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TREE-mendous Springtime!

We made it, folks! We made it through another Pacific Northwest winter, the added challenges of a pandemic, and here we are! As this tremendous season of spring returns to us once again, the City of Normandy Park stands ready to *spring* into action... mostly ready, anyway.

We have many new neighbors to greet, goals to meet, and plans to get underway now that life seems to be re-emerging. Perhaps you'd rather take it more slowly, cautiously...ease yourself back into social gatherings. That's ok, too.

We're all a little rusty. This edition of City Scene Magazine will hopefully serve to re-energize you about moving at your pace in the direction of re-engagement. In this edition, you can read more about one of our first in-person social events of the year, an Arbor Day celebration at Marvista Park in April. Annually holding this event will qualify us as a "Tree City USA." Our City Manager, Amy Arrington, writes more about that in this edition. In fact, trees are pretty much the feature of this spring edition. We really do have some spectacular trees lining our

streets and parks. Our parks have had more visitors than ever in the past two years. If you haven't had a chance to wander through some of them and admire the trees, I'd like to suggest that this springtime is a tree-mendous time to do so.

As the weather warms and more people are out walking, wheeling, riding bicycles, scooters, and skateboards, please remember that we share the roadways here. Speeding is usually the number one complaint to our Police Department. Be an alert driver! Of course, we also have cars that stop in the roadway from time to time to chat with neighbors they have not seen all winter...for that; my official encouragement is to pull off to the side of the road and continue your discussion. Chatting is an essential of sorts, this time of year.

It is an honor to return for a second term of serving as your mayor. I look forward to a tremendous term ahead.

Read on for more about our Civic Center plans, honoring moms, photos of local gardens and more on our tree-mendous trees.



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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 SUSAN WEST, DEPUTY CITY MAYOR

Happy Spring, Everyone!

This year, we have several new beginnings that I'm excited to share with YOU. They all have something in common – building community and embracing what we love about Normandy Park.

Heritage Tree Program/Arbor Day Celebration:

Normandy Park is known for its amazing tree canopy. As we know, maintaining and taking care of our majestic trees takes a lot of commitment and care. As a result, we have an incredible variety of trees. Along with all the beautiful birds, they make walking through Normandy Park a special treat. To celebrate and honor our oldest and most special trees, the city will launch a Heritage Tree Program in 2022. As a part of this program, you will have the opportunity to nominate trees, including yours and your neighbors. In partnership with the city, a community committee will review the nominees using criteria. The committee will then select this year's Heritage Trees, and the city will announce the special winners.



To honor the trees, the owners will be given a certificate, and special activities will take place to honor the trees each year – including a festive Arbor Day celebration. This new celebration will encourage residents to keep the tree planting momentum going to help maintain our tree canopy. Residents will also receive educational materials to help them plant the trees in the right spot and to keep them healthy. *Note* Do you have a Camp Waskowitz tree in your yard or know of someone who does? Children who attended Camp Waskowitz through the Highline School District were often given seedling trees to take home and plant. Some of those trees are still alive and well in Normandy Park, dating back to the 1970s! We want to honor these trees in the next edition of *City Scene*, so please let me know and send me a photo. Thanks!

Economic Development Committee:

As we know, Normandy Park has a wonderful variety of shops, businesses, and restaurants! So, let's celebrate and honor them in 2022! In partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, the



Volunteers Make a Difference

BY AMY ARRINGTON, NORMANDY PARK CITY MANAGER

city's Economic Development Committee will host receptions/mixers at businesses so you can get to know the staff and what they do. Please let me know if you have recommendations on where we should hold the events. We will let you know when we have dates and locations scheduled for 2022.

Normandy Park's First

Civic Center: For the first time, Normandy Park has an opportunity to create a Recreation Center and City Hall that meets the needs of our community. Together, these buildings will be called the Civic Center. These buildings will be for YOU to utilize our city's government services, participate in sporting events, and be a part of community building meetings and activities. So, please let me know if you have questions about this upcoming project and how you can become involved in helping to shape its future. Soon you will be hearing more about the "Heart in the Park" campaign to help make this project a reality for us now and our future generations.

If you have any questions about the programs and opportunities mentioned above, please call or email me. We are always looking for volunteers and ideas for engaging, inspiring, and helping our amazing community. I look forward to working with you!

Susan West

2022 Deputy Mayor, EDC Chair,
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Welcome to Spring 2022.

Spring is a wonderful time of year. We go from a cold, wet winter to a fresh new season with sunshine and beautiful colors everywhere. I have enjoyed traveling down the streets of Normandy Park this time of year and seeing all the vibrant vegetation. We want to celebrate this beauty in our tree-mendous springtime issue.

As we move further in to 2022, we continue to work on some exciting projects that will have a positive impact on the city. Some of the items that are being focused on at City Hall include preparing the biennial budget, working on the proposed civic center, working to improve our parks, installing new video equipment in the City Council Chambers, and enhancing our communication efforts. These and other undertakings will help Normandy Park be all that it can be both now and in the future.

Did you know that many of these projects were either developed or recommended by our residents? The city works hard to serve our residents every day, but we know that we cannot do it alone. We rely heavily on the support of citizens, especially when it comes to our citizen advisory boards. The City of Normandy Park is fortunate to

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have citizens who willingly and actively take on the roles of stewardship and volunteerism. Citizen committees, task forces, boards, and commissions involve citizens in government, improving the quality of decision-making for the community. We appreciate our volunteers and thank them for their involvement and support in shaping the future of our community.

Do you want to be involved in your local community and learn the workings of government? If so, the city has a volunteer opportunity for you. Please get in touch with City Clerk Brooks Wall at bwall@normandyparkwa.gov. She will fit your interests, strengths, and schedule to the needs of various city departments. Make a difference today and volunteer!

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the city. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Did You Know the City Completed a Tree Canopy Assessment?

The City of Normandy Park collaborated with the King County Conservation District to complete a Tree Canopy Assessment Study. The data from this assessment is used by the Community Development and Planning Department to develop policy, inform future forestry restoration programs, set future canopy goals, plan for improved stormwater management, and provide online planning tools.

The full Assessment of the Urban Tree Canopy Report can be found by visiting the city's website at <https://normandyparkwa.gov/normandy-park-trees/>

Take a Look at how Normandy Park Compares to other Cities

An interactive tree canopy map can be found on the city website at <https://normandyparkwa.gov/normandy-park-trees/> or use the QR code below to go visit KCD Interactive Tree Canopy Map.



NORMANDY PARK, WASHINGTON

TREE CANOPY ASSESSMENT



Normandy Park's urban forest is a valuable asset that provides residents and visitors with many ecological, environmental, and community benefits. This assessment analyzed the City's urban tree canopy (UTC) and possible planting area (PPA) within seven geographic boundaries. The results provide baseline data to develop strategies to protect and expand Normandy Park's trees and natural areas during planning and development. The maps and project report help to concentrate efforts in areas where needs are greatest, tree planting space is available, and benefits can be realized.

LAND COVER

46%

TREE CANOPY

29%

NON-CANOPY VEGETATION

21%

IMPERVIOUS

3%

SOIL & DRY VEGETATION

2%

WATER



Note: Land cover percentages are based on total area. Urban tree canopy percentages are based on land area only.

Assessment funded by the King Conservation District | Assessment conducted by Plan-It Geo, LLC | www.planitgeo.com | info@planitgeo.com

Normandy Park Celebrates its Trees

BY AMY ARRINGTON, NORMANDY PARK CITY MANAGER

Trees are a vital asset to any community, and Normandy Park has embraced this value. To celebrate, promote, preserve, and educate the public about this great asset, Normandy Park is taking steps to become a Tree City USA community.

What does this mean? As a Tree City USA city, we agree to certain basic standards regarding tree management on public property. Specifically, when it comes to healthy urban forestry management, we will:

- Designate a Tree Board to be responsible for the care of our public trees.
- Approve a basic public tree care ordinance.
- Provide financial support for maintaining public trees through the city budget (at least \$2 per capita).
- Host an Arbor Day Observance.

To kick off the Tree City USA designation pathway, the city will host an Arbor Day Observance. We hope to see you on Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Marvista Park for this fun and interactive event. There will be activities for the entire

family. The other Tree City USA designation requirements are being finalized as we get ready to submit our application.

While the program mentioned above focuses on trees on public property, we also want to offer a program to recognize the beautiful trees found on private property. That is why the city is creating a Heritage Tree Program that aims to continue increasing the public's awareness of trees by drawing attention to our unique and

significant heritage trees found on private property. A "heritage tree" is a tree or collection of trees that is acknowledged and valued for the unique characteristics that set it apart from other similar trees. A tree can be recognized as a heritage tree if it has historical significance, significant size, or other unique aesthetic qualities for its species. If you have a significant tree on your property that you would like to nominate for the new program, please contact City Hall.

Normandy Park is tree-mendous, and we are excited about these new programs that will help us celebrate this fact!



Arbor Day Observance

Saturday, April 30

10am–12pm

Marvista Park

Fun Fact:

Started in 1976, Tree City USA is one of the Arbor Day Foundation's oldest programs. Founders had a vision for a greener, healthier America and hoped this initiative would inspire change nationwide. The first Tree City USA cohort was comprised of 42 communities in 16 states. Today, the program includes more than 3,600 communities from all 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico.

ci♥ic center

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

BY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

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.

This major undertaking will also require a vote of the people in the form of a Bond Measure. If you are deeply excited about this tremendously vital project and would like to make a significant impact either through time, talent, or connections to corporate donors, please consider joining the Heart of the Park Campaign to help with this first phase of fund-raising efforts.

If you are interested in leading the way with a gift to inspire other major donors, please contact us at 206-248-8292 and let us know of your interest in joining the Heart of the Park Campaign.





Local Business Owner Launches New Magazine for Northwest Gardeners, Cooks and Travelers

If you've been to Empire Coffee or ACE Hardware lately, you may have seen a new magazine on the countertop.

Colibri: Gardening, Cooking and Living Well in the Pacific Northwest is new magazine launched by Normandy Park resident Peter Philips.

Colibri is aimed at the Northwest homeowner who enjoys gardening, cooking, food and wine and experiential travel.

"The magazine is really aimed at me," says Philips, an avid gardener, "I like cooking and entertaining, whether it's a summertime barbecue in the backyard, or a holiday feast around the dining room table. My wife and I enjoy traveling and good food, good wine and good company—both locally here in the Pacific Northwest, around the West and around the world."



You may recognize the name. Peter Philips is the longtime publisher of *Normandy Park City Scene* magazine which he launched in September of 2012 to help the city better communicate news about city initiatives, civic and cultural events here in Normandy Park.

Colibri is different. *Colibri* will be aimed primarily at the gardener, but there will be plenty of editorial around cooking, food, wine and experiential travel. The focus of the magazine will be on Western Washington—from Vancouver BC to Portland, OR.

Colibri will be published six-times in 2022 and six-times in 2023. Frequency may be

expanded after that if the market warrants it.

Popular garden writers Ciscoe Morris and Bill Thorness have stories in the inaugural issue, as does popular local food writer Nancy Leson. The magazine will be edited by longtime Northwest Flower and Garden Festival seminar manager Janet Endsley.

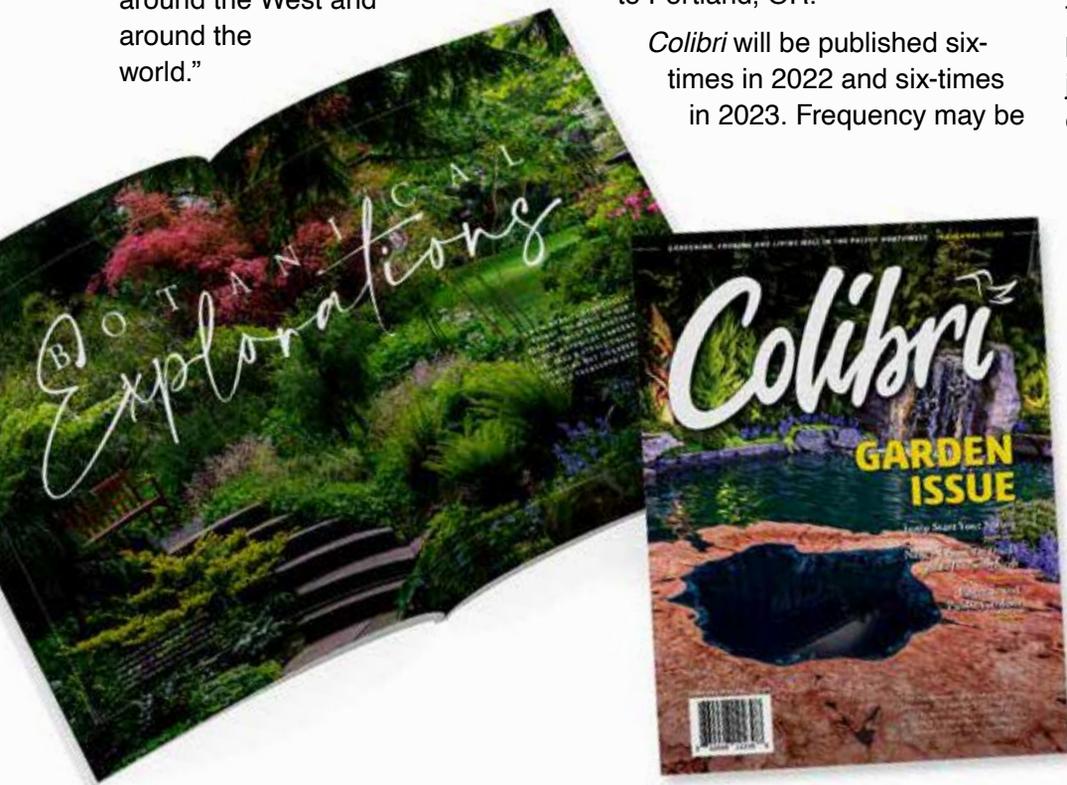
Other team members include local designer Jason Becker who is responsible for the magazine's elegant airy design.

Crystal Alaniz handles financial accounting and Julie Applegate is the advertising manager. Normandy Park resident Katie Higgins is sales director.

"I'm really proud of the team we've put together, says Peter. "Two years ago, I thought I was transitioning into semi-retirement, but working with these people is just so much fun, I don't know if I'll ever retire—semi or otherwise!"

The inaugural issue of *Colibri* can be found at ACE Hardware and Empire Coffee here in Normandy Park, and at Highline Botanical Gardens, The Quarterdeck and Zenith Holland Nursery in Des Moines, and at independent grocery stores, nurseries and bookstores around the region. The inaugural issue is free for pick up at these locations.

You can also subscribe online at www.colibrimagazine.com to receive six issues per year mailed directly to your home. The next issue, Spring, will be mailed on May 2.



City of Normandy Park Arbor Day Poster Contest



The City of Normandy Park is honoring Arbor Day and wants you to celebrate with us!

As part of the festivities, the city is hosting an all-age art poster contest. The contest's theme is "If I Were a Tree" The theme is designed to provide wonder and inspire a greater appreciation of the beautiful assortment of trees that make up Normandy Park's community forest. There will be four winning entries, one from each of the following categories: elementary school, middle school, high school, and adult. Entries may be used for outreach, education, and future tree-related programs and events.

First-place winners for each category will receive a prize package.

Saturday, April 30th

10 AM to 12 PM @ Marvista Park

Entry forms can be found on the city website at www.normandyparkwa.gov or contract City Hall at 206.248.7603.

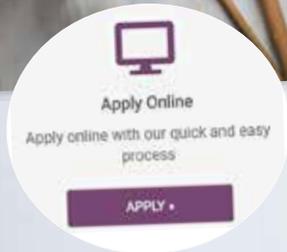
Contest Guidelines

- All Normandy Park residents are eligible.
- Incorporate "If I Were a Tree" into your artwork.
- Any media may be used to create the poster (crayon, pencils, charcoal). We are looking for eye-catching artwork.
- Please provide original artwork with dimensions of 8.5" X 11" and in portrait orientation. Artwork will become property of the City.
- Each poster must be created by an individual. No group entries, please.
- The poster should reference Arbor Day.
- Grammar and spelling must be correct.
- One entry allowed per artist.

Poster Evaluation Criteria:

- Theme relevance and significance
- Visual impact/appeal
- Originality and creativity
- **All posters are due to the City of Normandy Park by April 26, 2022.**

Cookbook for a Successful Online Permit Application



INGREDIENTS

- SmartGov Account
- Project Information
- Computer
- Email address
- Document Reader such as Adobe PDF
- Permits page familiarity

NOTES

¹ However, if you start an application via the paper permit route, it will take longer, and you will not be able to switch between online and paper processes.

THE PERFECT ONLINE PERMIT APPLICATION

Serving: **Normandy Park Cook** Cookbook: **SmartGov**
Author: **Community Development** Course: **Online Permitting**

We are about to get a new “cookbook” for permit applications, review, issuance, construction and inspection in Normandy Park. It’s called SmartGov.

How will we use this cookbook?

SmartGov will be a portal, or entry point, accessed on the Normandy Park web site. With an account, the application will enable residents and businesses to apply online for permits, request inspections, and track individual applications.

What are the recipes in this cookbook?

Each permit application process (“recipe”) is available through the portal as a Building or Planning/Zoning type. Applicants will walk through each step of the application information process. Guidance documents (“cooking tools”) including checklists, drainage and critical area requirements, availabilities, and other supporting materials that will assist in preparing a complete permit application.

How can I assure efficient preparation time?

Online permit applications eliminate two of the time sinks that bedevil applicants and city reviewers alike. First, completely filling out the application (many with pull-down or pop-up guidance checklists) and attaching all required documents, aka “assembling all the ingredients,” will assure a complete application is the only option for submittal. Second, submitting an application in the review queue will require upfront online site payment.

Yes! Permits can be paid for online!!

What if I am not ready to be an online chef?

SmartGov will ramp up side-by-side with the paper-based permit application process we use now¹. Community Development staff will be available for questions and discussion, and SmartGov provides all kinds of FAQ information and guidance tools. Cooking with SmartGov will be a process of learn, burn, and try again, while assuring that efficiency, accuracy, and value continue to be hallmarks of the Normandy Park permit process.



Blooming Where You're Planted

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Community

Blooming

Parks

Butterfly

Bulbs

NormandyPark

Babybirds

Tulips

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Wildlife

Cedar

Neighborhood

Together

Trees

Windy

Family

Rain

DouglasFir

Daffodils

Sunshine

Bugs

Spring

Bee

HomeSweetHome

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Meet the Preschool Team

Ashley Willeford

Lead Teacher in the 2.5-3.5 and 3.5-4.5, Co-Lead Teacher for the Pre-K Class

Ashley joined the City’s Preschool Team in September. She started working with children in high school volunteering in a special needs class at North Hill Elementary.



She comes to Normandy Park Preschool with over 17 years of experience working with children and families including experience

teaching in toddler and preschool age classrooms. She has also completed numerous trainings in early education.

Ashley is a mom of two awesome kids, her 14-year old daughter and 7-year old son. When she is not working she enjoys hanging out with her kids and tight knit family. She is extremely creative and enjoys doing art projects, photography, and exploring with her kids. When asked why she chose preschool teaching as her career she states “I’m a kid at heart and 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”. We are thrilled to have her as a part of the Preschool Team!

Karalee Cortinas

Teacher Assistant in the 2.5-3.5 and 3.5-4.5 class

A “welcome back” to teacher Kare who has again joined the team as a teacher assistant for the Normandy Park Preschool Program. She spent most of her childhood in Normandy Park and attended Marvista



Elementary. She started her career with Normandy Park Preschool in 2018 and was an assistant teacher until COVID hit in 2020. Some of her favorite memories

include spending three months in Costa Rica in her early 20’s and working for a cruise line that traveled up the Columbia River to Idaho as well as the Panama Canal and San Blas Islands.

Outside of the classroom, Kare enjoys traveling, time with family, hiking, boating, and the great outdoors. Kare states “it has always been my passion to work with children, teaching them kindness, reading and writing. I also enjoy watching them grow.”

Alyssa Enciso

Co-Lead Teacher for the Pre-K Class

Alyssa joined the team in January and is working with Ashley in the Pre-K classroom as co-lead teacher. She is a mother of two beautiful boys, an adventurer, a traveler, and a woman filled



with love and understanding. Alyssa has worked with infants and children for more than ten years. She is Washington state

certified in child education and has taken courses for child curriculum and learning outcomes and in health and safety. She states, “I am more than thrilled to be a part of your child’s educational journey. As the year goes by, I hope to get to know you better as I get to know your little ones!”

The City is very thankful to have this wonderful group of energetic, experienced, and dedicated teachers

Normandy Park Preschool is currently enrolling for the 2022/2023 school year. Call Normandy Park City Hall at 206-248-7603 to learn more.



Blooming Where You're Planted

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For questions call 206.938.8262 or visit <https://normandyparkwa.gov/recycling/>. Alternative formats available on request 206.248.760 TYY Relay: 711.

This event is open to Normandy Park, Burien and King County residents.

Only residents in cars will be provided service. People walking into the event will be refused service.



Funded by The Washington State Department of Ecology Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Program, The King County Solid Waste Division, The Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, and The Washington Materials Management and Financing Authority

Growing up in Normandy Park

In 2019 the City hosted a tree giveaway thanks to a Department of Ecology Stormwater Grant. We were curious to see how some of those Normandy Park additions were faring after 2.5 years. We checked in with Leanne Pollock and Stephen Higgins to see how their Western Red Cedar was doing.

What started out as a small, transportable 1-gallon tree, has grown to stand at approximately 5 ½ feet tall.

Leanne said the WRC was planted towards the back of their property in a partially shaded area so that it would have some protection from the sun while it is small and getting established. Over the last several years a few mature trees were lost to wind storms and/or disease. This lovely cedar will grow to replace some of the tree canopy, tap into the water runoff on the hillside and add to the habitat for birds and bugs in our backyard. After being planted in late 2019, it was necessary to

water the tree throughout the dry seasons of 2020 and 2021.

With a diameter of 3 inches, this growing cedar is still intercepting approximately 104 gallons of stormwater runoff every year. A mature Western Red Cedar will intercept 3,000 gallons or more! To find out all the wonderful benefits that your trees are providing, visit treebenefits.com where you can learn the real value of your trees.

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We also can't forget the communal impact the trees have here in Normandy Park. We are known for our tree canopy and it is something residents can be proud of. Try this tool out on your own to learn more about the aesthetically pleasing investments that are on your property or in our parks!



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Join us in the park on the **First Friday** of every month from **10am to 1pm!** Community Foresters will receive training in restoration ecology while restoring the upper forested section of Marine View Park.

Curious what we do on First Fridays? Join us for an informational session on Friday, April 29 at 11am at The Cove. To sign up, and for further information, email community.foresters@normandyparkwa.gov



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We're eager to hear from you in a brief, anonymous survey about the City of Normandy Park Parks & Recreation programming. The goal is to reach as many residents as possible, and to keep the survey brief, for your convenience. This survey is for Normandy Park residents AND the surrounding community. Each household can take the survey one time. Paper copies of this survey are available at Normandy Park City Hall. Call 206-248-7603, or stop by City of Normandy Park front desk for more information. You can also visit the city website at <https://normandyparkwa.gov/> to take the survey.

If you are interested now in taking the survey, scan the QR code with your iPhone camera or download QR scanning software on your Android mobile.



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Families Making an Impact

BY AIMEE LLOYD, PARKS COMMISSIONER AND FRIENDS OF NORMANDY PARK REPRESENTATIVE

In March, the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation, in partnership with the City of Normandy Park, completed their last of six reforestation events at Marine View Park. Groups of volunteer families from around the Highline community and from the Highline School District gathered from 10 am to 1 pm once a month on the second Saturday to remove invasive species like ivy and Himalayan blackberry and plant new trees. The monthly volunteer events were designed for all ages, from preschoolers to seniors. Even the youngest children had fun and helped spread mulch, plant trees, and pulled invasive ivy. Attendees could work on a fun scavenger hunt geared toward finding animals and plants indigenous to Marine View Park.

A unique and custom scavenger hunt art coloring page was lovingly drawn and created by local Normandy Park artist Amber Nichol for children to seek animals indigenous to Marine View Park and the Pacific Northwest. These scavenger hunt pages and descriptions were translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, and Somalian. Family Foresters is a grant funded program. Interpreters were provided for Spanish and Vietnamese languages, offering a deeper understanding of the program's education components and inclusion. Attendees also learned how to plant a tree in the forest, by preparing the soil for the health and longevity of the plant.

After completion of the reforestation events, the Family Foresters planted 220 trees and 370 shrubs and plants. If you visit the trails around the top of Marine View Park, you may spot the following new plant species: Douglas Fir, Shote Pine, Cedar, Service Berry, Hazelnut, Gaultheria Shallon, Oregon Grape, Sword Ferns and Salaal.

The Family Foresters program will return in the early fall of 2022 and continue again through next year. A portion of the program has been paid for by the Port of Seattle Environmental Grant and matching funds. Stay tuned to the calendar for the new schedule.



Here is What Normandy Park Preschoolers Had to Say About Their Mothers...



What makes your mom happy?

2-3-year-old class:

*When I hug and kiss her
Playing games on her phone
Me
When I go to sleep
Purple makes my mom happy*



3-4-year-old class:

*Dancing
When I'm being a good girl.
Art projects that I make.
Being helpful and cleaning up.*



Pre-K Class:

*When I sniff her arm, she laughs
When I eat at the table with her. It's boring. I use to never do it, but it makes her happy so I do it. And we have a chandelier now, so that makes her happy too
Letting her work forever
That I like her.*

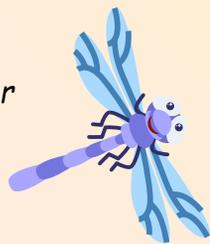
How old is your mom?

2-3-year-old class:

*Umm, I'm not sure. I need to ask her
Two*

3-4-year-old class:

*Four.
I don't know, but I think she's older than my dad
I don't know. I think she is 15
Not old, but a little old*



She's two

Pre-K Class:

*I forgot
I don't know, but I think she's 16 or.... Come on, I know it.... She's 50 years old!
5, 11, and 10. But she's not a mom. She's my grandma's kid and she pretends to be a mom*



When is your mom prettiest?

2-3-year-old class:

*When she has a barrette in her hair
When it was sunny last night
When she puts on my favorite dress*

3-4-year-old class:

*When the sun comes up
When she has a ponytail
When she has a hair bow
When she puts on makeup
When I love her
When she has a dress on and does her makeup*



Pre-K Class:

*Oh my gosh! When she goes to my grandma's house
When she wears a dress that goes down to her feet and covers them
When she wears this costume thing with a lot of lights on it.
On wedding days and every day. I love her so much
When she's wearing a dress and her hair is combed
I love her
When she has makeup on. Eyeliner, mascara and fancy lips
When she has a dress on and a bun in her hair
When she dances around and claps.
When she has curls in her hair.
When she puts on my favorite outfit.
The yellow, blue, red, and green one*



What is something your mommy always says to you?

2-3-year-old class:

I love you.

I need to clean up my room.

She says I have to sleep the whole night.

But I don't sleep. I don't like to sleep.

Eat your food.

3-4-year-old class:

She says "Hi, I love to dance."

Clean up my toys before I play with other toys.

She says "Drink your milk."

Pre-K Class:

You have to brush your teeth, put on your clothes, and then you can watch something

She never ALWAYS says something to me. Sometimes my dad says things over and over, but not my mom

Brush your teeth before you go to bed

You have the giggles



What is your favorite thing to do with your mom?

2-3-year-old class:

Go to a park

Write my name

Watch movies! My favorite movie is Toy Story 2

3-4-year-old class:

Ride bikes.

Play with her.

Give her kisses

Pre-K Class:

Go on a morning walk with my little brother with a breakfast cookie

Color. Because I'm an artist until I grow up. And when I grow up, I'm going to be an astronaut

Watching football with her

Relaxing with her



How does your mom make you laugh?

2-3-year-old class:

Tickles me

3-4-year-old class:

By saying silly things

Tells me jokes

Pre-K Class:

Tickles my armpit

Tickles my head

When she tells good jokes

Reading a funny book and we both laugh

She doesn't make me laugh



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Natural Yard Care



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- Build healthy soil
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- Practice smart watering
- Think twice before using pesticides
- Practice natural lawn care

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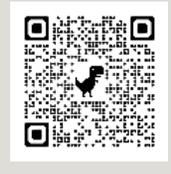
Proper Disposal of Hazardous Waste



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Becoming a Community Forester



The City also offers a great opportunity to get outside and learn from a restoration ecologist. Join us on the first Friday of every month and work with other local stewards to

plant trees and pull noxious weeds from the upper level of Marine View Park. The hands on experience can later be applied to your own beautification projects at home!

Any plans for Arbor Day, Friday, April 29?

Join us on April 29 from 11am–12:30pm at The Cove for this FREE introduction to restoration ecology and the City's Community Forester program.

To learn more or to RSVP, e-mail community.foresters@normandyparkwa.gov.



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Spring Gardens in Normandy Park!



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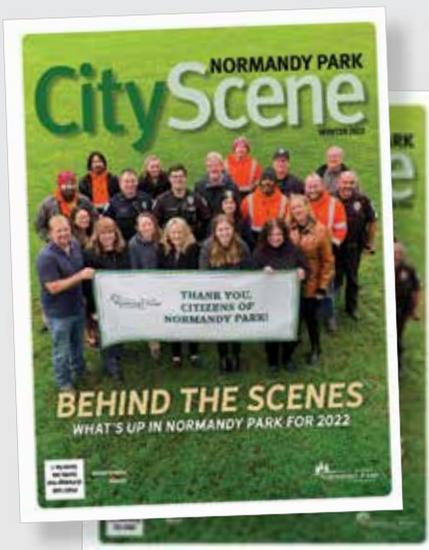
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