



### Frequently Asked Questions— Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

On June 1, 2011, the Finn Hill, North Juanita and Kingsgate neighborhood areas will officially become part of the City of Kirkland. This largely residential area is approximately seven square miles, extending north of Kirkland to approximately NE 145th Street. It will add over 31,000 people to the City's current population of 48,000. The annexation will make Kirkland the 12th largest city in Washington and the 6th largest city in King County.

In November 2009, the question of annexation, zoning regulations, and assumption of indebtedness was placed on the ballot for a vote by annexation area residents. A majority of residents approved annexing to Kirkland and the Kirkland City Council accepted the annexation in December 2009. Annexation voters did not approve the assumption of indebtedness.

To ensure a smooth transition, City and County staff have been negotiating the transfer of services, property and assets that will be guided by the adoption of an Interlocal Agreement which will be approved by the Kirkland City Council and King County Council prior to the effective date.

A series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) handouts have been developed to answer common questions about changes in services, City finances, land use and building permit processes and regulations, and community and neighborhood involvement. The FAQs are available online at [www.kirklandwa.gov/annexation](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/annexation) and at City Hall.

**The City of Kirkland welcomes our new residents and businesses and we look forward to serving you.**

#### What County parks in the annexation area will the City of Kirkland maintain?

The City of Kirkland Parks & Community Services Department is currently negotiating with King County on the transfer of the following parks effective June 1, 2011:

- Edith Moulton Park  
108th Ave NE and NE 137th St  
Kirkland, WA 98034
- Juanita Heights Park  
NE 124th St and 89th PI NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034
- Kingsgate Park  
116th Ave NE at NE 140th  
Kirkland, WA 98034
- Windsor Vista Park  
NE 141st St and 111th Ave NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034

In addition, the City is negotiating the transfer of 132nd Square Park, NE 118th St and Juanita Drive NE, Kirkland WA 98034, effective January 1, 2012. This would allow for a smooth transition of all athletic field uses already scheduled by King County for summer 2011.

King County will retain ownership and maintenance of the following parks:

- Juanita Woodlands Park  
NE 118th St and Juanita Drive NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034
- Juanita Triangle Park  
Holmes Point Dr NE and Juanita Dr NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034
- East Norway Hill Park  
NE 154th St and 119th Ave NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034
- Big Finn Park  
NE 138th and Juanita Drive NE  
Kirkland WA 98034



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O.O. Denny Park is owned by the City of Seattle and maintained by the Finn Hill Park & Recreation District ([www.finnhillparks.net](http://www.finnhillparks.net)). No change in ownership or maintenance is anticipated at this time. The City of Kirkland already owns the undeveloped South Norway Hill Park in the Kingsgate neighborhood.

#### What does the City offer in the area of public parks?

With annexation, the City's park system includes 45 waterfront, neighborhood, natural, and community parks. Shelter and picnic areas in certain parks are available to rent for weddings, family reunions or other special occasions. To view an online map of City parks and a list of available rentals, go to the City website at [www.kirklandwa.gov/parks](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/parks).

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The Peter Kirk Pool is a popular place from June to September. Swim lessons, open swims, and swim parties are available. Call the Seasonal Information Line at 425-587-3335.

## **Where are the Community Centers in Kirkland?**

The City owns and operates the Peter Kirk Community Center, 352 Kirkland Avenue, and the North Kirkland Community Center, 12421 103rd Avenue NE, where many community services are provided.

## **What does the City offer in the area of recreation for youth, adults and older adults?**

The City offers year-round recreation, sports and learning programs for youth, adults, families and older adults. Most of Kirkland's programs are offered at resident and non-resident rates. The City's Recreational Guide is published three times a year and will be mailed to the addresses within the 98033 and 98034 zip codes. For current recreation programs, classes and events, go to [www.kirklandparks.net](http://www.kirklandparks.net).

## **What does the City offer in the area of community services?**

The Community Services Division is responsible for Youth and Family Services programs, which include staff support to the Kirkland Youth Council, Human Services Advisory Committee, and the Kirkland Senior Council. The City owns the Kirkland Teen Union Building ([www.ktub.org](http://www.ktub.org)); the YMCA provides youth and teen programs. Human services are provided through contracts with various non-profit agencies. For a current list of agencies, go to [www.kirklandwa.gov](http://www.kirklandwa.gov) and search "Human Services."