

City Update

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MANY CAPITAL PROJECTS THROUGHOUT KIRKLAND ON TAP FOR 2016

Kirkland's capital improvement program is currently managing more than a dozen active projects that, when completed, will improve the community's basic needs. Here are a few of the projects happening in 2016:

■ **WAVERLY BEACH PARK RENOVATION (recreation)**

Nordland Construction is still on track to complete Kirkland's renovation of Waverly Beach Park by mid-May. Workers are—as of late March—building the park's new picnic shelter, installing a new irrigation system and building a new sidewalk. Later on, Nordland Construction's crews will begin renovating the dock by removing its wooden surface and replacing it with a surface of fiber-reinforced plastic. To learn more, search "Waverly Beach Park Renovation Project" on www.kirklandwa.gov.



Waverly Beach Dock

■ **NORTHEAST 80TH STREET WATER & SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT (public health)**

City engineers are expecting the six-month process to replace the water and sewer main under South Rose Hill's Northeast 80th Street to begin in early spring and to be done by early fall. The street will remain open to pedestrian, bicycle and automobile traffic during construction. However, the contractor will need to close individual travel lanes to perform the work. This will require some detours for automobiles, cyclists and pedestrians. The City of Kirkland plans to repave Northeast 80th Street during the summer paving season of 2017. To learn more, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/80thwaterandsewer.

■ **THIRD AVENUE SOUTH & SECOND STREET SOUTH WATER/SEWER MAINS (public health)**

A project to replace the aging water and sewer mains along a couple of downtown residential streets begins this summer. Kirkland's design consultant is halfway through the design of a 12-inch sewer main and an

eight-inch water main. The prospective contractor will replace the sewer main that runs along Second Street South, from First Avenue South to Third Avenue South and then along Third Avenue South east to State Street South. That contractor will also replace the water main along Second Street South from First Avenue South to Fourth Avenue South. The work will require several closures of Second Street South.

■ **REPAVING ARTERIALS (dependable infrastructure)**

Kirkland's street preservation program will repave portions of six City arterials this construction season in five different neighborhoods. The street list includes sections of Finn Hill's 84th Avenue Northeast, Juanita's 93rd and 100th Avenues Northeast, North



KIRKLAND 2015 VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to each and every City of Kirkland Volunteer!

4,086
Volunteers



26,869
Hours

During 2015, the City of Kirkland engaged **4,086 volunteers** who contributed **26,869 hours** of their time and talents. These outstanding contributions represent a community benefit valued at **\$740K**.

\$740,000
Community Benefit

(Independent Sector value of Washington state volunteer hour)

Volunteer Impacts

Green
Kirkland
Partnership

8,715 GKP
volunteer
hours

65.5 Acres
of Natural
Parkland
in Restoration

3,224 new
Native Plants

(trees, shrubs, ground cover)



Youth
Recreation

1,293
Aqua Leader
Pool hours

510 Youth
Basketball
Coaching hours



797 Pee
Wee Soccer
Coaching hours

Public
Safety

14 Traffic
Circles
Maintained



76 Pedestrian
Flag Crossings
Monitored

975 hours
Police Youth
Explorers

Parks &
Special
Events



374 hours
Markets
Weds & Fridays

60 Park Acres
Improved
(Additional to GKP)

605
Special Event
volunteers

Office &
Media

2,520 Office
& Intern hours
(Additional to GKP)



12 broadcasts of
Currently Kirkland
Videoed & Anchored

Senior
Programs;
Emergency
Preparedness

5,331
senior lunches
Served

2,933 hours Emergency
Training & Exercise
(CERT, ARES, Map Your Neighborhood)

For more information on City of Kirkland volunteer opportunities, please contact Patrick Tefft, Volunteer Services Coordinator: 425-587-3012 or ptefft@kirklandwa.gov



KIRKLAND PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION NOW IN EFFECT

The Kirkland City Council joined several other cities in Western Washington in adopting an ordinance to reduce the use of plastic bags in February 2015. After a year of preparation and outreach, the new rules went into effect March 1, 2016. Retailers in Kirkland no longer provide single-use, disposable plastic carryout bags to customers. Residents can pick up a free reusable bag at the Kirkland City Hall at 123 5th Avenue. Further details on the plastic bag reduction policy are available at www.kirklandwa.gov/bringyourbag.



SOUTH ENTRANCE OPEN DURING CITY HALL REMODEL

Work started on the remodel of Kirkland City Hall at the end of January. During construction, the north entrance to City Hall will be temporarily closed and customers will need to enter at the south entrance. Construction is expected to be completed by late October/early November 2016. The project involves improvements including seismic retrofitting enhancing the customer experience, renovating the City Council Chamber, installing a roof-mounted solar array, updating the heating and air conditioning system, roof repairs as well as updated furnishings, carpet and paint. City Hall was constructed in 1981 and last renovated in 1994. More information is available at www.kirklandwa.gov or contact Chris Dodd, Facilities Services Manager at 425-587-3931 or cdodd@kirklandwa.gov.

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NORTH KIRKLAND FIRE STATION UPDATE

The City of Kirkland Fire Department has long served the north neighborhoods: Finn Hill, North Juanita and Kingsgate. These three areas were annexed into the City in 2011. Prior to annexation, residents within all of Finn Hill and parts of North Juanita and Kingsgate were served by Fire District 41 (FD 41) through a contract with the City of Kirkland Fire Department. Upon annexation, the City and FD 41 entered into an agreement that allowed Kirkland to assume all responsibilities of the District, including completion of a Fire Strategic Plan and construction of a new fire station.

City officials are pursuing a plan that would keep the Holmes Point Fire Station 25 open, relocate the existing Fire Station 24 close to the intersection of 100th Avenue NE and NE 132nd Street near Juanita Elementary School and move Station 27 east of Interstate 405. Through much study, the City has determined that this "dual station" concept is the best investment to lay the foundation for providing coverage to Finn Hill as well as improving services to the rest of former FD 41 residents and the City as a whole. The City of Kirkland is currently in the process of securing a future site for Fire Station 24 and identifying possible sites for the relocation of Station 27. To read updates on the North Kirkland Fire Station, visit www.kirklandwa.gov.





2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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Rose Hill's Slater, Kingsgate's 132nd Avenue and Bridle Trails' Northeast 60th Street. The street preservation program will also extend the service lives of 15 lane-miles of neighborhood roads in Finn Hill, Everest and Central Houghton with a pavement saver called slurry seal. To learn more, search "street preservation" on www.kirklandwa.gov

■ COCHRAN SPRINGS WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT (environment)

The City is relocating this and one other water main on Lake Washington Boulevard's west side to make room for a box culvert that will reduce flood risks and improve fish habitat. Private utility operators are also relocating their respective utilities to create space for the box culvert. Installation of the box culvert will require a 30-day closure of Lake Washington Boulevard, sometime after the Fourth of July and before October 1. To learn more, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/cochransprings.

■ JUANITA DRIVE CORRIDOR DESIGN (balanced transportation & public safety)

Kirkland's staff and consulting engineers continue to add detail to the Quick Wins projects identified in the Juanita Drive Corridor Study. Those projects include three sets of rapid flashing beacons, a northbound bicycle and pedestrian lane, rumble strips, street lighting on Northeast 122nd Place, a bike box at Juanita Drive's intersection with 98th Avenue Northeast and widening of the sidewalk along the west side of 98th Avenue Northeast. The project team expects construction to begin this year. To learn more, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/juanitadrive.



City of Kirkland Project Engineer Patrick Herbig inspects a box culvert on Yarrow Creek, near the site of the eventual box culvert on Cochran Springs. The box culvert, similar to this one on Yarrow Creek, will include a sump, which will trap sediment and more efficiently allow maintenance workers to transport that sediment to a decant facility. This will reduce flood risks and encourage fish passage.

■ 100th AVENUE CORRIDOR DESIGN (balanced transportation & public safety)

The process to redesign 100th Avenue Northeast, from Northeast 132nd Street to Northeast 145th Street, has begun. The design process will rely heavily on the public's feedback and, to some extent, the broad principles outlined in the 100th Avenue corridor study. That study highlighted the corridor's lack of complete pedestrian and bicycle facilities, such as bike lanes and sidewalks. To learn more, search "100th Avenue Corridor Design" on www.kirklandwa.gov.



A City of Kirkland maintenance worker pumps sediment out of Cochran Springs. Cochran Springs deposits more than 30 tons of sediment each year downstream of Lake Washington Boulevard. That sediment chokes the culverts and the creek, inhibiting the creek from conveying large amounts of water and fish from swimming upstream through the clogged culverts.





NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY PROJECTS

Neighborhood Safety Program Addresses Needs Identified Through the Suggest-A-Project Interactive Map.

Do you use a crosswalk that needs more lighting or rapid flashing beacons? Have you noticed a gap in a sidewalk that leads to a school? Would you like a Cross Kirkland Corridor connection improved? You can suggest pedestrian and bicycle improvement using the City's online "Suggest a Project" interactive map .

The City reviews and responds to all suggestions. Some projects compete citywide for the Capital Improvement Program funding. Other suggestions are completed by City crews. Many projects fall into the Neighborhood Safety Program (NSP) category.

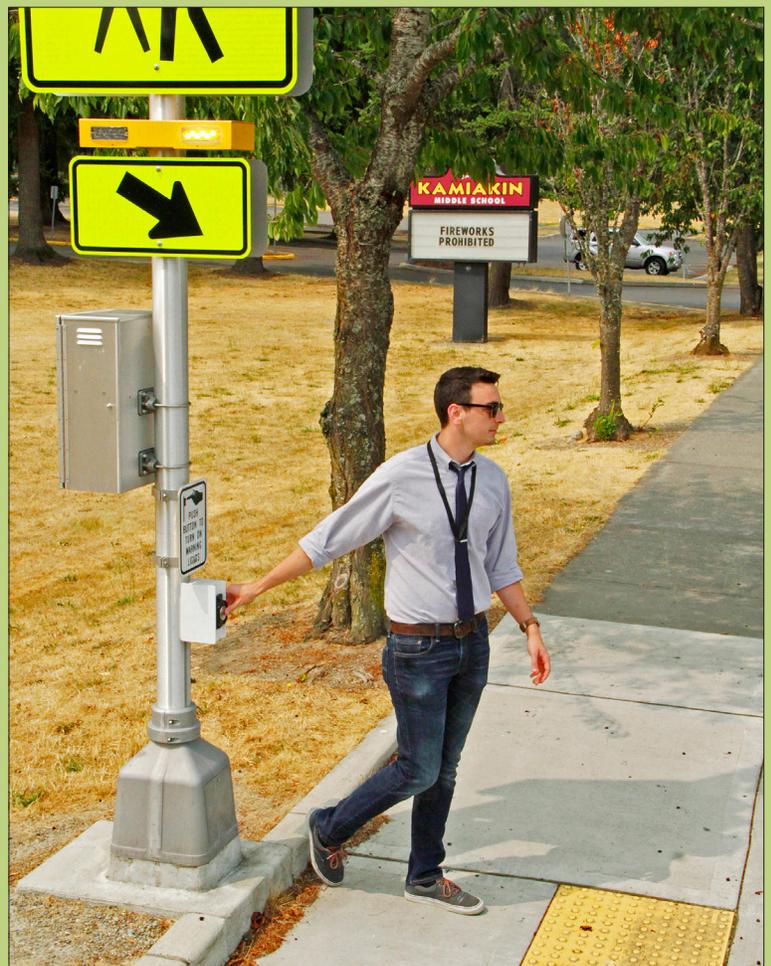
In June of 2014, the City Council authorized the NSP with a budget of \$350,000 per year to reenergize Neighborhood Associations. The NSP empowers neighborhoods to work collaboratively to identify, prioritize and address pedestrian and bicycle safety issues in Kirkland neighborhoods.

Projects fall into the following categories:

- **Bicycle facility:** Bike lanes or trails.
- **Crosswalks:** New crosswalks, improved crosswalk ramps (ADA), crosswalk islands, and rapid flashing beacons.
- **Intersection Improvement:** Signage, parking, and pedestrian "bump outs."
- **Traffic Calming:** Traffic islands, speed cushions, pedestrian "bump outs," signage, and radar signs.
- **Walkway/Sidewalk and Trail:** Gravel trails, steps, curbs, traffic delineators, and sidewalks.
- **Street Light:** On an existing utility pole or installing a light new pole.

The process starts in the fall, with the neighborhood associations selecting their project ideas and working with the City on scopes and cost estimates. By February, neighborhoods

have submitted detailed applications for the Neighborhood Safety Panel and City staff to evaluate and prioritize projects. A final recommendation on funding is submitted to the Council in April. The 2016 process is well underway, so it's a great time to start thinking about 2017 projects. Simply go to the "Suggest a Project" interactive map on the City's website then click the "I want to..." button. Select "Submit a Project Idea" in the drop-down dialog box. The interactive map will walk you through pinpointing your project location, selecting a project type and describing your idea. For more information, contact Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, kpage@kirklandwa.gov, 425-587-3011.





PLANNING COMMISSION STUDIES UPDATE TO CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE

Under the state Growth Management Act, the City is required to update its Critical Areas ordinance addressing wetlands, streams, frequently flooded areas, and geologically hazardous areas. The City's current wetland and stream regulations in the Kirkland Zoning Code Chapter 90 were adopted in 2002 and must be updated to ensure adequate protection of Kirkland's environmental resources and to comply with State law.

The City's Planning Commission is studying the amendments to Chapter 90, regarding wetlands, streams, and frequently flooded areas, and will make a recommendation to the City Council this summer. On February 25, 2016, the Planning Commission discussed topics such as how critical areas are classified, the width of buffers around critical areas, and changes to small wetland exemptions. On March 24, 2016, the Planning Commission discussed minor improvements that could be allowed in critical areas, how to handle non-conforming structures, and changes to development limits. Additional issues will be discussed at the April 28th meeting.

The City held informational open houses before both meetings and will hold another open house before the April 28, 2016 meeting. The meeting will be held in the Peter Kirk Room at City Hall starting at 7pm with the open house held in the lobby from 6 to 7 pm.

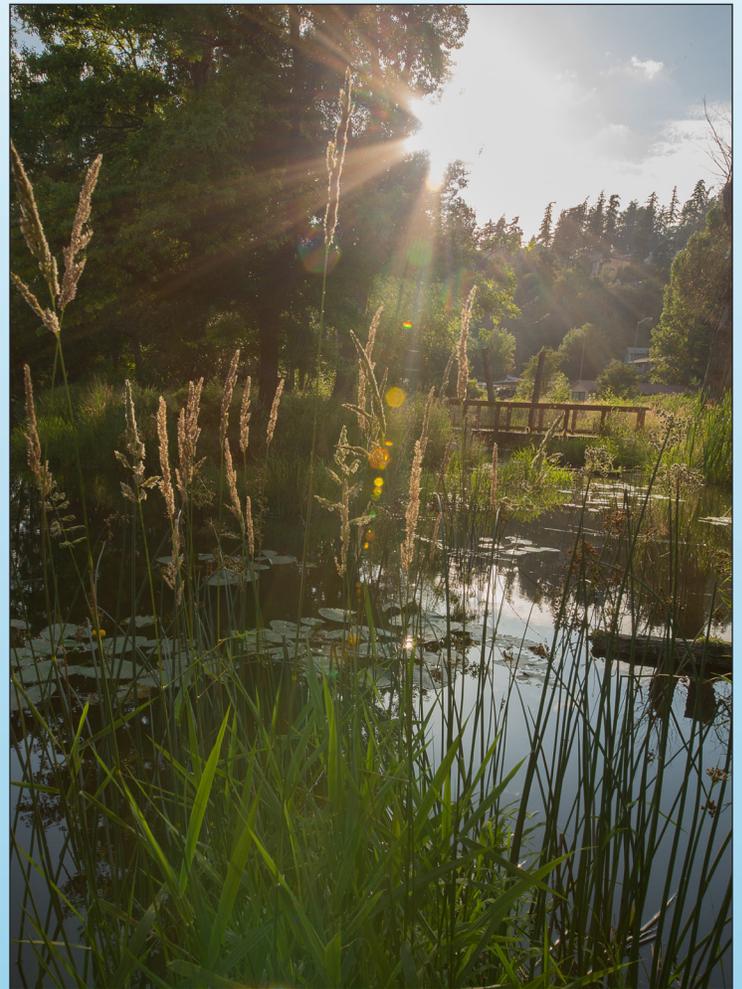
State law requires that policies and regulations be based on "best available science" to maintain the functions and values of critical areas. Using best available science is especially important to salmon recovery efforts and protection of threatened or endangered species. In addition to fish and wildlife habitat, wetlands and streams are important for storm water control to protect properties from flooding, preventing erosion, protecting the shoreline, and maintaining water quality.

The City's consultants prepared a best available science report that provided an overview of the functions and values of critical areas and a description of the critical areas in Kirkland. The consultant also prepared a gap analysis to provide an analysis and recommendations on needed amendments to the Kirkland Zoning Code Chapter 90. The amendments will likely result in changes to the development standards for properties containing critical areas and/or their required buffers.

The City is also working on updating mapping and regulations for geologically hazardous areas with regional partners to col-

lect Lidar data (aerial surveys using a pulsed laser to measure the ground surface) and geologic records to update Kirkland maps to understand where landslides have occurred in the past and areas where there may be risk in the future. These maps will help citizens and the City better understand and manage risk related to geologic hazards. The City will consider any needed amendments to the Kirkland Zoning Code Chapter 85 for geologically hazardous areas once the maps are completed.

For more information on the Kirkland Zoning Code Chapter 90 updates, including dates of future meetings, links to past staff memos and power point presentations, and how to participate, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/KZC90.htm or contact Teresa Swan, Senior Planner, at tswan@kirklandwa.gov or 425-587-3258.



Wetland Area at Forbes Creek/ Juanita Bay Park



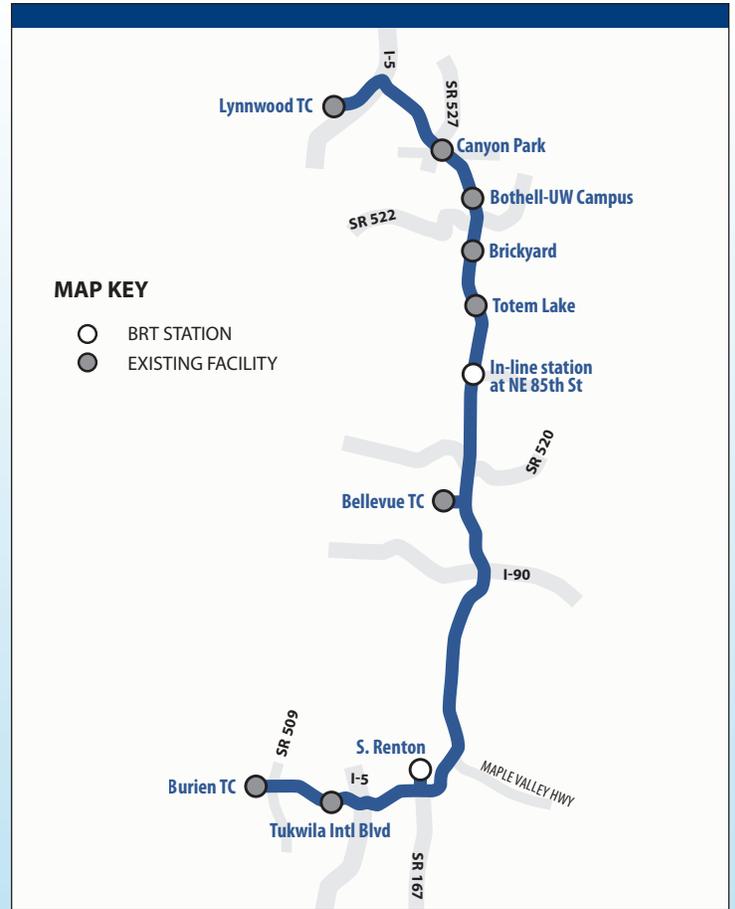
ST3 UPDATE

On March 24, 2016, Sound Transit released a high level summary of its draft plan for Sound Transit 3 (ST3), the next expansion of the regional transit system, which will likely go before voters in November 2016. The plan entails projects in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, including the following projects that impact the Kirkland area:

- **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** on I-405 from Lynnwood to Burien
- **A new bus station** on I-405 at NE 85th St.
- **Business Access Transit (BAT)** lanes extending toward Downtown Kirkland from the station on I-405 at NE 85th St.
- **Parking at Kingsgate**
- **High Capacity Transit (HCT)** Environmental Study to examine HCT options from Bothell to Bellevue via Kirkland

The draft plan does not include funding for the construction of electric bus rapid transit or light rail on the Cross Kirkland Corridor. Detailed project information is available at soundtransit3.org.

Comments on the ST3 draft plan will be accepted by Sound Transit before a final plan is released in June. Sound Transit initiated a public input process that includes an on-line survey and public meetings. To view the draft plan or provide feedback, visit the ST3 page of the Sound Transit website at soundtransit3.org, email EmailTheBoard@soundtransit3.org or call Sound Transit at 206-903-7000. Sound Transit's public comment period will end on April 29th.



Map of I-405 Bus Rapid Transit included in the Sound Transit 3 Draft System Plan, further information at soundtransit3.org

USE CARE WHEN PARKING: NEW REGULATIONS IN PLACE

Did you know that Kirkland's parking regulations were updated in January? Here are the highlights:

- **Stay in the lines:** It's a civil infraction to park in a way that crosses over painted lines to take over more than one space or block other cars.
- **Expired/improper license plates:** Only cars with valid license plates are allowed to park on streets, alleys or other City-owned property so that owners can be identified if a citation is necessary.
- **Keep mailboxes clear:** No parking seven feet six inches on either side of a curbside mailbox.

- **Electric charging stations:** To park in a City-owned electric vehicle charging station, your car needs to be connected and charging; and if the electric charging station is surrounded by pay stalls, you'll need to pay the same fee for the electric charging stall.

Changes to Kirkland's parking regulations were made by the City Council in response to concerns and related input from Kirkland residents and businesses, facilitated in large part by the Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods. For more information about parking enforcement in the City of Kirkland, visit the [City's website](#).

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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 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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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.