

# CITY UPDATE

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## Kirkland Keeps Getting Greener

The City's latest "green" initiatives are not only raising awareness about sustainability but raising eyebrows. Single family residential construction proposals will soon be able to move to the head of the permit review line if "green" can be seen on development applications. Grass mowing just got greener with a biodiesel mower designed by two "green-minded" Public Works employees.

The City Council recently endorsed a "Green Building" pilot program to encourage single family residential development that incorporates low energy use and "green" construction. The program, set to launch in January, offers a priority permit processing incentive. Construction proposals will need to achieve an Energy Star ([www.energystar.com](http://www.energystar.com)) rating and complete requirements under the Built Green ([www.builtgreen.net](http://www.builtgreen.net)) and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) ([www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)) programs. Contact David Barnes, planner, at 425-587-3250 for program details.

Just joining the City's maintenance fleet is BD#01 – a mighty biodiesel lawn mower that is ahead of its time. Thanks to the ingenious of Scott Seely and Tim Ultican, longtime employees of the Public Grounds Division, the City is boasting this "first ever in the United States" commercial grade mower. Seely and Ultican modified an existing gasoline mower to B99 biodiesel by installing a vertical shaft engine from Germany.

Biodiesel is a clean burning alternative fuel, produced from domestic, renewable resources and which dramatically releases lower emissions than traditional petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuels.

For more information about the City's Green Initiatives, visit [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/kirklandgreen](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/kirklandgreen).



Biodiesel mower inventors Scott Seely (left) and Tim Ultican (right).



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### What's on the web?

#### Tent City 4 Information

The City is in receipt of a temporary use permit application for the establishment of Tent City 4, a homeless encampment, at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. For permit updates, go to [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/tentcity](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/tentcity).

#### Annexation information

The City hosted two public forums in October, presenting information about zoning and permitting, infrastructure assessments, financial impacts, and police and other services. To view updated materials and to learn more about the Nov. 15 and Dec. 4 City Council Study Sessions, go to [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/annexation](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/annexation).

## Lakeview Neighbors Connect with City Council

One of the City Council's outreach programs – Meeting in the Neighborhood – allows residents of the 12 neighborhood associations to have face time with their elected officials. The City Council meets with four neighborhood associations each year, cycles through all 12 and repeats the schedule. Residents of a particular neighborhood have the opportunity to submit questions in advance and receive the answers at the meeting.

At a recent meeting with the Lakeview Neighborhood Association, downtown development, speeding on Lake Washington Boulevard and transportation

issues were on the minds of residents who attended. Residents learned about three private requests for Comprehensive Plan Amendments in the downtown area: Park Place Center redevelopment which seeks a building height increase and setback reduction and the rezone requests for property located on 5th Avenue and 6th Street. Attendees were encouraged to participate in upcoming Planning Commission meetings and to give comment on an environmental impact study that will locate the potential impacts of all three amendments.

In response to concerns expressed

about speeding on Lake Washington Boulevard, residents were informed that 25 MPH signs will be installed on NE Points Drive and that the speed automated monitor (SAM) unit will be placed in the area to encourage slower speed driving.

City Council members gave updates on the City's Budget, State Route 520 Bridge reconstruction, the transfer of right-of-way to King County along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad corridor, and the annexation study. To view the question-and-answer sheet, go to [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us) and select Community-Neighborhood Information.



### Downtown Tree Lighting Begins Nov. 24

Enjoy this holiday tradition in downtown Kirkland! Beginning Nov. 24 and on each Saturday through December 22, come to Marina Park at 7 p.m. to watch the tree lighting. Come early to shop and dine. And then be dazzled. For more information on this and other seasonal events, go to the City's tourism website at [www.explorekirkland.com](http://www.explorekirkland.com).

**GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP** hosts

## ARBOR DAY

Saturday, November 10  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Watershed Park  
4500 110th Ave., Kirkland, WA

Join volunteers in planting native trees in the park.  
Tools, gloves and light refreshments provided.

425-587-3261  
[www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/greenkirkland](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/greenkirkland)

The Arbor Day logo features a stylized tree and the text "TREE CITY USA". The City of Kirkland logo is also present.

### CONSERVATION TIP OF THE MONTH:

- Winterize outdoor spigots when temperatures dip below freezing to prevent pipes from leaking or bursting.
- Know where your master shut-off valve is located. This could save water & prevent damage to your home.

A limited supply of conservation tips is available. Please call Van Ingram-Lock at (425) 587-3907 for details.

For a complete list of water saving suggestions, visit [www.cascadewater.org](http://www.cascadewater.org).

A cartoon illustration of a water faucet with a single drop of water falling from it, symbolizing water conservation.

### Kirkland Residents: Did You Know?

Holiday leftovers can be recycled in your gray yardwaste cart!

A simple illustration of a cooked turkey on a plate with some vegetables.

Contact the City of Kirkland's Recycling Hotline at (425) 587-3812 or [recycle@ci.kirkland.wa.us](mailto:recycle@ci.kirkland.wa.us) with any questions.

For complete info, visit [www.wmnorthwest.com/kirkland](http://www.wmnorthwest.com/kirkland)

The logo for the City of Kirkland's recycling program, featuring a recycling symbol and the text "CITY OF KIRKLAND RECYCLES".