



Voter Fact Sheet



August 7th 2018 Election

On the August ballot registered South Whidbey voters will be asked to consider funding the Parks system for the 4 years beginning in 2019.

This ballot issue is a replacement of the expiring Maintenance and Operations levy and concerns the funding of the District's operations. The levy rate beginning in 2019 will be \$0.20 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value.

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?

The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Levy on the August ballot is \$0.20 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value. How will that impact me as a citizen?

A "Yes" vote will keep the parks funded and open through 2023. This includes Community Park, Deer Lake, Goss Lake, Lone Lake, Trustland Trails, and the Sports Complex and all recreational programs including youth athletics, adult sports leagues, arts and crafts, and dog training programs.

The annual cost to the homeowner is shown in the table on the right.

Assessed Value	Total Levy
\$200,000	\$40
\$250,000	\$50
\$300,000	\$60
\$350,000	\$70
\$400,000	\$80
\$450,000	\$90
\$500,000	\$100

If you would like more information on the proposed levy, the District is planning three Open House informational sessions at which District Commissioners and staff will be available to answer questions:

- July 25th-6pm at the Clinton Community Hall-Clinton**
- July 31st-6pm at Sno-Isle Public Library-Freeland Branch-Freeland**
- August 2nd-7pm at the SWPRD Administrative Offices-Langley**

All citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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.

Funds for Park Operation

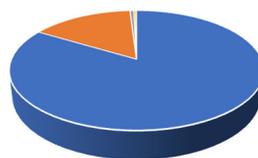
The District draws its funding from the Maintenance and Operations levy, Program fees, Rental/Concession Fees, Interest and some other miscellaneous revenue. Of these funding sources, the Maintenance and Operations levy provides the greatest percentage at approximately 84% of the total funding, with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

What does your District do with your money?

The District operates with a small staff of three office personnel and three maintenance employees who oversee and administer all District recreation programs and maintain more than 350 acres of District-managed property across five Park sites on South Whidbey.

Oversight of this staff is provided by the South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District Board of Commissioners, a volunteer group of five local citizens elected by District voters to four-year terms. The Board of Commissioners work with the staff to ensure the parks system is managed within an annual budget that comes directly from the voted levy in place at the beginning of each calendar year. Audits of District finances are conducted annually by the State of Washington. As a point of reference, all State audits of District finances during the term of the existing Maintenance and Operations Levy were passed with no discrepancies noted.

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- Levy
- Program Fees
- Rentals/Concessions
- Interest

For more information on how your Park District operates or on the Maintenance and Operations Levy, please contact the District staff at (360) 221-5484 or come to one of the open houses listed above.