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Community survey to guide city budget

City Council begins 2015-2016 Biennial Budget process - AAA credit rating retained

At its annual [Financial Retreat held in May](#), the City Council learned that Kirkland retained its AAA credit rating, received the results of the [2014 Community Survey](#) and a report on the City's financial condition. The survey and financial report, along with an update to the "Price of Government" concept and a look into the financial forecast for 2015-2022, signal the start of the City Council's process for developing the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget.

One lens the City Council uses as part of its budget development progression is to consider what Kirkland residents have to say about city services. Every two years, a random telephone survey seeks the opinion of those who live here about what services are important and how satisfied residents are with the City's performance. The 2014 survey asked citizens to score a number of services on a scale 1 to 5 (1 being a poor rating; 5 being a high rating) for both importance and performance. The resulting quadrant (See page 4) reflects those ser-

vices that are most important and perform well ("Stars"), those services that are important but where the City needs to improve its performance ("Imperatives"), those services that citizens rated as lower importance/low performance ("Lesser Priorities"), and services that rated low importance/high performance ("Successes").

The most important services should align with where the City's resources should be invested - as "Stars" - in order to maintain high priority services and as "Imperatives" because greater investment may be needed to improve performance. In fact, approximately 81% of the City budget is dedicated to resident's highest priorities such as Police and Fire. Another 13.5% of the budget goes to "Imperatives." Together, they account for almost 95% of the budget, a number that has remained steady since the last survey in 2012.

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**<CROSSKIRKLAND>
CORRIDOR**

**Interim gravel trail
coming soon**

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS



- All-weather crushed gravel surface for 5.75 miles.
- Improved street crossings with paving and rapid flashing beacons.
 - Fencing in some areas for safety and wetland protection.
 - Work hours between 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Friday, July through Dec.

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Follow progress and trail closures: Kirklandwa.gov/crosskirklandcorridor or [Facebook.com/crosskirklandcorridor](https://www.facebook.com/crosskirklandcorridor)



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City calls in the dogs to help sniff out bacteria in Juanita Creek

Talk about your dynamic duo. A Border collie named Molly and an Australian cattle dog named Crush put their noses to work recently to help find sources of human bacteria in and around Kirkland's Juanita Creek. The pair teamed up to sniff water samples taken from Juanita Creek and several of its branches. The sniff test included uncontaminated water samples, samples known to contain animal bacteria, and those obtained in and nearby Juanita Creek.

The Juanita Creek Watershed feeds into Lake Washington at Juanita Beach Park – a popular summer swimming area.

Why is the City trying such a unique investigative technique? Because truly, the nose knows. The dogs can detect, through scent, the presence of human fecal bacteria. This tells the City that sources of



Molly sits by her dog handler after detecting human bacteria in a water sample from Juanita Creek.

contamination are most likely due to leaking septic tanks or improper connection of sanitary sewer systems to the Creek. These sources present a greater risk to human health than bacteria from raccoons, geese or other animals.

Also, the service is cost effective.

Molly and Crush sniffed close to 100 samples in a two-day test; each sniffing the same row of samples for quality control. When they smelled human contamination, they signaled by sitting next to

their handler. The results are being tested by King County's Environmental Lab and are expected in the coming weeks. If laboratory tests confirm the dog's findings, future testing can use just the dogs' resulting in greatly decreased costs for detecting problems.

Staff from the City's [Water Quality Program](#) will follow up with property owners where the contamination source was detected.

Park Lane: Design process to enhance walkability and sustainability



A stakeholder who attended the drop-in, outdoor Open House shows his preference for a paver-lined corridor.

Throughout the last two years, Kirkland's planners have been asking Kirkland's residents a simple question: What one word would you use to describe the ideal for your City in 20 years?

Hundreds have answered this question in differing ways. Twenty percent of all the responses, however, answered with one of three words: Walkable. Vibrant. Green.

As it happens, Kirkland's staff and consulting engineers are already designing a place in Kirkland that will fit that description perfectly. And it will exist by next spring.

That place is Park Lane.

Starting in January 2015, construction crews will transform the one-lane road into a one-level, plaza-style street. The street will use trees, surface textures, rain gardens and art to separate the drivers from walkers.

In the four months of construction, work crews will also replace a 70-year-old water main. And they'll equip the street with a system of rain gardens, tree root cells, and permeable surface materials, such as brick pavers. Those features will leverage forms of green technology—all designed to protect Lake Washington from the stormwater that currently drains into it—without treatment—from Park Lane.

These are the basic details of the soon-to-be made-over Park Lane. Kirkland's staff teamed up with design consultants from Pertee earlier this spring to better understand some of the more technical details, such as tree health, soil composition and the specific type of street surfaces.

The Park Lane project team will continue work through these details with the Park Lane Advisory Group until the end of this year.

For more information, visit kirklandwa.gov/parklaneproject.



Kirkland 2035: Comprehensive Plan Update moves forward; Other long range plans adopted

Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan adopted; others are approaching

The Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC) Master Plan has joined the Totem Lake Master Plan and Urban Forestry Management Plan in the "adopted" category. The Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and Surface Water Management will join the club this summer. Each of these plans and the Comprehensive Plan Update, Transportation Master Plan, and Juanita Drive Corridor Study, have been an integral part of the [City's Kirkland 2035 initiative](#).

At a recent [Community Future Day event](#), citizens had the opportunity to attend a panel discussion on "Traffic and Growth: Is There a Solution?" and to prioritize their level of investment for transportation, parks and water quality projects through a spending exercise. Highlights of the event are posted to www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035.



At Community Future Day, participants helped to "Build a Better Kirkland" by prioritizing their level of investment for transportation, parks, and water quality with "Kirkland Bucks."

So what's next? The Planning Commission's summer and fall calendar will be primarily dedicated to considering proposed amendments to the elements of the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission will also review [Citizen Amendment Requests](#), which are property-specific changes to the City's land use map, zoning map, existing Comprehensive Plan goals and policies and zoning regulations. A monthly update on the current work of the Commission as it relates to the Comprehensive Plan Update is now available on the Kirkland 2035 website and by [subscribing to receive it via email](#).

On July 1st the City Council will approve the PROS Plan and the final Accountability Reports for the Streets Levy and the Parks Levy which summarize the accomplishments for the first year of the levies. In the late summer/early fall, the Surface Water Master Plan and Juanita Drive Corridor Study will be adopted by the City Council.

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◀CROSSKIRKLAND▶ CORRIDOR

≡ Interim Trail Construction ≡

INCREASING ACCESS, EXPANDING USE

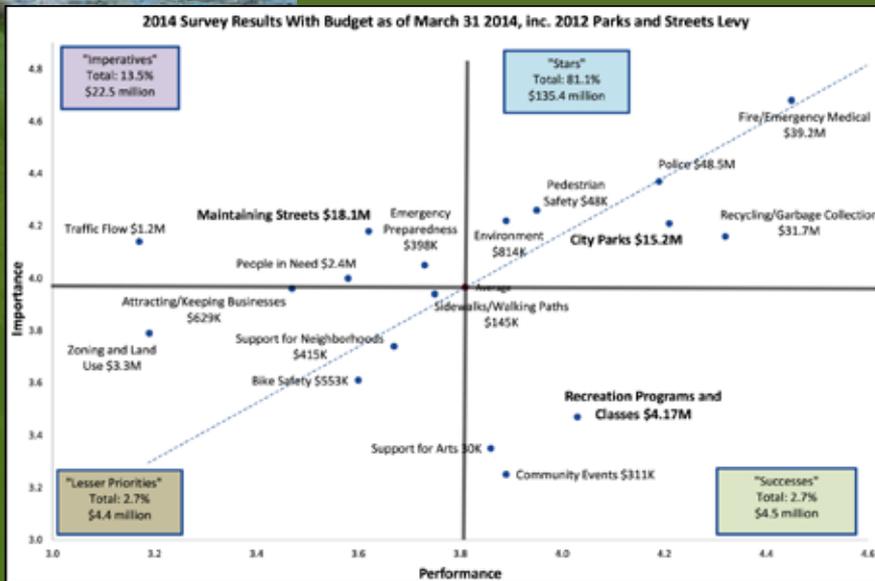
- ✓ 2012 - City buys Cross Kirkland Corridor
- ✓ 2013 - Kirkland completes rail salvage
- ✓ 2014 - City adopts community's long term vision (Master Plan)
- ✓ **July - December 2014 - Crews construct gravel trail**

For safety and efficiency, sections of the trail (between streets) will be closed for periods during construction. Please watch for signs and avoid construction areas.

June 20, 2014



2015-2016 Budget Process Begins



Caption for Quad: The 2014 Community Survey seeks the opinion of residents on city services; the "Kirkland Quadrant" shows how residents perceive the importance and performance of city services.

The City's current and forecasted financial condition forms the basis for the coming two-year budget. Although key revenues, including sales tax, utility taxes, and development fees are ahead of last year and sales tax and development fees are ahead of budget projections, the City remains cautious. The primary reasons: volatile global economic conditions and slow job growth. Some of the growth is related to large, one-time projects such as the Google expansion by SRM Development, which is a prime contributor to the increase in development fees.

The six-year financial forecast is another important barometer. The forecast is based on assumptions about revenues (e.g. sales tax and development fee growth) and expenditures (e.g. increase in employee costs), assuming no actions are taken by the City Council to balance the budget. Smart financial forecasts, sound financial planning and healthy reserves are why Kirkland has a AAA credit rating.

This year's look, which extends out to the year 2022, includes the impact of the expiration of the Annexation Sales Tax Credit in 2021. The City receives a sales tax credit from the State of Washington until 2021 to help offset the costs of serving the areas annexed in 2011 that exceed the revenue received from those areas. Although the City is working each year to strategically "wean" the City budget off of the sales tax credit, it is a known event that calls for restraint in committing the current year's revenue growth.

The forecast projects a gap between revenues the city expects to receive and the expenses over operating the City, because expenses tend to grow faster than revenues. However, every budget adopted by the City Council must be balanced where revenue equals expenditures. The Council is responsible for adopting strategies to address the gap in each budget cycle. Strategies may include expenditure reductions, revenue from new economic development, or voter-approved levies such as the parks and streets levies that passed in 2012.

"Closing the gap" is the challenge ahead for the City and the public's input will be an important consideration for the City Council's budget priorities. In the coming months, City Council will be discussing the 2015-2016 Budget. Comments can be made about the Budget at meetings or by emailing 15-16budget@kirklandwa.gov. To receive Biennial Budget updates via email, subscribe at www.kirklandwa.gov/budget.



Community Telephone Survey: Key Findings

Every two years, the City commissions a telephone survey of Kirkland residents to assess and track their attitudes and opinions about the quality of life in Kirkland, priorities for the future, and satisfaction with city government and its services.

Kirkland as a place to live

- Overall rating continues to be overwhelming positive
- Main reasons for living here: location (convenience), small town feel, safe, quiet
- Concerns residents have: development/growth and traffic/infrastructure

Kirkland city government

- High marks overall for delivering services efficiently and keeping citizens informed
- Good marks for focusing on priorities that matter most

City services and functions

- Most important/high performance services: fire/emergency medical, police, pedestrian safety, city parks, and recycling/garbage
- Attracting and keeping businesses in Kirkland, recreation programs and classes, and city parks have seen positive increases in performance ratings



More key findings and the survey report are online at www.kirklandwa.gov/cmo.

Status of Kirkland 2035 Plans Adoption by the City Council

	Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan Adopted June 2014	
	Totem Lake Park Master Plan Adopted December 2013	
	Urban Forestry Management Plan Adopted June 2013	
	Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan Anticipated Adoption July 2014	
	Surface Water Management Plan Anticipated Adoption August 2014	
	Comprehensive Plan Update Anticipated Adoption December 2015	
	Transportation Master Plan Anticipated Adoption December 2015 (with Comprehensive Plan Update adoption)	
	Juanita Drive Corridor Study Anticipated Adoption July 2014	
	Capital Improvement Program: 2013-2018 CIP anticipated adoption December 2014 (with 2015-2016 Biennial Budget adoption).	
	Proposition 1: Streets Levy: Accountability Report anticipated Council acceptance July 1.	
	Proposition 2: Parks Levy: Accountability Report anticipated Council acceptance July 1.	

Summer Special Events

July

4	Celebrate Kirkland Parade & Fireworks	Marina Park & Downtown Kirkland
18 - 20	Kirkland Uncorked	Marina Park
27	Kirkland Classic Car Show	Marina Park & Downtown Kirkland

August

2	No. 123 Rue des Park Lane	Park Lane
8 - 10	Summerfest	Marina Park & Downtown Kirkland
10 - 16	Jr. Softball World Series	Everest Park
24	Park to Park Swim	O. O. Denny Park
28 - 31	Tall Ships	Carillon Point

September

1	Tall Ships	Carillon Point
13	City of Kirkland's Kid's Triathlon	Juanita Beach Park
21	TriFreaks Kirkland Triathlon	Juanita Beach Park
26 - 28	Kirkland Oktoberfest	Marina Park



Kirkland Wednesday Market

Marina Park
25 Lakeshore Plaza
2-7 p.m.
Season ends Sept. 24
www.kirklandmarket.org



Juanita Friday Market

Juanita Beach Park
9703 NE Juanita Dr.
3-7 p.m.
Season ends Sept. 26
www.kirklandwa.gov/juanitafridaymarket

Summer Concert Series

Children's Concerts

Every Tuesday, July 8 through August 19
10-11 a.m.
Juanita Beach Park

Evening Concerts

Every Thursday, July 10 through August 21
7-8:30 p.m.
Marina Park
www.kirklandsummerconcerts.org



Remember Our Heroes 70 Years After D-Day

11:30 a.m.	Kids (Walking) Parade (NOTE: Reversed Route)
12:00 p.m.	Old-fashioned Parade (NOTE: Reversed Route)
1 - 10:30 p.m.	Picnic at Marina Park
5 p.m.	Music at Marina Park
10:15 p.m.	Fireworks



Public Safety Reminder Fireworks Ban

Year-round fireworks ban is in effect in Kirkland city limits. The sale and discharge of private fireworks is prohibited.





Levy dollars preserving streets through overlays and Slurry Seal

For the second straight year, the [2012 Streets Levy](#) is doubling the lane mileage of streets Kirkland is able to preserve.

This summer, Kirkland will resurface 10 lane miles of arterials. Those sections include Lake Washington Boulevard, Northeast 112th, 116th, 124th and 132nd streets, as well as 120th and 132nd Avenues Northeast.

The City will also be treating 29 lane miles of neighborhood and collector roads in the Market, Norkirk, South Rose Hill and Bridle Trails neighborhoods with a substance of emulsified asphalt and aggregate, called Slurry Seal. When it dries, Slurry Seal acts like an asphalt armor for these lightly trafficked roads - sealing out weather and moisture - thereby extending the life of the road by five to 10 years. And it does this at a rough cost of \$1,600 per city block.

Slurry seal is not suitable for Kirkland's more-trafficked roads, such as Northeast 85th Street, which accommodates more than 40,000 vehicles every day. It's also not suitable for roads that have too many cracks. Those roads are generally beyond Slurry Seal's capacity to protect them.

"Within a few weeks, the cracks that are in the road will appear in the Slurry Seal as well," says Kirkland Streets Engineer George Minassian. "And all that moisture will continue to infiltrate it."

To determine which roads are candidates for Slurry Seal, Minassian relies on sophisticated engineering software, which prescribes a treatment plan for each of Kirkland's 600 lane miles of roads. Of course, Kirkland can't treat every eligible road. So Minassian chooses clusters of them. This year, those clusters are in Market, Norkirk, South Rose Hill and Bridle Trails. Last year, they were in Finn Hill and Kingsgate.

For project updates, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/streetpreservation or follow the [City on Twitter @kirklandgov](#).



More than 10 lane miles of arterials will be resurfaced and 29 lane miles of neighborhood and collector streets will be treated with Slurry Seal.

KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL COURT & KIRKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT have moved to the

KIRKLAND JUSTICE CENTER



Kirkland Municipal Court
11740 NE 118th St.
Kirkland, WA 98034-7114
425.587.3160
www.kirklandwa.gov/court

Kirkland Police Department
11750 NE 118th St.
Kirkland, WA 98034-7114
425.587.3400 (Business Line) / 9-1-1 (Emergencies)
www.kirklandwa.gov/police



KIRKLAND CITY UPDATE

123 5th Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033
www.kirklandwa.gov



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

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, WA 98033)	
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

Kirkland Justice Center

Municipal Court	425-587-3160
(11740 NE 118th Street, Kirkland, WA 98034-7114)	
Police Department	425-587-3400
(11750 NE 118th Street, Kirkland, WA 98034-7114)	

For Police, Fire & Medical Emergencies.....Call 9-1-1

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