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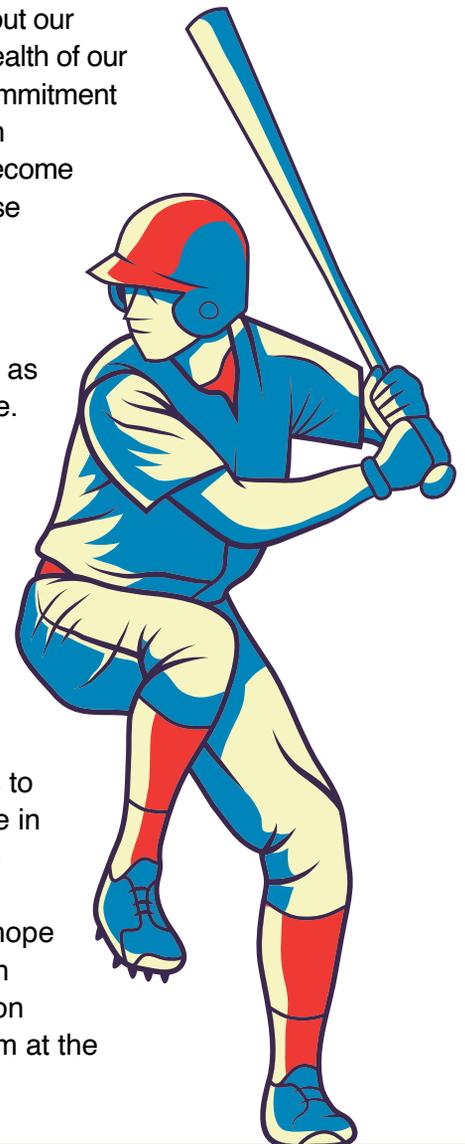
You've heard the phrase, "As American as Apple Pie & Baseball"?

Well, we'll save Apple Pie for a fall edition because this spring, it's time to celebrate the 70th Birthday of this little Pacific Northwest, American city with Birthday Cake and Baseball. Incorporated on June 8th, 1953, the city of Normandy Park actually has a planned history dating back to the 1920's. The original plan for the city was centered around the game of golf, but several major events changed that course and we became much more known for swimming, horses, and Little League baseball. This edition features a fun look back at our history of Little League baseball, as well as several other articles intended to help you celebrate our 70th, and the characteristics that make us unique.

Councilmember Eric Zimmerman's Council Corner article calls out some of those unique values and characteristics and it also shares a charming bit about the very first settlers to Normandy Park in 1853, as well as our continued commitment to you and future generations of the Normandy Park Community. Inside

these pages, you find more about our commitment to recycling, the health of our creeks and salmon, and our commitment to long term planning along with suggestions for how you can become involved in helping us keep those commitments.

This issue offers a welcome to new staff, Council and Commission members as well as a new logo and branding guide. There is information about up-coming art shows, coffee with the mayor, networking events, and even a message from our Police Department regarding a program to help protect against auto theft. Our small yet mighty city staff is constantly working on providing you opportunities to make the most of your life here in Normandy Park. We hope you will enjoy reading more in this edition of *City Scene* and we hope you will join us to learn more in person, at our Birthday Party on Thursday, June 8th from 5-8pm at the Highline Heritage Museum.





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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 ERIC ZIMMERMAN

Normandy Park is a uniquely special place to call home. We enjoy a tranquil way of life unlike anywhere else in metropolitan King County—a true suburban oasis. Our city is distinct for its beauty, its peacefulness, and for the uncommon closeness and friendships that grow between neighbors. As we celebrate our 70th anniversary we have much to be thankful for, and we all remain stewards of the relationships, safety, and natural resources that make our community unique.

In a way Normandy Park is also celebrating its 170th anniversary. In 1853, an immigrant from Gothenburg named William Brown traveled up our coastline in a rowboat looking for a place to build a home and provide a livelihood for his family. His experience in life evidently gifted him with great talent in siting a homestead, and his cabin was built along the water just south of Shoremont and Normandy Terrace. Historical evidence suggests our abundance of shellfish and salmon nourished innumerable Salish, Duwamish, Muckleshoot, and Puyallup travelers, fishers, and hunters over many hundreds of years, but William Brown is the first

person we know of who made a permanent home within the densely forested borders of Normandy Park. Duwamish neighbors lived nearby in Burien and Tukwila, and other homesteading families were building cabins further north where a small settlement named Seattle was being incorporated as a town.

A few other homesteaders arrived in Normandy Park in the late 1860s and early 1870s, and Tribal peoples continued their long traditions of traveling to camp on the beach at The Cove to collect shellfish and salmon. In 1875 the Brown family sold 100 acres of their parcel to the Oulette family, and the Gardner family became established on



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This history is important to your city government, and there are values we celebrate that have carried forward as traditions from the generations before us.

a homestead to the south of the Oulette's. The children of these families attended what became Sunnydale School, along Miller Creek near 160th Street. Still more families were attracted to our community, and more children grew into adults and had families of their own. One hundred years after William Brown set his rowboat on the beach, the City of Normandy Park was incorporated by the families who lived here, and today we carry forward the history of Normandy Park together.

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We value people, and we make every decision – even the small ones – by first asking “Is this something our people want? Will it be good for them?”. We work for you, and we work hard to steward your money. With very limited tax revenues, we keep a balanced budget and we remain debt-free.

We value peace, and we work hard to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for children, families, and everyone. We are proud to have one of the best police departments in the State and we are thankful for our officers.

We value our environment, and as a government we work hard to protect the natural resources and ecosystem that make Normandy Park an especially beautiful and healthy place to live. We are thankful to have such a rich landscape of trees and a seascape of water to pass on to future generations.

In the history of Normandy Park, stretching from the past into our future, we live in a significant moment. Much is rapidly changing around us in the county and in the State. As a city government you have our promise that we will stay focused on making Normandy Park the city you want to live in, a city we celebrate today and one future generations will celebrate—at 100 years, at 200 years, and far beyond.

Author's Note: Following the State Centennial in 1989, four wonderful women formed the official Normandy Park Historical Committee. After more than twelve months of intense effort gathering stories and photos and searching through government archives, these women produced a valuable local history. Their book “Wonderful World of Woods and Water”, still sometimes found on bookshelves around our city, is fascinating, personal, and totally charming. Most of what we know of our city's history is based on the work done by these four women more than thirty years ago. My article is based on their work. If you want a copy of their book, please email me and let me know. I've been thinking about a new edition and there is much to add to this work to tell the stories of everyone who has depended on this land or made it their home.

Celebrate Our Success!

BY AMY ARRINGTON, NORMANDY PARK CITY MANAGER

As we celebrate being a City for 70 years, we wanted to highlight some of the City's recent successes.

New Playground Equipment Installed at Nist Park

If you have visited Nist Park lately, you will have noticed some substantial improvements. Specifically, the park has a new swing set, tire swing, and a dual in-ground slide. These new features will enhance this wonderful park that already offers excellent winter sledding, picnic tables, and walking trails. As in the typical Normandy Park style, these improvements are a reality because of the community's support.

A New Park Coming

In March, the City purchased a parcel needed for Walker/ Sequoia Creek Project. This exciting project will create a new open space park providing the only public access to salmon spawning within Normandy Park. Learn more on page 17.

Online Permitting System

The City now has an online portal that provides a 24/7 self-service environment for customers to file permit applications, pay fees, and monitor status updates. If you are applying for a permit soon, visit the City's website.

Added Funding for an Additional Police Officer

As part of the 2023-2024 budget, the City Council approved funding to increase the Normandy Park police force to 11 officers.

Designated a Tree City USA

Normandy Park is proud of its tree canopy, and we know the endless benefits trees bring to urban environments. To honor and celebrate this value, the City has been designated as a Tree City USA community. The Tree City USA program provides communities a framework to maintain and grow their tree cover. It also allows us to celebrate their impact, showing residents, visitors, and the entire country that we are committed to trees.

City's General Fund Achieved Debt-Free Status

In early December 2022, the City made its last payment on the general obligation bond issued in 2013 related to work on First Avenue. The city worked hard and set aside funding to pay this debt ten years early.

Hosting Successful Community Celebrations

The City hosted several events in 2022. These events are fun and family-friendly to bring the entire community together. Some events hosted include the Arbor Day Celebration, Summer Concert Series, Autumn Art Festival, Fall Frolic, Donuts for Veterans, and National Night Out. We plan to continue to host these events in 2023 and maybe offer a few more in the future.



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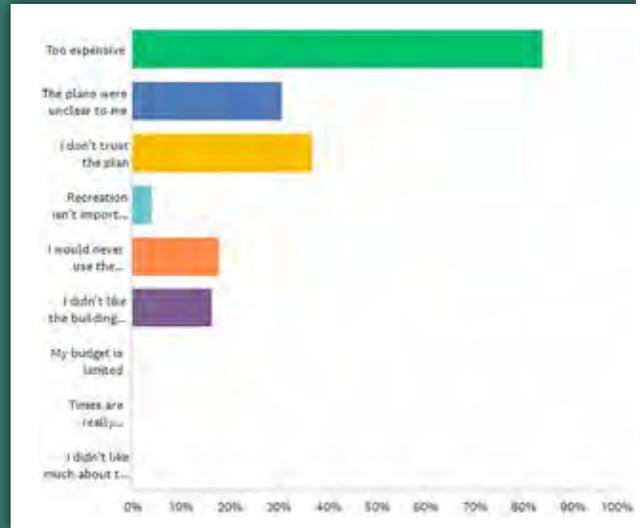
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Thank You for Taking Our Survey!

In August of 2022, a proposition needed to fund the construction of a proposed Civic Center went to the ballot and failed. This winter, the city created a survey to gather feedback and to help understand the “why” behind your vote. We had a fantastic response to our survey and collected nearly 559 responses! We have heard from you and read all of your comments. This feedback will help guide us as we move forward. A central point we learned was that those who voted “no” overwhelmingly chose to vote no because they thought the plan was too expensive. As the city continues to look at new building possibilities, we’ve heard and we’re listening to the feedback that reducing costs will be an expectation. Over 83% said they voted no because it was too expensive. We have listened to you and sincerely thank those who completed the survey. To read the full results and all of the comments from the survey, visit our website at www.normandyparkwa.gov.



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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. The City understands that the action taken at these meetings impacts your daily life, so we want to keep you informed. Here is a summary of the highlights of the City Council meetings from January through March 2023.

- **The City Council made two appointments to the Art Commission.** The Art Commission is an advisory board of Normandy Park residents that represents the City’s interest in art matters and serves as a spokespersons group for art matters. The residents appointed to serve were Nadia Counter and Paul de Barros.

- **In February, we started the meeting with the swearing-in of our newest City Council member Jack Lamanna.** Jack has been a resident of Normandy Park for almost two years with his wife Courtney and son Leo. He is interested in maintaining Normandy Park’s unique qualities while developing the city for the betterment of the entire community. He wants the voices of citizens and business owners to be sought out to help generate ideas where we can improve the quality of life and business success. The City welcomes Jack Lamanna to the City Council.

- **Normandy Park’s Branding Guide was reviewed by the City Council.** This guide will strengthen the City’s identity, highlight the City’s uniqueness, generate community pride, and improve visual consistency. Learn more about branding on page 14.

- **The City Council filled vacancies on four regional committees.** Regional committees are groups that focus on a variety of areas that impact the citizens of Normandy Park. In many cases, the city

has entered into an interlocal agreement that defines the scope of the committee. By participating in these committees, Councilmembers can advocate and support issues that are important to Normandy Park.

- **The City Council decided to start holding regular Study Sessions.** Study sessions are an informal gathering of the City Council to discuss topics of interest and/or to receive presentations. No formal action is taken during study sessions.

- **The City Council heard a presentation from King County regarding the Re+ Program.**

The Re+ Program is an initiative intended to return valuable materials to the economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions created by the region’s waste system. Re+ aims to recover nearly 70% of materials that are currently being sent to the landfill that could avoid becoming waste in the first place by being reused, recycled, or composted. King County wants to partner with Normandy Park to reduce the amount of waste currently generated, decrease the demand for virgin materials and the energy required for manufacturing, and make recycling and composting more convenient.



Councilmember Jack Lamanna



Normandy Park’s new logo

- **The Council approved a Proclamation supporting Education and Sharing Day.**

This proclamation honors Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson and his outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity. The United States Congress has established his

birthdate as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children.

Hyundai and Kia Vehicle Thefts

Across the United States and in the State of Washington, the theft of 2015–2021 Hyundai and Kia vehicles has skyrocketed. The influx in theft is due to a key anti-theft component that was not installed on lower model Hyundai and Kia vehicles, and car thieves have capitalized on the opportunity to steal the affected vehicles. Because of the increase in Hyundai and Kia vehicle thefts, some insurance companies have elected to not cover the affected vehicles or have raised premiums for coverage.

Although the Normandy Park Police Department has only had a few reported thefts of Hyundais and Kias, the police department has partnered with the vehicle manufacturers to distribute free steering wheel locks (pictured at right) to owners of those vehicles, in an attempt to help mitigate future theft.

The Normandy Park Police Department has a limited number of steering wheel locks available to Normandy Park residents who own or lease the affected 2015–2021 Hyundai or Kia vehicles that utilize a key to start the vehicle as opposed to a push button start.

If you would like a free steering wheel lock, please contact the police department at (206) 248-7600 or policerecords@normandyparkwa.gov. You will also need the following to receive your free lock:

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APRIL

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Friday, April 14, 9:00-10:30AM

Arbor Day Celebration



Saturday, April 29, 10am-12pm
Marvista Park
Free Tree Giveaway!

A Walk With Plants



Saturday, April 22, 10am-12pm
Walker Creek Preserve

Bird Walk

April 14 & 23, 8:30-10:30am

MAY

Walker Preserve Ivy Pull

May 6 & 20, 9:30-12pm

Owl Prowls

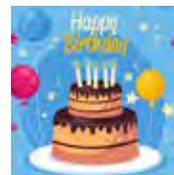
May 12, 13, 26 & 27,
6:30-8:30pm



JUNE

70th Anniversary Celebration for our City!

June 8, 5-8pm
Highline Heritage Museum
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Owl Prowls

June 2, 3, 16 & 17, 7-9pm

SUMMER

Music in the Park

Sundays, July-August, 5-6:30pm
Marvista Park
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National Night Out!

Tuesday, August 2
City Hall Park

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FALL

Autumn Art Fest

September 17
The Cove

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Fall Frolic

October 21
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December 16
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Tulip Festival at Tulip Town **\$45**

Friday, April 14, 8:30 am – 4 pm

Celebrate Tulip Festival at Tulip Town! See beautiful outdoor garden and indoor mural displays, tour the fields by trolley and browse the flower stand. Please bring a brown bag lunch or purchase food on location.



Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, Eatonville **\$35**

Friday, May 12, 9 am – 2 pm

Let's visit this 720-acre wildlife park with native Northwest animals, forest and more. Please note the tram is not operating at this time. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the elements. Pack a lunch or dine in at the park's own Forest Café.

Lewis Army Museum, DuPont **\$30**

Tuesday, May 16, 9:15 am – 3 pm

Located in the Historic Red Shield Inn building on Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), the Lewis Army Museum is the only certified U.S. Army Museum on the West Coast. Please bring a valid photo-ID. No-host lunch following tour at Farrelli's Pizza in DuPont.



Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Game, Tacoma **\$30**

Tuesday, June 13, 10:15 am – 3 pm

Come join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and baseball at Cheney Stadium! Ticket includes a ballpark meal of hot dog, popcorn, & water, and a Rainiers hat.



Out to Lunch

Registration begins Tuesday, April 4 at 10am. Ages 50+. Enjoy a no-host lunch at new and old favorite eateries around the Sound. Most trips depart between 11 am - 11:15 am depending on destination and return around 2pm. Limited seating. \$15 transportation fee.

The Mill Steakhouse & Spirits – Milton, WA

Friday, April 21, 11 am – 2 pm

Menu: www.themillofmilton.com/

Boathouse 19 – Tacoma, WA

Friday, May 26, 11:15 am – 2 pm

Menu: www.anthonys.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/BH19_Menu_12_27.pdf

Jack's BBQ & Steakhouse – Algona, WA

Friday, June 16, 11 am – 2 pm

Menu: jacksbbq.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Jacks-BBQ-Steakhouse-Algona-Menu.pdf

Learn Bunco



Learn Bunco

Wednesdays, April 26, May 31 and June 28, 1 pm - 2 pm
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Lunch at the Des Moines Activity Center

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City of Normandy Park's New Brand Guide

The City of Normandy Park has created its first brand guide. This guide will help ensure a consistent style and format of communication in an ever-changing world. It provides a guide that can be carried over from Council to Council and administration to administration, a model that will help us promote the tranquility, nature, and sense of community that Normandy Park offers.

This guide's inspiration came from the 2022 Goal Setting Process, where the City Council recognized strengthening the City's identity and influence as a top priority. The City Council wanted to discover opportunities to enhance our image, highlight the City's uniqueness, and



Primary city logo



The night logo

generate community pride. It was decided that developing a branding guide was the best course of action to accomplish this objective. The City Council wanted this to be a collaborative creation, so we asked all interested Normandy Park residents to volunteer to be part of the Branding Guide Focus Group. And residents answered this call. We received an outstanding response, and volunteers participated in

surveys over several months that laid the foundation for creating the guide's visual and voice identity elements.

The branding guide has a multitude of new features including a new colorful primary

logo, a moody night logo, seal, tagline, color palette, and direction on how to use this new identity to promote the City. This achievement marks a new chapter in the City's journey, inspiring us all to embrace our city's spirit and brand. From Trees to Sea, together, we are all rooted in the Normandy Park community.

To learn more about the brand guide email Amy Arrington at: aarrington@normandyparkwa.gov.



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EDC Mixer

The next Normandy Park Economic Development Committee-sponsored engagement and outreach for Normandy Park non-profits, not-for-profits, and charitable and non-governmental organizations is 4-6 p.m. on May 17, 2023 at Empire Coffee in the Normandy Park Towne Center, 19865 1st Ave S.

Non-profits can be many things, but here in Normandy Park we are sure of two of them: non-profits are businesses, and their success is a healthy part of the Normandy Park business ecosystem. Come to the next EDC-sponsored Implementation Mixer to meet and greet with the people and businesses that make non-profits work in the Park and in the South Sound.



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Normandy Park 2044: Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

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—Vision and User’s Guide,
Normandy Park Comprehensive Plan

Communities across growth management-planning areas in Washington state have moved into high gear 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 community values in their comprehensive plans. Since the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update, 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)

Follow Normandy Park’s Comprehensive Plan Update in 2023 and 2024 with community engagement opportunities on the Community Development pages at: normandyparkwa.gov/community-development/

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 city will use an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) framework to 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), airport reauthorization, 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.

—PAS QuickNotes No. 97

The work program will build on the ABCD framework by also examining human values in our physical environments.

To do this we will seek out other tools such as *A Pattern Language* by Christopher Alexander:

“*A Pattern Language* lays out [in] over 1,100 pages how our buildings—and by proxy our cities—are not entities at a remove from human beings, but rather their manufactured extensions. And as with any body (headless or otherwise), the whole structure is only as healthy as its individual parts. No facet of our cities and towns should be unwelcoming to their [residents], and no room in a house should feel neglected. A space should “feel right,” the authors argue, and that feeling is tied to the congruence between physical and social spaces.”

—*A Pattern Language: A User’s Guide* (Harvard University)



A Park for Salmon

Another reason to celebrate, Normandy Park is getting a new park! What is so special about this park? SALMON! This park will be dedicated to public salmon viewing, salmon education, and the miller/walker basin stewardship program.

There is a lot of work to be done before this property can officially become park. In 2022, City council approved the purchase and sale agreement for a property on 12th Ave SW just east of where Walker Creek and Sequoia Creek join together. This acquisition was necessary to remove and replace undersized culverts. The culverts conveying Walker Creek and Sequoia Creek have been identified as fish passage barriers. This particular area has also been known to flood annually so the culvert replacement project and subsequent riparian restoration will restore salmon habitat and prevent future flooding. The majority of this project has been funded by grants and the City will continue to seek federal and county grants as they become available. We're hopeful that the Park could be completed as soon as 2027.

The issue of water quality and salmon isn't going away anytime soon. Forbes magazine recently published an article titled "Car Tire

Dust is Killing Salmon Every Time It Rains."

A growing body of research by scientists worldwide is tracking the effects of an overlooked source of automotive pollution that's been linked to the decimation of coho salmon in the Pacific Northwest and threatens other fish species. In 2020, a group of researchers finally made a breakthrough when they pinpointed a specific chemical as the culprit: 6PPD-quinone, the last part pronounced "qui-KNOWN," a toxic chemical released from automotive tires that ends up in roadway dust and can run into streams. The chemical is created when 6PPD, a preservative that helps tires last longer, reacts with ozone in the atmosphere.

Finding safer alternatives, coordinating with state and federal agencies, and implementing a solution will be an uphill battle.

How is Normandy Park helping?

- The city adopted a Comprehensive Stormwater Plan to address flooding, drainage, erosion, and water quality issues.
- The city continues to partner with King County and the Miller and Walker Basin Stewardship Program to help improve water

Coho salmon returning to rivers and streams often die before they can spawn. Photo by Roger Tabor, US Fish and Wildlife

quality and reduce stormwater in the creeks.

- The city is developing Stormwater Management Action Plan (SMAP) for the Miller and Walker Creeks Basin which was deemed the highest priority basin in Normandy Park.
- The City reports to the Washington State Department of Ecology annually to comply with Stormwater Permit Regulations. Ecology is focusing on understanding the problem, reducing stormwater pollution, and reducing sources of 6PPD-Q.

To learn about the City's Stormwater Management Program or get involved, contact Stormwater Coordinator Jessie Medrow at jmedrow@normandyparkwa.gov

Check out the website by using the QR code to learn more about this exciting project and what it means for Normandy Park.



normandyparkwa.gov/city-news/walker-and-sequoia-creek-culverts-replacement-project/

Normandy Park Preschool— A Community Program with Impact

It Started with a Vision

As the city celebrates its 70th anniversary, we look back at 32 years of preschool history. Normandy Park Preschool became a place where children grow and where community flourishes and is cherished. We are grateful to all the families and residents who supported the preschool program and continue to support it to this day.

Inspired with a vision to start a preschool, Diane Brissenden took her idea to the former Parks and Rec Director, Karen Wagner. The City had recently acquired

the land and school building from the Highline School District. Together, Diane and Karen brought the preschool proposal to the City Manager and Council. It was 1991 and with their approval, Normandy Park Preschool was created as part of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Community Impact

Submitted by Dr. Colleen Hart – Her daughter Emma attended the preschool for three years

Normandy Park preschool was a foundation piece in my family. I was new to the area and new to being a parent. Enrolling my

daughter Emma in the two's (3's and 4's) group gave her great interaction and socializing with other children. She learned so much and had opportunities for discovery, sharing and creating beyond what I could provide for her at home. Lots of playing! I also learned so much from the teachers. They were a model of guiding the children with patience and understanding. It was invaluable to me as a new parent to learn about my daughter in her phases of development as she went through her 3 years in the program. Meeting our neighbors

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*Left: Pangelinan's with Preschool Director and Teacher Marion Kari
Right: Taken in September of 2022, before Dominic and Mari head back to college (Dominic is a junior at the University of Guam and Mari is a freshman at the University of Oregon). Luka is a freshman at Maritime High School.*

and their children in the program was the start of many local friendships for both my child and myself. Emma went on to pursue Child Development Psychology and is currently enrolled in Columbia University in a PhD Program. Normandy Park Preschool got her off to a great start! I feel fortunate to have had this treasure so close to home.

Normandy Park Preschool Memories

Submitted by Kirsten Pangelinan whose children – Dominic, Mari and Luka all attended Normandy Park Preschool Program

They say the days are long and the years are short and it's true! It seems like yesterday that I met several people in the halls of Normandy Park Preschool that I still count as my friends today. We laughed, agonized, and then laughed some more over the challenges of being parents of young children. I feel fortunate to have met so many amazing moms, especially, who were supportive rather than competitive. We have remained cheerleaders for each other's kids through all their years of growing

up. I love seeing all the incredibly diverse and interesting things those kids are doing today – from working in DC, to becoming pilots, to going into business, to still figuring it all out. It's a real tribute to Normandy Park Preschool

that they got a great start of socializing, exploring, and being challenged. I'm grateful we have such a solid preschool program in our neighborhood that does the important work of educating and supporting kids and their families. Congratulations to Teacher Diane and your star staff on your anniversary, and here's to many more years of wonder!

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Where are you from?

I am originally from Valparaiso, Chile. I eventually immigrated to the US and Seattle when I was a kid. Ever since, I've called Western Washington my home.

What is your favorite part about working for the city so far?

By far, my favorite aspect of working at Normandy Park has been the ability of influencing the environment. Being able to provide the residents of the city with the help they need, whether from questions about fences to their building projects, has been great. I look forward to continuing my service to you all.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work or as a hobby?

During my down time, I thoroughly enjoy going to coffee shops and breweries, reading books, writing, and playing music, and generally hanging out with my cat :)

What is one thing that you'd like the residents to know about you?

I am a lover of food. I love trying new restaurants, street vendors, and the free samples at Costco. You can find me cooking and combining flavors on the weekends, zapping excitement into taste buds.



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Scooping, the Solution to Poo-lution

BY JESSIE MEDROW

Dogs and rain... staples in Normandy Park. When is the last time you went any notable period of time without running into either of those things? Personally, I prefer puppies over precipitation, but either way, the two do not mix. You know what else doesn't mix? Pet waste and rain. Not a pleasant thought, I'm aware. When it rains, water picks up pollutants along the way, including harmful bacteria in pet waste.

Let's dive into why scooping the poop is so important, why a regional public awareness campaign was launched by Puget Sound Starts Here (PSSH), why the simple act of picking up after your pet is considered a best management practice (BMP), and why dog waste was listed as one of the greatest threats to water quality according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Where does it go if you don't scoop, bag, and throw away? We know there is no poop fairy. If dog duty is neglected, then the harmful nutrients found in pet waste either infiltrate into the soil where parasites can linger in the soil for up to several years or worse, waste is washed away into a storm drain. Once in a storm drain, waste is often left untreated. There is only one other stop after that: rivers, lakes, and Puget Sound. Untreated fecal matter from dogs and other animals can be



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a source of harmful bacteria and excess nutrients. No matter how cute our pooches are, they can still be a host to Giardia or Salmonella. These disease-causing organisms can then be transmitted to humans. Keeping a close eye on your dogs and ensuring they're in close proximity are recommended. Don't miss the opportunity to be a great steward and neighbor!

There are many reasons to pick up after your pet, but here are the top two: 1. Improving water quality by preventing pollutants from making their way into storm drains and local waterways. 2. Improving quality of life by being a great neighbor. Courtesy bags can be found at pet waste stations throughout the city. The solution to poo-llution starts with scooping.

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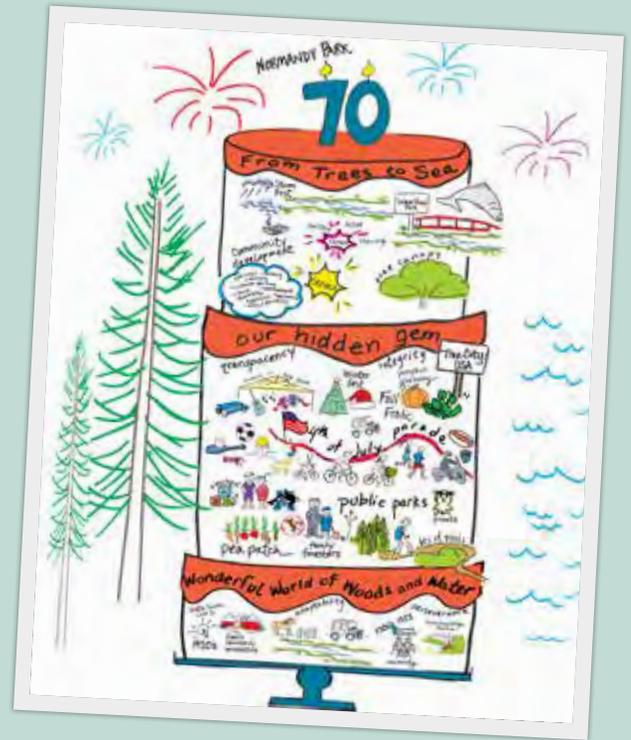
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Happy 70th Anniversary, Normandy Park!

This year marks the 70th Anniversary of incorporating the City of Normandy Park, and we're excited to celebrate with the community. We cordially invite you to save the date and join city staff, city council leadership, commissioners, and neighbors on our incorporation date of Thursday, June 8th, at the Highline Heritage Museum from 5-8pm. We'll enjoy cake, a black-light glow-in-the-dark scavenger hunt, a fun trivia session, and more! We hope that you will join in the fun and visit the Normandy Park section of the Highline Heritage Museum. Let's celebrate our 70 years together!

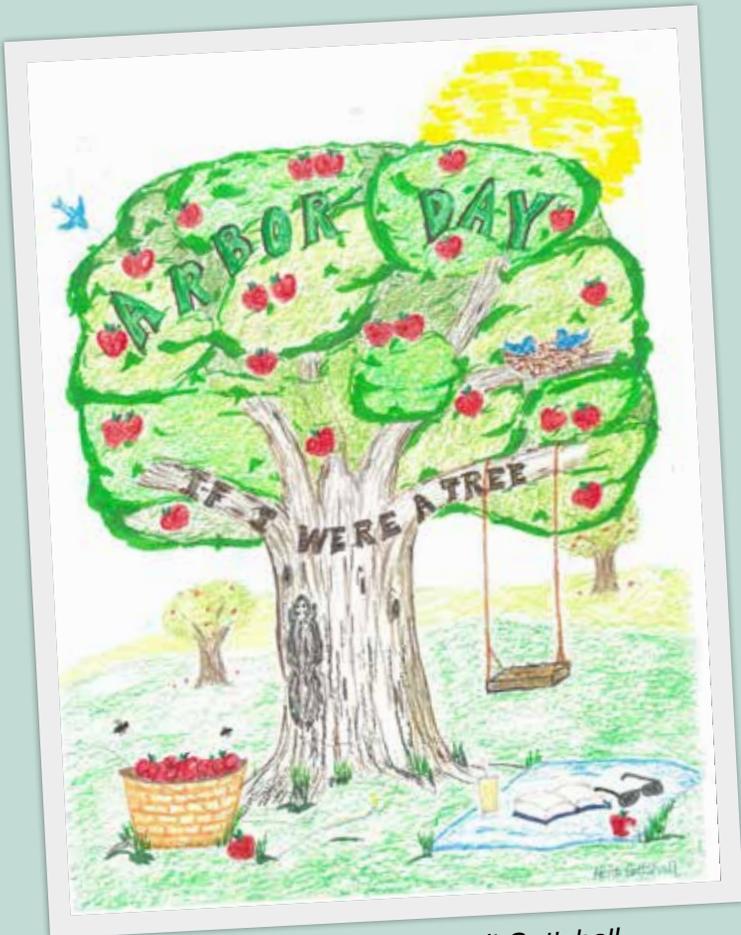


The City of Normandy Park's Arbor Day Poster Contest

ENTRIES DUE: MONDAY, APRIL 17TH

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 "Celebrate Trees" 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 five winning entries, one from each of the following categories: preschool, 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. Entry forms can be found on the city website at www.normandyparkwa.gov or contact City Hall at 206.248.7603



2022 Poster Adult Winner - Heidi Gottshall

Art Showers Bring May Flowers!

BY RAYMOND STREET

As we reflect and celebrate Normandy Park turning 70 this year, we can see the impact of art in our city. We have an annual parade on the 4th of July. We decorate our houses during the winter holiday season, and before Covid, we had an annual art festival which occurred for 19 years. There is also public art, like the horse sculpture at Nist Park. Every year at Marvista Park we host the Music in the Park Series, which brings music of every variety to the public. Many of the posters from the Art Festival and Music in the Park adorn the walls inside City Hall. City Council Chambers also hosts quarterly exhibitions of current artists.

Art in our community is more than the Art Commission or events. Art is the living and breathing artists who live in our neighborhood. Art can be recognized in hindsight and put in a museum. However, an artist goes through changes during their lifetime. They learn a new style, try a new medium, and even after years of practice, they can learn a new form of expression.

Last February 16th there was a reception at City Hall with 3 different artists. They all brought their friends and family and enjoyed the City Hall Council Chambers. Mike Mosely, who, after many years of being a tattoo



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artist has stretched himself and is learning a new style, expressing new techniques and subject matter.

Mitchell Crenshaw shared his pictures from his adventures and trips. Some of his oil paintings appear to be photographs at a distance, a tribute to his amazing use of perspective and technique.

The 3rd artist was Babs Fulton who is exhibiting her sculptures in the display case in City Hall. Her style is expressed over many mediums, and she is always moving into new ideas and topics.

Coming up next starting in May is the abstract artist Sam Wildflowa, who offers bright and exciting pieces beginning. Her style is full of color and expression, so please come and enjoy her artwork, which will be up for 3 months. Wildflowa will host an



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artist reception Friday, evening May 19th.

We would also like to welcome a new Art Commissioner to the commission: Paul de Barros. His previous experience and perspective as a writer, and involvement in organizing music festivals like Earshot are a benefit for us all.

So as Normandy Park grows another year older, and we reflect on our history, we can also acknowledge the living people who give it life today.

The Normandy Park Arts Commission is currently seeking display artists for its display case and for the future exhibits in Council Chambers at City Hall. To learn more, email Aimee Lloyd at alloyd@normandyparkwa.gov.

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Basepaths to Success

BY DAVID LARSON

America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It's been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt, and erased again. But baseball has marked the time.

– W.P. Kinsella, *Field of Dreams*

Normandy Park has a long and proud history of “marking the time” with impressive, young boys and girls gaining their first exposure to America’s Pastime in our city. This year, in honor of the City of Normandy Park’s 70th Anniversary, representatives from six decades shared their experiences from that time with fond memories of their youth and what’s led them to where they are now.



Perry Helm moved to Normandy Park when he was in first grade. He joined the local Little League at the age of nine and advanced to the Normandy Park major league team when he was eleven. He remembers Micky Mantle

and Roger Maris as his favorite Major Leaguers at that time. “My dad used to pitch to me a lot at Normandy Park Field,” Perry said. “If we didn’t have anyone to shag balls, he would have our black Labrador “retriever” go get them.” One of his fondest memories was when he was an eleven year old catcher and pitcher Jim Shoemaker threw a perfect game with seventeen strikeouts and one unassisted out at first. “In other words,” Perry said, “we didn’t need any players in the field because he and I were the only ones to touch the ball during the entire game.” Perry played three different High School sports and graduated from Highline in 1969. He was appointed to the Air Force Academy and played two years for the Cadets before transferring to the UW receiving a BA degree. He is now retired and living in South Carolina.



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Dr. Scott Andrews grew up in Normandy Park and began his athletic career in the Des Moines Little League highlighted by a homerun up on the bank at the old Field House “My dad worked for Westinghouse back then,” he recalled. “In the spring and summer he’d come home from work, take off his tie and hit me grounders and flies for hours. And despite his work schedule he never missed one of my games.” Scott lost his mom to ALS when he was fourteen. When his dad remarried, they moved to north Seattle in time for his sophomore year at Roosevelt where he played basketball and ran track. Scott graduated in 1970 and enrolled at the UW making the JV basketball team that first year. His studies had to take precedence after just one season, but he kept his hand in the game in the Intramural League. Scott graduated with a degree in Zoology then was accepted into the UW Dental School finishing up in 1980. He coached his boys in basketball as they grew up. His baseball heroes were Milwaukie Braves stars, Hank Aaron, Eddie Mathews and Warren Spahn.

John Dalrymple grew up in Manhattan View close enough to ride his bike to Normandy Park Elementary with his mitt hanging from the handlebars. John recalls the lush beauty of that park with the creek meandering through the trees and the breeze from the Cove rustling the leaves. His favorite ballplayers growing up were Bob Gibson and Don Mincher who played firstbase for the one-and-done Seattle Pilots. John played football and baseball at Highline where they won the NPSL title his senior year in 1978. He played college ball for one year at BYU before injuries scuttled his career. After graduating he



returned to the PNW gaining an MBA from the UW. John now lives in Las Vegas and is Managing Partner and COO of the Geary Company Ad Agency. He has coached all four of his children in baseball or softball and is still active playing softball and golfing.



Briana Larson played four years of softball at Marvista Elementary still maintaining close ties to many of her classmates. She remembers the team didn’t win a game until halfway through the



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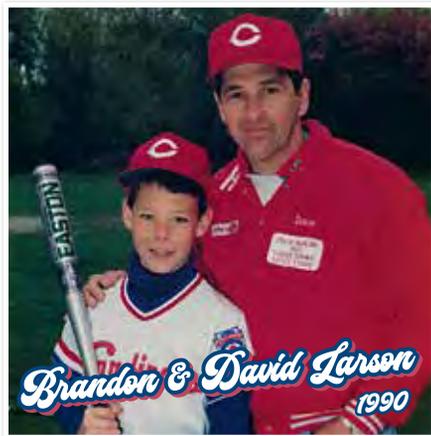


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third year. “We never let our pitiful record get us down,” she said. “Even though we were down by nine runs, if we can keep them from scoring, we’ll avoid the ten-run mercy rule and then score ten runs in the bottom of the inning to win.” But, it never quite worked out that way. Eventually they got that first win which made the celebration even sweeter. “We threw our mitts in the air, jumped around and danced as if we had just won the World Series,” she recalled. Briana lettered in gymnastics at Mt. Rainier High School, was on the cheer staff for two years and one year on Drill Team, graduating in 1996. She earned a diploma from the UW with a degree in Anthropology in 2000. She recently went back to school to get her Masters in Nutritional Science and is now

a Clinical Pediatric Dietitian at Seattle Children’s Hospital. Along the way she has coached softball for her twin daughters. Briana cites Daniel Lawrie as her favorite athlete.



Brandon Larson revealed that baseball has always been a part of his life. “Whether it was

playing or being the batboy for my dad’s fastpitch teams or now coaching my eleven-year old daughters, it’s always been there.” He played in the SHNLL for five years the last three on the Major League Cardinals including a two-year stint on the All-Star team. Brandon’s favorite memory of that time was, as a nine-year old, he was pitching the final inning of the 2A championship game with a one run lead and struck out the side. After Little League, Brandon played for the Burien Mavericks in the Sandy Koufax League then went on to Mount Rainier High School playing all four years with the Rams. He was an invited walk on at WSU but made the decision to hang up his spikes before leaving for Pullman. Brandon is now a mortgage banker with Chase, coaches his twins in soccer, basketball and softball and plays soccer, golf and tennis when he can find the time. Favorite ball players are Junior and Bo Jackson.



Ben Guidos pitched and played first for the SHNLL Raiders in his Little League years helping his squad go undefeated through



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league and tournament play when he was twelve. He played High School ball at Highline leading the Pirates to two Seamount League and one District title. Ben was All-League, All-State and the Washington State High School Player of the Year in 2006. His favorite memory of that span was the dramatic, league clinching 3-2 win against Mt. Rainier at the jam-packed, Des Moines Fieldhouse. He went on to play four years with the Huskies and graduated with a degree in Sociology. Ben credits his baseball success to his grandpa, Dick Minice, who played some minor league ball and his dad Mike along with some instrumental high school and college coaches. He is currently the manager of the Seattle Mariners Training Center focusing his attention on individual instruction and mental approaches to the game as well as running the facility. Among his favorite sports stars are Randy Johnson, Jamie Moyer and Ken Griffey Junior.



Brendan Gardner-Young played with Ben Guidos for pretty much his entire baseball playing days. Though he was a year younger, they were teammates on the league champion Raider's Majors team, the Highline Pirates and the Huskies. They were a ferocious one-two punch as lefty pitchers

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at both schools before going to college when Brendan focused completely on outfield play. He recalls the excitement of Little League Allstars and winning the District Tournament and going to State which coincidentally also happened at the High School level. He was also All-League and All-State his senior year. After a four year career with the Dawgs, Brendan graduated with a degree in Informatics. After a short stint at Boeing he is now the Chief Technology Officer at Thrive Causemetics with offices in Seattle and Los Angeles.

Loren Gardner-Young had a tough act to follow in his brother Brendan (see above) but managed to carve out an impressive resume of his own. Little League and T.O.C. championships, a

couple of All-Star appearances and four years of college ball were also achieved by Loren. He considers his dad and Bill Stubbs as instrumental in helping to hone his skills and remembers infield camps at the Normandy Park Field. Loren missed his senior year at Mt. Rainier High School due to a labrum tear suffered while playing for the Seattle Mariners Scout team the summer before. The University of Nevada had signed him before that injury and he was able to play one year for the Wolfpack then transferred to Sierra College for two years and finished up at Lewis Clark State in Lewiston, Idaho. He received his degree in Kinesiology and Exercise Science and now lives in Kirkland working in Pharmaceutical Sales.



Sarah Martinez has fond memories of not only playing Little League Baseball in Normandy Park but also the honor of being the only girl in the league. “It was actually awesome,” Sarah recollected. “When I showed up that first day the guys would be like “we have a girl on our team?” But, by the end of practice, I was one of them.” Sarah played on the SHNLL All-Star team twice. She credits her coach (and dad) Mike Martinez with empowering the team to believe they could beat anyone. Sarah also had a storied career at Mt. Rainier lettering all four years while garnering multiple All-League, All-State and MVP honors in three different sports. She went on to play soccer at the UW and was second-team All Pac12 her senior year and twice won the UW Athletic Departments Most Inspirational Female Athlete. After graduating in 2012, Sarah spent four years on the Huskies coaching staff and also earned her Master of Education degree in 2013. After serving one year as an assistant coach at Yale University, she was named the Head Coach of Women’s Soccer in 2019. Sarah still thinks of her Little League days as some of her best. “Honestly,” she said. “I will never forget those days, those teams, those guys and the relationship it allowed me to form with my dad.”



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Scotty Graham got his first introduction to baseball as the batboy for the Highline Pirates

at the age of seven. “That’s what really got me fired up about baseball,” he said. “Just hanging out with those high school players was what did it.” Scotty played in the South Highline National Little League and All-star teams then various select teams before enrolling at O’Dea High School. His senior season in 2014 culminated in a 3A State Championship. He signed with the University of New Mexico and played there for two years then transferred to Loyola Marymount University, playing for two more years and graduated with a Sociology degree. After graduation, Scotty worked in commercial real estate in Southern

California but is now back in Normandy Park doing Commercial Real Estate appraising. Leisure hours find him fishing, golfing and playing beach volleyball. Despite the High School and College experiences, Scotty considers his days of Little League, “just playing with all the neighborhood kids.” was the most fun.

With plenty of exciting baseball underway and many super-stars to watch, don’t forget to stop by the local Little League Fields in Normandy Park. You just might see the next Julio Rodriguez. And the ticket is always free.

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