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## **\$20,000 Donation Made to Historic Hovander House**

The Whatcom Parks and Recreation Foundation has received a donation of \$20,000 on behalf of the Whatcom County Parks Department for maintenance of the historic Hovander House in Hovander Homestead Park in Ferndale.

The unsolicited donation was made by a former Whatcom County resident earlier this month. The money has been set aside for improvement of environmental controls within the house.

Whatcom County Parks Director Mike McFarlane worked with the donor to decide on a suitable use for the funds. The former resident was intent on donating specifically to the historic home of the Hovander family, which was acquired by the Whatcom County Parks Department in 1969, along with 334 acres which now constitutes Hovander Homestead Park.

The Whatcom Parks and Recreation Foundation will hold the funds until arrangements are made to complete the project.

The Hovander House is open to the general public from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 12:30 to 4:30 pm. For more information contact the Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department at (360) 733-2900 or visit [www.co.whatcom.wa.us/parks](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/parks).

The mission of the Whatcom Parks and Recreation Foundation is to support parks, open space and recreational activities for Whatcom County citizens. For information on how to donate to parks and recreation in Whatcom County via the Whatcom Parks and Recreation Foundation, visit [www.wprfoundation.org](http://www.wprfoundation.org), or email [info@wprfoundation.org](mailto:info@wprfoundation.org).

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