
BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS



Fridays January 19th & 26th, February 2nd
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

In anticipation of the NPCC's upcoming Sweetheart Dance, we are bringing Dale and Suzy Lindeke back to the Cove to teach us ballroom dances. Everyone high school age or older is welcome. Join us at 7 for "social time" enjoy a light snack and visit with friends and neighbors. Dance lessons will start at 7:30.

The lessons cost \$10 each for the hour lesson, payable to the NPCC at the door.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
the lessons are open to the public, be sure to invite all your friends and family.



Normandy Park Community Club January 2018 NEWSLETTER

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SWEETHEART DANCE

February 10

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Music from 8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend the club's Sweetheart Dance at the Cove. Fabulous live music for your dancing and listening enjoyment will be provided by our favorite 20-piece Portage Bay Big Band, light appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages. Regardless of what gets your toes tapping, we know you'll enjoy their professional big band sound. Be assured that skill at dancing is not required!



Dress attire is semi-formal this year, this dance is a wonderful opportunity to dress up with your Valentine for a fun evening together of dancing and enjoying the fabulous music of our featured band.

This is a community-wide event, open to the public. So please invite your friends, family, and neighbors who are not members of the Cove. (This is an over 21 event.)

Advanced tickets are only \$25 per person. Tables of 8 are available for reservation.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By: Bob Cowan

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Normandy Park Community Club, I wish you and your families all the best for a prosperous 2018! 2017 was a busy year for your community club, with continued improvements to the grounds and refurbishment of elements of the Cove building.

As I approach my last year on the board, I cannot help but emphasize the importance of volunteers in keeping the Cove the great benefit it is to you. As you read the periodic newsletters and listen to the Annual Meeting presentations, you have to notice the same names again and again. Without volunteers to join us at the monthly Stewards of The Cove or helping with social events, the Cove would be much less of a joy than it is now. You don't have to be a board member to be on a Cove committee or to help with events. I encourage anyone who wants to volunteer to talk to a board member or contact the Cove office. Staci can always help in identifying volunteer opportunities.

Speaking of volunteers, the board will lose long time trustees Tony Cassarino, Chris MacRae, and Eric Mosher at the end of 2017. We welcome back Joe Peritore for a second term and new Board members Marco Pinheiro and Gene Swansiger. And as always we thank the many, many volunteers who contributed their time, energy and ideas in making the Cove experience better.

2017 saw continued improvements to Cove facilities and grounds. Outside the building Eagle Scout candidate Mason Adsero installed two new picnic tables and a new fire pit in the beach picnic area. Thanks Mason for beautiful additions to the area! New entrance signage was developed and installed along with improvements to the wedding area with new trees and sod. A new forestry management plan was developed and approved which has begun with the identification and removal of dangerous and dying trees. And access control and security was enhanced with the hiring of a second security guard! Having two security guards during the busy months will continue in 2018. Inside the building two of the three furnaces were replaced and an ongoing project to improve facility lighting with more efficient lights was begun and will continue in 2018.

The social activities calendar for 2018 will continue many of the events from year's past. For adults, the Sweet-heart Dance will be back in February, with dance lessons available in January for those needing refreshers on their steps. In March, the Western Barn Dance will be back, in May it's Cinco de Mayo, and in October it's the Halloween Costume Dance.

For the kids, we will again have the Easter Egg Hunt, and in December, a special visit from Santa Claus at the Childrens' Christmas Party with activities sponsored by the city's Arts Commission and time for photos with Santa.

And of course for the whole family there is the annual 4th of July Parade and Community Celebration co-sponsored by the City and NPCC. This event brings the whole community of Normandy Park together for the parade and fun run starting at Marvista Elementary School and ending at the Cove for food, fun, and classic cars celebrating America's birthday with friends and neighbors.

The Cove will again host the annual Rummage Sale in June, the Artist United Show in November and the traditional Holiday Bazaar in December. All of these events are the opportunity to meet your neighbors and see the great talents your friends and neighbors bring to the community.

Finally, thank you for your continued support, both financially and with your hard work for the Cove and all that is going on here. We welcome you to join us at Stewards of the Cove each month, participate on a committee or just come down and enjoy this beautiful place with beach walks, camp fires or picnics with family and friends. We look forward to your participation with us as we strive to make the Cove a better place for all of us and the community.

2018 Stewards of the Cove

Thank you **Stewards of the Cove** for contributing your time and talent to the Cove in 2017. The Stewards of the Cove program is starting its **13th year** of operation. Thanks to some very dedicated volunteers, our streams, wetlands, beach and grounds look fabulous at the Cove! While we love our long time volunteers, we welcome (and need) new faces...men, women and children. Please join us this year at the Cove for some stewardship togetherness. We meet on the **2nd Saturday** of each month from March to October from 9 am- noon. And lunch is included!

Coffee is donated by **Normandy Park Starbucks** and donuts from **QFC**. Questions? Contact **Merry Ann Peterson** 824-4271, merryann7@icloud.com or **Tony Cassarino** 246-9941, tcassarino@hotmail.com

2018 Stewardship Schedule

March 10, 9 am—12 pm Invasive weed control: blackberries, reed canary grass, ivy. Plant native plants and trees in restoration are along Miller Creek

April 14, 9 am—12 pm Annual Cove Spring Cleanup; remove winter debris from beach and grounds, repair paths, maintain gardens; pull ivy

May 12, 0 am—12 pm Maintain gardens; plant inspection and maintenance. Open boat ramp; dredge silt ponds; move logs

June 9, 9 am— 12 pm Invasive weed control: policeman's helmet, nightshade, ivy. Plant annuals; maintain gardens

July 14, 9 am—12 pm Plant inspection and maintenance; maintain gardens; Start in-stream habitat improvements

August 11, 9 am—12 pm Invasive weed control in wetlands; maintain gardens

September 8, 9 am—12 pm Complete in-stream habitat improvements; maintain gardens. Invasive weed control

October 13, 9 am— 12 pm Plant and mulch native trees and plants. Start salmon counting October through December

SALMON COUNT FOR 2017 WAS 175

2018 COVE EVENTS

Jan. 19	Ballroom Dance Lesson
Jan. 26	Ballroom Dance Lesson
Feb. 02	Ballroom Dance Lesson
Feb. 10	Sweetheart Dance
Mar. 10	Stewardship Saturday
Mar. 31	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr. 14	Spring Clean Up
May 05	Cinco De Mayo
May 12	Stewardship Saturday
June 09	Stewardship Saturday
Jun. 10	Rummage Sale
July 04	Fun Run, Parade & Community Celebration



2018 NPCC DIRECTORY

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Karen Williams	Membership	484-2777

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 office.

THE COVE STORY POLE

Bill Vilonza and a team of volunteers designed, carved and painted this Story Pole. The pole tells the story of the Cove with the following images:

- At the bottom of the pole is the **Bear-Dog**. Northwest Indian culture has bears and wolves in their carvings, but the Cove's pole recognizes the many dogs that enjoy the property. The Bear-Dog is Bill's creation.
- **Salmon**. Recognizes the volunteers who work to restore salmon habitat to the streams and wetlands at the Cove.
- **Clarinda Miller**. An early settler who, with her husband **William** (Uncle Billy), enjoyed camping and picnics at Miller (Cove) Beach and shared the beach with other homesteaders in the area. Miller Creek is named for them.
- **Orca**. One of the most magnificent creatures of the Pacific Northwest that occasionally swims by the Cove.
- **NW Native American**. Recognizes the first people that visited the Cove Beach to harvest clams and fish for salmon in Miller Creek. Visiting tribes called the beach "SLGWA LIT TCU" which means "a large open space".
- In between these figures are **Mt. Rainier**, the **Olympic Mountains**, a **sunburst**, the **2017 eclipse**, the **moon**, **clam shells** and the letters **C-O-V-E**.
- At the top of the pole is a stainless-steel **Blue Heron** (Cove mascot) designed and fabricated by Normandy Park artist **Denny Thomas**. The Sacred Blue Heron encourages us to follow our intuition and take the empowering journey into self-realization.

The Cove Story Pole is a 2017 capital project funded by NPCC and a donation from the exercise group. The Cove Pole was created by the following volunteers:

Head carver: **Bill Vilonza**

Assistant carvers/woodworkers: **Denise Smith, Louise Hones, John Laakso, Perry Miller, Dick Kent.**

Painters: **Denise Smith, Bonnie Beyer, Eileen Hess, Georgia Batcho, Louise Hones, Elaine Cassarino, Chuck Beyer, Andy Batcho.**

Foundation workers: **Tom Munslow, Clarke Brant, Zach Tallar.**

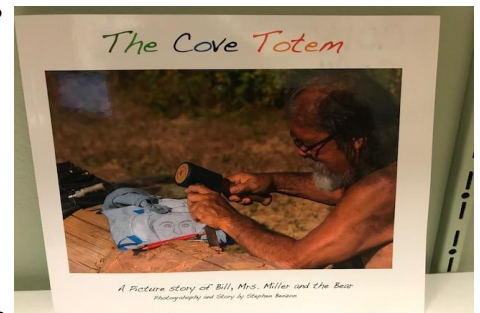
Photographers: **Stephen Benzou, Jim Davis.**

Pole Consultant: **Jim Ploegman**

Project Manager: **Tony Cassarino**

Equipment donated: Living Green Tree Care, Frank Coluccio Construction.

If you would like to purchase The Cove Totem book please contact the Cove office, 206-242-3778



Thank you...

To all the members who added a little extra with their 2018 maintenance fee, your extra contributions added up to a total of \$8,442.00.

Dave Evans & Karen Williams for your help in processing over 960 maintenance fees.

Andy & Georgia Batcho, Chuck & Bonnie Beyer, Colleen West, Bob Cowan, Eric Mosher, Eileen & Bill Hess for decorating the Cove for Christmas. What a beautiful job you all did.
