
THANK YOU....

Mark Lewinger & Neil Ball for replacing the stairs on the front of the Cove deck, replacing the decking on the bridge to the weeding garden, raised trail and bridge repairs, and repairs to the big toy and little airplane.

Eric Mosher and the dozens of Stewards of the Cove for the hundreds of hours of yard work.

Bob Cowan for helping process 1000 maintenance envelopes.

Bill & Eileen 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.

Andy & Georgia Batcho for helping get the office organized.

Neil Ball for installing new bathroom fans, installing new LED deck lights, having the Founder's Benches in front of the deck powder coated, and his hundreds of hours of excellent care of the Cove building.

Thank you to the 1000 households who have sent in their 2022 maintenance fees. A HUGE thank you to those who sent in a little extra to total \$18,752.00 in extra donations.



Normandy Park Community Club March 2022 NEWSLETTER

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WINE CLUB

The Two Faces of Bordeaux
Wednesday, April TBD, 2022
6:30pm-8:00pm

Cost: \$45 per person (Limit of 25 people)

Left Bank



Right Bank

This may not be common knowledge, but for centuries, Bordeaux has lived a double life! That's right, you've heard the expression, "There are two sides to every story", and it applies to Bordeaux too.

Bordeaux occupies two sides of the same body of water, and the two sides can be very different, in more ways than which side of the 'bank' they are on. We're going to compare those differences, and the similarities as well. A fun way to learn about Bordeaux! Oh, and I've procured some awesome examples from both the 'Right' and 'Left' Bank of Bordeaux. You will not be disappointed!

Call the Cove office 206-242-3778 to reserve your spot today!

NORMANDY PARK COMMUNITY CLUB BEACH AND GROUNDS GUIDELINES

The beach and grounds at the Cove are for the private use of Lot A owners and their *accompanied* guests only. The following guidelines have been approved by the Board of Trustees to help keep the property safe and beautiful so that **EVERYONE** can enjoy their time at the Cove. Please share these guidelines with your family and guests.

- Fires are allowed only in the firepits. Bring your own wood; do not burn driftwood. Extinguish fires before leaving with water buckets provided.
- Observe burn bans.
- No cutting or removal of beach logs or driftwood. No removal of sand or gravel from the beach.
- Do not drive motor vehicles on the beach. No overnight parking or camping on Cove property.
- Orderly and non-disruptive beach parties are permitted. File a beach permit at the Cove Office for parties of more than 15 people. Groups of 40 or more require Board approval.
- Obey Normandy Park noise ordinances.
- No illegal drug use on Cove property, including public use of marijuana. Minors may not consume alcohol on the property.
- Boat ramp use is for Lot-A owners only. Use at your own risk and at high tide. After launching, park in the designated area. Replace the chain lock. Contact the Cove Office for the lock code.
- Use of remote-control flying vehicles (airplanes, drones, etc) is prohibited.
- Place litter in trash cans or take it home. Cove dumpsters are for beach, grounds, and event refuse only; no personal use permitted.
- Clean up after your dog; bags are provided. Keep dogs out of flowerbeds, Walker creek, and off the building deck. Leash dogs until out of parking areas and away from the building. Respect others by using voice or leash control.
- Notify NP police immediately if you see trespassers or witness vandalism. Also report incidents to the Cove Office.
- Commercial use of Lot A property requires Board approval.

***Thank you for your help in making sure your Cove property
is a safe and fun place for everyone to enjoy!***

Approved by Board of Trustees motion, March 3rd, 2021

Neil Ball
2021 President, NPCC

Eileen Hess
2021 Secretary, NPCC

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 16—11:00am sharp!

All of our neighborhood children and grandchildren, *preschool through third grade*, are invited to join the Easter Bunny at the Cove for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Rain or shine, the hunt horn will blow promptly at 11:00 a.m.. It's all over by 11:30 at the latest, so don't delay and miss out!

This is a free event! Children should bring their own baskets, and since it's all outside, we recommend boots for potential mud and damp. The Easter Bunny will be happy to pose for photographs, so be sure to bring your camera.



GIANT

Rummage Sale & Spring Bazaar!
Sunday, May 22nd 10:00am to 3:00pm
One day only. Don't miss out!

SHOPPERS: Bargains will abound at this all-out community sale. Treasures and trinkets, junk and jewels, you might just find anything here.

SELLERS: Are your closets full? How about your garage? You can fill up the back of your pickup or car, park at the Cove and sell/swap "collectibles" with your neighbors. Or, if you prefer you can reserve a table inside the Cove building.

CRAFTERS: Do you have leftovers from your holiday bazaars? If so, then reserve your table inside the building.

Outside or inside space will be \$10 for fee-paid Lot A members, \$15 for non-members.

Call the Cove office today to reserve your space, 206-242-3778, normandyparkcc@yahoo.com or www.npcove.org

2022 COVE EVENTS

Mar.	12	Stewards of the Cove
Mar.	12	Pass pick up
Mar.	19	Pass pick up
Mar.	22	Dance Lessons
Mar.	26	Pass pick up
Mar.	29	Dance Lesson
Apr.	05	Dance Lesson
Apr.	09	Annual Lot A Grounds Spring Clean-Up
Apr.	12	Dance Lesson
Apr.	TBD	Wine Club
Apr.	16	Easter Egg Hunt
May	14	Stewards of the Cove
May	22	Rummage Sale
June	03	Mexican Fiesta
June	11	Stewards of the Cove
July	04	Fun Run, Parade & Ice Cream Social
July	09	Stewards of the Cove
Aug.	13	Stewards of the Cove
Sept.	10	Stewards of the Cove
Oct.	08	Stewards of the Cove
Nov.	5/6	Artist United Show
Dec.	03	Holiday Bazaar
Dec.	02	Santa Party



FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

- No cutting or removing of beach logs or driftwood, sand, rocks, or gravel from the beach or grounds
- No burning Christmas trees, or large excessive fires in the fire pits
- No dumping personal garbage, amazon boxes, or any junk at the Cove dumpsters
- Keep your Dog/Pet out of flower beds and big toy area
- Scoop your pets poop—bags are provided

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Bob Cowan, 2022 NPCC President

For the second year running, the COVID-19 pandemic has controlled most of the Cove's activities, much as it has impacted so many aspects of all of our lives. The beginning of 2022 has brought a greater sense of optimism than we have had for some time. Pandemic infections, hospitalizations, and deaths seem to have declined and many places have begun to loosen the grip of the pandemic. Outdoor masking has ended in Washington and indoor masking is scheduled to end in March.

Events at the Cove have picked up and Cove revenues show signs of an uptick after two years of decreased events and major reductions in operating revenue. Cove Board members are beginning to discuss the possibility of resuming Cove sponsored events like the Easter Egg Hunt, the Cinco De Mayo Party, and the Fourth Of July community celebration, among others. The Cove has weathered the challenges of the pandemic with strong financially conservative leadership and the willingness by the Board of Trustees to make difficult decisions. Our continuing main strength lies in the dedicated volunteers who serve on the Board as Trustees, the Committee Chairs, and individual volunteers.

Two of our Trustees, Clarke Brandt and Neil Ball, left the Board in January. We thank them heartily for their work and know they will continue helping as volunteers. We have a full 2022 Board as Jamie Kroeger, Eric Mosher, and I were elected and Mark Lewinger was reelected for three year terms beginning in January.

At the January 2022 Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees elected the following Trustees as officers for the 2022 calendar year: myself, Bob Cowan, as President and Andrea Prasse as Vice President. Diane Numrich was reelected as Treasurer and Eileen Hess as Secretary.

Our current Committee Chairs are: Beach and Grounds - Mark Lewinger and Marco Pinheiro (Co-Chairs); Stream and Wetlands - Eric Mosher; Building - Neil Ball; Tennis and Pickleball - Gene Swansiger; Capital - Tamara Sheldon; and Membership - Patty Spangler. Currently there is no Social Committee Chair, but as the Cove starts to consider resuming Cove sponsored events, the need for a Social Chair will become critical. The Board is actively encouraging volunteers who might like to either assist with the planning of events or chairing the Social Committee to contact Staci at the Cove office. All volunteers are welcome!

All of our Committee Chairs are to be commended for yeoman work in the challenging environment we have faced over the past two years. Cove Office Manager, Staci McLaughlin, is also busy addressing event cancellations and rescheduling, refunds, as well as the ever present routine and unscheduled items needed to successfully manage a large property and over 1800 Lot A households.

While Stewards of the Cove, led by Eric Mosher with the assistance of Tony Cassarino and Merry Ann Peterson, could not meet formally each month to work on outdoor tasks, some volunteers came wearing masks and socially distancing to keep our grounds and property in good shape. With the loosening of masking requirements in 2022, Stewards of the Cove will resume its schedule meeting on the second Saturday of the month, March - October, starting March 12th! Thanks to all that helped while the regular Stewards was in hiatus - it makes a difference.

Other volunteers have included Bill and Eileen Hess who empty the outdoor garbage cans and fill the doggie bag holders around the property. Bill mows the lawns and beach area with Bob Cummings. Andy Batcho has come to the rescue many times to keep the mowers running and blades sharpened. Andy is also our Eagle Scout project coordinator. Andy and Neil Ball are currently talking with two other candidates about 2022 projects. Neil Ball (our current Building Chair) jumps in on many projects around the Cove. Recently, Neil undertook projects to shore up building stairs and guard rails, and repair the Big Toy area.

An ongoing effort is needed to discourage vandalism and the use of property by nonmembers as COVID closures around the city and county have greatly increased visits to the Cove property. You can help - be our eyes and ears - report problems to the office or call the Normandy Park police for serious problems.

To all of our volunteers, including too many to mention, it is a privilege to be a part of this community. Thank you for maintaining our beautiful property. You are most sincerely appreciated!

2022 NPCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bob Cowan	President	206-819-3676	Jamie Kroeger		206-334-7974
Andrea Prasse	Vice President	262-794-7042	Mark Lewinger	Beach & Grounds	602-722-3801
Eileen Hess	Secretary	206-246-4873	Eric Mosher	Stream & Wetland	206-243-2321
Diane Numrich	Treasurer	206-920-5660	Marco Pineiro	Beach & Grounds	206-963-4287
			Tamara Sheldon	Capital	206-915-3307
Staci McLaughlin	Office Mgr.	206-242-3778	Jamie Smugeresky		
			Patty Spangler	Membership	206-242-0596
			Gene Swansiger	Tennis/Pickleball	206-960-6482

2022 STEWARDS OF THE COVE



The Stewards of the Cove program is starting its 17th year. Thanks to our very dedicated volunteers, our streams, wetlands, beach, and grounds continue to look fabulous. We love our long-time volunteers, but we welcome and need new faces. Please join us this year at the Cove and enjoy some stewardship togetherness with your neighbors. We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month, March thru October from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Come for morning coffee donated by Starbucks and perhaps a pastry or two. Stay for a light lunch at noon.

Questions? **Eric Mosher** 206-243-2321, eric.mosher@comcast.net.

2022 Stewardship Schedule—9:00 am-12:00 pm

March 12: Invasive weed control, trim hydrangeas, trim roses, weed pathway and wedding garden, and clear and mulch around new trees.

April 9: Annual Cove Spring Cleanup – remove winter debris from beach and grounds, maintain paths and gardens.

May 14: Maintain gardens, inspect and maintain plants, open boat ramp.

June 11: Invasive weed control, plant new annuals, maintain gardens, preparation for July 4th.

July 9: Plant inspection and maintenance, maintain gardens, in-stream habitat improvements.

August 13: Invasive weed control, maintain gardens, in-stream habitat improvement.

September 10: Maintain gardens, trim and mulch native trees and plants.

October 8: Final Stewards of 2022 – Trim and mulch trees and plants, new native plants, prepare gardens for winter.

SALMON FISH COUNT FOR 2021 WAS 226 (2021 was 101)

DANCE LESSONS AT THE COVE

Tuesdays, March 22 & 29, April 5 & 12

6:30pm—7:30pm \$10 per dancer (doors open at 6:00pm)

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 (**cash only**). Invite all your friends!



PROPERTY ACCESS PASS NOW AVAILABLE

Pick-up dates for your 2022 property access pass and car decal:

Saturday, March 12th 9am-11am
Saturday, March 19th 9am-11am
Saturday, March 26th 9am-11am
or

Stop by the Cove office Monday,
Wednesday, or Fridays
between 9:00am-1:00pm

2 car decals per household only!

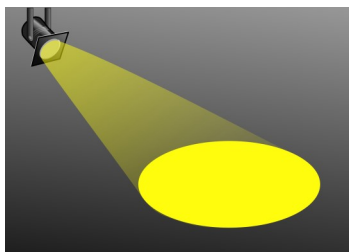
Make sure to attach your car decal on the INSIDE window of your windshield, or you can place a car decal or property pass on the dash of your car when visiting the Cove.

DON'T MOVE THE BEACH LOGS (Surf Smelt are in DANGER)

When you come down to the Cove beach, you are surrounded by a variety of animal life. Ducks on the pond, herons on the beaches, eagles in the trees, and salmon in the streams. But have you ever given any thought to the Surf Smelt? That is right, the Surf Smelt (*Hypomesus pinnatus*). It is a small fish that uses our Cove each to spawn. The Surf Smelt is an important forage fish for our salmon. Pretty Cool.

Unfortunately, the Surf Smelt is listed as a **Species of Greatest Conservation Need** by the State of Washington and a **Priority Species** by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. They are in danger because their normal spawning areas, just below the high tide mark, have in the past been developed and or seawalls installed. Therefore, the undeveloped Cove beach is so important to this species. This is why no work to clear logs or debris off the boat ramp area is allowed during their spawning season, which is the winter months. So, if you go down to the beach to launch your boat or kayak, and you think it would be easier if you just moved these beach logs, DON'T. It is a violation of the law and you could get ticketed and fined. It may be harder for you to launch your boat, but it is better for the Surf Smelt.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Jamie Kroeger



Each year brings change to the NPCC Board of Trustees, and with 2022, we welcome our newest member, Jamie Kroeger. Jamie, a Federal Way native, and husband Lee, a midwesterner from Indiana, met as freshmen at the University of Washington. Now with three boys, ages 7, 9, and 11, they moved to NP in 2014 in search of good schools, a true sense of community, and a place where you get to know your neighbors.

Jamie and her family have always enjoyed the Cove, from climbing on logs at the beach to sharing time at the duck pond with grandma. During a visit, they met Andy and Georgia Batcho, longtime Cove volunteers extraordinaire, and gained a wealth of information about our community. Jamie found herself looking at the Cove as an opportunity and her chance to contribute to this very special place.

Professionally, both Jamie and Lee come from Boeing. Jamie was a Project Manager until electing to stay at home with their third child; Lee leads a team of engineers in Boeing's Fabrication Division.

Relishing life in the PNW, Jamie and her family are a sports crew, with basketball, baseball, and tennis as favorites. Scouting is big for the guys too.

In joining the Board, Jamie's goal is to use her skills and experience to foster the use of the Cove building and grounds. As we are coming out of the pandemic, she sees this as a time for community, a time to bring neighbors together. Jamie looks to be a part of this transition and recovery.

Thank you, Jamie - your positive energy and personal investment is truly welcome!
