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# Congratulations

## THE 4th OF JULY GRAND MARSHAL IS...RON EBBERS!

Ron was born and raised in Normandy Park on Brittany Drive where he still lives today with his wife of 30 years, Susan, and daughter Mackenzie and son Jeremy. Ron attended Highline High School and the UW where he marched in the Husky band for 5 years. Ron has taught music in the Federal Way School district for the past 29 years.

Ron has been a **Steward of the Cove** volunteer since 2006. The Cove can always count on Ron's participation in the monthly work parties at the Cove and any time he's called to work on special projects related to salmon habitat restoration. But Ron's volunteerism is not limited to the Cove. He has taken the leadership role in the rehabilitation of the historic Brittany Circle Park. He designed and led the build team that installed two new trails and signage in Walker Preserve. Ron is co-chair of the Normandy Park Board of Park Commissioners and works part time for the City maintaining city parks.

The Cove and the residents of Normandy Park are fortunate to have Ron and his family in our community and to acknowledge his contributions as the 2016 Grand Marshal of our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Community Celebration.

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## Normandy Park Community Club June 2016 NEWSLETTER

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# THANK YOU

**Kerry Johnsen** for organizing our Easter Egg Hunt, along with **Brian, Maddie & Matthew Johnsen, Carla, Ryan, Lindsey & Nate Weller, Lori & Brian Sills, Bryce, Gillian, Trevor, Addie, Olivia, Mia, Anna, Megan, Declan, Kelsey, Ashley, Ali and Matt!**

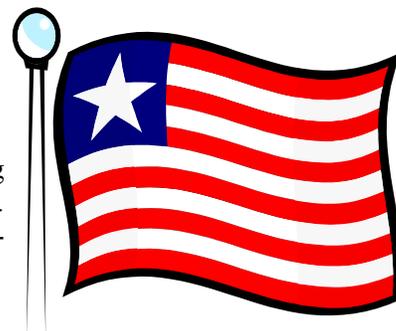
**Staci McLaughlin** for another awesome Cinco De Mayo party! **Staci, Kerry Johnsen & Jenny Wade** made a fierce Mexican fiesta. Thank you **Georgia & Andy Batcho** for working the event from start to finish! Thank you **Sharyn Parker, Jaysea Smajlovic, Bob & Barbara Cowan,** for helping with set-up, clean-up, and decorating. **Julie Hines** of **Jules Dessert Bar & Bakery** made the most wonderful desserts, tasty and beautiful to look at. As you can see it takes many volunteers to put on such a successful party. We couldn't do it without you all!

STEWARDS OF THE COVE, **Georgia and Andy Batcho, Tony and Elaine Cassarino, Bill Hess, Bob Cummings, Paula Thiel, Larry Williams, Gene Swansiger, Dave Evans, Dan Colgan, Art Kawaguchi, Claarke Brant, Eileen Hess, Diane Numrich, Eric Mosher, and Merry Ann Peterson.** We SO appreciate your community involvement!!

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## 4th of JULY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FUN RUN, PARADE, ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MUCH MORE



Monday, July 4th is just around the corner. We all hope that you are planning to participate in the festivities that will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The board of trustees encourages ALL Normandy Park residents, their families and friends 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 & SW Normandy Terrace. Runners be sure to arrive at the starting area before 10:15 a.m. 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 for \$20.

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, wagons, bicycles, strollers, marching bands - - all are encouraged to participate. Paint your face, decorate your car or bike, get out your flags; be festive! 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.) Free hot dogs, beverages and ice cream will be served. The field will be lined with the classic cars. We will have balloon animals and face painting! The NP Yeti Club will be sponsoring a small obstacle course for kids and adults that will run as individuals or relays, includes an inflatable obstacle too! All of this will be accompanied by live music on the lawn.



We are always looking for additional volunteers to assist with 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!

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## CROSSCOURT TENNIS ACADEMY 2016 summer camp at the Cove

Grab your tennis racket and get ready to play! Whether you're a beginning, an intermediate or an advanced player (Varsity/JV), this program will improve your game and help you get more enjoyment from tennis. **Ryan Fike**, Kennedy Catholic High School Head Coach breaks down the fundamental skills of tennis through easily understood games and exercises to help improve the athlete's overall coordination and technique. Players learn proper grips, footwork, strokes, volleys and serves during a series of drills designed to teach skills in a fun way.

Camps will be held weekly (Monday- Thursday), from July 18 to August 18. **Due to limited court space, we can only accept 10 players per session to guarantee quality instruction.** Your child must wear proper athletic attire and have a racquet. We will not allow swimsuit and flip flop type attire. You will be required to email us at [ryan@crosscourta.com](mailto:ryan@crosscourta.com) to reserve your spot. Lot A members will get priority if registered before July 8th. Schedule is listed at [www.npcove.org](http://www.npcove.org)

FYI, adult players: ONE Cove court will be reserved for this program from 12-4:45 on Monday through Thursday.

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## PRIVATE PROPERTY

Lot A owners, please remember that there is **no legal access** to the Cove property from the east along 13 Ave SW, north of the NP Swim

Club. The trail between 13Ave SW and the Cove is on private property and should not be used to enter or exit the Cove. Thank you for your cooperation.

## GUIDELINES FOR FIREWORKS AT THE COVE



Setting off fireworks at the beach to celebrate Independence Day has long been a family tradition at the Cove. There will be two police officers in addition to our security guards to enforce the City and State ban on illegal fireworks. We ask that all Lot A owners and their guest observe the following guidelines this Fourth.

**1 Discharge only legal, “safe & sane” fireworks. (Illegal fireworks include: firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles and rockets; these will be confiscated)**

2 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.

3 Be aware that the beach is very crowded, and misguided fireworks can cause your neighbor injury. Direct them only out over the water.

4 Be aware that by City Ordinance discharge of fireworks is prohibited after midnight. Again, please be considerate of your neighbors.

5 If you can, donate some time Sunday morning to help clean up after those who disregard #2.

6 Celebrate, have fun, but please act responsibly so others can also enjoy this special time.

7 Children under the age of 16 may not possess or discharge fireworks unless under supervision of an adult.

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

- July 2: between 9am and 11pm
- July 3: between 9am and 11pm
- July 4: between 9am and Midnight

## 2016 COVE EVENTS

Jun 11	Stewardship Saturday
July 4	Community Celebration
July 09	Stewardship Saturday
Aug. 13	Stewardship Saturday
Sept. 10	Stewardship Saturday
Oct. 08	Stewardship Saturday
Oct. 29	Adult Halloween Party
Oct. 30	Kids Halloween Party
Nov. 5/6	Artist United Show
Nov. 16	Decorate the Cove
Dec. 03	Holiday Bazaar
Dec. 04	Santa Party



## 2016 NPCC DIRECTORY

### Officers:

Bob Cowan	President	242-4219
Clarke Brant	Vice Pres	824-2108
Tony Cassarino	Secretary	246-9941
Chris MacRae	Treasurer	824-1769

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Dano Lorella	Building	510-2425
Eric Mosher	Building	243-2321
Joe Peritore	Beac/Grounds	661-8895

### Office Manager:

Staci McLaughlin	242-3778
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*FYI, you do not have to be a board member to be on a committee. If you would like to serve, just contact the chairperson or the Cove.*

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## COVE PARKING LOT PROJECT

The Cove Board decided changes to the parking lot near tennis courts needed to be made to prevent vandals from scattering gravel by creating “donuts” with their cars. Each grading/repair of the lot costs Lot A owners ~\$250 plus volunteer labor.

The Beach & Grounds Committee proposed a plan and made the changes approved by the Board. There were two criteria: 1) reduce the space available for vandals to tear up the parking lot. 2) try to organize parking in the lot. During large events, a few vehicles parking incorrectly dramatically reduce the number of available parking spaces.

The group decided on a combination of logs and parking bumpers to solve the problem. Logs were used to reduce the overall cost of using bumpers only and to give a more natural look. Logs are also used for parking near the Cove building. Other options such as security cameras and gates were reviewed and rejected for various reasons.

To help people adjust to the new arrangement individual parking places will be striped soon. Though this will not be permanent it will help people adjust. Parking places and roadways are standard for commercial parking lots: 9’ by 18’ spaces for cars, 21’ wide roadways. Additional improvements will be made as needed. Many Lot A owners have provided comment on the project, some positive, some negative. We hope this article explains the rationale for the changes.

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## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to **Anders Hunt** for his community service project at the Cove. He painted several rusted chains at the beach and behind the Cove building; he adjusted the ropes at the car turn-around area at the beach. Thanks again Anders for volunteering your time to help maintain the Cove property!

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## YOUNG VANDAL CAUGHT

A big “Thank you” to an alert Cove guest and a Cove volunteer for identifying a young man using the parking lot to test how his car would spin doughnuts. The young man was visited by the police and admitted his action.



While the Cove determined not to pursue charges against the young man, who is a juvenile, the young man’s parents were asked to reimburse the Cove for the cost of leveling and regrading the parking lot – a total cost of \$250. In the future, the Cove will pursue charges against vandals in addition to seeking reimbursement of any costs incurred repairing damage. All Lot A owners are asked to keep an eye out for anyone vandalizing your Cove property and notifying the Cove office and the Normandy Park Police Department.

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*Are you getting your money's worth?  
by Andy Batcho*

The Normandy Park Cove is a unique property consisting of 17 acres of forest and wetlands with 700 hundred feet of Puget Sound shoreline, picnic areas, walking trails, a playground, a pond and two salmon bearing streams, tennis courts and a historic community club building. The 1800 Lot A owners of the Cove are fortunate that the Seattle-Tacoma Land Company, more than 50-years ago, made the decision to give residents in the Lot A domain an undivided interest in the Cove property.

But, with that "gift" comes responsibility. As everyone that owns a home knows, ownership requires constant maintenance and improvement if it is to remain beautiful. So how does maintenance and improvements happen at the Cove?

First of all, Lot A owners annually elect a Board of Trustees to make decisions and take actions concerning the Cove property. The Board consists of 12 trustees assigned to the various tasks required to care for the property including the building, beach & grounds, security, tennis courts and streams & wetlands. These people are all Cove volunteers. To fund the necessary functions for the property and the community club, the Board asks each owner to contribute a maintenance fee of \$55 per year. **Approximately 65% of the Lot A owners pay this voluntary fee each year.**

So how does all this work get done? Obviously, just like at your home, some tasks are performed by hired professionals. Annual floor maintenance, roofing, plumbing, sewer cleaning and electrical to name a few. But beyond the hired services are the extensive efforts of Cove volunteers called **Stewards of the Cove**. Nearly any skill required to keep the Cove operational is represented in our community and many of these people willingly offer their time and talents to the Cove saving Lot A owners thousands of dollars annually.

Here are some examples of tasks and dollars saved by Cove volunteers:

- **Lawn and beach mowing.** Two volunteers mow, savings about \$800 annually.
- **Beach cleanup and fire pit maintenance.** Done by the local Cub Scouts Troop annually.
- **Deck replacement.** Volunteers did the work in 2012 saving about \$35,000 in labor.
- **Comcast cable installation.** Volunteers dug the trench and installed the conduit saving about \$4000.
- **Trash pickup and doggy bags.** Maintained daily by Cove volunteers.
- **Annual plantings and landscape care.** Each month the **Stewards of the Cove** provide about 50 volunteer hours of landscape services. Plus, the **Parkside Garden Club** maintains the building's entry gardens and the deck flower boxes. Annual savings about \$9,000.
- **Building maintenance.** Many of the building maintenance tasks including painting, equipment maintenance, foundation inspections, pest control, engineering and craftsman services are done by volunteers.
- **Walking Trails.** They were designed and are maintained by Cove volunteers; built by Eagle Scouts.
- **Social Events.** Each year the community club sponsors many social events. Huge numbers of volunteer hours are required to decorate, prepare and serve food, and cleanup after these events.
- **Vandalism.** Your property is not immune from vandalism. So who fixes all this damage? It's your Cove volunteers.

Hopefully with just a few examples, I've answered the question, "Are you getting your money's worth?" from the annual maintenance fee of \$55? Next time you see a Cove volunteer, say "Thanks" and if you're interested in helping, attend a monthly **Stewards of the Cove** work party or provide your contact information to the Cove Manager, Staci, at 206-242-3778 or e-mail at [normandyParkcc@yahoo.com](mailto:normandyParkcc@yahoo.com).

