



Normandy Park Community Club

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CIRCLE OF LIFE FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Since planning began in 2006, the new landscape terrace at the Cove, dubbed the Circle of Life, is nearing completion. Approved by the Board of Trustees in Spring 2007, the Circle of Life provides a new venue for weddings and other community events, as well as a peaceful place to rest and enjoy the nature and views of the Cove.

In recognition the Community Club's massive undertaking to restore stream and wetland habitat over the past decade, the Circle of Life depicts the salmon life cycle in stainless steel art (by local artist, Denny Thomas) imbedded in a large circular ring. The art begins with a female Coho digging a redd, or nest, in the freshwater gravel of Miller Creek to lay her eggs, with a male lurking by ready to fertilize the eggs. The next scene is the young salmon, called fry, that have absorbed their yolk sacs, emerging from the gravel after 8 to 12 weeks in the cold fresh water. Living in the fresh water for a while and growing into smolts, the next scene depicts the juvenile Coho leaving the creek to Puget Sound and the ocean beyond. The following scene shows the salmon as shiny, silver-colored mature adults as they live in the ocean over the next few years. The concluding scene depicts the changing coloration of the adult Coho as they return to their natal spawning grounds in Miller Creek and the Circle of Life beginning anew.

A major consideration for this project was to ensure that it complimented the efforts to restore the freshwater habitat that is critical to the fish and wildlife of the Cove. Each of the circular paver areas function as a "best management practice" for dealing with storm water on site. The pavers in the terrace and walkway significantly reduce impacts to the nearby creek by reducing any potential pollutants in storm water runoff from the roof and the terrace.

The Circle of Life terrace also has 364 square feet LESS impermeable surface than preexisting conditions. Complementing this reduction in impervious surface is the grassy area surrounding the terrace. While appearing as a lawn, it is actually a storm water filtering area that captures any storm water that does escape from the terrace, further infiltrating and cleansing storm water before it reaches the creek. The grass is tall fescue, a type of grass ideally suited to our area because it requires significantly less water, withstands summer droughts and withstands heavy wear and tear more than other turf-type grasses. (Continued on page 2)

CIRCLE OF LIFE CONTINUED....

Thank you to **Terry and Gina Mutter, Walter and Betty Binz, and Richard and Virginia Johnson** for their generous donations of the three iron benches for the Circle.

Members of the project planning team include **Larry Bjork, Dave Evans, Chuck Schuh, Ken Friddell, Mark Bender, Tony Cassarino, Andy and Georgia Batcho, and Doug Osterman**. Bill Williamson provided landscape architecture design, Bob Fuerstenberg advised on environmental matters, Hal Duncanson provided survey and engineering services and Mike Joyal and Enzo Morella constructed the terrace and landscape.

GUIDELINES FOR FIREWORKSAT THE COVE

Setting off fireworks at the beach to celebrate Independence Day has been a long family tradition at the Cove. **However, both the City and the State's RCW 70.77.136 prohibits the use of illegal fireworks.** The board is very concerned about the possibility of serious injury and potential liability resulting from the use of illegal fireworks on Cove property. Therefore, there will be two police officers in addition to our security guards to enforce the City and State ban on illegal fireworks. We request that all Lot A owners and their guests observe the following guidelines when using fireworks at the Cove:



1. Discharge only legal, "safe and sane" fireworks. **Illegal fireworks are prohibited.**
2. Fireworks can only be discharged at the beach.
3. Please be aware that the beach is very crowded, and misguided fireworks can cause your neighbor injury. Point them only out over the water.
4. Clean up after yourself. The board is making every effort to assure that there will be convenient garbage collection cans located throughout the beach area.
5. Be aware that by City Ordinance, discharge of fireworks is prohibited after midnight. Again, please be considerate of your neighbors.
6. If you can, donate some time Wednesday morning to come help clean up after those who disregard #4.
7. Celebrate, have fun, but please act responsibly so others can also enjoy this special time.
8. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
9. Always have a responsible adult light all fireworks.

Fireworks may be discharged on Cove property only during the times below:

July 2: between 9am and 11pm

July 3: between 9am and 11pm

July 4: between 9am and Midnight

RENT THE COVE!

If you are thinking of having a company party, staff retreat, management training, fundraiser, retirement party, celebration of life, wedding, or any type of event please consider the Cove! With all the wonderful improvements made over the past few years, including new deck, landscaping, wifi and cable, you are sure to WOW your guests.





YOUTH TENNIS

We're pleased to announce the return of Youth Tennis Lessons to the Cove. Instructor **Holly Wisen** will provide six weekly sessions, beginning June 25.

You can download a registration form from www.npcove.org or contact Holly at 206-963-0946 or hartwisen@comcast.net.

FYI, adult players: the Cove's courts will be reserved for this program 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

COMING SOON.....

An updated, revised NPCC Lot A owner's telephone directory has gone to press and will be available soon. Thank you **Ken Friddell**, for your many hours of work on this daunting project.

GLORIOUS GARDENS

The Cove gardens are being well-maintained by the Stewards of the Cove and will look spectacular this summer once the flowers



bloom. Thank you Geri Buchman and Elaine Cassarino for planting zinnias next to the rose garden. Please help to keep them looking great by keeping dogs and kids on the trails and the fields. Thank you!



DAVE EVANS: GRAND MARSHAL

Two-term past board member **Dave Evans** will be honored as the Grand Marshal for this year's 4th of July Parade. He will be joined by his friend, Sammy Churchill.

Dave has been a tireless, enthusiastic volunteer at the club. He continues to be anywhere there is a need, often before the need is generally known, most recently for his hard work on the deck replacement and stream & wetlands improvements. We hope that you will help us show how much we appreciate his dedication to the Cove.



2012 COVE EVENTS

June 09	Stewardship Saturday
July 04	Fun Run, Parade & Ice Cream Social
July 14	Stewardship Saturday
Aug. 11	Stewardship Saturday
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Oct. 13	Stewardship Saturday
Oct. 27	Adult Halloween Party
Oct. 28	Kids' Halloween Party
Nov. 16	Decorate the Cove 9a
Dec. 01	Holiday Bazaar 9a-3p
Dec. 02	Santa Party 1p-3p



HOLIDAY BAZAAR APPLICATIONS

Crafters are invited to contact the Cove office anytime after July 5 to request an application to reserve a space at this year's *Holiday Bazaar at the Cove*, that will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. The cost for fee-paid Lot A owners is still just \$30.

This is a juried show, so submitting an application does not guarantee a space. However, we're always looking for new and interesting, high-quality, personally hand-crafted items. If you are interested, we'd love to have you apply.

Thought for the Day

There's not much of anything that's busier than an idle rumor.



To our Cinco de Mayo Party volunteers: **Christine, Todd & Maddie Terry, Kerry & Maddie Johnsen, Betty Binz, Staci & Jim McLaughlin, Mindy McClean.**

Sally Dunn for baking cookies for the May Stewards of the Cove work party.

Starbucks of Manhattan for donating coffee to Stewardship Saturdays.

Sally Priebe for ordering and delivering three flats of zinnias for the Cove garden.

Andy & Georgia Batcho, Elaine Cassarino for planting the white impatiens in the wedding garden.

Jim & Staci McLaughlin, Tony Cassarino, Andy & Georgia Batcho, Kerry & Maddie Johnsen for their help at our annual rummage sale.

Bill Hess & Bob Cummings for mowing the beach lawn area.

Andy Batcho, Jim Buchman, Tony Cassarino, Dave Evans, Art Kawaguchi, Larry Williams, and backhoe operator **Tracy Clark** for putting in a full day of hard work dredging the silt pond and repairing the creek bank, as well as grading the two parking lots.

Leif Vieweg and his **Cubs Scout Pack 363** for cleaning out the fire pits.

Horizon Pet at Manhattan Village for their donation of bio-degradable doggy bags.

BOAT RAMP



The boat ramp now has a lock and chain. The purpose is to stop non-members use, relieving the heavier traffic and parking issues we experienced last summer. Please contact the Cove office for the combination .



TENNIS COURTS

The tennis courts have a new door with a key code. If you are a fee-paying tennis user please contact the office for the code. Tennis fee is \$15.00 per year, \$10 of which is going into a reserve account for re-surfacing the courts in a few years ,and \$5 going towards yearly maintenance.

2012 NPCC DIRECTORY

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Tony Cassarino	President	246-9941
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Office Manager:

Staci McLaughlin	242-3778
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FOURTH OF JULY FUN RUN, PARADE, ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MUCH MORE

Wednesday, July 4th, is just around the corner. We all hope that you are planning to participate in the festivities. This year the NPCC board has put a strong emphasis on expanding the club's event calendar, especially our 4th of July Social. The following plans have been made to extend the activities from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The board encourages all Normandy Park residents and their guests to join us for these morning and early afternoon festivities.



The day begins at 10:25 a.m. with our **2.8K Fun Run**, which is only as competitive as you make it. It's free, but we urgently ask that you pre-register using the enclosed form. The course is from Marvista Elementary to Marine View Drive & Shoremont. **Runners, be sure to arrive at the starting area before 10:15am as number pick up will close at that time.** This year's custom designed race t-shirt can be ordered in advance by all runners for pick up at the finish line. Non-runners may purchase any left over shirts at the end of the race. They are only \$20 each.

At 10:30 a.m. our **Children's Parade** leaves the Marvista parking lot. Everyone is welcome to join in, either from the start (be at Marvista no later than 10:15!) or from anywhere along the parade route, which ends at the Cove building. Classic cars, floats, wagons, bicycles, strollers, marching bands - - all are encouraged to participate. Paint your face, decorate your bike, get out your flags; be festive or plain. Please, however, no campaigning or political signs. The Normandy Park Arts Commission will once again offer children prizes for the best decorated bicycles.

Once everyone arrives at the Cove after the parade (at approximately 11:15 a.m.), They are invited for **free Ice Cream**. To satisfy your lunchtime hunger, we plan to offer **hot dogs and beverages**. The field will be lined with the **Classic Cars** and, appropriately located away from the vintage autos, we will have **large blow up toys** and **temporary tattoos** for the youngsters. All of this will be accompanied by **Live Patriotic Music** on the lawn.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with the activities. If you can help, please contact the Cove office ASAP . This event is a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and neighbors before going on your way to your own, private 4th of July celebration. Can't wait to see you there!
