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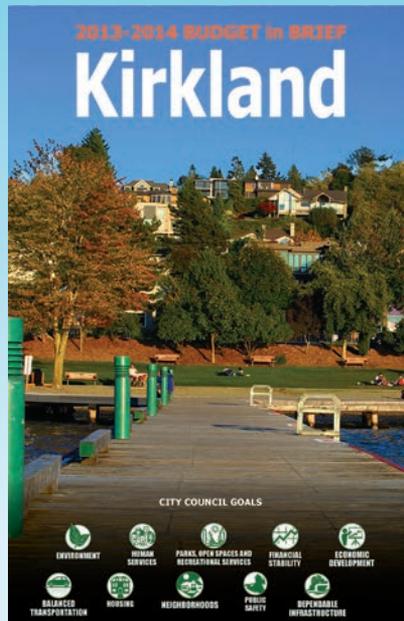
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Council Unanimously Approves 2013-2014 Budget

Six-Year Capital Improvement Program Adopted



After a season of public hearings and study sessions, the Kirkland City Council on Dec. 11 unanimously approved the City's first two-year budget since it grew by 31,000 people with the June 1, 2011 annexation.

This is Kirkland's third straight budget that City leaders balanced by cutting—this time \$5.3 million worth of reductions that will affect downtown parking and the entrepreneurial function of the Parks Department, which managed the City's marina and boat launch, and worked with businesses to provide services in public areas, such as a hot dog stand or stand-up paddle boards at Marina Park.

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◀ "Budget in Brief" booklet gives breakdown of City's Biennial Budget. Available online at www.kirklandwa.gov/budget

City to Deliver on Streets and Parks Levy Projects

Now that the King County Elections Office has certified the results for Proposition 1 (streets levy) and Proposition 2 (parks levy) as approved, the City is developing work plans and planning for public outreach to prioritize immediate and long term projects. The streets levy passed with a 54% approval; the parks levy by a 58% approval.



Proposition 1 makes way for three more street overlay areas

The passage of Proposition 1 has made way for three additional street overlay areas on NE 116th Street, NE 145th Street, and Simonds Road NE, with resurfacing expected in the summer of 2013. Traffic engineers will implement plans to calm neighborhood traffic in the areas that need them. In 2013, a new crosswalk on 132nd Avenue NE between John Muir Elementary and Kamiakin Middle Schools

will be installed as one example of the 50 new or improved crosswalks that will be implemented as quickly as possible throughout the City.

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Cross Kirkland Corridor Update: Removal of rails to make way for interim trail

Master Plan funding made possible through property tax levy

The City is moving swiftly to prepare the [Cross Kirkland Corridor](#) for use. This work consists of removing the rails and ties and constructing an interim trail. The City is also initiating a \$500,000 Master Plan that will scope out a future regional paved trail and a regional transit pathway on the Corridor. The Master Plan is now funded thanks to the passage of Proposition 2 (See "City Delivers," pg. 1).

City engineers are working out details to bring on a design consultant for the rail removal and interim trail. Removal is scheduled to begin in April 2013 and be finished in September 2013. There will be some overlap in the construction of the interim trail, which is to start in July 2013 and wrap up by mid-2014.

The Master Plan will help determine how the trail and transit portions will be located, what they will look like, and how the City will pay for construction. The Plan will be accompanied by a robust public involvement process. Selection of a consultant and kick off of the Master Plan process is scheduled to begin in early 2013.

As for the Corridor itself, sixteen of the 23 quarter-mile sections of the City's Corridor have been adopted by volunteer groups who have pledged to provide minimal maintenance activities



Work to begin to remove the rails expected to begin April 2013.

on a regular basis. The City is assessing areas where encroachments along the Corridor, such as structures and landscaping, have occurred and will be notifying affected property owners. To receive updates on the Corridor via email and to learn about the Adopt-A-Trail program, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/crosskirklandcorridor.

Second Totem Lake Symposium Showcases Private and Public Achievements; Next Steps in Revitalization



City to initiate Totem Lake Master Plan to create a vision for the park.

Two years after stakeholders gathered to seek ways to revitalize the Totem Lake Business District, they came together again to hear about the area's current status and to again strategize about its future.

In late October the City hosted the Second Totem Lake Symposium in which 70 participants celebrated recent infrastructure improvements and development incentives, as well as welcomed new businesses and industries that have moved to the district since the first event. Participants included residents and commercial property and business owners, city officials, and financial, development and design professionals.

The City reported public accomplishments including flooding mitigation, plans for a connector street on NE 120th Street, new zoning flexibility, the City's purchase of the Cross Kirkland Corridor, and the up-

coming construction of the Public Safety Building. It was announced that work has begun on a Totem Lake Park Master Plan that will create a community vision for protecting and enhancing the public park property, analyze the feasibility of the City assuming ownership of the lake, and find ways to better connect the lake to the immediate area.

Private development achievements reported by Bob Malte, CEO of Evergreen Health, include 116 Slater, a mixed use residential development that is under construction and Francis Village, an affordable living community that opened in late 2011. Aerospace companies are taking an interest in Kirkland including Astronics which is relocating to Totem Lake and bringing 300 new jobs. Last year, Lake Washington Institute of Technology completed a new \$35 million Allied Health Building. Toyota of Kirkland announced its \$20 million expansion with the opening of a new Volkswagon dealership.

Through an instant polling exercise, participants and a panel of experts in urban design, housing, planning, and finance weighed in on the City's work plan and next steps in its revitalization efforts. The general consensus was that although the City has made a great start on improving the district, more attention to issues like additional density, transportation, multi-family housing, and amenities is needed to help Totem Lake realize its potential. To view a full summary of the 2012 Symposium, go to www.kirklandwa.gov (Search: [Totem Lake Business District Update](#)).



GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Planning for Kirkland's Future Starts with a Vision

City plans public involvement to update to its Comprehensive Plan in 2013

Is the community you grew up in the same today as it was in your youth? For Kirkland residents who have lived here for most of their lives, they have seen the City change over the years. New residents might be watching the current changes the City is experiencing. Both may be noticing signs of development. More people are living in their neighborhoods, more houses and commercial buildings are being built, more cars are on the road, and new kinds of jobs are available in Kirkland.

How can the City plan for these changes and create a "One Kirkland" now that its population increased from 49,000 to 81,000? It starts with a vision.

Kirkland's vision "on the books" today (see inset) was created by citizens in 1992 and revisited in 2002 through a process to update the [City's Comprehensive Plan](#). The vision expresses the desired character and characteristics of Kirkland and sets the ultimate goal to be reached through the city's effort to plan for future development, both private and public.

But before Kirkland's two visioning efforts were contemplated, the State Legislature had a vision of its own – to better manage state-wide population growth and urban sprawl. In 1990 and 1991, it enacted the Growth Management Act (GMA) which requires most Washington's counties and cities to prepare a comprehensive plan to address how each community can best accommodate future growth in the number of people working and living within these communities. By concentrating homes and jobs in urban areas, natural resource, rural and agricultural lands can be preserved, urban sprawl can be minimized, and city services can be provided more efficiently and at lower cost.

With the guidance provided by the GMA, the City, through its Comprehensive Plan, decides where future growth should go, how to provide open space and recreational opportunities, and what transportation policies will most effectively manage traffic. The Plan must

**Kirkland, Washington
Comprehensive Plan Vision**
Kirkland in 2022 is an attractive, vibrant, and inviting place to live, work and visit. Our lakefront community, with its long shoreline, provides views and access to the lake and is a destination place for residents and visitors. Kirkland is a community with a small town feel, retaining its sense of history while adjusting gracefully to changes in the twenty-first century.

address a period of at least 20 years into the future. Comprehensive Plans are required to have the following elements:

- Land Use
- Transportation
- Housing
- Capital facilities
- Utilities
- Economic Development
- Parks and Recreation
- Shorelines

In addition to requiring that Kirkland adopt a Comprehensive Plan, GMA also requires the City to adopt development regulations such as zoning, subdivision and other land use controls that support the Comprehensive Plan goals.

Along with the citywide general elements, Kirkland's Comprehensive Plan also includes chapters that set goals and policies for sub-areas such as neighborhoods and business districts.

Most Washington State counties, such as King County, must also have a Comprehensive Plan and must develop, in combination with cities and towns within their county borders, county-wide planning policies. These policies establish growth targets, designate urban growth areas, and establish direction for how

cities provide for urban services, assure affordable housing, and encourage economic development.

For counties and cities planning under GMA, they are required to review and update their comprehensive plans every eight years. However, updates to the plan can be made annually.

Kirkland's first Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1963, rewritten in 1977, overhauled in 1995 and updated in 2005. It is due for the state mandated update to be finished by June 30, 2015 and must be certified by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PRSC). The City is developing educational materials and public involvement activities for citizens and business to participate in the update.

Twenty-year population projections are provided to counties by the State Office of Financial Management (OFM). Counties, in consultation with cities, must designate urban growth areas where growth is to be encouraged. In King County, each city is assigned a growth target for new households and jobs, and each city's Comprehensive Plan must allow for the growth targets to be accommodated through zoning. Larger cities, including Kirkland, have districts that are designated as Urban Centers, where higher densities, served by mass transit are expected to occur.

Kirkland residents and business often become aware of the significance of the Comprehensive Plan when a new development is proposed near their home, neighborhood, or business. By that time, the plan and implementing development regulations are already in place. By getting involved early in the Comprehensive Plan update process, citizens can have a meaningful role in setting the vision and policies which will guide development regulations and City investments in managing future growth. In the next issue of City Update, learn how to be an effective voice as the City begins its next Comprehensive Plan Update. For more information, contact Paul Stewart, Deputy Director, Planning & Community Development Department at 425-587-3227 or pstewart@kirklandwa.gov.



RECAP: Busy Public Works Construction Season Brings Great Results

Successful project management is often measured by whether the project was “on time and on budget.” Kirkland’s Public Works Capital Improvement Program (CIP) group has earned bragging rights for several projects constructed this year that were completed ahead or on schedule and within the allocated budget.

The most ambitious capital improvement project the City has endeavored to complete is the NE 85th Street Corridor Improvement Project. The project started with improvements to the intersection at 114th Avenue at NE 85th Street followed by the undergrounding of utility lines along NE 85th from 120th Avenue NE to 128th Avenue NE. To support future utility conversion, conduit has been installed from 128th Avenue to 132nd Avenue NE. The trenching and conduit work was completed two months ahead of schedule and on budget.



Trenching and conduit work was completed on budget and two months ahead of schedule.



A new westbound to northbound right turn lane was built at the intersection of NE 68th St. and 108th Ave.

Connections are being made now from the new underground conduit to private properties and come spring, construction will begin on replacing the temporary sidewalks with permanent ones with landscaped planter strips. Drivers around the Central Houghton neighborhood felt the traffic delays caused by the NE 53rd Street sewer main replacement project were significant, but the road closure at 108th Avenue NE was completed within the scheduled 10 days and the overall project along NE 53rd Street was finished five weeks ahead of schedule and on budget.

In the Central Houghton neighborhood, the intersection of NE 68th Street and 108th Avenue got a new westbound to northbound right turn lane and other improvements as part of Sound Transit’s route timing improvements. Despite some challenges, the project was completed within the contract period.

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RECAP (continued):

Capital Improvement Program; Projects On Time, On Budget



New sidewalks near Lakeview Elementary School were installed.

Pedestrians now enjoy new sidewalks near Lakeview Elementary and a greater visibility thanks to curb extensions along Central Way. The curb extensions, also known as bump outs, improve sight distance between pedestrians and drivers and result in drivers going slower due to a narrower roadway.

Close to seven miles of roadway were repaved and another 14 miles in the Kingsgate, North Rose Hill and South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails neighborhoods were preserved with a slurry seal. These projects were completed on schedule and within budget.

The Capital Improvement Program serves as the City's short and long term capital six-year investment plan. CIP projects include construction, repair, maintenance and acquisition of major capital facilities and equipment in the areas of: transportation, public safety, parks, utilities, and more. The projects listed above were identified in the 2011-2016 CIP. New and carryover projects were recently adopted by the Council in 2013-2018 CIP. (See "Budget, CIP Adopted," pg. 1)



Close to seven miles of roadway were paved in 2012; including a part of Market Street.

How to find and receive Public Works project information on the City's website

www.kirklandwa.gov

- Search by project name
- Search "Capital Improvement Program"
- Search "Hot Sheet"
- Search "E-Bulletins" to sign up for project updates via email

Other ways:

- Call the 24-hour Construction Hotline, (425)587-3838
- Contact Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, (425)587-3011
kpage@kirklandwa.gov

UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENTS

City water, sewer, and garbage customers will see increases in their utility rates. The water and sewer increases are due to higher charges from the Cascade Water Alliance and King County Wastewater Division. The City Council agreed to raise the City's sewer and water rates by less than six percent effective December 1, 2012.

Due to increases in King County's per ton garbage disposal fees (10.25%), an increase in the consumer price index (2.7%) and a new charge for extra yard waste, adjustments to garbage collection fees will take effect January 1, 2013. The rates are in effect through the end of 2014.

Customers with rate questions can contact the City's Utility Billing Division at 425-587-3150 or email utilitybilling@kirklandwa.gov.

Council Considers Draft Work Program and State Legislative Agenda

In December, the City Council took a first look at a draft City Work Program that coincides with priorities identified in the 2013-2014 Biennial Budget (see "Council Adopts Budget", pg 1) and was presented with a preliminary 2013 State Legislative Agenda.

The Work Program sets out the City's "Action Plan" by which the public can measure the City's success in accomplishing its major policy and administrative goals. It also communicates to City advisory boards and staff the priorities of the City. Some proposed items on the City's "To Do" list for the next two years include completing the Master Plan for and constructing the interim trail on the Cross Kirkland Corridor, completing and occupying the Public Safety Building, collaborating with community members on prioritizing projects funded by the passage of Propositions 1 and 2 (See "City Delivers," pg 1) and developing and adopting the 2015-2016 Budget.

Levy Projects

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Proposition 2 will restore landscaping, tree care and maintenance in neighborhood parks to pre-recession levels. Restrooms in parks will re-open in the spring and summer lifeguards will return to Juanita Beach, Waverly and Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Parks. New partnerships with the Lake Washington School District will create more outdoor recreation options for all residents at schools. The City is working with the Finn Hill Park & Recreation District on transitioning park operations of O.O. Denny Park to Kirkland by early 2013. Stable levy funding will support the Green Kirkland Partnership, a volunteer program committed to restoring natural areas like Juanita Bay Park and urban forests like

Also proposed in the Work Plan is to complete the Comprehensive Plan Update (See "Growth Management," pg 3), continue to implement strategies in the Fire Strategic Plan, continue revitalization efforts in the Totem Lake Business District, and implement the results of the Development Services Organizational Study. Other suggested priorities include simplifying the Kirkland Zoning Code, clarifying the role of neighborhoods in land use planning and transportation efforts, and establishing a stronger relationship with Sound Transit to provide more transit options in Kirkland.

In the fall, Mayor McBride, Deputy Mayor Marchione and Council Member Asher, who comprise the City Council's Legislative Committee, met with each member of the City's state delegation to discuss Kirkland's draft Legislative Agenda for the coming year. Transportation is the City's top priority. In the draft Legislative

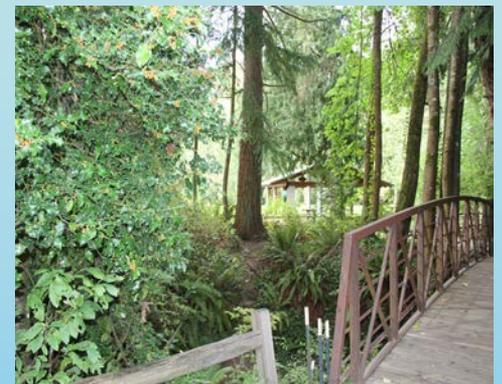
Agenda considered by the Council in December, several priorities relate to transportation such as Kirkland's support for state and local transportation revenue, funding for the next phase of the NE 132nd Street interchange ramp, and money to help develop the Cross Kirkland Corridor (See "Corridor Update" Page 2). The City also supports allowing current transportation impact fees to be spent on multi-modal capacity adding projects for trails and/or transit corridors on rail-banked rights-of-way.

It is anticipated that the Council will take final action on the Work Program and State Legislative Agenda in January. For informational staff reports and to view video from the Council meetings, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/council, select "Watch Council Meetings."

Carillon Woods. Docks and beaches at waterfront parks will be restored and new park land and open space will be identified and purchased.

The City will look to residents to help identify neighborhood areas that are in need of pedestrian safety improvements and work collaboratively to find solutions. Residents will be also asked to help devise plans that will renovate Edith Moulton Park and Waverly Beach Park and to help develop a long-term Master Plan for the Cross Kirkland Corridor. (See "Corridor Update," pg.2)

For more specific project information, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/ballotmeasures.



The City will become responsible for the maintenance of O.O. Denny Park.

Budget; CIP Approved

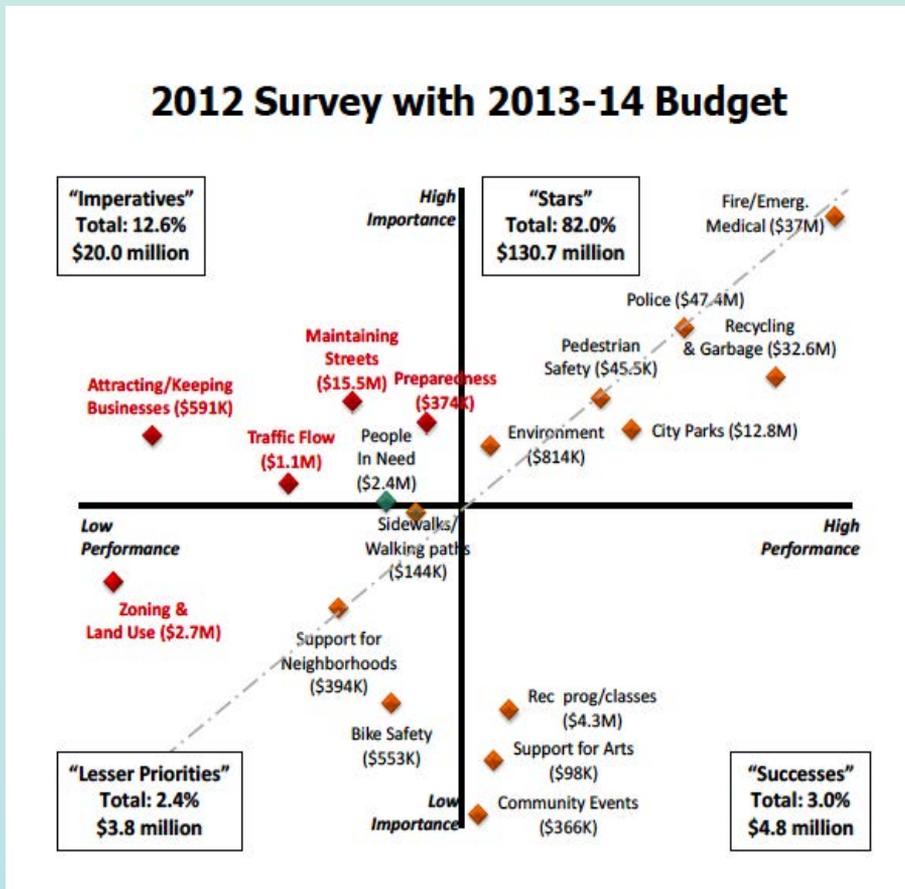
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To determine what to cut, what to sustain and what to reinforce, leaders relied on public feedback. They gleaned this from the [2012 Community Survey](#). In that survey, pollsters asked a representative sample of Kirkland residents to rank the importance of the City's various services and to also rank Kirkland's performance in delivering them. Residents said the City's performance in delivering most of those services—fire, medical, police protection, pedestrian safety and support for neighborhoods—largely aligned with their expectations for them. For some services, however, such as support for the arts and community recreation programs, respondents actually said Kirkland was out-performing expectations.

The services with which Kirkland's leaders were most concerned were the ones residents said were important, but where performance was not meeting expectations.

Economic development is in this category. So are traffic flow, land use and street maintenance. As a result, these four service areas received a lot of budgetary attention. With traffic flow, for example, Kirkland redirected resources from its downtown parking program into Intelligent Transportation Systems, which can decrease travel times by five to 15 percent with real-time data that commuters can use to choose faster routes and which and transportation engineers can use to diagnose and fix traffic problems.

Street conditions have been declining since the beginning of the recession. Hamstrung by a tight budget and increasing demand, the City of Kirkland asked its residents to support a levy that would allow crews to maintain



Results of citizen survey helped to identify priorities for the 2013-2014 Budget.

streets before they deteriorated to the point of requiring reconstruction—a treatment that can cost up to \$66,000 per block.

By a nine-point margin in the November election, Kirkland's residents said 'yes.' (See "City Delivers," pg 1)

"We focused significantly on the opportunities for improvement that were pretty clearly indicated in the survey," said Tracey Dunlap, Kirkland's Director of Finance and Administration.

The Council also adopted the 2013-2018 [Capital Improvement Program](#) which

identifies funded and unfunded projects that address construction, repair, maintenance and acquisition of major capital facilities and equipment. The final budget document and CIP Plan will be available online in the first quarter of 2013. The preliminary budget and CIP documents are posted at www.kirklandwa.gov (Search: CIP).

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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.



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City Council & City Manager's Office 425-587-3001
City Clerk's Office/Public Records 425-587-3190
Building Department 425-587-3600
24-Hour Inspection Request Line 425-587-3605
Fire Prevention 425-587-3650
Planning & Community Development 425-587-3225
Public Works Department 425-587-3800
24-Hour Inspection Request Line 425-587-3805
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

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