

KIRKLAND CITY UPDATE

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CITY PRIORITIES: City Council Adopts 2011 Work Program

Since the City Council adopted its 2011 Work Program in January, city departments have been focusing their attention on the following priority projects:

Complete the Annexation of the Finn Hill, North Juanita, and Kingsgate Neighborhood Areas

On June 1, 2011 the Finn Hill, North Juanita, and Kingsgate neighborhood areas will officially become part of the City of Kirkland. To ensure a smooth transition, City and County staff have been negotiating the transfer of services, property, and assets. In early March, portions of [draft Interlocal Agreements were presented to the City Council](#). For more details, see "Annexation Update" on page 6.

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The Finn Hill, North Juanita, and Kingsgate annexation takes effect on June 1, 2011

Paws, Claws & License Laws: Don't Let Your Pet Leave Home without One

If your pet wanders off while you're away and doesn't have a pet license, it will be difficult to reunite you with your cat or dog. If you haven't already, show the love and license your pet to ensure that if Spot or Fluffy stray or get lost, they come back home to you.

King County pet licenses are required for all dogs and cats eight weeks of age or older. A pet license is more than just a "dog (or cat) tag;" it's a protection policy for pet owners and pets. Licensed pets get returned home quicker than non-licensed pets. Also, your pet gets a free ride home the first time it is found. With a license, County staff will attempt to deliver your pet home to you immediately, skipping a trip to the animal shelter.

License fees support the return of hundreds of lost pets and helps families adopt thousands of homeless pets each year.

Pet license fees also fund animal control, investigation of animal neglect and abuse, injured animal rescue, spay/neuter programs, sheltering, and community education.



See "Pet License" page 5

It's now a quicker trip to the City of Kirkland online

www.kirklandwa.gov



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Enhancements Coming to Key Intersections

What do the intersections at 6th Street and Central Way, 114th Avenue and NE 85th Street and 108th and 68th Street have in common? They're slated for major improvements this summer as are other projects identified in the City's preliminary 2011-2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Current project information is available from the CIP webpage, www.kirklandwa.gov/public_works, and by subscribing to the CIP Project email alerts. The CIP interactive map highlights projects in design (green icon), under construction (orange icon) and completed (gray icon). By clicking on the icon, project detail and contact information for the project engineer appear.

Many projects are about to move from the design phase to construction including:

6th & Central Way Intersection & Pedestrian Enhancements:

Construction to install new roadway and intersection improvements, pedestrian and bicycle enhancements, and vegetation improvements are expected to begin in April and be complete in July 2011.

POLICE BEAT: Parking Enforcement Gets Technology Boost

One of the Police Department's parking enforcement vehicles will soon be equipped with license plate recognition software replacing the current method of chalking car tires as a means to monitor parking in city-owned downtown lots and parking spaces on downtown streets. In June, a camera and computer will be installed which will electronically chalk a parked vehicle by capturing the license plate of a car in a time-limited lot or a

114th Avenue NE & NE 85th Street:

Construction to build a second southbound-to-eastbound left-turn lane at this intersection and to install improved traffic control equipment is expected to begin June and be complete in November 2011. This project is part of the NE 85th Street Corridor Improvement Projects (See "2011 Work Program" page 5)

108th and 68th Intersection:

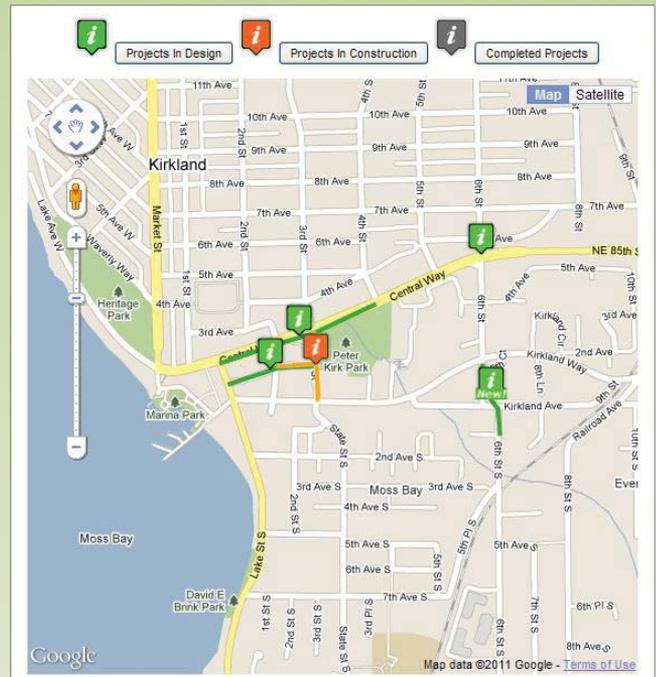
Construction to build a westbound to northbound right-turn lane and other improvements planned by Sound Transit to improve route timing are expected to begin in June of 2011 and expected to be complete by December 2011.

King County Pump Station Upgrade:

In June, King County Wastewater Treatment Division will begin to upgrade its 40-year old pump station located at the corner of 3rd Street and Park Lane. The pipeline

timed-space on the street. Once captured, the Parking Enforcement Officer will return when the time limit has expired and if the vehicle remains in the same space past the paid time allowed, a citation will be issued.

"Using chalk as the only parking enforcement tool can be ineffective as some car owners erase the chalk mark, move their vehicles a few feet or replace the expired pay station ticket," notes Lt. Mike Murray.



Check the status of public works capital improvement projects online: www.kirklandwa.gov

upgrade will extend along Kirkland Avenue from 3rd Street to the railroad. King County's contractor will not begin work on Kirkland Avenue until the improvements to 6th & Central are complete. The upgrade is expected to take up to two years to complete.

"This new system will allow us to be more effective, accurate, and efficient."

The Police Department encourages downtown visitors to shop, dine, and enjoy leisure time in Kirkland and to comply with the parking restrictions for the benefit of others. For more information about the license plate recognition program or parking enforcement, contact Lt. Murray at 425-587-3402.

INSIDER'S VIEW: Mapping the City's GIS Program



If you've ever researched your property through maps or other data, you may not have known that the technology behind what you found is primarily supported by Geographic Information Systems (GIS). If you've been to City Hall to get property or neighborhood information, you've most likely interacted with the City's GIS Program through aerial, street, and parcel maps.

In its simplest terms, GIS is a computer-based system that combines layers of information about any given geographic location in order to provide a better understanding of that location. "Layers" can include population statistics, environmental conditions, utility systems, and land use designations. Kirkland's GIS Program includes over 150 data layers.

Kirkland's GIS Program primarily resides in the Information Technology Department, with some staff support from Public Works.

The City's GIS professionals collect, analyze, maintain, and integrate data to help the City departments who serve Kirkland residents make good decisions.

For example, when Kirkland joined a regional E9-1-1 dispatch center, NORCOM, the GIS Division created and continually maintains address data and base street maps for police and fire response. Another project was the creation of the Capital Improvement Program project map (See "Enhancements to Key Intersections, pg 2") that shows the current status of major public construction projects.

GIS staff have obtained information about the annexation area including residential

and commercial addresses, infrastructure data (e.g. sidewalks, street signs and traffic signals) and King County land use data. City base maps are being updated to include the new area.

In the coming months the City will activate a new development software program which will allow City departments to search GIS data such as building permits, business licenses, and topographical information. Kirkland is also part of a regional project, www.NWMaps.net, that provides



Planning Department staff assist a developer using the City's GIS system

GIS data to citizens through zoning and demographic information, tax reports and interactive maps. The regional portal www.NWMaps.net will be updated in the near future to make it easier to use and to provide more data.

GIS data is used in most City departments. It is used for crime analysis, permitting, utility maintenance, construction projects, zoning, traffic studies, and more. Similar to the way that a picture can express things that are hard to say in words, maps and analysis of many layers of mapping can provide critical support for complex decisions. To view street, neighborhood and other City maps, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/IT and select "GIS."

NEWS YOU CAN USE

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, AND GOOD TO GO

Mark your calendars for special events

Runners and walkers will be lining up at the start line for this year's Kirkland Half Marathon (May), Triathlon (September), Turkey Trot (November) and the 12Ks of Christmas. A new event, Captain Jack's 8K, will be held in April. Returning again this year are the traditional favorites: Celebrate Kirkland/4th of July and the Holiday Tree Lighting. Check out the 2011 Special Event Calendar for a list of special events permitted by the Parks & Community Services Department. To receive event information via email, sign up for the Kirkland Events Guide at www.ExploreKirkland.com.

Get set to have fun on new playgrounds at your favorite parks

Playtime is about to get better at Peter Kirk Park once the installation of a new playground is complete. Features include climbers, slides, bridges and rope walls. The playground at Houghton Beach Park is scheduled for replacement with pirate-themed play structures in April/May. The replacements are funded in the City's Capital Improvement Program. For a list of parks in Kirkland, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/parks.

Good To Go! passes available for SR520 Tolling

Activate your Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) "Good To Go!" now. Purchase your pass from WSDOT online or at participating Safeway stores, over the phone at 1-866-936-8246, or at a walk-in or mobile customer service center. Details are online at www.goodtogo.org. Electronic tolling on the SR 520 bridge will help pay for the construction of a new faster, safer bridge.

2011 Work Program: Legislation, Revitalization, Potential Acquisition

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Active Engagement in the 2011 Legislative Session

If you've watched or streamed the [State's Public Affairs television station](#) lately, you may have seen that every Council Member has testified before various committees to express support for Kirkland's legislative priorities at the State Legislature.

Mayor McBride testified in support of House Bill (HB) 1382 concerning the use of express toll lanes in the eastside corridor (express toll lanes of I-405). Deputy Mayor Sweet and Council Member Walen testified in support of HB 1953 that proposes giving cities and counties more flexibility in how they use Real Estate Excise Tax (REET). Council Members Asher, Sternoff and Greenway's testimony expressed support of Senate Bill (SB) 5524 and HB 1398 which creates an exemption from impact fees for low-income housing. Council Member Marchione expressed support for HB 1336 allowing the use of federal census data to determine the resident population of annexed territory. Council Member Sternoff also testified in support for SB 5705 which proposed community redevelopment financing.

For more information about the legislation being tracked by the City, see "Legislative Session, page 7.

Revitalize the Totem Lake Business District

Several strategies were adopted in December that address immediate, short-term and mid-to-long term needs to fulfill Totem Lake's destiny to be a major regional urban center. The Preliminary Action Plan for the Totem Lake Business District adopted by the City Council, responds to issues raised during a symposium where financial, development and design professionals collaborated with local property and business owners to discuss how revitalize to the area.

The Plan identifies ways to enhance trans-

portation systems and connectivity, provide more flexibility in city zoning regulations, improve drainage and flood relief, offer development incentives and create a sense of place. To view the Plan, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/totemlakeaction.



Kirkland Parkplace

Complete the Parkplace Development Agreement

The City and Touchstone Development continue work on a Development Agreement that addresses permit vesting and review, project phasing, easements and land dedications, street improvements, utilities and pedestrian connectivity, and a possible city contribution in return for public benefits the project would provide. The Agreement will be reviewed by the Economic Development Committee and Finance Committee of the City Council and then must be approved by the City Council and by Touchstone. The City Council is expected to consider the agreement in spring 2011.

Complete the Design and Permitting for the Public Safety Building

In September 2010 the City purchased a 102,000 square foot commercial building located in the Totem Lake Business



Future Public Safety Building

District to be designed as the new Public Safety Building. Police, corrections, and Municipal Court services will be consolidated in one location to enhance efficiency of operations and to better serve the public safety needs of the city, including the newly annexed area. The City expects to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design architect services in March 2011.

Complete Due Diligence for the Potential Purchase of the Eastside Rail Corridor

The adopted 2011-16 Capital Improvement Program has a \$5 million placeholder for the potential purchase of the portion of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Eastside Rail Corridor that lies within Kirkland city limits. The City has long been interested in the future development of the Eastside Rail Corridor and has conducted public outreach over the summer months to gauge the community's interest in possible uses of the Corridor. The Transportation Commission will be presenting its draft Interest Statement to the City Council in April 2011. For more information about the Corridor, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/eastsiderailcorridor.

Develop Zoning Regulations and Design Guidelines that Support Transit-Oriented Development at the South Kirkland Park & Ride

The Houghton Community Council and Planning Commission have hosted several community meetings and joint meetings as a means to develop zoning regulations and design guidelines for the South Kirkland Park & Ride to be developed to include transit-oriented housing. King County owns the property and will sponsor its future development but the City must first have zoning regulations adopted as part of its Comprehensive Plan. Transit-oriented development projects generally involve the construction of housing units near transit hubs, bringing people closer to the bus system so that they reduce or eliminate commuting alone in cars.

2011 Work Program: Legislation, Revitalization, Potential Acquisition

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The U.S. Department of Transportation approved \$6.25 million in funding for King County Metro to create a Sustainable Transportation Hub at the South Kirkland Park and Ride. The funding will primarily



South Kirkland Park & Ride

be used for additional parking and other transit improvements. This will help meet the anticipated increase in demand for parking with the tolling of SR 520 and a planned 15% increase in peak hour transit service in the corridor. The agreement calls for the additional parking to be constructed before tolling begins in the corridor. Tolling is scheduled to begin in spring 2011.

For updates on the regulations and guidelines, visit www.kirklandwa.gov (Search: South Kirkland Park & Ride).

Complete Property Acquisition and Utility Undergrounding for the NE 85th Street Corridor Improvement Projects

Planned improvements along NE 85th Street between 114th Avenue NE and 132nd Avenue NE include a series of coordinated utility and roadway upgrades in the coming months. Enhancements include streetscape facilities to minimize traffic delays and enable pedestrians, drivers, bicyclists, transit riders and others to have a safe and pleasant experience; and, to develop a comprehensive transportation system to stimulate economic vitality and redevelopment.

The City's capital improvement project to underground the overhead utility lines and remove power poles for a large portion of the business corridor along NE 85th Street will reach two major milestones in 2011 – all property acquisition for the project will be completed and construction will begin within the third quarter of this year.

This project will place all overhead utility lines from 120th Avenue NE to 128th Avenue NE into a new underground conduit system. In addition, from 128th Avenue NE to 132nd Avenue NE, empty conduits will be installed to allow for future conversion from aerial utilities to the underground system as redevelopment occurs in the corridor. Much work is being planned and coordinated with the various power and communications companies as the City has partnered with them to complete this important project. Additional improvements in the corridor including intersection modifications to reduce congestion, new sidewalks for better pedestrian mobility, and improved landscaping are currently under design and will follow this project in 2012.

Other Work Program items include exploring new revenue sources, evaluating the Budget development process, completing collective bargaining agreements and developing partnership initiatives with employees.



Rose Hill Neighborhood entrance sign on NE 85th Street

Pet License: continued from page 1

Pet licenses (and renewals) can be obtained:

- On-line: Visit King County Regional Animal Services website at www.kingcounty.gov/pets (apply and pay on-line)
- By Mail: Download the Application Form from the County website and mail it to any one of more than 100 pet license sales locations.
- In Person: Drop off your application to any of the pet license sales locations including Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Avenue, Monday-Friday, 8 am – 5 pm.

According to the American Veterinarian Medical Association, more than 25,000 pets call Kirkland their home. Licensing records show only 5,000 are licensed. Don't let your pet leave home without a license so that it's protected from not returning home and you're protected from not having to pay a fine.

License Type	Comments/Requirements	Cost
Juvenile	Under 6 months; 6 month expiration	\$15
Altered	Proof of spay/neuter required	\$30
Unaltered	Includes \$25 voucher for savings on spay/neuter	\$60
Senior Owner	License is good for life of pet. Proof that pet is altered required. Proof that owner is 65 years of age or older. One-time fee.	\$15
Service Animal	Statement required that owner has disability and animal is a service animal.	\$0
Replacement License	Replacement allowed if license tag is lost during the license year.	\$5



ANNEXATION COUNTDOWN: Anticipation, Transition, & Celebration

April 1 marks the countdown to the annexation of the Finn Hill, North Juanita and Kingsgate neighborhood areas with only 61 days remaining. Anticipation is building for annexation residents and City officials as June 1 fast approaches. The City and King County are continuing their conversations about the transition of services and transfer of properties, and a citizens group is busy planning activities to celebrate the annexation.

“We are looking forward to getting to know our new neighbors,” notes Mayor Joan McBride. “We encourage you to become involved with your new city.”

Over the past several months, City and County officials have been working out the final details to Interlocal Agreements (ILA) that are needed to fully implement the annexation. The ILA between the City and King County addresses governance (e.g. authority), development services (e.g. permitting), and property transfers (e.g. parks). In a second ILA, the City continues its efforts to make the annexation of the last remaining parcel, Wild Glen Condominium, located in Fire District #41 also effective on June 1, 2011. An ILA is

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needed between King County, the City of Kirkland and Fire District #41 to allow for the transition of services from the District to the City. In a third ILA, Fire District #41 and King County need an agreement that would potentially allow for the transfer of a 1.8 parcel in Big Finn Hill Park to Fire District #41 for a new fire station. Although the City of Kirkland is not a party to this ILA, it is monitoring the negotiations.

In preparation of annexation, existing city staff and new staff who will be hired are preparing to serve new residents. The Police Department continues to hire new personnel who will serve and support three new police districts in the annexation area. Additional Utility Customer Service staff are in place to support the more than 10,000 new solid waste customers.

City departments are experiencing an increase in inquiries from annexation residents. Details about service changes are

contained in Frequently Asked Questions handouts that address public safety, city finances, zoning and building requirements, parks and recreation, and community involvement. City officials have been speaking at neighborhood meetings in the annexation area.

Current and future residents are invited to annexation celebration activities planned in June: City Hall Open House on June 1, 4-7 p.m.; Business Networking Breakfast on June 2, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Caribbean Casino; Community Celebration at Juanita Beach Park on June 3, 3 to 7 p.m. Event details are available at www.kirklandwa.gov/annexation.

CODE SPEAK: New Property Maintenance Requirements

Last year when the City received a complaint about a residential property under construction that had been left unfinished for over two years, it was unable to require the owner to shore up the deteriorating exterior due to insufficient codes. If the City were to receive a similar complaint today, it now has a provision in the Kirkland Municipal Code that requires the exterior of new single-family homes and additions to existing single-family dwellings to be complete within two years of the building permit issuance.

At the same time this new provision was enacted, the City adopted an amended version of the International Property Maintenance Code, known as the Kirkland

Property Maintenance Code (KPMC). This new code provides for more consistent enforcement of requirements for interior and exterior conditions of all structures and associated property. Although the City has been regulating some property issues such as, garbage, rodents, and junk vehicles, the new code goes further to include items such as overgrown vegetation, exterior surfaces of a building, and the accumulation of stagnant water. For more information, contact the Building Services Division at 425-587-3600.



New codes require exterior conditions of structures to be properly maintained

LEGISLATIVE SESSION: The City's Council Got an Agenda

With terms like “pre-filing,” “engrossing,” and “enrolling,” one might not be inclined to become an expert (or even an amateur) in tracking legislation that makes its way through the Washington State Legislature’s lawmaking cycle. But the City has always tracked each Legislative Session because bills introduced often directly relate to the City Council’s annual Legislative Agenda.

In January, the City Council unanimously approved its 2011 Legislative Agenda which identifies eleven top priorities that the City Council wants the State Legislature to address in its legislative session this year which ends on April 24, 2011. As of March 11, a majority (80%) of City’s legislative priority bills remain alive. The Legislative Agenda is developed from the City’s Council Goals and Objectives, issues identified by the Association of Washington Cities, and mutual interests of other regional and state agencies.

For more information on the Council’s Legislative Agenda, contact Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager at 425-587-3009.

	Council’s Legislative Agenda	Bill Numbers
1	Oppose the imposition of new mandates that draw on City resources and oppose any further shifting of costs or services from the State or County to cities.	<i>Monitor</i>
2	Support Legislation that... Secures financial assistance for construction of the Public Safety Building	House Bill 1497/Senate Bill 5467
3	Support legislation that... Allows flexibility in the use of the Real Estate Excise Tax revenue for infrastructure and parks maintenance	House Bill 1953
4	Support Legislation that... Provides financial relief for annexation census requirements.	House Bill 1336/Senate Bill 5505
5	Support Legislation that... Provides funding for high priority transportation routes, promotes multi-modal transportation, and mitigates collateral impacts on Kirkland’s arterials.	House Bill 1382
6	Support Legislation that... Preserves all options for future use of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Eastside Rail Corridor and state financial assistance to implement multiple uses including recreation and transportation.	<i>Monitor</i>
7	Support Legislation that... Provides cities with new and improved financing tools to support public/private partnerships.	House Bill 1881/Senate Bill 5705
8	Support Legislation that... Streamlines the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) processes.	House Bill 1952 House Bill 1478
9	Support Legislation that... Supports the principles of growth management by assigning funding priority for infrastructure in communities with designated urban centers.	House Bill 1335/Senate Bill 5243 NOTE: Both bills are dead
10	Support Legislation that... Eliminates cities’ obligation to pay impact fees from qualifying public funds when exempting low-income housing from impact fee requirements	House Bill 1398
11	Support Legislation that... Allows cities the same fire benefit charge authority that fire districts receive.	House Bill 1230/Senate Bill 5155 NOTE: Both bills are “dead”

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Kirkland, WA 98033
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Kirkland's got a
new online address
www.kirklandwa.gov



MONTHLY CITY MEETINGS

MONDAY

Design Review Board* 1st & 3rd Monday · 7 p.m.
Kirkland Youth Council* 2nd & 4th Monday · 6:45-8:30 p.m.
Houghton Community Council* 4th Monday · 7 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)

TUESDAY

City Council* 1st & 3rd Tuesday; Study Session · 6 p.m.
Regular Meeting · 7:30 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)
Civil Service Commission* 2nd Tuesday · 4 p.m.
Kirkland Senior Council 2nd Tuesday · 5:30 p.m. (Peter Kirk Community Center)

WEDNESDAY

Park Board* 2nd Wednesday · 7 p.m.
Transportation Commission* 4th Wednesday · 6 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)
Kirkland Library Board 3rd Wednesday · 6 p.m. (Kirkland Library)
Kirkland Cultural Council* 3rd Wednesday · 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Parking Advisory Board* 1st Thursday · 7:30-9:30 a.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee* 1st Thursday · 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Planning Commission* 2nd & 4th Thursday · 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)

MEETS AS NEEDED

Human Services
Advisory Committee Call: 425-587-3322
Neighborhood Association meeting information:
www.kirklandwa.gov/neighborhoods.

* Meetings held at Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Avenue

- Special meetings may be scheduled; regular meetings may be cancelled.
- Agenda/Packets are posted to the City's website at www.kirklandwa.gov. Search the name of the board/commission.

IMPORTANT CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Kirkland City Hall

123 5th Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033 425-587-3000

City Council & City Manager's Office 425-587-3001
Building Department 425-587-3600
24-Hour Inspection Request Line 425-587-3605
Fire Prevention 425-587-3650
Planning & Community Development 425-587-3225
Public Works Department 425-587-3800
24-Hour Inspection Request Line 425-587-3805
Finance & Administration 425-587-3100
Business License 425-587-3140
Utility Billing 425-587-3150
Human Resources 425-587-3210
(505 Market Street, Kirkland)
Recorded Job Line 425-587-3211
Municipal Court 425-587-3160
(11515 NE 118th Street, Kirkland)
Parks & Community Service 425-587-3300
North Kirkland Community Center 425-587-3350
Peter Kirk Community Center 425-587-3360

Parks Maintenance 425-587-3349
Public Works Maintenance (24 Hour) 425-587-3900

Other Numbers to Know

Animal Control (King County) 206-296-7387
Cable TV Comcast: 1-800-266-2278
Verizon: 1-800-483-3000
Electric/Gas: Puget Sound Energy 1-888-225-5773
Garbage/Recycling: Waste Management, Inc. 1-800-592-9995
Phone Service Comcast: 1-800-266-2278
Verizon: 1-800-483-3000
Qwest: 1-800-475-7526
School District: Lake Washington School District .. 425-702-3200
Transit King County Metro 1-800-542-7876
Sound Transit 1-800-201-4900
Vehicle Registration: Washington State Dept. of Licensing,
Kirkland Office 425-828-4661
Voter Registration: King County Elections 206-296-8683

For Police, Fire & Medical Emergencies Call 9-1-1
Police Non-Emergency 425-587-3400