
BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

Fridays, January 18, 25, and February 1
7:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

In anticipation of the upcoming **Sweetheart Dance**, we are bringing **Dale and Suzy Lindeke** back to the Cove to teach ballroom dances. Everyone high school age or older is welcome. Dance lessons start at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Lessons cost \$10 per person for a one-hour lesson payable to the NPCC at the door. These lessons are open to all Normandy Park residents and friends.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



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SWEETHEART DANCE

February 9, 2019

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Music from 8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend the Big Band 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**. It is BYOB with mixers and light refreshments provided. Regardless of what gets your toes tapping, we know you'll enjoy this professional big band sound. Be assured that skill at dancing is not required. This dance is a wonderful opportunity to dress up with your Valentine for a fun evening together of dancing and listening to great music.

Dress attire is semi-formal. Normandy Park residents are invited as guests of NPCC. Adults only 21+. Advanced tickets are only \$30 per person. Tables of 8 are available for reservation.

GNOCCHI MAKING CLASS

Monday/Tuesday, January 14th/15th
6pm - 9pm

Limited to 24 people - Cost: \$40 per person

Sip some Chianti and learn to make Gnocchi, Italy's classic little potato dumplings! Students will make two kinds of Gnocchi and two different kinds of Pesto will be demonstrated. Assorted Crostini, a Fennel Citrus Salad, and a Chocolate Tart will also be served.

Class includes: food, wine and recipes, plus each student gets to take home a wooden gnocchi paddle!

COCKTAILS & COCKTAIL ART

Friday, February 22nd
6pm - 9pm

Limited to 20 people - Cost \$55 per person



Keli Sim DeRitis and Roxanne Fawcett are teaming up for this fun cocktail and art class. Students will sip mini cocktails and nibble on light appetizers as they create an 11" x 14" painting of a whimsical cocktail.

Class includes: Food, cocktails, and all art supplies.

LINE DANCE LESSONS

Fridays, March 8th & 15th
7:00pm-8:30pm

Come out and have a great time with friends while you learn to line dance with **Jeannette Baker** (*Studio B Dance*) All ages and skill levels are welcome . . . It's a lesson designed to learn line dancing step-by-step, partake in a fun form of exercise (*gulp*), and most of all, enjoy fun times with friends! Come at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy a light snack.

Dance lessons will start at 7:30 p.m. Cost for each lesson is \$10. These lessons will be a great preparation for the **Western Barn Dance** coming up on March 30th! Invite all your friends.



2019 COVE EVENTS

- Jan. 14/15 Gnocchi making class
- Jan. 18 Ballroom Dance Lesson
- Jan. 25 Ballroom Dance Lesson
- Feb. 01 Ballroom Dance Lesson
- Feb. 09 Sweetheart Dance
- Feb. 22 Cocktail Art
- Mar. 08 Line Dance Lessons
- Mar. 15 Line Dance Lessons
- Apr. 20 Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 13 Spring clean up and work party
- May 04 Cinco De Mayo
- July 4 Fun Run, Parade & Ice Cream Social
- Nov. 2/3 Artists United Show
- Dec. 07 Holiday Bazaar
- Dec. 08 Santa Party



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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.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By: Bob Cowan (2012-2018)

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 2019! 2018 was a busy year for your community club, with continued improvements to the grounds and refurbishment of elements of the Cove building.

As your club president, I cannot emphasize strongly enough the continued importance and support of our members and volunteers in keeping the Cove the great benefit it is to all of us. As you read the club newsletters and listen to the Annual Meeting presentations, you will notice the same names again and again. Without volunteers joining us at the monthly Stewards of The Cove, supporting various social events, and helping when those special projects pop up during the year, 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 NPCC committee or to help with events. Anyone who wants to volunteer can talk to a Board member or contact the Cove office. Staci can always help in identifying volunteer opportunities.

As we enter 2019, the Board will lose a number of long time trustees. **Dano Lorella, Joe Peritore, and Bob Cowan** (who served as Board President for 5 years) will leave the Board – but all are committed to staying active as volunteers! At the same time we welcome new Board members **Tayna Lorella, Mark Lewinger, and Derick Pierce**, and welcome back long time volunteer **Tony Cassarino** for another term. As always, we thank these Board members as well as all our volunteers who contributed their time, energy and ideas in making the Cove experience better.

2018 saw continued improvements to NPCC facilities and grounds. In the Cove building, the main room lighting was upgraded to LED, and a new coffee pot and ice machine were purchased and installed. As with our homes, the Cove building requires ongoing attention and maintenance activities, many of which are required but not visible, such as annual floor refinishing and cleaning and oiling the deck. Behind the building, a new shed was donated and built to store a donated lawn mower which will enable us to better maintain the lawn area.

On the grounds, the usual year-round work to maintain the boat ramp, grounds, beach areas, boardwalks, bridges, trails, tennis courts, and parking areas kept the grounds in great shape. Several major efforts in 2018 included an aggressive forest management program, including removing 30 dead or dying trees. The footings and abutments of the bridge by the duck pond were the subject of a major repair project to level/stabilize the bridge which had taken on a noticeable tilt. Finally, the baseball backstop received a long overdue clean up and paint job!

The social activities plan for 2019 will continue many favorite events. For adults, the **Sweetheart Dance** will be back in February, with dance lessons available for those needing refreshers on their steps. In March, the **Western Barn Dance** will be back, and in May it's **Cinco de Mayo**. New activities in 2018 included cooking classes, with more to follow in 2109. Potential additional activities may also be identified as a result of a membership survey we are asking all our members to fill out and return.

For the kids, we will again have the **Easter Egg Hunt**, and the December **Santa Party**, including a special visit from Santa Claus and activities sponsored by the **Normandy Park Arts Commission**.

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 to celebrate America's birthday with friends and neighbors.

The NPCC 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.

Thank you for your continued support, both financially and with your hard work for the NPCC 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 NPCC a better place for all of us and the community.

2019 Stewards of the Cove

Thank you **Stewards of the Cove** for contributing your time and talent to the Cove in 2018. The Stewards of the Cove program is starting its 14th 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. Gourmet lunch included!

Coffee is donated by **Normandy Park Starbucks** and donuts from **QFC**. Questions? Contact **Merry Ann Peterson** 206-824-4271, merryann7@icloud.com or **Tony Cassarino** 206-246-9941, tcassarino@hotmail.com.

2019 Stewardship Schedule

March 9 9 am – 12 pm	Invasive weed control: blackberries, reed canary grass, ivy; plant native plants and trees
April 13 9 am – 12 pm	Annual Cove Spring Cleanup: remove winter debris from beach and grounds, repair paths, maintain gardens, pull ivy
May 11 9 am – 12 pm	Maintain gardens; plant inspection and maintenance; open boat ramp; dredge silt ponds; move logs
June 8 9 am – 12 pm	Invasive weed control: policeman's helmet, nightshade, ivy; plant annuals; maintain gardens
July 13 9 am – 12 pm	Plant inspection and maintenance; maintain gardens; start in-stream habitat improvements
August 10 9 am – 12pm	Invasive weed control in wetlands; maintain gardens
September 14 9 am – 12 pm	Complete in-stream habitat improvements; maintain gardens; invasive weed control
October 12 9 am – 12 pm	Plant and mulch native trees and plants; start salmon counting October through December

HATS OFF TO OUR HOLIDAY HELPERS

Holiday festivities sparkled at the Cove in December. Thanks to the decorating team of **Colleen West, Bob Cowan, Art Kawaguci, Mark Lewinger, Andy & Georgia Batcho, Bill & Eileen Hess, Bill Valonza, Joe Peritore, and Neil Ball**. A beautiful tree, lighted garlands, and a giant wreath set the stage for the season.

Hosted by the NPCC Board of Trustees, the Santa Party was a highlight for both young and old alike. Normandy Park Arts Commission volunteers provided fun craft projects for the kids, balloon artist amazed everyone with fabulous creations, and the Rat City Brass brightened the room with holiday music. Santa Rich was on hand to hear holiday wishes and pose for photos, with special elves **Christiana** and **Nya Leppa** at his side handing out treats. Thanks to **Bob Cowan, Karen Williams, Patty Spangler, Diane Numrich, Neil Ball, Clarke Brant, Mark Lewinger, Derek Pierce, and Eileen Hess**. Be sure to mark your calendar for the Santa Party next year!
