



NORMANDY PARK WINE CLUB

Wine Experience: Burgundy

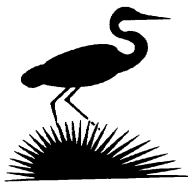
January 29th - 6:30pm

\$30 per person

Burgundy, and its great wines, have a long, storied history dating back to Roman times. As we did with Bordeaux, we will venture into Burgundy to uncover its treasures. We will also look at the five distinct regions comprising Burgundy and taste through worthy examples.

This is a good opportunity for both the wine novice and the more experienced wine consumer to discover something new!

Call the Cove office to register, 206-242-3778. (a minimum of 12 needed)



Normandy Park Community Club January 2020 NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU....

Bob Cowan, Andy & Georgia Batcho for helping process 940 maintenance envelopes.

To all those members who sent in additional donation with your maintenance fees, \$14,755.00, to date.

Parkside Garden Club for your very generous monetary donation.

Bill Hess for continuing to fill our doggy bag holders and dump trash at the courts, next to the field, and at the boardwalk to the beach.

STAY IN THE KNOW



Stay in the loop about what is going on at the Cove. You wouldn't want to miss out on any of our community activities! Here are a few ways you can keep current on all that the Cove has to offer:

- Website: www.npcove.org
- Facebook: The Cove Normandy Park Community Club
- Newsletters: Mailed out 4-5 times a year; also located on the Webpage
- Email distribution list: Email normandyparkcc@yahoo.com to be added to this list
- Good old-fashion way- stop by the Cove office

LET'S MAKE 2020 ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR!

By NPCC Board President Clarke Brant



As 2019 has drawn to a close, heartfelt thanks to you, your families, and especially to our many volunteers for being part of the Normandy Park Community Club. You help make our 17 acres of open space, trees, trails, forest boardwalks, creeks, ponds, tennis/pickle ball courts, club house, 750 foot beach, fire pits, picnic tables, bridges, boat ramp, salmon estuaries, maintained gardens, wedding garden and more, such a beautiful and valued asset. This does not happen by itself – it takes the work of many to preserve our special property and to make incremental improvements that fit into the environment and can be maintained in the future. This is the tremendous gift of many generous volunteers - their time and work - as well as the maintenance fees and donations received each year.

This year our Board of Directors welcomes two new members, Jamie Smugeresky and Trey Danna. We say good-bye and thank Karen Williams for her 3-year term and work as our Membership Chair. Committee Chairs lead many of our efforts - Beach and Grounds, Stream and Wetlands, Tennis/Pickleball, Social, Building, Membership, and Capital. Often a Board Member chairs these committees, but all are welcome to work as a Chair or a volunteer with one or more of these committees. Contact the Cove Office to get your name on a contact/volunteer list when a project comes up.

2019 was a year of growth, with projects, social events, building and property improvements, and court activities. Eagle Scouts built seven benches at the beach, re-graveled the ridge trail, and replaced the concrete fire pit #1. A “Cove Beach” carving has been added to the log on the berm at the beach. Projects also included repairing a failing beam on the bridge leading to the ridge trail and repairing railing damage. Huge walking boulders were reset up above the mud and water line of Walker Creek near the Circle of Life. Numerous planks were replaced on the boardwalk. The list of new and repair work is too long to cover here, but always much appreciated. Much appreciation also to the Stewards of the Cove volunteers who maintain our beautiful grounds and gardens with monthly outdoor work parties. Join in starting the second Saturday of the month beginning in March. You will see the “Stewards” signs out a week before.

This was also a grand year for social events, ranging from tradition favorites to new activities for all ages. A benchmark year, as we celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the NPCC Building during our annual 4th of July Community Celebration. The wonderful condition of our building is again thanks to the work and support of many. Traditional events also included large dances (Western and Cinco de Mayo; the Big Band dance was snowed out), the Easter Egg Hunt, and Holidays with Santa. Our popular cooking classes with Keli continued and we now have a wine series with John. Naturalist tours graced our beach this summer, plus kids’ cooking classes, dog obedience training, yoga, movie nights, and a concert/art series with the Normandy Park Arts Commission. The year ended with a bang – a terrific New Year’s Eve Party with great food, two bands, and a grand celebration with friends and neighbors. Stay tuned for more in 2020.

Court activities were on the rise this year too. Tennis lessons continued with Ryan for both youth and adults. Pickleball popularity also grew, with volunteers hosting drop-in play throughout the week. There are also physical improvements, including new benches, a windscreen, an awning, and a bulletin board to post all the fun.

My letter can only touch upon the year and the many things that at NPCC has to offer. Join in, be it attending a class, enjoying an event, or volunteering for a project. Your continued support through payment of maintenance fees is also appreciated. We look forward to seeing you and making 2020 another wonderful year!

IS IT MAGIC????

Wonder how everything gets done at the Cove? For the first 10 years that we lived here, we walked our dog, BBQ’d at the beach, and came to an occasional social event without giving much thought to this little slice of heaven in our neighborhood. Seemed like magic....

Then we learned the truth. A core of volunteers keeps the grounds beautiful and special activities happening. In addition to the NPCC Board of Trustees, there are several Committees you can volunteer to be a part of. Help once or on a regular basis. Contact a Board member, Committee Chair, or the Cove office.

This is your chance to make an idea happen - suggestions and helpers are welcome. For 2020, resolve to be a part of the magic!

2020 STEWARDS OF THE COVE

Thank you, Stewards of the Cove, for contributing your time and talent to the Cove in 2019. The Stewards of the Cove program is starting its **15th year** of operation. Thanks to some very dedicated volunteers, our streams, wetlands, beach, and grounds look fabulous! 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, merryan7@icloud.com or **Tony Cassarino** 206-246-9941, tcassarino@hotmail.com

2020 Stewardship Schedule 9:00 am-12:00 pm

March 14	Invasive weed control: blackberries, reed canary grass, ivy. Plant native plants, and trees
April 18 *	Annual Cove Spring Cleanup, remove winter debris from beach and grounds, repair paths, maintain gardens, pull ivy * Rescheduled to 3rd Saturday
May 9	Maintain gardens, plant inspection and maintenance, open boat ramp, dredge silt ponds, move logs
June 13	Invasive weed control: policeman's helmet, nightshade, ivy. Plant annuals, maintain gardens
July 11	Plant inspection and maintenance, maintain gardens, start in-stream habitat improvements
August 8	Invasive weed control in wetlands, maintain gardens
September 12	Complete in-stream habitat improvements, maintain gardens, invasive weed control
October 10	Plant and mulch native trees and plants, start salmon counting (October through December)

* Salmon fish count for 2019 was 24 :(

2020 COVE EVENTS

Jan. 29	Wine Club
Feb. 12	Wine Club
Feb. 18	Dance Lessons
Feb. 21	Movie Night
Feb. 25	Dance Lessons
Mar. 14	Stewards of the Cove
Mar. 18	Wine Club
Mar. 24	Dance Lesson
Mar. 29	Movie Night
Mar. 31	Dance Lesson
Apr. 11	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr. 17	Movie Night
Apr. 18	Annual Spring Clean-Up
May 02	Cinco De Mayo
May 09	Stewards of the Cove
May 22	Movie Night
Jun. 13	Stewards of the Cove
Jul. 04	4th of July Celebration
Jul. 11	Stewards of the Cove
Aug. 08	Stewards of the Cove
Sep. 12	Stewards of the Cove
Oct. 06	Annual Members Mtg
Oct. 10	Stewards of the Cove
Oct. 31	Adult Halloween Party
Nov. 07 & 08	Artist United Show
Dec. 05	Holiday Bazaar
Dec. 06	Santa Party
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Bash

2020 NPCC DIRECTORY

Officers:

Clarke Brant	President	206-824-2108
Neil Ball	Vice Pres.	206-819-3676
Eileen Hess	Secretary	206-246-4873
Diane Numrich	Treasurer	206-920-5660

Other Board Members:

Tony Cassarino	S & W	206-246-9941
Trey Danna		425-652-7055
Mark Lewinger	B & G	602-722-3801
Tayna Lorella	Social	206-954-2405
Marco Pinheiro		206-963-4287
Jamie Smugeresky		949-295-8549
Patty Spangler	Membership	206-242-0596
Gene Swansiger	Tennis/Pickle	206-960-6482

Office Manager:

Staci McLaughlin		206- 242-3778
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SO MUCH GIVEN, SO MUCH RECEIVED

Special thanks to those making our holiday season a bit brighter and safer.

Holiday Decorators—holly boughs and sparkly balls were put up and taken down—**Georgia and Andy Batcho, Tony Cassarino, Bill Vilonza, Bill and Eileen Hess, Colleen West**

Santa Party—holiday treats, photos with Santa, art projects, and festive music hosted by the **NPCC and NP Arts Commission** volunteers.

Flood Gravel Removal—work parties shoveled, moved, raked, swept, and blew gravel washed onto the roadway by flooding rains—**Clarke Brant, Ron Johnson, Bill Vilonza, Tony Cassarino, Andy Batcho, Mark Lewinger** and his granddaughter **Adelina**

New Year's Eve Bash—glitter and glam for the New Year, with great food provided by **Poggi Bonsi**, and music provided by **The Lovecats and Interactive Party Band—Tayna Lorella, Mark Lewinger, Trey Danna, Andy and Georgia Batcho, Staci and Jim McLaughlin, Diane and Steve Numrich, Patty and Dick Spangler, Gene Swansiger, Clarke Brant**

*Thank
you*

DANCE LESSONS AT THE COVE

Tuesdays, Feb. 18 & 25, Mar. 24 & 31
7:00 pm—8:00 pm

Come out and have a great time with friends while you learn to line dance with **Jeannette Baker** (Studio *B Dance*). Dances will be done to all styles of music - it's not just country anymore! All ages and skill levels are welcome. Lessons are designed to teach each dance step-by-step, partake in a fun form of exercise (*gulp*), and most of all, enjoy fun times with friends! Cost for each lesson is \$10. Invite all your friends!



ANOTHER EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT IMPROVES OUR COVE BEACH

The new square concrete fire pit at the beach comes from Eagle Scout candidate **Ben Petrini**, with help from Cove mentors **Andy Batcho** and **Neil Ball**, plus his Scout troop and family.

The project included preparing a plan, a bill of materials, a cost estimate, then Board review and approval. The old fire pit was first removed. Materials were acquired and modified, followed by digging, forming, inserting re-bar, and pouring and finishing concrete.

Thanks to local merchants for their support. **Dunn Lumber** provided materials at cost and gave an additional donation. **Burien Bark** accepted the concrete rubble at no cost.

The project that began in early September rewarded Ben with his Eagle ranking in December. Our thanks and congratulations!

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Introduced by neighbor and fellow Board member Marco Pinheiro, we welcome Jamie Smugeresky to the NPCC Board of Directors. New to the NW, Jamie was born and raised in Kansas, then moved here via Southern California.

Jamie is always on the go, dedicated both to her family and to her work. A construction designer, Jamie addresses analytics and space design for the firm of Neil Kelly. Husband Craig is a rocket scientist at Blue Origin, working on the lunar lander. Son Michael is a US Marine, recently beginning a 3-year tour in Okinawa, Japan. Rounding out the family is Jupiter, a young Aussie that you can meet walking at the Cove, and three friendly cats.

Both Jamie and Craig are very social and are excited to meet new people and become involved in the community. Travel is a particular interest, which Jamie describes as “an opportunity to experience life.” A big trip is planned each year; they enjoyed Ireland for Michael’s graduation last year. Upcoming plans include exploring Japan and the Asian region.

Find Jamie dining out, scouting the neighborhood, and entertaining at their home. Enjoy getting to know Jamie—her energy and fresh perspective are exciting additions to the Board and to our community!
