

# KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – SEPTEMBER 2020



## GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP IS BACK WITH MICRO EVENTS!

The City approved the re-start of Green Kirkland volunteer stewardship events beginning in September! All events are currently led by our partners at EarthCorps and function differently than past events in many ways.

To keep leaders and participants safe, the events are shorter with smaller group sizes. Currently participation is capped at five people per session and EarthCorps generally offers two, two-hour sessions each event day. Pre-registration is required with no option for drop-in participation. All participants sign electronic waivers instead of completing printed sign-in sheets. Face coverings are required throughout the duration of the event and recommended social distancing and sanitation practices are strictly followed. A more detailed description of what to expect at these events can be found on [EARTHCORPS WEBSITE](#).

We hosted two events in September before excessive wildfire smoke forced event cancellations. We hosted a few more events in late September and have six events scheduled in October. Registration for these events is increasing as the word gets out that we're back in action.



We are planning to expand our offerings to Staff-led events in November and Steward-led events in 2021. Before Staff-led and Steward-led events can begin we need to update our registration system to limit participation to the allowed number of individuals and provide an electronic waiver to replace the print waivers we normally use. These changes will coincide with the build out of a new City website.

Meanwhile, many of our existing Stewards have been working on their own at their adopted natural areas for several months. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment to these places as it is instrumental to

our efforts to keep acres already enrolled in restoration in good condition. Several new individuals are joining the Steward team on a one-by-one basis, receiving group virtual and solo in-person training at their chosen locations. One of the few silver linings of the pandemic is that people are spending more time in their local natural areas and realize that we could really using their help caring for them.

Here are upcoming Green Kirkland Partnership volunteer opportunities. For more information, please visit [GREENKIRKLAND.ORG](https://www.greenkirkland.org).

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
October 10, 2020 10AM	Green Kirkland volunteer event	Edith Moulton Park	<a href="https://www.greenkirkland.org">GREENKIRKLAND.ORG</a>
October 15, 2020 10AM	Green Kirkland volunteer event	OO Denny Park	<a href="https://www.greenkirkland.org">GREENKIRKLAND.ORG</a>
October 16, 2020 10AM	Green Kirkland volunteer event	Everest Park	<a href="https://www.greenkirkland.org">GREENKIRKLAND.ORG</a>
October 24, 2020 10AM	Green Kirkland volunteer event	Everest Park	<a href="https://www.greenkirkland.org">GREENKIRKLAND.ORG</a>
October 29, 2020 10AM	Green Kirkland volunteer event	North Rose Hill Woodlands Park	<a href="https://www.greenkirkland.org">GREENKIRKLAND.ORG</a>

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Special event permits remain on hold until the state and health officials issue specific guidelines relative to the live event industry which include concerts, festivals, parades, bike/run/walk events, etc. The Special Event Service Team is currently working with organizers on December events with the hopes that creative revisioning will allow for them to be permitted.

### SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

Staff supported the events listed below through permitting; coordination with other City departments for street closures, fire and police support, safety and sanitary regulations and banners; City facility use such as parks, parking lots and streets; evening and weekend on-call logistical support as needed; and communication with the public.

### FARMERS MARKETS

Governor Inslee’s Executive Order issued on March 23, 2020, designated food and agriculture systems as critical to maintaining and securing our food supply. Under this directive, farmers markets were identified as essential operations critical to protect the health and well-being of all Washingtonians.

### KIRKLAND WEDNESDAY MARKET

The Kirkland Downtown Association’s weekly market was forced to close twice in September due to extreme weather conditions. Fortunately, market staff and vendors have committed to extending operations through October 28. While the weather will cool and harvesting will slow, market staff urge the community to continue supporting vendors through weekly purchases of fresh local products.



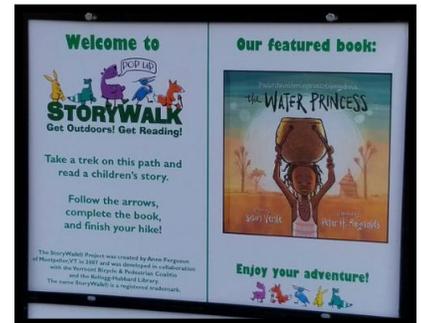
### JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET

The last day of the Juanita Friday Market for the 2020 season was Friday, September 25.

In the face of heavy rain, 13 vendors set up their tents and were open for business. When told that this was our last day, one young customer aptly remarked, *“then we should stock up”*. Despite numerous challenges, the Juanita Friday Market served the community by bringing fresh, local food, flowers, and other tasty treats to the citizens of Kirkland. We look forward to next year.

### POPUK STORYWALK

A PopUp Storywalk installation featured “The Water Princess” by author Susan Verde at Peter Kirk Park from August 29-September 18. Kids and their families enjoyed a short walk through the park while reading the story of Princess Gie Gie and learning about the importance of water conservation and accessibility. PopUp StoryWalks have spread throughout the country and are now available in every state. The mission of PopUp Storywalk organizers is to encourage a lifelong love of learning and an appreciation of the outdoors. To learn about the next installation, go to [POPUP STORYWALK](#).



DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
Wednesdays through Oct. 28, 3pm-7pm	Kirkland Wednesday Market	Marina Park	<a href="http://KIRKLANDMARKET.ORG">KIRKLANDMARKET.ORG</a>

## HUMAN SERVICES

### KIRKLAND YOUTH COURT

School is back in session and so is Teen Traffic Court. Kirkland Youth Court is a monthly program run by the Kirkland Youth Council in cooperation with the Kirkland Municipal Court. The program offers teens who have been issued a moving violation the opportunity to be heard in front of a peer judge and a jury. Youth Court will be held virtually at 2pm on the second Wednesday of every month, year-round (excluding holidays). Teens who are eligible for Kirkland Youth Court can **SIGN UP ONLINE ON THIS WEBSITE** by clicking the mitigation form. When signing up, the citation and driver's license must be presented within 15 days of receiving the infraction. Students will then be assigned a hearing date. For more information, contact the Kirkland Municipal Court at 425-587-3160 or contact Kirkland Youth Services at 425-587-3323.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Although home is a sanctuary for many, it can be the most dangerous place for victims of domestic violence. Challenges related to the COVID-19 global pandemic, including stressors such as unemployment, reduced income, limited resources, social support and having to stay at home have increased family violence and abuse. This October will be proclaimed as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Kirkland. The purpose of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is to promote an active community response against the scourge of domestic violence.

LifeWire, the leading domestic violence agency in Washington State, encourages survivors, their loved ones, and concerned residents to learn more by calling the LifeWire Helpline at 425-746-1940. Resources are available from the following websites:

- LifeWire: [WWW.LIFEWIRE.ORG](http://WWW.LIFEWIRE.ORG)
- Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence: [WSCADV.ORG](http://WSCADV.ORG)
- National Coalition Against Domestic Violence: [NCADV.ORG](http://NCADV.ORG).

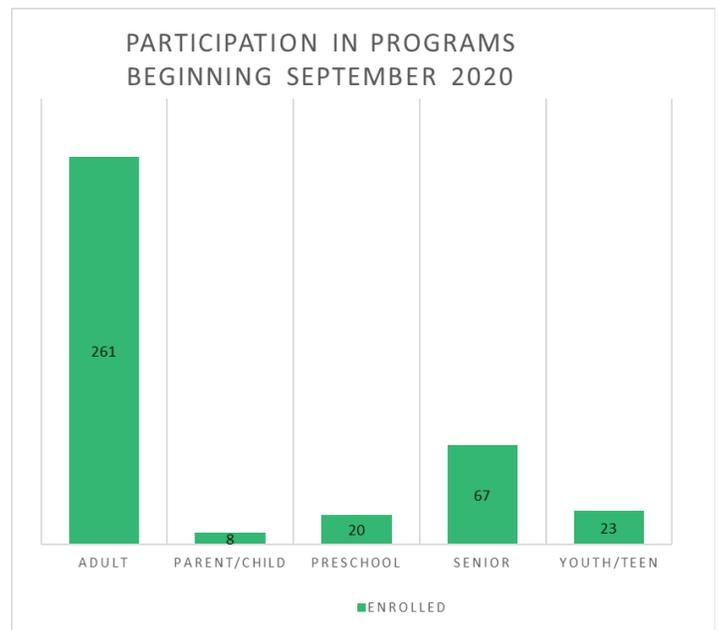
## RECREATION SERVICES

### PETER KIRK COMMUNITY CENTER SENIOR SERVICES

In September 72 lunches were delivered to seniors in their homes and a total of 221 hot lunches were served at our "To-Go" lunch program. Lunches are available every Tuesday and Friday at the Peter Kirk Community Center. Adults over the age of 60 can reserve a hot meal by calling 425-587-3360. The Enhance®Wellness Nurse and Social worker have continued to work with clients via phone and Skype, 53 Kirkland residents were served by this program.

### RENTALS AND PROGRAMS

As the weather cooled following Labor Day, picnic shelter rentals have declined. Staff took five reservations for a total of 27 hours during the month of September. Virtual programming continued with a variety of events and classes for all ages.





### VIRTUAL DOG DAYS OF KIRKLAND

The first virtual Dog Days of Kirkland event held during the month of August was extremely successful. Over 75 dogs participated in the contest/show where winners were determined by their number of “likes” in Facebook. Prizes were graciously donated by Denny’s Pet World and Jennifer Wollman Photography. The event reached over 7,000 people through the Kirkland Parks and Community Services Facebook page, with 134 new followers in a 10-day period.

### STAR WARS TRIVIA NIGHT

On September 16, 2020, 17 Jedi apprentices joined our virtual Star Wars Trivia Night to test their knowledge of the Force by navigating questions from nine movies that spanned over 42 years in the making. Participants were assessed in their knowledge of the Millennium Falcon, the death star, light sabers, the Clone

War, and more! They each brought their own energy, knowledge and expertise to this virtual event. After 3 rounds of questions, the winner with the most points took home the Jedi Master Certificate and joined the Jedi Order.

### KIRKLAND'S TREASURED PAST SCAVENGER HUNT

At the beginning of September, the Parks Department, in partnership with The Kirkland Heritage Society, launched a scavenger hunt titled “Kirkland’s Treasured Past”. The scavenger hunt takes participants on a city-wide journey in search of answers regarding our city’s history. Over fourteen businesses have donated prizes for this event, ranging from dining certificates, to an overnight stay at the Woodmark Hotel. Currently 134 participants are enrolled, and the number is growing daily. Feedback has been positive and with many expressing gratitude for the opportunity to get out and explore Kirkland.

*I am LOVING this scavenger hunt. Thank you so much for putting it together! I just moved to Kirkland at the end of June, so this has been a blast of a way to learn my new city!! ~ Shannon S. Kirkland Resident*

### PARK AND BEACH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Park and Beach Ambassador program concluded the weekend of Labor Day. The Beach Ambassador program served three beaches: Juanita, Waverly and Houghton Beach. Staff were present from 12pm-6pm daily, handing out masks, lifejackets and completing trash and glass walks throughout the park. Over the duration of the program, the three beaches saw a total of 116,869 visitors and staff loaned out 1,100 lifejackets. The Park Ambassador program handed out nearly 14,000 masks since June 22 and were tasked with educating the public, keeping parks and beaches clean of trash and preventive measures for playground equipment.

## PARKS MANAGEMENT

### FALL IS BACK TO BUSINESS

This time of year requires a lot of regular maintenance just to keep up. Our teams are mowing daily, managing leaf fall, brushing along trails, tuning up the irrigation systems (including the underwater intake inspections done via scuba diving), spiffing up the flower beds, repairing and replacing aging infrastructure such as the score booth double doors at Everest, and responding to daily calls about tree concerns. During drought conditions, some trees, especially cottonwoods, are prone to dropping limbs as a survival tactic.



### IT'S TIME TO PLAY

The playgrounds are open! We are busy completing thorough inspections to make sure everything is good to go after the long break. The playgrounds all have signs explaining that they are not sanitized, and people should wear masks and social distance while using and wash their hands before and after playing. And speaking of playgrounds, the new spaceship themed equipment at NKCC will be installed soon. We have been prepping the site throughout September to be ready.



### FIELD OF DREAMS

Renovating 132nd Square Park is a big project and once it gets started the neighboring families will need a place to play. The Parks Department is partnering with King County Housing Authority (KCHA) to improve the turf on a large field near the KCHA property so pick-up soccer and other ball games can continue unabated until the new 132nd Square Park is up and running. We are also installing a new basketball hoop at the location.

### FRESH COAT OF PAINT

The Forbes House on the north side of Juanita Beach park has been repainted. It was a complex project requiring lead paint remediation and color selection that aligns with the structure's rich history.



### GREEN KIRKLAND STATS

Progress toward goal of 119.2 acres maintained in 2020\*



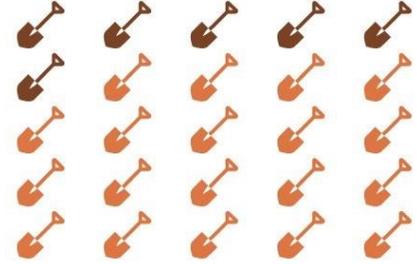
\*13.3 acres maintained based on data received from Stewards & crews by 9.29.20

Progress toward goal of 11,500 volunteer hours\*



\*2,251 volunteer hours based on data received from Stewards & crews by 9.29.20

Progress toward goal of 10.8 new acres enrolled in 2020\*



\*2.6 acres enrolled based on data received from Stewards & crews by 9.29.20

## PARK PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Below is a high-level summary and status update of the active Park Planning and Development projects. Please visit the Park Planning and Development [WEBSITE](#) to learn more about these projects, to access project files, master plans, outreach efforts, and other details.

### JUANITA BEACH BATHHOUSE RENOVATION

Construction of the bathhouse and pavilions continues. The playground with synthetic turf has been installed. Construction is expected to be complete in mid-October.

*Background of Project:* This is phase II of the Juanita Beach Park development project. This phase includes replacing the bathhouse, adding two new picnic shelters and installing an all-inclusive new playground. Numerous environmental improvements will occur throughout the park.



### 132ND SQUARE PARK

Project has completed 90% design with permits submitted. Project bidding is anticipated in December 2020 with construction start in January 2021.

*Background of Project:* The City is replacing a non-regulation grass sports field with a synthetic turf field after the installation of a surface water detention structure underneath the field.

### DAVID BRINK PARK SHORELINE RENOVATION

The project has completed 90% design. All outside agency permits have been received, including the Army Corp. A grant was submitted through RCO for Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account for \$500,000

with 25% match minimum. The final ranking will be posted in October.

*Background of Project:* This is part of a larger shoreline infrastructure project conducting major maintenance of docks, piers and shorelines.

### CITY/SCHOOL PLAYFIELD PARTNERSHIP

Finn Hill Middle School playfield has been renovated. Peter Kirk Elementary School has also been completed.

*Background of Project:* This long-standing partnership with the Lake Washington School District will continue.

### JUANITA HEIGHTS TRAIL PROJECT

Staff continues to explore trail options.

*Background of Project:* The expanding Juanita Heights Park is envisioned to allow trail connections to the surrounding neighborhoods all the way down to Juanita Bay Park.

## PARK PLAY AREAS AND ACCESSIBILITY ENHANCEMENTS

The old playground equipment at North Kirkland Community Center has been demolished and work is underway on the new space-themed playground. Also, play equipment from Juanita Beach has been relocated to Windsor Vista Park.



## TOTEM LAKE PARK

Construction has begun with anticipated completion in June 2021.

*Background of Project:* With the acquisition of a parcel adjoining Totem Lake Park, the City will create a new neighborhood park. The park will include pathways, an inclusive playground, restrooms, scenic view locations, environmental restoration and a boardwalk connecting the park through the eastern side of the lake property to the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

## WAVERLY PARK PHASE 2

The funding for this project will be reallocated to the Dock and Shoreline Renovations fund.

*Background of Project:* The Waverly Park development will not continue with additional phases at this time. Phase II was to include various improvements to the pier, walkways and accessibility of the site.

