



## North Rose Hill Neighborhood Connections Program

Requests: 94

Ballot: January 2008

Final Action Plan: February 2008

### City Manager's Office

1. Community cultural fair.  
**Response:** Referred to the Cultural Council.
2. Map of city services in Kirkland for new residents: location of city hall, court, health center, community center.  
**Response:** Referred to the Parks Department for consideration for the Parks, Facilities and Trail Guide.
3. Neighborhood block party at the park.  
**Response:** Referred to the North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association.
4. City of Kirkland 4th of July celebration donation.  
**Response:** Referred to the North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association.
5. Milkin Family sculpture donation.  
**Response:** Referred to the Cultural Council.
6. With the bulldozing of so many trees (on 124th) in the wetlands I would think planting mature trees, shrubbery, flowers would be nice in North Rose Hill.  
**Response:** Referred to the North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association.
7. Reduce taxes for elderly so they can retire in their homes.  
**Response:** Referred to the City Council.

### Neighborhood Sign

8. Additional neighborhood sign/s at north and/or east ends of neighborhood.  
**Response:** A new entrance sign is being constructed as part of the private development at the north end of 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.
9. Neighborhood entry signs 116th/124th or 132nd/120th.  
**Response:** A new entrance sign is being constructed as part of the private development at the north end of 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.
10. Neighborhood sign on Slater Ave off NE 124th St.  
**Response:** A new entrance sign is being constructed as part of the private development at the north end of 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.
11. Raise neighborhood sign on 124th Ave NE near NE 85t.  
**Response:** Complete

### Mailboxes

12. Security mail boxes that lock. Help prevent identity theft.  
**Response:** Mail boxes are private property and are not installed or maintained by the City. Talk to adjacent property owners if you would like to consolidate and replace mailboxes on your street.
13. Due to increased identity theft and improve -move forward with time—all mail boxes to have locks and look more like we live in multi million dollar area not in wildwest.  
**Response:** Mail boxes are private property and are not installed or maintained by the City. Talk to adjacent property owners if you would like to consolidate and replace mailboxes on your street.
14. Share cost with mail box change out - locked pedestrian style.  
**Response:** Mail boxes are private property and are not installed or maintained by the City. Talk to adjacent property owners if you would like to consolidate and replace mailboxes on your street.
15. Mail boxes should be locked and property of us Post Office not private. Garbage can should be next to them and picked up by city.  
**Response:** Mail boxes are private property and are not installed or maintained by the City. Talk to adjacent property owners if you would like to consolidate and replace mailboxes on your street.

## Fire

16. Neighborhood preparedness planning.

**Response:** For more information about emergency preparedness contact Kirkland Citizen Corp at [www.kirklandcitizencorps.org](http://www.kirklandcitizencorps.org) or contact Tim Minor at [tim1miner@earthlink.net](mailto:tim1miner@earthlink.net)

## Parks and Community Services:

### Woodlands Park

17. Parking access for kids park on 124<sup>th</sup>.

**Response:** Due to width and traffic safety issues, parking on 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE is not feasible. The overall development plan for the park does not currently allow for a parking lot within the park itself, and any new parking would come at the expense of existing meadows and open space. Parks staff will continue to monitor the parking situation at Woodlands Park to determine if any further parking improvements are required.

18. Memorial for Milkin family in Woodlands Park.

**Response:** Referred to the Park Board.

19. Parking lot by fire department for new playground. There is inadequate parking for the hoards of people coming into our neighborhood. Our quiet streets are now lined with ill-parked SUVs and too many people.

**Response:** The overall development plan for the park does not currently allow for a parking lot within the park itself, and any new parking would come at the expense of existing meadows and open space. Parks staff will continue to monitor the parking situation at Woodlands Park to determine if any further parking improvements are required.

20. Restroom for playground at Woodlands Park.

**Response:** Referred to the Park Board as a restroom would cost more than the Neighborhood Connection Program allocation.

21. Tennis courts and the woodlands park. We have no courts in North Rose Hill.

**Response:** Referred to the Park Board as constructing a tennis court in Woodlands Park would not be compatible with the Park Master Plan.

### Forbes Lake

22. Walkway with fishing dock at Forbes Lake as proposed by Neil Christensen for memorial to the Milkin Family.

**Response:** See below.

23. Boardwalk (over new wetlands area) thru Westside of Forbes Lake next to Senior Apartment complex.

**Response:** See below.

24. Create a park in and around Kirkland Lake with markers teaching about the shrubs and likely animal life to be seen - construct walk ways and put out benches so we can wander about and learn and enjoy.

**Response:** See below.

25. Expand walking trail around lake to take advantage of environmental improvements from I-405 land swap.

**Response:** The Capital Improvement Program includes a project to plan and build boardwalks along Forbes Lake. Planning will start in 2010 and the total cost is close to a million dollars. Beyond the scope of Neighborhood Connection.

### Mark Twain Park and School

26. Please put dog poop bags in the new kids park and the park by Mark Twain Elementary School and clean park up more. Put sign up to clean up their dog's mess.

**Response:** Referred to Park Maintenance for action.

### Miscellaneous Parks

27. Some type of indoor gathering place besides Starbucks—anything! Community Center.

**Response:** Referred to the Park Board. Beyond the scope of Neighborhood Connection.

28. Have a new park put in.

**Response:** Referred to the Park Board. Beyond the scope of Neighborhood Connection.

29. Build more dog-friendly parks.

**Response:** See below.

30. Dog park (off leash).

**Response:** The city does not have a off leash dog park. However, the City Council did agree that when a stewardship group steps forward to champion an off-leash area, the following criteria should be followed:

- Conduct a Public Hearing on the 5 park sites identified by the Park Board as sites to consider for an off leash area. (Crestwood's Park, Juanita Beach, North Kirkland Community Center, Snyder's Corner and Terrace Park)
- Involve Neighborhood Associations in the public process
- Funding for start up costs and ongoing maintenance should be offset by user fees, donations and volunteer stewardship.

No group has stepped forward to initiate the steps identified above, If you are interested in pursuing a off leash area in on parks, contact the Director of Parks and Community Services at (425) 587-3301.

31. Wireless access points like in the library or parks.

**Response:** We have free wi-fi available in Peter Kirk Park, including at the pool, and all the way west to Marina Park. We often have thirty or forty users on the system at any given time. This covers much of the downtown. We looked at city-wide wi-fi and found it was too expensive. With the current budgetary challenges, we are hopeful that we can continue to offer the current service, and we don't expect any expansion in the next two years.

## Planning

32. Slow down/moratorium on building on Rose Hill.

**Response:** Growth is not unique to Kirkland; it is happening throughout the Puget Sound area and is forecasted to continue for years to come. According to the Puget Sound Regional Council, another 1.7 million people are expected within King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties by 2040, plus another 1.1 million jobs! Under the state Growth Management Act, cities must plan to accommodate this growth and the preferred location is within existing cities, particularly within and close to City centers. Every 10 years, growth projections are updated and each city is assigned growth targets that we are required to plan for. Kirkland's current growth targets are for 5,480 new housing units and 8,800 new jobs between the years 2001 and 2022. Our targets will be updated in 2010. Growth in Kirkland is expected to occur both by the continued infilling of vacant land and through redevelopment at higher densities. Although the greatest amount of growth planned near our business centers—Totem Lake, Downtown and along NE 85<sup>th</sup> St, new single family homes can be expected within our neighborhoods. New growth will inevitably change the character of the City. However, it is a high priority for the City to manage growth and accommodate higher densities in a way that maintains and enhances the livability of our neighborhoods.

33. Stop building so many houses on old home large lots.

**Response:** See above.

34. Forming a coalition to fight City government in regards to rubber stamping every request for construction.

**Response:** See above.

35. Have City Church leave 2 lots empty as a small natural park as part of their PUD development or a greenbelt for the birds this will increase everyone's property value and improve quality of life in our neighborhood.

**Response:** Both PUD's have already been approved by the City Council, so we are not be able to require tree retention as proposed in the statement below. The applicant did however propose extensive planting plans that will help to replace some of the vegetation that was lost.

36. Pass ordinance banning cheap aluminum box signs that appear at the multiple strip malls along 85<sup>th</sup>.

**Response:** Cabinet signs are prohibited in certain commercial corridors by Code, specifically KZC 100.52. (Central Business District (Chapter 50 KZC) and Juanita Business District zones) In the future the City will review the Sign Code and will put the suggestion on our list of potential code amendments and we will bring forward the suggestion to limit these signs in other Zones at that time.

37. Neighborhood clean up of excess boats, cars, and junk.

**Response:** We are unable to follow up without specific location. Please contact a Code Enforcement Officer if you see violations to City Codes at (425) 587-3225.

38. Large areas of woods are constantly being bulldozed into a heap to clear land for building more and higher density housing. We need more trees to counter the effects of greenhouse gases and the urbanization of Kirkland. Tree planting outings ought to be conducted in every neighborhood where all should chip in.

**Response:** *There are numerous regulations governing the construction of housing, including limits on lot coverage (the amount of structures, pavement and hard surfaces on a site) and floor area (based on a percentage of lot area). Trees are required to be saved where feasible and new trees are required to be planted to meet a specified tree density. Even so, new construction typically results in greater lot coverage and fewer trees than existed prior to development.*

## Police

39. Remove the abandoned cars that seem to take root on 116th, as well as those that seem to use the street and invent parking space for long periods of time. Street sweeping is effected.

**Response:** *Citizens need to report the abandoned vehicles to the police. The police then try to locate the owner of the vehicle. If the owner cannot be located, the vehicle is marked with a warning sticker. If the vehicle is not moved within 72 hours, it will be impounded. Unless the vehicle is a traffic hazard, it cannot be impounded until after the 72-hour period.*

40. Priority #1 is stop all the people that run red lights. I have lived in a lot of cities and drove in so many in my 89 years of living but never seen the likes of this.

**Response:** *Police actively patrol and enforce traffic light violations. If there is one light that seems to be the major issue it needs to be reported to the police.*

41. Neighborhood watch, block party for new residents.

**Response:** *Block watch, neighborhood watch starts with the neighborhood getting together to schedule a meeting. An officer would attend the meeting and assist with getting it started. Anyone that is interested can call me for more information. They can also go to <http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno/reg.html> or <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/natw/> for more information.*

## Public Works

### Benches and bus stops

42. There should be times and schedules for all bus stops, as well as benches, covers, and garbage cans.

**Response:** *See below.*

43. Put benches at bus stops.

**Response:** *See below.*

44. Bus shelters on 85<sup>th</sup>

**Response:** *See below.*

45. Bus stops should have weather protective booths. Benches should be in them so people can sit.

**Response:** *Metro answered these questions with the following information. Shelters require a minimum of 25 daily boarding's over a year period to justify the installation of them, which requires about a year lead time. All shelters have benches (except in some downtown Seattle locations) and litter cans. Benches are added when the ridership boarding's reach 15 per day. Schedule information is added at heavily used stops and typically at transfer points between routes. It is impossible to add the schedule information at the 9500 bus stops for the three schedule changes per year.*

*On NE 85th, bus shelters are in place at the stops that have more than 25 daily boardings, and we evaluate locations for adding new shelters and benches 4 times a year. Our policy given the resources we have, is to install 100 new bus shelters per year. We still have some stops with over 50 boarding's (the requirement in Seattle) that do not have shelters yet. The cost for a small shelter is about \$20,000, and ongoing maintenance adds to this. One difficulty in installing a shelter is limited public right of way space, and we do not lease or buy private land for shelters. Sound Transit installs their own shelters at their park and ride facilities, Issaquah, Mercer Island, Overlake Transit Center and Totem Lake 128th St Freeway stops. Most requests for service and facilities come by phone to the Customer Assistance Office, 206 553-3060, found in the route timetables, and is forwarded to the respective planner.*

## Street Lighting

**Response:** Since the Neighborhood Connections Program (or any other funding source) does not have sufficient funds to install street lighting throughout the neighborhood, it is important that the requestor identify specific locations that they believe are especially important for street lighting. The reasoning must be convincing to all those residents who will vote on the allocation of funds. A street light added to an existing utility pole costs about \$550. A street light that requires a new utility pole will cost several thousand dollars—use \$6,000 as a rough estimate for funding allocation decisions. However, formal cost estimates will be done only for the high-priority projects that the neighborhood as a whole wants to fund.

46. Increase Street lighting (at least 50% solar powered) for better security.

**Response:** Solar power is not practical for street lighting.

47. Maintain street light visibility.

**Response:** If this means trimming tree branches away from existing street lights, specific locations are needed. Public Works will have such trimming done; no need for Neighborhood Connections funding. Send such locations to the Neighborhood Traffic Control Coordinator at (425) 587-3870.

48. Additional street lights to help pedestrians, benches for undeveloped park area near north end of neighborhood.

**Response:** See above.

49. Install street lights.

**Response:** See above.

50. We need street lights on our street and neighborhood. And we don't have sidewalks everywhere, just sections of sidewalks, so going for a walk in the evening is dangerous cause there's no lights and you have to walk on the road.

**Response:** See above.

51. Also, there is a street light out above my mail box on Slater Avenue.

**Response:** We have turned this into Puget Sound Energy for action. The resident can call this in directly to Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) repair line. They will need to know the street address and the numbers from the metal tags on the pole. PSE's toll-free customer service number is (888) 225-5773

52. Put light back up at NE 97th and Slater that went down in windstorm.

**Response:** We have turned this into Puget Sound Energy for action. The resident can call this in directly to Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) repair line. They will need to know the street address and the numbers from the metal tags on the pole. PSE's toll-free customer service number is (888) 225-5773

## Sidewalks, pedestrian and bike improvements

**Response:** The City now funds approximately \$1 million worth of sidewalks per year throughout the City based on a consistent set of selection criteria. Elements evaluated include traffic volumes, existing conditions, proximity to schools or parks, and the like. Although this appears to be a large amount of funding, construction costs have continued to escalate. Over the last few years, while general inflation has been 3-4% per year, construction costs have gone up from 15-20%. Spending in the North and South Rose Hill neighborhoods for sidewalks accounts for approximately one half of total spending on sidewalks over the last 10 years.

Sidewalks were installed along the west side of 128<sup>th</sup> Ave from NE 85<sup>th</sup> St to Mark Twain Elementary School in 1998, and the City recently considered a grant application to provide for sidewalk along the west side of 128<sup>th</sup> Ave NE between NE 80<sup>th</sup> St and NE 85<sup>th</sup> St. NE 85<sup>th</sup> St will have continuous sidewalks between I-405 and 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE in the next couple of years—the project is currently under design and is funded in the City's CIP.

Along 124<sup>th</sup>, much of the sidewalk that exists has been built by developers that are required to install curb gutter and sidewalk when they build projects. There are several such sections in the process of being developed, but as you point out, there are still some sections where there are no sidewalks on either side of the street. As development continues these sections will be filled in, but sidewalk can also be constructed through our Capital Improvement Program. We have an unfunded project to fill in three lanes where there are two now; that would include construction of sidewalks and bike lanes. Also, in the up coming CIP process we will rank the segments where there is some sidewalk already in place, but it is not complete on either side of the street. This will allow us to leverage existing sidewalk and close gaps.

The City will be installing sidewalks along both sides of 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE from NE 85<sup>th</sup> to NE 90<sup>th</sup> St beginning as early as 2009. These sidewalk improvements, partially funded by Sound Transit, are being designed to connect to new sidewalks that will be installed along NE 85<sup>th</sup> St from I-405 east to 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE; this project will also complete the sidewalks on 124<sup>th</sup> Ave between NE 85<sup>th</sup> St and NE 90<sup>th</sup> St. Due to the number of properties affected by the improvements, issues regarding easements, driveway reconfigurations, and property values must be resolved prior to final design and construction. However, the design is well underway. Other planned improvements, currently not funded, include a sidewalk along NE 90<sup>th</sup> St from 120<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.

53. Sidewalk improvement & completion on 122nd Ave for school children walking to 85th. Currently you have to walk in road - very dangerous.  
**Response:** See Above.
54. Sidewalk from mid-way between 122nd and 120th on 90th so it's possible to walk safely to Costco.  
**Response:** See Above.
55. Sidewalks on both sides of the streets going down to the shops from 120th St and up to Mark Twain park on 132nd Ave This will help us feel safer walking and make us less tempted to take the car.  
**Response:** See Above.
56. I would like to see continuous sidewalks along 126th Ave In particular, the stretch off of 112th Pl. It would also be nice to have our neighborhood sign moved away from the Honda dealership.  
**Response:** See Above.
57. Finish sidewalk on north side of NE 95th St in front of 12634 & 12640 so that families walking to the Woodlands Park boardwalk do not have to walk in the street.  
**Response:** See Above.
58. Create trails for walking.  
**Response:** See Above.
59. Sidewalk maintenance and add sidewalks.  
**Response:** See Above.
60. When dinner train stops running make those rails trails. It would cover a large area of Kirkland for walking away from traffic.  
**Response:** See Above.
61. Sidewalks (ditches filled in) with at least concrete curbing.  
**Response:** See Above.
62. Great neighborhood - so much to walk to BUT: no safe sidewalk route to 85th 124th, 126th, 128th. None are sidewalks safe whole way. One safe route would be nice.  
**Response:** See Above.
63. Add more sidewalks to make walking safer - especially along 129th Ave NE  
**Response:** See Above.
64. Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks.  
**Response:** See Above.
65. Walking and bike trails.  
**Response:** See Above.
66. Additional walking trails in land protected from development.  
**Response:** See Above.
67. Build sidewalks in the neighborhood.  
**Response:** See Above.
68. Pedestrians separation from vehicles became "undone" in spots when the bike lane was installed. I and my family would appreciate warning bumps for motorists, when they cross the outside line into unprotected pedestrian areas, such as in front of 10459 132nd and Mark Twain park (where Trevor Kave was hit) as well as any other areas where the pedestrian path has no division from road.  
**Response:** See Above.
69. Bike and pedestrian access on 85th under 405. Currently not a safe way to cross from Rose Hill to downtown.  
**Response:** In conjunction with Sound Transit, a new sidewalk is being designed for NE 85<sup>th</sup> St from I-405 east to 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE; this project will also complete the sidewalks on 124<sup>th</sup> Ave between NE 85<sup>th</sup> St and NE 90<sup>th</sup> St. Due to the number of properties affected by the improvements, issues regarding easements, driveway reconfigurations, and property values must be resolved prior to final design and construction. However, the design is well underway.

70. More sidewalks for peds on 124th Ave NE and NE 108th surrounding boys and girls club. Safety concerns.  
**Response:** *The City will be installing sidewalks along both sides of 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE from NE 85<sup>th</sup> to NE 90<sup>th</sup> St beginning as early as 2009. Other planned improvements, currently not funded, include sidewalk along NE 90<sup>th</sup> St from 120<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.*
71. Continuous sidewalks on 124th Ave N.E, north and south between 85th and 116th.  
**Response:** *The City will be installing sidewalks along both sides of 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE from NE 85<sup>th</sup> to NE 90<sup>th</sup> St beginning as early as 2009. Other planned improvements, currently not funded, include sidewalk along NE 90<sup>th</sup> St from 120<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.*
72. Sidewalks are needed here in the City of Kirkland. The residents of Kirkland should be able to walk safely in their neighborhood. Sidewalks are needed in some patchy spots along 124th Ave from 80th to Totem Lake Blvd. Also along 116th Ave N.E. from 70th to 80th. I'm also sure that there are other patchy spots around areas I've mentioned that need sidewalks.  
**Response:** *The City will be installing sidewalks along both sides of 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE from NE 85<sup>th</sup> to NE 90<sup>th</sup> St beginning as early as 2009. Other planned improvements, currently not funded, include sidewalk along NE 90<sup>th</sup> St from 120<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.*
73. We really need sidewalk along 124th St especially considering the new park for children.  
**Response:** *The City will be installing sidewalks along both sides of 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE from NE 85<sup>th</sup> to NE 90<sup>th</sup> St beginning as early as 2009. Other planned improvements, currently not funded, include sidewalk along NE 90<sup>th</sup> St from 120<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.*
74. Sidewalks... (124th and Slater) there are many people who walk in the community. Lets increase pedestrian safety.  
**Response:** *The City will be installing sidewalks along both sides of 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE from NE 85<sup>th</sup> to NE 90<sup>th</sup> St beginning as early as 2009. Other planned improvements, currently not funded, include sidewalk along NE 90<sup>th</sup> St from 120<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.*
75. Install drain pipe, cover and gravel all exposed drainage ditches along NE 113th West of 132nd Ave NE This would enhance the Neighborhood visually and enhance pedestrian safety.  
**Response:** *A permit and inspection from the Planning Department will be needed to determine whether culverts can replace the ditches. The natural infiltration provided by open ditches reduces pollutants entering streams and lakes and moderates stream flow.*
76. Cover or enclose drain culverts in front next to street - I have no curbing, no sidewalk. Would make walking safer without drainage ditch and also street parking would be safer (13000 NE 113th St).  
**Response:** *Contact the Planning Department for a permit. An inspection will be needed to determine whether this can be done. If this is a request for a specific address only, it might be better pursued by the individual homeowner instead of as a Neighborhood Connections project. The natural infiltration provided by open ditches reduces pollutants entering streams and lakes and moderates stream flow.*

#### Miscellaneous Public Works

77. Planted median on 124th Ave NE  
**Response:** *A specific location is needed before this can be evaluated.*
78. I was driving down 126th taking a left onto 95th, then onto 124th as I was driving down 126th and I saw a car coming toward me very fast. We both stopped then I tried to go left on to 95th but there was car going 35-40 on 95 going east. I stopped in middle of the intersection and the car behind hit me in the rear. Please tell me how are you going to slow these drivers down to 20-25? This problem goes on 24/7 rain or shine. Please help us who drive around here. Please help us who drive around here.  
**Response:** *Referred to the Neighborhood Traffic Control Program.*
79. Maintenance of public pathways at their proper boundaries. Removing private landscaping from pathways.  
**Response:** *Specific locations are needed. We can then check them against our maintenance schedules. Also, if we have specific locations where private landscaping is encroaching onto pathways and sidewalks, we have a process for contacting the homeowners about their responsibilities. Specific requests can be sent to the Neighborhood Traffic Control Coordinator at (425) 587-3870.*
80. Would like to have speed bumps or traffic circles along NE 100th St. There is way too much traffic (fast moving!) along this neighborhood street (near Mark Twain Elementary School).  
**Response:** *This should be referred to the Neighborhood Traffic Control Program Coordinator at (425) 587-3870. No one but me ever slows in school zones. Put flashing lights in all school zones, not just a few.*  
**Response:** *No need for a Neighborhood Connections project for this. Public Works recently received a State grant and installed 10 flashing school beacons. These flashing beacons were installed on 128<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and on NE 95<sup>th</sup> St to serve Mark Twain Elementary School. These beacons are under evaluation, but our expectations are that they will help slow traffic and they will make emphasis enforcement easier. Public Works applied for a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant this year for an additional 10 beacons.*

## Planting of City Right of Way

81. Put in "islands" with plantings down center of 85th like downtown.\

**Response:** Referred to the Neighborhood Association for possible Neighborhood Matching Grant project.

82. Corner of 90th & 124th Ave NE—they need to have shrubbery or nice flowers or flowering shrubs.

**Response:** Referred to the Neighborhood Association for possible Neighborhood Matching Grant project.

83. Clean up and keep cleaned north side of NE 90th St by Costco.

**Response:** Referred to the Neighborhood Association for possible Neighborhood Matching Grant project.

84. Enhance the planting strips that run parallel with NE 95th (next to sidewalk) with new sod and make them level so uniformity can be established. When sidewalks were installed (years ago) these planting strip areas were left in a very uneven state so that trying to mow the area is very difficult at best.

**Response:** Referred to the Neighborhood Association for possible Neighborhood Matching Grant project.

85. Have a local artist/designer/students design a flag/logo that can be put up along all the street lamps of the major streets in North Rose Hill. The flags should be made to last, and allow swapping for occasions such as winter holiday. The point is to bind the community with a visual icon. Maybe each unique area of Kirkland could do this.

**Response:** Referred to the Neighborhood Association for possible Neighborhood Matching Grant project.

86. Neighborhood street by street cleaning of trash and limbs left from the storms. Flowers by neighborhood sign.

**Response:** Referred to the Neighborhood Association for possible Neighborhood Matching Grant project.

87. Trash bins or poop bins (as in Europe) on streets within neighbors - this would encourage owners to pick up their dog's poop. Those of us who do have to carry it for blocks which is a deterrent to picking it up.

**Response:** Referred to the Neighborhood Association for possible Neighborhood Matching Grant project.

88. Public garbage and recycling bins on the street.

**Response:** Referred to the Neighborhood Association for possible Neighborhood Matching Grant project.

89. Develop green patches beside sidewalks on 85th St and 124th Ave NE. Plant and maintain grass and nice trees.

**Response:** Referred to the Neighborhood Association for possible Neighborhood Matching Grant project.

90. Power outages in some neighborhoods in North Rose Hill are more frequent and of a longer duration, than outages in other neighborhoods. It would be nice to work toward a solution to these, such as converting overhead power lines to underground ones.

**Response:** The City desires to have less power outages, but that infrastructure is owned by PSE and we don't have much control over how reliable their system has to be. If we look at the number of outages over a 10–20 year period, they would probably make a case that their system is very reliable.

91. Free/subsidized wi-fi

**Response:** We have free wi-fi available in Peter Kirk Park, including at the pool, and all the way west to Marina Park. We often have thirty or forty users on the system at any given time. This covers much of the downtown. We looked at city-wide wi-fi and found it was too expensive. With the current budgetary challenges, we are hopeful that we can continue to offer the current service, and we don't expect any expansion in the next two years.

92. Add a lighted 25 MPH sign that flashes if someone is going over the speed limit on 128<sup>th</sup> between 85<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> approaching the grade school and one on the other end of 95<sup>th</sup> approaching the grade school.

**Response:**

- 128<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. There are 6 speed humps or speed cushions on 128<sup>th</sup> Ave NE between NE 85<sup>th</sup> and NE 95<sup>th</sup> Streets. These traffic calming devices are doing their work well: traffic speeds are 26.6 mph between NE 90<sup>th</sup> and NE 95<sup>th</sup> St and 24.7 mph between NE 85<sup>th</sup> and NE 90<sup>th</sup>. These speeds are the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds, meaning the speed at or below which 85% of the motorists are traveling. So, there may be a few individuals who are speeding, but the controls are successfully slowing the vast majority of the traffic. For other action, speeds would need to be 30 mph or higher and there would need to be a support rate of 70% of the area households.

- *NE 95<sup>th</sup> St. Traffic data shows that motorists are driving faster than they should on NE 95<sup>th</sup> St between 124<sup>th</sup> and 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE. Traffic counts east of 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE show speeds of 32.5–34.6 mph. Speeds west of 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE are 29.5 mph. This was identified as an issue in 2005 during the work of the Traffic Calming Task Force for North Rose Hill. The Task Force decided not to pursue further traffic calming devices at that time. The North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association has recently expressed interest in revisiting traffic calming, especially as improvements to NE 85<sup>th</sup> St are developed. NE 95<sup>th</sup> St could be added to that review. However, it is unlikely that radar signs, as suggested in the question above would be a good fit for this location.*
- *Other related items: We have installed flashing beacons on both NE 95<sup>th</sup> St and on 128<sup>th</sup> Ave NE on the approaches to Mark Twain Elementary School. These beacons warn motorists of the 20 mph speed limit when children are on their way to and from school.*
- *For further information, please contact the Neighborhood Traffic Control Coordinator at (425) 587-3870.*

**93.** Move power lines underground. Our area loses power every two–three months regardless if there is a storm or not.

**Response:** *The City desires to have less power outages, but that infrastructure is owned by PSE and we don't have much control over how reliable their system has to be. If we look at the number of outages over a 10–20 year period, they would probably make a case that their system is very reliable.*

**94.** Underground power lines.

**Response:** *The use of a Local Improvement District (LID) to underground the overhead power involves a lengthy process with a number of required steps. In order for the City to undertake the process of forming an LID, two criteria must be met:*

- *The method of LID assessments must assure equitable distribution based on the benefit derived to a given property*
- *The benefit to each assessed property must be greater than the assessment to each property.*

*With the conversion to underground utilities, benefit is typically due to view enhancements and general aesthetic improvements. Contact the City's Public Works Department if you want to consider undergoing this process.*