

KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – JANUARY 2021



The new Juanita Beach Park bathhouse and playground opened to the public in late December 2020. The modern-day bathhouse includes year-round all-gender/family restrooms, summertime restrooms with room to dress, outdoor showers, a lifeguard office, and space for waterfront activity concessions. An opening celebration is planned for Spring 2021.

Visitors are invited to enjoy the 22-acre park's many features including 1,000 feet of shoreline, two new picnic shelters, and a new historical public art installation coming in 2021. The playground's synthetic turf and play elements are designed to be accessible to people of all abilities. [PARENTMAP MAGAZINE](#) posted a positive review of the park's all-abilities playground in early January 2021 which has served to boost playground usage whenever the sun is out.



The City published a Request for Qualifications for the park renovation in 2015. Staff balanced fulfilling the 2012 Parks Levy promise to renovate the park while also adhering to state and tribal government requirements, as well as challenging soil and environmental site conditions. Construction began January 2020, by Synergy, Inc., a family-owned company in Woodinville. The new bathhouse was designed by Patano Studio Architecture. All improvements are consistent with the approved park master plan, keeping with a craftsmen style character that strongly ties to the parks natural landscape, open lawn character and the historic recreational use of the site.

The term 'bathhouse' pays homage to the history of Juanita Beach Park. The first half of the twentieth century brought vacationers from Seattle to Kirkland, where families would dance to the jukebox in the bathhouse and

sun themselves on the Lake Washington shore at the private summer resort owned by the Forbes family at Juanita Beach.

The two picnic shelters each have a capacity of 60 people. The design of the two shelters allows them to be rented individually, or together for larger gatherings. To rent the park picnic shelters, visit the [PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES WEBSITE](#).

For more information, please visit the [PROJECT'S WEBPAGE](#). Safety guidelines and information about what park facilities are currently open under the Governor's Safe Start plan can be found at: WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/PLAYITSAFE.



SPECIAL EVENTS

On January 5, Governor Inslee announced the new [HEALTHY WASHINGTON - ROADMAP TO RECOVERY](#) plan, which lays out the process to safely reopen Washington state. The plan includes guidance for some event related businesses and industries. The City of Kirkland is accepting applications and working with organizers who want to move forward with planning their events. The 2021 schedule of events reflects the hope that the business of life will get back to normal this year. Unfortunately, several Kirkland's annual events have been cancelled or will be held in alternate formats due to continued limitations on attendance, timing constraints and other State Reopening Guidelines.



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2021 EVENT CALENDAR			
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
	13 - Valentine's Day Dash	13 - Shamrock Run	2 - GKEPS of the Cross
		21 - Nowruz Celebration	
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
9 - Mother's Day 5K	2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Wednesday Market	2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Juanita Friday Market	1 - Kirkland Summerfest
31 - 7 Hills of Kirkland	4, 11, 18, 25 - Juanita Friday Market	4 - Celebrate Kirkland! 4th of July	1 - 7 - Jr Softball World Series
	5 - Eastside Pride Celebration	6, 13, 20, 27 - Kids Summer Concerts	3, 10, 17 - Kids Summer Concerts
	12 - Eastside Salsa Marina	7, 14, 21, 28 - Wednesday Market	4, 11, 18, 25 - Wednesday Market
	18, 19, 20 - Shakespeare in the Park	8, 15, 22, 29 - Evening Concerts	5, 12, 19 - Evening Concerts
		10 - Peter Worsham Concert	6, 13, 20, 27 - Juanita Friday Market
		17 - NAMI Walks Washington	8 - Kirkland Waterfront Car Show
		30, 31 - Kirkland Summerfest	22 - Park to Park Swim
			27, 28, 29 - Kirkland Uncorked
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Wednesday Market		6 - Lake Washington Half Marathon	4 - Winterfest
3, 10, 17, 24 - Juanita Friday Market		21 - Turkey Trot	12 - 12Ks of Christmas
24, 25, 26 - Kirkland Oktoberfest			


Event has been cancelled or will be held in an alternate format - check event's website for details.

NEW ONLINE APPLICATIONS

The Special Event Service Team is excited to announce the new online permit applications are now live! The old paper forms are gone, clearing the way for quick and easy online access to applications for street banners, vertical banners, park banners, film projects, neighborhood block parties, National Night Out block parties, special events, community programs, park events and free speech activities. [JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET](#) applications for vendors, non-profits, sponsors and performers are currently under development and will be available in early April. For more information, go to WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS.


RECRUITING FOR JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET

The Special Event Service Team is seeking an On-Call Program assistant to manage the 2021 Juanita Friday Market. Interested applicants can find the job description and apply online at GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM. We look forward to a successful market season at Juanita Beach Park this year.




Special Event Services provides a portfolio of services designed to support Kirkland's neighborhoods, as well as the city's special event, business, and film production industries. Through our one-stop permitting process, our dedicated staff can assist you with all aspects of an event that relate to the use of public property.

See what's coming up! [Special Event Calendar](#)




Apply for a Banner Permit

Display public service messages or announcements promoting community events via street, vertical, and park banners.



Apply for a Film Production Permit

Permits for commercial filming activities such as motion pictures, documentaries, music videos, TV episodes, still photo and web content.



Apply for a Block Party Permit

Permit your neighborhood activities that temporarily close a street.

RECREATION SERVICES

PETER KIRK COMMUNITY CENTER SENIOR SERVICES

In December, 68 lunches were delivered to seniors in their homes and a total of 227 hot lunches were served at our "To-Go" lunch program. Lunches are available every Tuesday and Friday at the Peter Kirk Community Center. Lunches will also be served on Wednesdays starting the first week of February. Adults over the age of 60 can reserve a hot meal by calling 425-587-3360. In the 4th quarter of 2020, 2,282 meals were delivered by a dedicated team of volunteers to homebound Meals on Wheels recipients in Kirkland.

In December a total of 245 rides were given to Kirkland residents to essential appointments or to access food.

The Enhance® Wellness Nurse and Social worker have continued to work with clients via phone and Skype, 41 Kirkland residents were served by this program last month.

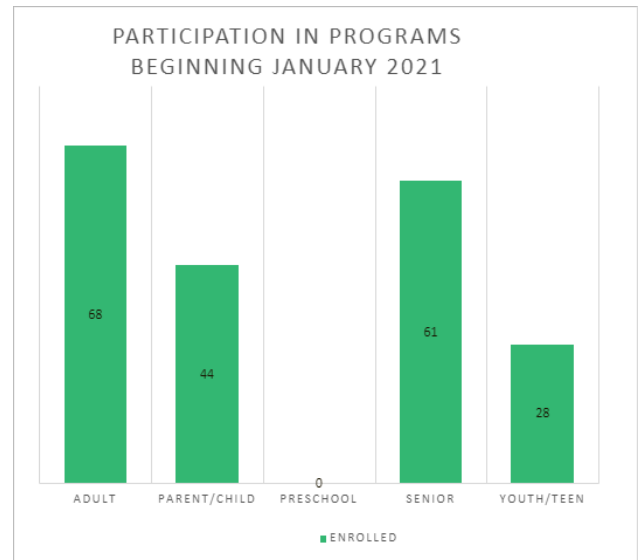
RECREATION PROGRAMS AND RENTALS

Virtual programming remained strong in January with highest levels in adult and senior offerings. Despite the wet weather, staff processed one picnic shelter rental in January.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



"Do You Want to Spy a Snowman?" was the theme for our community engagement in December. Kirkland community members and families were encouraged to explore downtown Kirkland and find the 20 snowmen hidden in business windows along Park Avenue, Lake Street and Lakeshore Plaza. In addition, the windows at the North Kirkland Community Center were painted with snow families to create the perfect backdrop for selfies!



NEW YEARS CELEBRATION FOR KIRKLAND KIDS

We hosted a virtual Kids New Year Celebration on Kirkland Parks Facebook page. Children and their parents could learn how the New Year is celebrated around the world, how to prepare tasty treats, hear a New Year's story, create a wish jar and popper and toast to 2021 Kirkland style!



ATHLETIC FIELD USE UPDATE

The application deadline for leagues to be included in the field allocation process for first season of 2021 was delayed from December 1 to January 19 as we worked to improve the application and due to uncertainty related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Seventeen organizations applied for field use for the first season of 2021. The field allocation process is well underway and athletic fields are expected to open on Monday, March 1, 2021. The first season runs March 1 through July 31 plus summer camps; and the second season runs August 1 through December 31.

COLOR YOUR WORLD

During January we invited artists of all ages, colors and abilities to participate in our "Color Your World" activity by drawing pictures of themselves. Participants were invited to show their unique colors and email pictures to share on Facebook.



PARKS MANAGEMENT

COMMUNITY LOVE FOR WINDSOR VISTA

Windsor Vista park is getting a lot of love from its neighbors. Volunteers are removing invasive blackberry, installing browse protection and weeding the food forest mounds, and planning for spring plantings. The Natural Areas team supplies the volunteers with tools and technical assistance and proactively fenced the conifer trees and larger deciduous trees along Juanita Creek throughout the park to protect them from beaver damage. The beavers in this area are very active and the remaining tree canopy cover needs to be protected to meet our urban forest and natural areas restoration goals.

The mission of the Green Kirkland Partnership (GKP) is to **restore and maintain 509 acres** of natural parklands **by building a supportive community** that works together to protect Kirkland's natural resources for current and future generations.



0 new acres enrolled based on data received from Stewards & crews by 1.26.21



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4 new Stewards recruited as of 1.26.21



25 unique volunteers participated as of 1.26.21

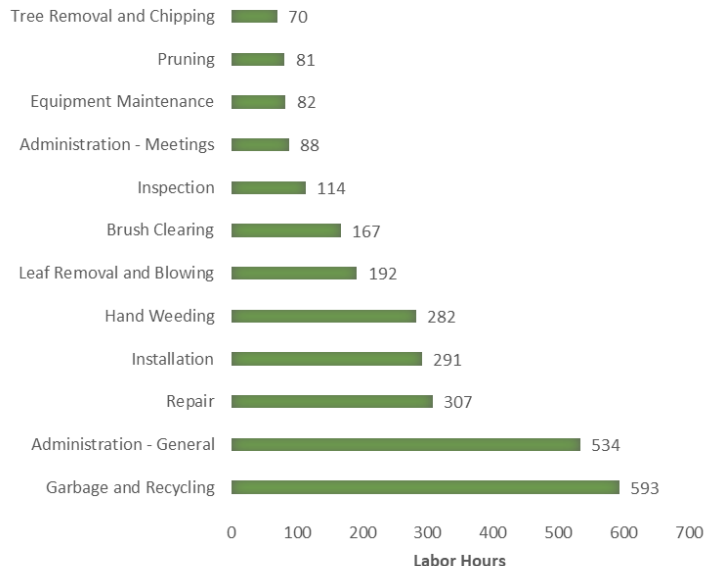
READY TO PLAY BALL

The Ballfields/Cemetery team is busy getting the athletic fields ready for spring. Though sports will almost certainly look different due to COVID, we do anticipate there will be some types of practices and games happening starting as early as late February. Specific tasks include repairing and replacing chain link fences and backstops, weeding and mulching flower beds and tree rings, weeding and applying cinder to warning tracks.

PREPARING FOR SPRING

The Horticulture team has taken advantage of the quieter parks to refinish pathways and prepare flower beds for spring. This is also the right time of the year for them to treat and remove invasive trees and to update our Parks tree inventory. The Support

JANUARY TOP 12 TASKS



GREEN KIRKLAND VOLUNTEER EVENTS ARE BACK IN ACTION

The Green Kirkland Partnership is now offering public volunteer events following an approved COVID safety plan. The events are small, to facilitate physical distancing, so sign up early to get a spot. There are six events in February at Josten, Edith Moulton, OO Denny, and Juanita Bay Parks. More information can be found on the Green Kirkland Partnership [WEBSITE CALENDAR](#). We're also very excited to report that despite the pandemic, in 2020 GKP was able to safely host more than 400 volunteers, serving more than 3,500 hours, to enroll several new acres into restoration and maintain nearly 20 acres already undergoing restoration.



team has added new picnic tables and donated benches to Juanita Beach, completed the bathroom remodel at Crestwoods, and finished the bull rail at the 2nd Ave dock.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM

We are excited to welcome Jonatan Garcia, Donnie Garcia, Ryan Case, and Matthew 'Cole' Corson to Parks Management. They are filling our four open Grounds' positions spread across the Ballfields/Cemetery, Horticulture, and Natural Areas teams. Jonatan and Donnie served in our ¾ time positions in 2020, Ryan most recently worked at King County Parks and is a volunteer with Washington Trails Alliance, Cole is a Kirkland local with years of landscaping and sports experience.

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

Juanita Beach Bathhouse and playground has opened to the public. A formal ribbon cutting ceremony will take place in the spring.

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 is in final construction drawings with permits submitted. Project bidding is anticipated in late February 2021 with construction start in March 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 100% design. All outside agency permits have been received and project bidding is anticipated in March 2021.

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

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 new space-themed playground at North Kirkland Community Center is open. Also, play equipment from Juanita Beach has been relocated to Windsor Vista Park.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE (PROS) PLAN UPDATE

Work has started to update the City of Kirkland Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan). Project bidding is anticipated in February with kickoff in March. It is anticipated that this project will last approximately 12 to 18 months.

TOTEM LAKE PARK

Construction has begun with anticipated completion in June 2021. These photos show progress during January 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.

PARK ADMINISTRATION

Parks and Community Services will add two new inclusive park attractions in early 2021: harmonic musical chimes at Marsh Park and a Candy Land gameboard at Peter Kirk Park.

Department staff were issued a “challenge” to submit ideas for small new park amenities that could be easily added through staff efforts and a stipend. The submissions were reviewed by the Parks and Community Services Director, Assistant City Manager Jim Lopez, and Public Works Director Julie Underwood. All submissions have true potential and represented a strong focus on serving the community and providing surprise and delight. Two amenity proposals were selected as winners due to their uniqueness in the Parks system and inclusive nature. These amenities have the potential to appeal to the atypical park user.

MUSIC OF THE SPHERES AT MARSH PARK

Submitted by Ian McFeron

Amenity: Quartal Soprano and Mongolian Alto wind chime ensemble installed at Marsh Park

As they perform together, the complimentary intervals of these chimes resonate in an intricate palette of soothing, calming, and whimsical tones. Their music serves as an invitation, beckoning park users to pause, reflect, and discover a sense of mindfulness that is rejuvenating and inspiring. Combined with the stunning view from the bench tucked in the trees at Marsh Park overlooking Lake Washington, these chimes seek to encourage park visitors to set aside a moment of time to reflect and recharge amidst the busyness of modern life. Music is an experience that can be enjoyed by all, especially individuals who may be unable to pursue active recreation or are recovering from illness or injury. Music has been shown to provide stress reduction, induce relaxation and create a sense of wellbeing; so pull up that park bench and enjoy!

CANDY LAND BOARD GAME AT PETER KIRK PARK

Submitted by Julianne Diddle

Amenity: With cement paint and yard signs, create the Candy Land board game at Peter Kirk Park

Designed to attract children of all ages, all abilities and who speak many different languages, the Candy Land board game will bring an element of fun and playfulness to the playground area of Peter Kirk Park. The gameboard is a course painted on the cement pathway surrounding the playground and adjoining walkway. Yard signs will provide instructions in multiple languages. No strategy or counting involved, just simple fun for everyone!