



Voter Fact Sheet



August 7th 2018 Election

On the August 7th 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. 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.

South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District
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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 Assesd Value. How will that impact me as a citizen?

First and foremost it 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 Community Center-Langley**
- July 31st-6pm at Clinton Community Hall-Clinton**
- August 2nd-7pm at Sno-Isle Public Library-Freeland Branch-Freeland**

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.

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

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.

