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Conversation Starters: Community visioning brings focus

Citizen engagement opportunities for various long-range City plans

Terms like concurrency, infrastructure, and multi-modal don't come up in conversation very often. Over the next few years, however, the City will try to change that. Those terms - and many like them - were topics at a recent [Kirkland Business Roundtable](#) meeting, a community planning event held at City Hall, and an outdoor workshop. At those venues, business representatives, citizens and others had the chance to dream big about the [Cross Kirkland Corridor](#), transportation, and [Totem Lake Park](#). They also had the opportunity to think about the vision for Kirkland in the year 2035.

The catalyst for much of this is the [City's Comprehensive Plan](#), which the City is updating. The [Comprehensive Plan](#) is a vital tool for the City to manage the future growth of people living and working in Kirkland by looking forward 20 years. It is based on a community vision for the future and contains policies to guide the growth of Kirkland. It also addresses neighborhood, social and economic character. (See "Comprehensive Plan Milestones," pg. 4)



More than 200 citizens attended the June 8 Community Planning Day at City Hall and found creative ways to share their voice, vision, and future for their City.



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New flashing beacon crosswalk devices coming to key locations

City investing \$690,000 in pedestrian safety



Rapid Flashing Beacon at crosswalk near Lakeview Elementary School

Can you say Rapid Flashing Beacon five times fast? The phrase may be hard to say multiple times but the purpose of the device is simple: To stop drivers at crosswalks while pedestrians cross.

The rapid flashing beacon device is attached to the pedestrian crossing sign and emits an amber-colored flashing light when activated by a pedestrian. The light warns approaching drivers to yield to pedestrians (and bicyclists) entering the crosswalk.

The City Council recently approved combining two years of funding from the voter-approved [Streets Levy](#) to invest

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Mark Your Calendar: Summer Special Events

Kirkland is host to several special events held in the summer. Plan a family outing or date night for some or all of the following events. For event information and to receive event notifications via email, visit www.explorekirkland.com.

July

4	Celebrate Kirkland Parade & Fireworks	Marina Park & Downtown Kirkland
6	No. 123 Rue des Park Lane	Park Lane
19 - 21	Kirkland Uncorked	Marina Park
28	Kirkland Classic Car Show	Marina Park & Downtown Kirkland

August

9 - 11	Summerfest	Marina Park
10 - 17	Jr. Little League World Series	Everest Park
25	Park to Park Swim	O. O. Denny Park
30 & 31	Tall Ships	Carillon Point

September

1 & 2	Tall Ships	Carillon Point
14	City of Kirkland's Kid's Triathlon	Juanita Beach Park
15	TriFreaks Kirkland Triathlon	Juanita Beach
22	All Porsche Grand Display	Carillon Point
27 - 29	Oktoberfest	Marina Park



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Juanita Friday Market

Juanita Beach Park: 9703 NE Juanita Dr.
3 - 7 p.m. Season ends Oct. 4
www.kirklandwa.gov/juanitafridaymarket

Kirkland Wednesday Market

Marina Park: 25 Lakeshore Plaza Dr.
2-7 p.m. Season ends Sept. 25
www.kirklandwednesdaymarket.org

Summer Concert Series

Children's Concerts
Juanita Beach Park Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m.
Evening Concerts
Marina Park Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m.
www.kirklandsummerconcerts.org

Shelley Kloba, Council Member Position No.2



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Council Member Shelley Kloba was appointed to Position No. 2 when it was vacated in March 2013 due to a resignation.

Kloba has lived in Kirkland for over 11 years and is currently the Legislative Director of the Washington Parent Teacher Association. She served on Kirkland's Park Board 2009-2013 and is a trustee on the Lake Washington Schools Foundation.

She will serve until the 2013 November General Election results are certified. Council Member Kloba filed for Position No. 2 and if

she wins, she would serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which ends December 31, 2015. For Council Member biographies, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/council and select "Meet the Council."



Green Scene: Partnership raises Kirkland's "solar city" profile



Let's become the greenest town in Puget Sound

Do your part to help Kirkland earn up to \$40,000 from Puget Sound Energy for a new solar array in our community by adding your home or business to the ranks of PSE Green Power customers.

We only need 400 more homes or businesses to join the Program in 2013 to earn the first \$20,000—with the potential to double the award to \$40,000 if we outperform the other challenge cities.

Join today for as little as \$4 more per month added to your monthly electric bill. Learn more about the challenge at PSE.com/GPChallenge.



Kirkland City Green Team




Kirkland's strong commitment to sustainability just got a boost thanks to a partnership with Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) Green Power Challenge. The program encourages the use of renewable energy and puts Kirkland in the running to receive up to \$40,000.

The Green Power Challenge seeks to enroll an additional 400 Kirkland households and businesses by December 31, 2013. By enrolling, customers choose renewable energy to match a percentage of their electricity needs and PSE purchases that energy from local producers of wind, sun, and biomass power. Every dollar contributed supports the development of renewable energy.

Since the campaign launched in late April, 98 Kirkland customers have voluntarily registered for the program; 302 more are needed by the end of 2013. If the City reaches the 400 target goal, it will receive \$20,000 for a solar demonstration project in the City. If Kirkland's enrollment rate is greater than the cities of Snoqualmie, Anacortes, Tumwater, and Bainbridge Island, it will receive an additional \$20,000. To sign up, go to www.PSE.com/GPChallenge or call 1-800-562-1482.

◀ *Members of the City's Green Team keep Kirkland's sustainable future in focus.*

What's happening lately on I-405 through Kirkland?

The Washington State Department of Transportation and its contractor, Flatiron Constructors, continue to build improvements on I-405 as part of the **NE 6th Street to I-5 Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project**. This project will provide 17 miles of congestion relief to travelers through Bellevue, Kirkland, and Bothell.

Over the next several months, drivers and nearby residents will see daytime and nighttime work as crews:

- Prepare to construct a new lane in each direction between NE 6th Street in Bellevue and SR 522 in Bothell for a dual express toll lane system. Ongoing work will include paving inside the center median, restriping lanes and shifting traffic.
- Create space to widen the highway, improve stormwater management, and build noise walls along various sections of the corridor. This work will include removing trees on the east and west sides of I-405, which will be replanted where possible when the project ends.
- Install electrical components and toll gantry bases for the new express toll lane system.

Want more information? Visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I405/NE6thtoI5/.

Conversation Starters

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Goals expressed within the Comprehensive Plan help the City to preserve and enhance its natural environment, parks, and recreational areas. At a recent outdoor workshop, for example, City leaders heard ideas on how the City could improve [Totem Lake Park](#). Feedback will help shape the Totem Lake Park Master, the [Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan](#), and the update to the Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan.

In the coming months, City leaders will seek community input on the PROS Plan through a telephone and online survey, stakeholder sessions, and community meetings. The [Park Board](#) will be exploring the needs in the current park and open space system, recreation programming and facilities (e.g. Community Centers). Also, opinions about neighborhood connections to parks and adequate park maintenance will be sought.

Kirkland's leaders, staff and residents will study the City's transportation system as part of the creation of the Transportation Master Plan. This plan will be integrated into the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The study will look at how the

City can best provide safe, efficient, and accessible transportation facilities and systems that offer a variety of transportation choices, (multimodal) such as walking, bicycling, public transit, and automobile. The [Transportation Commission](#) is also looking for input on what goals the Transportation Master Plan should contain, what transportation issues should be addressed and what transportation projects should be included.

Community conversations will be happening with other long-range plans. The [Juanita Drive Corridor Study](#) seeks ways to improve the safety of cars, bicycles, and pedestrians along the Corridor from 98th Avenue Northeast to Northeast 144th Street. The [Surface Water Master Plan](#) identifies projects and programs that will support long-term progress for flood control, water quality improvement, and aquatic habitat protection and restoration. Project ideas for the 2012-2015 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) will be sought through neighborhood meetings and submissions through the City's new [CIP Interactive Map](#). (See "Cool Tool," pg. 7).



Comprehensive Plan Update: Key Milestones

The purpose of the **Comprehensive Plan Update** is threefold: 1). Determine if there are any desired changes to the vision statement and general goals and policies in the Plan to reflect what residents and businesses want Kirkland to be like by 2035; 2) Plan for future growth; and 3) Incorporate any required changes from new state growth management legislation. Below is the schedule for the key milestones and how you can get involved.

Schedule	City Actions and Products	Your Opportunities to be Involved
Summer 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect & analyze data to understand current conditions (e.g. population, housing, employment, and land capacity). Inform the community of the upcoming amendment project and the visioning program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read "About Growth" publications. Take a survey. Attend neighborhood association meetings. Sign up for listserv at www.kirklandwa.gov/Kirkland2035.
Fall 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct community visioning program to review City's existing vision statement for needed changes to achieve the future we want over the next 20 years. Changes would be reflected in goals & policies. 	In October and early November participate in the visioning program either by attending a meeting, taking an online survey or sending in comments.
Winter - Spring 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff prepares issue papers that identify key issues & desired changes based on visioning program, future growth & new state legislation. Planning Commission prepares Preliminary Draft Updates to Plan. Scope Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which includes growth alternatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Planning Commission study sessions. Review Preliminary draft updates to Plan Participate in open house/workshop. Provide comments on EIS scope.
Summer 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue Final Draft Plan and Draft EIS Planning Commission & Planning Director (SEPA Official) hold joint public hearing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide comments on Draft EIS & Final Draft Updates at hearing, on City's web site or in writing.
Fall 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue Final EIS Planning Commission and Houghton Community Council make recommendation on Final Plan to City Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Final Update Plan & Final EIS. Attend Planning Commission meeting Can provide final comments.
End of 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Council holds study session and then meetings to approve Final Update Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend City Council study session and final City Council meetings. Can provide final comments to City Council.



Many "Joined the Conversation" at Community Planning Day

The City wishes to thank the more than 200 citizens who attended "Community Planning Day" on Saturday, June 8, 2013. City Hall was packed with people and great conversations were happening about the future of Kirkland.



Citizens share their ideas on the future of the Cross Kirkland corridor.



Residents learn about the update to the City's Comprehensive Plan and share visioning ideas for Kirkland in the year 2035.

Mayor Joan McBride moderates a community conversation about "Making Business Districts Work for You."



Subscribe to receive updates on these and other City plans.
www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035



Comprehensive Plan Update



Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan



Transportation Master Plan



Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan



Surface Water Master Plan



Totem Lake Park Master Plan



Juanita Drive Corridor Study



Capital Improvement Program



Urban Forestry Management Plan



Transfer of Development Rights Study

Learn more "about growth" in this informative publication



Copies available online at www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035, City Hall and neighborhood and community meetings.



Watch for the next Community Planning Day in the fall!

Summer Safety Tips for Swimmers, Boaters, Pedestrians & More

With summer just arriving, you're probably making plans on how to make the most of it. Kirkland is a popular destination in the summer months and the following tips will help you stay safe this summer.

★ Safety Tips for Swimmers

- **Learn to swim.** The City teaches infants, preschoolers, youth, teens and adults.
- **Supervise children when they are swimming.** Children should always have adult supervision.
- **Swim where lifeguards are on-duty.** Beach lifeguards will be on duty July 1 through Sept 2, from 12 to 6 p.m. at Houghton, Waverly, and Juanita Beaches.
- **Never swim alone.** It's good practice to swim with someone in case you need their help.
- **Wear a lifejacket.** Water depths can change without notice.



The Peter Kirk Pool is open until Sept. 2. For pool schedule and lesson information, go to www.kirkland-wa.gov/aquatics or call 425-587-3335.



★ Safety Tips for Boaters

- **Get Boat Smart.** Complete the State's Boater Education program which is required for operators of motorboats with 15 horsepower or greater. (<http://parks.wa.gov/boating/boatered/>).
- **Safety First.** Remember that life vests and other such flotation equipment save many lives every year. Be prepared for emergencies on the water with the required boating safety equipment.
- **Plan Your Trip in Advance.** Comply with the moorage and boat launch rules for the city-owned Marina Park and Second Avenue South docks. (www.kirklandwa.gov Search: Boat Launch)

- **Boat Safely.** Have fun, but be respectful of fellow boaters and neighbors on land. Comply with and report violations of the public disturbance rule that prohibits noise such as frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds from a horn or siren; excessive engine noise; and audio sound system noise audible from 300 feet or more.
- **Boat Legally.** Do not operate a boat under the influence of alcohol. Be watchful of the "No Wake" zones and of others enjoying the lake (swimmers, water skiers, and kayakers.) While enjoying our waterfront, please be aware of the related rules and regulations for designated protected wildlife areas.

★ Safety Tips for Pedestrians

- **See eye to eye with drivers.** Look both ways before entering a crosswalk and make eye contact with drivers.
- **Be safer with flags.** Use the City's "Take it to make it" pedestrian flags where available.
- **Be distraction free.** Don't use cell or head phones when crossing a street.
- **Walk the walk.** Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing vehicles.

★ Safety Tips for Drivers

- **Be on the lookout.** Always be prepared to stop for pedestrians.
- **Drive at a safe speed.** Obey the speed limit (especially in school zones).
- **Stop behind the stop line.** This allows for visibility of pedestrians.
- **Pay attention.** Don't use cell or head phones while driving.



"Take It To Make It" pedestrian flags are available at many crosswalks.



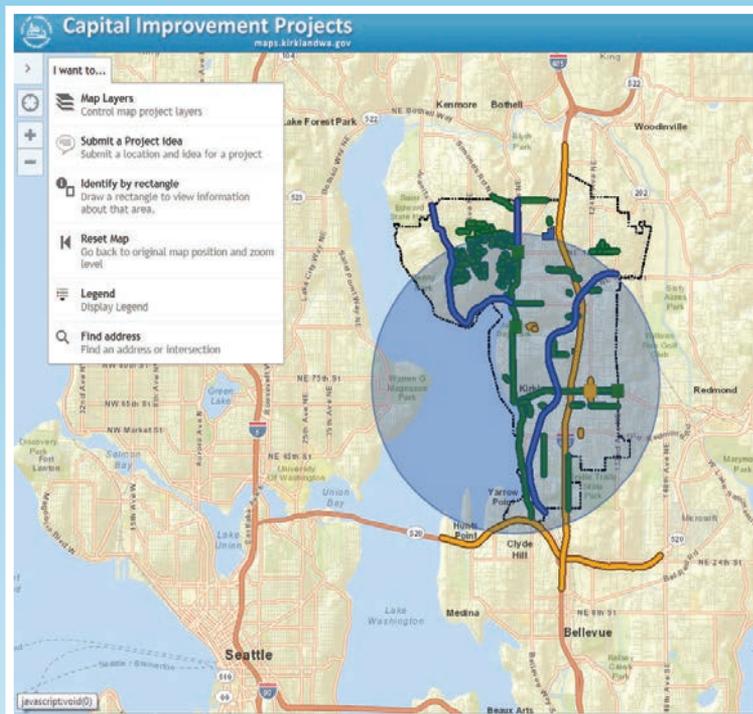
Cool Tool: Online interactive map makes for easy project search

On average, the City invests over \$12 million annually on public works capital improvement projects such as street repairs, intersection improvements, sidewalk installations, water and sewer utility improvements, flood mitigation and pedestrian safety. The summer months are typically the busiest for project construction and the City has a new interactive map that helps you navigate your way through all of the current and proposed projects. The search takes you even further by providing the project's funding, its status (design, construction, and completion), and the project manager's contact information

But wait, there's more. The interactive map allows you to submit a suggestion for a new capital project.

To access the online map from your computer or select mobile device (using the most current versions of Firefox, Chrome, Safari or Internet Explorer), go to <http://maps.kirklandwa.gov> and select Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Interactive Map.

The CIP is a plan that addresses construction, repair, maintenance and acquisition of major capital facilities and equipment. It is developed in conjunction with the biennial budget. Current projects (go to www.kirklandwa.gov and search "CIP") are being funded through the 2013-2018 CIP.



Find out about current and future capital projects online at <http://maps.kirklandwa.gov>.

Levy dollars at work

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a little less than \$600,000 towards the new Rapid Flashing Beacons (RFB). This funding, in addition to about \$100,000 from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) crosswalk upgrade program, will support the installation of up to twelve key locations near schools and parks:

- Market Street/15th Avenue
- NE 116th Street/110th Avenue NE
- NE 116th Street/113th Place NE
- NE 68th Street/111th Avenue NE
- 124th Avenue NE/NE 137th Place
- 124th Avenue NE/NE 140th Street
- Juanita Woodinville Way/NE 140th Street
- 108th Avenue NE/NE 60th Street
- 132nd Avenue NE/NE 100th Street
- 124th Avenue NE/NE 108th
- 108th Ave near Emerson High School*

- 132nd Avenue between Kamiakin Junior High & John Muir Elementary Schools*

* CIP funded

The City's goal is to install the new safety devices by the end of 2013 with priority to completing installations at as many school locations as possible before the school year begins. Other factors being considered for prioritizing installation are speed and traffic volumes on major arterials. The new devices will replace existing broken in-pavement flashing beacons.

Levy and CIP funding will support future installations, including the following, plus other to-be-determined locations:

- NE Juanita Drive at Juanita Beach Park
- NE 70th Street at South Rose Hill Park
- Juanita Woodinville Way at NE 136th Place
- Juanita Woodinville Way at NE 143th Place
- Lake Street S. at 7th Ave S.

You can see RFBs in action near Costco on 120th Ave NE, on NE 68th Street in front of Lakeview Elementary, on NE 124th by the North Kirkland Community Center, on 98th Avenue NE next to Juanita Village, Market Street close to Kirkland Junior High School, on 132nd Avenue NE near Rose Hill Junior High School, and at NE 60th Street by Ben Franklin Elementary School.

The experience of RFBs in other communities has proven to reduce conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians at non-signalized intersections and mid-block pedestrian crossings.

To learn more and to subscribe to receive CIP updates, visit www.kirklandwa.gov and search "CIP."



KIRKLAND CITY UPDATE

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MONTHLY CITY MEETINGS

MONDAY

Design Review Board* 1st & 3rd Monday · 7 p.m.
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.
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)
Library Board 3rd Wednesday · 6 p.m. (Alternates between
Kirkland and Kingsgate Libraries)
Cultural Arts Commission* 3rd Wednesday · 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Parking Advisory Board* 1st Thursday · 7:30-9:30 a.m.
Tourism Development Committee* 1st Thursday · 9-10 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
City Clerk's Office/Public Records 425-587-3190
Building Department 425-587-3600
Fire Prevention 425-587-3650
Planning & Community Development 425-587-3225
Public Works Department 425-587-3800
Finance & Administration 425-587-3100
Business License 425-587-3140
Utility Billing 425-587-3150
Human Resources 425-587-3210
(505 Market Street, Kirkland)
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
..... Frontier Communications: 1-877-462-8188
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
..... Frontier Communications: 1-877-462-8188
..... 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