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GEOHAZARD MAPPING

Since the 1970s, the City of Kirkland has evaluated landslide hazards through the City's mapping or Geographic Information System (GIS). In the early 1990's, the City worked with King County and geologists on steep slopes, soils and groundwater conditions analyzing data and developing maps according to high-risk and medium-risk categories. The maps are used during the review process for building and development projects to ensure compliance with zoning regulations. In 2001, mapping was enhanced using a Light Detection and Ranging system referred to as LiDAR. GIS and LiDAR together provided good visual indications of landslide risk; however maps cannot predict landslides.

The Kirkland City Council recognized the need to update and expand the City's mapping systems and in 2016 provided funding to create state-of-the-art geological hazard maps and data for the entire City. City staff are now working with the University of Washington's Department of Earth and Space Sciences, GeoMapNW Center, to expand previous information with a new, more detailed, integrated mapping approach to understand potential hazard areas.

THE OSO LANDSLIDE that came crashing down in March of 2014 is seared in the collective conscience of the Pacific Northwest. The loss of life, devastation of public infrastructure and impact to the community on every level shook not only the ground in Oso, but every community across the state.



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KIRKLAND URBAN: Memories Making Way for a Bright Future

IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, crews began the demolition of Park Place in downtown Kirkland. Crowds gathered to watch the once thriving shopping center as it was knocked down, leaving large piles of rubble where businesses and restaurants once stood. While memories of past experiences were shared, many residents were optimistic about the changes that the new development, Kirkland Urban, would bring to the community and to the City.

Lisa Woodruff, a Kirkland resident, recalled working at Park Place Office Supply at the age of 18. She was employed by the company for eight



The 'new' ParkPlace: Kirkland Urban

years, during which time she developed friendships with regular customers who would bring in treats to share with her staff.

"My most significant memory would be meeting my future husband who was working at Easy Street around the corner," Woodruff said.

Park Place was built in 1982 as a then-modern retail space, offering 250,700 square feet of

office and retail uses. It contained seven building pads, which over the years housed popular Kirkland businesses such as The Pancake House, Hoffman's Fine Pastries, Lucia and the Purple Cafe.

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CITY HALL REMODEL · SOLAR PANELS

The remodel of City Hall is on schedule to be complete by the end of 2016. Progress has been steady; staff has graciously accommodated the shifting of workspaces, hammering, drilling, unexpected power outages and constant rearranging or abrupt closure of hallways and doorways. Things are settling down, the project is more than two-thirds complete and the new Customer Service Counter that greets visitors when they enter City Hall has been working to everyone's satisfaction.

City Councilmembers are happy with the results. They are especially pleased by the money-saving choices that were made ensuring the project remains on budget.

There is one part of the project, however, that has a few local teenagers actually beaming with pride. In October, solar panels will be



Local teens speak out at the June 6, 2015 Council Meeting for solar panel installation.

installed on City Hall's roof. This feature was not in the original plans, but thanks to a presentation by a couple of brave and inspiring students from the International Community School in Kirkland, City Hall will reflect the future the students wanted to see.

"I was very nervous because I had never given a presentation in such a formal setting with so many important people looking at me," said Allison Li who along with Sneha Bharadwaj spoke to the Kirkland City Council at their June 16 meeting. "But I gave my best shot and successfully finished the presentation."

Allison and Sneha's presentation was developed from an assignment given by Ms. Julia Vasiliauskas, their science teacher at the International School in Kirkland, to research ways to mitigate the effects of climate change. The students focused on solar panels as a solution because they are effective, clean and quiet, and even though they are expensive to set up, they save money in the long run and reduce CO2 emissions.

POLICE CRIME VIDEOS: "THE UN-USUAL SUSPECT"

Police Chief Cherie Harris recently worked with the City to produce two new videos called the "UnUsual Suspect" providing tips for preventing house and car prowls. The videos can be found on the [City of Kirkland YouTube channel](#).

The Chief encourages citizens to call 911 to report suspicious behavior. She ensures everyone that the police want people to call. Community input is essential to keeping us all safe.

TO DISCOURAGE HOUSE PROWLs CHIEF HARRIS SUGGESTS:

- ▶ Keep all windows and doors locked.
- ▶ Install lights with motion sensors and security cameras.
- ▶ Cancel mail and newspapers when you are out of town.
- ▶ Cut vegetation back from home entrances.
- ▶ Never open the door to strangers but do acknowledge you are home by answering verbally.
- ▶ Never approach a burglar.

TO DISCOURAGE CAR PROWLs:

- ▶ Never leave valuables in your vehicle.
- ▶ Keep car doors locked and windows closed.
- ▶ Never leave the garage door opener in your car.





KIRKLAND CITY HALL REMODEL (cont.)

Ms. Vasiliauskas knew that the City was about to undergo a remodel and thought this was a great way to introduce the students to both civics and science.

At the public meeting, the students told the Council that increasing numbers of residents in the City are installing solar panels and some lights in the City streets are solar powered. They suggested that the City install solar panels when they remodel or construct new buildings.

Mayor Amy Walen thanked the students on behalf of the City and said: "You are young leaders that are absolutely inspirational to us, and thank you for your work, reminding us of our role as strong leaders." The Mayor then asked the City Manager and staff to see if the City could incorporate their ideas.

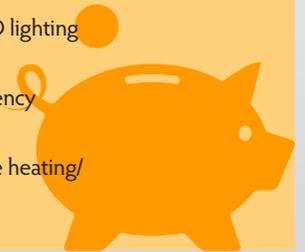
When she later learned that their ideas were becoming a reality, Alison said: "I was super excited that our presentation actually made an environmental impact in our city. It's incredible that a small science project can turn into something as big as installing solar panels in City Hall and incorporating a clean energy source."



MONEY SAVING CHOICES

The City takes pride in the way we have managed resources during the City Hall remodel. Here are a few of the ways we saved our taxpayers' money:

- ▶ Renovated the existing structure rather than tearing it down.
- ▶ Purchased a gently used furniture system for \$400,000 instead of spending \$2 million on new furnishings.
- ▶ Installed an energy efficient HVAC system.
- ▶ Reused existing HVAC distribution system.
- ▶ Installed low-flow plumbing fixtures.
- ▶ Used organic chemicals for carpet, paint, stains and fabrics to cut down on environmental hazards.
- ▶ Installed energy efficient LED lighting throughout the facility.
- ▶ Created a dedicated Emergency Operations Center.
- ▶ Used Low-E glass to improve heating/cooling system.



BIKE LANE ORDINANCE

Kirkland's City Council improved safety for all travel modes on September 6 by passing an ordinance that prohibits parking in marked bike lanes. Parking in bike lanes is now subject to a \$45 fine.

"Kirkland's goal is to create streets that are safe and accessible for all modes of travel, and all ages and abilities," said Kirkland Transportation Manager Joel Pfundt. "Making sure that bike lanes are free of parked vehicles is one way we can make the streets a little bit safer and more convenient for the traveling public."

The proposed ordinance exempts instances of "incidental encroachment from adjacent designated parking"—areas where parked automobiles might extend by a few inches into the bike lane.

"On Market Street, for example, some residents' vehicles can't fit completely in the parking stall," said Kirkland Traffic Sergeant Nathan Rich. "We are not going to cite those people. If it's incidental encroachment, it's not a factor."

The ordinance applies to all of Kirkland's existing 49 lane-miles of bike lanes, as well as the bike lanes the City will create in the future.

For questions, contact Joel Pfundt, City of Kirkland Transportation Manager at (425) 587-3865 or by email at jpfundt@kirklandwa.gov or Lapaki Zablan, City of Kirkland Traffic Corporal at (425) 587-5344; lzablan@kirklandwa.gov

BIKE LANES ARE FOR TRAVELLING

Just like car lanes; there is no parking in bike lanes.



NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY PROJECTS

Ivan Jimenez, a Kirkland resident who lives in the Moss Bay neighborhood, worried about how dangerous it was for pedestrians to cross Kirkland Way to access the Cross Kirkland Corridor. Thankfully, Mr. Jimenez took steps to solve the problem -- he did some research and found a way to turn his concern into a brand-new set of stairs just north of the Kirkland Way railroad bridge. This stairway connection to the corridor makes it easy for his neighborhood to access the trail and to connect to schools, parks, downtown and the Feriton Spur adjacent to the Google campus.

Mr. Jimenez's secret weapon was the City's Neighborhood Safety Program. An idea conceived by the City Council in partnership with Kirkland's neighborhood leaders, the program provides an online portal through which citizens can suggest projects in their neighborhood that will increase safety. It has not only brought new life to neighborhood groups, but it has stepped up safety throughout the community by funding projects to improve bike lanes, crosswalks, intersections, sidewalks, street lighting and more.

The Program is funded by the voter approved 2012 Streets Levy (\$150,000 per year) and City Council's Walkable Kirkland Initiative (\$200,000 per year through 2020). Each year there is a total of \$350,000 available for projects under \$50,000.

Kirkland residents can submit projects on the Kirkland City website (www.kirklandwa.gov) by searching "Suggest a CIP Project." Every project submitted by the end of September is reviewed by City staff and forwarded to the appropriate neighborhood association. Each association then selects their priority projects. They can choose up to two projects, but the total cost for both must be under the \$50,000 limit.

The process of suggesting an idea is simple and straightforward. You don't need an engineer, or a planner, or even an army of concerned citizens. In Mr. Jimenez's case, the initial request only took a paragraph.

"It is very dangerous for pedestrians to gain access to the CKC," said Mr. Jimenez in his application on the City website. "There is no existing crosswalk on Kirkland Way. Providing access to the CKC with stairs will increase safety as the pedestrian does not have to chance crossing Kirkland Way. Cars from and to downtown are always traveling at more than 25 miles and there is no crosswalk."

Mr. Jimenez had learned about the program by attending his neighborhood meeting where the program was discussed. After the meeting, he spoke with Kirkland's Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, Kari Page, who encouraged him to submit the project.

"I certainly was pleasantly surprised that the suggestion was acted on with the speed it was," said Mr. Jimenez in an email when contacted for this article. "So far, I am very happy and believe the system works."

In the three years since the program came into existence, a total of 32 projects have been funded. Mr. Jimenez's project was just completed in September. All the funded projects can be found on the City website by searching "Neighborhood Safety Projects." The projects that will be funded 2017 will be announced next April.

"I would strongly recommend to speak out," Mr. Jimenez continued. "Consider and submit ideas to make our town a safer place to live."

Mr. Jimenez' suggestion resulted in a brand new set of stairs for Moss Bay residents to access the Cross Kirkland Corridor



Crosswalks that were added in 2015 making it easier for pedestrians to cross at 7th Ave S in the Norkirk Neighborhood.



Neighbors suggested relocating a crosswalk and adding a rapid flashing beacon and turnlane in the Evergreen Hill Neighborhood.



GEOHAZARD MAPPING (cont.)

"This is an exciting opportunity for the community," said Paul Stewart, Deputy Director of the City Planning and Building Department. "We are using state-of-the-art remote sensing technology and in-the-field data collection to enhance our knowledge of potential seismic and landslide hazards. With this information in hand we will be on the leading edge of understanding our geology and the associated risks."

This summer, Kathy Troost from GeoMapNW, has been in the field in Kirkland looking at excavation points, focusing mostly on the areas of the City annexed in 2011. She and her team have uncovered several thick sand layers, but the part that has excited them the most is groundwater.

"Since we are also trying to put a map together for groundwater," said Troost, "any information we can get about where seepage is, where springs are and the elevation of groundwater in excavations is all great new information."

Troost also examined excavated land for large buildings under construction in the area. "Because these excavations are deeper than we have seen before," Troost continued, "we are getting a much better understanding of the geology of the subsurface and that is what helps us create these maps."

City staff and GeoMapNW contractors can't evaluate every nook and cranny of Kirkland's more than 17 square miles. That is why they are asking the public to help gather as much information as possible for the new Geohazard mapping system.

A survey page is available (the link should be live soon) on the City website and planners are asking property owners, decision makers and emergency managers to report on previous landslide activity and any

geotechnical reports available on properties. Photos and PDF's can be uploaded to the survey site for inclusion.

"Residents in the community can be a valuable asset," Stewart noted. "Local knowledge of historical landslides, ground or building cracks, or groundwater seepage can greatly enhance our mapping effort."

The Geohazard mapping team has also pulled in volunteers with the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), sending them on a Hazard Quest on Saturday, Nov. 5. The teams will use a geo-locator app as they disperse around the City to snap photos of potential geohazards. The app includes time, date, latitude and longitude and will be incorporated into the overall results of the survey.

Once the information is collected from the public and the field survey is complete, City engineers and planners will use the information for projects like suitability and infiltration studies, seismic hazard assessments, planning hazard mitigation strategies, and prioritizing facility upgrades.

The project is a collaboration led by the City's Planning and Public Works departments and involves other key City staff from Emergency Management, Geographic Information Services and the City Manager's Office.

The mapping effort should be complete by spring of 2017. After that, the City will begin considering revisions to codes and standards to reflect the new data.

KIRKLAND URBAN (cont.)

In 2008, Douglas Howe of Touchstone Corporation partnered with Prudential Real Estate Investors and purchased the property for \$60 million, proposing to the City the development of up to 1.8 million square feet of office, retail, and hotel use. The proposal also included zoning specifications that would allow the developer to build structures up to eight stories high; in return for providing ground floor retail space, open space and other amenities.

Touchstone later withdrew from the project, selling their share of the property to Prudential. The real estate firm later hired Talon Private Capital as the project developer. In accordance with community concern, Talon worked closely with the City to develop a building plan that was smaller in scale than the Touchstone request, proposing a maximum of 1,175,000 square feet.

Talon's proposal to the City for Kirkland Urban included:

- ▶ Up to 650,000 square feet of office space
- ▶ Up to 225,000 square feet of commercial/retail space (including a new QFC, a movie theatre and a health club)
- ▶ Up to 300,000 square feet of multi-family residential space (with a maximum 300 dwelling units)

In accordance with City requirements, 10 percent of the residential spaces will be allotted to affordable housing.

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According to the developers, Kirkland Urban is being "built around the 18-hour day – where life doesn't stop before, during, or after work." It is intended to provide workers, residents, and visitors with an all-inclusive experience that encourages interaction, connection, and opportunity.

The first phase of the project is the installation of an underground parking lot with 1,650 stalls. Immediately following, two office buildings and one residential building will be constructed. QFC, which is currently located just west of the construction site, will then move into the newly developed commercial space. Wave Broadband and Tableau Software will be soon to follow. This phase will also include improvements to Peter Kirk Park with new pedestrian paths and plantings.

"The vision for this redevelopment is well thought out and is in complete alignment with the City's goals for housing, neighborhoods, open spaces, and economic development," said Kirkland Mayor Amy Walen. "I want to thank the property owner, developer, community, staff and Planning Commission for their commitment to this project."

If you have questions or input, contact Angela Ruggeri, Project Planner at (425) 587-3256 or at aruggeri@kirklandwa.gov.



THE KIRKLAND SENIOR COUNCIL: Turning Ideas into Actions

From improving pedestrian safety to bringing bills before the state legislature, the Kirkland Senior Council, or KSC, is creating positive change on behalf of older adults.

In 2002, the KSC was established by the City as a self-directed advisory board intended to advocate for the maintenance and improvement of the quality of life for Kirkland residents ages 50 and beyond. Since the KSC's adoption, the group has identified concerns and issues impacting Kirkland seniors and has responded with viable solutions. They are dedicated to ensuring Kirkland is, and remains a safe, vibrant community for seniors.



2016 Kirkland Senior Council

"KSC members are keenly aware of the challenges we face as we age and are dedicated because they have experienced those challenges first hand," said Leslie Miller, human services coordinator for the City. "They are tireless advocates for older adults, leveraging their collective experience and networks to make Kirkland a better place for people of all ages."

In June, the KSC published the East King County Resource Guide for Older Adults and Their Families, providing over 100 pages of local contacts

related to health care, financial assistance, housing, recreation, and social service resources for eastside adults over the age of 50.

"The Resource Guide helps connect older adults in East King County to the local resources they need," Miller said. "KSC members have distributed thousands of copies by hand and, in the process, have heard from community members and service providers alike how helpful the guide is."

The KSC has also developed a library of videos on topics of importance to seniors. In their latest production, *Falling into Fitness*, viewers learn how exercise can help to prevent falls. Other videos include

information on elder abuse, Medicare misunderstandings, aging in Kirkland, and more. The videos can be found on the Kirkland Senior Councils webpage.

In October, the KSC will be hosting the annual Viva Volunteers! Fair at the Peter Kirk Community Center. The fair is meant to acquaint people of all ages in the community with local volunteer opportunities and to help volunteer organizations recruit new participants. The KSC will also attend the Senior Lobby Fall Conference in Tacoma where they will continue to lobby for the successful passage of legislative issues on behalf of seniors.

If you are interested in joining the Kirkland Senior Council, they are accepting online applications for residents of all ages.

Hard copies of the Resource Guide were provided to local community centers for distribution. Digital copies are also available online on the [KSC website](#). If you or your organization would like a hard copy of either the Senior Resource Guide or of the KSC application, please contact Leslie Miller, Human Services Coordinator, at (425) 587-3322.

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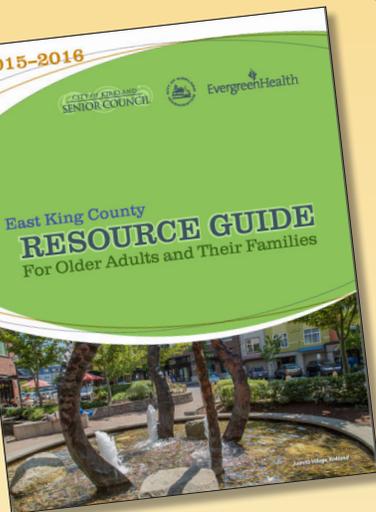
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"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." - Dr. Seuss





CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Spotting wildlife while strolling on the Cross Kirkland Corridor is a common occurrence, but later this fall, if you are walking near 110th Ave NE in the Highlands Neighborhood your eyes could alight on a different kind of apparition both artful and engaging.

"We're delighted that Kirkland artist Terra Holcomb is creating the first piece of temporary art on the CKC," said Dawn Laurant, Chair of the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission. "This sculpture will complement the natural beauty of the environment as well as add a bit of whimsy to a walk on the corridor. In addition, this project has brought the community together to share in the joys of creative collaboration." With help from the community, Holcomb is creating a ten-foot tree hollow made from thousands of moss, maple and yellowing, heart shaped cottonwood leaves collected by volunteers along the corridor. The leaves are layered together creating a mosaic which forms the sculpture. Peeking inside the hollow, also designated as the "heartwood," viewers can read poetry stitched organically into more leaves. The piece is to be unveiled at a ceremony with the City Council this fall.

"Creating at the community workshop gave us all a special relationship with the art," said Holcomb. "Gluing, de-stemming, making garlands together was captivating. It was like attending a quilting bee but with leaves. People came planning to spend only an hour, but they stayed all day."

The idea for temporary art on the CKC came out of the Art Integration Plan developed with public input over the last year. The plan

encourages community members to join forces in creating a culturally vibrant, totally unique corridor, designed to inspire residents and visitors of all backgrounds.



"I really think we hit the mark with this first piece of temporary art," added Laurant. "Terra's unique style, her way of capturing nature and forming it into such a beautiful, graceful piece really helped define our goals and realized the artistic spirit of Kirkland. We can't wait to see what happens over the coming years as we continue to integrate art on this wonderful stretch of nature."

More information on the project and the Cultural Arts Commission can be found at www.kirklandwa.gov/arts.

POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS:

The City Council passed a resolution on Sept. 20, declaring the week of **Sept. 19-25 Pollution Prevention Week**. Here are some ways your actions can help curb pollution in Kirkland:

CLEAN UP PET WASTE: The bacteria, viruses and parasites in pet waste can be transmitted to people and pets if not cleaned up. When it rains, pet waste gets washed down the storm drain and pollutes the nearest stream or lake.

USE A COMMERCIAL CAR WASH: Dirty car wash water contains road grime, heavy metals and soap which can pollute our local waterways. Commercial car washes send this dirty water to the sanitary sewer which cleans and treats the water before it is discharged to Puget Sound.

REPORT SPILLS: Call 425-587-3900 to report water pollution and spills, 24/7.

FIX CAR LEAKS: Regularly maintain your vehicle and be on the lookout for leaks. If you spot drips coming from your vehicle, use cardboard to catch the drips until you can get them fixed.

RECYCLE MORE AT THE CURB: Many items are accepted curbside next to your regular carts. Call 1-800-592-9995 at least 24 hours be-

fore your regular pick-up. Items allowed include: Computers, some TV's, other electronics, compact fluorescent light bulbs, motor oil, and clothing and linens. Check out www.kirklandwa.gov/recycle for more information on these programs.

KEEP HAZARDOUS ITEMS OUT OF THE TRASH: Bring hazardous products for free and safe disposal to King County Household Hazardous Waste facilities. Lawn and garden products, oil based paints and stains, and other chemicals can be recycled. Get these toxic and hazardous items out of your garage, and keep them out of the landfill, too. More information on accepted items is available at www.hazwastehelp.org.

OTHER SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP PREVENT POLLUTION:

- ▶ Walk, bike, or carpool whenever possible
- ▶ Bring reusable bags when shopping
- ▶ Compost your food scraps
- ▶ Use reusable water bottles
- ▶ Stay-up-to-date on Kirkland Conserves recycling events

The City Council has begun its process for the adoption of the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget and encourages residents to stay informed and involved. Below is the schedule of City Council meetings with agenda items related to the budget.

- **Thursday, October 27**
Council Budget Work Session (Special Meeting)
- **Monday, November 1**
Council Study Session - Budget (Special Meeting)
Public Hearing - Budget Input (Special Meeting)
- **Monday, November 7**
(if needed) Council Study Session Budget (Special Meeting)
- **Tuesday, November 15**
Public Hearing - Budget
Public Hearing - Preliminary Property Tax Levy
Preliminary Property Tax
- **Tuesday, December 13**
Budget Adoption
Final Property Tax Levy Adoption

MONTHLY CITY MEETINGS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU
1 st 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.
2 nd 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)
3 rd 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.	
4 th 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/Special Meetings are held at Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave.

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To Report Road Emergencies in Kirkland..... Call 425-587-3900 (24h)

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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 titleviordinator@kirklandwa.gov.