

from scrap book of  
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Parland Business Club  
organized in Nov. 1946, by business people,  
with 20 businesses. Club aims - to better  
business in the Parland area. Club  
projects - Parland playground; Parland  
Round-up; July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks; Children  
Christmas program. Supported by member-  
ship dues of \$10.00 a year from business  
firms of Parland. Scrap book started in  
1953. Promote civic betterment, and general  
growth of Parland through the creation of  
better business relations.

Ninth Annual Parland Roundup  
June 13-14, 1959

Tenth Annual Parland Roundup  
June 11-12, 1960

First President, Walt Young  
1947 - Club petitioned Dept. of Highways to  
put up 2 signs denoting Parland - one  
at the foot of Orchard Hill, and the  
other at 96<sup>th</sup> and Mt. Highway. 1948 -  
club worked for, and were rewarded by, a  
bank to serve Parland. National Bank  
of Wash. Sponsored concerts by "Choir  
of the West" of P.C.U. Bank opened in 1949,  
manager Arthur G. Swindland. Floats  
sponsored for Daffodil Parade. 1951 - club

represented approximately 130 business establishments in the Parkland area, Petition for better mail service, 1951 - first annual Parkland Roundup, Decorations for Christmas season, 1952 - B-Line Transit Co., Inc., Parkland, formed. A corporation formed by local business people who banded together to bring to the South End communities a much needed service - busses, sponsored fireworks at county gravel pit on Jule Lake Road and Park Avenue, Roundup - gates, just in front of the post office - display booths and entertainment. Main object is not to make money for the business club, but rather to present some activity for the community. 1954 - playground ground breaking. Also here was arena for rodeo, Roundup supported Parkland playground fund, 1955 - New post office in Parkland, 1956 - Parkland Recreation Center, S. 138<sup>th</sup> and 9 Streets, Playground - in - a - day (P-D). 1957 - Henry Gonzaga presented deed to property being used as recreation center for the Parkland area. He had proffered the tract four years ago as soon as suitable improvements had been made through community effort. Title accepted by Price County Commissioners, Emmett Burke, Harry Springer and Fritz Geizer, leased, in 1958, to the Business Club, as

Gonza Park, 1959 - A special committee appointed by the Parkland Business Club to look into the possibilities of the Parkland area incorporating were Bill Black, Mory Anderson, George Potter, Larry Kihwood, Howard Carner, Ray Battle, Art Winy, Dale Phillips and Eugene Smalley. The committee recognizes, to begin with, that Parkland is no longer a rural area, but has become an urban community with a population estimated in excess of 10,000. In order to better deal with all of the problems incident to urban living, such a community is accorded, under the statutes of the State of Wash, the right of self-government. After an impartial consideration of the many factors involved, the committee was lead to the making of the foregoing recommendation, primarily for the accomplishment of the following objectives.

1. To preserve the identity of Parkland as a community.
2. To retain for the community the Franklin Pierce School District.
3. To insure that money paid in taxes in Parkland for local use is expended for needed improvements and services in Parkland.
4. To obtain additional funds for Parkland from state shared revenues available

- only to an incorporated city.
5. To obtain a government which is able to deal with local problems and need not weigh the interests of Parkland with conflicting interests of other areas in the county.
  6. To establish a local control in planning and zoning for Parkland in order that this community may have a comprehensive program for growth and development.

#6 Financial considerations were given close study by the committee and in this connection, the following aspects of incorporation were investigated: (a) what difference incorporation would make in the taxes being paid by the people of Parkland, (b) what revenues might be anticipated for the finance of the city, and (c) whether a city could be operated on such revenues.

### Tax Rate

Comparative study showing present levy in mills and the rate after incorporation.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>After Incorporation</u>
Franklin Fire District	32.50	32.50
Road District	10.00	
Fire District # 6	4.00	
County Government	10.53	10.53
Port District	2.00	2.00
State	2.78	2.78

Library	1.67	
City of Parkland	<u>63.98</u>	<u>15.00</u>
		62.81

The tax levy is somewhat different for those areas lying within Midland or Summit Fire District, but the levy after incorporation would be reduced by the same amount as shown above.

### Estimated Revenues

Distributive taxes from state (using estimated population 9,500)		
For general use:		
40% liquor profits and surtax		\$47,500.00
For City streets:		
15% of just 5¢ gas tax		33,250.00
For fire, police and health:		
17% auto excise tax		<u>14,250.00</u>
		\$95,000.00
Real property tax		
Estimated assessed valuation	\$5,000,000.00	
	<u>.015</u>	\$75,000.00
Fines and bail forfeitures		5,000.00
Building permits		<u>500.00</u>
Total estimated revenues		\$180,500.00

### City Government Cost Analysis

The actual staff of a city, and salaries paid, will be determined by elected officials. However, based on a study of the experience of other cities of this size, the following analysis is sub-

mitted showing what is believed to be an adequate city government with which to begin operation.

### General Government

Elected officials: Mayor and two commissioners, salaries prescribed by statute, total for all three \$5,600.00

Appointed officials: including full-time clerk-treasurer, clerical help and part-time city attorney, building inspector, health officer, as well as provision for rent, telephone, insurance, printing and supplies 13,800.00

### Police

Police chief, three patrolmen, two cars, police judge and the expenses of gas, rent, maintenance, insurance, etc. 31,600.00

### Fire Protection

By law, a city is authorized to contract with a fire protection district (Fairland District #6) for the continuance of fire

protection under the present system. (4 mill levy on assessed valuation) 20,000.00

### Library

Until such time as the city wanted to provide its own facilities, it could contract with the existing county library. (1.67 mill levy on assessed valuation) 8,350.00

### Streets

Maintenance estimate based on 10 mill levy presently being paid to county road district. (note: if additional funds needed, could be taken from reserve and capital outlay funds below) 50,000.00

### Other

Available for capital outlay 26,150.00  
Reserve for contingencies 25,000.00

\$ 180,500.00

Scrapbook stops at 1961, with  
Wes Mc Kewen as president of the  
Parkland Business Club.

Scrapbook reviewed in July, 1975, by  
Richard D. Jones.