
THANK YOU!

Clarke Brant, Shawn McEvoy, Ryan Weller, Brian Johnsen, City of NP, and NP Police, for all your help with the 4th of July Parade and Fun Run.

Bill Hess, Bob Cummings, Andy Batcho, and Neil Ball for the constant maintenance of the riding lawn mowers.

Ryan Fike and his son for donating and installing the new tennis net.

Barb Purdy and Parkside Garden Club for making sure our planter boxes on the railings and entrance to the building are well watered, maintained, and blooming beautifully.



Normandy Park Community Club September 2021 NEWSLETTER

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MORE THANK YOUS....

Bill Hess for making sure the trash cans all around the Cove grounds are emptied and doggy bags refilled.

Bill Hess & Bob Cummings for mowing and maintaining our big field lawn, wedding area, building area, and beach area.

Chuck Beyer for re-finishing the cedar sign on the building ramp.

Carita & John Laakso for maintaining the picnic area by the little library.

To everyone who came out on our Food Truck Wednesdays. What a fun event that turned out to be!! Thanks to all the vendors and musicians, along with **Eric Mosher, Bill Vilonza, Mark Lewinger, Tony Cassarino, and Jim McLaughlin** for helping with set up and garbage detail.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Cove Building

Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 p.m.

At this year's Annual Membership Meeting we will be electing four new trustees for a three year term. Current Board members whose terms are ending are **Neil Ball, Clarke Brant, Mark Lewinger, and Andrea Prose**. Newly elected trustees will take office at the January 2022 Board meeting.

Board meetings are held monthly at the Cove from 6:30-8:30 pm. Board trustee's responsibilities include attending the monthly meetings and serving on one or more committees, such as building, beach & grounds, social, etc. If you are interested in serving the community as a trustee, please contact the Cove office. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor the night of the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting is your opportunity to express your ideas about the community club, how it's run, and what you would like to see done to maintain and enhance our Lot-A property. Officers will report on the past year's activities and accomplishments. Time will be available for you to ask questions and make comments.

All Lot-A property owners are strongly urged to attend the Annual Membership Meeting and become involved. It is a right of all Lot-A owners to express their views in this open forum. The Board of Trustees is accountable to you for the management and care of your property. Your voice is important and we hope to see you at the meeting.

WHAT GOOD ARE LOGS ON THE NORMANDY PARK BEACH?

Occasionally the NPCC Board is asked "why don't we remove all the messy logs on the Cove beach?" To some, the answer may be obvious, to others, not so much. Read on to learn about the value of logs on our beaches.

Before any development occurred around Puget Sound, the beaches were naturally covered with logs. Most of those logs came from rivers washing out trees along their course and flushing them into Puget Sound. After logging began and barge loads of logs were towed thru Puget Sound, some of the cut timber escaped and washed up on the beach. After shoreline development, many beaches were armored with concrete or rock bulkheads to protect homes.

Washington Fisheries studies, using boats and underwater cameras, revealed the difference between beaches with natural logs vs. beaches with armored seawalls. The underwater habitat on beaches with armored walls shows a lack of vegetation and associated critters. It seems the hard walls reflect waves back onto the beach, disrupting the growth of plants and therefore eliminating the habitat used by marine animals. When beaches are covered by logs are hit by the same waves, the moving logs absorb the wave energy and reflect less energy back onto the underwater beach, causing less damage to the shoreline. Unless you've been on the Fisheries boat to see the pictures of different kinds of beach armament, it's hard to believe the difference.

Hard rock and concrete bulkheads also suffer from a situation called "incision", where each wave moves tiny particles of sand from under the rock/concrete, ultimately causing the wall to collapse. Logs float up as waves hit and prevent incision and beach erosion. The logs themselves also provide habitat for saltwater critters, including surf smelt and herring who's eggs stick to the logs.

You may not know that it's also illegal to move or remove logs from Puget Sound beaches that are below the average high tide line without permits. The Cove has permits to move logs from our boat ramp.

The bottom line Board's vision of the Cove property is to try to maintain a natural look to the property with some modifications to accommodate the needs of people. The logs on the beach fit that vision.

BRAVA & BRAVO

Stewards of the Cove really did a bang-up-job in August, mostly due to the great turnout of participants! Lead by Board member **Eric Mosher**, the enthusiastic Stewards accomplished a long list of outdoor tasks. This work included a major structural repair of the wetland boardwalk, lead by Board member **Mark Lewinger**.

Lunch was served by Georgia Mosher, the "Cookie Lady," Amy Johnson, from Parkside Garden Club, also treated us to a variety of her home-baked cookies.

Thank you Stewards:

Erik Mosher, Georgia Mosher, Diane Numrich, Tony Casarino, Elaine Cassarino, Jerry Vermiere, Fred Bowser, David Wagner, Christina Wagner, Bill Vilonza, Gene Swansinger, Bob Cummings, John Bendscheidt, Ron Ebbers, Patrick Herold, Larry Williams, Rob Crosby, Marco Pinheiro, Mark Lewinger, Gary Bolma, Robert Hadley, Fred Bowser.



2021 (tentative) COVE EVENTS

Sept. 11	Stewardship Saturday
Sept. 22	Wine Club
Oct. 05	Annual Members Mtg
Oct. 09	Stewardship Saturday
Oct. 13	Wine Club
Oct. 24	Wine Education
Nov. 6 & 7	Artists United Show
Nov. 14	Wine Club



STEWARDS OF THE COVE (ONLY 2 LEFT)

Only two more chances to join your neighbors for Stewards of the Cove Saturdays - September 11th and October 9th. Stewards have been active all spring and summer tending to the NPCC grounds and things look great.

September activities will include maintaining the wedding, rose, and fern gardens, weeding and weed whacking, trimming, and cleanup. October is our chance to prepare the gardens and grounds for fall/winter, and perhaps bring in a few new plants before the rains come.

Coffee and pastries are available in the morning and lunch is served at noon. Make your plans to attend one or both Stewardship Saturdays. Don't miss out on a chance to spend a fun day with friends and neighbors while helping beautify the Cove.

ARTIST UNITED FESTIVAL

Artist United invites you to attend their annual Autumn Art Festival on November 6th & 7th. The doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Member artists will have their work available for exhibit and for sale. Admission is free.

2021 NPCC DIRECTORY

Officers:

Neil Ball	President	206-819-3676
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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.

DO YOU ENJOY WALKING THE TRAILS AT THE COVE?

If you enjoy walking the trails at the Cove, you might want to thank those who keep them maintained.

In mid-August and previously in June, two teams of Lot-A owners lead by **Mark Lewinger** and **Neil Ball** took on a huge project, with a team of volunteers. Thanks to **David Wagner, Bill Vilonza, Gene Swansiger, Bob Cummings, John Benschmidt, Ron Ebbers, Marco Pinheiro, Gary Bolma, Robert Hadley**. Two log beams on the wetlands raised walkway, originally built some 15-years ago, had failed due to rot.

The teams removed the decking, lifting out the failed beams and replacing the beams with new, HEAVY logs, taking ten men to move, then replacing the decking using both existing planks and cutting new planks to fit. Not a small task!

Beach and Grounds co-chairs, **Mark Lewinger** and **Marco Pinheiro** also regularly walk the streamside boardwalks and bridges to assess their condition plus listen to input from other Lot-A walkers. Repair materials are obtained, tools assembled and construction crews consisting of Lot-A owners are organized regularly to make repairs. Last year a major beam repair was made to John's bridge after Mark found a rotting beam. Another very large & difficult project.

Adding to the challenge, most of these repairs are done in remote areas without power, requiring much manual labor and battery powered tools to affect repairs.

The Cove is proud of the many Lot-A volunteers that continuously respond to keep our Cove property beautiful and functional. Thank you!!

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT—DIANE NUMRICH

A Midwesterner born in Wisconsin and raised in Minnesota, Diane Numrich then moved west to live in California in the Bay Area. Her next stop was Eugene, Oregon where she met her husband, Steve. They have been in Seattle since 2004 and settled in Normandy Park in 2012. Diane and Steve currently have no pets, but welcome blue jays to their lovely property.

Diane works for Northwest Hydraulic Consultants where she serves as the corporate financial manager or the "accounting guru". This role lends itself perfectly to her role as Treasurer for the NPCC.

Diane's involvement with the Cove started about 5 years ago, when she began volunteering with Stewards of the Cove and sharing her gardening expertise. Shortly thereafter, Tony Cassarino asked if she would like to join the Board. Interested in doing her "civic duty", Diane was curious to see how the Club was run so she stepped up. She thoughtfully contributes her ideas and provides financial guidance as the Board Treasurer. Now into her second term on the Board, Diane also enjoys participating in Cove events including the 4th of July celebration, numerous large community dances, and kids' movie night.

Volunteers
do not necessarily
have the time;
they just have the *heart*.



With her love of the community, Diane energetically gives back to support our Club with its amazing property and wonderful friends and neighbors. A heartfelt thanks to Diane for sharing her many gifts!
