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Mayor's Message

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It's Fall Y'all! And Autumn Adventure Awaits.

Adventure, discovery, and play are an all-ages way to engage in living vibrantly. This is not only a major theme in our Normandy Park Preschool philosophy, but it really appears to be a core value here in Normandy Park. No season seems to make this more apparent than autumn. Life in Normandy Park offers plenty of opportunity to spark a sense of wonder. As we bring our year of Celebrating 70 years as a city to a close, I hope you'll take time to appreciate and further one of our city's other strengths which is its multigenerational nature. Keep the neighborhood summer socializing going over hot apple cider or pumpkin pie and stories from each generation of Autumn Adventures around the Park, as well as through creating new memories and adventures together, this season.

*Warm Regards,
Mayor Sue-Ann Hohimer*

Normandy Park
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MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

- Arts Commission
1st Tuesday, 7pm
- Council Meeting
2nd Tuesday, 7pm
- Metropolitan Parks District
2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm (if necessary)
- Civil Service
3rd Tuesday, Noon (if necessary)
- Park Commission
3rd Wednesday, 7pm
- Planning Commission
3rd Thursday, 7pm
- Council Study Session
4th Tuesday, 7pm

Council Corner

BY SUSAN WEST

I joined the Normandy Park City Council in 2012. Up until the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the public regularly attended meetings. Sometimes there was standing room only. As a result of community members requesting an opportunity to provide feedback on council decisions and votes, we added a second public comment period at the end of the council meetings. Some community members spoke about topics that concerned them or affected them. Others attended the meetings just to raise their awareness about city issues and council decisions.

Post COVID-19, I saw a dramatic change. Most of the people who regularly attended the meetings

no longer do. Perhaps they moved or their priorities in life changed. I understand. But lately, I have attended meetings where there is no one in attendance. My issue is not with attending in-person. I am a strong supporter of the hybrid concept. People should be allowed to attend in-person or via zoom. What concerns me is that lately there has not been anyone in-person or via zoom. Perhaps community members do not believe there are issues of concern. Or perhaps their lives are so busy, that they do not have time to attend. Perhaps our community reads the council agendas and City Scene Magazine which provides them with helpful city information.



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While seven of your community members are elected council members who discuss and vote on issues that affect Normandy Park, you also have a voice. I hope you will consider these options:

- Review each council agenda. Copies are available before each council meeting. You can also find them on the city website or sign up for email updates by scrolling to the bottom



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of the homepage: <https://normandyparkwa.gov/>

- Research agenda topics that interest and/or concern you
- Contact city staff or council members in advance of council meetings to ask questions and discuss topics
- Be sure to contact all council members since they have

different perspectives

- Submit a letter or speak at a council meeting to express your thoughts. You will have three minutes to talk and can be in-person or online at a council meeting
- Attend a council meeting or watch a council meeting recording
- To find a council agenda, recorded meeting, or to join a live meeting, go to the city council page on the city website: <https://normandyparkwa.gov/city-council/>

You have a voice in Normandy Park. I look forward to seeing you at meetings and hearing from you.

Best regards,

Susan West

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Emergency Radio Network Update

The Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) was funded by a property tax levy paid by all King County property owners. The funds replaced the existing analog network with a new digital network as well as providing new portable and vehicle radios to all municipalities in King County. This has been many years in the works and finally came to fruition this year.

The Normandy Park Police Department received brand new radios that replaced our end of life/obsolete radios we had for several years. Most importantly, in July of this year we switched from analog to the new digital system and immediately noticed the enhanced

level of service. Prior to the switch, there were “dead zones” in the City of Normandy Park where you may not be able to transmit or receive radio transmissions. This had the potential for significant officer safety concerns as our radios are our primary form of communication and the main way we receive and relay information. With the switch to the new digital system these “dead zones” have been eliminated.

The Normandy Park Police Department would like to thank all of our residents for supporting initiatives like this in order provide the equipment necessary to allow us to continue to deliver the high level quality service to the community we all expect.

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City Council Quarterly Review

The City of Normandy Park City Council meets at least once a month to address City business. And we understand that the action taken at these meetings impacts your daily life, so we want to keep you informed. Here is a summary of the June–August 2023 City Council Meeting highlights.

- **Normandy Park’s Art and Park Commissions both reported on their annual work program.**
- **The City’s budget was amended.** The main reason for this amendment is related to the purchase of a parcel that was mostly grant-funded and will be converted into a City Park by 2027.
- **The 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was adopted.** The TIP is an important document as it establishes a six-year plan when it comes to transportation-related improvements. The TIP contains funding information for all modes of transportation and is critical and required for many types of grants.
- **The City approved the agreement with the King County Library System (KCLS) to move forward with locating a book locker at City Hall.** As mentioned in the last City Scene, this locker will allow all types of KCLS materials to be requested and

delivered to this facility. We hope that it will be installed in the fall.

- **Three Commission appointments were approved.** The City has three standing advisory commissions – Art, Park, and Planning. Each provides an invaluable service to the city. Their advice on various subjects aids the City Council in the decision-making process. If you are interested in serving on any Commission, please contact the City Clerk.
- **The City amended its code to include recommendations from the Normandy Park Economic Development Implementation Report.** These amendments focus on rehabilitating the retail and office leasing experience/use in the city’s commercial areas. We hope these amendments will not only help existing businesses but will encourage some new economic activity as well.
- **The Municipal Code was amended to establish guidelines for City Council members participating in meetings remotely.** The Washington Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) requires that all meetings of governing bodies of public agencies be open to the public with a physical location available to the public. While an in-person option must be offered to the public, City Council members

can attend remotely. The City Council approved an ordinance that allows remote participation by Councilmembers for reasons related to medical, vacations, work, or family emergencies.

- **The City Council approved an ordinance that adopted the most recent State Statutes related to drug possession/use and drug paraphernalia.** In 2021, the Washington State Supreme Court made a ruling (Blake decision) that essentially threw out the drug possession law that had been on the books for the last 30 years. The legislature, in response, passed a bill that prevented cities from enacting their own legislation and required resources to be offered at least the first two times someone was arrested instead of jail while providing no method for tracking these contacts. This law was set to expire at the end of July 2023, which would have left Washington with no drug laws. After being unable to reach an agreement, a special session was convened, and a new law was created that once again criminalized drug possession. Since this is a new law, the Council must adopt it into Municipal Code for its Police Officers to be able to enforce it.
- **The Work Program for the Planning Commission related to the Periodic Update (or Comprehensive Plan update) was approved.** With the approved work program, the Planning Commission will start its work, including holding public hearings and formulating a recommendation to the City Council in time for Council review preparatory to meeting the December 2024 Periodic Update deadline. Be on the outlook for future public participation announcements.

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Welcome New Staff!



Where are you from? Fort Worth, Texas

What is your favorite part about working for the city so far? The community! Normandy Park is a nice, small, tight knit neighborhood and everyone I've met is really friendly.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work or as a hobby? I enjoy drumming, bouldering, hiking, and taking my motorcycle to the track.

What is one thing that you'd like the residents to know about you? I am extremely approachable. I want everyone to know that I'll be as much of a resource for the community as possible.



Where are you from? Moscow, ID

What is your favorite part about working for the city so far? My colleagues! They have a great sense of humor and I appreciate that in a coworker.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work or as a hobby? Bicycling on the Ruston Waterfront with my five-year-old daughter.

What is one thing that you'd like the residents to know about you? Despite my quirky happy-go-lucky attitude, I'm incredibly serious and passionate about doing my job well.



Where are you from? I grew up in Seattle, WA where I spent most of my childhood playing baseball for Rainier Little League and learning interesting facts about animals and art. Did you know that jellyfish are the oldest multicellular animals on the planet?

What is your favorite part about working for the city so far? My favorite part of working for the city of Normandy Park so far is the interactions with residents. I have never felt as welcomed on a professional or personal scale in any environment as I have at Normandy Park.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work or as a hobby? In my spare time, I enjoy photography (animals and nature), cooking (grill or various ethnic cuisine), hiking (Mailbox Peak and Chirico trail), and spending time with my girlfriend traveling. My family is very important to me, and spending time with them whenever I can has become more important to me as time progresses.

What is one thing that you'd like the residents to know about you? One thing about me that I would like residents to know is that I am a former social worker who strategized to make tangible improvements, while remaining empathetic and responsible. I enjoy having professional fun and being an individual who goes above and beyond to get simple or complex tasks completed. I love a good joke (or interesting animal fact), and please don't hesitate to tell me yours when we meet each other.

Upcoming Adventures for All Ages



Family Foresters

SECOND SATURDAYS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 10AM-1PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 10-1PM

(OFF DECEMBER & JANUARY)

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Community Foresters

FIRST FRIDAYS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 10AM-1PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 10AM-1PM

(OFF DECEMBER & JANUARY)

Marine View Park



A Walk With Plants

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 10AM-12PM

Nature Trails Park

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 10AM-12PM

Walker Preserve

Parks Open House Community Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 7PM-9PM

Council Chambers at Normandy Park City Hall

Council Chambers Artist Reception

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7-9PM

Normandy Park City Hall

Artists: Helena Rogers, Reuf Kapetanovic & Christy Caravaglio



Fall Frolic Free Pumpkin Giveaway

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1-4PM

Marvista Park Pea Patch



Happy Halloween at the Des Moines Activity Center!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 12 PM

Wear your costume or orange and black and join us for a spooky time!
Call (206) 878-1642 for more details.

Des Moines Activity Center

2045 South 216th Street

Des Moines, WA. 98198

Dia de los Muertos, Day of the Dead Celebration

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 12PM

Celebrate the Mexican and Latin cultural holiday that honors our departed loved ones. Call (206) 878-1642 for more details.

Des Moines Activity Center

1st Annual Holiday Bazaar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

TIME: 9AM-3PM

Open to the Public at the Des Moines Activity Center
Call (206) 878-1642 for more details.



WINTERFEST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

10:30AM-12:30PM

Santa Visits Manhattan Village QFC
4-7PM

Tree Lighting, Santa arrival and more
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Light the Park

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7-9PM

Show your winter spirit by decorating your house and yard with winter lights. Our Arts Commissioners will drive around and share commemorative signs and certificates for the best decorated homes!

Solstice Soiree

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 6-9PM

Bell Choir performance followed by the Orchestra of Flight



NEW! Shuttle Bus Stop in Normandy Park

The Des Moines Activity Center now offers convenient shuttle in Normandy Park. Make your way to the designated stop and hop on the shuttle to catch a free ride to our outings or field trips. Call (206) 878-1642 to reserve a seat on the shuttle. Shuttle available by advanced request.

Courses and Adventures hosted by the Des Moines Activity Center

Lunch and Tour at Alderbrook Resort & Spa, Union \$35

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9:30 AM – 4 PM

A no-host lunch at The Restaurant at Alderbrook followed by a tour of the beautiful grounds of Alderbrook Resort. Following lunch, we will stop by Union Country Store. Call (206) 878-1642 to RSVP. *Activity Level: EASY, walking involved.

Bob's Corn and Pumpkin Patch, Snoqualmie \$40

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 9AM – 4PM

Take the grain train to the main pumpkin patch, pick a pumpkin, visit the sunflower fields, find your way through the corn maze and enjoy all the sights and sounds from this real working farm. Bring money for food, concession stands or additional activities. Call (206) 878-1642 to RSVP. *Activity Level: MODERATE, not suitable for wheelchairs or walkers.

Red Wind Casino, Olympia \$30

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 9AM – 4PM

Something for everyone; gaming, dining or entertainment. Call (206) 878-1642 to RSVP. *Activity Level: EASY, walking involved.



UW Women's Volleyball vs Oregon \$30

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 10AM – 4PM

Let's cheer on our Huskies! Stay for a post-game group photo on the volleyball court. Call (206) 878-1642 to RSVP. *Activity Level: MODERATE, walking involved.



Shopping the Tulalip Outlets \$30

NOVEMBER 2, 9AM – 4 PM

Shop for a deal or get ahead of your holiday shopping! Call (206) 878-1642 to RSVP. *Activity Level: EASY, walking involved.

McMenamins Anderson School, Bothell \$30

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 8:30AM – 4PM

Built in 1931 in the art deco style, Bothell's first junior high has been revitalized with pure fun and all-around enjoyment for visitors of all ages. Start with an outdoor garden tour at 10 am followed by self-directed exploration of the five acres of gardens and nooks. Have a no-host lunch at any of the restaurants. Call (206) 878-1642 to RSVP. *Activity Level: MODERATE, walking involved. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

Fall Frolic

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October 21, 2023

1-4pm

Marvista Park Pea Patch
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Normandy Park Residents Thrive at Des Moines Activity Center

The Des Moines Activity Center has become a cherished hub for residents of Normandy Park aged 55 and above. Thanks to an inter-local agreement between Normandy Park and Des Moines, this center has flourished into a place of connection, laughter, and memorable experiences for local seniors.

For the residents of Normandy Park, the Des Moines Activity Center has proven to be a treasure trove of meaningful encounters and engaging activities and adventures. Whether it's a shared laugh during a painting class,

Normandy Park resident Nancy McGrath, said, "I've done Tai Chi classes at the Des Moines Activity Center, and everyone is so nice, it's very convenient, and the people are friendly. It has been a great place for me to get more connected to the community since I'm new to the area. It's (the center) a really nice space, very clean and inviting. I've also done a day trip with the activity center, which was wonderful. We went to Tacoma to see the Museum of Glass. I met some fun people and really enjoyed it. Enhance Fitness is a class I'm currently taking, and it's a great workout!

The Des Moines Activity Center has proven to be a treasure trove of meaningful encounters and engaging activities and adventures.

the thrill of a friendly card game, or the sense of accomplishment after doing a Tai Chi class, the center offers many opportunities that contribute to a vibrant and fulfilling life.

The affordable lunches available Monday through Thursday are a cornerstone of the center's offerings. The menu not only caters to diverse palates but also provides a chance for individuals



to come together and share a meal, fostering a sense of camaraderie. Many residents express gratitude for this aspect, as it's not just about the food but the conversations and connections that happen over a simple lunch.

"The Senior Center is great place for socializing and getting lunch. It's pretty cool and a good place to hang out. The field trips are good and you don't have to worry about driving if you go downtown, or worry about your car being broken into when you do the shuttle or ride-share" said, Bill Vilonza.

Normandy Park's commitment to senior services and activities are exemplified by its partnership with the Des Moines Activities Center. Through this collaboration, residents can access a rich array of experiences that nurture their well-being, cultivate friendships, and inspire new adventures. To learn more about upcoming adventures through the center, call 206-878-1642. A shuttle from Normandy Park is now available for Normandy Park residents by request by calling the center.



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Teacher Ashley Willeford working with her students.

Normandy Park Preschool: “Where Children Grow”

We interviewed Diane Brissenden, Director of the preschool, to find out more about NPPS.

Tell me about Normandy Park Preschool and how it began.



Diane Brissenden,
Preschool Director

NPPS is a beloved place in the community that started in 1991 in the north building at Normandy Park City Hall

and has served many families there since then. The preschool began with a dream that became a reality with the support of the City of Normandy Park Parks Department, the City Council, and the community. I had finished a degree in Early Childhood Education and earned a teaching certificate

through WWU. After teaching Kindergarten – 2nd grades, I wanted to start a preschool, and there was a need in the community.

What is the teaching philosophy of the preschool?

We know that children learn through play, so we provide play-based scenarios that set up learning concepts.

Our teachers are intentional about planning so that each day is rich in play that enhances prosocial skills, number sense, reading readiness, mathematical and science concepts, and art & creativity. Our program works to support children’s successes in all areas of development. We follow the National Association (NAEYC) for the Education of Young Children and Washington Kids (WaKids) recommendations for providing & delivering a

quality early learning experience. We stay informed of research that supports appropriate practices for the growth and development of children’s milestones and our guidelines for planning curriculum.



Assistant Teacher Kare Cortinas reading to preschool class.

What is a day like for a preschool child?

Children come to school excited for another day of preschool! Our days are filled with activities within a routine schedule they can depend on to help them feel safe and secure knowing what's happening in their day. We have three classes, one for each age group from 2.5 to Pre-K. Each class is designed to meet developmental milestones in all areas of early learning, including social, physical, emotional, creative, and cognitive. We use exciting themes to launch activities that teach concepts and skills. We have more than 30 years of resources and experience to draw from in making the classroom interesting, stimulating, and entertaining without using any screen time activities. We set up the classroom so children stay actively engaged in their learning to help them develop attention and focus, important abilities for future academic success.

What are the components of Normandy Park Preschool's Curriculum?

Normandy Park Preschool's curriculum is well-balanced, providing opportunities to develop the whole child (physical, cognitive, social, emotional, & creative).

Our planned activities progress from simple to complex in difficulty to meet a wide range of ages and abilities. We intentionally provide learning opportunities that encourage the development of thinking skills such as observing, classifying, and evaluating. We strongly emphasize language development, incorporating the language arts (reading, writing/dictation, poetry, and song). We strongly emphasize mathematics and science, allowing children to learn through their own natural curiosity and wonder of the world about them.

We provide quality manipulative materials that are stimulating and



Teacher
Ashley
Willeford

inviting to the young child.

We have planned field trips to complement activities and concepts presented in class.

Who are the Teachers at NPPS?

Ashley Willeford has been with NPPS since 2020 and has over 20 years of experience working with young children. She is a creative and gifted teacher who truly understands and connects with children. She has completed numerous Early Childhood Education training and continues gaining new knowledge and insight through professional development courses. When asked why she chose preschool teaching as her career, she stated, "I'm a kid at heart, and I'm dedicated to helping children better understand the world around them. I also love working with families to help them enrich their children's lives through play and learning."

Kare Cortinas started her teaching career at Normandy Park Preschool in 2018 as an assistant teacher. It has always been her passion to work with children. Kare participates in learning the principles of Early Childhood Education through professional development classes and workshops. Kare supports the children with warmth, love, and a love for life that radiates in the classroom. When asked what Kare enjoys most about being a preschool teacher, she said, "I wish I would have discovered teaching



Assistant
Teacher
Kare Cortinas

years ago because I love being around the children and watching their enthusiasm when they learn something new. I love coming to the classroom and feel as though I was meant to do this work."

Where is Normandy Park Preschool?

I've heard that we're hard to find! That is because Normandy Park Preschool moved in 2021 to a new location. We are now located in a beautiful and quiet space just off 1st Avenue between Normandy Road and 200th. Our new address is 19247 1st Ave. S. We rent a classroom and resource rooms from a church with a lovely green space for nature walks and outdoor play. We have a large room for gross motor play during inclement weather. Our classroom is spacious, with its own built-in children's bathroom and sink. We love our new space and find it very convenient to have a school that lends itself to providing all the centers located in an early learning environment. NPPS is out of the way and inconspicuous, giving us a sense of safety and security.

Do you have openings? Who should I call if I want to enroll my child?

We have openings in our Creators Class (approximate ages 3.5 – 4.5). There is a short waiting list for our 2.5 – 3.5 class and our Pre-K class.

For more information, call Diane Brissenden, NPPS Director. She can be reached at 206-581-3315.

KCLS Book Locker Coming to Normandy Park

This fall, a King County Library System book locker will be coming to Normandy Park. The City of Normandy Park has been working with KCLS to place a 24-hour accessible book locker at Normandy Park City Hall. Once it is installed, all types of KCLS materials can be requested and delivered to this locker, providing 24/7 access. Materials can also be reserved right at the book locker using the Wi-Fi connection provided by KCLS. The book drop for returns will be conveniently located next to the locker so residents have one-stop convenience for book pickups, drop-offs and online reservations of their borrowed materials.

Do you need to learn how to use a book locker? Read on for

tips and instructions on how to utilize this new locker and begin learning about a new way to discover literature adventures!

How do I select a locker?

When you place a hold from the online catalog, choose Normandy Park Lockers, 24-hour pickup, holds held 3 days. You can also choose to collect from a lockers in another city:

- Bothell Lockers, 24-hour pickup, holds held 3 days
- Covington Lockers, 24-hour pickup, holds held 3 days
- Federal Way 320th Lockers, 24-hour pickup, holds held 3 days
- Kirkland Lockers, 24-hour pickup, holds held 3 days
- Tukwila Lockers, 24-hour pickup, holds held 3 days

- Woodinville Lockers, 24-hour pickup, holds held 3 days

If you have Single-Click holds turned on, you'll want to turn it off. This will give you the option to choose a locker.

How many days do I have to pick up items from a locker?

You'll be notified by phone or email when your item is ready for pickup. You'll have three days to pick it up.

How do I pick up holds in a locker?

You'll be notified when your item is ready for pickup. When you arrive, enter your library card number and PIN/password on the screen. Once you enter your information, the locker door(s) will open to release your hold. If you sent more than one hold to the locker, you may see several doors open. When the door(s) opens, your items are checked out, so be sure to take all your items. If you don't want an item anymore, return that item to the library's manual book drop. The Normandy Park book drop will be conveniently located next to the new book locker for book returns.

How many items fit into one locker?

It depends on the size of the items. The lockers can hold several items, and your items may be in several lockers.

What else should I know about using a locker?

There are a limited number of lockers, so it may take longer for your hold to become available. If you need your hold quickly, please request pickup inside the library. Lockers are only for picking up items, not for returns. Continue to use an open book drop to return your items. Book drops are open 24/7. Contact Ask KCLS or call (425) 462-9600 or (800) 462-9600 for help using lockers.

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HALLOWEEN Safety Tips

Neighbors throughout The Park are back at it in full force, celebrating the seasons again. Before you set out on a Trick-or-Treating adventure on Halloween night, follow these safety tips to help make the night fun and safe. This year, Halloween is on a Tuesday night!

- Adults should accompany young children.
- Make sure to carry a flashlight since it will get dark early.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit well-lit homes you know.
- Make sure children can see well through face masks.
- Wear light-colored clothing that is short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective tape to the sides, front and back of costume if possible.
- Watch for traffic!
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy.
- Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.
- Keep costumed children away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber which is soft and flexible.
- **Most importantly, have fun!**



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Help Design Your Parks!

Don't miss this opportunity to help the City of Normandy Park, plan the future of our city parks & recreation programs by taking our online interactive survey! To share your feedback and opinions as we embark on our 20-year Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trails Project Update, scan the QR Code at right or visit our parks page on the city website: <https://normandyparkwa.gov/recreation-community/>

It is essential in developing this plan to have public input and feedback from Normandy Park community members so that you are the ones setting the vision for our parks system moving forward. This meaningful work requires public input, and having a plan in place will help the City earn grant funding and stay grant-eligible! After the survey closes, there are more opportunities to weigh in and join in person, including with the Parks Commission on Wednesday, October 18 @ 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Pizza & refreshments will be available.



**Help Design Your Parks at the
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Normandy Park 2044: Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

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

Take the Normandy Park 2044 Asset Survey



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

Continuing the use of Asset Based Community Development (ABCD)

The City Council and Planning Commission met in a joint session on July 25, guided by staff from LDC, the city's Periodic Update planning consultant. They framed their wants, needs, and values for Normandy Park 2044 around three discussion questions:

- Who would you like to engage

- as part of the update process?
- What do you think are the most important components of Normandy Park 2044?
- Describe what success would mean regarding the Comprehensive Plan and related planning and engagement process?

The city's use of an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) framework comes from a positive place of community asset identification. With this in mind, take the Asset Survey yourself—use the QR Code graphic on this page.

The Asset Survey questions frame Normandy Park values around Resources, community development Methods, and Normandy Park Functions.

- Resources
 - Who are the community stakeholders you know?
 - What are the local places you know about?
 - How do you practice being neighborly?
 - What are the stories you tell others about Normandy Park?

- Methods
 - Help identify the resources that you use in the community.
 - What are you already doing that gives you a sense of community?
 - What are the outside resources that you use to make your community work?
- Functions
 - How would you rank/order Normandy Park's success and well-being in these areas?
 - Health
 - Security
 - Local Ecology
 - Local Economy
 - Community Care
 - Family Upbringing

“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.”

—PAS QuickNotes No. 97.



Follow Normandy Park's Comprehensive Plan Update in 2023 and 2024 with community engagement opportunities on the Normandy Park 2044 pages at: normandyparkwa.gov/community-development/normandy-park-2044/.



Hands-On Lessons for Students at StormFest 2023

From June 6–8, 2023, over 1,200 6th graders from Highline Public Schools attended StormFest at Des Moines Beach Park. StormFest is an annual field-based stormwater education event for all Highline Public Schools 6th grade students. At the outdoor event, students learn about their local watershed, sources of pollution, and engineering solutions to prevent stormwater pollution. Each day, students from different middle schools rotated through five hands-on lessons about stormwater and water quality taught by community volunteers, bilingual station educators, and environmental professionals.

“It’s really working for the kids,” Pacific Middle School science teacher A.J. LeCompte said. “StormFest brought what we couldn’t do in the classroom.”

StormFest was intentionally designed as an equitable education opportunity for all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, or English language learning status. This year, StormFest had both English and Spanish lessons available for students, taught by bilingual educators.

The event is put on by the StormFest Committee. The

StormFest Committee includes Burien, SeaTac, Des Moines, King County, Normandy Park, the Environmental Science Center, EnviroIssues, and Highline Public Schools. For more information about the event and the curriculum, visit burienwa.gov/stormfest.



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Summer Wrap Up



LEFT: Community Foresters First Fridays: Volunteer stewards have done amazing work in Marine View Park on the first Fridays of each month. Friday, August 4th they commemorated their hard work with a picture in front of the large debris pile of noxious plants and weeds consisting of Himalayan blackberry, English ivy and invasive laurel.



ABOVE: 4th of July Parade: Four generations enjoy the 2023 Normandy Park parade. L-R Top Row: Peter Philips, Stephen Franck, Bottom Row: Barbara Johnson, Denise Philips, Remi Davis (in Denise's lap), Steve Davis, Zoe Davis, (in Steve's lap), Camille Davis. Barbara Johnson (103) and Remi Davis (3) are exactly 100 years apart in age! Photo courtesy Nancy Hovis.

RIGHT: National Night Out: Normandy Park Police Department hosted neighbors again this year at National Night Out on August 2 at City Hall. Residents got to see the police motorcycle and get up close to a police vehicle. Every year the department hosts National Night Out at City Hall on the evening of the first Tuesday in August. Join us for pizza again next summer!



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Fall Checklist

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CLEAR LEAVES AND DEBRIS FROM GRATES

As leaves continue to fall, make sure they are raked up and disposed of with your yard waste. Leaves and lawn clippings can plug catch basins, ditches, and culverts, causing temporary flooding problems.

CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS

Properly working gutters reduce the risk of clogged drains, water back ups, and damage to your roof or foundation.

PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS

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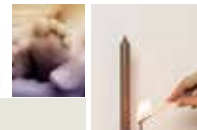
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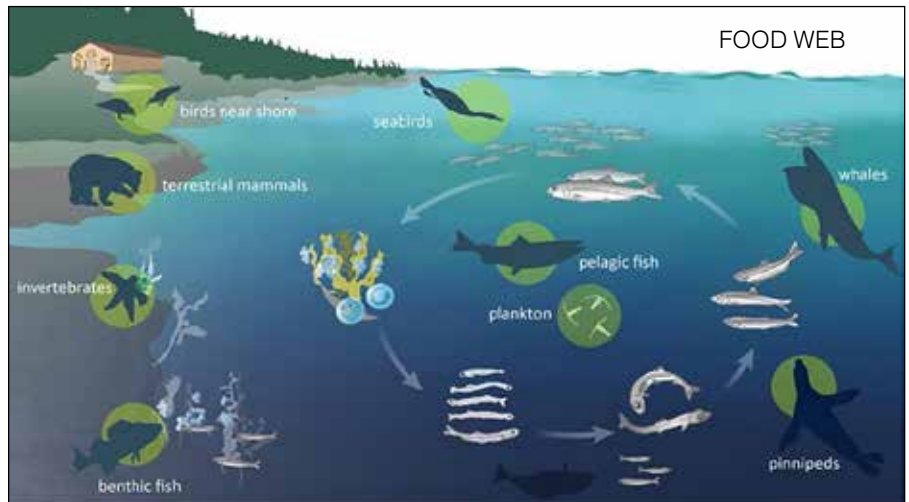
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- Hedges, trees, or vegetation are:
- Overhanging the roadway
 - Restricting access to pedestrians
 - Obstructing sight distance

Make sure you're taking steps to properly maintain the right-of-way and your vegetation. This is especially important before the rainy season when daylight hours are limited. For resources or additional information contact Public Works at (206) 248-8256.

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Art in the City; Meet the Artists

Summer in Normandy Park was filled with the magical sounds of music and laughter as another season of Music in the Park reached its end. Friends, neighbors, and visitors enjoy a variety of plays, music, and on August 27th a finale featuring the Botanical Alchemists interactive art event.

Small ephemeral art was made from flowers, sticks, leaves, and rocks. Then everyone came together for a single art piece in the shape of a heart. This was the Alchemists' first year in Normandy Park and we look forward to next year's creations.

New to the Council Chamber are artists Helena Rogers and Reuf Kapetanovic. Their art styles feature a variety of styles and



Botanical Alchemists



Artist Reuf Kapetanovic

colors. There will be a potluck reception on October 23rd at 7:00pm, so please come and meet the artists! Also, Christy Caravaglio is showing her yarn art in the display case until December

We are always looking for more artists to exhibit in our Council Chambers and the Display case at City Hall. Please inquire

with Aimee Lloyd: Alloyd@normandyparkwa.gov We are open to all styles, identities, and forms of expression!

Save the date for December 16th when we will be hosting the Orchestra of Flight for a performance at the Cove. Come and celebrate music with us at this new event called the Solstice Soiree.



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Oct. 10, 6:30–7:30pm
Book to be read to be determined.

WINE CLUB

Oct. 19, 6:30–8:30pm

ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY

Oct. 28, 7–11pm
The much-loved adults only Halloween Costume Party is back.

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Oct. 29, 3–5pm
It's free as always. Your children and grandchildren will enjoy the games, prizes, and treats.

ARTIST UNITED SHOW

Nov. 4 & 5
Enjoy exhibits and artwork for purchase.

FLORAL DESIGN

Nov. 6, 7–9pm
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WINE CLUB

Nov. 16, 6:30–8:30pm

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

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