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Sue-Ann Hohimer
Mayor

Fear Not! And be of Good Cheer! It's still the most wonderful time of the year.

There may not be "parties for hosting", as the Christmas song lyrics go, but there are still plenty of options for making this winter a wonderful, memory-making time. I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our dedicated and talented city staff, my fellow members of the Council and the members of our many Boards, Commissions, Committees and the local private Foundations solely dedicated to helping our city, for the extreme care, concern and thoughtfulness with which they approached the challenges of 2020. Whether you know it or not, you, the residents and businesses of Normandy Park and our nearby neighbors, vendors and customers were the recipients of some serious good will throughout the entire year of 2020, as these various groups and individuals actively sought out ways to best serve, protect, educate, entertain, calm and connect you, giving of their time, talent, treasure and their own comfort sometimes, to make it happen.

The people of this city care about your well-being. They stand up for those who can't be present, and they speak out for those who don't feel they have a voice, and more than talk, they actually take action! Whatever your perspective on an issue, you are represented here by someone serving on one of these teams who is genuinely advocating for your perspective. Many Normandy Parkers are driven to provide future generations the halcyon days they enjoyed, here. What I love about Normandy Park is that typically, by the time an issue is resolved, you can find yourself a place to serve right alongside one whose perspective you may not have initially shared, in order to accomplish a goal together because we are all united by a desire to move this great little city forward in a sustainable way. This past year, even with a declared State of Emergency due to Coronavirus, we've managed to do just that; move our city forward in sustainable ways. We know the important role a sense of place and belonging can play in life and we strive to be intentional about connecting folks in that way. Thank you to all who pushed for creativity and safety, wisdom and freedom, adaptability and tradition, and inclusivity and community this past year, in order to keep us on track and to provide memorable joy-filled moments.

Halcyon: a period of calm, often nostalgic: as in the "halcyon days of youth" OR a period of calm during the winter, when storms do not occur

I am honored to serve among you and our city is better because you work and serve here. We know this new year will bring changes of its own. Some who worked diligently on our behalf will be moving on to new season's in their own lives and others who join our Normandy Park teams will also come prepared to do what it takes to keep us the calm, cool and connected city we have strived to be since even before our 1953, incorporation. We can look forward to this new year with confidence as we continue to build on these themes.

As we reflect on what we've been through together and anticipate the challenges and victories this new year will bring, you are invited to join us in considering all that is Calm, Cool and Connected in your life at present. With gratitude for those who help make it possible, read on to see what your fellow Normandy Parkers have to say on the topic…

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MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

Arts Commission
1st Tuesday, 7pm

Economic Development Committee
1st Wednesday, 6pm

Council Meeting
2nd Tuesday, 7pm

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

Civil Service
3rd Tuesday, Noon (if necessary)

Park Commission
3rd Wednesday, 7pm

Planning Commission
3rd Thursday, 7pm

Council Study Session
4th Tuesday, 7pm (if necessary)

COUNCIL CORNER

Know your ZIP+4 Code Connection

Winter is our family's favorite time of year. Holiday music, winter sports, and reconnecting with our extended family make the holidays feel like a special time after a long summer. This year has been different; between Zoom family gatherings and taking photos with Santa behind a snow globe made of Plexiglas, it has made us miss the way things were.

However, I feel blessed that our small local business has remained open, which allows us to stay close to home. Not to mention, in today's world, we can buy and ship just about anything to our front doors. What limits Normandy Park's financial success in booming economic times of having big box stores and high traffic business contributing to our sale tax revenue is the very thing that has allowed us to survive in these more challenging times. Shopping local, in addition to many folks ordering more online than ever before, has allowed Normandy Park's sales tax revenue to remain steady.

Did you know that every time you order something to your Normandy Park residence, the city gets a piece of that sales tax revenue? Washington State's streamline sale tax revenue policy allows us to capture sales tax on most items bought and shipped to Normandy Park from other parts of the state and country.

The state tracks these streamlined sales tax revenues by zip code. Unfortunately, Normandy Park has three zip codes throughout the city that we share with other cities. What does this mean? Even though we enter our Normandy Park zip codes in our online orders, some revenues never reach our city because we share all of our zip codes with Burien or Des Moines. In turn, the state can send some revenues to these cities even though a Normandy Park resident made the order. Some residents don't know that there are four additional numbers behind those first five that allow the state to track more closely where deliveries go, and in turn, which city should receive the tax revenue.

At my home, the zip code is 98166-4138 and most online ordering platforms have space to include all nine digits in your delivery address. I would encourage you to look up your four-digit code here (https://tools.usps.com/zip-code-lookup.htm?byaddress) and start to use this in all of your delivery orders.

Remember to continue to shop local, tip your favorite retailer a little more than usual this year, and continue to purchase items online from those big-box retailers, so Normandy Park can continue to benefit from Washington's sale tax policy. More importantly, the City Council and I hope that your holiday season brings some joy. Even though times may be a little different this year, remember this won't be forever, and we will get through this together as a community!

Your Neighbor,
Patrick McDonald, Councilmember Position #6

Normandy Park's Community

BY MARK HOPPEN, CITY MANAGER

We've all heard the phrase "for every yin there's a yang," which speaks to the polarity of life: good/evil, light/dark, fire/ice, female/male, crisis/opportunity. These times remind us of the Tao (pronounced or also spelled Dao). As of writing this article, the likelihood of an American catching COVID-19 is more than 84 times greater than a South Korean. (In North and South Dakota 134 times greater.) Things are not particularly good.

Just like in 1918 during the Spanish Flu pandemic, some of us are behaving badly, some of us are behaving responsibly. And just like that earlier pandemic, real, positive change is just-around-the-corner. Remember reading about the Roaring Twenties? The greatest growth in United States volunteerism and community engagement, outside of war, on a percentage basis, occurred in the 1920s, as people expressed a desire to form relationships, join groups, and do good work in the post 1918 pandemic world.

From the most profound, constrained experiences often emerge great personal, community and organizational growth. What happened after 1918 is about to happen in 2021; we are going to recover. Hopefully, Normandy Park residents will build Normandy Park for the future. The community has already started re-building infrastructure.

If history is any indication, then the Normandy Park community is about to experience the greatest period of local community engagement in its history as we emerge from the pandemic. So, we'd better get ready!

What should the community do?

Everyone should start by considering Normandy Park's most foundational strength – a sense of place – that sense of longing and belonging felt by Normandy Park residents about this small, beautiful city. Read the city vision in the City of Normandy Park Comprehensive Plan. (p.1-6, found on the Community Development webpage of the city's website). The last paragraph of the vision statement says, "Together, the citizens of Normandy Park pledge to work towards a future that preserves the city's safe, healthy, scenic and slow-paced character, while enhancing its natural environment, economic vitality, and overall quality of life."

The primary civic obligation of City of Normandy Park citizens is to expand a sense of place and to provide service by connecting neighbors and neighborhoods through volunteerism, developing a high quality of life, and engaging others to have fun. It's important to build for the future.

A Walk in the Park…

BY AMANDA LEÓN

When I'm out visiting the parks each week, I'm amazed how many people are using the parks. Our parks have become havens for fresh air seekers, exercisers, and dog walkers. A walk in the park provides a break in the day, gets you out of the house, and helps reset your brain. There are amazing walks in the park that help connect your mind, body and spirit with nature.

Some great walks around town:

City Hall to Nist Park Loop

A hilly, heart-racing 2.2 miles! Start at City Hall Park and turn left on 174th from the parking lots. Continue walking on Marine View Drive and turn left at Shoremont Ave. and continue up the hill on SW Normandy Road. Turn left on 6th Ave. SW, and right at SW 180th Street up the hill to the bottom entrance of Nist Park. Walkthrough the winding gravel path through Nist Park and out the main entrance back onto SW Normandy Road until you reach 1st Ave. Turn left at 1st Ave. and turn left again at 178th Street. Follow 178th as it turns into 4th Ave. SW and then SW 180th Street. Cross over 6th Ave SW and follow the road as it becomes SW 179th Place and 7th Place SW. Turn left at 7th Ave SW and walk past the two homes on your left; turn left at the asphalt pathway which leads you to baseball fields at City Hall Park.

"I learned that a long walk and calm conversation are an incredible combination if you want to build a bridge."
—Seth Godin

Nature Trails Park Loop

This is a moderately hilly 2.6-mile walk. Start at Nature Trails Park and turn right on Marine View Drive. Turn right on SW Shoremont Ave and right on SW Normandy Road. Turn right on 4th Ave SW and walk to Normandy Park Drive SW and make a right; at the corner is a nice bench and a lending library (take a seat and pick out a good book if you have time)! Continue walking down the hill on Normandy Park Drive SW as it turns into Marine View Drive and brings you back to Nature Trails Park.

Marvista Park Loop

This is the least rigorous walk and 2.6 miles. Begin at Marvista Park and turn right on 4th Ave. SW and turn right at Normandy Park Drive SW. Turn left at Marine View Drive and left at 208th Street. Turn left at 2nd Ave SW and follow the road until it dead-ends into a city-owned forested walking path. Enjoy the quiet of the forest path for a few hundred yards until you reach 2nd Ave SW again. Turn left at SW 200th Street and Marvista Park will be on your left.

Don't Forget!

- Remember to be safe when walking.
- Wear comfortable footwear and clothing.
- Be visible! With winter months being less bright, wear reflective gear. Or better yet, consider a high-visibility vest!
- Carry identification with a contact number.
- Be careful crossing the street. Make sure drivers notice you before you step into the street.
- Be alert; watch for drivers making right turns.
- If there isn't a sidewalk, make sure you walk facing traffic so that drivers can see you.
- Bring a friend or your dog. Walking is more fun when you're not alone!

Loop to Loop

If you are up for a challenge, combine all three loops! It's a 5.7-mile walk with many hills for a challenge.

Staying Connected to Your City

Weekly City Emails

Each week the city sends out a public email containing weekly reports from the City Manager, information on the upcoming council, commission and committee meetings, job and volunteer opportunities, community events and emergency information.

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Tune In to 21 in '21

BY SUSAN WEST

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New Programming

Starting in January 2021, tune in for new programming and a TV Guide featuring these topics:

- **Center of Calm:** A look at Normandy Park's beautiful hideaways in nature.
- **Yoga & Meditation:** We are the Center of Calm after all!
- **City Services and Staff:** Everything you ever wanted to know about how the City serves you.
- **Parks in the Park:** Check out our beautiful parks and their special features.
- **Yard Care:** Good and Bad Bugs, Backyard Makeover, and more!
- **Environment:** Vehicle Leaks, Pest Waste, Toss Your Hazardous Waste, Don't Trash Your Waste, Recycling, Salmon Habitat, Celebrating One Million Trees, Birding, Forest Walks, This is My Park.
- **Music:** Best of Music in the Park, 4 Culture Solo Music Spotlight.
- **Meetings:** Monthly City Council Meetings.

This is just the beginning! We will air videos of your favorite Arts Commission, Parks and City-involved community events such as the recent Santa in the Park video featuring a virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa motorcade, local holiday music and Santa letters! Also look for the 4th of July parade, Pumpkin Giveaway, and MORE!

This channel is for you to learn about our City, its services and staff, and virtually experience our City's awesome community events. We hope you enjoy it! So, as they say in TV… Stay Tuned!

Your City TV Channel Team (L–R): City Manager Mark Hoppen, City Clerk Brooks Wall, Environmental Specialist Jessie Medrow, Parks Director Amanda León, and former TV News Reporter/Anchor/Producer Susan West.

Staying Connected in a Virtual Setting

BY JAVOHN PERRY, PRESCHOOL TEACHER/DIRECTOR

As the Normandy Park Preschool Program continues to flourish, we are continually finding new ways to establish community. As hard as that may be, I must say we have done an incredible job. Although our classes are strictly online, we can interact, work together, and learn as a group.

Pajama and Stuffed Animal Day!

Some of the things that help us stay connected and create a sense of community are greetings and goodbyes, show & tell, class jobs, group projects, sharing work, pajama day, and hat day. These things also help with social/emotional development, a significant concern with virtual settings. By doing these things, we encourage taking turns, responsibility, and social skills.

We understand the importance of social interaction and we can incorporate this into our virtual preschool program. Although students have class online, they are not just staring at a screen. They get to interact with their friends and teacher. Most importantly, Normandy Park Preschool can encourage ACTIVE learning while keeping us all connected.

At right: Friendship Flower Group Project (Students decorated their own flower petal for our flower)

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How Our Sense of Place Can Help Us Restore Puget Sound

BY KEVIN HYDE, PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP

Puget Sound is a unique place. It's one of the largest estuaries in the nation. Iconic wildlife species call Puget Sound home: salmon, shellfish, and orcas, among many others. Many people value Puget Sound for its beauty, from tribes who have lived in the area for thousands of years to people who just moved to the region. People who live close to Puget Sound have a sense of it as a place, what it means, and what they hope it will be in the future.

Sense of place is one of the Puget Sound Vital Signs, which measure the health of Puget Sound and progress toward its recovery. The concept of a sense of place can shape people's opinions and actions. "We have so many senses of place, and I think that it is partly what makes us human—this deep connection that we have with where we live and play and work," said David Trimbach, a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University.

A strong sense of place can help people unite to achieve big goals—like working toward a healthy Puget Sound. We Are Puget Sound and Puget Sound Starts. Here are two efforts that focus on people's sense of place to spur action. Both campaigns emphasize the key link between Puget Sound—the body of water and the region—and the people who call it home.

We Are Puget Sound

Brian Walsh has spent much of his career working on environmental issues at Washington state agencies and he's spent much of his free time taking photos that show Puget Sound's beauty and diversity. A few years ago, Walsh had an idea for a book about Puget Sound, but he wanted it to be different from other books currently available. "I thought by focusing on people; we can tell the story of Puget Sound and the deep and abiding connection they have to the Sound," he said.

Walsh linked up with the writer David Workman and they began working on ideas for the book. The two connected with Mindy Roberts, Puget Sound program director for the Washington Environmental Council (WEC). The concept for We Are Puget Sound

expanded to include a campaign to raise the profile of Puget Sound on a national level and to urge people to take action—for example, by voting in elections or supporting tribal treaty rights.

The We Are Puget Sound campaign has held events on farmland, rain gardens, orca health, and sharing Puget Sound experiences through art.

The centerpiece of the book is people and their stories. There are profiles of tribal members who work on conservation, environmental activists, volunteers, shellfish industry workers, former politicians, and others.

"We Are Puget Sound is about connecting people to place and each other," Roberts said. "The more we strengthen these connections, the more people realized how deeply their everyday decisions impact or benefit the Salish Sea and the communities that depend on it."

People who live close to Puget Sound have a sense of it as a place, what it means, and what they hope it will be in the future.

Puget Sound Starts Here

Showing people that their actions make a difference in the health of Puget Sound can inspire long-term changes to their habits. That's the idea behind Puget Sound Starts Here, an ongoing campaign to stop pollution from entering Puget Sound.

Puget Sound Starts Here works by prompting folks to think about the place they live and look at the everyday pollution sources—leaky cars, dog waste, home car washes, and yard fertilizer. The campaign helps people learn about why those pollution sources are harmful to Puget Sound and provide concrete steps people can take to alter their habits.

Mary Rabourn, communications specialist with King County Water and Land Resources Division, explained that the campaign works because it's focused on a shared goal of protecting our water resources and because it gives people an entry to making good environmental choices. "Each of the four areas of focus is a gateway for a personal interest that a consumer, or resident, or business has."

The campaign encourages people to help restore the Sound through collective action, and they're inspired to do so because of their experiences. "We have residents who have been here for a long time, who deeply identify with this area and the mountains, the water, the wildlife, and even the rain," Rabourn said.

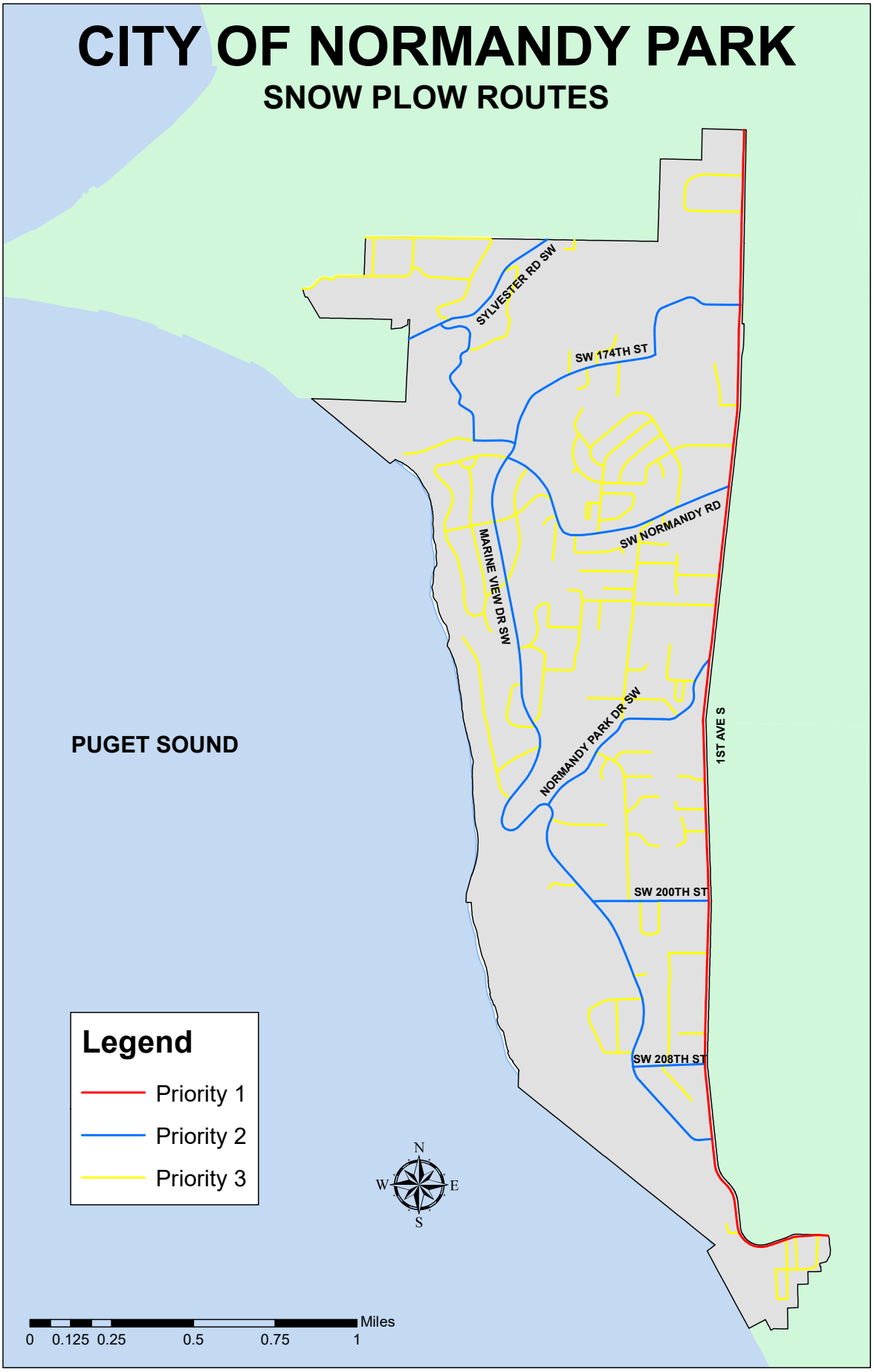
Read the full article at: https://makingwaves.psp.wa.gov/.

Holiday Spirit in Normandy Park!

A first-ever Santa Hat Giveaway Drive-Thru sparked holiday spirit in Normandy Park on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Normandy Park Towne Center. Santa waved to families as he rode around in his beautiful horse drawn sleigh and a Snow King and Queen wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

More than 700 Santa hats and antlers were given away along with 500 free kid meal coupons, 500+ candy canes, 350+ toys, calendars and hand sanitizers! The event also featured the Quidel COVID bug vehicle to raise awareness about COVID testing and staying safe.

THANK YOU to the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation for organizing this event and to the amazing supporters and sponsors including the City of Normandy Park and our local businesses. Thank you for sharing holiday cheer! For more photos, visit: https://www.facebook.com/normandyparkwinterfest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Nine Cool Facts about the Parks

BY AMANDA LEÓN

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Walker Preserve has a **railroad tanker car** just inside the entrance. Rumor has it that during prohibition, it was used to make moonshine. We're not sure if the story is true—but it sounds fascinating.

2

Nature Trails Park collects **800 acres worth of upland stormwater.** The water collects in the wetlands and then is routed into Normandy Creek as it makes its way to the Puget Sound.

3

Marine View Park has **one tree that the eagles like to rest on.** The top of the tree snapped off during a storm this year. But it hasn't deterred the eagles; they still perch on top of the (now smaller) tree!

4

Nist Park has an **apple tree;** the apples are edible and make great applesauce!

5

According to the 2017 PROS Plan Survey, **City Hall Park and Marvista Park** were the most visited parks.

6

Our best months for bird watching in parks are May and October. Marine View Park is a great place to see **migratory and resident birds.**

7

We have two **salmon-bearing streams** in Normandy Park. Miller Creek and Walker Creek are classified as streams of significance by the Department of Ecology.

8

Also determined by the 2017 PROS Plan Survey, **walking and running trails** were most important to residents. Shoreline beach access and restroom facilities were the second and third requested park improvements.

9

Our publicly owned parks and trails have a **69% tree canopy coverage.** This is the most coverage of all the property typologies in Normandy Park.

MOUNT RAINIER POOL NOW OPEN WITH COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The Mount Rainier Pool is open for Lap Swimming, Water Walking and Water Exercise. Future services will be reintroduced per state and county Health Department directives.

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VALUE: There may be limits as to how many people will be allowed in the pool at any given time due to social distancing. We will adjust membership rates and extensions accordingly. We also have scholarships that are not only available for swim lessons but are available for passes and exercise classes, too.

COMMUNICATION: Due to social distancing, services will be rolled out in accordance with state-mandated regulations. This will require changes to our services over the next couple of months. Sign up to learn about pool updates and program changes via our email notification system on our website at www.mtrainierpool.com or by emailing info@mtrainierpool.com.

For additional questions or to speak to someone in person, contact Aquatics Coordinator Lauryne Newman at (206) 309-9452 or email her at lauryne.newman@desmoinespool.org.

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Our Mount Rainier Pool website has the most up-to-date information on the pool, including an interactive schedule, swim lessons, scholarships, upcoming events, and news updates. Visit **www.mtrainierpool.com**.

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The Calm Amidst the Storm

BY JENNIFER FERRER-SANTA INES, FINANCE DIRECTOR

As the COVID-19 storm rages, the Normandy Park community remains calm. We may not have malls, car lots, or extensive commercial centers that bring in large tax revenues; however, city finances are positive. Other nearby communities with large retail outlets scramble to keep staff on payroll and impose budget cuts to minimize use of reserves. Our quiet little city, however, is more-or-less undisturbed by the pandemic whirlwind. The city's financial position is not just status quo; it is ahead, courtesy of consumers' generous spending on paper towels, toilet paper, and sundries, as well as on spirits for celebrating small wins.

The city's CARES Act allocation enabled staff to implement safety measures in City Hall to ensure a safer work environment by installing air purifiers, better filtration systems, and COVID-19 compliant office spaces. The CARES Act also helped the city award seventeen local aid grants to the Normandy Park business community. These grants helped eligible business applicants with rent, marketing, payroll, utilities, protective equipment, and for some, kept business open.

Technology connection between the council, staff, community members, and residents, fostered engagement in regular and special meetings and advisory and other special committees.

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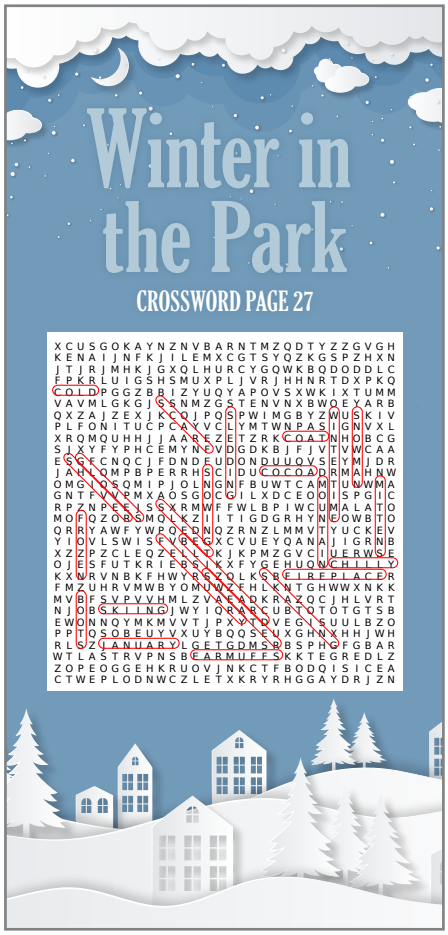
In the end, the City Council passed a balanced budget on November 10, 2020, which outlined tasks, goals and objectives for the next two years. Despite the storm of uncertainty, the city knows where it's going and has the means to get there.



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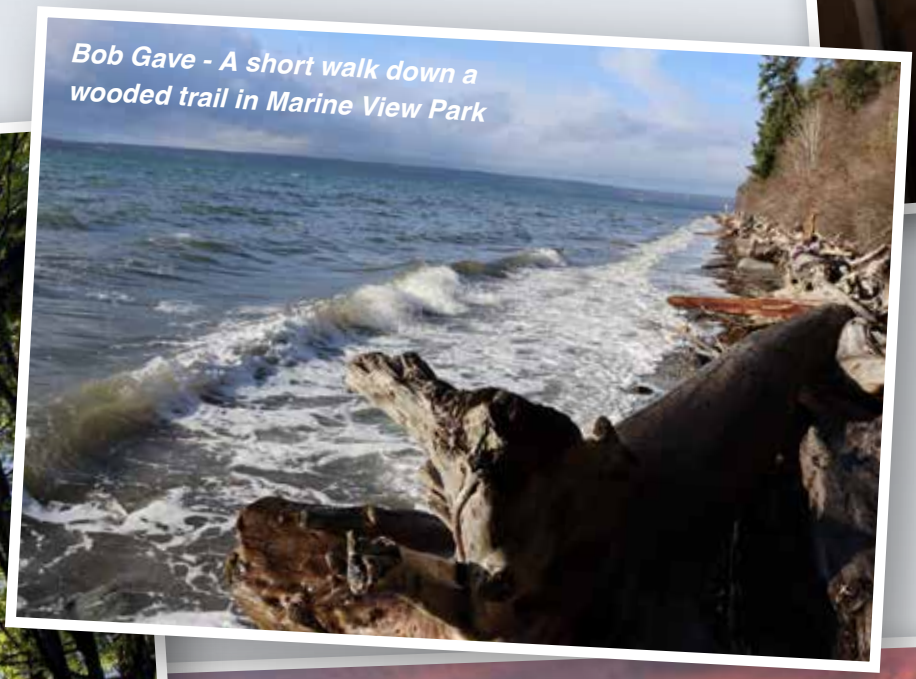

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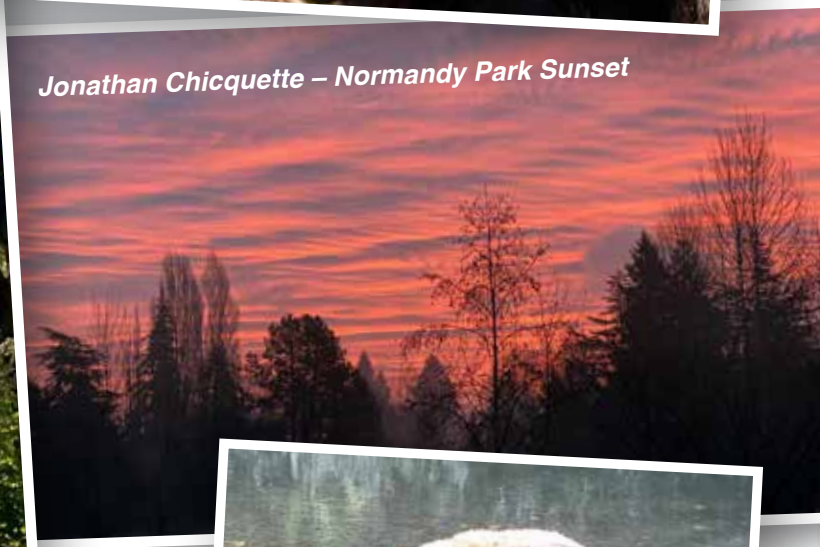

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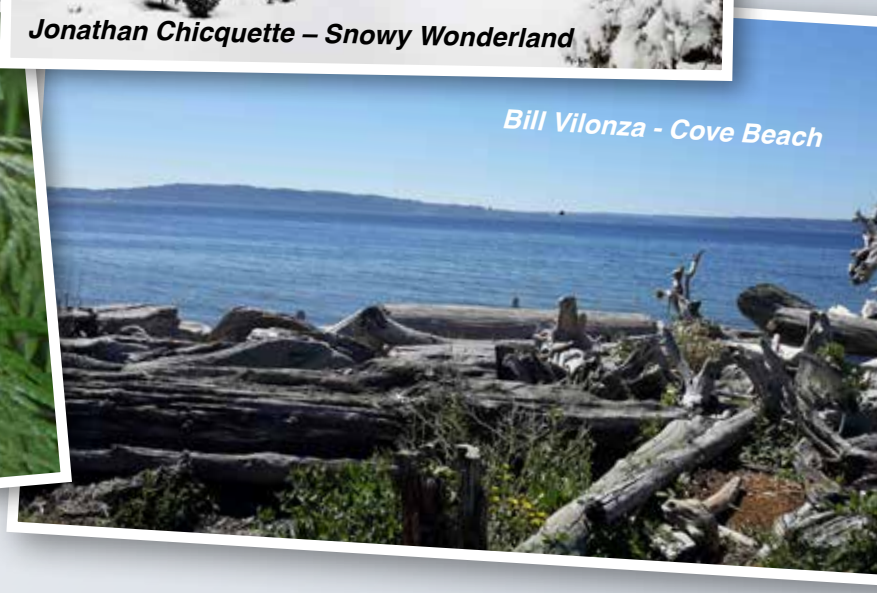

Bill Vilonza - Cove Beach

Connecting with Nature

BY MICHAEL STEIN-ROSS FROM CASCADIA FOREST THERAPY

Let's be real: a challenging winter is upon us. We're facing circumstances that make our annual hibernation more stressful. Though many of us may be feeling isolated, nature invites us to remember that we're part of a larger ecological community—one that offers space to heal and connect. Normandy Park has wonderful spaces for us to wander with nature, so let's take advantage of the many health benefits of time spent in nature.

"A man of calm is like a shady tree. People who need shelter come to it."
—Toba Beta

How much time? Just 15 minutes is enough to reduce cortisol (stress hormone) and blood pressure levels. Studies also find that a short time in nature can ameliorate chronic and acute psychological distress, such as depression and anxiety.

During the pandemic we try to maintain physical distance to prevent the community spread of disease. At the same time, we want to find ways to boost our immune systems. Nature has something for us there as well: phytoncides. The natural chemicals secreted by evergreen trees (phytoncides), have been associated with improvements in the activity of our frontline immune defenders.

For times you can't get outside, simply looking at natural landscapes has beneficial effects. Watch a nature documentary, or sit and look out the window and let your mind wander. Or try putting nature sounds on in the background as you go about your day inside.

Bottom line: interacting with nature will bring us benefits and help us stay mentally and physically healthy during this Winter season.

Keep Calm and Carry Out… How You Can Help Local Businesses

BY ANDREA H. REAY, PRESIDENT/CEO OF SEATTLE SOUTHSIDE CHAMBER

The Chamber has served the communities of Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, SeaTac and Tukwila since 1988. "We've faced many challenges before, but none quite like the human and economic impacts of COVID-19," offered Andrea H. Reay, President/CEO of Seattle Southside Chamber. "However, we know that we are truly stronger together. The more individuals, businesses, partners, and non-profits that are engaged, and investing at home, the more we can accomplish and the quicker our recovery will be."

One of the initiatives the Chamber has been working on since April is the Keep Calm and Carry Out campaign, which is a marketing campaign to support local restaurant businesses.

This campaign encourages local residents to support local restaurants by taking advantage of many carry-out opportunities available during this time.

When the campaign first launched Mayor Sue-Ann Hohimer offered, "Normandy Park loves its local food service providers! Among many other kind, selfless, and courageous acts, I'm proud of the way our residents have come together to support our local eateries during this challenging time."

The Seattle Southside Chamber has opportunities available for partnership to serve and support the community through S.M.A.R.T. For more information or questions, please contact Andrea Reay at Andrea@SeattleSouthsideChamber.com.

Special thanks to our City of Normandy Park partners. Together we are stronger. Together we are Seattle Southside Strong.

Thank you for your continued support of our Normandy Park Restaurants. Why not carry out, tonight?

For updates on the SMART Keep Calm and Carry Out campaign:

www.seattlesouthsidechamber.com/keep-calm-and-carry-out

www.facebook.com/KeepCalmCarryOut

Watch Normandy Park's Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Due to COVID-19, the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and festival at Normandy Park Town Center was replaced with a televised Santa variety show! The 20-minute program features a virtual tree lighting at Normandy Park Towne Center, a Santa motorcade, lots of snow, holiday music from local artists, a fun family sing-along, a visit to Cougar Mountain Zoo to visit Santa's reindeer, and Santa reading letters from local children. The program aired on the City of Normandy Park's new Comcast Channel 321 and 21, and is posted on the Normandy Park Winterfest and Friends of Normandy Park social media pages. Please tune in and watch this special show brought to you by the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation and the City of Normandy Park.

Watch the Santa video at https://friendsofnormandypark.org

Saving Lives is Cool...Donate Blood!

Our next Normandy Park blood drive is scheduled for February 17th and 19th at City Hall.

The Normandy Park Police Department has partnered with Bloodworks Northwest to bring this event here to Normandy Park. In 2020, we hosted three events which resulted in 371 blood donations which impacted 1,113 lives. As the nation confronts new surges of COVID-19 cases, a safe and reliable blood supply remains a constant need. Community partnerships and participation is essential to local hospitals.

Bloodworks Northwest and the City of Normandy Park are dedicated to spreading awareness for the importance of blood donations in an effort to ensure patient needs are met. The blood donated will help those receiving blood transfusions, trauma care, organ transplants, and cancer treatments.

L–R: Curt Bailey, CEO of Bloodworks Northwest, Sue-Ann Hohimer, Mayor and Dan Yourkoski, Police Chief

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Critical Areas Require Special Attention

Doing Work Near a Steep Slope

Critical areas add significant beauty and biodiversity to the region. State laws require each municipality to adopt regulations that implement these laws to guide citizens and developers through projects within critical areas. The Washington State Department of Commerce states, *"protecting critical areas helps reduce exposure to risks, such as landslides or flooding, and maintains the natural elements of our landscape. Critical areas provide a variety of benefits: clean drinking water, enhanced water quality, wildlife habitat, and managed flood risks, to name a few…"*

Steep slopes tend to cause many headaches for homeowners, especially when they wish to do work near or on the slope. The majority of projects within critical areas in Normandy Park are on or near steep slopes or habitat conservation areas (streams or similar). It is common for citizens to be unaware that their property is within a critical area but there are some telling signs to pay attention to. For instance, your property is likely to be considered a geohazard area if there are increases in elevation over the length of the property; this area may be slight to very difficult to walk on. Slopes that start with even just a 15% elevation gain are considered geohazard areas in the state of Washington. You can also learn more by accessing Chapter 18.36 of the Normandy Park Municipal Code. Section 18.36.520 NPMC identifies what is considered an erosion hazard, landslide hazard, and special geological hazard areas.

If a question remains, the staff at City Hall is available to help you figure out if it is likely that your property is within or near a critical area by using preliminary data available through King County (King County imap) and other similar resources. There is also a Critical Areas GIS map available on the Community Development page of the city website (https://normandyparkwa.gov/community-development/).

These resources provide a starting point for identifying if critical areas are present. Once a property is identified through these preliminary data sources as appearing to have the presence of critical or sensitive areas, it is then the responsibility of the property owner to hire the appropriate professional to properly delineate the critical area and provide a report to the city for the project proposal. Next, the property owner or project manager will need to coordinate with Community Development staff to ensure that the permit application packet is complete; this usually entails provision of a site plan, engineering plans, and environmental report. The review timeline for projects within critical areas typically takes about eight weeks for the first round of review. When scheduling contractors please remember, it is always best to perform any work within critical areas in the dry months so that disturbance to slopes doesn't increase the risk of land movement or possible landslide.

If you have any questions about your property or a property of interest, please contact the Community Development staff at permits@normandyparkwa.gov. We're here to help you get your project going on a positive path.

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