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Cross Kirkland Corridor: The Future Begins Now

For over 36 years, community members have envisioned having trails and tracks running parallel along the abandoned rail corridor in the center of Kirkland. Residents dreamed it and City leaders set the course for the vision to become a reality. And as evidenced by the recent rail salvage work along the Cross Kirkland Corridor, the future of the Corridor begins now.

Just weeks after the federal Surface Transportation Board rejected a petition to stop Kirkland from removing the rails, the City's contractor began to remove the rails, cross ties, spikes and plates on August 22. The work, which includes temporary slope and erosion control, is expected to be finished by the end of October 2013.



Rail salvage began Aug. 22 and is expected to be completed by the end of October 2013.

The rail bed, which is the elevated gravel area, will remain as the City develops options for future regional rail.

The rail removal and repaving of the existing street crossings will be done in a future contract as part of the construction of the Interim Trail.

Design for the Interim Trail is expected to be completed by December 2013. Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2014 and being complete in the spring.

Through the City's public involvement efforts on the [Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan](#), themes for the Corridor's future have emerged. Many community members desire that the Corridor:

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Kirkland 2035: Bringing Kirkland's Future Into Focus

Cross Kirkland Corridor alternatives and Comprehensive Plan visioning presented at Oct. 19 Planning Day

Through robust public involvement activities, the community's desires for the future, long-term development of the [Cross Kirkland Corridor](#) is coming more into focus. And as the community is becoming more aware of the City's process to [update its Comprehensive Plan](#), community input is needed to create a Vision Statement that best reflects the collective image of what Kirkland will be over the next 20 years.

"Since early 2013, we have been conducting community outreach and education about the Kirkland 2035 initiative," notes Deputy City Manager Marilynne Beard. "Now we're ready to share what we've heard and how ideas have been integrated into plans that guide Kirkland's future."



The conversation continues about Kirkland's future at Oct. 19 Community Planning Day.

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Back to School Safety: Pedestrian Safety Tips

Walking to school gives kids a fun way to get the regular physical activity they need each day while forming healthy habits that can last a lifetime. It also builds community, helps reduce traffic congestion around schools and makes your trip to school pollution free.

It's easy to be a safe walker by following a few common sense suggestions:

- Use crosswalks and sidewalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front to them.
- Always look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.
- Use care at intersections, drivers are often looking at other cars.
- Wear light colored clothing; adding something reflective is a great idea.
- Don't let electronic devices distract you

In 2012-2013, the City will construct sidewalks along selected school walk routes near Lakeview, A.G. Bell, and Peter Kirk Elementary Schools. More improvements by way of flashing beacons at crosswalks will further enhance safety near schools (See "Your Levy Dollars at Work", page 7).

The City Council will again proclaim "Walk to School Day" and encourage parents to walk their children to school on October 9. Check out walkbiketoschool.org for fun information about walking and biking to school.



Practice pedestrian safety year-round but especially during the school year.

Cross Kirkland Corridor

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- Provide connections to neighborhoods, shopping, businesses, other trails, other communities, and the region
- Provide a walk/bike to work option for numerous businesses
- Be a catalyst for economic development
- Have amenities such as art, lighting, lookout and gathering points, and places to hold events

The City's Master Plan consultant, Berger Partnership, has completed a review of the corridor and prepared draft vision and goals for the Corridor based on public input. City Council [received a briefing on the Plan on September 17, 2013](#). This material along with initial design concepts will be presented at the second Community Planning Day on October 19 (See "Kirkland 2035" page 4). In addition to recommending design guidelines for the future development of the Corridor, the Master Plan will identify an implementation plan for corridor improvements.

For more about the Master Plan, contact David Godfrey, Public Works Department, at 425-587-3865 or dgodfrey@kirklandwa.gov.

To receive updates on the Interim Trail and Master Plan, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/crosskirklandcorridor or scan the QR code. ►



What's happening with the Cross Kirkland Corridor

- Rail salvage expected to be complete by late Oct. 2013.
- Ditch maintenance to follow salvage to improve drainage.
- Master Plan alternatives to be presented at Oct. 19 Community Planning Day.
- Interim Trail to be built on the existing railbed with all-weather crushed gravel. Construction January – spring 2014.
- Adopt-A-Trail pilot program resulted in all ¼ mile segments being adopted.

City Elections: City Council, Houghton Community Council, Municipal Judge

Kirkland voters are encouraged to vote in the November 5 General Election. All registered voters will vote for City Council Position Numbers 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 as well as for Kirkland Municipal Judge. Residents who reside within the boundaries of the former Town of Houghton will vote on whether the Houghton Community Council will continue to exist through December 2017.

City of Kirkland
Council Position No. 1

Martin Morgan
Jay Arnold

City of Kirkland
Council Position No. 2
unexpired 2-year term

Dave McDonald
Shelley Kloba

City of Kirkland
Council Position No. 3

Penny Sweet

City of Kirkland
Council Position No. 5

Amy Walen

City of Kirkland
Council Position No. 7

William (Bill) Henkens
Doreen Marchione

City of Kirkland
Municipal Court Judge

Michael J. Lambo

Key Election Dates

- Oct. 7: Deadline for mail and online voter registration and updates.
- Oct. 16: Ballots are mailed – watch your mailbox and get your ballot back early!
- Oct. 28: Deadline for in-person voter registration for voters new to Washington.

Nov. 5: General Election

Contact Information: www.kingcounty.gov/elections
206-296-VOTE (8683)

Be ready to vote and score in the next election.

Keep your address up to date on your voter registration.

Be an Informed Voter.

King County Elections
206-296-VOTE (8683)

Tina Thompson
Seattle Storm

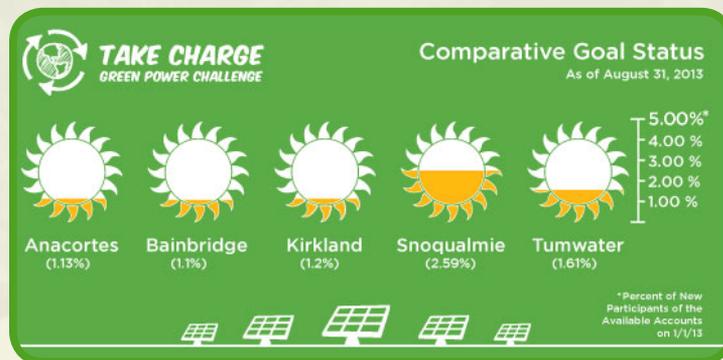
Ballot Drop Box Van at City Hall

- Saturday, Nov. 2 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 4 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 5 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Green Power Challenge: We Need Our Moment In The Sun!

Kirkland has reached one of the two goals in Puget Sound Energy's Green Power Challenge. Residents rallied to sign up for the program helping the City not only meet but exceed the enrollment goal of 400 new participants! The Challenge isn't over though. Now we can shift our focus to the inter-city contest. The Green Power Challenge is also a competition among five cities. Kirkland is competing with Snoqualmie, Anacortes, Tumwater, and Bainbridge Island to enroll the highest percentage of new participants. Kirkland is currently in third place among the five cities. If we beat the other cities in the second goal, we'll earn \$20,000 more, for a total of \$40,000! Most importantly, we'll earn bragging rights as the greenest town in Puget Sound!

Help Kirkland have its moment in the sun and earn us a bonus \$20,000! Sign up at www.pse.com/GPChallenge or call 1-800-562-1482.



Help Kirkland earn bragging rights as the greenest town in Puget Sound and sign up for the Green Power Program.



Kirkland 2035: Bringing Kirkland's Future Into Focus

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An informational website – www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035 - was redesigned to include more comprehensive information. An online civic engagement site – www.ideasforum.kirklandwa.gov – is now live and offers a quick and easy way for community members to “join the conversation” about Kirkland’s future from a computer or mobile device.

City leaders have participated in neighborhood, business, and community events.

A second Community Planning Day is scheduled for **October 19, 2013** and will offer updates on the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan. Alternatives for the engineering, design and near-term development of the Corridor will be presented for public input.

Additionally at the October 19 event, focus group discussions will be held around various elements of the Comprehensive Plan such as land use, housing, economic development, transportation and housing. The conversations will allow for a broad perspective that will be captured in the Vision Statement contained within the Comprehensive Plan. The [Vision Statement](#) and framework goals set the direction for what the community believes it can achieve 20 years into the future.

Also featured at the Community Planning Day will be updates to the [Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan](#) including recent survey results. Citizens will be able to comment on draft recommendations for city-wide and neighborhood system improvements. Citizens will also be able to comment on the proposed final schematic design for the [Totem Lake Park Master Plan](#).

Draft recommendations for the [Surface Water Master Plan](#) will also be available on October 19 as will a status of the [Juanita Drive Corridor Study](#).

Kirkland 2035: Plan Updates

Plan	Status as of Community Planning Day	Anticipated Adoption
Comprehensive Plan Update	Visioning focus group discussions	Winter 2014 / Spring 2015
Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan	Alternatives presented for public comment	Summer 2014
Parks, Recreation, Open Space Plan Update	Draft plan available for public comment	Winter 2014
Totem Lake Park Master Plan	Final Schematic Design presented for public comment	Winter 2013
Transportation Master Plan	Evaluate potential projects	Summer 2014
Surface Water Management Plan	Draft recommendations available for public comment	Winter 2014
Juanita Drive Corridor Study	Draft Report available for public comment	Winter 2013

To receive event information and updates about the various Kirkland 2035 plans, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035.





Join the Conversation: Community Planning Day



Join the Conversation!
Community Planning Day
 Saturday, October 19, 2013
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Peter Kirk Community Center: 352 Kirkland Avenue

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

Comprehensive Plan Visioning Exercise:
 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
 Focus Group Discussion:
 What's your vision for Kirkland in the future?

Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan:
 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. or 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.
 See concepts for the future of the Corridor and share your ideas.

*Free parking available at Municipal Garage/Kirkland Library.

CONVERSATION STATIONS
 Learn the latest about the followings plans and more!

 Comprehensive Plan	 Surface Water Master Plan
 Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan	 Juanita Drive Corridor Study
 Transportation Master Plan	 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan



www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035

ideasforum.kirklandwa.gov

What's **your vision** for Kirkland?

Share it! Like it! Join the conversation about your city!

 Surface Water
 
 Cross Kirkland Corridor
  Housing

 Comprehensive Plan
  Land Use
  Parks
 

Visit ideasforum.kirklandwa.gov to share your ideas about Kirkland's future.

Rainy Season Is Around The Corner: Are You Prepared for Flooding?

Here in the Pacific Northwest, we are known for our wet winters, but some days can definitely be wetter than others. There are days when you think it can't rain any harder and a downpour becomes a deluge. To help reduce and prevent flooding, Kirkland residents and businesses are encouraged to prepare for the rainy season.

Keep Storm Drains Debris Free

Leaves and debris can block rain water from flowing into storm drains and often cause localized flooding. City crews work to keep storm drains clear, but with over 12,000 storm drains in Kirkland, we could use your help. With your assistance, we can keep streets safe and clear and can reduce property damage caused by flooding.

Here's what you can do:

- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street. Place the debris in your yard waste bin or compost pile.
- Before, during and after a storm, check the storm drains near your home or business and make sure they are free of debris.
- Do not remove grate from storm drain opening. This does not unclog the drain and creates hazardous conditions.

Keep Sandbag Supplies On Hand

If you have previously had or almost had flooding, you are encouraged to have a supply of sandbags on-hand as a preparedness measure.

Two self-service sandbag filling stations are available October 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014 and are accessible daily, 24 hours. Sand and bags are provided at no cost to Kirkland citizens and businesses; however, citizens must bring their own shovels.

Kirkland's sandbag filling stations are located at:

- Public Works Maintenance Center (915 8th Street) - in parking lot
- Juanita Beach Park (9703 NE Juanita Drive) – in parking lot south of Juanita Drive



To reduce or prevent flooding, remove leaves and debris from storm drains near your home and business.

Adopt-a-Storm Drain

425-587-3800

badams@kirklandwa.gov

Report severe flooding

425-587-3900 (24-hour)

pwservicerequest@kirklandwa.gov



Pet License Canvassers

Pet License Canvassers coming to North Rose Hill, Central Houghton, Everest, Finn Hill and neighborhoods through October 27, 2013.

- Pet licenses are required for cats and dogs eight weeks or older
- It doesn't matter if your pet is indoor or outdoor
- Canvassers will be easily identifiable
- Canvassers will not enter property that is posted "No trespassing" or "No soliciting"

Online Pet Licensing: www.kingcounty.gov/pets

City Hall: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (excluding holiday)

Call Regional Animal Services of King County: 206-296-2712



Your Levy Dollars at Work: Street, Park Maintenance, and Project Updates

Accountability reports available in early 2014

New flashing beacon crosswalks, sidewalks, and street preservation activities are all signs that your [Street Levy](#) dollars are hard work. Rail removal along the [Cross Kirkland Corridor](#), Green Kirkland Partnership volunteers restoring parks and long-range planning for parks, recreation, and open space are evidence that your Parks Levy dollars are hard at work. The levies were approved by Kirkland voters in 2012 and the City has been quick to put the money to good use. Accountability reports detailing how levy funds are being used will be available to the public in early 2014.

By the first month of school, eight Rapid Flashing Beacon crosswalks will protect students (and parents) at nearby schools. Construction is beginning on a new sidewalk on the north side of NE 112th Street from 117th Place to 120th Avenue near Ben Franklin Elementary School. In all, \$600,000 of 2013 and 2014 Streets Levy funding will be used to make safety improvements near elementary schools by the end of 2014.

This summer, more than 32 lane-miles of roadway in the Finn Hill, Highlands, and Evergreen Hill neighborhoods were treated with slurry seal. 10.6 lane-miles of arterial streets were included this year in the City's Overlay Program. Levy funding contributed \$2 million toward street preservation.

To receive [Capital Improvement Program](#) (C.I.P.) project updates via email, go to www.kirklandwa.gov.

Thanks to the Parks Levy, lifeguards were seen once again, and will be in the future, at Houghton, Waverly and Juanita Beaches this summer. The City's maintenance services have been restored to pre-recession levels and increased with the new responsibility of maintaining O.O. Denny Park.

This year, [Parks Levy](#) funding (\$500,000) has supported the [Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan](#) and the design and construction of the Interim Trail (See "Future Begins Now," page 1). Levy dollars for this year are also supporting plans to renovate Waverly Beach Park and Edith Moulton Park, as well as docks all along the waterfront.

The [Green Kirkland Partnership](#) program got a "sustainability" boost from the parks levy. Volunteer opportunities to restore Kirkland parks abound, including the November 9 Arbor Day Event.

For more information about the streets and parks levy, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/levies.

NE 53rd St.



Flashing beacon crosswalk near Emerson School on NE 53rd Street (above) and near Lakeview Elementary on NE 68th Street (below)

NE 68th St.

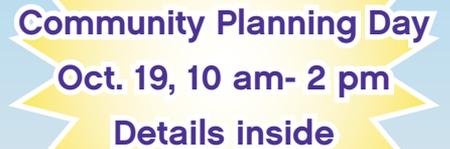



Arbor Day Event
 Saturday, November 9
 from 10am to 2pm
 Watershed Park
 112th Ave. NE, South of NE 53rd St.

To volunteer, sign up online at www.earthcorps.org/volunteer.php

KIRKLAND CITY UPDATE

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



Community Planning Day
Oct. 19, 10 am- 2 pm
Details inside

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

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

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To request an alternate format or for questions about Kirkland's Title VI Program, contact Kari Page, Title VI Coordinator at 425-587-3011 or KPage@kirklandwa.gov.