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**Cover:** Normandy Park children frequently work with building blocks and explore imaginary play in the preschool classroom.

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## Mayor's Message

Sue-Ann Hohimer [Sue-Ann.Hohimer@NormandyParkWA.gov](mailto:Sue-Ann.Hohimer@NormandyParkWA.gov)



### Let the Next Seventy Begin...

Serving our City Council and Normandy Park residents these first four years of the 2020's has been a historically challenging yet truly rewarding experience. During this time, we've also retired and hired a City Manager, had Councilmembers pass away or step down to attend to family, and we've struggled to land on a clear-cut path forward regarding a new City Hall Building. (See the City Manager's article for more on that).

As my second mayoral term comes to a close, I'm struck by how often the winter metaphor is a perfect description of how some things need to come to an end in order for springtime to arrive with the new that is necessary. Each "no" can be seen as bringing us closer to finding our "yes". Or in the words of 2023's Person of the Year, Taylor Swift, perhaps from this "winter" we'll, "wake up and find that what we're looking for has been here the whole time..."

Sometimes people need to rule out other options before a clear consensus can emerge regarding the obvious way forward. Thanks to an Asset Based Community Development approach and to all of you that weighed-in through votes, surveys and workshops this year, it seems we are finally leaning into who we already are and discovering more about how to become the best version of our city for future generations.

A highlight of my second term has been, celebrating our 70th year as a city. I have so much gratitude for those who paved the way for us to become the city we are. We are now positioned well for a journey together through the next seventy. We are debt-free in our general fund, have built up substantial reserves in several strategic funds, have secured numerous grants for funding, and have an excellent credit rating. We have a fantastic city staff and a fresh new logo. Our beloved police department will be fully staffed by Spring. Our Arts, Parks and Planning Commissions each have seven amazingly talented and dedicated volunteers with complimentary skill sets to help advise our Council, who along with our four newly elected Councilmembers, including myself, are thrilled to serve you for another four years. Additionally, our little hidden gem of a city is an incredible asset, all on its own. It's quaint beauty and welcoming, yet hidden nature offers us much we can use in BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER...

*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

## Uniting Community Builds Safer Tomorrows

BY SHERI HEALEY, CITY COUNCILMEMBER

**H**appy New Year! As we stand on the threshold of a new year, it is both an honor and a privilege for me to reflect on the past 14 months of service on the Normandy Park City Council. Having been a resident of this remarkable city for 30+ years, raising our two girls here, I have witnessed the ebb and flow of our community's vitality. We have celebrated triumphs and weathered storms together, and it is this collective spirit that propels us forward into the challenges of today.

In recent times, our community has faced an increase in public safety challenges, a matter that has not gone unnoticed by our engaged and caring residents. The challenges we've encountered have not deterred us but have rather ignited a collective determination to strengthen the bonds that knit us together. The realization that personal awareness plays a pivotal role in enhancing community safety has promoted a united front among neighbors.

Understanding that a proactive approach is essential, the City Council recently identified 12 precincts which make up our city, each a unique piece of the Normandy Park mosaic. Defining these 12 precincts is a new way to group the city on the map and into regions to help get neighbors connected and working together. The goal is to expand participation in block watch opportunities, encouraging residents to actively contribute to the safety and well-being of their immediate surroundings. Through these initiatives, we aim to create a network of vigilant eyes and ears,

reinforcing our commitment to a safer community. "See something, say something."

By early spring Normandy Park will have a full police force. This development is a testament to our city's dedication and the collaborative efforts to prioritize the safety of our community. A full police force provides quicker response times, increased visibility, and a heightened sense of security, further bolstering the quality of life in Normandy Park.

Normandy Park remains a passionate community dedicated to ensuring our hidden gem of a city provides the highest quality of life. Beyond the realm of public safety, our focus also includes recreation, preservation of our rich history and the cultivation of a strong sense of community. As we embark on this new year, we do so with enthusiasm and optimism, eager to seize the opportunities that lie ahead. It is heartening to witness the collective determination of our residents to overcome challenges and fortify the bonds that make our city special.

Brimming with hope and optimism, the Council is excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. Our commitment to the community of Normandy Park remains unwavering, and we look forward to navigating these opportunities together, hand in hand. Here's to a year of growth, resilience, and a deepened sense of community. Together, we will continue to navigate challenges, celebrate successes, and ensure that Normandy Park remains a beacon of community spirit for years to come.





## Proposed City Hall & Police Station Project No Longer Moving Forward

**T**his past year, the City of Normandy Park began exploring an opportunity to consider establishing a new City Hall. Specifically, we were offered an opportunity to purchase an approximately 28,000-square-foot building in the northwest corner of the Normandy Park Towne Center shopping center. We worked with the owner and developed a great plan that would meet all our needs, and it was also going to be more affordable than the Civic Center Project that was considered in 2022.

A key element needed to make this project successful was a sound purchase price. We worked diligently to negotiate a purchase price agreeable to the City and the owner. Unfortunately, we could not come to an agreement.

The need for an updated administrative building still exists. The City Council will be considering next steps and all other options in 2024. Thank you to all the residents who

participated in our meetings and provided valuable feedback. Stay tuned for more information in

2024 as we plan for our future building needs. And, as always, let your voice be heard!

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- Request for Records
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# City Council Quarterly Review

The City of Normandy Park City Council meets at least monthly 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 September through December 2023.

### Police Officers Ceremonial Oath of Office

Chief Yourkoski administered the Ceremonial Oath to our two new Police Officers. Welcome to Garrett Strand and Garrett Gredell.

### 2024 Legislative Agenda Adopted

The City Council approves a Legislative Agenda each year to define its priorities for the upcoming year. The focus of the 2024 legislative Agenda is on Public Safety, Behavioral Health Resources, the Environment, Transportation, and revision of the Property Tax Cap. To help promote this agenda, The City Council invited our state legislators. Senator Karen Keiser, Representative Tina Orwall, and Representative Mia Gregerson all attended a City Council meeting to talk about their past successes and future priorities that impact the residents of Normandy Park. The City Council also used this time to express its priorities for 2024.

### Presentations made to the City Council:

- Mt. Rainer Pool came to highlight the programs they offer and talk about how Normandy Park's financial support helps its operations. Since 2009, the City of Normandy Park has contributed annually towards the pool. Because of this, Normandy Park residents enjoy discounted rates, priority registration, and scholarship access for certain programs.
- Waste Management presented its Annual Report. They reported on Normandy Park's waste stream, its community engagement efforts, and its public recycling center tours.
- Normandy Park Preschool Director Diane Brissenden gave a presentation regarding the preschool program. We learned about the preschool's history, enrollment, and successful focus on play to encourage learning.
- PROS Plan – The City is updating its Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan. The City Council heard more from our consultant on the public input and how the plan was developing for our hidden gem of a city.



### Approved Ordinances, Resolutions, & Contracts

- A contract for the design and construction management of the Storm and Sidewalk projects planned for 2024.
- Amendment to the Waste Management contract. This amendment was needed to comply with King County's rate restructuring related to solid waste.
- Resolution setting the 2024 property tax levy. The new rate will be 1.56748 vs. the 1.6000 rate used in 2023. What does this rate mean? For every \$1,000 of assessed value of your home, you will pay \$1.57. Remember to use the assessed value established by the King County Assessor's Office and not market value (i.e., Zillow, Redfin) when calculating your property taxes.
- Resolution ratifying the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). For background, CPPs are the shared and consistent framework for growth management planning for all jurisdictions in King County.
- Ordinance #1060 which amended the 2023-2024 budget. Budgets are financial plans, and there will always be certain transactions unknown at the time when the budget was adopted. Because of this, local governments are required to review and amend the budget as needed every year.
- Resolution #1009 approving the 2024 City of Normandy Park Fee Schedule. The City has a financial policy to review all fees annually, and when appropriate, user charges and fees should reflect the full cost of providing the related service.
- Contract to implement a Records Management System (RMS). Benefits of this program include greater staff efficiency, long-term cost savings, and improved public service.

### Proclamations

September was recognized as National Recovery Month and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

### Commission Appointments

Resident Raymond Street was reappointed to the Arts Commission.



# Welcome New Staff!

## Garrett Arkills

*Public Works Maintenance Worker*

**Where are you from?**

West Seattle

**What is your favorite part about working for the city so far?** The people are awesome.

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

Barbequing and spending time with my family.

**What is one thing that you'd like the residents to know about you?** I make friends very easily.



## Erin Smith *City Clerk*

My name is Erin Smith, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new City Clerk of Normandy Park. With 17 years of experience in government, I am confident that I am well-prepared for the challenges of this role.

Throughout my career, I have held various positions that have helped me develop the skills necessary to excel in this position.

Outside of work, I enjoy participating in community outreach

programs, and I aspire to do more humanitarian work in the future. I love to travel and want to see as much of the world as I can. I am looking forward

to my upcoming cruise, my first, with my Boyfriend to the eastern Caribbean. I am an animal lover, and we have rescued three cats, Harvii, Clawdia, and Ash. I am also passionate about the holiday season, which I celebrate from October until New Year's. During this time, I love planning gatherings with friends and family to spread holiday cheer.

I am grateful to the City of Normandy Park for allowing me to serve as the City Clerk, and I understand that this position comes with its challenges. However, with my experience, I can help bring Normandy Park to new heights! I am also grateful for the warm welcome I have received from our staff, and I look forward to meeting more of our community members in the future. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and share something that brings you joy - I value warm conversations and would love to get to know you better.



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# Recycle, Yard Waste and Collection Services

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## Food Scraps Container

Normandy Park customers who subscribe to Food/Yard Waste services are eligible to receive a free Kitchen Food Scrap Collection Container. Send your request to [recyclenw@wm.com](mailto:recyclenw@wm.com).

## Broken or Damaged Carts

If your Garbage, Recycling or Food Yard Waste cart has damaged hinges, holes, poorly functioning wheels, and other similar repair needs, you can submit a request for replacement at [wmnorthwest.com/normandypark](http://wmnorthwest.com/normandypark) or call (855) 672-7596.

## Christmas Tree Disposal

Normandy Park customers can recycle their Christmas trees for



free on Jan. 23, 2024. Please follow the guidelines in preparing your Christmas tree for pickup.

Christmas trees must be clean and uncontaminated (e.g., no tinsel, unflocked).

Customers shall be required

to cut the trees into sections no longer than four feet and place trees in Compostable Carts, wherever possible.

## Container Cleaning Service

WM provides an on-call fee-based container cleaning service to Customers at a rate of \$12 per cart per cleaning submit a request at [wmnorthwest.com/normandypark](http://wmnorthwest.com/normandypark) or call (855) 672-7596.

## Battery Recycle

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# Normandy Park Police Give Back in Second-Annual Toys For Tots Campaign

The Police Department once again sponsored a collection point for the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

This program collects new unwrapped toys and provides them to other charitable groups throughout King County to



ensure all kids have the opportunity for a Happy Holiday.

Thanks to the Normandy Park community's generous support, we filled two large bins with toys and games.



*A shadow box containing artifacts of Normandy Park Police Department History was presented to the City Council. It will be displayed prominently in the City Hall lobby for everyone to enjoy.*

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## Shop With a Cop

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Officer Gredell shops with his Shop With a Cop buddy.

Besides the Des Moines Police Department, the Port of Seattle Police Department and South King County Fire also participated. This event would not be possible without the support of the Normandy Park Police Foundation. If you would like to donate to this program and others that support Police events, please contact the Foundation at: [NormandyParkPoliceFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:NormandyParkPoliceFoundation@gmail.com).

Police Department members also participated in both the Auburn and Tukwila Police Departments Shop with a Cop programs as well.



Normandy Park Police Department and Sheri Healey, City Council member and Police Foundation member, participate in Shop with a Cop.

# Get their feet wet



Research validates that children who learn to swim at an early age actually develop mentally and physically at a measurably better level, even performing better in school.

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## Building a New Park and Pathways for Salmon: Salmon View Park 2023 Grant Funding Tracker

The City is actively seeking grant funding to bring a new park, Salmon View Park, to life. Residents will be able to enjoy a new open space park dedicated to salmon viewing, but first, the city must replace several culverts conveying Walker Creek and Sequoia Creek. The culverts have been identified as fish passage

barriers by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. One of the most vital salmon recovery tools includes the correction of human-made fish passage barriers such as undersized culverts. Nearly 300 million in federal and state funding opportunities have been earmarked for fish barrier removal and salmon recovery.

This targeted funding could not come at a more crucial time. This will help minimize the amount of Normandy Park general funds used for construction of the culverts and the creation of Salmon View Park.

For more information visit the City's website or contact Jessie Medrow, Stormwater Coordinator at [jmedrow@normandyparkwa.gov](mailto:jmedrow@normandyparkwa.gov).

FUNDING SOURCES (SECURED)	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	AMOUNT
King County Flood Reduction Grant	2020	Culvert Replacement 60% Design	Complete	\$300,000
King County Flood Reduction Grant	2021	Culvert Replacement 90% Design	Complete	\$200,000
King County Flood Reduction Grant	2022	Culvert Replacement 100% Design	Dec 2024	\$150,000
King County Conservation Futures Grant	2022	Walker/Sequoia Creek Property Acquisition	Complete	\$600,000
King County Cooperative Watershed Management Grant	2022	Demolition and Site Stabilization	Aug 2024	\$150,000
King County Conservation Futures Grant	2024	Miller Creek Property Acquisition	Mar 2024	\$400,000
King County Cooperative Watershed Management Grant	2024	Demolition and Site Stabilization	Aug 2024	\$200,000
King County Parks Capital and Open Space Grant	2024	Miller Creek Property Acquisition	Aug 2024	\$400,000
City REET and Parks Levy Funds	2023	Walker/Sequoia Creek Property Acquisition	Complete	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$3,000,000</b>

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES (SEEKING)	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	AMOUNT
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Restoring Fish Passages through Barrier Removal Grant	2024	Construction of Bridge at Walker Creek	Applied October 2023	\$4,722,000
Federal Highway Administration National Culvert Removal, Replacement & Restoration Grants	2024	Construction of Bridge at Walker Creek or Culvert at Sequoia Creek	Future Application	\$5,400,000
King County Flood Reduction Grant	2025	Federal Grant Local Match for 12th Ave SW Bridge or SW 174th Street Box Culvert	Future Application	\$725,000
Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Grant	2026	Federal Grant Local Match for 12th Ave SW Bridge or SW 174th Street Box Culvert	Future Application	\$620,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$11,467,000</b>



# Normandy Park Preschool

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## Current Classes

Explorers 2.5 – 3.5	Creators 3.5 – 4.5	Achievers Pre-K 4.5 – 5.5
Wednesday/Friday 9:00 – 11:30 am \$239.00/month*	Mon/Tues/Thurs 9:00 – 11:30 am \$359.00/month*	Monday – Thursday 12:30 – 3:30 pm \$409.00/month*

Registration for 2024-25 begins in February 2024

\*there will be a slight increase for 2024-25 tuition fees

For more information about Normandy Park Preschool visit

<https://www.normandyparkpreschool.org>

Call 206-248-8249 or email [dbrissenden@normandyparkwa.gov](mailto:dbrissenden@normandyparkwa.gov)

**January 16:** Enrollment begins for families currently in the program moving up to the next class.

**January 22:** Enrollment begins for Normandy Park families who are not currently enrolled. A Registration form will be given at the time of contact with a deadline date to hold the placement.

**January 29:** Open Enrollment begins. A Registration form will be given at the point of contact with a deadline date to hold the placement.

Visit our website at <https://www.normandyparkpreschool.org> to learn more about our program. Complete the online interest form or call 206-248-8249 to leave a voicemail.



# City of Normandy Park 2024 Resident Satisfaction Survey

We work hard to provide the best services possible to Normandy Park residents. And we would like to hear from you about how we are doing. Your feedback will help us determine what areas and services that are important to you! **Please return the completed survey to City Hall or use the QR code to submit your input electronically.** If you have any questions, please get in touch with City Clerk Erin Smith at [esmith@normandyparkwa.gov](mailto:esmith@normandyparkwa.gov) or 206.248.2848.



## Quality of Services

HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH:	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW
1. Overall quality of Police Services.	5	4	3	2	1	0
2. Overall quality of Parks.	5	4	3	2	1	0
3. Overall maintenance of City streets, sidewalks, and infrastructure.	5	4	3	2	1	0
4. Overall quality of land use, planning, and zoning.	5	4	3	2	1	0
5. Overall quality of economic development.	5	4	3	2	1	0
6. Overall effectiveness of code enforcement.	5	4	3	2	1	0
7. Overall effectiveness of City's efforts to protect the environment.	5	4	3	2	1	0
8. Overall efforts to be a good steward of the City's finances	5	4	3	2	1	0

## Public Safety

HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH:	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW
1. Overall feeling of safety in Normandy Park.	5	4	3	2	1	0
2. Overall quality of local police protection.	5	4	3	2	1	0
3. Visibility of police in neighborhoods.	5	4	3	2	1	0
4. Visibility of police in commercial and retail areas.	5	4	3	2	1	0
5. How quickly police respond to emergencies.	5	4	3	2	1	0
6. Efforts to prevent crime.	5	4	3	2	1	0
7. Enforcement of local traffic laws.	5	4	3	2	1	0
8. Animal Control Services.	5	4	3	2	1	0

## Public Works

HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH:	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW
1. Street Repair.	5	4	3	2	1	0
2. Storm Drainage.	5	4	3	2	1	0
3. Condition of Sidewalks.	5	4	3	2	1	0
4. Condition of Street Signs and traffic signals.	5	4	3	2	1	0
5. Adequacy of street lighting in Normandy Park.	5	4	3	2	1	0
6. Snow Removal on City Streets.	5	4	3	2	1	0
7. Condition of pavement markings on streets.	5	4	3	2	1	0

Of the items listed above, which one should receive the MOST EMPHASIS from City Leaders in the next year? .....





## Parks & Recreation

HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH:	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW
1. Maintenance of local parks.	5	4	3	2	1	0
2. The number of parks in Normandy Park.	5	4	3	2	1	0
3. Quality of park facilities (shelters, playgrounds, etc.)	5	4	3	2	1	0
4. Quality of outdoor athletic fields.	5	4	3	2	1	0
5. Walking and biking trails.	5	4	3	2	1	0
6. Recreation opportunities offered by the City.	5	4	3	2	1	0

## Permitting

HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH:	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW
1. Getting inquiries answered on building and planning issues.	5	4	3	2	1	0
2. Review process from application to issuance.	5	4	3	2	1	0
3. Permit inspections process.	5	4	3	2	1	0
4. Permit fees.	5	4	3	2	1	0
5. Rate your experience with the Normandy Park Permit Counter.	5	4	3	2	1	0

## Communication Services

HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH:	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	DON'T KNOW
1. Overall effectiveness of City communications with the public.	5	4	3	2	1	0
2. Availability of information about City programs/services.	5	4	3	2	1	0
3. Overall usefulness of the City's website.	5	4	3	2	1	0
4. Overall effectiveness of the City's use of social media.	5	4	3	2	1	0
5. Opportunities to engage/provide input into decisions made by the City.	5	4	3	2	1	0

What Generation Are You?

☐ Silent Generation (1922-1945)

☐ Baby Boomer (1946 - 1964)

☐ Generation X (1965 - 1976)

☐ Millennial (1977 – 1995)

☐ Gen Z (1996 and younger)

☐ I prefer not to answer.

Do you have any suggestions to help us improve City services?



Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey!

# 2024 Events

## Build Your Calendar of Normandy Park Activities



Visit the City of Normandy Park's  
Recreation & Community Page



### A Walk With Plants

SATURDAY, JAN. 20, WALKER CREEK PRESERVE

FEB. 17, NATURE TRAILS PARK

MARCH 17 AT WALKER CREEK

10AM-12PM

Jaime Van Doughty, gardener, naturalist, and herbalist invites you to join her in exploring thriving wildlife with wonder at the forefront. On the trail you will pause to identify medicinal and edible plants of the season.



### Owl Prowls

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024  
MARINE VIEW PARK

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024  
WALKER PRESERVE

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024  
MARINE VIEW PARK

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024  
WALKER PRESERVE

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024  
MARINE VIEW PARK

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024  
WALKER PRESERVE

Evenings at dusk—  
check website  
calendar for start  
times as it varies with  
daylight savings time.

### Bird Walks

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024  
THE COVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024  
NATURE TRAILS

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024  
MARINE VIEW PARK

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024  
NATURE TRAILS

8:30-10:30AM

Join naturalist Kevin  
O'Malley of South  
Sound Nature School  
on a walk to discover  
migrating and local  
birds!



### Community Foresters

FIRST FRIDAYS STARTING IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH  
10AM-1PM

Join us in Marine View Park on the first Friday of every  
month. Volunteers will help to restore Marine View Park.  
Just bring your enthusiasm. We will teach you about  
Forest Restoration.



### Family Foresters

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024  
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024  
10-1PM

Plant trees in at Nist Park, learn  
about invasive species, and enjoy  
programming from the Environmental  
Science Center, all out in the park with  
friends and family. Pre-registration is  
helpful for preparing supplies.





## Blood Drive

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Local blood banks are in desperate need of life-saving blood and you can help! Support local blood banks by donating blood at City Hall in Normandy Park through our partner, Bloodworks Northwest.

## Music in the Park

SUNDAYS JULY 7– AUGUST 25, 2024

5-6:30PM

For over two decades the Normandy Park Arts Commission has been bringing free music to the park on Sundays every summer. Grab a lawn chair or picnic blanket and enjoy an eclectic mix of music every Sunday at Marvista Park. Summer schedule line-up is coming soon!



## National Night Out

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

6-8PM

Spend a night with your neighbors and the City of Normandy Park Police Department to celebrate National Night Out! Join us at City Hall Park for a free pizza, a night to celebrate community and encourage the prevention of crime by gathering and meeting others in your community!



## Arbor Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

10-1PM

Celebrate spring and enjoy a free tree, crafts, free mulch and more at the Marvista Park! NEW this year will be a community book exchange, where you can take a book or leave one to help recycle and save trees and paper. See our city website for more details!

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## 2024 Events, continued



### Fall Frolic

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024, 1-4PM**

Enjoy a free pumpkin, warm drinks and music at the Marvista Park Pea Patch. Celebrate fall and the harvest in Normandy Park!



### Veterans Day Open House

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2024, 10AM-12PM**

**CITY HALL PARK**

Enjoy visiting with other veterans and neighbors in advance of the holiday. City Hall will be closed Monday, November 11, 2024 so we will celebrate Friday! Join us on the lawn near the Blue Star Memorial Garden.

**Stay connected...check the website for more recreation updates!**



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# 2023 Update on City's Online Permitting System

## A "Win" for our Residents

Normandy Park's online permitting system, SmartGov, has had a successful first full year for our customers and community stakeholders. Streamlining the permitting process online, including application and document submittal, payments, review, revisions, and integrated inspections, has resulted in significant efficiency in Normandy Park's permit process system. Here is some information on how everything is working.

### Application Intake

Applications made in 2023 outpaced 2022's record year—658 to 575, respectively. This is the total of SmartGov online permit applications and our traditional paper "in-house" system. Seventy-seven percent of those permit applications were made in SmartGov—a rapid and significant shift away from the paper system.

### Permit Issuance

SmartGov's efficiency in processing, reviewing, and issuance of permit applications has resulted in 501 permits issued (YTD), an increase of nearly five percent over 2022's 479 permits issued through the paper system. Also, the permit issuance timeline has become significantly more efficient. Figure 1 illustrates this.

- Online building permit applications now average 28 days to issue compared to an average 97 days for "paper."
- Online over the counter (OTC) applications now average less than two days to issue compared to the seven-to-eight-day process of receiving, paying invoices and issuing "paper" OTC permits.

### Inspection Services

Although the total number of received inspection requests has declined, the goal of inspection services performance is to continue providing consistent service which meets the quickly changing needs of our customers. See Figure 2.

Consistency has been the hallmark of 2023's intake and performance of inspection requests—far more than 2022. This is illustrated in Figure 3. Predictability plays a larger role with this smoothing out of the inspection process. Both our SmartGov and paper in-house permit systems ensure that inspection services will continue to be provided in an efficient and effective manner.

*SmartGov's efficiency in processing, reviewing, and issuance of permit applications has resulted in 501 permits issued.*

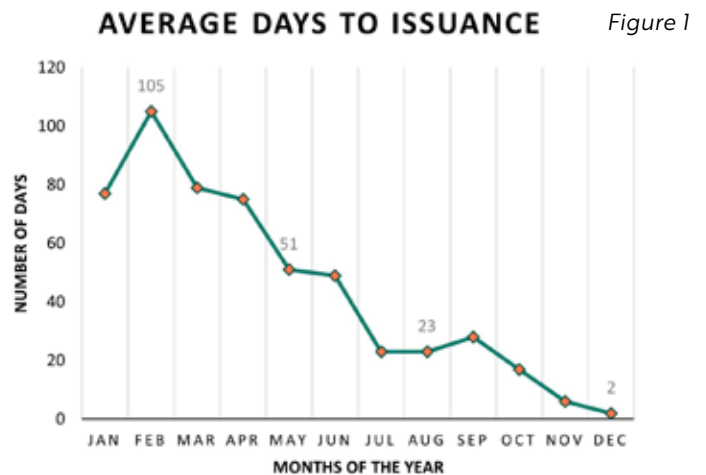
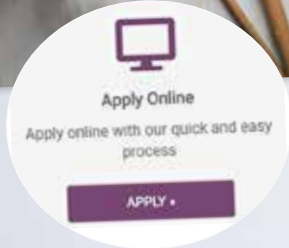


Figure 3

	2022 INSPECTIONS	2023 INSPECTIONS
January	68	55
February	64	61
March	76	88
April	109	55
May	77	54
June	84	57
July	73	72
August	55	77
September	115	70
October	89	70
November	64	63
December	54	45
	<b>TOTAL: 928</b>	<b>TOTAL: 767</b>

# Doing Some Building This Year?

## Recipe for a Successful Online Permit Application



### INGREDIENTS

- The right permit application in SmartGov
- A SmartGov account
- Site/Construction Plans
- Drainage control
- Specialized plans (e.g. foundation, floor, roof, elevation, cross section)
- The right # of plan sets
- Fire, water, and sewer availability letters
- Invoice and fees



### THE PERFECT ONLINE PERMIT APPLICATION

Serving: **Normandy Park** Cook Time: **Varies<sup>1</sup>**  
Author: **Community Development** Course: **Remodel**

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Talk to city staff about what you want to prepare. Is it a meal or just hors d'oeuvres? Remodels and additions sometimes require as much as a new house.
2. Do you have the right pots and equipment? Understand what you will need to provide in an application before you engage contractors.
3. Prepare your list of ingredients (see to the left.) For fees, the charge is based on an accurate valuation of your project.
4. Hiring a "chef", or doing it yourself? A Normandy Park business license is necessary for both. Some parts of the city code require professional certification for work to be approved.
5. Submit a complete application. This means that you have turned in everything<sup>2</sup> that is required on the application and checklist. The most common reason for "burned food" (delays in review) is not submitting all required materials.
6. Ask if you do not understand what you are paying for. If the city has to bring in "kitchen staff" (our contract consultants) then the applicant will pay for that.
7. A watched pot does boil; if you contact the city for review status let your professional know that you have done so. Work with your professional to ensure that only one of you is responding to requests for additional information.
8. Like a popular restaurant, the city is preparing a lot of meals at the same time. All of us appreciate that needed patience.
9. As you complete the course, be sure to clean up—understand inspection and occupancy requirements.

### NOTES

<sup>1</sup>Using SmartGov is like using a microwave!

<sup>2</sup>Ask; sometimes not everything applies



# Winter in the Park

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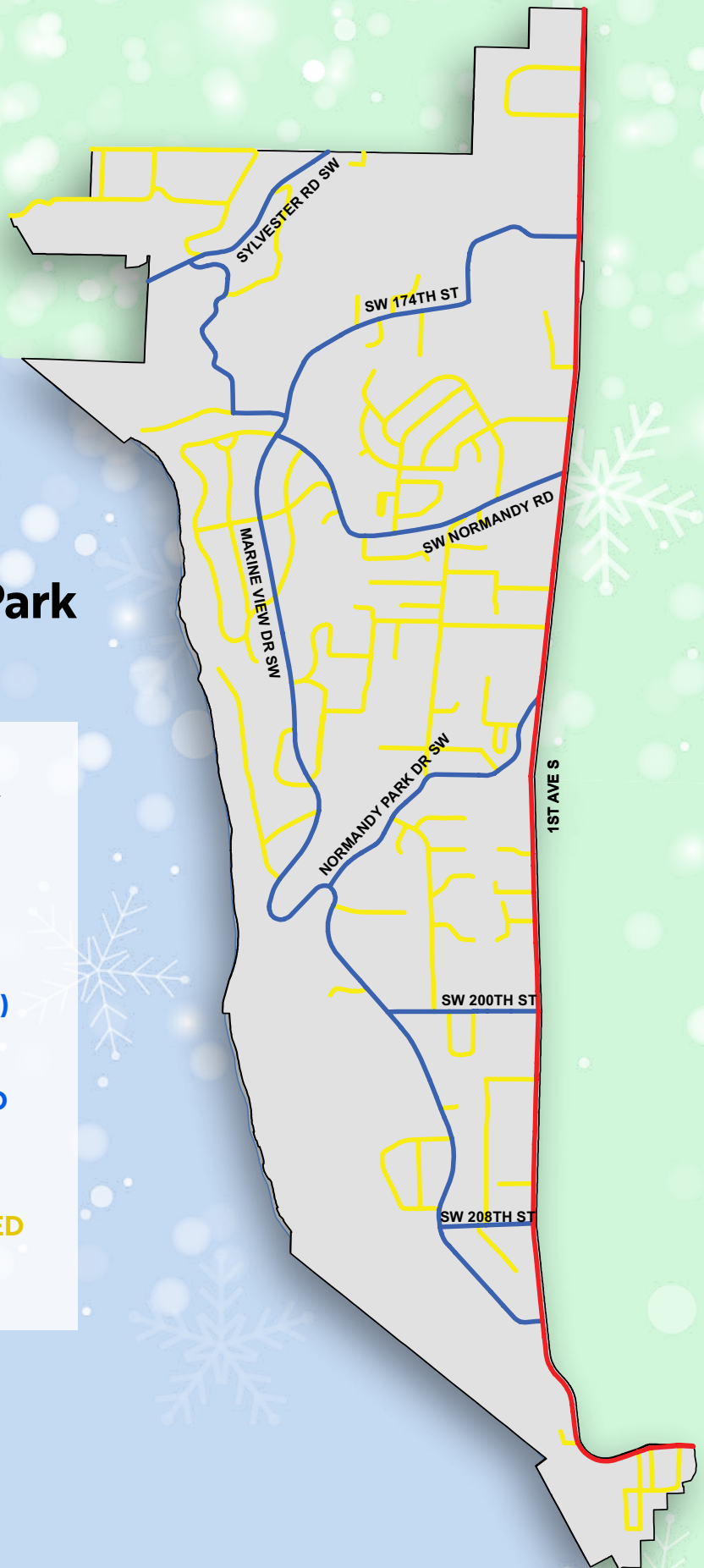
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PRIORITY (YELLOW) ROUTES**

**3RD PRIORITY ROUTES  
(YELLOW) WILL BE ADDRESSED  
AS RESOURCES ALLOW**





# Building Normandy Park's Art Scene

The Art Commission is just wrapping up another exciting year of events, festivals, and music. This fall we explored art with the with the Autumn Art Fest; On September 17th at the Cove, the Art Commission hosted The Autumn Art Fest featuring music from Pat Herold, poetry by Akkrisa, and a Dragon dancing performance by Esjay. There was also face painting, artists, and refreshments. This was our second year for this event, and we are looking forward to 2024's expression of the festival.

New artwork has flowed through our City Hall Council Chambers with John Morella's paintings. His solo show is a tour of nature and rockstars. His work will be up until the end of January, with a reception at City Hall on January 11th from 7-9pm.

During these darker months the Art Commission finds ways to celebrate art. This season we have Light the Park where Art Commissioners Nadia and Lawrence drive around with the police to award the best decorated house of Normandy Park.

Perhaps you also had the chance to attend the Solstice Soiree with musical performances by the Orchestra of Flight and the Resounding Grace hand bell choir. Even during these rainy winter days artwork and music can be celebrated and enjoyed. On December 16th from 6-9pm we enjoyed both of their wonderful musical performances. There was delicious food, a full venue, and cheer enough to fill our hearts for the season.

As the year concludes, we might reflect on Normandy Park's 70th year anniversary, and prepare for the upcoming 2024 programming. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!



Art and jewelry were on display at Autumn Art Fest.



Fall artist reception.



Esjay, the dragon ribbon dancer performed at Autumn Art Fest.



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# Winter Highlights in The Park



A festive home on Marine View Drive



Above: Arts Commissioners had a wonderful balloon arch to celebrate Normandy Park at Solstice Soiree on December 16th.

Below: Nearly 30 residents received a Light the Park yard sign this winter. Resident, Annie O'Toole on Marine View Drive is pictured below with our Arts Commissioners, Foundation and police officer Strand. Each season the commission gets a police escort to deliver their awards.



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Santa made a visit to the Normandy Park Preschool children.



A festive home owned near Arrow Lake.



The Savage family, who live on Arrow Lake are pictured at left with our Arts Commissioners, Foundation and officer Strand.

An ice sculpture was on display at the Solstice Soiree in December.



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Guests watching the performance by the bell choir called Resounding Grace at the first time event hosted by the Arts Commission in December.



## Best Wishes to our Dear Friend

# Brooks

In 2023, City Clerk Brooks Wall officially retired from the City of Normandy Park. After serving the City for over 19 years, this retirement is well deserved. The City wants to take this opportunity to recognize her for all the contributions she has made.

Brooks joined the City of Normandy Park team in August 2004 as a teacher at the Normandy Park Preschool. For nine years, she worked with the young people of our community bringing warmth,

someone who works hard, she's honest and clear with communication, she's insightful and helpful in ways that get the work done but with a flair for fun and creativity. She provided support with a wonderful sense of humor, excellent listening and a kind heart for the teachers, children, and families of the program."

While Brooks had a true love of teaching, her skills and personality made her the perfect

*Brooks's warm, genuine smile made everyone feel welcome and engaged. Her impact on this community will last for a long time, leaving a lasting impression on those she leaves behind.*

compassion, and education to the students. When asked, Preschool Executive Director Diane Brissenden stated "Brooks is

candidate for a full-time position as the City Hall receptionist which she accepted in June 2013. This position can be challenging,



Brooks Wall at her retirement reception.

as you are taking care of the residents and City Hall staff. And Brooks rose to the occasion! Whether it was issuing a pet license or helping a resident with a problem, Brooks provided first class customer service to all that came to the front desk.

It is not surprising that Brooks received two more promotions while working for the City. In August 2015 she was moved to Accounting Specialist and then in February 2018 was promoted to City Clerk. Brooks truly excelled as the City Clerk. She was a wealth of knowledge and history, which made her the "go to" City employee. If anyone knew it would be Brooks.

Brooks succeeded in all her positions. Her success came not only from her skills and experience, but it also came from who she was as a person. Stormwater Coordinator Jessie Medrow summed it up clearly "Brooks was the person that you always looked forward to seeing in the morning. She'd always have a smile on her face. My favorite thing



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Jeremy Hedrick, former Normandy Park police officer, now Sergeant for the Puyallup Police Department and Brooks.

about working with Brooks is the random surprises, usually some fancy seltzer water she'd want me to try or maybe some fresh berries from the farmer's market. I'm going to miss the laughter that Brooks brought to the workplace. She is funny even when she is not trying to be."



The Wall Family - Alex, Mike, Brooks and Zachery.

Thank you, Brooks, for your support, integrity, creativity, and insight! Thank you, Brooks, for your warmth, kindness, and joy! Your contributions to City have made a difference in the community! You will be missed but your impact will be felt for years to come. Best of luck in your

retirement – go and enjoy your next adventure!

*PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Brooks served as City Scene Magazine's second editor. For the years she served as the magazine's editor Brooks brought a consistency and professionalism to her role that reflected positively on the quality of the publication. It was a pleasure working with her. —Peter Philips, Founder and Publisher, City Scene Magazine*

# Winter in the Park

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# Winterfest 2023 Brings Holiday Cheer!

**S**anta Claus made a rock star entrance at this year's 11th annual Winterfest Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 2, 2023 at Normandy Park Towne Center. He arrived in a police motorcade with 10+ vehicles! Mayor Sue-Ann Hohimer and KOMO TV celebrity Theron Zahn led the countdown with special guest Blitz from the Seattle Seahawks! Blitz flipped a giant switch to turn on the lights. Thank you Armstrong Trees for providing the beautiful tree!

The festival also featured the Marvista and St. Francis choirs, the Highline Brass band, singer Pat Herold, the Dickens Carolers, the Seattle Thrillers, and the Momentum Irish Dancers. Festival-goers also enjoyed food vendors and a Gluhwein booth, festive booths and vehicles displays, free arts & crafts booths, LLAMAS and SNOW! Festival-goers were also treated to thousands of free prizes including 600+ Santa hats, 700 toys and 200+ candy canes from the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation.

Earlier in the day Santa and the Dickens Carolers visited the Manhattan Village QFC and Starbucks bringing smiles to everyone's faces. QFC also provided fun family activities including coloring and cupcake decorating.

THANK YOU to everyone who made these events possible including our amazing volunteers, non-profits, City of Normandy Park, Normandy Park Police, King County, local businesses and agencies, our sponsors, Manhattan Village, Normandy Park Towne Center, and more!

If you missed Winterfest, don't worry! Videos and photos from both Dec. 2, 2023 events are here: <https://www.facebook.com/normandyparkwinterfest>

Do you want to participate in Winterfest 2024? Email me at [scwestnews@gmail.com](mailto:scwestnews@gmail.com). See you at Winterfest 2024 on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024!

*Susan West, Winterfest Co-Chair  
Friends of Normandy Park Foundation Board Member*



Frosty and Mount Rainier Cheer mom Treona Glover.



Santa Russ at the Manhattan Village.



Santa Russ and the Dickens Carolers.



School choirs performing at Winterfest!



KOMO TV anchor Theron Zahn, Seattle Seahawks Blitz and Susan West Co-Chair of Winterfest.



Kathleen O'Grady Graham selling custom Winterfest mugs at the QFC.



A happy tree and snowman greet and direct traffic to the festival.



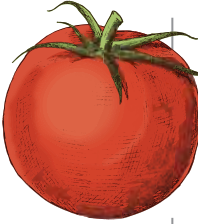
# Community Garden Lottery Application

**M**arvista Park Community Garden plots are available for the 2024 season. The City hosts an annual lottery for plots. To be considered for the lottery please fill out the community garden lottery form and send to City Hall at 801 SW 174th Street, Normandy Park, WA 98166 by **March 15, 2024**.

- Normandy Park residents have priority in receiving a plot.
  - Non-residents may apply and will be assigned a plot if available.
  - Residency will be confirmed by a valid driver's license and a utility bill.
- Plots are 10' x 10'.
- One entry per household.
- Gardeners must have an adult sign the User Agreement Form.
- The lottery drawing for plots will be held on **Friday, March 22, 2024**. Gardeners who were picked from the lottery will receive an email and phone call to confirm their plot.
- The \$50 Annual User Fee is due April 5, 2024. If the fee is not paid by April 5, 2024 the plot will be given to the first person on the waiting list.



## 2024 P-PATCH LOTTERY FORM




Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

One entry per household  
\$50 Annual User Fee  
Drawing will be held on Friday, **March 22, 2024**.  
Rental payment is due by **April 5, 2024** to secure the plot in the garden.



**DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2024 • DRAWING MARCH 22, 2024**

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B-Town Eye Care  
BK Nails & Spa  
Desert Sun Tanning  
Mia Bella Salon

Normandy Park Kids Dentistry  
Steneker Family Medicine

#### SERVICES

Auntie's Playhouse Childcare Center  
Helena's Cleaners  
Normandy Park Executive Center  
Olympic View Animal Hospital The  
The Soggy Doggy  
Washbox Laundry

