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What's Happening in Normandy Park?

Who, what, when, where, why and how? We humans are meaning-seeking creatures. Our brains have a much easier time accepting a change or following a rule when we understand the why. As we emerge from several years of collective uncertainty, City Scene Magazine is doing its best to empower you with “news to help you know the place you love to live”. As often as possible, we like to make sure you have all the details necessary to make the best possible decisions for you and yours. This edition offers a reflection on the tradition of our Fourth of July Parade, showcases vital past projects that we completed together as community volunteers and celebrates our love of life-long learning by highlighting some of our 2022 graduates.

This summer edition also features one of the biggest projects we have ever undertaken as a city; the construction of a brand-new Civic Center at City Hall Park to replace the 1950's school building we have been using since the '80's. Our hope is to get as many of your questions answered as possible before your August 2nd vote is cast

and your ballot is due to be returned to a King County Ballot box. There are bound to be some questions remaining before your vote so you will also see a push in this edition to get you connected to as many other communication opportunities as possible where you can find out even more and have your individual questions and comments about a new Civic Center addressed. From You Tube, Channel 21 and e-mails to Town Halls and Summer Block parties, we are working hard to offer many opportunities to keep you informed about life in Normandy Park. In May, the Council signed on to a Mayoral Proclamation declaring this the “Summer of Neighboring” and we really hope you will get out and welcome new neighbors this summer and reconnect with those who haven't been out much. A sense of meaning and purpose often blooms in neighborly relationships as well as a sense of belonging and place. Please do sign up for our weekly e-mails and let us know if there are additional ways you like to get your information. For now, read on to know more about this place you love to live...



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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

BY EARNEST THOMPSON, CITY COUNCILMEMBER

Normally council corners are kumbaya proclamations. Most council members don't like to rock the boat. We stick to specific Normandy Park city issues. However, we live in trying times and the state and county bureaucracies are forcing us into territory I feel compelled to talk about.

In Normandy Park we cherish our quiet hideaway single-family resident (SFR) areas, the proverbial working- and middle-class lifestyle. Two years ago, Washington State passed bill E2SHB 1220 that required cities to accommodate any type of affordable housing and not prohibit certain categories of housing that would strip the city's rights to maintain SFR as we see fit. Fortunately, this section of the legislation regarding accessory dwelling units was later vetoed by the Governor. In my opinion, this bill was an attack on our community and economic and aesthetic values. This is an important issue, so the City Council invited Representative Tina Orwall to discuss this bill which she and our other elected state representatives had voted in support of. Her response was to say, "let's work together". Fine, rescind it and vote "No" next time! Give us back our rights to govern our own city.

This last year the State Legislature initially passed ESHB 1660 that focused on so called "affordable" housing. What would

Always dig deeper, ask more questions, examine what you believe, learn to be tolerant and learn to listen. That's what's happening in Normandy Park.

it have done? Initially, it would have mandated the right to build any type of housing even in SFR residential zones, including accessory dwelling units, regardless of city population. The only thing that saved Normandy Park and other cities from this mandate was that the bill never made it out of committee. But this issue will be back. Bureaucracies at the county and state level keep pushing to concentrate more and more decision-making authority to themselves which strips away our individual city rights to govern ourselves. Why bother even having a city government if they are taking our rights away?

The same thing is occurring in our public educational systems. We hear disturbing reports again and again that schools have lost sight of basic education principles, like civics classes, while at the same time implementing a focus on current political ideology which many of us consider inappropriate and can lead to negative profiling and bias. We have a new superintendent, so this is a crucial time to communicate those



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concerns. This is a key reason why the city established an Education Committee - to research these issues and seek a partnership that can bring us together, not tear us apart as an American Society. We need real honest heart-felt transparency.

Well, what to do? The key issue is the lack of public involvement. Too often public officials run unopposed. Too often policies are unquestioned. Frequently I hear, "I don't have time for (fill in the blank)". Perhaps we have gotten lazy or want to live in denial. People often say, "I hate politics" and I don't blame them. However, skepticism and denial, and the hope, that it will all just go away will not work anymore! Democracy is not just a given. Each generation must earn it or lose it. That includes all ages and demographic groups. I especially call out millennials who seldom participate. It is your future on the line here.

No one is asking you to save the world or love politics, but I implore you to spend some amount of time being involved in some civic activity. Always dig deeper, ask more questions, examine what you believe, learn to be tolerant and learn to listen. That's what's happening in Normandy Park.

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Always Know What's Happening in Your City

BY AMY ARRINGTON, NORMANDY PARK CITY MANAGER

Communication and transparency are vital for local government. These values build trust because residents have a better understanding of what is happening in their city. Additionally, we hope this knowledge becomes action and involvement that help shape and direct the approved decisions. Because of this, the City of Normandy Park is committed to quality communications with the public.

You would think, with all the forms of communication that are now available due to the new digital age we live in, it would be easy to get the “word out” about important subjects and events. However, the wide variety of

communication mediums has made it more difficult, especially for smaller agencies. That may be surprising, but everyone has their preferred communication method, whether it be print, email, text, your favorite social media app, or just an old-fashioned face-to-face visit. I was recently reading an article that discussed that it wasn't so long ago that a cutting-edge city hall communications team could brag that it sent out its press releases by fax. While the communications landscape has changed, we are still committed to quality communications and staying in touch with residents.

To meet the challenge of providing quality communication,

we have developed a focused approach where we use a few mediums to broadcast our news. If you want to take advantage of our strongest communication method and know what's happening in Normandy Park, you need to subscribe to our weekly email blast. Every Saturday, we send out an email that includes a variety of helpful information and timely notices that will keep you in the know. In addition to the weekly message, we sometimes send out important notices on timely information like disruption in garbage pickup, emergency management notices, and reminders about important events. This service is truly the best way to stay informed.

If you haven't yet signed up for this service, scan the QR code below or visit www.normandyparkwa.gov/news.

We want you to be informed, so I encourage you to sign-up for the weekly email to always know what's happening in Normandy Park! I hope you enjoy the What's Happening issue of the City Scene. If you have any questions, please contact bwall@normandyparkwa.gov.



Be a Good Neighbor and Still Enjoy the 4th of July

The rules concerning fireworks can be found in Chapter 7 section 32 of the Normandy Park Municipal Code. Just like last year, the hours for fireworks this year are 6:00pm to 1:00pm July 3rd and 4:00pm to 11pm on July 4th.

- Fireworks can only be used on private property (with permission of the property owner obviously).
- It is unlawful to possess or discharge any fireworks in or on any public park, public open space, public playground, public street, public road, public right-of-way, or other publicly owned property in the City of Normandy Park.
- Only consumer fireworks are allowed.
- Any illegal fireworks will be seized and the owner cited.



If you have any questions on this, please refer to the City Municipal Code or call the Police Department during business hours at (206) 248-7600.



Join us for July 4 Festivities!

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Contact Staci at the Cove office (206) 242-3778 for more information or if you want to volunteer.



10:25am 2.8K Fun Run

- Free!
- Register at www.npcove.org

10:30am Children's Parade

- Marvista parking lot— arrive by 10:15am to participate
- Paint your face, decorate your car or bike, get out your flags!



11:15am Fun at The Cove

- Free hot dogs, beverages, popcorn, and ice cream
- Classic Car Show



4TH OF JULY PARADE

How It Began and How It Will Continue



Every summer the Normandy Park Community Club (The Cove) hosts a party on the lawn (and a parade) to celebrate the 4th of July and the 2022 parade and party are back this year at the Cove! After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the party has made its long-awaited return. The Normandy Park Community Club's (The Cove) Board of Trustees encourages ALL Normandy Park residents, their families, and friends to join the festivities from 10-2pm.

At 9:30 am, Cars, trucks, parade floats and other fun vintage vehicles will line up at Marvista Elementary School Parking lot to parade down Marine View Drive all the way to the Cove property. Before the party and parade begin, there will be a 2.8 K Fun Run/Walk at 10:25am followed by the Children's Parade at 10:30am. The Fun Run is free and you can pre-register by going to www.npcove.org. Hot dogs, popcorn, beverages and ice cream are served at The Cove party at 11:15 a.m. The field will be lined with classic cars. This is an annual tradition that has been happening for many years, but have you ever wondered how it all began? On the following page, resident Jim Varnell retells the history of the 4th of July parade that we all know and love, when it stopped and how it was renewed.



The Renewal of the Normandy Park 4th of July Parade

BY JIM VARNELL

The Normandy Park 4th of July parade had been discontinued after the 1976 parade that was held in honor of the 200th birthday of the U.S.A.

The renewal of the parade happened in an unplanned [at first] manner.

A group of our Normandy Park friends were at a social gathering in the late Spring of 1987 and the idea of recommencing the 4th of July parade with an ice cream social was brought up and enthusiastically approved by all.

I said that I would be glad to organize the parade if Margaret Ort, who like others was most enthusiastic about an event of this type, would be in charge of the ice cream social at the Community Club.

From that point we both worked diligently in a short amount of time to get approval from the City of Normandy Park with notices to the police and fire departments and to recruit volunteers for the 2 related events.

The morning of July 4, 1987, was gray and overcast forecast a possibility of rain. We didn't know if there would be five people or 50 who might participate in the parade. About 9 a.m. I looked out my living room window and saw a group of young children with their decorated bicycles and several decorated cars heading southbound on Marine View Drive toward Marvista Elementary School, which was the staging area for the parade.

For the next 30 - 45 minutes as the clouds cleared off and the sun

appeared, we watched as more bicycles and more cars headed toward Marvista and we knew then that it was going to be a fun day.

In recruiting the Grand Marshal of the parade, I first called the residence of T. A. Wilson, chief executive officer and chairman of Boeing and a Normandy Park resident. Mrs. Wilson answered and said he or she would let me know. She called back a day or so later and politely said that he appreciated the thought, but that he would have to decline the honor.

At that point, we turned to another high-ranking, well-respected Boeing employee in our search and Tony Cassarino agreed to serve as our first Grand Marshal. He rode in a convertible donated for the parade by Alice Dowdell.

Several days prior to July 4th, I had contacted several Seattle television stations with information about our parade. KOMO-TV sent a crew to cover it with a young Kathi Goertzen reporting. Because the parade was started so early in the morning, the station had ample production time and was able to include it in its evening newscast.

Margaret did an excellent job organizing the ice cream social at the Cove Building with help from many of our Normandy Park neighbors.

It was a fun parade, a festive and neighborly ice cream social and a good start of renewing 2 very enjoyable Normandy Park community events.



What is a Comprehensive Plan?

BY NICHOLAS MATZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Here is what means to Normandy Park:

To ensure our hidden gem provides the highest quality of life, public safety, recreation, history, and community – all in the beauty of our natural surroundings.

Vision and User’s Guide, Normandy Park Comprehensive Plan

Communities across growth management-planning areas in Washington state are gearing up for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update. This major update, occurring every eight years, is an opportunity for community residents, businesses and other stakeholders to validate their long-range planning efforts in their comprehensive plans. Since the last Normandy Park Comprehensive Plan Update in 2016, the City Council has passed amendments, including new Vision statements and an Economic Development Element, and incorporating storm water management planning, Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), and critical areas ordinance (CAO) regulatory updates into the Plan for reference.

Why should I get involved in updating my local comprehensive plan?

Each community in our state is charged with the responsibility to plan for people, jobs, housing, and natural resources. When residents, businesses and stakeholders get involved in the planning process, they can help determine priorities and shape the future of their communities.

How is it going to work here in the Park?

The use of an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) framework (see graphic at right) will help from a positive place of community asset identification, and will be able to address issues such as sea level rise (SLR), continued storm water management planning (SWMP), and housing.

“Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) is an approach that uses the existing resources of a community to support its development. Rather than focusing on challenges or resources that are lacking, ABCD seeks to identify often unrecognized assets produced by local individuals, associations, and institutions, and then works to build on those assets to sustain a community and support its growth.

The use of ABCD can inform solution-oriented and conscious practices in all aspects of the planning process. ABCD can enhance planning work in many ways and serves as a useful framework to advance equitable and restorative planning.”



Want to follow Normandy Park’s Comprehensive Plan Update? Stay tuned to the Community Development pages on the web site at www.normandyparkwa.gov/community-development. It is important for you to know how and why your government makes growth and development decisions. When you participate, the comprehensive plan works for you!



Who Lives in Our Neighborhoods?

Category	Number*
City Population 2022	6,790
Percent population 18 and over	81.8%
Percent population 65 and over	25.7%
Median age of population	50.6 years
Percent race – one race	84.2% White; 8% Black or African American; 5.9% Asian; 0% American Indian and Alaska Native
Percent adults 25 years+ with bachelor degree	52.1%
Median household income	\$102,212
Per capita income	\$58,770
Percent of individuals with incomes below poverty level	4.9%
Average household size	2.5 people
Total Housing units	2,818 units
Percent of housing that are attached units	20.4%
Percent owner-occupied housing units	73.1%
Percent renter-occupied housing units	26.9%
Mean (commute) travel time in minutes	26.7 minutes
Percent of population: language spoken at home other than English	8.8%
Percent of population: disabled	12.6%

*Sources are Office of Financial Management (OFM) population estimates and 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) data

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 2, 2022
CITY HALL PARK | 6-8PM

Pizza, music, and fun family games and activities!
Meet the police!

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Friends of Normandy Park

Normandy Park's First Arbor Day Celebration was a Great Success!

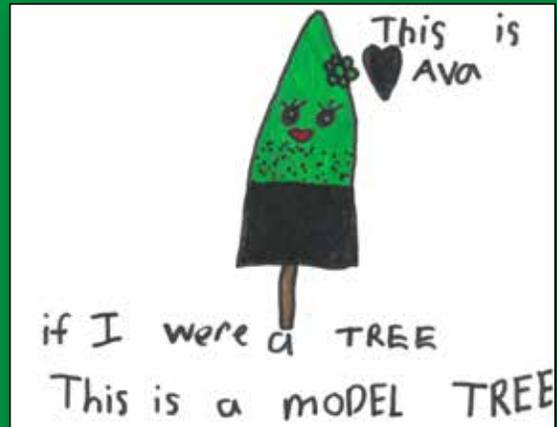


Top left: Kathy Sherry and Shirley Muller from the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation served Starbucks coffee from and hot chocolate.

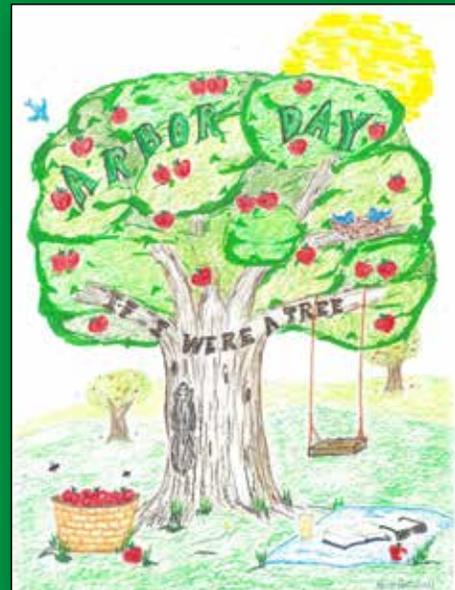
Upper right: Normandy Park Police Officer Erynn Mast answered questions about the newly launched program Paws on Patrol, a program designed to enhance safety in the community.

Bottom: Environmental Science Center presented "Salmon in the Trees." Participants learn how Salmon need trees and trees need salmon through their lifecycle and dendrochronology.

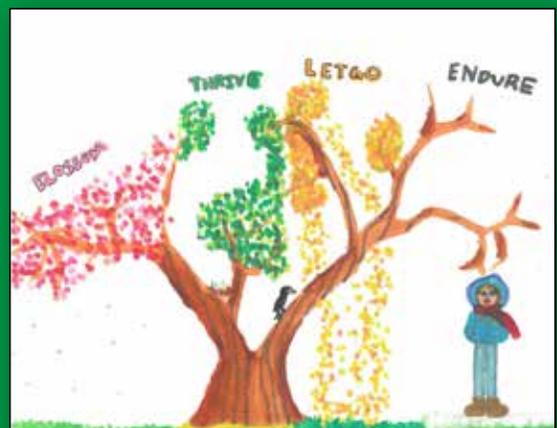
Poster Winners!



Toni Heiberg – Elementary Winner



Heidi Gottshall – Adult Winner



Violet Dethlefs – Middle School Winner

Top: Residents Tom and Diane Munslow and Mayor Sue-Ann Hohimer chatted with community members about the different parts of the City of Normandy Park displayed on a map.

Middle: Arbor Day Festival goers visited the tree giveaway station to collect a free tree to take home.

Bottom: Ron Ebbers, Park Commissioner shared a booth with the City Arborist to help answer important tree-related questions from neighbors and festival goers.

PROPOSITION 1 SUPPORTING A NEW CIVIC CENTER

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE AUGUST 2



On August 2nd, Normandy Park voters will have the opportunity to vote on a proposition that will support a new city civic center. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the city to issue a general obligation bond to fund the construction of a new Civic Center at City Hall Park. The proposed Civic Center will replace the buildings located at City Hall Park, built initially as an elementary school in 1956 and converted to the City Hall, Police Department, and community recreation center in 1989.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Civic Center will be an approximately 23,500 square foot facility. It will include indoor and outdoor recreation spaces, performance spaces, public meeting and event rooms, an early childhood education program (Normandy Park Preschool), environmentally-friendly outdoor green spaces, city and police administrative offices, council chambers, and additional parking at City Hall Park. This proposed design will increase the facility size by 6,000 square feet, and will be built with current life safety standards, and be eligible for LEED certification.

PROJECT COST

Based on the input of our professional design team, the project is expected to cost \$25 million.



PROJECT FUNDING

To move this project forward, the city is now in the process of securing the project financing. The current funding plan is as follows:

Voter Approved Bond	\$ 15,000,000
City Funds (REET & Various Cost Savings)	\$ 3,000,000
Private Donations	\$ 5,000,000
Grants	\$ 2,000,000
Project Total	\$ 25,000,000

ANNUAL COST OF THE BOND

The bond for this project will not exceed \$15,000,000 and will be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of up to 25 years. Repayment of this bond would come from excess property taxes levied on all properties in the city. While the calculation of this exact amount will depend on interest rates and property values, the City estimates the bond will create an additional levy tax rate of \$0.508 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

What does this mean? The annual property tax paid by the owner of a median-valued home (\$755,000) would increase by approximately \$384 per year or \$32 per month. Here are some additional examples of the bond cost:

Important Note – When calculating the financial impact on your household, remember to use assessed value and not market value. Here is a link to the King County Department of Assessments to view your current assessed value.

Assessed Value of Home	Annual Bond Levy Costs
\$500,000	\$254
\$750,000	\$381
\$1,000,000	\$508

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What are some benefits to having a new building/ Civic Center?

The aim is to provide programs and services for everyone of all ages to enjoy. In this new space there are possibilities to run dynamic programs ranging from health and fitness, education, arts, cultural events and more.



When do we vote on Prop 1?

The vote happens on August 2, 2022.



Why don't we put our City Hall and City Offices on 1st Avenue South?

Currently, the City doesn't own property on 1st Ave and purchasing it would increase the costs immensely.



Will the current playground equipment still be used or stay in the same place?

The playground equipment is not going away and will be moved to a different location. Its new spot will be in the south-east corner of the current small soccer field.

MORE INFORMATION:

<https://normandyparkwa.gov/city-news/top-news/civic-center-bond-information/>



Join the Heart of the Park Campaign to build our Civic Center.

Our City Council's Capital Committee has begun its Heart of the Park Campaign to help raise the portion of private donations necessary to fund the building of a brand-new Civic Center at City Hall Park. During this phase we are looking for significant lead donors, interested in the legacy opportunity of helping to construct the first municipal building in Normandy Park, intentionally built to meet recreational, educational, cultural, and social needs of our community as well as the needs of our police department, public works, and city administration.

If you are interested in making a legacy gift or would like to contribute a significant lead gift to help inspire other major private donors to follow suit, we would love to speak with you. Please call our new phone service at 206-248-8292 to let us know you are interested in Joining the Heart of the Park Campaign, and we will reach back out to you right away!

BALLOT LANGUAGE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

CITY OF NORMANDY PARK, WASHINGTON
CIVIC CENTER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – \$15,000,000

The City Council of the City of Normandy Park adopted Ordinance No. 1039 concerning this proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the construction of a new civic center to include indoor and outdoor recreation spaces, an early childhood education program, city and police administrative offices, council chambers, meeting and event rooms, and parking; to issue up to \$15,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 25 years to finance such improvements; and levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, as provided in Ordinance No. 1039. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED []

REJECTED []

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Why I Volunteer

BY AIMEE LLOYD, PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

Our city functions with countless volunteers' support and hard work. These volunteers help run our city in so many important ways, from helping run events like ivy pulls and organizing summer music performances in the park all the way up to making meaningful legislative decisions (which help support the quality of life in our beautiful city). We owe so much gratitude to those who serve in these critical positions.

Consider that the following groups are entirely volunteering roles: City Council, Planning Commission, Park Commission, Arts Commission, and from these, there are various subcommittees. Even the position of Mayor in our City is a volunteer role.

When you ask a commissioner or council person why they serve as a volunteer, you may hear slightly different reasons depending upon who you ask. Some of our Parks Commissioners shared their thoughts and you can read them at right.

Currently, there are volunteer seats open for the following commissions:

- **Parks Commission (1 vacancy)**
- **Arts Commission (2 vacancies)**
- **Planning Commission (1 vacancy)**

Full commissions make it easier for our city to do its business and keep things running smoothly. To find out more about how you can become more connected to your city by taking on a volunteer role, email bwall@normandyparkwa.gov.

“One of the reasons I volunteered to be a Parks Commissioner was for my children. I have two small kids who will grow up enjoying the parks around the city, and I want to do my part to ensure they are managed for future generations. We all want to live in a great place, but it takes effort to make that happen - who better to do this than the community members?!”

JOHN BENSCHIEDT,
PARKS COMMISSIONER

“I volunteer because it makes me feel more connected to my community. By serving on the Parks Commission, I have also become a lot more aware of the events and activities within the city government, the other advisory commissions, the schools, and the volunteer organizations within Normandy Park.”

JENNY LOVE,
PARKS COMMISSIONER

“There are many ways in which we can be of service to our community, and I appreciate the breadth of talent, time and energy from those that can do so. I find satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment in doing what I can to be a steward of our parks and green spaces. It is one small way to give back to my community, and I have benefited from meeting and working alongside wonderful like-minded people.”

STEVE HIGGINS,
PARKS COMMISSIONER

Summer Fun in the Park

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The City Welcomes Our New Parks & Recreation Manager

In May the City of Normandy Park welcomed Aimee Lloyd to the team as the city’s Parks & Recreation Manager. The Parks & Recreation Manager position will focus on city parks, building recreation opportunities and programs, working on special events, and improving our communication with the public. And we are excited to have Aimee on the team as she brings wide-ranging experience in all these categories.

Aimee has extensive experience working with non-profit organizations, including grant management, reforestation,

recreation program management, contracts, budgeting, volunteer coordination, fundraising, and event planning. Her leadership and commitment to Normandy Park are evident from her eleven years of service on the city’s Parks & Recreation Commission. She brings a unique perspective to this role, and we are looking forward to the new programs and opportunities that she will bring to the city.

Aimee holds a Bachelor’s in Journalism and has been a Normandy Park resident for 13 years. She enjoys spending time with her family and two

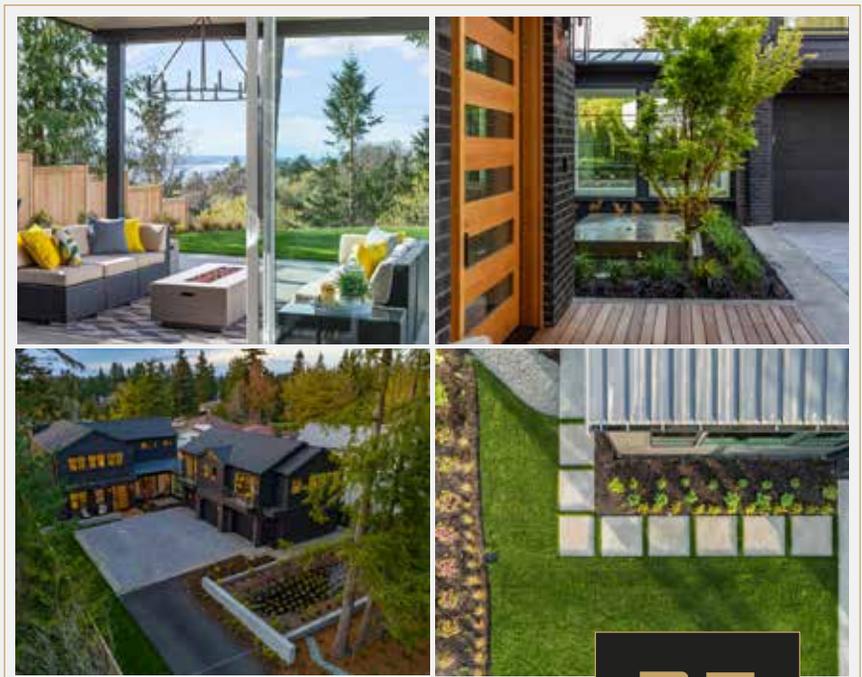


dogs, running, gardening, snowboarding, and watching her kids participate in their sports and various activities in her free time. We are happy to have her as part of the team.

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<https://normandyparkwa.gov/preschool/>

Only a few spots left for 2022/2023 school year!

Congratulations Class of 2022!

Thank you for letting us celebrate with you!



Matthew Johnson

Hello, I am Matthew Johnsen, and I am graduating from Mount Rainier High School and attending Washington State University. I am excited to close a chapter in my life and open a new one. I am unsure what my future holds but ready to step out and find out.



Declan O'Grady-Graham

Declan O'Grady-Graham will be graduating from Mount Rainier/Running Start Highline College. He will be attending WSU to get his undergraduate degree and then plans on going to graduate school in Occupational Therapy.



Rosalinda León Tomich

Columbia Virtual Academy Class of 2022
After graduation I plan on attending Bellevue College and taking my first year prerequisites. I will pursue my dream of becoming an actress by continuing with acting and voice lessons as well as applying for internships in the film industry. My goal is to transfer to a university in California in the fall of 2023.



Kiersten Weiler

Kathleen Quong-Vermeire's granddaughter Kiersten Weiler, graduated Kennedy Catholic High School with Magna Cum Laude honors, earning the Val Kirk Student-Athlete award for excelling in sports with a high GPA. State swimmer, Water Polo 3rd in state. Kiersten will attend California Polytechnic State University (SLO), swimming as a D1 scholarship athlete. Go Mustangs!



Lenka Bishoff

Our shining star, Lenka, how the time flies! The future DOES belong to you. Your Mama and Dad are so proud and happy for all you've accomplished and can't wait for you to start your next adventure at CalPoly SLO in the Fall. We love you so much!

—Mike & Slavka Bishoff



Sean Bryant

I'm Sean Bryant. I am graduating from SAAS, and will going to the Kilachand Honors College at Boston University to study biology with a specialization in ecology and conservation. I interned at the Normandy Park city hall for a short time as a part of my senior project this year and I enjoyed the opportunity.



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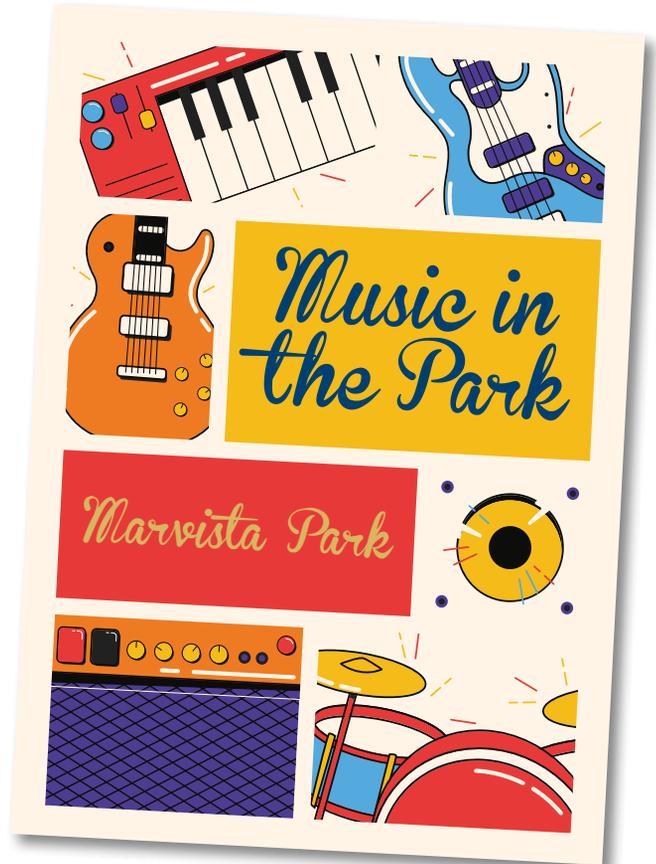


Music in the Park

Music in the Park, Normandy Park's Summer Concert Series is back again for the summer 2022. The Arts Commission's popular summer concert and performance series dates confirmed so far are:

- July 24th - The W Lovers
- July 31st - Stay Grounded
- August 7th - The Whopper Johns
- August 14th - BAT Burien Actors Theatre:
The Play's the Thing
- August 21st - Boka Kouyate &
the Djelijah Band
- August 28 - Bayou Envy

Head over on those dates to Marvista Park (19800 4th Ave SW, Normandy Park) from 5–6:30pm for some summer evening entertainment with the family. Stay tuned for more information on the concert series as performances!



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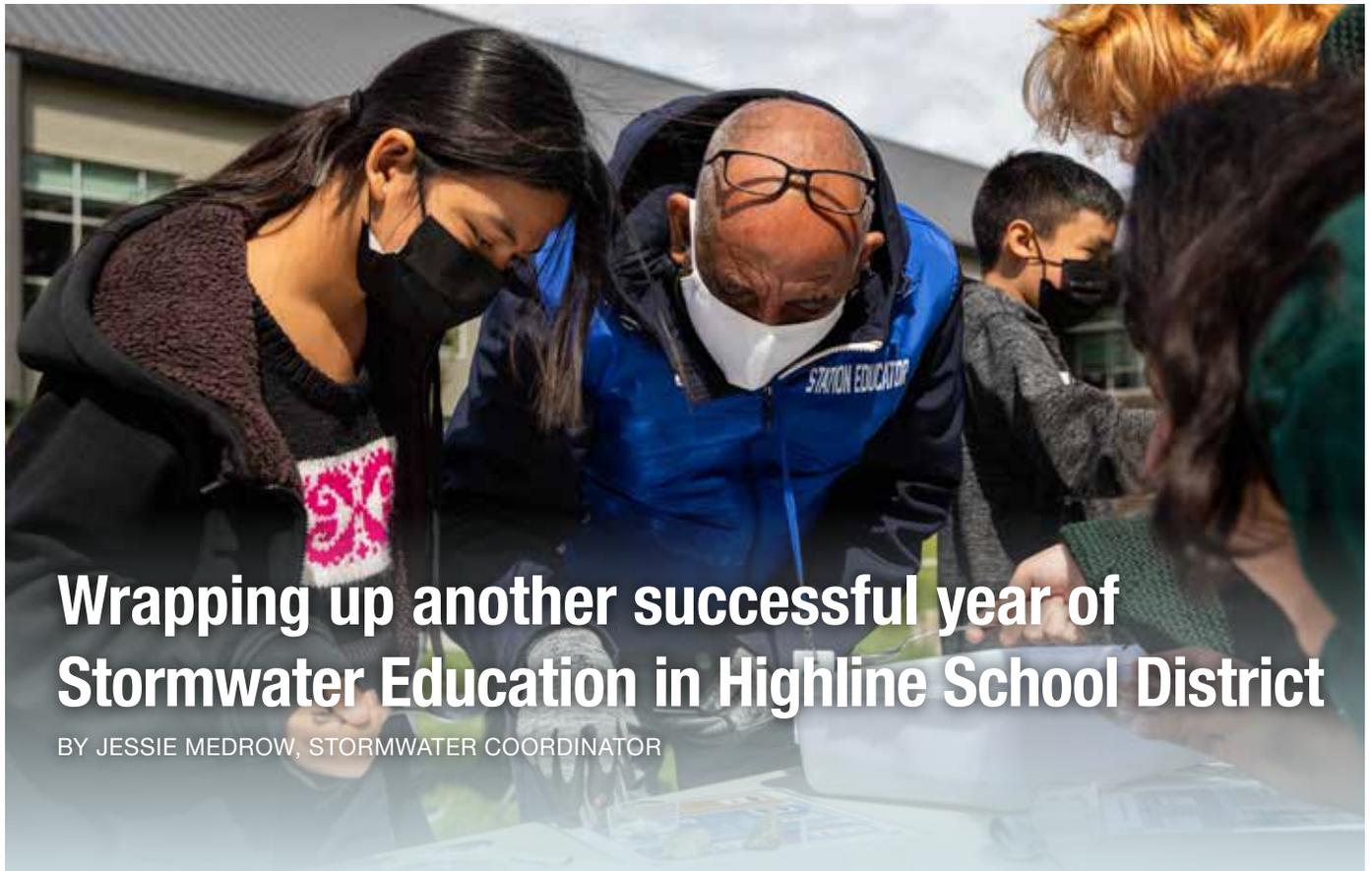
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Wrapping up another successful year of Stormwater Education in Highline School District

BY JESSIE MEDROW, STORMWATER COORDINATOR

StormFest 2022

The StormFest Committee is excited to report on another successful year of the StormFest event brought to Highline School District 6th graders during the Spring of 2022! StormFest is an interactive stormwater science festival for students at five Highline middle schools. The festival occurred over the course of three months, two days at each middle school. Students learned about stormwater through two lessons, with one lesson taught each day. These lessons meet Washington State Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) 6th grade standards.



2022 Event Dates

- Glacier Middle School
April 25 and 26, 2022
- Chinook Middle School
April 27 and 28, 2022
- Cascade Middle School
May 23 and 26, 2022
- Sylvester Middle School
May 24 and 25, 2022
- Pacific Middle School
June 6 and 7, 2022

Lesson Plans for StormFest 2022

Stormwater Pollution - Macroinvertebrate Tolerance Levels:

Students will investigate aquatic macroinvertebrates and their pollution tolerance levels to assess stream health. After analyzing results, students will discuss best practices to keep harmful pollutants out of our watershed.

Watershed Model:

Students will use the EnviroScope model to understand how pollutants cause water quality problems downstream of the pollution source and how this can affect wildlife and their communities.

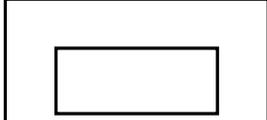


What is StormFest?

StormFest is a field-based stormwater education event for Highline Public School District 6th grade students. At the outdoor event, students learn about their local watershed, sources of pollution, and engineering solutions to prevent stormwater pollution. Developed to serve a highly diverse school district, StormFest was intentionally designed as an equitable education opportunity for all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, or English language learning status.

StormFest Committee Partners

City of Burien, City of Des Moines, City of SeaTac, City of Normandy Park, King County, EnviroIssues, Environmental Science Center, and Highline Public Schools. The Stormwater Challenge is funded by an interlocal agreement between city and county partners.



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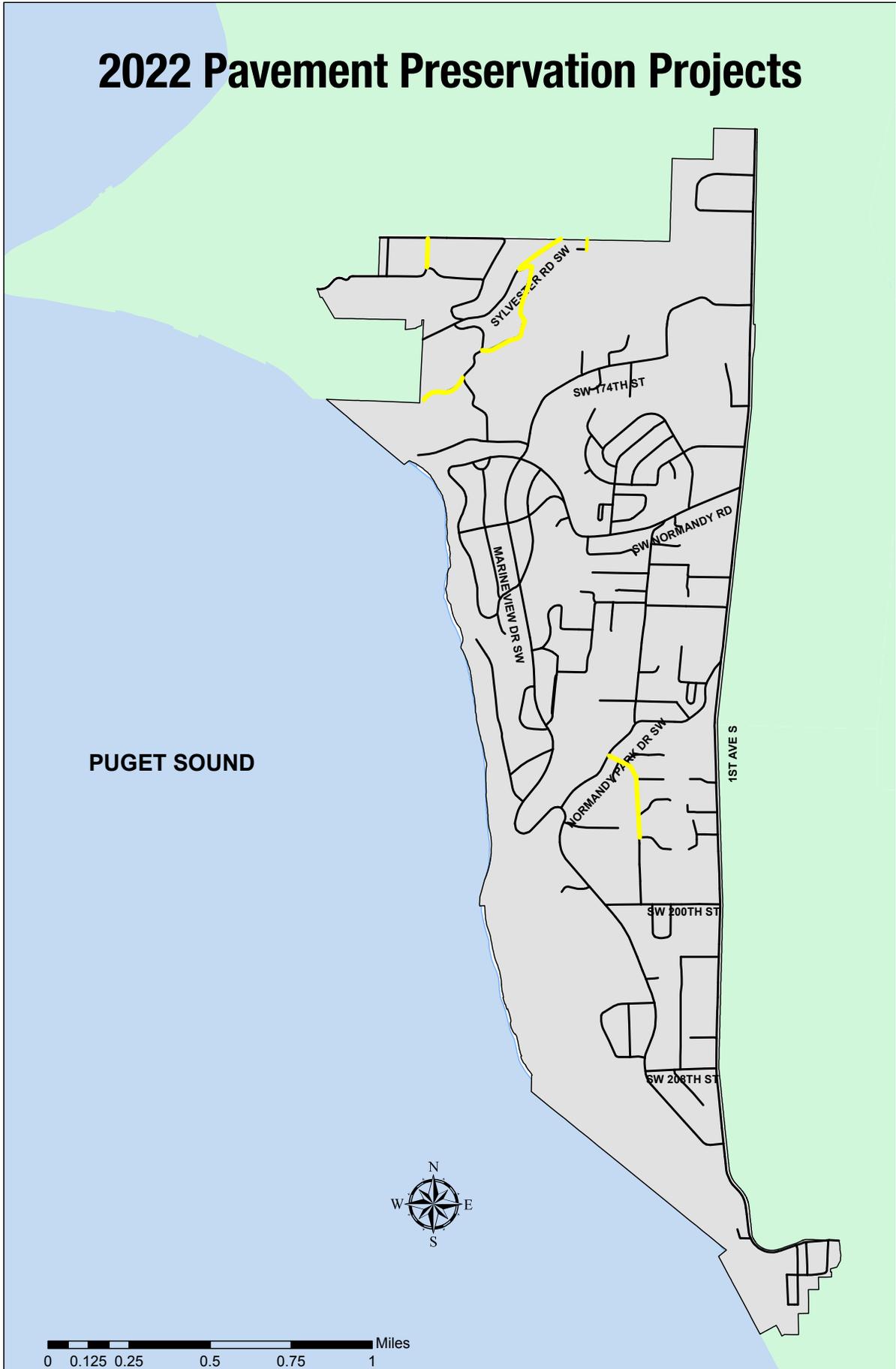
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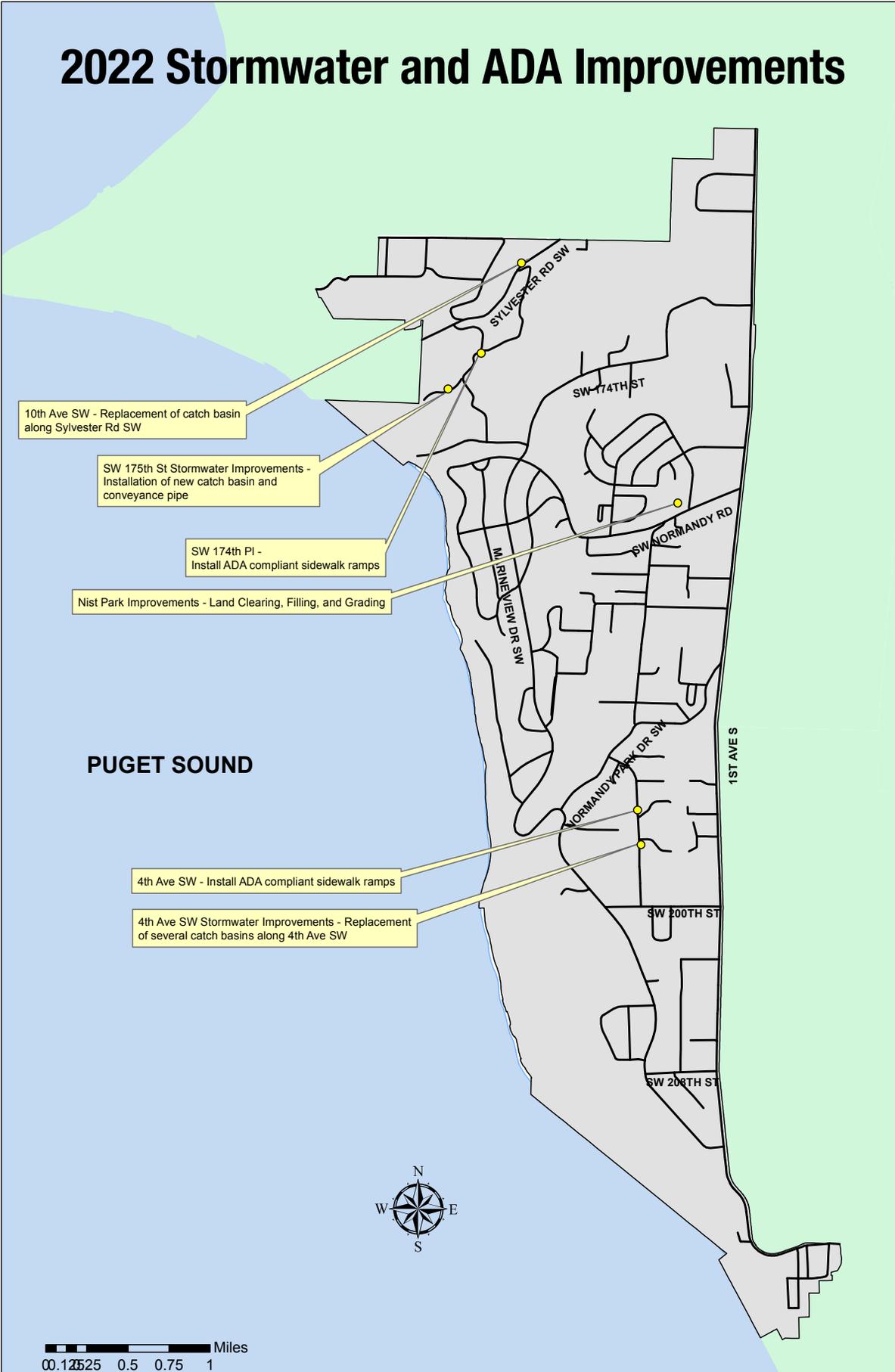
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2022 Pavement Preservation Projects



2022 Stormwater and ADA Improvements



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ORGANIC GARDENING AND YARD CARE TIPS

Did you know that in 2015 the City Council passed resolution No. 886 which urges retailers operating within the City of Normandy Park to ensure that no plants or seeds containing neonicotinoids are offered for sale? This resolution helps protect bees, butterflies and other pollinators under great environmental stress.

The pollinators are critical to Washington crops, such as tree fruit and over one-third of all agricultural production worldwide is dependent upon these pollinators. The six types of neonicotinoids used on plants and flowers are: Imidacloprid, Clothianidin, Thiamethoxam, Dinotefuran, Acetamiprid, and Thiocloprid.

If you're not sure if your big box retailer is selling plants with neonicotinoids used in the seed or soil of your flat of flowers or flowering plants, look for a sticker on the plant pot, or ask the retailer.

Additional ways to help bees and pollinator avoid the insecticides are to:

- Remove the flowers in their first year in your garden, or plant trees after they have finished flowering
- Avoid spraying plants in your garden with insecticides, and never spray the flowers
- Use specially formulated horticulture oils or soaps instead
- Be sure to check the dosage and use any applications with the correct dilution

Photos: Candace Krull



SUMMER PLANTING TIPS FOR NATURAL YARD CARE

Gardening and yard care is different for every season. Here are some ways to keep your yard healthy and practice natural yard care in the months of June-August

Flower & Vegetable Gardens

- Mulch flower and vegetable beds with compost or grass clippings to conserve water and control weeds
- Use fabric row covers to keep pests off sensitive vegetables
- Identify bugs before you spray, squash or stomp – they might be helpful or “good” bugs that eat pests.

Trees and Shrub Beds

- Mulch tree and shrub beds with wood chips, leaves or bark once a year to conserve water, reduce weeds and feed the soil

Lawns

- Mow regularly, and leave the clippings on the lawn
- Keep the mower blades sharpened to reduce lawn damage and brown tips
- Consider saving water by letting some areas (that don't get heavy traffic) go brown and dormant until fall

Watering

- Start and re-check watering systems, and adjust for weather. (Don't water when it rains)
- Water lawn 1 inch per week, or let it go brown and dormant (but water enough to moisten root zone once a month)
- Water at dawn or in the evening to reduce evaporation

Summer Fun in the Park

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