

Normandy Park Facility Planning FAQs

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When was the current City Hall built?

Normandy Park's current City Hall at 801 SW 174th St. was built in 1956 as an elementary school. Once it was vacated by the school district, the City of Normandy Park purchased the building in 1985 and leased space to the Highline Community College. In 1989, the city converted the buildings to a City Hall and Recreation Center.

What is the condition of the current City Hall?

The City Hall is an aging building. Previous administrations never had funding available to adequately maintain the buildings nor was a system replacement plan ever formally adopted. This has led to a deterioration of the building to a point where action must be taken to prevent major failures that could render the building unusable for some time.

Any one of these failures would have a major financial impact on the city's operation and capital budgets. The building does not meet basic code requirements in many areas. Any work on the building would likely trigger code deficiency upgrades as well as the discovery of other unplanned work. Taking a reactive approach to repairs will significantly increase the costs and does not allow for financial planning or consideration of the customer or staff during the repair project. Due to these facts, a no action approach is no longer a viable option.

The staff and customers currently deal with system failures within the building on a daily basis. This includes poorly functioning heating and cooling systems, leaks in the roof, as well as plumbing and electrical issues. It has been difficult to get a contractor to respond and complete work due to the antiquated and unsupported systems in the buildings.

How are the City Hall and Recreation Center used?

Normandy Park City Hall is the hub of city business, providing the workplace for the Police Department, Community Development, Public Works, Finance, Recreation and Community Services, City Manager, and City Clerk. It's where Normandy Park residents go to attend City Council meetings, Commission Meetings, view Art Exhibits, purchase a business license, or obtain a building permit, just to name a few. As of 2014, the city has 35 staff members and City Hall is visited by approximately 2844 constituents per year.

A variety of activities also take place at the Recreation Center. It is home to the Normandy Park Preschool, Melanie's Dance Unlimited, Seattle Taekwondo Academy, Senior Bridge and Pickleball programs, a periodic gathering place for community groups as well as the annual Normandy Park Arts Festival. Approximately 2176 people use the Recreation Center on a monthly basis.

How is the City of Normandy Park addressing the future of its City Hall?

The Normandy Park City Council is in the process of developing a charter and appointing a Facility Planning Task Force that will explore options for the City Hall. More information will be available as the process moves forward, including ways to provide input.