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# CITY UPDATE

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## Kirkland voters to decide on formation of Kirkland Aquatics and Recreation District

**Proposition 1 on Nov. 3 General Election ballot proposes a funding source for proposed Aquatics, Recreation, Community Center**

This November, registered voters in Kirkland will make the decision if they want to create the Kirkland Aquatics and Recreation District, which, if approved, would fund the proposed Kirkland Aquatics/Recreation/Community Center (Kirkland ARC) and possibly fund future parks and recreational facilities if desired by the City Council and the public.

This summer, the City Council approved an ordinance to place Proposition 1 (see inset) on the November 3 General Election ballot.

State law authorizes local communities to create a metropolitan park district with special taxing authority to manage, control, improve, maintain and acquire parks, boulevards and recreational facilities. State law requires 50% voter approval in order for the proposition to pass.

**PROPOSITION 1**

**Formation of Kirkland Aquatics and Recreation District**

Proposition 1 concerns formation of a metropolitan park district under chapter 35.61 RCW.

This proposition would create the Kirkland Aquatics and Recreation District to fund construction, operation, maintenance and improvement of a proposed Aquatics Recreation and Community Center and other parks and recreational facilities; raise revenue by levying property taxes; contract with the City to perform its functions and provide for oversight by a Citizen Advisory Committee to ensure accountability. Its boundaries would be the same as the City of Kirkland and the elected City Councilmembers would comprise its board.

- ☐ **For the formation** of the Kirkland Aquatics and Recreation District to be governed by the members of the Kirkland City Council serving in an ex officio capacity as the Board of Commissioners.
- ☐ **Against the formation** of the Kirkland Aquatics and Recreation District

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## Sound Transit Board and Kirkland officials agree to further evaluate "Candidate Projects" for consideration on ST3 ballot

*Visit the ST3 website at soundtransit3.org or an interactive map of the ST3 Candidate Projects.*

With input from City of Kirkland officials, the Sound Transit (ST) Board has advanced two projects that matter the most to Kirkland for further consideration on the ST3 ballot measure coming to voters in November 2016. The two added concepts are now part of the ST3 "candidate projects" list. Kirkland leaders have expressed support for the vision of project E-03, which considers light rail from Totem Lake to Issaquah, via Bellevue along the Eastside Rail Corridor. At the same time, the City asked that Sound Transit evaluate the option of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along the segment of the Eastside Rail Corridor between Totem Lake and Bellevue.

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## Six Year Capital Improvement Plan makes its way to adoption

### Kirkland 2035 plans, City Work Program and citizen priorities shape future capital projects

Kirkland's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds the construction, repair, maintenance and acquisition of the City's major capital facilities and equipment over a six year period. Capital projects are generally large-scale in terms of cost, size and benefit to the community, and since available funding is limited, the process of choosing which projects to fund requires extensive input from the community and a clear statement of priorities.

The 2015-2020 Preliminary CIP was developed using input from the Kirkland 2035 public involvement initiative. It includes projects identified in the many individual plans that supported that effort, including the Transportation Master Plan, the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan, the Surface Water Master Plan and the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan. Project selection and timing are also guided by a set of prioritization principles adopted by the City Council in March. These priorities endorse projects that benefit economic development, advance City Council Goals and the City Work Program, the Kirkland 2035 Vision and improve services that residents value as identified in the citizen survey while keeping the price of government at or below a level that citizens are willing to pay.

The Preliminary 2015-2020 CIP was reviewed and discussed by the City Council at Study Sessions held on July 17 and August 3 and a public hearing was held on September 1. A third Study Session is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on November 17, with final adoption scheduled for the December 8 meeting. To view proposed projects, go to kirklandwa.gov/cipdocument. For specific questions, contact Tom Mikesell, Finance Department, at 425-587-3130 or tmikesell@kirklandwa.gov.

# FREE PARKING

## for DOWNTOWN *Employees*

### PARKING CHANGES for EMPLOYEES who WORK in DOWNTOWN

If you are employed by a business in the downtown core of Kirkland, please learn about the changes to the free (and voluntary) Downtown Employee Parking Program.

- Free employee parking is only allowed at the Kirkland Municipal Garage (under the Kirkland Library) and on Lake Ave. West with a valid registration with the City.
- Parking registration is based on the vehicle license of the employee and tracked in a database.
- Employers must verify the employee's status by signing the registration form.
- Parking registration must be renewed each year on the date it was issued.
- City-issued decal to be displayed on registered vehicle.

Registration forms are available at City Hall and online at kirklandwa.gov/parking. Submit form to Kirkland Public Works, 123 5th Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033 or email employeeparking@kirklandwa.gov. Questions? 425-587-3800.

1. **REGISTER** your personal vehicle with the City
2. **PARK** in designated "Employee Permit Parking" spaces at the Municipal Garage or Lake Ave. West
3. **RENEW** your parking registration each year.

## Kirkland 2035: City Council to consider Planning Commission recommendations

### Proposed amendments to Comprehensive Plan, Citizen Amendment Requests, and Neighborhood Plans forwarded to City Council

In September, the Planning Commission wrapped up its final review of proposed amendments to the General Elements of the Comprehensive Plan, Citizen Amendment Requests and Neighborhood Plans, including the Totem Lake Business District Plan. The Commission will be forwarding its recommendations to the City Council in October with final adoption expected by the end of year.

Public comment is welcome at the City Council meetings scheduled for October 6 and 20, 2015. The City Council will discuss the amendments at study sessions; public comment periods are available during the regular meetings.

As these amendments come to a close, the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance is beginning to draft its first Neighborhood Plan with support from the University of Washington Green Futures Lab and city staff. Look for upcoming public involvement opportunities and sign up to receive updates via email at kirklandwa.gov (Search: Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan) or finnhillalliance.org.

## Get ready to "Bring Your Bag!"

### Plastic Bag Reduction program starts March 2016

Now is a good time to practice remembering to bring a reusable bag when you shop at the grocery, clothing, and other retail stores. To make the transition easier on you, the City is offering a complimentary reusable bag. This way, you'll be ready come March 2016 when the plastic bag reduction program takes effect.

The program restricts retailers from offering disposable plastic bags to consumers starting March 1, 2016. This new policy provides an incentive to consumers to bring their own reusable bags when they shop by requiring retailers to charge at least five cents for each large paper shopping bag. Retailers may continue to provide plastic bags for items such as bulk and frozen foods, meat and fish, take-out foods, newspapers, and dry cleaning, and to sell pet waste and garbage bags.

Visit kirklandwa.gov/bringyourbag for specific information or contact the Recycling Hotline at 425-587-3812 or recycle@kirklandwa.gov.

# Waverly Beach Park Renovation: Picnickers, swimmers and visitors get ready to be wowed

## Renovation plans funded by Park Levy but get a boost from Kirkland Parks Foundation and Kirkland Rotary

Tucked along the center shoreline of the Market Neighborhood, Waverly Beach Park is a favorite quaint and quiet destination. You can read a book in the sun on the grass or pier, swim when the temperature of the water is just right, or enjoy the children's playground. Other favorite past-times at the park include picnicking and fishing. Plans to improve the park are sure to wow those who visit.

*Improvements coming to Waverly Beach Park, including new picnic shelter*

The City's renovation plans, which are funded by the Parks Levy approved in 2012 and 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Program will bring an improved shoreline, trails, stairways, access, drainage, fish habitat and a new playground. Thanks to a partnership between the City, the Kirkland Parks Foundation (KPF) and the Kirkland Rotary Club, a new picnic shelter will become part of the park's landscape.

In early 2015, the Rotary Club of Kirkland announced its plans to fund a community picnic shelter at Waverly Park and was quickly joined by the newly formed KPF. Within almost 6 months, KPF raised over $25,000 from Kirkland residents which has been combined with $50,000 each from the City and Rotary.

Construction of the picnic shelter and other park improvements is expected to begin by December of 2015 and completed by summer 2016. For project updates, go to kirklandwa.gov (Search: Waverly Beach Park Renovation.)

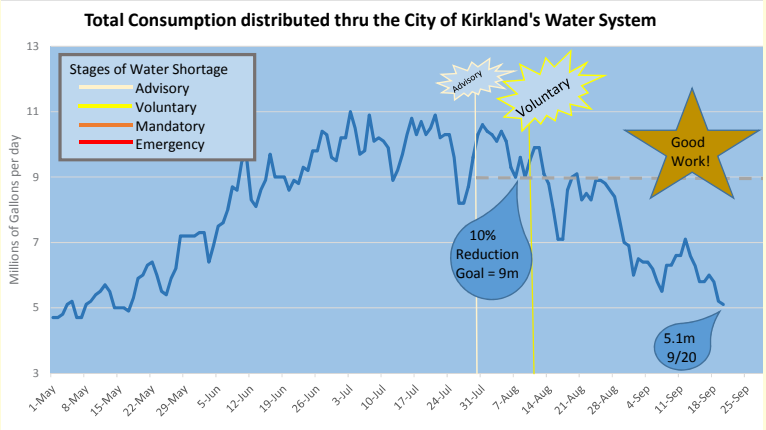
*Rendering of community picnic shelter (By Page Architects)*

Kirkland Parks FOUNDATION

The **Kirkland Parks Foundation (KPF)** is non-profit agency whose mission is "to work with the community to conceptualize, plan, fund and implement park improvements and activities that enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Kirkland." In addition to Waverly Beach Park picnic shelter fundraising, KPF successfully raised money to purchase new sand that has been placed at Marina Park and buy plants that will support Green Kirkland Day. It is currently fundraising in partnership with Seattle Tilth for the Learning Garden at McAuliffe Park. For more about KPF, go to kirklandparksfoundation.org.

# Kirkland Conserves: Homes and businesses asked to use less water

## Regional reduction urged by water services providers




*To view the average water consumption for Kirkland, go to kirklandwa.gov/savewater*

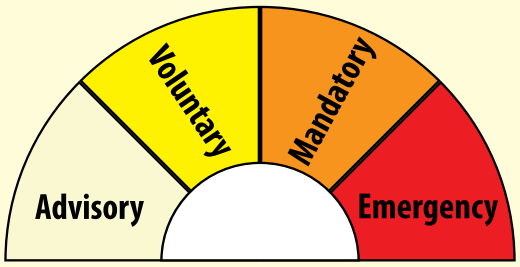
Summer seems to have lingered on longer than in previous years. As much as you may have appreciated more sun and less rain, the region is experiencing historic low river levels, record-setting hot temperatures and extremely dry conditions. These factors have made it necessary for the City to update and enact its Water Contingency Plan which helps to best manage its water supply before and during any type of water shortage.

In late July, a regional water curtailment initiative began when the cities of Seattle, Tacoma and Everett announced the first stage (Advisory) of water restriction and within two weeks initiated the second stage (Voluntary), which is currently in effect (at the time of this publication).

Kirkland residents and businesses are encouraged to become familiar with the current stage of curtailment by visiting kirklandwa.gov/savewater, emailing pwservice@kirklandwa.gov or calling 425-587-3860.

Kirkland receives its drinking water from the Seattle water supply, specifically from the Tolt River Watershed. On average, 5.3 million gallons of water are distributed through Kirkland's system each day and are fed through three "master meters."

Since the initial curtailment stages were implemented in late July/early August, Kirkland's consumption of water, and the region's consumption, has decreased (on average) enough to meet the goal of a 10 percent reduction.

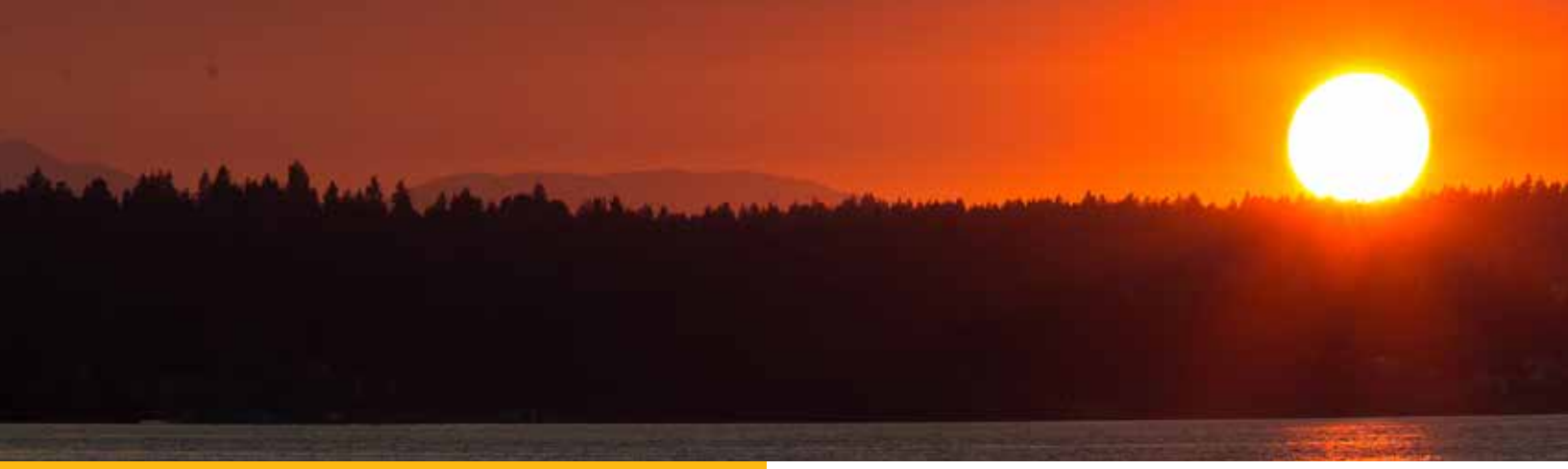



*For more information about the stages and water curtailment, go to kirklandwa.gov/savewater*

Water conservation is important whether or not local restrictions are being encouraged or imposed. Kirkland homes and businesses are asked to reduce water consumption to the extent possible. Some ways to reduce water usage (indoors and outdoors) include:

- Let your lawn go dormant; postpone new plantings until the fall
- Limit plant watering to twice a week; water plants before 8 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
- Ensure irrigation systems work properly
- Fix leaks in household and business plumbing such as toilets and faucets
- Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean off outdoor surfaces
- Wash vehicles at locations that recycle water; minimize car washing
- Wash full loads of laundry and dishes

City operations have set irrigation timers to reduce watering, turned off city-owned water features, discontinued fleet vehicle washing, and postponed plantings for capital improvement projects. The City recently entered into an agreement with King County for the use of recycled water from the County's Brightwater Treatment Plant for certain maintenance operations.



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The District would have the ability to collect up to 75 cents per $1,000 of assessed value annually, however, it is anticipated that the levy would be approximately 25 cents per $1,000. The amount of the levy and the amount of the property tax a Kirkland homeowner would pay will depend on the cost of the project. As an example, a median house value in Kirkland of $435,000, would be assessed slightly more than $6 per month for a project costing $50 million, $7.24 per month for a project costing $60 million and a little more than $9 each month for project costing $75 million.

The boundaries of the District would be the same as those of the City. The City Council would comprise the District Board. The City Council also approved an ordinance that authorized the City Manager to sign an interlocal agreement with the District should its creation be approved by the voters. Under the proposed agreement, a citizen advisory committee would be established to advise the District Board on the annual operating budget and an annual accountability report would be issued. Only the District Board can dissolve the District. Under state law, a petition of 10% of the voters can prompt the District Board to consider dissolving the District.

For more about the proposed ARC, estimated costs and ballot measure, go to kirklandarc.publicmeeting.info. Email questions to arc@kirklandwa.gov.

To learn more about the proposed ARC Center, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/kirklandarc.

## *ST3 ballot Continued from page 1*

This request was added as candidate Project E-06 and was advanced by the ST Board for further study. Sound Transit staff have been directed to study Kirkland's key connections to BRT on I-405 (Project E-02). Kirkland City Council members Dave Asher and Jay Arnold provided public comment to the Sound Transit Board and the City submitted two comment letters expressing support for projects that improve connections to Kirkland's population and employment centers and improves transit services to Kirkland residents. To learn more about the ST3 ballot measure, go to soundtransit3.org.

the Kirkland ARC CENTER
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**ARC Center: Recommended space components to be funded by the District**

- Approximately 87,000 square foot facility
- 25-yard x 32 meter pool (13 lanes)
- Recreation pool
- Spa
- Gymnasium (1 court)
- Fitness room
- Community hall
- Child watch activity room
- Activity room
- Wood floor studios (2)
- Arts and enrichment Activity Room (2)
- Special events/party room
- Caterer's kitchen and cooking classroom

**Get up-to-date information at kirklandarc.publicmeeting.info**

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## Celebrate the CKC!

Google, SRM Development and the City of Kirkland hosted a community celebration on August 31, 2015 and dedicated the Family Fitness and Play Area on the Cross Kirkland Corridor to the Kirkland Community.

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Pictured left to right: Rep. **Joan McBride** (48th District), **Darcy Nothnagle**, Google; **Jane Hague**, King County Council; **Amy Walen**, Kirkland Mayor; Congresswoman **Suzan DelBene** (1st District); and **Dave Tomson**, SRM Development

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## MONTHLY CITY MEETINGS

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| 1st Week | **Design Review Board*** @ 7 p.m. | **City Council*** Study Session · 6 p.m. Regular Meeting · 7:30 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online) | | **Tourism Development Committee*** @ 9 -10 a.m. |
| 2nd Week | **Youth Council*** @ 6:45-8:30 p.m. | **Civil Service Commission*** @ 4 p.m. **Senior Council** @ 5:30 p.m. Peter Kirk Community Center | **Park Board*** @ 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online) | **Planning Commission*** @ 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online) |
| 3rd Week | **Design Review Board*** @ 7 p.m. | **City Council*** Study Session · 6 p.m. Regular Meeting · 7:30 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online) | **Library Board** @ 6 p.m. Kirkland Library **Cultural Arts Commission*** @ 4 p.m. | |
| 4th Week | **Youth Council*** @ 6:45-8:30 p.m. **Houghton Community Council*** @ 7 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online) | | **Transportation Commission*** @ 6 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online) | **Planning Commission*** @ 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online) |

**MEETS AS NEEDED**
Human Services Advisory Committee ..... Call: 425-587-3322

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

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- Agenda/Packets are posted to the City's website at www.kirklandwa.gov. Search the name of the board/commission.

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