACEBOOK - 57 friends
  www.facebook.com/art-in-normandy-park
• NEXTDOOR.COM/NORMANDY PARK - 184 neighbors
  www.cityofnormandypark.nextdoor.com
• CITY OF NORMANDY PARK E-NOTICE E-ALERT 553 subscribers
  www.nextdoor.com

Nextdoor.com is one of the newest tools the City has added. It’s a great way to get to know your neighbors and advertise garage sales, community events or simply ask for advice. For example, neighbors have asked about boat repairs and tree trimming. Neighbors also post information about found and missing pets and the Police Department is able to send out traffic and crime alerts.

Please encourage all your neighbors to participate in the social media experience for the City of Normandy Park. We are trying hard to give you the information you need.

Questions about using these social media tools? Call (206)248-7600 and ask to speak to Chief Gaddis.
Traffic Enforcement Requests

Are you concerned about speeders in your neighborhood? Do you have a stop sign that needs a little extra attention? Do you know of a specific time of day when people run the red light at Normandy Rd. and 1st Ave? If you have a specific Traffic Enforcement Request you may contact the Traffic Officer for the Normandy Park Police Department, Dave Unger, for assistance. When you call there are a few things that Officer Unger will ask.

- What violations are you observing?
- What time of day/day of the week is the worst?
- What are the vehicle descriptions of the worst offenders?
- Are there any possible environmental changes you think could improve the traffic problem, for example, new speed limit signs, brush cutting, better lighting.
- Would you be willing to let Officers use your driveway for enforcement?

Officer Unger will usually start with putting out the Jeep Cherokee that has our radar reader board installed in it. This will generally be followed by targeted enforcement based on your observations. Officer Unger will advise the rest of the Officers about your Traffic Enforcement Request and ask they provide extra enforcement as their time allows.

CAUTION: School will be back in session soon

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- Eat and/or Drink
- Be distracted by passengers
- Watch videos
- Apply Makeup/Shave

For more information www.distraction.gov.
PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACKS

IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, Officers with the Normandy Park Police Department conducted an investigation into an individual who was selling illegal prescription medication to people in Normandy Park. While this investigation was successful and netted the Police Department over $30,000 in asset forfeitures, the overlying problem is one that needs to be dealt with.

Prescription medication abuse is an ever growing problem in the United States and Normandy Park is not immune from it. This abuse of medication can begin after an injury or in some cases when people experiment with pills they find in their medicine cabinet. The most tragic is when this happens to children. What can be done to make things safer?

The past couple of years the Police Department has participated in the DEA’s Drug Take Back program. We are now going to be accepting prescription medication to be dropped off at the Police Department during business hours. Initially we will try and limit this to Normandy Park residents until we can determine the impact on our Records staff. The medication will be placed in our secure holding area until we send it out for destruction. This will be an anonymous drop-off. We are not interested in who is using the medication, only that it does not fall into the wrong hands.

If you know anyone in your family who you think may be abusing prescription medication you can contact the Police Department for ways that we can help or you can visit www.drugabuse.gov. You can also visit www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov for more information about how to dispose of medications you don’t bring to the department.

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Highline Historical Society

9th Annual Highline Garden Tour

Over 150 people participated in the Highline Garden Tour this year which featured six local gardens in the neighborhoods of Normandy Park, SeaTac and Burien. Volunteers were stationed at each garden to collect admission tickets, facilitate plant sales, as well as monitor the local artist’s performances. Two Normandy Park residents were selected to be part of this year’s tour:

**LEPENSKÉ GARDEN**
Situated in an old family orchard, the gardeners’ goal is to create a welcoming refuge for both people and wildlife through planting good structural plants and trees. Half of the lawn has been converted to a meadow which, along with a new rain garden, absorb most both rainfall and run-off. The shady north side is landscaped with rescued native plants around a private patio and fountain. A gravel path leads to a year-round organic vegetable and herb garden. Benches and birdbaths created vistas and oases for all.

**NICHOL GARDEN**
Welcome to my bohemian style Victory Garden! Greeting the sun each morning with stone lined paths leading to laying hens, a neighborhood Pea Patch for friends who don’t have yards, and a backyard art studio with something always going on. With local edibles you can be sure to have a pleasant stroll in this lush walk about. A mix of traditional 3-Sisters style planting, art displays and sustainable intended design, this tour stop is sure to be inspiring and reflective!
NATHAN DIPIETRO—GREEN ON GREY EXHIBIT

The exhibition explores a new Northwest where the lush overgrowth of the native landscape has been replaced with neatly platted developments, leveled fields, and manmade greenbelts. In their regional focus and tight linear detail, DiPietro’s works are reminiscent of early 20th-century American painters such as Grant Wood, but in contrast to those warmly nostalgic scenes from everyday life, DiPietro’s images have the air of stage sets—uninhabited and artificial.

The exhibit will be on display in the City Council Chambers, 801 SW 174th St, Normandy Park during the month of August 2013.
2013 Arts Festival Awards

The Normandy Park Arts Commission would like to extend special thanks for funding provided by 4Culture, John Knox Church, Commissioner Amber Nichol for added entertainers, Parkside Garden Club floral arrangements, and to all the volunteers who helped make the event a success. Congratulations to this year’s winners:

Best of Show
Adult Professional—Dee Miller, Sculpture
Adult Amateur—Chris Stiles, Drawing
Youth—Ava Alan, 3-D art

People’s Choice
Adult—Robert Dean, Print
Youth—Gracea Hilson, Painting

Sponsor’s Choice
John Knox Church selected Robert Dean, Print

2013 Arts Festival Judge (1 of 2 judges)
Phillip Levine

Philip and his wife Rachel moved to Seattle in January 1964, and have lived in the same home in the unincorporated area of King County North of Burien. He may be best known locally for the bronze statues on the hillside as one approaches West Seattle on the major bridge.

Philip is a sculptor/draughtsman. Works mostly in bronze, figurative sculpture as primarily humanist in nature. Themes in work over 50 year career include: literary, dance, myth, image, sport, and social concerns. He has executed many sculpture commissions on the west coast, as well as exhibited sculpture, painting, crafts and drawing throughout the country. He also served on boards of King County Arts Commission, Puget Sound Group of Northwest Painters, Artists Equity, Washington Chapter, Northwest Sculptor’s Association. Philip taught at University of Washington, Pacific Lutheran University, Skagit Valley Community College and received the Governor’s Award for Cultural Contribution to the Arts in 1997.

Don’t miss the last sounds of summer...
ParkSquatch 2013
Normandy Park Summer Concerts

August 18 - Rat City Brass
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August 25 - Scott Cossu Ensemble
Jazz Windham Hill Recording Artist
All Concerts Sunday 5-6:30 pm at Marvista Park
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Burien Brat Trot

Sunday, October 6, 2013
Olde Burien
www.burienbrattrot.com

The Burien Brat Trot is one of the BEST community events around! All day long on October 6th, you will enjoy a Bavarian style celebration with entertainment, food, and a marketplace with crafts and vendors - all centered around the Burien Brat Trot 5k and one mile race!

This race benefits two important local organizations—the Highline Schools Foundation, which gathers community resources to support the 18,000 public school students in the Highline School District, and Safe Kids South King County, which supports injury prevention through education and access.

Oktoberfest Dinner, Dance & Auction

Saturday, October 19, 2013
Normandy Park Cove
www.highlineschoolsfoundation.org/

This annual event is always a fun and festive evening that includes hearty food, drinks, dancing and a great silent and live auction to benefit all students and teachers in the Highline School District!

All of the funds raised by Highline Schools Foundation help students and teachers in Highline Public Schools get the resources they need to be successful. We fund teacher grants for classroom innovation, scholarships, district athletic needs, arts programs and college and career readiness programs among many other needs. By helping our schools, we make our community stronger.
A Zombie Invasion is coming to Normandy Park!

Grab your zombie garb or favorite costume and join other zombies at Normandy Park’s 2nd annual Zombie Fest! It’s a fun, family-friendly, fall festival for zombies of all ages. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 26th from noon to 9 p.m. at Normandy Park Towne Center.

Thank you to our local businesses, Normandy Park’s Economic Development Committee, the City of Normandy Park and numerous volunteers for making this happen!

Zombie Fest will benefit the Highline Schools Foundation Excel Grant program, the Highline Food Bank, the Des Moines Food Bank and the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation – a new non-profit that will organize programs, projects and festivals to enhance our local economy and boost community spirit.

There’s plenty to do at Zombie Fest! Enjoy live music by The Approximations and Vote for Pedro. Compete for the title of Mr. Zombie, Ms. Zombie and Kid Zombies! Watch the Seattle Thrillers perform Michael Jackson’s famous Thriller dance. Enjoy champion chili, BBQ, beverages and a charity beer garden. Make a donation to enter raffle basket contests. Participate in the Zombie Zumbathon and Kid Costume parade. Decorate trick-or-treat bags. Check-out booths, the zombie-face decorating station, emergency vehicle display and a mock disaster zone. Learn about disaster preparedness and trick-or-treat safety.

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60 Year Celebration

By Councilmember Stacia Jenkins
NORMANDY PARK IS CELEBRATING TURNING 60! Officially incorporated as a city on June 8 in 1953, the city launched a year of celebration for this milestone on the 4th of July with parade banners and 600 pieces of cake served at the community event at the Cove. Special thanks are due to QFC and sponsors Anderson Construction Group, Copperleaf Restaurant and Patti Gifford of Keller Williams Puget Sound Realty.

Help us celebrate the past, present and future of Normandy Park! Throughout the year, we will highlight the things that make Normandy Park a wonderful place to live, including senior activities, garden, service, and sports clubs, holiday events and arts shows, and perhaps start some new traditions. Community members have shared great ideas, including dances, a pet show, garden show, cook-off, and an all-city picnic to mark our anniversary the first weekend of June. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Councilmember Stacia Jenkins at stacia.jenkins@ci.normandy-park.wa.us or 206-779-9540.

Send us your stories! If you have a story you'd like to share about your family's history in Normandy Park, or why you think it's a great community to live in, please send it to City Clerk Debbie Burke at debbieb@ci.normandy-park.wa.us, City Scene magazine will feature these stories throughout the year. Be on the lookout for more 60th Anniversary events all year long!

Get a 60th Anniversary T-shirt and Celebrate Normandy Park’s History & Future!

Make a $15 donation to the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation and receive a t-shirt. Donate $25 and receive two shirts! The Friends of Normandy Park Foundation is a new non-profit that will organize projects, programs and events that boost our local economy and increase community spirit.

Stop by Normandy Park Athletic to make your donation and get your t-shirt. Cash or check accepted:

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Thanks for supporting Normandy Park and celebrating our city’s 60th Anniversary!

Long Time Residents

By George Buley
Normandy Park Resident

It seems like yesterday that we celebrated our cities 50th anniversary. And now we have reached our 60th.

In recognition of this milestone, we want to recognize those who have lived here 60 or more years. Where to start? Talk to one of the pioneering families.

Recently we interviewed Jim Lingwood who was born here 83 years ago. His predecessors homesteaded 160 acres in the 1890s. Jim has many fond memories of his family and many others from the “early days”. Some early families include those of Helen Kludt, Geraldine Kennedy, Marion Peterson, Marry Ireland, Emmet Nist, and Don Walker.

We also need to remember those pioneers who have passed on and left a legacy to the community. To mention a few: Emmet Nist who willed five acres for the E. J. Nist Family Park, T.A. Wilson for the Wilson Park, Don Walker, a developer who believed in preserving trees in our city, and many more people. We would like to ask anyone to provide the names of persons who have lived in our city for more than 60 years. Please call Marion Peterson at 243-5190 to give her your information. We will publish these names in the next edition.

We are indeed fortunate to have reaped the benefits of so many of our dedicated citizens. When you meet one of our community volunteers, take a moment to thank them for their service.
October 26th - All Day! Normandy Park Towne Center

Zombie Fest benefits the Highline Food Bank. Monetary donations and canned food will be accepted at the event.

SUPPORT THE NORMANDY PARK COMMUNITY BY BECOMING A SPONSOR!

Sponsorship funds enable Zombie Fest organizers to rent or purchase tents, banners, signs, a sound system, tables and chairs.

**GOLD LEVEL** - $3,900
- Full page, four-color ad in holiday issue of Normandy Park City Scene Magazine (citywide distribution on October 14th)
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Free Full-Day Kindergarten and Jump Start Program Offered at Marvista Elementary

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ATTENDING MARVISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in the fall will have the opportunity to attend free full-day kindergarten. Starting this year, Highline Public Schools is providing tuition-free full-day kindergarten for all students. Previously, Marvista families had to pay tuition for a full-day program.

Marvista’s full-day kindergarten program will include these subjects and learning opportunities:

• Literacy—reading and writing.
• Math—using two nationally recognized programs: Math in Focus and ST Math.
• Science—with hands-on learning kits.
• Social Studies—woven into the literacy program with non-fiction reading materials and hands-on learning experiences.

In addition, students will have regular sessions with music, physical education, and library specialists.

Full-day kindergarten is a key strategy for meeting the district’s goal to have 19 out of 20 of next fall’s kindergartners performing at or above grade level in all core subjects by the end of Grade 3.

“Free, full-day kindergarten is the right thing to do for all our children and families now,” said Superintendent Susan Enfield. “This is a game-changer for our students.”

Multiple studies show that children who participate in full-day kindergarten make significant gains in reading and math compared with students in half-day programs. Research also shows that mastering reading and math skills by third grade is critical for success throughout middle and high school.

“This is one of several critical investments Highline making toward the bold goals in our new strategic plan,” said Enfield. The district is also investing in high-priority goals for older students, such as ensuring that 19 out of 20 students pass Algebra by Grade 9, and that 19 out of 20 students in the freshman class of 2013 graduate successfully.

To ensure high-quality instruction in the full-day kindergarten program, Highline is providing professional development for all kindergarten teachers.

Highline is also initiating a new program to give incoming kindergarten students a jump start on their education. The Jump Start kindergarten transition program will be offered in August for all students. This week-long learning experience is designed to help students and their parents get ready to start school. The program is free and open to all incoming students who are registered for kindergarten.
Jump Start will help children familiarize themselves with the school environment, their kindergarten teacher, and the daily schedule. Children will participate in typical kindergarten classroom activities, tour the school campus, and experience outdoor play just like they will at recess. Bus transportation will be provided for students outside Marvista’s walk-to-school area.

“This fun, positive experience helps our youngest students become familiar with school before the older students arrive,” said Highline’s Early Education Director Anne Arnold. “It also makes the start of the school year easier and less stressful for parents and children, relieving many first-day anxieties.”

Kindergarten Jump Start will be offered at Marvista on August 12-16, 2013 from 9:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. On the first morning, parents will attend a family meeting with Principal Mike Fosberg and a teacher to learn more about kindergarten. Parents can register for Jump Start when they enroll their kindergartners for school.

Families are encouraged to register their children for kindergarten in August. To enroll, visit the Marvista Elementary office, and bring the child’s birth certificate, immunization records, proof of address (such as a rental agreement, purchase agreement, or utility bill), and two emergency contacts, including addresses and phone numbers.

Marvista is closed during July for summer break. The school office re-opens on August 8. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

While full-day kindergarten is available to every student, families also have the option to have their child attend half-day kindergarten if they choose. It is important for parents to meet with Principal Fosberg in August to discuss and arrange this option.

Students attending for a half day must to be picked up at Marvista by their families when their kindergarten class goes to lunch.

“Our full-day program offers a rich learning experience in a developmentally appropriate setting, but we realize that some families might choose to have their child attend school for a half day,” said Arnold. “We hope that families who choose the half-day option will spend some of the afternoon time providing their child with rich experiences to promote their student’s learning.”

Teachers and staff at Marvista are working hard this summer to be ready for the first day of school. They await the arrival of new and returning students in fall and look forward to the first day of school on September 4.
**Parks & Recreation**

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Normandy Park Facilities Rental Availability

Looking for a place to hold a birthday party, meetings, classes, or sporting events? City Hall Park, located at 801 SW 174th Street, has two regulation size Little League ballfields, one non-regulation size ballfield, and two soccer fields available for family, group, and team usage. Normandy Park Recreation Center, adjacent to City Hall Park, may just fit your next rental needs. The indoor facilities include a gym, community room and a dance studio that make for a great meeting place or space to offer classes, seminars, or lectures. Marvista Park is an ideal location to hold a family or business picnic. Located at SW 200th and 4th Ave SW, the park includes children’s play equipment, community garden patches, a rose garden, a paved ADA accessible trail, benches and picnic tables, an ADA compliant restroom and a large gazebo that is used for band concerts and can be rented for picnics. Visit the City’s website www.normandyparkwa.gov or contact the City’s Facility Scheduler at 206-248-7603 for more information.

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Margaret L. Larson, MSN, ARNP, NP-C grew up in Normandy Park and now has returned to live closer to her practice. She had been practicing with her father, Roger K Larson, MD for 6 years in Burien when he retired last year. Family and community are very important to her as reflected in her unique family practice approach to prevention, lifelong wellness and optimal health for individuals and families.
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