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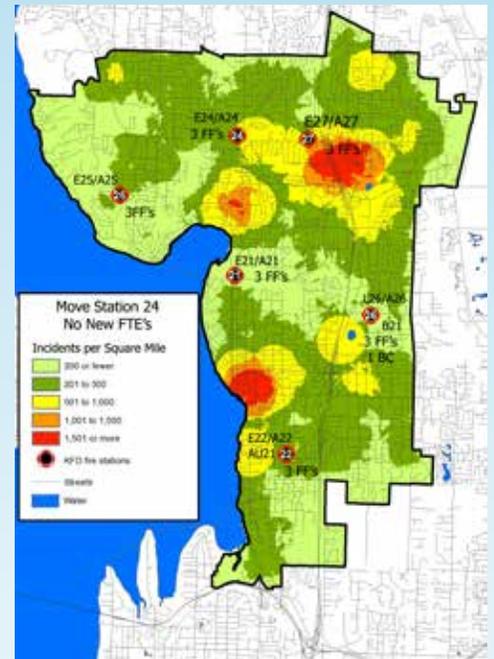
Council supports “Dual Station” concept for Finn Hill Fire Station

In August, the City Council received an update on the Finn Hill Fire Station Siting Study including the evaluation of a “single station” and “dual station” alternative. The option of sustaining the existing services provided by Fire Station 24 (FS 24) and FS 25 were also considered

The “single station” alternative proposes replacing FS 24 and 25 with one fire station located in the northwest area of the city; the “dual station” concept proposes maintaining FS 25 at its current location and locating a new fire station (FS 24) in the northwest area of the city.

The City Council directed further study of the “dual station” concept as it applies to two identified properties on NE 132nd Street and that the analysis be broadened to other properties within the area.

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Aquatics/Recreation/Community Center (ARC) study moves forward

City Council directs further siting analysis and public outreach

The City Council has long recognized the need for more multi-use aquatic, recreation, and community space in Kirkland, in keeping with the City Council’s goal to provide recreational facilities and opportunities that enhance the health and well-being of the community. Over the past year, the City Council, Park Board, and City staff have been listening to public feedback and discussing data collected through a comprehensive study on what features the facility should have and where it could potentially be located.

The study identified two city-owned sites as having the most potential – the ball field (north) portion of Juanita Beach Park and the North Kirkland Community Center.

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Stay Informed, Stay Involved.
www.kirklandwa.gov/kirklandarc





NE 85th Street Corridor Improvement Project: Water main construction begins; Time to plan your commute



Night work has started on the installation of a new water main along NE 85th Street

The City is urging commuters to plan for construction-related impacts to Northeast 85th Street's traffic as contracted work crews complete an array of tasks all contributing to the [Northeast 85th Street Corridor Improvements project](#).

In mid-September, Johansen Excavating, the City's contractor, initiated a series of utility, traffic and pedestrian improvements that will transform the corridor into a more commercial arterial with a new road surface, sidewalks, stormwater retention, improved traffic signal timing and technology, and a new water main.

The first task, installation of a water main, will continue into January. Johansen's night crews will work to install the water main and day crews will fill and repave the trench excavated the previous night. This work schedule cuts both the costs and the time of construction. It also prevents all-day road closures, but there will be traffic impacts and drivers should plan alternative routes if possible.

Johansen's crews will be operating in the roadway, which will require lane closures.

The new 24-inch water main will add both capacity and reliability to the City's water distribution system. It will run down the center of Northeast 85th Street from the I-405 interchange to 132nd Avenue Northeast.

Beginning in January and February, crews will begin additional tasks including the upgrade to traffic signals and the construction of sidewalks, curbs, gutters and median islands.

Choose your way to get updates on the NE 85th Street Corridor Improvement Project:

Find it: www.kirklandwa.gov/85thStreet

Receive it: www.kirklandwa.gov/ebulletins
(Select NE 85th Street project)

Hear it: 425-587-3838
24 Hour Construction Hot Line

Ask it: cknight@kirklandwa.gov

Park Lane Enhancement Project: City Council approves "Flexible Street" design

After seeing how Park Lane will look once proposed enhancements are completed, all seven of the City Council approved of the design—voting unanimously to pursue the plaza-style street's design.

The most visible aspect of that concept is the one-level surface of red and beige brick pavers - some of them porous - to allow stormwater to drain into the soil beneath rather than flush without treatment into Lake Washington. Non-porous pavers will channel water toward rain gardens and porous pavers.

The porous pavers and rain gardens will require some increased maintenance. On the other hand, the new street will resolve the ongoing maintenance issues caused by tree roots lifting sidewalk panels. Overall, the new street will require about as much maintenance as the current one.

Council members agreed to create a traffic loop within the Lake Street parking lot and to permanently close the Lake Street parking lot's exit onto Park Lane. It will allow drivers to circulate within the parking lot and it will reduce the conflict between pedestrians and drivers exiting the Lake Street parking lot onto Park Lane.

At its September 2, 2014 meeting, the City Council authorized project staff to begin recruiting contractor candidates to construct the project. The City hopes to select the contractor by November.

For more information, visit kirklandwa.gov/parklaneproject or contact Christian Knight, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, 425-587-3831 or cknight@kirklandwa.gov



Rendering of "plaza-style" street for Park Lane



Council supports “Dual Station” concept for Finn Hill Fire Station

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A [2013 Standards of Coverage and Deployment Plan](#) recommends the dual station option because it provides for improved service to Finn Hill and to the Totem Lake and Juanita areas where the highest call volume occurs. Staffing for the new configuration could be achieved by re-deployment of existing staff.

The siting study was originally initiated as the Fire Station Consolidation Project and was funded by the King County Fire District 41 prior to the City annexing the Finn Hill neighborhood in 2011. The study began to evaluate combining Fire Stations 24 and 25 into one central location to better serve the Finn Hill

area. This study was suspended in 2012 until the [Fire Strategic Plan](#) was completed. The Fire Strategic Plan, adopted in 2013, identified several response time gaps, including North Finn Hill which prompted the Standards of Coverage Study. The Coverage Study identified the option to build and staff a new fire station (replacing FS 24) while maintaining FS 25. The siting process was restarted to include “single station” and “dual station” alternatives.

For more information about the Siting Study, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/fire.



Fire Station 25 is located on 76th Place

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In September, the City Council and Park Board received a final report that analyzed and recommended facility features, siting considerations, and costs. The report concluded that Juanita Beach Park was the preferred location for a facility that, as recommended by the Park Board, would house a 50-meter competition/lap pool; recreation and therapy pools; two-court gymnasium with elevated walking/jogging track; recreation enrichment classrooms space, and fitness activity areas; and a community meeting hall with 300-person banquet seating capacity.

Juanita Neighborhood residents expressed concerns about the Juanita Beach Park site due to traffic and the loss of open space.

The City Council and Park Board want to further explore the community’s thoughts on whether there are yet-to-be identified alternative sites that may be preferable to Juanita Beach Park. In the coming months, the City will seek extensive citizen input on the proposed facility (building features and uses) and siting preferences. Results of the outreach will be presented to the City Council and Park Board next spring.

The [ARC Concept Plan](#) was produced following an extensive study initiated in 2013 when the Lake Washington School District announced the potential closure of the aquatics center at Juanita High School. Because the closure of the Juanita Aquatics Center would leave Kirkland without a public indoor swim facility, the City Council was quick to place priority on studying its replacement. For more information on the study, go to www.kirklandwa.gov/kirklandarc.





Collaboration results in safety projects in the Juanita, Finn Hill and Kingsgate neighborhoods

Four months after the City Council approved the [Neighborhood Safety Program](#) as a pilot, six safety improvement projects are slated to be completed this year in the Juanita, Finn Hill and Kingsgate (JFK) neighborhoods.

The collaborative efforts of the Neighborhood Safety Panel (representatives from the Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods) and the City's staff team achieved the review and ranking of nine citizen-submitted proposals. In June, the City Council approved the funding for the following:

The JFK pilot program was funded by the City's [Capital Improvement Program](#). The City Council approved extending the program city-wide and approved annual funding from the Street Levy (\$150,000/year). As a result of the [City Council's Work Program](#) to reenergize neighborhoods, a primary goal of the program is to foster partnerships between neighborhoods and community organizations to identify and help evaluate small scale - but high priority - neighborhood safety improvements. Kirkland Neighborhoods and the [Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods](#) helped design the program and are working closely together in its implementation.

Examples of eligible projects include crosswalk improvements, intersection improvements (e.g. signage), traffic calming, street lights, bicycle lanes and walkways/ trails.

JUANITA

Rapid Flashing Beacon, curb ramps, crosswalk markings, adjust fencing on 132nd Street NE near 105th Ave NE

Signage, curb ramps, crosswalk markings, trail improvements at Forbes Creek Drive and Cross Kirkland Corridor

FINN HILL

Rapid Flashing Beacon, trail improvements, guard rail adjustment, crosswalk markings on Juanita Drive at NE 137th Street connecting Big Finn Hill Park

Crosswalk markings and removal of extruded curb along 84th Ave NE from NE 139th Street to NE 141st Street

Crosswalk improvements on 90th Ave NE at NE 134th Street; and NE 137th Street and NE 139th Street

KINGSGATE

Rapid Flashing Beacon, crosswalk markings on NE 132nd Street at 121st Ave NE



Repainted crosswalk markings and replaced damaged curb for safe route to school along NE 84th Street from NE 139th Street to NE 141st Street





Timeline for 2015 city-wide Neighborhood Safety Program

Project ideas for the 2015 city-wide program can be submitted online with the interactive map found at www.kirklandwa.gov; search "Suggest a Project."

To learn more about the program www.kirklandwa.gov/neighborhoods or contact Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator at KPage@kirklandwa.gov or 425-587-3011.

2015 Neighborhood Safety Program Timeline

Project idea due:	December 1, 2014
NSP Workshop:	January 22, 2015
Applications Available	January 22, 2015
Applications Due:	No later than February 9, 2015
Panel review:	March 11, 2015
Panel decision:	March 25, 2015
City Council decision:	April 21, 2015
Projects announced:	By end of April, 2015
Projects completed by:	June 1, 2016

2015-2016 Budget Adoption Schedule

The City Council has begun its process for the adoption of the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget and encourages residents to stay informed and involved. Below is the schedule of City Council meetings. Public comment is available at the beginning of Regular Meetings and during Public Hearings.

Council Budget Work Session (Special Meeting)	Thursday, October 30 3 - 9 pm
Council Study Session - Budget (Special Meeting)	Monday, November 3
Public Hearing - Budget Input (Special Meeting)	Monday, November 3
Special Study Session – Budget (Special Meeting)	Monday, November 10
Public Hearing – Budget	Tuesday, November 18
Preliminary Property Tax Levy Public Hearing	Tuesday, November 18
Public Hearing Preliminary Property Tax	Tuesday, November 18
Budget Adoption	Tuesday, December 9
Final Property Tax Levy Adoption	Tuesday, December 9

2015 - 2016 Biennial Budget



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Send your comments to be shared with the City Council 15-16budget@kirklandwa.gov



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425-587-3100

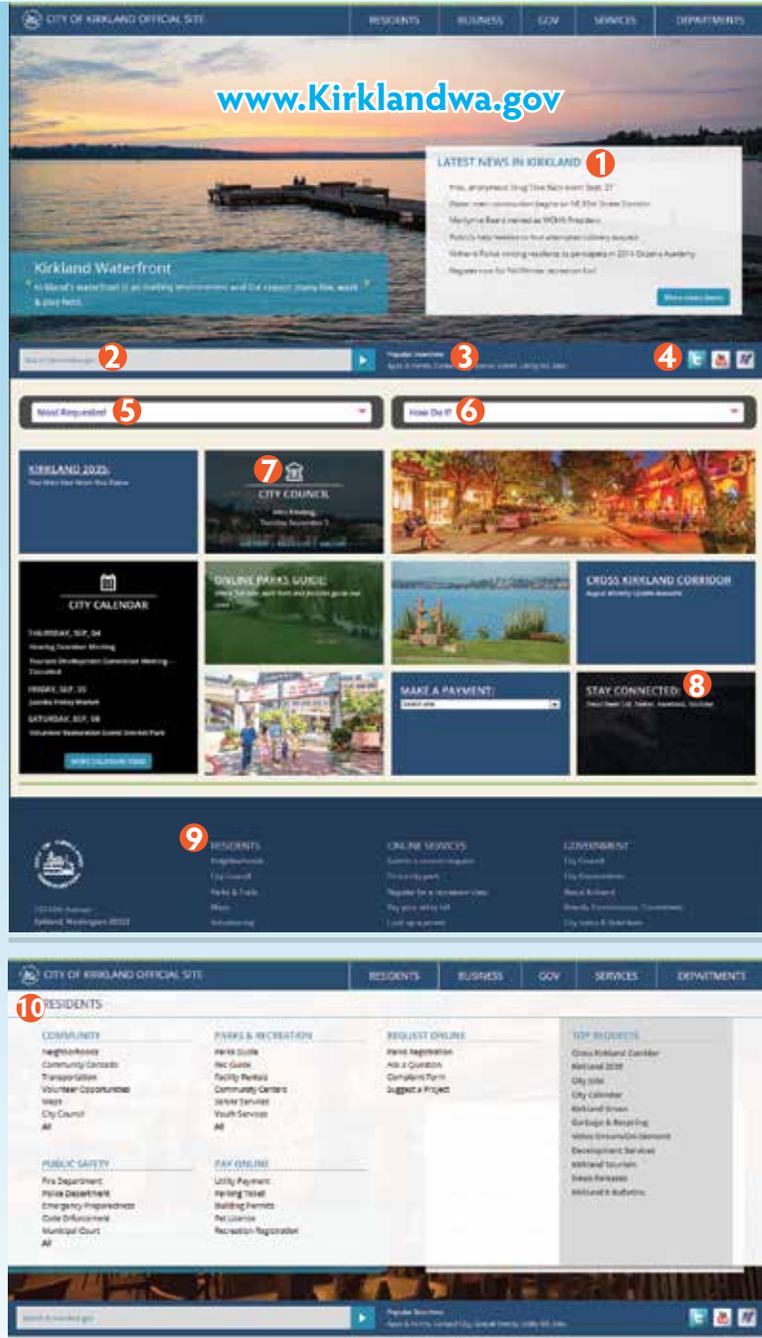


Watch City Council meetings live or On Demand www.kirklandwa.gov

- ◆ Study Sessions begin at 6 pm
- ◆ Regular meetings begin at 7:30 pm
- ◆ Public Hearings begin around 7:30 pm

Introducing: City's redesigned website

A quick guide to navigation



TOP 10 features of the redesigned City website

- 1 Latest News:** Read current City headlines.
- 2 Prominent search field:** Allows you to enter key search words for a quick find.
- 3 Popular searches:** Allows you to quickly find topics that most people search.
- 4 Social Media Sharing:** Lets you instantly share web pages with your fans and followers.
- 5 Most requested:** List for your quick reference what topics are most searched.
- 6 How Do I? feature:** Gives you a drop down menu of most commonly asked questions.
- 7 City Council:** Find council member and meeting information.
- 8 Community Spotlights:** Features important community initiatives.
- 9 Comprehensive Site Map (Footer):** Lists key pages within the site for quick searches.
- 10 Mega Menu:** Gives you a full menu of choices by department and topic.



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Seriously, Like Us!

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION
Cross Kirkland Corridor Interim Trail

BEFORE

COMING SOON

AFTER

Construction is underway and expected to be complete near the end of the year. Please watch for trail closure signs and respect construction zones.

For updates:
kirklandwa.gov/crosskirklandcorridor
facebook.com/crosskirklandcorridor
twitter.com/kirklandgov
 425.587.3011



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 5 to 7 p.m.

Kirkland City Hall (Upper level): 123 Fifth Avenue



Comprehensive Plan Update

Get the latest on updates to the Plan including the Neighborhood Plans and selected Citizen Amendment Requests.



Transportation Master Plan

Review new goals & policies. Learn more about the transportation projects to be built in the next 20 years.



Also happening:

- City's Park Board Meeting, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods Meeting, 7 pm, Peter Kirk Room
- Information on other Kirkland 2035 plans and programs

Event info: www.kirklandwa.gov/Kirkland2035

Keep Leaves Out of the Street & Prevent Flooding!

Do not blow or rake leaves into the street!
Leaves and debris in the street can clog storm drains, causing streets & homes to flood.

Wondering what to do with all the leaves?

- Dispose of leaves in your grey yard waste cart.
- Call Waste Management at 1-800-592-9995 to get a temporary extra yard waste cart for just \$12.92/month.
- Adopt a Storm Drain and get a reusable leaf bag. No pick up charge for extra yard waste in the bag. Sign up at www.kirklandwa.gov (search Adopt a Drain) or call 425-587-3800.

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MONTHLY CITY MEETINGS

MONDAY

Design Review Board* 1st & 3rd Monday · 7 p.m.
Youth Council* 2nd & 4th Monday · 6:45-8:30 p.m.
Houghton Community Council* 4th Monday · 7 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)

TUESDAY

City Council* 1st & 3rd Tuesday; Study Session · 6 p.m.
Regular Meeting · 7:30 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)
Civil Service Commission* 2nd Tuesday · 4 p.m.
Senior Council 2nd Tuesday · 5:30 p.m. (Peter Kirk Community Center)

WEDNESDAY

Park Board* 2nd Wednesday · 7 p.m.
Transportation Commission* 4th Wednesday · 6 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)
Library Board 3rd Wednesday · 6 p.m. (Alternates between Kirkland and Kingsgate Libraries)
Cultural Arts Commission* 3rd Wednesday · 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Tourism Development Committee* 1st Thursday · 9-10 a.m.
Planning Commission* 2nd & 4th Thursday · 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)

MEETS AS NEEDED

Human Services
Advisory Committee Call: 425-587-3322
Neighborhood Association meeting information:
www.kirklandwa.gov/neighborhoods.

* 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.

IMPORTANT CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Kirkland City Hall

123 5th Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033 425-587-3000
City Council & City Manager's Office 425-587-3001
City Clerk's Office/Public Records 425-587-3190
Building Department 425-587-3600
Fire Prevention 425-587-3650
Planning & Community Development 425-587-3225
Public Works Department 425-587-3800
Finance & Administration 425-587-3100
Business License 425-587-3140
Utility Billing 425-587-3150
Human Resources 425-587-3210
Parks & Community Service 425-587-3300
North Kirkland Community Center 425-587-3350
Peter Kirk Community Center 425-587-3360
Parks Maintenance 425-587-3349
Public Works Maintenance (24 Hour) 425-587-3900

Kirkland Justice Center

Municipal Court 425-587-3160
(11740 NE 118th Street, Kirkland, WA 98034-7114)
Police Department 425-587-3400
(11750 NE 118th Street, Kirkland, WA 98034-7114)

For Police, Fire & Medical Emergencies.....Call 9-1-1

To Report Road Emergencies in Kirkland Call 425-587-3900 (24h)

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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 titlevicordinator@kirklandwa.gov.