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CITY HALL FOR ALL

The City of Kirkland demonstrated their commitment to being a safe, welcoming and inclusive community with a celebration at City Hall in late July. There were community groups, police and fire vehicles to climb on, costumed characters, food from around the world and lots of information about how the City works for all residents in many different ways. The event was called "City Hall for All" and generated a crowd of almost 200 people on a



warm, sunny Saturday. "We were very pleased with the turnout and the enthusiasm for this event," said Mayor Amy Walen. "City staff worked with community groups to create an environment for residents to come explore the services we offer and to get to know the people who work for the community and serve all residents, regardless of citizenship. The entire event generated a feeling both welcoming and inclusive."

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NEW FAMILY AND WOMEN SHELTER IN KIRKLAND

Homelessness on the Eastside is a harsh reality for many families, adults and youth. Through the support of the City Council, the diligence of City staff and the generosity of local faith-based communities, that harsh reality will hopefully become a little brighter in the near future.

The City Council unanimously voted on February 7, 2017, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and two Kirkland churches. This agreement outlines the path forward to secure a site in Kirkland for an 80-100 bed, permanently located shelter and day center for families with children and adult women experiencing homelessness.

"The City has preserved and ensured the construction of affordable housing as a Council Goal for several years," said Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, chair of the Planning and Economic Development Council Committee.

"But getting people experiencing homelessness out of their cars or off the street and into longer-term, affordable housing starts with a permanently located shelter as a much-needed first step on the pathway to housing."

Working towards the establishment of the shelter began with the City Council's 2015-2016 City Work Program, which included siting the shelter project. Since March 2015, the City has collaborated with A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) and local non-profit organizations to successfully locate a proposed site for the shelter.

Situated in the South Rose Hill neighborhood, the proposed location for the permanently located shelter is on a portion of two lots currently occupied by Salt House, a developing Lutheran church that opened its doors in March 2015. Salt House is a satellite congregation of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church of the Juanita neighborhood. Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is the owner of the two

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DISASTER CAN STRIKE ANY MOMENT - "Are you Prepared?"

FALL IS THE TIME OF YEAR TO PREPARE, as winter weather is just around the corner, and earthquakes don't care about the season. September is officially Preparedness Month so check out these simple things you can do to be informed and ready for the unexpected.

1. **Sign up for local alerts and warnings;**
▶ www.kingcounty.gov and search "Emergency Alert"
2. **Create and test emergency communications plans;**
▶ Go to www.fema.gov and search "Family Emergency Plan"
3. **Assemble or update emergency supplies;**
▶ www.ready.gov and search "Emergency Supply List"
4. **Conduct a drill to practice emergency response actions for local hazards;**
5. **Participate in a preparedness training or class;**
▶ www.kirklandcert.com/
6. **Collect and safeguard critical documents;**
7. **Document property and obtain appropriate insurance for relevant hazards;**
▶ Plan with neighbors to help each other and share resources. <http://kirklandcert.com/MYN>

The Great Kirkland Shake Out

Oct. 19 at 10:19 am

ON OCTOBER 19TH AT 10:19 AM, the Great Shake Out, will occur. This is an annual "planned" Earthquake drill providing the opportunity for families, schools, and businesses locally and internationally to prepare and practice for "the big one".

The City will be using this event to practice fire and police initial response procedures. In addition, City Departments will participate in the drill and staff will be found under desks or tables as we practice Drop, Cover, and Hold. For information on how you can participate check out the ShakeOut website at <https://www.shakeout.org>

NEW FAMILY AND WOMEN SHELTER IN KIRKLAND Will Help Fill Critical Need

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adjacent tax lots that comprise the Salt House location. As discussions between church leaders and the City progressed, it became clear that a portion of the land at Salt House could be a viable option for building a new shelter. The congregations at both Holy Spirit Lutheran Church and Salt House voted in favor of selling a portion of the Salt House property in order to proceed with the project. The path forward involves revising the property lines of the two lots, which would allocate about a third of an acre of the two acre parcel for sale. The proposed shelter is expected to be developed and operated by a combination of Catholic Community Services (CCS) and The Sophia Way (TSW), two local non-profit organizations, with the goal of operating the facility 24 hours a day throughout the entire year. This continuity of service will fill a needed gap, as day center and shelter services are currently provided at different locations.

TSW currently operates a Day Center for adult women experiencing homelessness in Bellevue. In addition, TSW and CCS have been operating winter emergency overnight shelters for adult women and families with children at various churches on the Eastside. These winter shelters typically open seasonally from 8:30 pm until 7:00 am from October 15 through May 15. Last November, a group of faith communities, led by Holy Family Catholic Church in Kirkland and St. Louise in Bellevue, joined with Salt House and CCS to open a Day Center in Kirkland. Located at Salt House, the New Bethlehem Day Center serves families with children experiencing homelessness, including 900 guest visits in the month of July.

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FIRE STATION 25 RENOVATION

THE OLDEST FIRE STATION IN KIRKLAND is about to get a facelift. Station 25, located on 76th Place NE and Juanita Drive in the Finn Hill neighborhood, will close in late October for renovations and the crew will temporarily move to what the City refers to as “former Station 24” on 84th Avenue NE. The renovations are expected to take under a year to complete. The move will not affect overall response times on Finn Hill. Crews are preparing now for the move to the temporary location to ensure emergency services are not disrupted.

“The renovation is all about hardening the structure of Station 25 so that it can better withstand any kind of disaster and making it safer for our firefighters,” said Deputy Fire Chief Helen Ahrens-Byington. “Residents won’t notice a lot of outward facing structural changes, but inside the upgrades will bring the 43-year-old station into compliance with new state recommendations and make work conditions safer for our firefighters.”

The renovation will include a seismic retrofit for Fire Station 25 and modernize it by replacing all of its existing mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems with energy-efficient, code-compliant systems. The structure will get a new, separate drying room for firefighter gear and separate ventilation systems to decrease contamination of firefighter living and working spaces with biological and carcinogenic toxins inherent in firefighter work.

One of the more significant changes to the exterior of the building will be a new piece of artwork designed into the sign for the building. This piece will be recommended by the Kirkland Arts Commission to City Council for approval as part of the City’s 1% for the Arts program.

The upgraded station is expected to cost approximately \$2.75 million and will be financed through funds transferred from former Fire District #41, which covered the Finn Hill neighborhood prior to annexation of the area.

Former Station 24 will also require a few minor modifications to accommodate the year-long relocation. In addition, the overhead yellow flashing light on 84th Avenue NE will be activated to make residents aware when trucks are responding to a call. The flashers turn red when fire engines are entering or exiting the station.

After the renovation of Station 25 is complete, it is expected that former Station 24 will be sold. Planning has begun for the construction of a new Station 24 in the coming years. There is



a wealth of information that can be found about that station and other plans to improve response times throughout the entire City by searching “North Kirkland Fire Station” on the City website at www.kirklandwa.gov.

FAMILY AND WOMEN SHELTER IN KIRKLAND

The same group of faith communities, working under the auspices of the New Bethlehem Project, donated \$125,000 to allow the winter emergency overnight shelter to remain open for the entire year. This was the first year that the overnight shelter, now situated at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Kirkland, did not have to close its doors in May.

“Kirkland has made strides to support those on the pathway to housing, but more is needed,” Arnold said. “Even something as seemingly small as families switching locations every day can be a major stressor and impediment towards permanent housing. Providing day center and shelter services in one location brings stability and major support to those experiencing homelessness.”

Initial funding for the permanently located shelter for families with children and adult women includes \$850,000 from the City, appropriated by the City Council as part of the 2017-2018 Budget. The Washington State Legislature appropriated another \$350,000 in support of the project. Further funding for the shelter will be sought from private donations and public funding sources later this year.

If you have questions regarding the project, please contact Deputy City Manager Tracey Dunlap at tdunlap@kirklandwa.gov or 425-587-3101.

SUMMER ROADWORK: Major road projects for Summer/Fall 2017

THIS SUMMER CONSTRUCTION SEASON WAS ESPECIALLY BUSY after the months' long deluge of rain during the winter and spring. But everyone understands that in order to keep our infrastructure maintained and secure, construction must happen. Here's a list of work that happened this summer and continues into the fall:

► JUANITA DRIVE QUICK WINS

These improvements are the quickest and most cost-effective ways to improve safety along Juanita Drive. The full plan for Juanita Drive will ultimately include more than 30 projects.

- Improved crosswalks with rapid flashing beacons at 93rd Avenue NE, NE 143rd Street and NE 138th Street, near Big Finn Hill Park.
- Sections of Juanita Drive were widened to accommodate the uphill bicycle and pedestrian lane. The sidewalk along the west side of 98th Avenue NE was also widened.
- An eastbound to northbound refuge pocket will be created from NE 138th Place onto Juanita Drive.

► PAVING The following streets were repaved:

Kingsgate's 124th Avenue NE; Bridle Trails' 116th Avenue NE; Juanita's Forbes Creek Drive; South Rose Hill's NE 80th Street; and the bridge crossing Interstate 405 at NE 72nd Place.

► SLURRY SEAL

A quarter-inch layer of emulsified asphalt, water and fine gravel (known as Slurry Seal) was applied in August to protect the surface of the road to more than 40 sections of residential streets in the Finn Hill, Norkirk and Houghton neighborhoods.

► WATER and SEWER MAIN UPGRADES

Water main upgrades on Fourth Street, from 18th Avenue to 20th Avenue.

On Kirkland Way 1,000 feet of water main is being replaced between Sixth Street and the junction of Kirkland Avenue and Kirkland Way.

Water mains on Third Street extending from Central Way to Seventh Avenue (this work begins later in September).

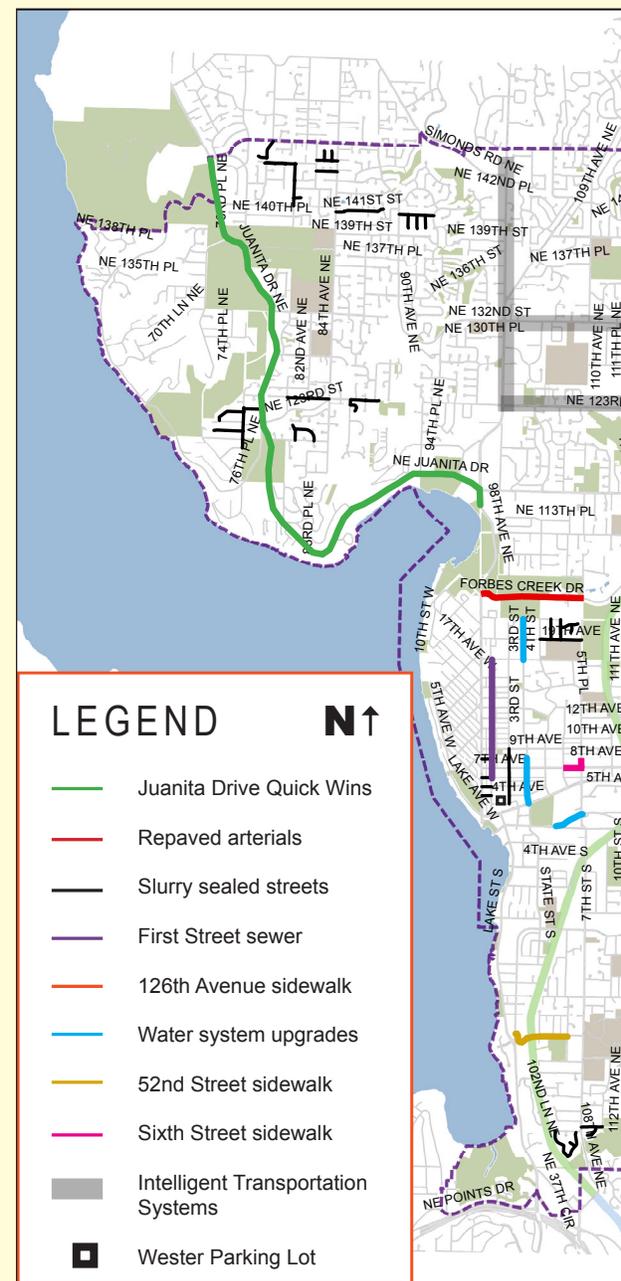
First Street will see upgrades to 3,200 feet of sewer main, from Fifth Avenue, near City Hall to 16th Avenue, near Crestwoods Park. The project will

also replace a dozen manholes, relocate 1,000 feet of water main, upgrade 42 curb ramps and repave the 11 blocks of First Street.

► SIDEWALKS & BIKE LANES

New and/or improved bike lanes on NE 80th Street and along Forbes Creek Drive.

NE 52nd Street bicycle and pedestrian connection to 108th Avenue NE, via the Cross Kirkland Corridor. The project features a continuous sidewalk, as well as a 12-foot, westbound



shared-lane for both cycling and driving. On the road's south side, the project is adding an uphill bike lane for people who are riding their bikes east. Construction is expected to continue throughout 2017.

126th Avenue NE from NE 85th Street to NE 90th Street sidewalk improvements to five of the 10 blocks of sidewalk that will form the safe walk route to Mark Twain Elementary School. The remaining sections of sidewalk are currently in design and scheduled to be complete in 2019.

Norkirk's Third Street got 30 wheelchair ramps for improved sidewalk access. Sixth Street and Sixth Avenue sidewalks were rebuilt. In addition, trees will be planted along Sixth Avenue and Sixth Street as the cool, wet climate provides healthier growing conditions for young trees.

► WESTER PARKING LOT

The City of Kirkland added 84 stalls in June to downtown Kirkland's parking inventory when it opened the Third Street parking lot, known as the Wester Lot, to downtown employees during the day and the general public at night

FOR MORE INFORMATION

regarding roadwork projects happening around your neighborhood, contact **Christian Knight** · Neighborhood Services Outreach Coordinator at 425-587-3831 or cknight@kirklandwa.gov

CITY HALL FOR ALL

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The event stemmed from the City Council's January 2017 resolution to be a safe, welcoming and inclusive City. Since that time, a coalition of non-profits working with underserved communities and faith based groups has been meeting with City staff to support each other's work and events. The group calls itself the Inclusion Network and together they made the event a great success.

The main event of the day featured Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib who spoke to the crowd about engaging in civil discourse in this uncertain time of polarized politics. Habib gave a heartfelt talk in which he admitted that when he recognized his own tendencies to take sides, he had to step back and learn to listen to the other "side" in order to move to a place of acceptance, understanding and compromise.

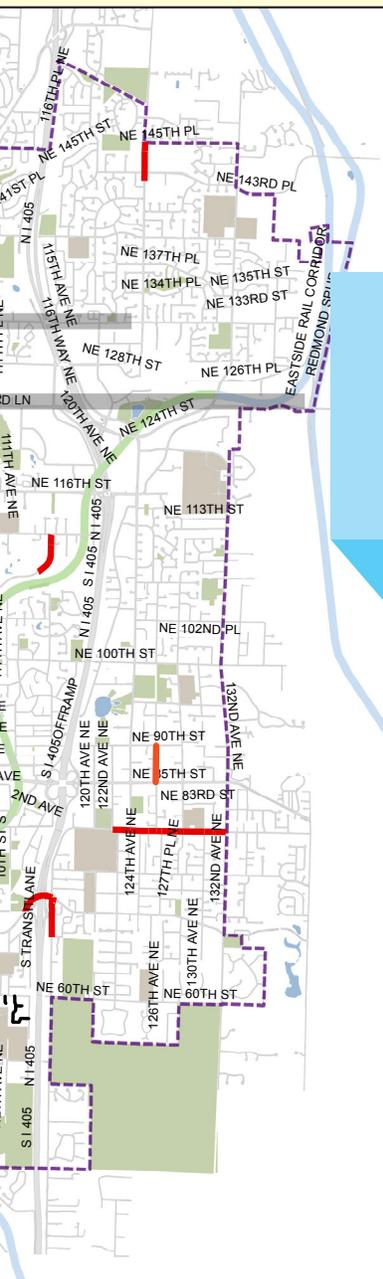
The rest of the day found residents moving from table to table learning about everything from how business licenses are obtained to how the City's traffic cameras can control the flow at rush hours through an Intelligent Transportation System. There were representatives from the Green Kirkland Partnership, the Parks and Community Services Department, Public Works and, just for that Saturday, the Passport office was open and issuing passports to those who signed up.

The City's volunteer Short Wave Radio group demonstrated their ham radio techniques and the Emergency Operations Center was staffed with CERT volunteers who informed residents about preparedness activities and signed people up for emergency alerts provided by King County.

The Art Commission's Art Cart provided kid-friendly activities and residents got to peek inside the City's TV studio. Some lucky folks got a chance to see themselves on the deck of the Starship Enterprise through the magic of TVs "green screen" technology.

The afternoon also gave people a chance to meet and talk with neighbors in a small group discussion activity called a "World Café." Facilitators posed questions to garner ideas on how the City can be more inclusive and asked participants what it would take to get them more involved at the city level.

A survey given as residents headed for the doors at the end of the event demonstrated that the celebration was a huge success and helped Councilmembers understand that City Hall for All is a winning model for the future. Discussions at the Council meeting following the event indicated that everyone was on-board for a repeat performance sometime next year. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the City's weekly email, This Week in Kirkland, so that they are informed about events like this and more happenings in Kirkland. Visit www.kirklandwa.gov/thisweek to sign up.





NEW CROWD SOURCED MURAL Brightens the Cross Kirkland Corridor

Mike Lucero and Jake "DKoy" Wagoner

IF YOU WERE WALKING OR BIKING ALONG THE CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR between August 2 and 16 you may have seen artist Jake "DKoy" Wagoner hard at work under the 85th Street Bridge.

DKoy was creating a large format mural featuring an American Goldfinch and crowd sourced answers in response to prompts such as What is love? What is life? What is happiness? What is family? What is beauty?

The Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission selected creative duo Jake "DKoy" Wagoner and Mike Lucero to install the large format mural, which is entitled "What is..." following an artist call to create an ephemeral community art project that celebrated the CKC, reflected Kirkland as a community and engaged the community throughout the project.

The opportunity that was funded by a 4Culture Grant was the Arts Commission's first project in implementing the Cross Kirkland Corridor Art Integration Plan.

The artist team chose the site intentionally as it is one of the most urban locations along the CKC. By installing the mural at that location, the artists hoped the artwork would mirror the path the CKC travels through urban, tech, academic and wild landscapes.

"We wanted to create a piece of art that reflects Kirkland's heart and soul," said Lucero. "The mural incorporates visual elements of the natural environment, technology and the arts as a way of portraying some of the many ways that Kirkland is beautiful."

The mural is located near the first permanent art installation on the CKC which is "The Spikes" by local artist Merrily Dicks.

"We hope the momentum continues and we see more public and private art along the CKC" says Ryan James, Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission.

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE OFFICER DEANA LANSING

This summer Officer Deana Lansing stepped into her new role as Kirkland's Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO).

"Officer Lansing is an excellent fit for this five year assignment," said Kirkland Police Chief Cherie Harris. "She has a combination of integrity, enthusiasm and empathy that makes her a great asset in connecting the community and the Police Department."

As the NRO, Officer Lansing's duties include attending neighborhood meetings, teaching children and adults about safety, conducting safety assessments of resident's property, assisting with homeless outreach and coordinating events such as National Night Out and the Citizens Academy.

"I'm most excited about getting the community more involved with the Police Department," said Lansing. "Proactively working to build connection and trust between the community and the Department increases our effectiveness as protectors and problem solvers. Trust and respect are the foundations of our Department's Community Policing philosophy."

Community Policing is an approach to policing that brings police and citizens together to prevent crime and solve neigh-

borhood problems. In this model, the emphasis is on stopping crime before it happens, not responding to calls for service after the crime occurs.

"Community Policing means police are welcomed as part of the neighborhood," Chief Harris said. "By strengthening the relationship with our citizens, community members feel more comfortable calling us when something's going on that we need to know about."

"I'm honored that my job is tending that relationship," Lansing said.

Visit the website for more information about the Kirkland Police Department's Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving.



Officer Lansing at National Night Out



SUGGEST A SAFETY PROJECT in Your Neighborhood

THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY PROGRAM (NSP)

reenergizes Neighborhood Associations by empowering them to work collaboratively with City staff to identify, prioritize and address pedestrian, bicycle and auto safety improvements in Kirkland.

It's time to send in your Neighborhood Safety Program (NSP) project ideas. Go to the City's web site www.kirklandwa.gov and search "suggest a project." Or, email KPage@kirklandwa.gov with the location and your pedestrian, bicycle, or auto safety concerns.

Since the program's inception in 2014, the NSP has built 29 safety projects with another dozen on the way. Some projects address more than one category below:

CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS

- ▶ 13 crosswalks upgraded with rapid flashing beacons
- ▶ 15 crosswalks upgraded with pavement marking, ramps, or pedestrian islands

CROSS KIRKLAND CORRIDOR CONNECTIONS

- ▶ 8 trail connections to the Cross Kirkland Corridor (stairs, bridges, or walkway)

NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CONTROL

- ▶ 4 radar speed signs
- ▶ 4 intersection improvements (redesign, islands, bump outs, lane reconfigurations)
- ▶ 1 reflective pavement marking
- ▶ 1 sight distance improvement

WALKWAYS

- ▶ 6 walkway improvements (gravel, concrete, or asphalt)

The average cost of these neighborhood-identified and prioritized safety improvements is \$44,000.

The NSP funding is \$150,000 per year from the Streets Levy plus \$200,000 per year (until 2021) from the City Council's Walkable Kirkland Initiative. The City Council and staff have leveraged additional funding (over \$1,700,000) from grants and other City programs since 2014.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY PROGRAM, go to

http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/CMO/Neighborhood_Services/NSP.htm

2018 NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- ▶ Suggest a Project: September 2017
- ▶ Neighborhoods select and submit 2 project ideas by December 1, 2017
- ▶ Project Conferences: February 6 or 8, 2018
- ▶ Applications Available: After Project Conference
- ▶ Applications Due: February 15, 2018
- ▶ Staff Review/Technical Scores: February 16–21, 2018
- ▶ Neighborhood Panel Review: February 22–March 14, 2018
- ▶ Neighborhood Panel Recommendation: March 14, 2018
- ▶ City Council Decision: April 17, 2018
- ▶ Projects Announced: April 17, 2018
- ▶ Projects Completed by: June 1, 2019



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

2017 NSP PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- ▶ Radar Speed Signs on NE 143rd Street and 132nd and 128th Avenue NE
- ▶ Rapid Flashing Beacon on NE 120th Place south of NE 122nd Street
- ▶ Crosswalk Improvement at NE 138th Street and 84th Avenue NE
- ▶ Rapid Flashing Beacon on 116th Avenue NE at 12500 block
- ▶ Reflective Pavement Markers on NE 68th Street at 110th Avenue NE
- ▶ Intersection Improvements on Kirkland Way and Railroad Avenue
- ▶ Intersection Improvements on 124th Avenue NE and NE 80th Street

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MONTHLY CITY MEETINGS

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| 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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