

Totem Lake

On Track News Bulletin

A Public Private Partnership Working to Revitalize Totem Lake

Warehouse District Gets a Boost

Ryan James knew from a young age that he wanted to own a fine arts gallery. His grandparents were art collectors in his hometown of Minneapolis, and he accompanied them on countless trips to museums and art galleries during his childhood. That exposure gave him an appreciation for and knowledge about the art world.

After relocating to the Puget Sound and working in fashion retailing, he decided to make his dream a reality. He opened Ryan James Fine Arts in Totem Lake's Totem Square on September 12, 2013. Over 150 patrons and well-wishers attended the gallery's Grand Opening event.

Ryan James was seeking a strong sense of community and a spot where complementary businesses were located. He found it in Kirkland's Warehouse District, pioneered by Northwest Cellars owner Bob Delf in 2009. The district is now home to three wineries (Northwest Cellars, Waving Tree Winery, Skylite Cellars) and an art gallery. A reasonable lease rate helped seal the deal.

The gallery features only Washington state artists. It represents artists in three categories: well-known professionals whose works appear in one or more permanent museum collections, emerging artists, and talented hobbyists who may have formal art training but did not pursue full-time careers in art.

The gallery has three artist studio spaces for rent and plans to schedule special events throughout the month including open mic poetry readings, "Wine & Words" author appearances, music, and dance performances.

Ryan's ebullient personality is an accurate reflection of his company's tagline – energy made visible. His goal is to provide a community enriching space where all levels of Washington artists can showcase their work and local art collectors can purchase and sell artworks.



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Connectivity is Key

Internet service is a critical or important element for doing business in today's economy, said 89% of the businesses who responded to a recent city survey. Yet some businesses, particularly in Totem Lake, have concerns about their connections. These include slow connections, limited choices for internet providers, and in some cases, the high cost of connections. At the request of City Council, City staff from Information Technology and Public Works Department are partnering with the Economic Development Office to understand the issues, both from the perspectives of businesses and providers, and bring back suggested strategies to the City Council before the end of the year.



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Community Celebrates Continuing Transformation of the Cross Kirkland Corridor



Kirkland’s leaders gathered with more than 200 of its residents October 27 to celebrate the Cross Kirkland Corridor’s continuing transformation.

The celebration culminated with a walk alongside the landscape architects, the Berger Partnership, who are drafting the corridor’s master plan. Nearly 100 participants walked the entire 5.75-mile route.

“I talked to a lot of people out there,” said resident Lisa McConnell. “It was interesting to hear a shift: They’re coming up with all sorts of ideas for it. I think they are starting to see the corridor as a place to go, not just as a place to get you there.”

Crews finished removing the railroad and grading the remaining ballast October 21, creating a 5.75-mile country road-like surface. That surface will remain until crews begin work on the interim trail early next year. City engineers expect the interim trail to be complete as early as this summer.

When it’s done, Kirkland will have a 5.75-mile-long gravel trail—with a surface similar to that of the East Lake Sammamish interim trail—connecting neighborhoods, businesses centers, schools, business centers and parks.

In the meantime, the community continues to plan the bike, pedestrian and transit facilities that will eventually define the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

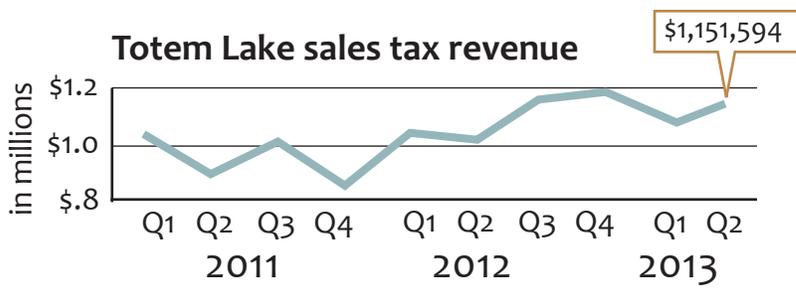
“The City of Kirkland intends to use that to create a world class regional trail as well as a world class transit connection that will link us from Totem Lake to Bellevue and its light rail over to the City of Seattle and even on

down to the City of Renton,” says Kirkland City Manager Kurt Triplett. “So this will be all about connecting Kirkland in so many ways. For jobs, for recreation, for fitness and a way of linking our neighborhoods we haven’t been able to do before.”

The corridor has been on the minds of Kirkland residents since at least 1977, when community leaders asked Burlington Northern Santa Fe to allow a path to run alongside the railroad on the 100-foot-wide corridor. Burlington Northern Santa Fe rejected the idea. It re-emerged with gusto early in 2012, however, when the City of Kirkland purchased the corridor from 108th Avenue Northeast near the South Kirkland Park and Ride to 132nd Avenue Northeast, in Totem Lake.

Visit www.kirklandwa.gov/CrossKirklandCorridor for more information.

City And Business Investments Are Working



Totem Lake employment	January 2010	October 2013
Jobs	10,784	11,909
Businesses	612	874



DID YOU KNOW

Crews from Salt Lake City-based A & K Railroad Materials compacted and graded the entire trail by October 21, capping off a two-month project that ultimately removed and salvaged more than **19,000** oak ties, **130,000** spikes and **1,600** steel rails. The rails alone weighed a combined **1,000** tons.

Public Safety Building Construction Updates

Rendering by the Miller Hull Partnership

The Kirkland Public Safety Building began construction in May 2013. The contract was awarded via a public bid process and Cornerstone General Contractors is the constructor. Miller Hull Architects has designed the adaptive re-use project which converts the old Costco Home Store in Totem Lake to a new modern facility for the Kirkland police, jail and courts.

Major work activities that have occurred over the summer include demolition, in-ground hydronic piping placement, jail construction, firing range structural construction, and roofing. The contractor anticipates the roof completion by the middle of October and at that time the interior work activities of electrical, fire sprinkler, and wall framing will begin. Completion of the Public Safety Building will result in 154 city jobs located in Totem Lake.

Anticipated completion date for the Public Safety building Summer 2014.



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Revitalizing the Totem Lake Business District

As part of the City's efforts to revitalize the Totem Lake Business District, the City continues to make progress ending the flooding in Totem Lake. The \$4.2 million Totem Lake Culvert Replacement project will replace the two aging sections of a culvert along the north side of Totem Lake Boulevard near 120th Avenue NE.

The existing culverts convey water from Totem Lake and are at the end of their service life. Currently the culverts are operating at a capacity that is approximately half of their originally designed flow, and their replacement will restore the flow capacity and improve overall drainage out of Totem Lake.

The twin culverts will be replaced with one large diameter culvert designed to meet fish passage requirements. In addition, sediment and vegetation will be removed from the drainage channel on the west side of Totem Lake Boulevard (between Totem Lake Boulevard and I-405) to improve drainage capacity.



“Exercise to Balance the Body and Mind”



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Larissa Anderson is passionate about yoga and its ability to promote physical and mental well-being. She has been teaching yoga full-time since 2000 in various locations throughout the United States. Her interest in owning and operating a yoga studio led her back to her hometown of Kirkland.

Her real estate search quickly zeroed in on Totem Lake. Its location as the geographic center of Kirkland, easy access to I-405 and affordable rents were all important factors in her decision to locate her business there. The added bonus of plentiful free parking helped seal the deal at Totem Square where she converted a space that was once a small gym into a cheerful and welcoming studio. At almost 4,000 square feet, it features a reception/lounge area, two practice rooms and men’s and women’s changing rooms with showers.

The primary reason for hot yoga is that when yoga is combined with heat, muscles in the body soften and become more pliable, allowing for deeper stretches and freer body movement. FireHouse Hot Yoga offers over two dozen classes per week in a variety of styles. Heated power yoga classes run 60 minutes. Traditional hot yoga classes run 90 minutes. To help make yoga more accessible to those on a tight budget, a \$5 donation-based class is given a few times per week. For those who are not quite ready to turn up the heat and experience 105 degrees and 40% humidity, a lower temperature alternative is offered.

Since opening its doors just over a year ago, FireHouse Hot Yoga has served over 2,200 students from all walks of life. Larissa Anderson takes great pride in the studio’s early success, and looks forward to continuing to provide a place where community members can engage in low-impact exercise to balance the body and mind.



120 responses to an online business survey yielded the following results: Of the 36 businesses who said that they did not have adequate broadband, 33 said they needed higher speeds. 13 wanted more reliable connectivity and 9 wanted better service.

Businesses also responded to a questions regarding wireless access in public spaces, 53.85% considered it important (4-5), while 19.66% rated it in the middle (3), and 26.49% rated it as having low importance. The City provides wireless service in certain public areas of downtown and is

considering whether to extend it to other public spaces. The revitalization of Totem Lake Park could be one of those opportunities.

Staff is weighing options to improve communication about available providers to customers, and better advance notice of when the City is opening a street (with the potential of conduit placement) to internet providers. The City already plans to install conduit and city fiber in the Cross Kirkland Corridor.