



**Island Rec, 37 years of People, Parks, Programs and Trails  
LEVY RENEWAL FAQ – VOTE in APRIL**

**Why is Island Rec asking for another levy?**

- Island Rec’s current levy and funding expires in 2021. After 2021 there is no funding for Island Rec, High School sports or the operations and maintenance of John O. Linde Community Park.
- By law the maximum term for Island Rec’s levy is six years; the maximum levy rate is 60 cents; this levy is for 38.5 cents/\$1000 of property assessment value. The expiring levy was also for 38.5 cents.
- Island Rec needs 2,600 voters to vote in April to validate the election and needs 60% approval to pass.

**What will 38.5 cents provide?**

- This levy will continue Island Rec Programs and Trails- 16.5 cents
- This levy will continue funding of school sports- 10 cents
- This levy will continue the O&M of Island Rec Parks, including John O. Linde Community Park – 12 cents

**What programs and parks does Island Rec fund?**

- At the end of the last levy cycle (2015) Island Rec provided over 2,700 hours of organized recreation programming with over 14,000 participants. During this levy cycle it has increased to over 3,200 hours of recreation programming with nearly 18,000 participants.

STAR Afterschool Program  
 Hill of Thrills Soapbox Race  
 Adult Table Tennis Tournament  
**Lafarge Open Space (gravel pit)**  
 Shaw Island Family Bike Ride  
 Adult Drop-In sports  
 Camp Eagle Rock  
**Trails Committee**  
 Summer Sports Camps  
 Movies in the Park  
 Sailing Classes  
 Youth and Adult Dance classes  
 Tennis Classes

Children’s Festival  
**Eddie and Friends Dog Park**  
 Resolution Run  
 Roller Hockey and Futsal  
 Messy Me Preschool Program  
 Adult and Senior Fitness Programs  
 Teen Afterschool Program (TREC)  
 Adult Summer Soccer League  
 Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt  
**John O. Linde Community Park**  
 Youth and Teen Basketball  
 Tour de Family Bike Event  
 Skateboarding Camps

School’s Out Camps  
 Teen Adventure Camps  
 Music on the Lawn  
 Swimming Lessons  
**Family Park at Fairgrounds**  
 Scooter and Skate Nights  
 FH 8.8k Loop Run  
 Farmers Market Events  
 Dragonfly Preschool Camp  
 Adult Enrichment Classes  
**Skate Park**  
 Father Daughter Dance  
**And so much more!**

**What impact has COVID-19 had on Island Rec financially?**

Due to state guidelines, Island Rec had to significantly decrease the number of programs that are offered to the community. This caused a drop in anticipated program revenue for the District however due to fewer staff and reduced spending there was nonetheless a \$100,000 net savings. These funds will be allocated towards enhancements of park facilities and will help offset some future program fees in 2021 and 2022.

**What does Island Rec plan to accomplish in the next six years?**

The renewed levy will allow Island Rec to maintain its current recreation programs, parks and services and allow for modest growth. This includes:

- Preschool age programming expansion
- Increased maintenance and capital projects at Lafarge Property, Family Park, Skate Park, Eddie and Friends Dog Park and John O. Linde Community Park.
- Increase adult community recreation and continued education opportunities.
- Community assessment for expanded indoor and outdoor recreation facilities at John O. Linde Community Park.

### Why is Island Rec funding school sports?

- In 2009, voters approved Island Rec’s levy to fund school sports.
- The school has maxed out its levy capacity funding basic education.
- The School District’s budget cannot fund school sports and is 100% dependent on this levy to do so.

### Why is Island Rec funding the operation and maintenance of John O. Linde Community Park?

Access to park spaces create healthy communities and Island Rec is in the business of both parks and creating a healthy community. As a public agency, it is Island Rec’s mission and mandate to operate parks and recreational facilities.

- This park includes a playground, one-mile paved walking trail, soccer field, multipurpose field, baseball field, softball field, picnic areas and a restroom.
- Island Rec is delighted that this community has donated over \$4 million dollars to fully build the park and public money is only needed to maintain it. This park has been developed through partnerships with the San Juan Island School District as the landowner, Friday Harbor Athletic Association and the San Juan Island Community Foundation as the developer and Island Rec as the public agency to operate and maintain the popular community facility.

### How do I benefit from Island Rec?

You live in a community where:

- Affordable and free community events and activities bring neighbors and families together.
- Parks, trails and open spaces are available and well-maintained for everyone to enjoy.
- Seniors and adults have recreational opportunities for a variety of interests and needs.
- Families have opportunities to recreate together in programs and parks.
- Working parents can be assured their children are well cared for at affordable, safe and enriching daily afterschool and summer programs.
- High school students have the opportunity of participating in a school sport and all the positive experiences that are part of being on a team.
- Working people want to live here because of the high quality of life provided through trails, parks, recreation programs and sports made available to the community.
- Tweens and teens have the opportunity to explore, develop and learn positive life-long leisure skills.
- Kids and adults have positive choices and alternatives to drug and alcohol abuse.

### What will this levy cost me?

Property Assessment Value	Funding Island Rec Programs, Park O&M and High School Sports
\$250,000	\$96/year
\$300,000	\$116/year
\$350,000	\$135/year
\$500,000	\$193/year
\$1,000,000	\$385/year

More information about Island Rec Parks, Programs and Services and this levy request can be found on [www.islandrec.org](http://www.islandrec.org) or by calling or emailing:

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