

KIRKLAND CITY UPDATE



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METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT: City Council considers a Metropolitan Park District to fund Aquatic, Recreation and Community Center

The City continues Search for possible site for Aquatics/Recreation/Community Center

In March, the City Council expressed interest in exploring a ballot measure that would propose the creation of a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) as a funding mechanism for the proposed [Kirkland Aquatics/Recreation/Community](#) (ARC) Center. More recently, the City Council reviewed proposed legislation that would be necessary to place a measure on the general election ballot, approved the recruitment of "Pro" and "Con" committee members for the voter's pamphlet, and authorized further assessment of a privately-owned potential site located in the Totem Lake neighborhood.

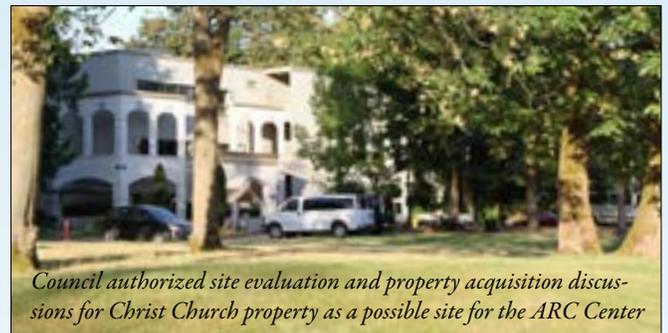
An MPD is authorized under State law, requires a 50% voter approval, and allows for the collection of property taxes to fund parks and recreation, including maintenance and operations. An MPD is a separate taxing district which may levy a regular property tax within the district.

City Council Public Hearing July 7, 2015 • 7:30 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers

- Consideration of an ordinance that proposes the creation of a Metropolitan Park District to be submitted to Kirkland voters at the November 3, 2015 General Election.
- Consideration of an ordinance that approves an Interlocal Agreement for the creation of a Metropolitan Park District

To give comments outside the public hearing, please email citycouncil@kirklandwa.gov.



Council authorized site evaluation and property acquisition discussions for Christ Church property as a possible site for the ARC Center

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DOWNTOWN PARKING: All day paid parking and other actions

Actions to add supply and improve parking management practices have been recently initiated. Most notably will be the expansion of paid parking hours at the Lake Street parking lot starting July 6. Increasing the time from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. will help increase turnover, making it easier to find a parking place at this popular lot. The hourly limit of \$1 remains and there is a four hour limit.

Although the City currently has a parking token program, it is exploring alternative parking validation programs that provide more immediate, same-day benefit to customers.



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Neighborhood leaders collaborate on proposed pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements

Through the collaboration between Kirkland residents and city staff, 18 projects have been identified for the [2015 Neighborhood Safety Program](#). Four projects, including the highest ranked one, will improve connections to the [Cross Kirkland Corridor \(CKC\)](#); others will install walkways, add or improve crosswalks, and reduce speeding.

2015 Neighborhood Safety Program Projects (by alphabetical listing of neighborhoods)

Central Houghton Projects

Improved connection to the CKC at NE 60th Street

Crosswalk improvements on 112th Avenue at NE 68th Street

Finn Hill Neighborhood Projects

Rapid Flashing Beacon at 84th Avenue NE/NE 138th Street crosswalk

Radar speed sign on Juanita Drive (in the vicinity of Woodlands Park)

Highlands Neighborhood Project

Stairs and bridge connection from 116th Avenue NE to the CKC

Juanita Neighborhood Projects

Gravel walkway on 100th Avenue NE/NE 110th Street from NE 112th Street to end of sidewalk on NE 110th Street

Gravel walkway on 98th Avenue NE from NE 110th Street to approximately 180 feet south

Lakeview Neighborhood Project

Stairs from NE 68th Street to the CKC

Moss Bay Neighborhood Project

Sidewalk on the north side of Kirkland Ave at 6th Street South

Norkirk Neighborhood Projects

Crosswalk improvements on 7th Avenue S. at 1st Street/4th Street/5th Street

Neighborhood Traffic Control at 13th Avenue/4th Street

North Rose Hill Neighborhood Projects

New flagged crosswalk at 132nd Avenue NE/NE 97th Street

New flagged crosswalk at 132nd Avenue NE/NE 93rd Street

South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails Neighborhood Project

Rapid Flashing Beacon at NE 70th Place/130th Avenue NE



The proposal to build stairs from NE 68th Street to the Cross Kirkland Corridor scored the highest among Neighborhood Safety Program projects

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SPOTLIGHT ON SUMMER EVENTS: Art, Music, Cars and, of course, Fireworks!

Looking for family fun this summer? Have out-of-town guests that you need to entertain? Below are some of Kirkland's finest traditions for fun with arts, music, cars and, of course fireworks! Visit www.ExploreKirkland.com for event information and to subscribe to receive monthly event guides via email.



FIREWORKS AT 10:15PM!



July

4	Celebrate Kirkland Parade & Fireworks	Marina Park & Downtown Kirkland
17-19	Kirkland Uncorked	Marina Park
25	FroYo 10 k & 5k	Juanita Beach Park
25-26	Classic Car Show	Marina Park

August

1-8	Junior Softball World Series	Everest Park
7-9	Summerfest	Marina Park
9	Rave Green 9k & 5k	9K
22	Life Care Center Car Show	10101 NE 120th St

September

1-8	Tall Ships	Carillon Point
20	Kirkland Triathlon	Juanita Beach Park
25-27	Oktoberfest	Marina Park



Subscribe to receive monthly event information from the Explore Kirkland Website, www.ExploreKirkland.com

Markets and Concerts



JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET

Juanita Beach Park, 9703 NE Juanita Drive
3 - 7 p.m. Season ends Sept. 25
www.kirklandwa.gov/juanitafridaymarket

KIRKLAND WEDNESDAY MARKET

Marina Park, 25 Lakeshore Plaza Dr.
2 - 7 p.m. Season ends Sept. 30
www.kirklandmarket.org

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Kids Concerts: Tuesdays, July 7-Aug. 18
10 - 11 a.m. Juanita Beach Park

Evening Concerts: Thursdays, July 9-Aug. 20
7 - 8:30 p.m. Marina Park

www.kirklandsummerconcerts.com



Kalakala Anniversary Celebration

KALAKALA 80TH ANNIVERSARY



Join us for the celebration of her July 3rd, 1935 Launch
Friday, July 3, 2015 - 7-9 p.m. - Kirkland's Marina Park, Pavilion

View photographs of historic pieces of the Kalakala and share your ideas on how best to integrate them as art in Kirkland.





HOME IMPROVEMENT BASICS: Keeping It To Code Keeps You Safe



Check with the city prior to starting your project

Summer time may have you thinking about home improvement projects like building a new deck or fence, remodeling your bathroom, or re-landscaping your yard. You want to do the project right, right? Prior to the work beginning, please check with the Development Services staff who can help you understand code requirements and permit application processes.

Before you hire a contractor, or decide to do the work yourself, you're going to need help knowing how far that new deck can extend and what height that shed can be. You have to know if the use is even allowed on your property and whether a permit is required for what you want to build or remove. Planning, Building and Public Works staff have expert knowledge in code requirements.

To make sure your project is designed, constructed, and inspected to code, please consider the following questions:

Is the use allowed?

The Planning & Building Development (PBD) Department can assist you with determining whether you can build a structure within the designated land use zone. City planners can also help you understand where the structure can go within your property boundaries, how high it can be built and what other code requirements may apply to your project. Starting with the PBD will get your project off on the right foot.

Is a permit required?

In most cases where you are re-roofing your home or building a deck, fence or retaining wall, a building permit may be required from the Building Department. It's important to remember that obtaining a permit and having the construction inspected by the City helps ensure the structure is built to code and is safe. A safe structure is one that can withstand the weight bearing on it (e.g. on a deck) and hold up in a windstorm or earthquake. Avoid the frustration of having to re-do the work if it is discovered that a valid permit was not obtained or that the work was not inspected.



Check with the City prior to starting your home improvement project

What about tree removal?

To be sure that you're in compliance with city regulations about tree retention, it's best that you contact the PBD Department prior to removing any trees on your property or trimming trees on public property (e.g. street trees, Cross Kirkland Corridor). The number and location of trees you want to remove and whether your property is within the Holmes Point Overlay will determine the type of tree removal form you need to submit to the City. For example, if a tree you want to remove is within a wetland, near a stream or shoreline, or on a steep slope, a permit and arborist report may be required.

You must contact PBD prior to any tree removal or trimming of trees located adjacent to your property on the street, in an alley, or other city right-of-way.



What about construction noise?

Often times the City responds to construction noise complaints; particularly early regarding morning and weekend hours. Development activity and heavy equipment operation are restricted to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. No such activity can occur on Sunday or the following holidays: New Year's, Memorial, Independence, Labor, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Variances may be granted under certain circumstances.

What about hiring a contractor?

Do not hire a contractor until you have checked to make sure the contractor is currently licensed by the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) to do the work they are being hired for. Otherwise you may be legally liable if they are injured on your property. You can verify the contractor's L&I status online at <https://secure.lni.wa.gov/verify> or you can contact L&I by telephone with any questions at 425-990-1400.

Development Services Contact Information

Planning

425-587-3225

planninginfo@kirklandwa.gov

Building

425-587-3600

Building_Services@kirklandwa.gov

Public Works

425-587-3800

publicworks@kirklandwa.gov

Development Services

Customer Counter Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 8-5pm; Wed 10:30-5pm

For permit application forms, go to:

www.kirklandwa.gov (Search: [Development Services](#))



Protect vital utilities, call 811 before you dig and create a "ticket." Visit www.call811.com for more information.

HELPFUL TIPS: Water Meter/Fire Hydrants

The water meter on your property is probably something you don't think about too often. The same may be true about the closest fire hydrant. The City urges you to familiarize yourself with the location of both of these important devices and to keep them clear of debris, vegetation, and other obstructions (e.g. fences, cars, garbage cans). The Fire Department needs access to fire hydrants for fire suppression and Water Division for maintenance. The Water Division also needs access to all residential and commercial meters (there are more than 12,450 meters in the city) for regular readings and maintenance. Keeping your water meter clear will help you access it should you need to turn it off in an emergency



A good rule of thumb is to keep 3 to 5 feet of cleared area around your water meter.

Think There's A Water Leak?

Leaking faucets, toilets, and even fire hydrants cost money and waste a valuable resource. To learn how to detect a water leak and to shut off your water meter, go to www.kirklandwa.gov, search "[Water Leaks](#)."

Metropolitan Park District Continued...

The City Council is considering the establishment of the MPD within Kirkland city limits, to naming it Kirkland Aquatics and Recreation District and keeping it separate from the two existing voter-approved park levies.

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on July 7 to receive public comments on proposed ordinances related to placing the MPD on the November General Election ballot. At its July 21 meeting, it will formally consider the ordinances and appoint members to the "Pro" and "Con" Committees should the ordinances be adopted.

In addition to the potential City-owned site at the North Kirkland Community Center, the City continues to seek a suitable privately-owned site option, preferably in the Totem Lake Urban Center. The City Council approved the evaluation of the Christ Church property located on NE 118th Street and acquisition discussions with property representatives. Additionally, the City is exploring partnership opportunities with interested community organizations and neighboring jurisdictions.

To learn more about the proposed ARC Center, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/kirklandarc.

2015 Neighborhood Safety Program Projects Continued...

The following projects will be funded outside the Neighborhood Safety Program:

Everest Neighborhood Project

- Crosswalk on 6th Street at 5th Avenue South (funded by the CIP)

Evergreen Hill Neighborhood (representing the greater Kingsgate and northeast area) Project

- Neighborhood traffic safety projects at 117th Place NE/119th Place NE (funded by the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget)

Market Neighborhood Project

- Rapid Flashing Beacon on Market Street at Waverly Way crosswalk (funded by a Pedestrian and Bicycle grant with the State of Washington)

Juanita Neighborhood Projects

- Rapid flashing beacon on Juanita Drive at 93rd Avenue NE crosswalk (funded by a Pedestrian and Bicycle grant with the State of Washington)

For more information about the 2015 NSP projects and past projects, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/neighborhoods or contact Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Coordinator at 425-587-3011 or kp@kirklandwa.gov

Downtown Parking Continued...



Through new signage, visitors will know that free parking at Kirkland City Hall is available after 5 p.m. on weekdays and on weekends (no overnight parking).

To enhance parking at the city-owned parking garage at the Kirkland Library, new LED lights on the upper deck are being tested and the structure has been pressure-washed, painted and striped.

Other efforts include improving wayfinding parking signs, evaluating Market Street, Lake Avenue West and Heritage Park for additional parking, and exploring options for shared parking with private entities.

For more information on the City's efforts, contact Kathy Robertson at 425-587-3870 or krobertson@kirklandwa.gov, or visit www.kirklandwa.gov/parking.

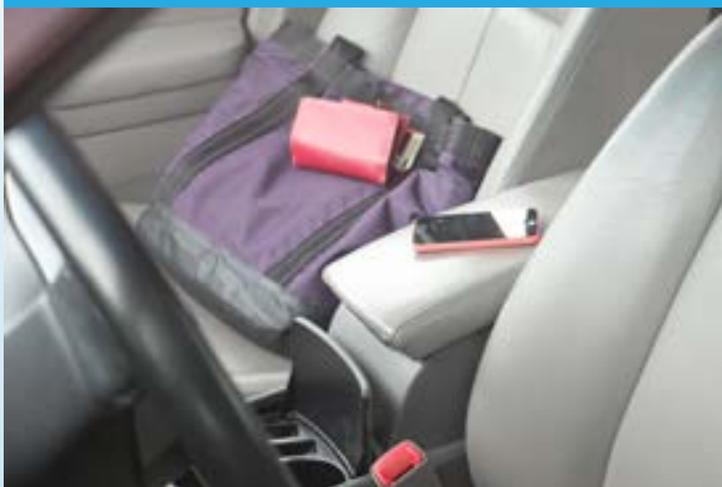


Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Henry David Thoreau Elementary School** for its winning name **E.P.I.C. (Environmental Police Investigation Car)** in the "Name that UTV" contest. Look for the new Police Utility Terrain Vehicles on the Cross Kirkland Corridor.



CRIME PREVENTION: Hiding valuables in your car reduces the chances of theft



What takes less than two minutes to complete, leads to a worse situation, and robs you of valuables? Car prowls. They are one of the most common crimes in Kirkland and one of the easiest to prevent. A car prowl is when someone breaks into your car to steal valuable items, or what appear to be valuable items.

The best ways to prevent a car prowl is to always lock your car and keep valuables in your car hidden from plain view. You may think your gym bag isn't worth much, but a thief wants to take a chance that there are treasures in it. Electronics will definitely catch the eye of a car prowler; so they should be brought inside with you whenever possible or locked in your trunk or hidden.

Often times, car prowls occur where there are many cars parked in the same area, such as parking lots at apartment communities, parks, and malls. It's a good practice to always park in well-lighted areas and where there is high foot traffic.

Should your wallet be stolen, it's possible that you could fall victim to identity theft or that further crimes occur against you or your home.

You are encouraged to report car prowls to the Kirkland Police Department by calling 425-587-3400.

CITY COUNCIL adopts "best practice" guidelines for use of Social Media



Council communications subject to public record and open meeting laws

Even as new social media technologies continue to emerge, so do guidelines for government agencies and their elected officials in the use of them. In recognizing the importance of communicating with its constituency in all communications methods, the Kirkland City Council has adopted guidelines to govern the use of social media by individual council members.

Council members may post to social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and online forums, as long as a disclaimer about their views is included. The disclaimer ensures the view expressed in the comment is that of the member; not of the full council. The disclaimer also acknowledges that comments by other council members regarding the same issue are limited by the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) which requires public noticing of a quorum of council members discussing official city business. Specifically, if more than three council members are involved in a conversation via a social media forum, it could be considered a meeting; and if no notice was given regarding the meeting, it would not be in compliance with the OPMA.

Social media sites may not be used by council members to conduct city council business, particularly legal and fiscal matters that have not already been released to the public. Posts by council members regarding quasi-judicial issues, where the Council acts in a manner similar to a judge, are prohibited.

All city council communications including, but not limited to, email, social media posts, and text messages may be subject to the Public Records Act.

To learn more about the policy, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/council and select "About City Council."

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425-587-3000

★ **REMINDER: FIREWORKS BAN**
★ **IN KIRKLAND:** The sale, possession and
★ discharge of fireworks is prohibited.

For Police, Fire & Medical Emergencies Call 9-1-1
To Report Road Emergencies in Kirkland Call 425-587-3900 (24h)

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 titlevicoordinator@kirklandwa.gov.