
DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, January 12, 19, & 26

6:30pm—7:30pm

\$10 per dancer

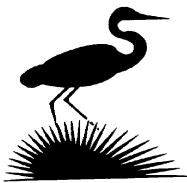
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Come out and have a great time with friends while you learn to line dance with Jeannette Baker (Studio B Dance). Dances will be done to all styles of music - it's not just country anymore! All ages and skill levels are welcome. Lessons are designed 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!



Normandy Park Community Club January 2023 NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOLD YOUR SPECIAL EVENT?



Do you need a venue for a family party, company party, seminar, recognition, fundraiser, wedding, training event, school function, meeting of the minds, or a social gathering? How about using the facilities at the Cove?! Besides the use of the kitchen, fireplace, small and large meeting rooms that can seat up to 250 people, the building has Wi-Fi capability for internet access. The Cove building is available during the week and weekends to hold your special event. Call the Cove office at 206-242-3778 to inquire about pricing and availability.

HIRING COVE PROPERTY MONITORS



Starting to think about a spring and summer job?? The NPCC is looking for several property monitors to work our Cove entrance and beach areas. Monitors check membership status of those visiting the property, help with questions, and serve as goodwill ambassadors. Positions are hourly, nights and weekends. If interested, contact Staci at the Cove, 206-242-3778.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello, I'm **Neil Ball**, current President of the Board of Trustees, and I want to wish you and your families all the very best for 2023! While still lurking around, we are seeing a diminishing impact of the Covid pandemic and a return to some normalcy at the Cove. Our rentals are up to pre-Covid numbers, and like the salmon, people are returning. This year we hope to increase our social events so we can all meet and interact.

I would like to begin by thanking the retiring members of the Board of Trustees. **Eileen Hess, Diane Numrich, and Patty Spangler** have all spent six long years representing and supporting our membership. These were not the easiest of times for our Community Club, but they, like the other Board members, rose to the challenge. Thank you.

At the Annual meeting held in October, you elected three new, and one returning, Board member to represent the membership. The new Board members are **Jacque Riehl, Julie Fry, and Mark Rekate**. In addition, **Jamie Smugeresky** will be serving another three years on the Board. They will be joining **Andrea Prasse, Chris MacRae, Mark Lewinger, Eric Mosher, Jamie Kroger, Marco Pinheiro, and Gene Swansiger**, the returning Board members.

There is also another group of people that need to be recognized, but they choose to be more discrete. These are our Cove Elves. Our elves are those who just get things done without being asked, persuaded, or even bribed. Whether it is **Carol Bolma** who carries a garbage bag on her daily dog walk and picks up litter, or **Bill Vilonza** who fixes things we don't even know are broken, or **Barb Purdy** who is always flitting around the garden like a wren deadheading flowers and maintaining the entrance garden and deck baskets, or **Bill Hess** or **Bob Cummings** or ... and the list goes on. This hardy set of volunteers work tirelessly to do the little, and sometimes big, things that make our place special. We could not keep our beach, grounds, and building looking like it does if it wasn't for this small group of elves working behind the scenes.

Of course, saying thank you would not be complete without a big thank you to **Staci McLaughlin**, who has been our Manager for more years than anyone (except Staci) can remember. Staci is the central cog in the Cove machine, whether it be the voice on the phone, working with our guests and renters (not all of them are easy), or managing our part-time employees. Say "thank you" to Staci the next time you see her -she certainly deserves it.

Keeping our 18 acres accessible to over 1800 families is challenging. We have had several conflicts between dog owners and their dogs, court users, and beach users. Every member has the right to use this shared property. Every member also needs to be responsible for their behavior (and their pets). Not everyone is a dog person, not everyone plays pickleball or tennis, and not everyone appreciates loud music at the beach. We all need to respect other users and do what we can to allow everyone to enjoy the property equally. If there is an issue that can't be respectfully resolved at the time, please bring it to our attention so it can be addressed.

Finally, thank you for your support. The Cove is here because you are. 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, our social activities, or picnics with family and friends.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you all a prosperous 2023 and we'll look forward to seeing you at the Cove.



Great Job!

STEWARDS OF THE COVE 2022 RECAP

October closed out another very successful year with the Stewards of the Cove. In 2022, over 110 volunteers donated over 650 hours to pruning, weeding, spreading mulch, rock, and earth, then doing it all over the next month. Someone said that we could hire two full time gardeners to do the work that this amazing set of volunteers do on a monthly basis!

Led by the expertise of Merry Ann Peterson, Eric Mosher, and Tony Cassarino, the Stewards continue to set the bar on just how nice our Cove can look. Some of the work that was accomplished this year includes: revamping the west entry garden, removing invasive weeds near the streams, pruning the roses and salmonberries, planting new trees in the forest, clearing the boat ramp and trails to the beach, adding flowers around the beach porta potty and spreading yards of bark, chippings, soil, and gravel. There is no job too big or too small for this hardy bunch.

Volunteers were also treated to gastronomical delights like Bill's Burgers and Georgia's Sandwiches as a reward for their hard work. Stewards run every year from March through October on the second Saturday of the month. If you are interested, no experience is need, but a good set of gloves helps. Come join us in 2023 for some food, good conversation, maybe meet your new bestie, and a little work.

THANK YOU.....

Colleen West, Andy & Georgia Batcho, Neil Ball, Eric Mosher, Bob Cummings, Katie McEachern, Jacque Riehl, Diane Numrich, Mark Lewinger, Erica for decoration our building for Christmas, (then coming back to take down all the decorations!)

Patty Spangler for processing over 900 maintenance fee envelopes.

Bill & Eileen Hess, Jacque Riehl, Eric Mosher, and Neil Ball for placing the Bazaar yard signs.

Dahli Strayer & Di Brown for organizing two pickleball tournaments to raise money for the NPCC Courts.

2023 COVE EVENTS

Jan. 12	Dance Lesson
Jan. 19	Dance Lesson
Jan. 21	Charcuterie Workshop
Jan. 26	Dance Lesson
Mar. 11	Stewardship Saturday
Apr. 08	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr. 15	Spring Clean Up
May 06	Cinco De Mayo
May 15	Stewardship Saturday
June 04	Rummage Sale
June 10	Stewardship Saturday
July 04	Fun Run, Parade & Community Celebration
July 08	Stewardship Saturday
Aug. 12	Stewardship Saturday
Sept. 09	Stewardship Saturday
Oct. 14	Stewardship Saturday
Nov. 4/5	Artists United Show
Nov. 15	Decorate the Cove
Dec. 02	Holiday Bazaar

2023 NPCC DIRECTORY

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Marco Pinheiro	206-963-4287
Andrea Prasse	Unlisted
Mark Rekate	206-890-8070
Jacque Riehl	206-456-6160
Jamie Smugeresky	Unlisted
Gene Swansinger	206-960-6482

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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



HOW TO STAY IN THE KNOW...

There are many ways to stay in the loop as to what is going on at the Cove. You wouldn't want to miss out on any of our social activities, like Food Truck Wednesdays, Easter Egg Hunt, Wine Club, and our other fun events and 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: These come to Lot A owners via the U.S. mail about 4 times a year.

Email distribution list: normandyparkcc@yahoo.com (email us to be added to the list)

Or the good old-fashioned way of stopping by the Cove office.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The NPCC Board of Trustees is excited to welcome back **Chris MacRae!** Chris previously served as Board Treasurer from 2012-2017 and enjoyed working with the amazing volunteers and our wonderful manager, Staci. Retired from a career in accounting at FLOFORM Countertops, Chris discovered that her QuickBooks experience would be an asset to the Board. During this time, Chris highlights helping at the Cove Santa parties and monitoring the 4th of July parades to keep kids safe. She is excited to continue participating in events at the Cove and has enjoyed the Wednesday night food trucks and recent high school class reunions.

Chris grew up in Normandy Park and her parents were charter members of the Cove. She has fond memories of the Cove activities, from gathering Easter eggs as a child, attending junior high dances as a teen, dancing sock hops as an adult, to chaperoning junior high dances for her sons. She describes Normandy Park as a unique community with its open spaces, swimming pools, beaches, parks, and the lovely Cove facility.

Chris and her husband Bruce met at Highline High School and attended the University of Washington. They settled in Normandy Park in 1986 and raised their two sons here, Graham and Brian. The boys attended Marvista, played soccer and baseball on the local fields, and swam on the Normandy Park swim team through high school years at Highline.

Chris and Bruce are musicians, and they enjoy symphony, opera, musical theatre, and singing in ensembles. They have two grandsons in Lake Forest Park, and they regularly help with childcare. Chris is a member of John Knox church, and her interests including Bible study, reading, music, golf, painting, and pickleball. She started playing pickleball at the Cove in 2021 and regularly plays three mornings a week with a fun group of folks. Chris volunteers as a King County CASA, a child advocate program for foster kids in dependency. She has served several kids and their families through the court system since 2014.

CHARCUTERIE WORKSHOP

January 21st—6:00PM

\$85 one person / one board

\$120 two people / one board

Join Hannah and Melody from Picnic Party Seattle, along with Cheese Expert, Audra Blankers, for a workshop where you'll learn how to make a picture-perfect charcuterie and cheese board. Throughout the evening, you will create your own personal board with a selection of artisan meats, cheeses, and seasonal pairings. You will learn tips and tricks for shopping for cheeses, cutting, and styling your boards. Limited space, so call the Cove office today at 206-242-3778 to register.

