



# Voter Fact Sheet



## August 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 Election

On the August 7<sup>th</sup> primary election, a ballot measure will ask registered voters of the District to consider the South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District's replacement Maintenance and Operations Levy for the 4 years beginning in 2019.

This ballot issue is a replacement for an expiring Maintenance and Operations levy and concerns the funding of the District's operations.

This voter fact sheet contains information about the Park District and the proposed levy.



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# On Your Ballot...

## PROPOSITION NO. 1

### SOUTH WHIDBEY PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY

For maintenance and operation of its parks and recreation facilities and programs, shall the South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of **\$0.20** or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for **four** years commencing in 2018, for collection in the years 2019 through **2022**, all as provided in District Resolution #2018-04.

LEVY, YES . . . . .

LEVY, NO . . . . .

# What does the levy mean to me?

South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District is asking for \$0.20 per \$1,000 of Assesd Value on the Ballot in the August 7<sup>th</sup> Primary Election, how will that impact homeowners?

The math is pretty straightforward. For every \$1,000 of value assessed by the County on your home, you would be levied \$0.20 by the South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District. For example, a \$350,000 home would work something like this:

$$\$350,000 / 1,000 = 350$$

$$350 \times \$0.20 = \$70$$

So, if approved, a home assessed at \$350,000 would pay a total annual levy to the South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District of \$70 in 2019.

How much of an increase is the \$0.02 per \$1,000 AV?

$$350 \times \$0.02 = \$7$$

So the \$0.02 increase on the ballot would only amount to a \$7 annual increase in levy for a \$350,000 home. Calculations based on your own Assessed value would work the same way.

Assessed Value	Total Levy	Increase
\$200,000	\$40	\$4
\$250,000	\$50	\$5
\$300,000	\$60	\$6
\$350,000	\$70	\$7
\$400,000	\$80	\$8
\$450,000	\$90	\$9
\$500,000	\$100	\$10



# How does your Park District work?

A Park District is a distinct unit of local government, governed by a board of 5 volunteer elected commissioners. The District may levy for Maintenance and Operations for up to 6 years before having to go back to the constituency for approval of a new levy. Between levies the district may only increase the levy amount by 1% per year each year.

## Revenues

The District draws its revenues from the Maintenance and Operations levy, Program fees, Rental/Concession Fees, Interest and some other miscellaneous revenue. Of these revenue sources, the Maintenance and Operations levy provides the greatest percentage of the revenue at approximately 84% of the total revenue, with Program Fees chipping in 15%. The other three categories combined make up the remining 1% of District Revenue.

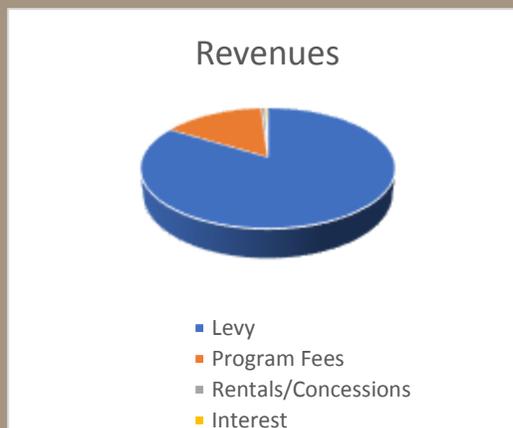
## What does your District do with your money?

The District prides itself on being a good steward of the Community's money. The largest category of expense for the District is Administration. The District has a total of 6

full-time staff members to run the programs, maintain the parks and oversee all District operations. Salaries and other benefits for these employees as well as part time employees make up a portion of the administrative expense. Other items in this category would include insurance for the District, election costs, state audit costs, office supplies and other miscellaneous expenses. These Expenses amount to 60% of the total expenses for

the District. Parks Maintenance supplies add up to 15% of expenses with Recreation Program expenses amounting to 12%. The remaining 13% of expenses are related to Small projects within the District properties or Equipment purchasing/rotation to maintain the District fleet of equipment in good condition.

With these allocations, the small District staff of three office personnel and 3 Park Maintenance employees oversees and runs all District recreation programming, processes all registrations/payments/rentals, administers the district website/facebook page, and maintains all 360 acres of District managed property.





# Board Position on the levy

*Matt Simms  
Park District Commissioner  
District Treasurer*

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## The True Cost of Buying a Home

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## Signing on the dotted line...

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## Expenses to expect when buying a home

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**Q:** *What if I vote No? What happens?*

**A:** *District operations would be impacted negatively...*

If the Maintenance and Operations Levy is not approved, the District would put a new levy on the Ballot in November, costing the District and taxpayers additional money for the ballot issue. This second ballot issue would likely be at a lower rate, impacting the amount of money the District would receive for operations. This would result in reduced services, maintenance, and programs provided by the District. If the second levy fails, the District would shut down operations in 2019 and use remaining funds to fund a ballot issue for a new maintenance and operations levy in 2020.

# finalthoughts...

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