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Green. Livable. Walkable. Vibrant. These are words community members have most commonly expressed to describe their vision of Kirkland in the year 2035. The next step is to integrate these themes into the Vision Statement that will be incorporated into the City's [Comprehensive Plan](#) which is currently being updated.

The [Comprehensive Plan](#) serves as the guiding policy document to attain the City's vision of the future over the next 20 years, including how to accommodate job and population growth.



▲ Cumulative "One Word" descriptors for Kirkland in the year 2035

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Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan: Bold vision seeks to connect City within and beyond

As evidenced by the hundreds of people who participated in the October 27 Community Walk, there continues to be great energy and enthusiasm about the [Cross Kirkland Corridor \(CKC\)](#). More residents are discovering and reimagining the City's newest gem and more businesses are recognizing its potential for economic development. These visions are being captured as work continues on the [CKC Master Plan](#).

Extensive [public comments](#) have been received about what should the Corridor connect to, what amenities should it include, and how can the Corridor strengthen Kirkland.



Hundreds celebrated the beginning of the transformation of Cross Kirkland Corridor at Oct. 27 Community Walk.

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Elections: City Council, Houghton Community Council and Municipal Judge

City Council thanks Mayor Joan McBride

After 16 years (since 1998) serving as a City Council Member, Joan McBride is retiring. At the December 10 Council meeting, her fellow Council Members honored her civic leadership, compassion, and spirit. McBride began her first term on the City Council in 1998, served as Deputy Mayor from 2002-2009 and as Mayor from 2010-2013. She had served on the Houghton Community from 1992 to 1996.

Jay Arnold joins the Council as its newest member and assumes McBride's seat in Position No. 1 for a four year term. Shelley Kloba was elected to Position No. 2 to complete the remainder of a term that expires at the end of 2015. Penny Sweet (Position No. 2), Amy Walen (Position No. 5) and Doreen Marchione (Position No. 7) were re-elected to serve until the end of 2017.

For biographical information on City Council Members, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/council.

Houghton residents Bill Goggins, Betsy Pringle, Rick Whitney, Lora Hein, Elsie Weber, and John Kappler were re-elected to the [Houghton Community Council](#). Brian Gawthrop, who was appointed to the Council last year to fill a vacancy, was also elected. All position terms expire December 31, 2017.

Michael Lambo, who was first appointed as Municipal Court Judge in 2006, was re-elected to serve until 2017.

King County election results can be found at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

For City Council, Houghton Community Council and advisory board meeting schedules see page 8.



Mayor McBride was honored by her fellow council members on Dec. 10 and presented with an engraved gavel.

Photos by Louis Rosen

Your 2014 City Council



**Kirkland
Municipal Judge
Michael Lambo**



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Pos.4 Toby Nixon
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Term Expires: 12/31/15



Pos.2 Shelley Kloba
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Pos.5 Amy Walen
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Pos.3 Penny Sweet
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Pos.6 Dave Asher
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Term Expires: 12/31/15



**Pos.7
Doreen Marchione**
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425-587-3533
Term Expires: 12/31/17

Oath of Office Ceremony
Tuesday, January 7, 2014
7:30 p.m.

City Hall/Council Chambers

Please welcome new and returning Council Members.



Kirkland 2035: Next Step in the Comprehensive Plan Update

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In the past months, city leaders have engaged residents, the business community, neighborhood associations and City advisory board members in helping to define the future vision of Kirkland. Those engaging in the “Kirkland 2035: Your Voice. Your Vision. Your Future” campaign have been asked to describe Kirkland in the year 2035 using one word. A cumulative summary of descriptions is shown in the “Wordle” (page 1).

Additionally, participants have been asked how the City can best plan for the anticipated housing and jobs growth.

Once the community visioning is completed, city planners will revisit the Framework Goals within the Comprehensive Plan. These goals set the priorities for guiding growth and development within the City. Once the goals are defined, the general Element Chapters of the Comprehensive Plan will be re-examined to ensure they reflect the Vision Statement and the Goals. Element Chapters address topics such as community character, natural environment, land use, housing, economic development, public services and transportation. The City will also prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on the Comprehensive Plan update. The Plan update is expected to be complete by Spring 2015.

Maintaining our community character, developing future transportation strategies, addressing growth in population and jobs, working towards being a sustainable community, and other topics have been at the heart of the visioning exercises and a great deal of community conversation.

There is more opportunity for you to join the conversation through public involvement events, visiting the online website www.ideasforum.kirklandwa.gov and attending City Council, Planning Commission, and Houghton Community Council meetings.

Community members have identified mixed-use development (commercial and housing combined), cottage (smaller) housing, multi-generational housing, and very small apartment units with shared cooking facilities and in-fill housing as options to accommodate the future population growth in the Kirkland.

When asked where the job growth should go, many said Totem Lake, along the Cross Kirkland Corridor, and Kirkland ParkPlace. Some say Kirkland should attract more medical and “high tech” jobs and provide more “work from home” opportunities while remembering the importance of “Mom and Pop” businesses.

Many agree that fewer cars and more bicycle lanes and pedestrians paths would be ideal for Kirkland’s future; others envision regional light rail and an intercity trolley.

A summary of public comments can be found at www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035.



Learn how your ideas are being used to shape the City’s future at

★ PLAN-APALOOSA!

Draft plans, concepts and projects will be presented on the Kirkland 2035 initiatives.

★ Neighborhood University

Meeting community transportation needs, today and in the future.

Event details coming soon to www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035

KIRKLAND'S GROWTH TARGETS NOW & FUTURE

	NOW (2013)	FUTURE (2035)
Housing Units	37,221	+8,360
Jobs	32,000	+22,430
Population	81,730	94,000

Savings: Avoid Extra Yard Waste Charge

Weekly collection of yard waste in the Waste Management provided 96 gallon container is included at no extra charge. Extra yard waste incurs a charge of \$5.07 for up to 32 gallons. Want to avoid the extra charge? Here’s how:

- Start backyard composting.
- Stockpile and space out your yard waste over a couple of weeks.
- If you still have a lot of yard waste, temporarily order an extra yard waste cart for \$12.92/month. Contact Waste Management at 1 (800) 592-9995 to order. You can cancel the extra service when your yard waste decreases. If you’re accumulating three extra yard waste charges a month, ordering an extra cart will save you money.



Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan

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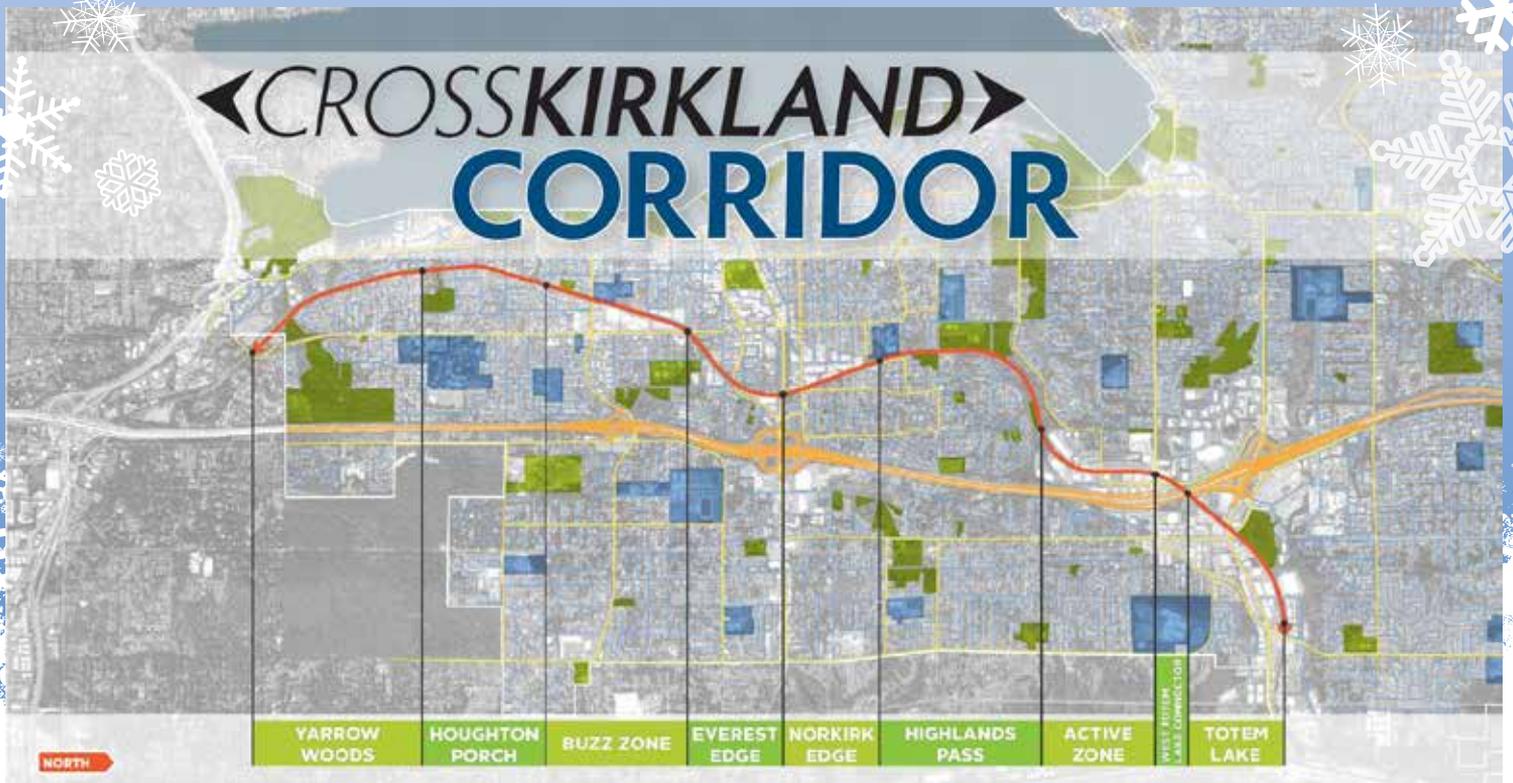
In the [Master Plan](#), Character Zones are identified as unique areas where the CKC should be developed to enhance their distinct character based on their physical and neighborhood characteristics. For example, the "Houghton Porch" may include small shelters and possibly swings that would allow people to enjoy the view.

In addition to Character Zones, the draft Master Plan describes Opportunity Zones that are identified as having near-term potential for growth and development. The expansion of the Google campus includes a new office building and forms a campus straddling the corridor. (See Google, pg.5)

The draft CKC Master Plan is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the City Council at the February 6, 2014 meeting. A public event will be held in late February/early March to receive public comment on the draft plan.

Encourage the establishment of spaces along the corridor where people can meet, learn, and create together. These places would promote community connections, economic development, and education.

- Comment by R. Rutherford on Kirkland Ideas Forum (www.ideasforum.kirklandwa.gov)



▲ The CKC Master Plan identifies the following Character Zones: Yarrow Woods, Houghton Porch, Buzz Zone, Everest Edge, Norkirk Edge, Highlands Pass, Active Zone and Totem Lake.

Cross Kirkland Corridor Interim Trail: New use regulations adopted; construction begins early 2014

In mid-December the City Council adopted regulations for the use of CKC. The Corridor is becoming more popular and the regulations will ensure safe and enjoyable experiences for all who use it. The new regulations are posted on signs along the Corridor

- Pets must be on leash
- Owners must clean up/pick up after their pets
- Stay on trail
- No motorized vehicles
- No horses
- Pass on left and warn before passing
- Use trail during daylight hours only

These rules are consistent with King County Trail Use Regulations. Permanent regulations will be adopted as the Corridor is further developed.

Trail construction is anticipated to begin in early 2014 and expected to be complete by summer 2014. New all-weather crushed gravel will be placed on the surface within the existing rail bed. Safety improvements will be made to all of the street crossings.

The City has received almost \$3 million in state and federal grants to design and construct the trail. To receive construction project updates and community event announcements via email, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/crosskirklandcorridor.



▲ Like the CKC on Facebook! www.facebook.com/CrossKirklandCorridor

GOOGLE CAMPUS EXPANSION

Google, with its current 180,000 square foot presence, has started construction to double its office space. The expanded campus is next to the Cross Kirkland Corridor and as part of this project by SRM Development, Google's property owner, the following improvements will be made:

- Install two traffic signals on 6th Street South (one at 9th Avenue South and one at Kirkland Way)
- Contribute to a sidewalk from the existing Google campus along the west side of 6th Street South to the Cross Kirkland Corridor
- Install a sidewalk from the new Google campus along the south side of 7th Avenue South to State Street

- Build out the Cross Kirkland Corridor to the CKC Master Plan vision along SRM's property. The schematics for these public improvements will be unveiled early next year.
- Build minor improvements along 5th Place South.

SRM anticipates the construction of the Google buildings and the public improvements to be complete by June 2015. The number of Google employees is expected to increase from 800 to 1,800. For project updates, go to www.kirklandwa.gov and search Google Phase II.

Council approves mid-term adjustments to Biennial Budget

City cautiously optimistic about financial recovery

The City Council recently adopted revisions to the City's 2013-2014 biennial budget as a result of the State required mid-term review. The revised biennial budget is \$581 million, an increase of \$21.7 million or 3.8%. The mid-biennial revisions recognize signs of recovery in revenues during 2013 including sales tax and development permit fees. The development fee revenues (\$2.7 million) will be used to fund resources to process permits and support the regulatory process.

Another adjustment recognizes that the City refinanced outstanding voted general obligation bonds to realize interest rate savings that are passed onto taxpayers in the form of a lower excess property tax levy. The proceeds received from the refunding to pay off the outstanding bonds is recognized as revenue (\$4.6 million). The City's AAA credit rating supported the refinancing that resulted in a savings of over \$600,000 to taxpayers over the life of the bonds.

Much of the budget change (\$10.2 million) is due to increases in funded capital improvement projects. Projects related to the [Google expansion](#) have been added, funding for the Police Firing Range in the [Public Safety Building](#) has been approved, and a variety of projects have been moved to funded status. Funding for the City's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), access to and from the [Cross Kirkland Corridor](#), and renovations at [Waverly Beach](#) and Spinney Homestead has also been added to help the City meet infrastructure needs in coming years.

The City received grant funds totaling over \$8.2 million that are recognized by these adjustments. One major element is \$1.45 million in Transportation Improvement Board funding to assist with the completion of the [NE 85th St. Corridor Improvements](#), a high priority transportation project. Other grants include \$1.3 million to build a multi-modal connection between the [South Kirkland Park and Ride](#) and the [Cross Kirkland Corridor](#).

WORTH THE WAIT
FOR THE NEW 85TH STREET CORRIDOR

Sidewalk	Eastbound Thru-Lane	Eastbound Thru-Lane	Two-Way Left Turn Lane	Westbound Thru-Lane	Westbound Thru-Lane	Landscape Planter Strip	Sidewalk
10' 0"	12' 0"	12' 0"	12' 0"	11' 0"	11' 0"	6' 0"	7' 0"

The City Council on December 10 initiated Kirkland's last step toward a more walkable, bus-able and driveable 85th Street Corridor. The City Council action authorizes city staff to start the bidding process for key portions of the project. This comes after Kirkland received a \$1.45 million grant from the Transportation Improvement Board earlier in the month. City leaders expect construction to resume in the spring of 2014 and to be complete by fall 2015.

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For more information, visit: kirklandwa.gov and type "85th Street Improvements" in the search bar

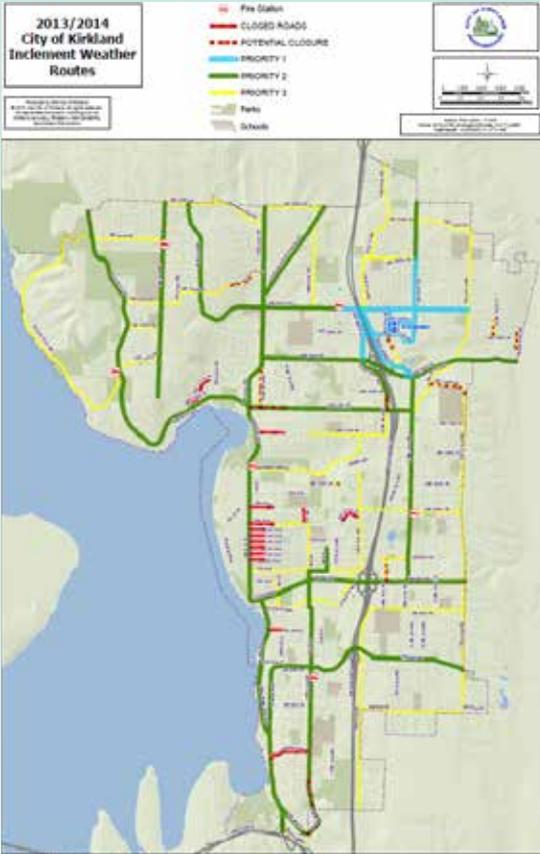
WORTH THE WAIT
City leaders expect construction on 85th Street to resume in the spring of 2014. They expect it to be completed by the fall of 2015.

Kirkland upgrades intersections from 114th to 132nd with video detection; adds turn lane to 114th			City earns \$1.45 million Transportation Improvement Board grant			Construction resumes		
2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013
SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Kirkland buries utility lines, removes utility poles along Northeast 85th Street			Kirkland builds sidewalks & bike lanes along 124th Ave.			Council authorizes bid process for construction of sidewalks, traffic signals, drainage & water main		



City's Snow Plow/Ice Treatment Priority Routes

When winter storm events arrive in Kirkland requiring street maintenance activities, City crews will initiate a priority system for snow and ice treatment. The following priority system is utilized for assigning City resources during inclement weather events:



To view the map of Inclement Weather Priority Routes, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/prepare.

If you do report a road hazard or request street maintenance during a snow storm, your information is being documented and considered among the many competing priorities. Exact schedules for plowing or sanding activities will not be available as they constantly shift. However, priority routes will be cared for first and continually during the event. Depending on the nature of the event, local neighborhood streets are typically not be plowed.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Police/Fire	9-1-1
Road Hazards in city limits/ Kirkland Public Works Department	425-587-3900 (24 hour)
Power Outages/Puget Sound Energy	1-888-225-5773
Garbage-Recycling Collection Delays/Waste Management.....	1-800-592-9995

Home energy savings

Home improvement program reduces energy use

Thanks to a partnership with the City of Kirkland, residents can currently work with state-funded non-profit SustainableWorks to access \$150 "Save Energy Today" assessments and up to \$2,000 in additional



Kirkland resident Ron Snell gets his home assessed by SustainableWorks auditor.

incentives for home energy efficiency upgrades. The "Save Energy Today" home assessment includes analysis of your home's energy usage as well as a same day installation of energy saving measures like compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, duct sealing, pipe insulation, and air sealing. Program participants will see immediate energy savings and learn how to make their home even more efficient. The "Save Energy Today" program is made possible through funds from the State of Washington. After the "Save Energy Today" assessment, homeowners can also work with SustainableWorks to make deeper energy efficiency improvements or add solar to their home. The purpose of the SustainableWorks program is to help homeowners make home improvements that reduce their energy use and lower their carbon footprint. Program participants can save on upgrades including furnaces, heat pumps, air sealing, insulation, hot water heaters, and solar. To learn more about the program, or to sign-up, please visit www.sustainableworks.com or call 206-575-2252.

KIRKLAND CITY UPDATE

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INSIDE PAGES FEATURE:

CROSSKIRKLAND CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN

MONTHLY CITY MEETINGS

MONDAY

Design Review Board* 1st & 3rd Monday · 7 p.m.
Youth Council* 2nd & 4th Monday · 6:45-8:30 p.m.
Houghton Community Council* 4th Monday · 7 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)

TUESDAY

City Council* 1st & 3rd Tuesday; Study Session · 6 p.m.
Regular Meeting · 7:30 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)
Civil Service Commission* 2nd Tuesday · 4 p.m.
Senior Council 2nd Tuesday · 5:30 p.m. (Peter Kirk Community Center)

WEDNESDAY

Park Board* 2nd Wednesday · 7 p.m.
Transportation Commission* 4th Wednesday · 6 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)
Library Board 3rd Wednesday · 6 p.m. (Alternates between Kirkland and Kingsgate Libraries)
Cultural Arts Commission* 3rd Wednesday · 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Tourism Development Committee* 1st Thursday · 9-10 a.m.
Planning Commission* 2nd & 4th Thursday · 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)

MEETS AS NEEDED

Human Services
Advisory Committee Call: 425-587-3322

Neighborhood Association meeting information:
www.kirklandwa.gov/neighborhoods.

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

- Special meetings may be scheduled; regular meetings may be cancelled.
- Agenda/Packets are posted to the City's website at www.kirklandwa.gov. Search the name of the board/commission.



IMPORTANT CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Kirkland City Hall 123 5th Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033	425-587-3000
City Council & City Manager's Office	425-587-3001
City Clerk's Office/Public Records	425-587-3190
Building Department	425-587-3600
Fire Prevention	425-587-3650
Planning & Community Development	425-587-3225
Public Works Department	425-587-3800
Finance & Administration	425-587-3100
Business License	425-587-3140
Utility Billing	425-587-3150
Human Resources	425-587-3210
(505 Market Street, Kirkland)	
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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Title VI:

It is the City of Kirkland's policy to ensure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the provision of benefits and services resulting from programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with the City of Kirkland.

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 titlevicordinator@kirklandwa.gov.