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**IN KIRKLAND**, police never question legal status or religious affiliation when interacting with citizens. This longstanding practice was codified into law at the February 21, 2017 Council meeting.

The overflow crowd in Council Chamber that evening erupted in cheers as the City Council passed the ordinance (O-4558). The law ensures that everyone in Kirkland – residents, workers and visitors alike – will receive the full range of City services, including police and fire services, without discrimination regardless of race, ethnicity or immigration status.

A related resolution passed the same evening reaffirmed the Council's belief in the fundamental dignity, equality and constitutional and civil rights of all people.

"The passage of this legislation puts Kirkland on record as a safe, inclusive community," said Mayor Amy Walen. "It was important to us to ensure the law is fully compliant with Federal regulations while at the same time reaffirming that in Kirkland, everyone will be respected and made to feel part of the community."

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*Kirkland citizens show total support for Welcoming City ordinance*

## NEW MARINA PARK BOAT LAUNCH PAY STATION

The Marina Park Boat Launch just underwent a facelift including a new option for boaters to pay via credit or debit card at a station located at the launch.

Cost through the pay station will be \$10.00 for each one-way use of the launch (i.e. \$10 in and \$10 out). Boaters still have the opportunity to purchase Boat Launch Seasonal Cards at the Parks & Community Services office at the lower level of City Hall. Kirkland residents must bring proof of residency to purchase the cards, such as a Driver's License, Washington State ID card, utility bill or tax statement in the applicant's name with a Kirkland address.

The cost for residents this season is \$50. Non-residents can also purchase an annual card at a cost of \$100. Seasonal Cards will be valid from the date of issue until October 31, 2017, and they operate just like a credit or debit card at the boat launch pay station.



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## TOTEM LAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

DRIVING THROUGH TOTEM LAKE, the unmistakable feel of change and rebirth is in the air – and it has little to do with the change of seasons. Totem Lake is undergoing a renaissance.

“The City has worked with local property and business owners on how to revitalize the Totem Lake Business District so that it is clear that Kirkland is open for business,” said Mayor Amy Walen. “Since 2015, when the City Council adopted the Totem Lake Action Plan, staff has worked diligently to complete priority projects to ensure the area is reaching its economic potential.”

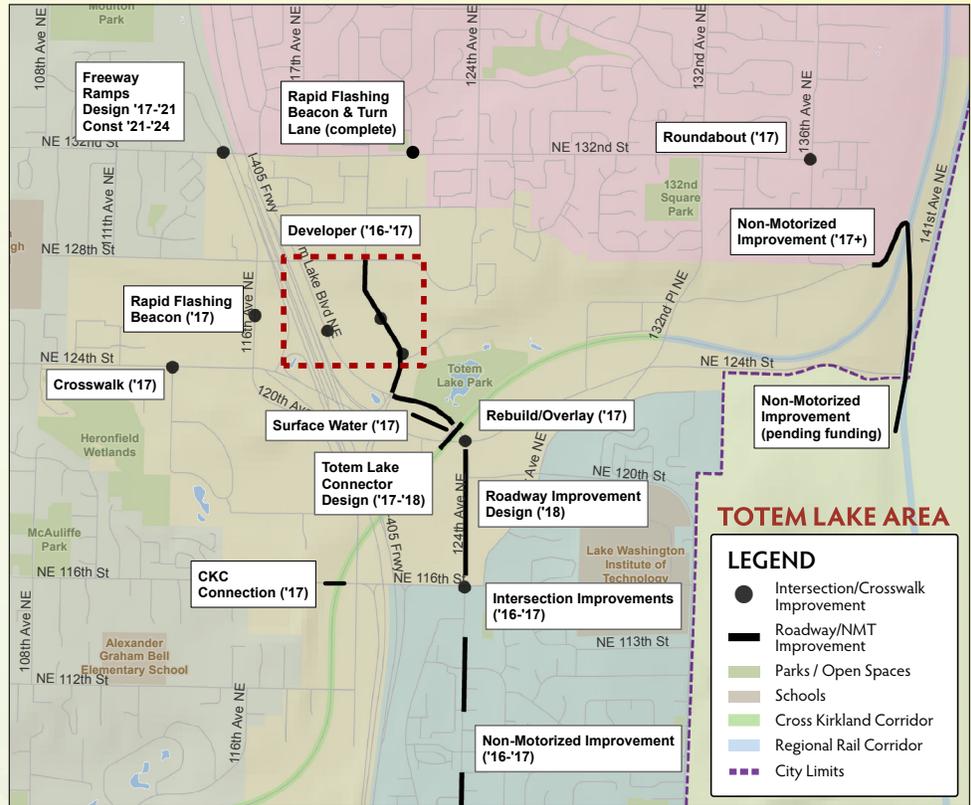
The Village at Totem Lake is the most visible change. This live/work/retail urban center will add more than 800 housing units and at least 350,000 square feet of retail space, which will create nearly 1,000 new jobs. The first phase of development west of 120th Avenue Northeast, including retail and residential units, will be completed by mid-2018. Phase two retail completion is expected by spring or summer 2018 and residential units should be in by 2019.

The Village at Totem Lake is only one part of the area’s explosive growth. Many other new developments are underway in the area and, because economic times are good, these projects are happening faster than predicted. During the 2013 to 2015 City strategic planning process, City planners estimated 2,500 new housing projects would be built in Totem Lake by 2035. But more than half of those new homes are currently under review or are in the construction process.

That kind of growth requires careful City planning. Each City department plays a role to ensure the growth is manageable and City infrastructure is able to support the growth

“We are virtually creating a new neighborhood,” said Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold. “The influx of new homes, businesses and major retail development changes everything, and the City is carefully planning to ensure we can meet the challenges this change brings.”

There are major road improvements, new and upgraded sidewalks, an intelligent transportation system and intersection improvements. Northshore utilities will be installing larger sewer pipes to add needed capacity to accommodate the growth. There are even new parks to enhance the recreational feel of the area



The Totem Lake Connector, one of the biggest projects, will bridge the Cross Kirkland Corridor giving pedestrians and bicyclists the opportunity to sail over NE 124th Street. This bridge, still in the design phase, eliminates the last missing link on the CKC. When complete, the trail will stretch the entire length of the City uninterrupted. It will be a boon to bikers, runners and walkers, encouraging the pedestrian friendly atmosphere that Totem Lake is designed for.

The City is also finalizing the purchase of the actual Totem Lake. Deputy City Manager Tracey Dunlap has been involved with the purchase of the lake from the King Conservation District. She said: “We look to the lake as the heart of the entire neighborhood. It will bring a sense of respite, become a destination and, as its name implies, it will become an icon for the entire area.”

“Totem Lake’s rebirth is exciting,” said Arnold. “This neighborhood was a long time in the making. But it is really happening at a terrific pace. The entire City will benefit from these changes. We all should be very proud.”



## 2016 CRIME STATISTICS

THE NEW CRIME STATISTICS FOR KIRKLAND ARE AVAILABLE, and the good news is that, generally, the City experiences very little violent crime. The bad news is that property crimes such as car prowls, vehicle theft and burglary continue to be the most significant calls for service.

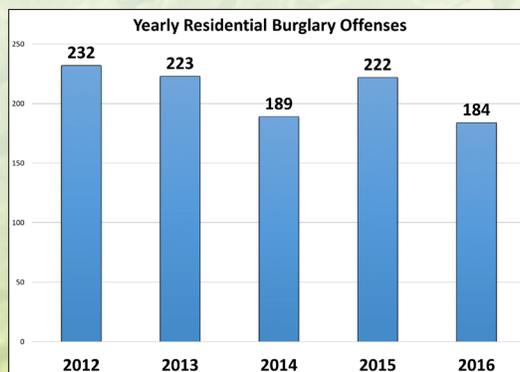
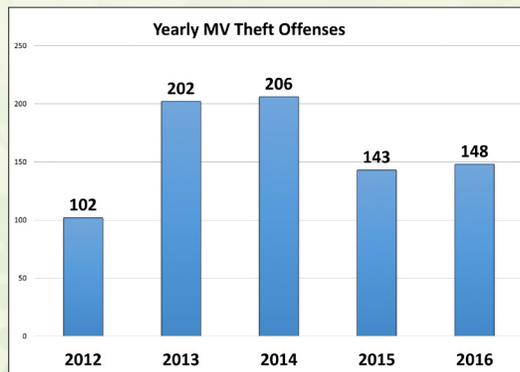
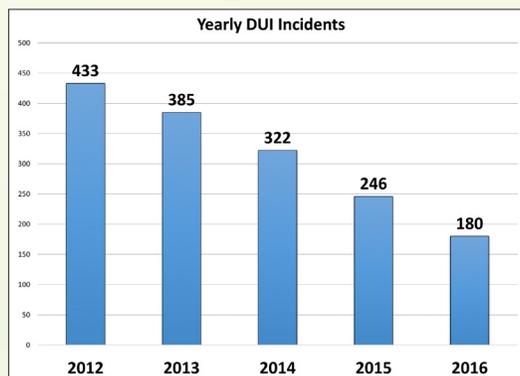
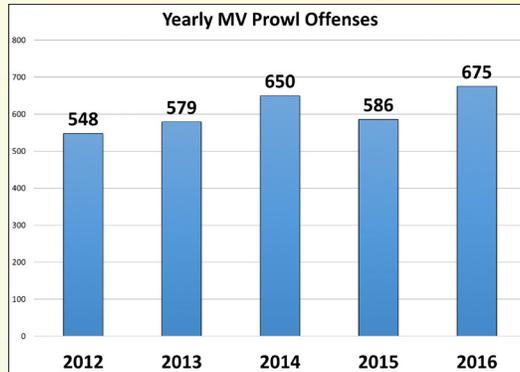
"This is a trend that law enforcement is seeing not just in our neighboring cities but throughout the Pacific Northwest," said Police Chief Cherie Harris. "Most of the suspects that we arrest are also drug addicts and involved in identity theft, burglaries and vehicle theft."

There were 23 robberies reported in 2016. This is up 17% over the weighted averaged for past four years. However, it is within the normal range for this category. It is important to note that robberies are not a frequent crime in Kirkland and fluctuations in small numbers result in large percentage changes.

There were 184 residential burglaries reported in 2016 which represents a decline of 14% from the weighted average of the past four years. Commercial burglaries held steady with 104 reported during 2016 which is a 1% increase over the same four year period.

Auto thefts declined by 13% when viewed over four years, but they are up slightly from 2015. Car prowls continue to be a persistent crime throughout the city. A total of 675 car prowls were reported in 2016, which is a 13% increase. Car prowls are a challenge not only throughout the City, but regionally as well.

To deal with the increase in property crimes, the City Council, in the 2017-2018 budget, invested to reinstate a proactive policing unit that was eliminated during the recession. Police Chief Harris is convinced this investment will benefit the community.



"I absolutely believe that reinstatement of a pro-act unit will impact all of our property crimes," noted Chief Harris. "Officers who are able to pro-actively target known offenders and work directed patrols in areas of the City experiencing the highest number of incidents is how to reduce these crimes. Without dedicated pro-act officers, we aren't able to do the follow up that's necessary to connect the car prowls to the other crimes such as identify theft."

DUI arrests continue to decline in the city. This year there was a 43% drop which may, according to the Chief, be in part due to the changing nightlife scene in Kirkland, as well as the growing popularity of ride share programs such as Uber and Lyft.

The Chief has specific reminders for all community members to help lower their risk for property crime:

- Do not leave personal property in your vehicle.
- Lock your car.
- Lock your homes.
- Consider the use of security cameras and lighting on timers that don't allow a prowler to determine whether or not you are home.

Chief Harris also reminds community member, "If you see something, say something. Always call 911 if you see something suspicious in your neighborhood. That will go a long way to keeping Kirkland residents safe."

Here are some videos where you can find quick tips on preventing car prowl/house prowl burglaries:

- <https://youtu.be/3RDpxbW19ds>
- <https://youtu.be/Yu0m4Q3NMXQ>



## WELCOMING CITY ORDINANCE

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**THE LEGISLATION COMES** in response to heightened tensions across the country in regard to undocumented immigrants.

The ordinance does not proclaim Kirkland as a "sanctuary city," as it states that the City will continue to comply with a federal requirement to cooperate with federal immigration officers. The City will not generally inquire or maintain records related to immigration status or religious affiliation. The current federal law does not require that any City collect such documentation.

The ordinance will not shield those who commit crimes or anyone wanted for crimes elsewhere. If anyone breaks the law, they will be apprehended as usual, regardless of immigration status.



A full list of frequently asked questions about the ordinance can be found on the City website.

Close to 100 people attended the public hearing held before the Council's vote. Sixteen spoke before the Council, all of them in favor of passing the ordinance.

"I am proud of what this Council has done and the outpouring of support for the resolution from our community," said Mayor Walen.

Public Safety Committee Chair Penny Sweet said: "This conversation is just beginning." The City will be convening community conversations about further actions the City can take to keep Kirkland a safe and welcoming City.

## DOWNTOWN PARKING CHANGES COMING JUNE 1



**STARTING JUNE 1**, the downtown Lakeshore lot at Marina Park will have new pay parking hours. The new hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a four hour time limit. The cost to park will remain \$1 per hour.

The City Council unanimously approved these changes at their May 16 meeting. The goal of the changes is to encourage parking turnover and increase the availability of parking for customers visiting downtown businesses. The Council increased the time limit from three hours

up to four hours based on feedback from residents who wanted more time to shop and use the park while downtown. This change will also reduce confusion as both of the downtown paid parking lots will have the same hours and parking time limits.

New signs indicating the extended hours will appear in the Lakeshore lot soon. The changes will go into effect on Thursday, June 1, and will be followed by two weeks of enforcement warnings to communicate the changes to all customers and businesses. Parking enforcement will then begin ticketing violators on Thursday, June 15. Payment for parking in both downtown lots can be accomplished with the **PayByPhone** app or at pay stations in each of the lots. The money collected from parking tickets all goes back into parking improvements.



## FOR THE LOVE OF KIRKLAND

**PETER KAGEYAMA** doesn't want Kirkland residents to let potholes define their relationship with the City.

In fact, this author who wrote the book called For the Love of Cities, told a room packed full of Kirkland residents "there is no return on investment in fixing potholes." Instead, Kageyama told the crowd, "You have to aspire to something more."

The event, a workshop held January 23, was sponsored by the Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods (KAN) and attended by more than 170 Kirkland residents. Aptly named, "For the Love of Kirkland," Kageyama's presentation aimed to change the way people look at challenges in the City. He asked residents to look beyond technically functional solutions and inject fun into the process.

"Even the most fiscally conservative tax hawks among us don't want to live in just a functional, safe battleship grey community," he told the crowd. "When residents get more involved, and cities are willing to let loose and have some fun, then the City can become an emotionally engaging, playful and creative hub that excites residents and visitors alike."

"The event was amazing," said Karen Story, Highlands Neighborhood Association Chair, who helped organize the workshop. "Peter's presentation inspired us to work together to make Kirkland an even better place to live."



Residents who attended the workshop were encouraged to create ideas that could add some fun to life in Kirkland. Participants presented their ideas and the group voted on the best. The top three ideas were given \$500 grants from the City to put their ideas into action.

Jonathan Heuer's group is already in the planning stages of an event called Crossing Kirkland. This City-wide event will take place on the Cross Kirkland Corridor on September 9, 2017. Each neighborhood along the trail will host stations featuring family activities, food trucks, art stations and more.

Anyone wishing to join the planning committee can sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4bafa622a0fc1-phase>

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## PARK DISTRICT LOCAL CAP APPROVED

**WHEN KIRKLAND RESIDENTS VOTED** on the 2015 Kirkland ballot measure that sought to create a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) in order to finance and build a new community aquatic center (referred to as the ARC), the measure failed. Extensive polling demonstrated that the majority of residents favored building the ARC, but arguments against the idea revealed that voters were worried that future MPD boards would be able to raise taxes too freely without much accountability.

Currently, the law allows an MPD to levy up to 75 cents per \$1,000 of the assessed value of homes. The City Council wanted to find a way to make residents more comfortable with how an MPD levies the taxes. They worked with State lawmakers, Representative Shelley Kloba (LD 1) and Senator Guy Palumbo (LD 1), to come up with legislation allowing local jurisdictions the option to set a lower taxing limit for an MPD.

**SENATE BILL 5138**, Concerning Metropolitan Park Districts (MPD) passed in the legislature this session and Governor Jay Inslee signed the bill into law in early May. The new law, effective July 23 this year, allows jurisdictions to limit the taxing authority of an MPD in the ballot title when proposing such facilities as an aquatics center. It also requires the MPD to seek voter approval to change the amount or purpose of the funds in the future.

Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold and Councilmember Penny Sweet attended Governor Inslee's signing of the bill. Also in attendance were Senator Palumbo, the prime sponsor of 5138, and Representative Kloba, who sponsored the House version of the bill.

"Rarely does a local government ask the legislature to help it cap taxing authority," said Councilmember Dave Asher. "But we listened to our residents, so that is exactly what we did."

For more information on the bill, see the [Final Bill Report](#) or [Bill Information](#) on the Washington State Legislature website.



# KIRKLAND TREE CODE SUMMARY CHART



	REMOVAL SCENARIO	REVIEW OR PERMIT REQUIRED?	NOTES
<b>PRIVATE PROPERTY</b>	Remove 2 trees (regardless of condition)	No review, no permit Tree removal request recommended	Notification appreciated to avoid unnecessary Code Enforcement response
	Remove 3 or more trees considered hazard or nuisance	No review, no permit if...	Hazard or nuisance is obvious in a photo or other documentation. Contact Planning at (425) 587-3600
	Remove hazard or nuisance trees in critical areas	Yes, review and permit required	Arborist report required Replacements may be required
	Emergency/urgent tree removal	No review, no permit	Contact Planning Department (425) 587-3600
	Prune or trim trees	No review, no permit	•Property owners responsible for tree care •No topping allowed
	Tree removal with development	Yes, included with land use or development permit	•Arborist report required for trees potentially impacted by development •Protection measures required on site
<b>PUBLIC PROPERTY</b>	Trees in right-of-way medians and Central Business District maintained by the City. Street trees are the maintenance responsibility of the adjacent property owner unless hazard conditions exist.	Yes, review and permit required	•Public Works staff may prune street trees by property owner request. Contact Public Works at (425) 587-3900 •Public Works staff may remove street trees at their discretion
	Must make a service request for park tree pruning or removal.	Contact the Parks Dept. at (425) 587-3340	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is not an emergency</li> <li>• occurred within the city limits of Kirkland</li> <li>• has no known suspects</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Car Prowls</li> <li>• Vandalism/Graffiti</li> <li>• Theft (including mail and ID thefts)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lost Property</li> <li>• Telephone Harassment</li> <li>• Littering</li> </ul> |
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**MONTHLY CITY MEETINGS**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU
1 <sup>st</sup> Week	<b>Design Review Board*</b> @ 7 p.m.	<b>City Council*</b> Study Session - 6 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)		<b>Tourism Development Committee*</b> @ 9 -10 a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	<b>Youth Council*</b> @ 6:45-8:30 p.m.	<b>Civil Service Commission*</b> @ 4 p.m.  <b>Senior Council</b> @ 5:30 p.m. Peter Kirk Community Center	<b>Park Board*</b> @ 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)	<b>Planning Commission*</b> @ 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	<b>Design Review Board*</b> @ 7 p.m.	<b>City Council*</b> Study Session - 6 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)	<b>Library Board</b> @ 6 p.m. Kirkland Library  <b>Cultural Arts Commission*</b> @ 4 p.m.	
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	<b>Youth Council*</b> @ 6:45-8:30 p.m.  <b>Houghton Community Council*</b> @ 7 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)		<b>Transportation Commission*</b> @ 6 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)	<b>Planning Commission*</b> @ 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)

**\*Meetings held at Kirkland City Hall, 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

- Special meetings may be scheduled; regular meetings may be cancelled.
- Agenda/Packets are posted to the City’s website at [www.kirklandwa.gov](http://www.kirklandwa.gov). Search the name of the board/commission.

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