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THIS EDITION OF *CITY SCENE*, aptly titled, “Summer in The Park”, has me reminiscing about a 2005 “Come Together”, Marvista Elementary School Auction I directed, featuring the song by the Beatles, colorful polka-dots, and the George Seurat painting, “A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte”. The painting had become one of my first favorites as my sixth-grade teacher in a Chicago public school took our class to the nearby Chicago Art Institute on Thursdays where this great work of pointillism practically had its own gallery. It always seemed to me that a kind of magic lies within the art of pointillism. A dot all on its own is just a dot, but purposefully placed by the hand of a master, has the potential to become a masterpiece!

This edition of our magazine celebrates that you are an essential part of what makes summer in The Park so special! Just as Seurat’s painting comes together through the participation of each individual dot, your experiences, perspectives, and unique contributions enrich the life we share in this community. With that in mind, please make an effort this summer to get together with one another. Join us for business networking events or collaborate to throw a block party with your neighbors, celebrate National Night Out with us at City Hall, and definitely plan to join us for some Music in the Park events especially the final one on August 27th where we literally create a masterpiece together...out of flowers!!!

As you delve into the pages of “Summer in the Park” I hope you will appreciate the kaleidoscope of possibility this season offers and endeavor to do your part to make this year’s Summer in The Park, a masterpiece!

Read on to meet our newest police officer and other staff, enjoy photos from our past as we continue to celebrate our 70 year history and more about art shows, stormwater, recycling, and boat/paddle safety.

Wishing you a summer in The Park painted with joy, adventure, and beautiful memories.

*Warm Regards,
Mayor Sue-Ann Hohimer*



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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

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 April and May 2023 City Council Meetings highlights.

- At the April meeting, the City Council formally recognized the service of former Councilmember Michelle Sipes-Marvin. Michelle Sipes-Marvin served the community as a Council Member from January 2016 - January 2023. While on the Council, she served as Deputy Mayor and as a representative to many Regional and City Council Committees. The City Council thanked Michelle for all her leadership, hard work, and dedication to the City of Normandy Park.



In April, we said goodbye to Councilmember Sipes-Marvin and thanked her for her dedication to the City of Normandy Park.

- An interlocal agreement with the Normandy Park Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) was approved. In November 2009, the voters of Normandy Park approved the formation of the Metropolitan Park District (MPD). The MPD's purpose is to improve parks and recreational facilities, with the City Council serving as the board of metropolitan park commissioners. In 2010, the City and the MPD entered into a formal partnership where the MPD agreed to help fund the parks. This agreement renews this partnership and helps support staffing, the Des Moines Senior Program, and the Mt. Rainier Pool.
- A proclamation declaring April 29, 2023, as Arbor Day in Normandy Park was approved. Trees are a vital asset to any community, and Normandy Park has embraced this value. We are a Tree City USA community; we must hold an Arbor Day Observance and approve an Arbor Day Proclamation. Our 2023 Arbor Day Celebration, held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, was a great success. In addition to this proclamation, the City Council also approved the following proclamations:
- Peace Officers Memorial Day & Week – May 15th through May 21st
- Safe Boating & Paddling Week – May 20th through May 25th
- Affordable Housing Week – May 7th through May 13th



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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteer Jeff Hunter conducts a vessel safety check for a local boater.

- The City Council approved an ordinance related to Compost Procurement. In March 2022, Substitute House Bill 1799 was signed into Washington law. The primary goal of the law is to increase the diversion

of organic materials going to landfills to reduce methane emissions from landfills. To comply with this new law, the City amended its code to include a Compost Procurement Policy, which

requires the City to increase its utilization of compost.

- A contract for consulting services for the upcoming Parks, Recreation, & Open Space (PROS) Plan update was approved. The PROS Plan update will address and evaluate the City's entire park system and bring the plan up to date after the previous one had been adopted in 2018. The City Council made sure that the contract strongly supported public involvement, so please keep an eye out for future opportunities to let your thoughts on parks and recreation be heard.

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Scan to see our other upcoming events

FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAYS & MUSIC ON THE LAWN AT THE COVE

We all had so much fun with our Food Truck Wednesdays, that we can't imagine a summer without them! First food truck Wednesday will be July 12th and will run through September 6th.

Gather on the Cove lawn, have dinner, and enjoy the music. It's the party that's right up the street and everyone is invited.

7/12

Fish Basket
Peco's BBQ
Paparepas
Mikes Shaved Ice
Music: Syd Law

7/19

Mexicuban
Khune9
Peoples Burger
Ice Cream Truck

7/26

El Gran Taco
Peco's BBQ
Creole Soul
Ono Shave Ice

8/2

Peoples Burger
Mexicuban
Kiss my Grits
Mikes Shave Ice
Music: John & Beth & Friends

8/9

L. Jordan BBQ
Pizza Addict
Paparepas
Sweet Wheels
Music: Pat Herald

8/16

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8/23

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City Council Quarterly Review *CONTINUED*

Notable Items being worked on by the City Council:

Currently, the City is working on three projects that residents might be interested in. While these items are in various phases of approval, they are being considered and may move toward approval soon.

- **A possible new City Hall and Police Station** – The City continues to look at options for a new City Hall and Police Station. When we asked for feedback, residents said we need to minimize costs. So, we started looking at other options other than new construction. As a result, we are currently reviewing an opportunity to purchase an existing building on First Avenue at the Towne Center Development. As the details of this opportunity are confirmed, the City will have a meeting where we will review the project with the public.
- **Normandy Park is working on a KCLS Book Locker** – The City has been working with the King County Library System (KCLS) to locate a

24-hour accessible book locker at Normandy Park City Hall.

If we are successful, all types of KCLS materials can be requested and delivered to this facility for on-demand access for residents. Once the book locker is installed, residents can return a book to the box, pick up a new order from the locker, and then reserve another KCLS item online from a mobile device...all in one place and at one time.

- **Cell Tower to Improve Phone Service** – Quality cell reception is a challenge here in Normandy Park, and improving this service for residents is a priority goal of the City Council. Accordingly, we have been and will continue to work with providers to find ways to improve coverage. Our review indicates that a new cell tower is needed in Normandy Park to support the required equipment to make this a reality. Discussions are still in the early stages, and we will seek public input soon as this topic progresses.



Use of lifejackets and tethers are essential for paddlers. Photo by Ken Waldron courtesy of National Safe Boating Council.



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Summers in the Park

BY MIKE BISHOFF, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

HEY, DOES EVERYONE REMEMBER WHAT'S AWESOME ABOUT NORMANDY PARK IN THE SUMMER? Well here's a bit of a reminder that you may have forgotten after the usual cool and wet winter. Normandy Park is a tiny city, full of life and the best 7000 neighbors anyone could ask for. It's been around as an official city since 1953 and while it's a great place to live all year round, the summers are what many of us look forward to.

The weather is nice and sunny. Normandy Park has arguably the best climate in the summer anywhere in the world with temperatures that are not too hot or too cold, and especially our low, low humidity.

The city gets a lot of sunshine during the summer with daylight that last nearly 16 hours during the solstice and historically virtually no rain during much of July and August and good chunks of September. Normandy Park couldn't be a more perfect place to go outside and get some long days of sunshine.

There are lots of fun things to do. Normandy Park has many events and activities that happen in the summer, like the 70th Anniversary Birthday Celebration, the Fourth of July Parade and the Music in the Park. These events are great fun and show off the city's culture, history, and strong sense

of community. They also give you a chance to get out with family and neighbors, learn something new, and meet new people. Normandy Park is elegantly lively with evenings at the Cove, family parties and drinks on the deck at the Ale House.

The scenery in the summer is out of this world! Normandy Park has a shockingly beautiful and relaxing setting like our amazing waterfront, views of the Olympic



Saluting 14 years of collaboration with Normandy Park

Since 2009, the Normandy Park Metropolitan Park District and the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District have successfully worked together to preserve Mount Rainier Pool and year-round access to swimming.

As such, Normandy Park residents enjoy our

- Resident discount rates on swim lessons, water exercise, swim passes and rentals
- Resident priority registration on swim lessons and birthday party rentals

- Eligible for resident scholarships of 90 percent for all programs

- Free lifeguard and swim instructor certifications* (value up to \$450)

*Eligible to those willing to work in Des Moines/Normandy Park area



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Sunset views of the Olympic Mountains from Normandy Park are second to none.

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and Cascade Mountains, the Normandy Park Cove and all of our public parks. These places have truly fresh air, a peaceful environment and open spaces that support family and community get togethers. Did you know that Normandy Park has the second most tree canopy in King County? We do!

Normandy Park is a city that loves and protects its nature.

“From Trees to Sea.” That’s our tagline and for good reason. We

love the natural parklike beauty of our city and neighborhoods that demonstrate strong support for our environment. Our city includes several miles of Miller and Walker Creeks and Walker Preserve offers a level easy trail, plus optional steep and narrow side trails that lead down to two small creeks and eventually the Puget Sound. Hikes through Marine View Park and down to the water and a testament to

everything we love about our little gem along the Sound.

So, there you have it. Normandy Park is a great place to live in the summer because it has nice and sunny weather, lots of fun things to do, fun and learning opportunities, and beautiful and relaxing scenery. Normandy Park has something for everyone in the summer. No need to travel to find a great vacation place this summer because we have it all right at home!

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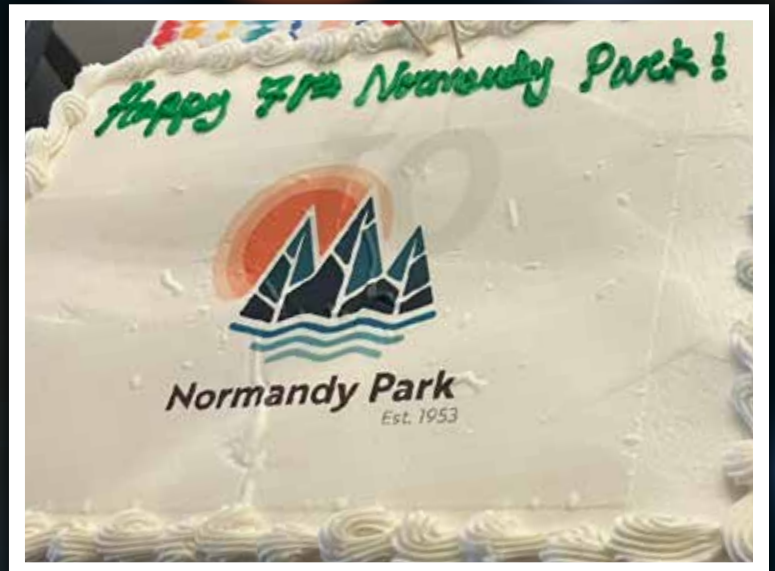
This year marked the 70th Anniversary of incorporating the City of Normandy Park on June 8th. We enjoyed celebrating with the community, our city council leadership, commissioners, and neighbors on our incorporation date of Thursday, June 8th, at the Highline Heritage Museum. Thank you to everyone who came out to visit the museum, and to enjoy the event with us!



Mayor Sue-Ann Hohimer and State Senator Karen Keiser.



City Manager, Amy Arrington welcoming guests to the Anniversary Party.



Happy 70th Anniversary! All of the celebration cake was eaten.



Not only does the museum feature a Normandy Park section, but Beatles fans can also see the collection of Beatles memorabilia at the museum.



Party-goers got to check out the giant map of the Highline area.



Councilmember Sheri Healy, Giovanni Morella, and Peter Philips.



Burien Mayor Sophia Aragon and Normandy Park Mayor Sue-Ann Hohimer during the glow-in-the-dark Scavenger Hunt event.



No Anniversary Party is complete without a festive glow-in-the-dark scavenger hunt! Highline Heritage volunteer Dave Sousa, is on the glow!



Shirley Muller and Kathy Sherry help for the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation.



Musician, Pat Herald plays 1950's era music to the small members of the audience.



Amber Nichols, former Arts Commissioner brought flowers and prepared amazing appetizers.



Party-goers enjoyed the music performed by Pat Herold.



Long-time Normandy Park resident Bob Justice attended the party at the Highline Heritage Museum.



Arts Commissioner Paul de Barros.



Boating and Paddling Safety Tips

BY DEBRA ALDERMAN, NP RESIDENT AND MEMBER OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

AS DAYS GET WARMER, MANY NORMANDY PARK RESIDENTS WILL BE ENJOYING BOATING AND PADDLING. Here are a few tips that will set you off on a safe course for the boating season. Links to resources such as a searchable database of boating classes or to request a courtesy vessel safety check, can be found here: wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=130

Lifejackets save lives

You never know when you are going to unexpectedly fall in to our very chilly Puget Sound or other local waters. Even if you're a good swimmer, within just a few minutes your muscles will no longer be fully functional due to the cold and you may be unable to help save yourself. Lifejackets will give you the chance to be rescued. Wear them!

Get educated

Stand up paddleboarding and kayaking are harder to master than they appear. There are great classes available locally and instructional videos online on the ACA YouTube channel www.youtube.com/@acapaddlesports/ videos which will familiarize you with accident-prevention and self-rescue techniques.

Boaters operating motorized vessels with a 15+ hp motor must earn and carry with them a Washington State Boater Education Card. Both in person classes offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and other groups and certain online classes will help you qualify. For more information, visit: www.parks.wa.gov/442/Mandatory-Boater-Education

Gear up

Get and use the proper gear for your type of boating. Local Coast Guard Auxiliary members will be happy to schedule a courtesy vessel safety check to go over the local and federal requirements and the recommended items to keep you safe out on the water.

Communication is key

All paddlers should have a whistle on their lifejackets. Cell phones may be unreliable or batteries run low at a critical time, so bringing along a water-resistant, floatable, hand-help VHF radio to make an emergency call is recommended for smaller boats without an installed marine radio.

Be visible

Paddlers: make yourself visible by wearing bright colored clothing and lifejacket. Free sticker kits



Drinking and boating don't mix

No matter what kind of boat you operate, even human-powered, it is illegal to boat impaired by drugs or alcohol. According to Coast Guard statistics, the use of alcohol is involved in about a third of all recreational boating fatalities. Penalties for accidents involving "boating under the influence" can include stiff fines and jail time.

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the City of Normandy Park, and other boating safety partners, wish you a safe and fun boating season. Please let us know how we can be of help. Feel free to email if you have questions or need a paddling sticker kit or "If Found" sticker. uscgauxiliarygreaterseattle@gmail.com

from the Coast Guard Auxiliary will make your paddles reflective and highly visible to other boaters.

A little help from your friends. Go boating or paddling with a friend or two since you'll be able to help each other out in an

emergency. And tell a trusted friend on shore your float plan, including who's in the group, where you'll be going, when you'll depart and return and then be sure to contact the person to let them know you're safely back from your outing.



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10:30am Children's Parade

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



11:15am Fun at The Cove

- Free hot dogs, beverages, popcorn, and ice cream
- Classic Car Show
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Face Painting



- **Dunk Tank**—come dunk the Chief of Police, Dan Yourkoski, and Mt. Rainier Principal, Kyle Linman, plus others!



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

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)



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

The City of Normandy Park celebrates its 70th birthday this year, and right alongside is the Comprehensive Plan, first adopted in 1957 and celebrating its 66th birthday! The 2024 update represents the sixth significant update of the plan.

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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, 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)

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/.



“The language begins with patterns that define towns and communities...:

Pattern 12 – Community of 7000*

Individuals have no effective voice in any community of more than 5,000-10,000 persons”

–A Pattern Language (1977)



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Rainbow Bingo at the Des Moines Activity Center

SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, AUG. 18, 2023

Ticket sales open July 5 *See City webpage and Des Moines Activity Center Facebook for more information.

Out to Lunch

Registration Now Open 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.

Healthy Eating to Control Cholesterol

JULY 19 (SPANISH) & JULY 20

What is cholesterol? Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance found in the body's bloodstream and cells. Your body needs some cholesterol to function well. Cholesterol is made by the body and it's found in some of the foods people eat. Too much cholesterol can build up in the arteries and increase your risk of heart disease.

Health and Social Services

Caregiver & Grief Support Group

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 11 AM - 12 NOON

Des Moines Activity Center hosts a twice-monthly caregiver and grief support group led by Cynthia Zink, Grief Recovery Method Specialist. As a supportive, informal group, share with others who are experiencing the same joys and challenges, and who can empathize and offer valuable insights, suggestions and resources. Caregivers are welcome to bring their loved one, and a volunteer will provide activities for them. No registration necessary.

On-Site Social Worker, Referral Services

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Foot Care

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Senior Community Health Screening for Ages 55+

2ND MONDAYS, 10 AM - 1 PM

In partnership with POCAAN, free wellness exam. Blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose and nutritional assessment are just some of the services offered. No appointment necessary.

Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) Services

3RD MONDAYS, 10 AM - 12:30 PM

Have questions or need assistance with Medicare? Please call DMAC to schedule your appointment with Ron Lome, SHIBA volunteer.

Des Moines Elder Law

3RD THURSDAYS, 11 AM - 12 PM

Get legal guidance and information in the following: Wills, power of attorney, living will, living trust, estate planning, community property agreements, and/or probate. Please call DMAC to schedule your appointment.

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JULY 15

Walker Creek Preserve
10:00am-12:00pm

Music in the Park

SUNDAYS, JULY–AUGUST

Marvista Park
19800 4th Ave SW
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5:00pm-6:30pm

Preschool Summer Camps

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National Night Out!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

City Hall Park

Botanical Alchemists Community Art Project

AUGUST 27

3:00pm-5:00pm
before Music in the Park
Marvista Park

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EDC Mixer Continues to Showcase Normandy Park Businesses

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EDC) and our partner Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce (SSCC) hosted the fourth Normandy Park Economic Development Implementation Business Mixer on May 17 at Empire Coffee in the Normandy Park Towne Center. The theme focused on engagement and outreach for Normandy Park non-profits, not-for-profits, and charitable and non-governmental organizations. Non-profits can be many things, but here in Normandy Park we are sure of interest in two of them: non-profits are businesses, and their success is a healthy part of the Normandy Park business ecosystem.

This interest was amply demonstrated by the over 60 registered people for the 4-6 p.m. event, who all sampled Becca's Italian soda bar and pastry treats. Speakers included State Senator Karen Keiser (D-Des Moines) recapping the just-completed Legislative session, Mayor Sue-Ann Hohimer, and Julie Fry representing Friends of Normandy Park (FONP)—

Non-profits based in Normandy Park alone represent \$5M in assets and reported nearly \$1.9M in income (2022).

one of the community's influential non-profits.

The SSCC continues a focus on South Side businesses with its superb logistical and topic coordination work for the mixers, supported in part by a grant from the Port of Seattle. Helmed by President Annie McGrath (a Normandy Park resident) and Executive Vice President Samantha

Le, and supported by stalwart Business Volunteers, SSCC represents the go-to organization for our businesses looking to grow their presence and success in Normandy Park.

Share your interests, ideas, and locations for the next series of Business Implementation mixers. Contact Nicholas Matz at nmatz@normandyparkwa.gov.



Empire Coffee hosts the fourth Economic Development Mixer.



ANOTHER SUMMER APPROACHES, and the Art Commission is proud to present this season of Music in the Park at Marvista Park! Every Sunday starting on July 9th and until August 27th at 5:00 pm there is free music for an hour and a half.

We have jazz, African beats and melodies, piano, theatre, and even a special event on August 27th starting at 3:00 pm from a group called Botanical Alchemists. This special event will involve making a large flower pattern at Marvista Park as a temporary art piece. Families, kids, neighbors, friends, and visitors will be invited to place flowers as part of a public art display. Please come see and hear the wonderful music this season has to offer.

All the concerts and events for Music in the Park are free and open to the public. There is also space for overflow parking at Marvista school.

This season at Music in the Park:

- Abaraka July 9th
- Pearl Django July 16th
- BAT Theatre July 23rd
- Jovino Santos Neto July 30th
- Greenstage Theatre August 6th
- Student Nurse August 13th
- Marina Albergo August 20th
- Eric Ode August 27th
- Also August 27th: the Botanical Alchemist special interactive nature art at 3:00pm.



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Staff arborist, Emily Powers answers questions about trees at the Ask an Arborist station.

Arbor Day Success

IN APRIL WE CELEBRATED SPRING with a vibrant Arbor Day event that took place in Marvista Park on Saturday, April 29. The event was an overwhelming success, bringing together nature enthusiasts, community members, and families for a joyous

celebration of trees. A highlight of the event was the poster contest, which saw an array of submissions from talented artists of all ages. The posters beautifully depicted the significance of trees and their vital role in our environment. With such amazing creativity on

display, the Arbor Day celebration in Normandy Park truly showcased the community's deep appreciation for nature and the collective commitment to preserving and nurturing our precious green spaces. These posters are now on display at City Hall.



Joanna Crook, first place winner Adult Category



Deacon Finnegan, first place winner grades K-3



Alice Barr, first place winner age 0-5

Uncover Eight Hidden Gems in the Park System!

EMBARK ON EXTRAORDINARY MINI-ADVENTURES THIS SUMMER through Normandy Park's park system. With eight amazing parks to explore, each with unique features and hidden treasures, summer is the perfect time to venture out and discover the unexpected.

Normandy Park's park system caters to all outdoor enthusiasts. Hike scenic trails to get close to nature, enjoy open fields for sports, or let little ones loose in the playgrounds. Pack a picnic and relish the perfect al fresco dining experience amidst the natural splendor. To get you started in your discovery or rediscovery

of the wonders that await in Normandy Park's park system this summer here's a list of the top 8 fun and unique things to look for in our City Parks.

- ☐ Walker Preserve old rail car
- ☐ Nature Trails giant root from felled tree
- ☐ E.J. Nist Park and the new slides & swings
- ☐ The Pollinator Garden at Marvista Park
- ☐ Marine View Park and the ferry tree
- ☐ Brittany Park fountain
- ☐ The Camp Waskowitz trees by the ball fields at City Hall Park
- ☐ Have a picnic at Wilson Park



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Recycling in the Park

WE HAD A BUSY DAY FOR THE BURIEN AND NORMANDY PARK SPRING RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENT. Eight hundred and sixty-three (863) carloads of recyclable material arrived.

The total amount of material collected was 87,235 pounds or 46.62 tons. Each vehicle averaged 101 pounds of material per load.

The event also included a compost/worm bin and rain barrel sale for distribution of these items to Burien and Normandy Park residents.

The event included the collection of:

- 19,880 pounds of electronics, scrap metal, and appliances
- 10,200 pounds of bulky yard debris and scrap wood
- 223 TV sets
- 181 computer monitors (7,240 pounds)
- 3,750 pounds of electronic equipment
- 16 used refrigerators and freezers
- 10,300 pounds of shredded paper
- 41 cubic yards of Styrofoam
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- 15 propane tanks
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Celebrating Abstract Art in the Park

ON MAY 19TH, THE ARTS COMMISSION HELD A RECEPTION AT CITY HALL for the artist whose work is currently on display, Sam Wildflowa. She had a wonderful reception with tea and friends while she spoke a few words about her artwork in the council chambers. Her colorful artwork will remain on display until the end of July.

Our next show will feature artists Reuf Kapetanovic and Helena Rogers. Their artwork encompasses a variety of styles, from coastlines to faces painted in stained glass watercolors. Keep an eye out for the next reception!

As the Arts Commission, we sincerely appreciate a variety of artistic styles. We value the ability



Left: Reception-goers enjoying the abstract artwork of Sam Wildflowa. Right: Sam Wildflowa, featured artist.



to provide a platform for artists to express themselves authentically, allowing space for the next artist to share *their* unique experiences as well. If you know a sculpture artist, a 2d artist, or a musician, we warmly encourage you to reach

out as we are constantly seeking opportunities to showcase talented individuals in various artistic disciplines. Please email: Alloyd@normandyparkwa.gov

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Online Permitting is Alive and Thriving in Normandy Park

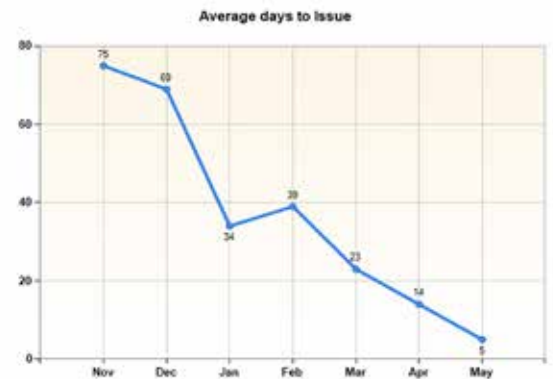
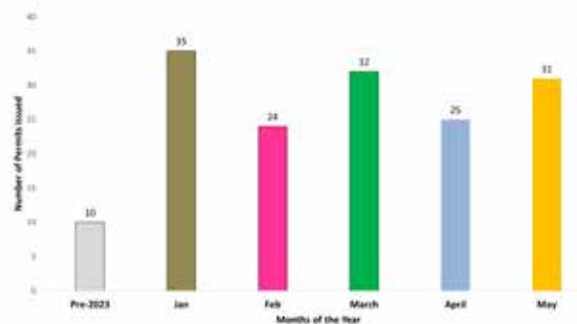
2023 HAS BEEN AN EXCITING YEAR FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT with the launch of the new SmartGov online permitting system. Our customers' rapid embrace of online permitting has matched a significant increase in the issued permits rate (see Issued Permits chart) from the period preceding SmartGov implementation. Since the start of 2023, we have issued over 150 online permits.

Of equal interest, the number of days to issue a permit has dropped from 75 in November 2022 to 5 in May 2023 (See Average Days to Issue chart) Normandy Park continues to offer permit application, review, and inspection services through both the SmartGov portal and through "in-house" applications at permits@normandyparkwa.gov.

SmartGov offers one-stop shopping for a variety of building permits, and land use and zoning applications. Common over-the-counter (OTC) permits are available alongside permits requiring multi-step review and discretionary zoning approval.

Other features of the SmartGov online permitting environment include paying online for permit applications, uploading original and revisions documents, and requesting next-day inspections—all at your convenience.

If you'd prefer to talk to someone in person, the Normandy Park Permit Counter is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.–Noon and from 1 p.m.–4 p.m. If you would like to chat, call (206) 248-8260 or email permits@normandyparkwa.gov.



Reissuance of Municipal Stormwater Permit Slated for 2024

BY JESSIE MEDROW, STORMWATER COORDINATOR

THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY DEVELOPS AND ADMINISTERS Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) municipal stormwater permits in Washington. The Western Washington Phase II permit requires local governments to manage and control stormwater runoff so that it does not pollute downstream waters. The current permit is effective Aug. 1, 2019, and expires on July 31, 2024.

What does the looming expiration date mean for Normandy Park? In 2024, municipalities across western

Washington can expect to see new requirements handed down from the state. Preliminary draft topics include outfall mapping,

polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), street sweeping, and tree retention.

Ecology is proposing adding language to the permits to better address the ecosystem

and stormwater management services of tree canopy. A study conducted in 2018 suggested that canopy cover protection, recovery,

Canopy cover protection, recovery, and reduction of impervious surface could lead to substantial improvements in water quality.

and reduction of impervious surface could lead to substantial improvements in water quality.

Tree canopy is critical to receiving water health and is a basic Low Impact Development (LID) Principle applied on a site-scale or landscape scale. Ecology has proposed to add permit language regarding tree canopy documentation, and setting implementable tree canopy retention/restoration objectives for stormwater management and improved water quality.

Example of the proposed permit language: Adopt and implement tree canopy retention/restoration objectives in order to support stormwater management and water quality improvement in receiving waters.

With a city tagline reading “From Trees to Sea”, it is no surprise that we prioritize our beloved trees. In 2023 we received the designation of Tree City USA and in 2022 a Heritage Tree Program was established. Thanks to an assessment of Normandy Park’s tree canopy conducted in 2018, the City already has a baseline and benchmark that will be used to meet the proposed requirements.

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Pavement Preservation Projects in 2023

Phase 1

Stormwater Improvements and Sidewalk Improvements will take place throughout May and June in preparation of the King County Overlay Project. The city has contracted with Reed Trucking, Inc. to complete this phase of the work.

Began: May 18th

Phase 2

King County's contractor will complete 2023 Pavement Preservation work. King County has not yet provided the city with a proposed schedule.

Start Date: TBD

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works Director Ken Courter (206) 248-8269 or Stormwater Coordinator Jessie Medrow (206) 248-8256.

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Parks Commissioners planting the new pollinator garden at Marvista Park in April for 'Spring into the Parks'.

A Perfect Patch of Pollinators

THE PARK COMMISSIONERS OF NORMANDY PARK HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CHAMPIONS OF PRESERVING THE CITY'S NATURAL SPLENDOR. Their latest endeavor, the creation of a pollinator garden near the Rose Garden at Marvista Park, demonstrates their commitment to supporting the delicate balance of the local ecosystem. By nurturing the interplay between native and ornamental plants, the garden aims to attract and sustain a diverse array of pollinators throughout the seasons. The success of the pollinator garden at Marvista Park is a collaboration between the Park Commissioners, the King Conservation District, and the residents of Normandy Park. The King Conservation District generously provided funding for a significant portion of the garden. This partnership highlights the shared vision of fostering sustainable habitats for bees, butterflies, birds and for preserving the natural environment of the region.

Several Normandy Park residents donated plants from their own gardens, creating a tapestry of colors and scents that reflects the collective commitment to environmental conservation. Their involvement not only enriches the

pollinator garden but also fosters a sense of community pride and ownership. Consider making a visit to the pollinator garden to see the new plantings for yourself. Mason bees have already made a new home in the pollinator insect house.

Would you like to encourage pollinators in your yard at home?

You can make a portion of your yard a pollinator pathway by installing native and ornamental pollinator plants and by decreasing the use of pesticides and insecticide usage in your home garden. We hope that you create your own pollinator garden at home and that you visit our new pollinator garden at Marvista Park.

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Garrett Strand was hired on March 16th and began training with the Police Academy on April 25th.

Currently residing in Olympia, Washington, with his wife and son, Garrett is drawn to the sense of community fostered by the residents of Normandy Park. He admires how active and closely-knit the community is, which is what inspired him to accept the position and join our Normandy Park Police Department.

While Garrett awaits his graduation from the Police Academy on August 31st, he spends his free time exploring the great outdoors through camping, hiking, and fishing. Garrett enjoys spending time with his wife and son as well as tending to their small farm.

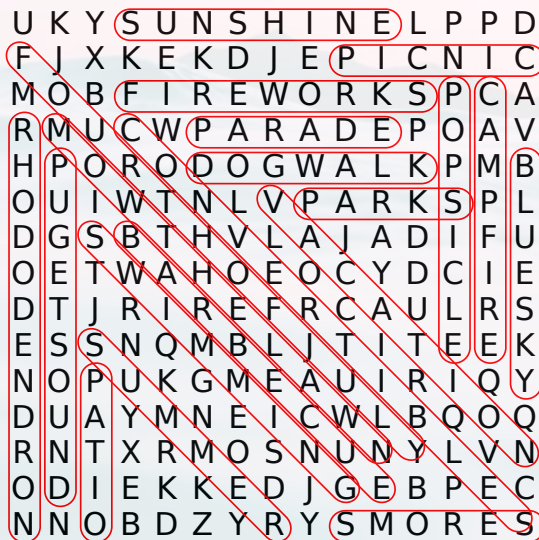
The Normandy Park Police Department eagerly anticipates adding Garrett to the team upon his graduation in August.



Introducing our new Public Works Supervisor Matthew Marcoe

Matthew started working for the City in May and has hit the ground running. Matthew lives in Renton, WA where he enjoys hanging out with family and friends and enjoys playing Legos and board games with his

son. In his free time he like to go camping and go on trips with his wife. Matthew enjoys the challenge of starting something new and meeting new people. Matthew comes to the team with a lot of experience in Public Works Maintenance and looks forward to bringing his knowledge, skills, and abilities to The City Normandy Park.



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any public park, public open space, public playground, public street, public road, public right-of-way, or other publicly owned property in the City of Normandy Park. Only consumer fireworks are allowed. Any illegal fireworks will be seized and the owner cited. If you have any questions on this, please refer to the City Municipal Code or call the Police Department during business hours at (206) 248-7600.

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When a pet wanders away from home, it can be stressful for them and their owners. Even if you have an 'indoor pet', accidents happen. Gates or doors get left open, fences can fail and excited or scared dogs can escape their collars and take off running. An up-to-date license tag reunites pets with their owners faster.

Many dogs are microchipped, but unless the person or agency that finds your dog has a chip reader, a license tag is immediately visible and a much quicker way of getting



your pup home. Microchipping is a great backup to licensing but be sure to register their chip and keep contact information up to date.

Pets can wander far from home and if found, they cannot tell the finder their address or pull out an ID card. Their tag lets everyone know they're not a homeless stray! When you fill out their license application, your contact information is entered into the City licensing database.

If your pet is turned in or picked up by the Normandy Park Police Department and they have a tag, the police will use the information from the license application and contact the owner(s). Both of our dogs also wear I.D. tags with our contact information, making it easier for anyone finding them to call us immediately. These are available at most pet stores and Amazon.

If they're not wearing a license tag, a microchip reader will be used and if a chip is found, the company will be contacted.

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Importance of a Pet License CONTINUED

ride to the kennel. But before that happens, the police will post a photo of the dog on the Normandy Park Police Facebook page. www.facebook.com/NPChief/

If the dog is not claimed, it will be taken to the kennel. In the unfortunate event your dog ends up at the kennel, you must come into City Hall and pay for the kennel boarding costs and City licensing fees before you can pick them up.

The City of Normandy Park requires all dogs over six months of age and kept within the city to be licensed. Normandy Park Municipal Code (NPMC) 6.04.020

A pet license may be purchased in person at City Hall during regular business hours or by mail.

Please bring or mail a completed application (www.normandyparkwa.gov/services/finance-services/pet-license/) and proof of spay/neuter, along with a check for the proper amount. If applying by mail, a tag will be sent to your home address.

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We will update our schedule in November to cover the Post-Season.

Go Seahawks!!!

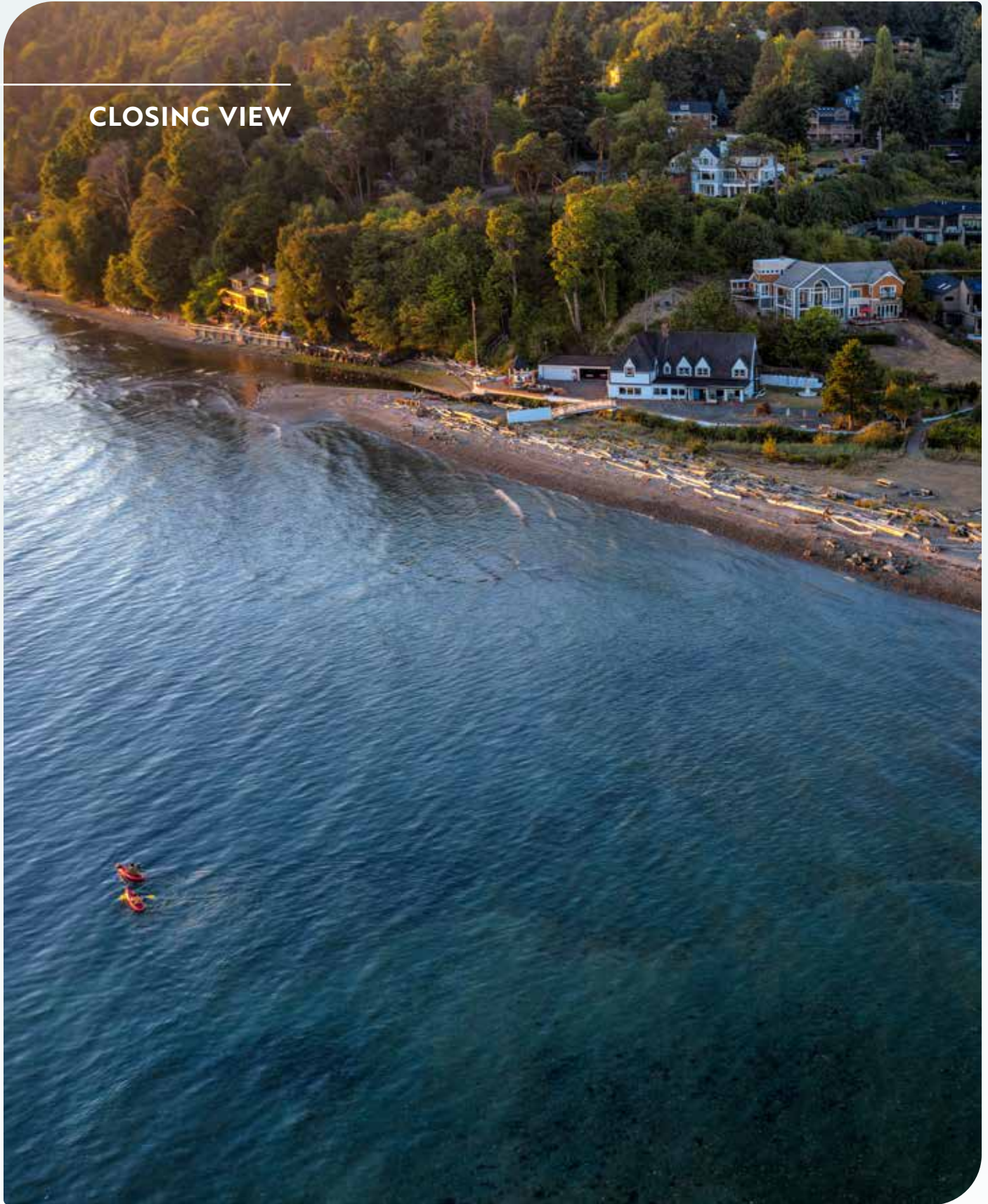
Please Clean Up After Your Pets

DOG POOP COMPLAINTS ARE ON THE RISE. Please be courteous and pick up after your pets. There are many reasons to pick up after your pet but here are the top four.

1. Improving water quality by preventing pollutants from making their way into storm drains.
2. Nobody wants to step in it.
3. Improving quality of life by being a great neighbor.
4. Bags found at pet waste stations in Normandy Park are courtesy of a Recycling Grant.



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