

# KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – JANUARY 2022



## A GREAT GREEN START TO 2022!

Kirkland's resilience shown through in 2021. Despite the pandemic, supply chain challenges, and staffing shortages the community's commitment to its natural areas and open spaces remained undeterred. By the end of the year, volunteers and staff had enrolled forty new acres in restoration and installed more than 7,000 native plants across 27 locations throughout the city!

The new year is already off to a tremendous start with more than 65 volunteers coming out on Monday, January 17 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Events took place at Crestwoods, South Rose Hill, and Juanita Beach parks.



Green Kirkland Volunteers at Crestwoods Park



Green Kirkland Volunteers at Juanita Beach Park

Congresswoman Suzan DelBene and members of her team participated in the event at Crestwoods park. The event at Juanita Beach was part of a grant-funded project made possible by the King County Wastewater Treatment Division Waterworks Grant Program. Volunteers at all three sites removed invasive weeds, spread mulch, tended young plants, and installed the next generation of trees to create a healthy forest and a stronger community.



Green Kirkland Volunteers at South Rose Hill Park

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
February 9, 2022, from 10AM – 12PM	Monthly Stewardship Wednesdays at Juanita Bay Park	Juanita Bay Park	<a href="#">EVENT WEBSITE</a>
February 14, 2022, from 10AM – 12PM	Habitat Restoration at Edith Moulton Park	Edith Moulton Park	<a href="#">EVENT WEBSITE</a>
February 22, 2022, from 10AM – 12PM	Urban Forest Restoration at South Rose Hill Park	South Rose Hill Park	<a href="#">EVENT WEBSITE</a>

# GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

## *2021 Accomplishments*



### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1,024 Volunteers  
6,605 Volunteer Hours  
35 Active Stewards  
114 Stewardship Events

### STEWARDSHIP

40 New Acres Enrolled  
38 Acres Maintained  
7,423 Native Plants Installed  
including 1,012 Trees



### NOTEWORTHY

26 Trainings Hosted  
27 Active Park Sites  
300 of 510 Total Acres  
Enrolled in Restoration



*Learn more at:*  
[WWW.GREENKIRKLAND.ORG](http://WWW.GREENKIRKLAND.ORG)



## HUMAN SERVICES

### RESIDENTIAL RELIEF PROGRAM UPDATE

The **RESIDENTIAL RELIEF PROGRAM** is continuing to accept applications into 2022. As of January 26, 2022, the City has awarded \$278,429.93 in assistance to 67 households, including 65 tenants, 1 homeowner, and 1 roommate. Kirkland residents with arrears accumulated between the eligible timeline of March 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021 are encouraged to apply. The City recognizes COVID-19 continues to be a financial challenge for residents in 2022 and staff are evaluating how to adjust program guidelines to meet the need of households who are financially impacted by the pandemic. Staff are continuing targeted outreach to large landlords who have dropped out of the King County Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Program (EPRAP) to determine the best next steps for tenants who will no longer be served via the large landlord pool. Staff continue to triage households in the tenant pool based on their unique circumstances and advise if they are better off waiting to receive assistance through EPRAP, or opt-in to the City's program. For more information about the ARPA-funded relief programs, review the most recent **[PROGRAM UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL](#)**.

### LANGUAGE AND DIGITAL EQUITY GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The City is providing \$110,000 in grants to organizations that serve communities on the Eastside that have historically experienced English and/or technology literacy barriers and have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; more specifically Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), immigrants and refugees, persons living with disabilities, those who are limited English speakers, and low-income populations. Grant amounts are flexible to allow agencies the ability to incorporate a permanent, hybrid model of services through technology equipment investment, including, but not limited to laptops, tablets, software, training, and language line services. Grant proposals are due by 5:00 PM on February 11, 2022.

For more information about the Language and Digital Equity Grant can be found on the **[CITY OF KIRKLAND PURCHASING SERVICE WEBSITE](#)**. For questions, please contact Jen Boone at **[JBOONE@KIRKLANDWA.GOV](mailto:JBOONE@KIRKLANDWA.GOV)**.

## PARKS MANAGEMENT

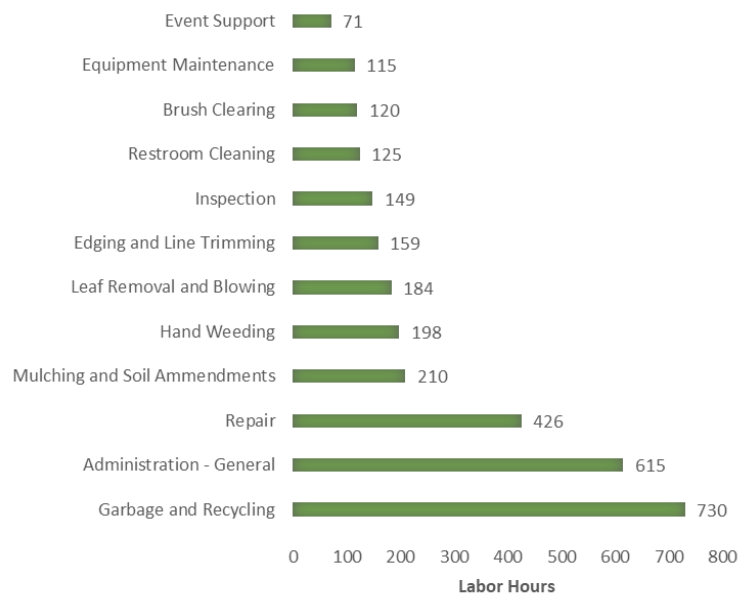
### WINTER WEATHER, QUIET PARKS, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT SEASON!

We started the month managing snow and ice but the dash of sun these past few days has us all thinking about spring and getting our parks and natural areas ready for flowers and outdoor fun! Here are some highlights from each of our teams.

#### BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Set up and broke down facilities for the Polar Plunge at Houghton Beach.
- Spiked the warning track at Crestwoods.
- Edged the infield at Everest.
- Repaired mole damage in the turf at Crestwoods.
- Posted and removed banners advertising the Polar Plunge.
- Raised and lowered flags per the Governor's orders.

### JANUARY TOP 12 TASKS



## HORTICULTURE

- Removed holiday lighting from Marina.
- Weeded flower beds and added mulch.
- Inspected several potential hazard trees; removed a dead alder and distributed the wood in the natural area.
- Tested the new mobile LED screen and made modifications to prepare for upcoming events.
- Painted restroom interiors.
- Installed fence at McAuliffe nursery to protect container stock.

## NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Installed new jobsite boxes at North Rose Hill Woodlands and Crestwoods.
- Installed plugs and bareroot plants at Juanita Bay and Juanita Beach.
- Cleared down trees from trails at Watershed and Edith Moulton.
- Covered exposed drainpipe running under a trail at Crestwoods.
- Removed holiday decorations from Juanita Beach.
- Inspected donation benches and tables for the program inventory.

## SUPPORT

- Installed concrete footing for swing support at North Rose Hill Woodlands.
- Replaced belt swings and bucket swing at North Kirkland Community Center.
- Replaced bathroom faucet at McAuliffe.
- Cleaned chaseways at all restrooms.
- Repaired fence at Carillon Woods.
- Prepared pool for light fixture repairs.



O.O. Denny Park – Tree on trail



North Rose Hill Woodlands - Boardwalk flooding

## 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.

### 132ND SQUARE PARK

Construction started June 28, 2021. Progress continues on the overall park site. The western side of the park with the playground and walking area is now closed to the community during the construction. The park is expected to be fully open by fall 2022.

*Background of the 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

Construction continues and remains on schedule. Construction began the last week of August 2021 and is expected to be finished in the spring of 2022.

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

## JUANITA HEIGHTS TRAIL PROJECT

The City of Kirkland in collaboration with King County Parks applied for a King County Parks Levy grant to acquire the Kosalos property. These parcels are adjacent to the WinSki parcel which was purchased in 2021.

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



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

On January 19, 2022, BerryDunn hosted a follow-up meeting with athletic field stakeholders to discuss results from the August 2021 Athletic Field Use and Demand survey and provided preliminary recommendations regarding the use of fields, reconfiguration of current fields, and the construction of new fields to meet demand. The presentation is available on the [PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE \(PROS\) PLAN WEBSITE](#), along with details about the plan and ways to get involved.

*Background of the Project:* We are updating the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. BerryDunn (formerly known as GreenPlay, LLC) was selected as the consultant for this project and will lead these initial outreach opportunities. It is expected that this project will be complete by May 2022 with an anticipated adoption by City Council.



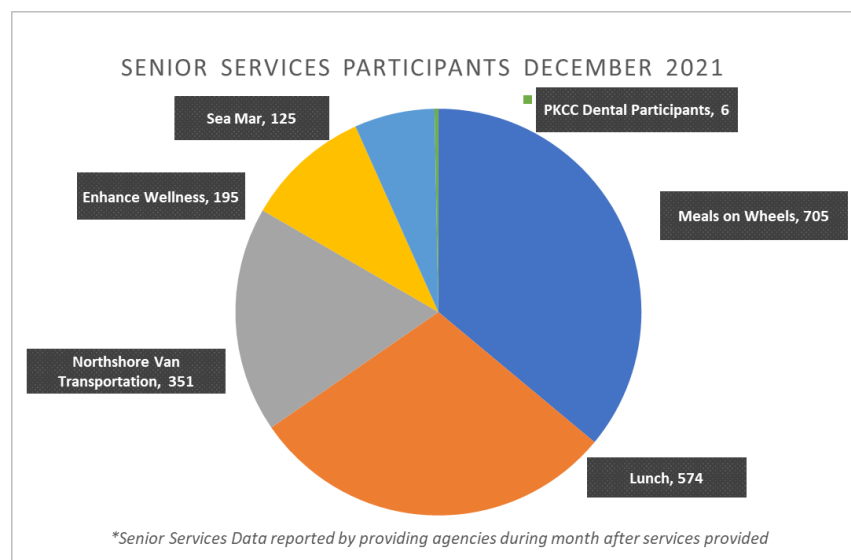
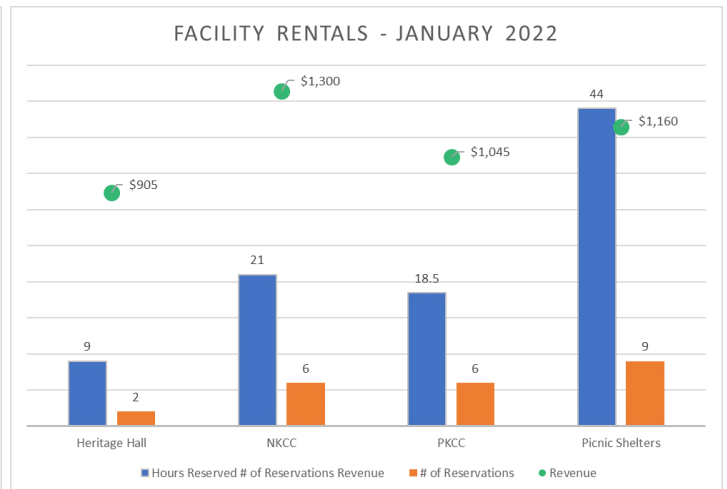
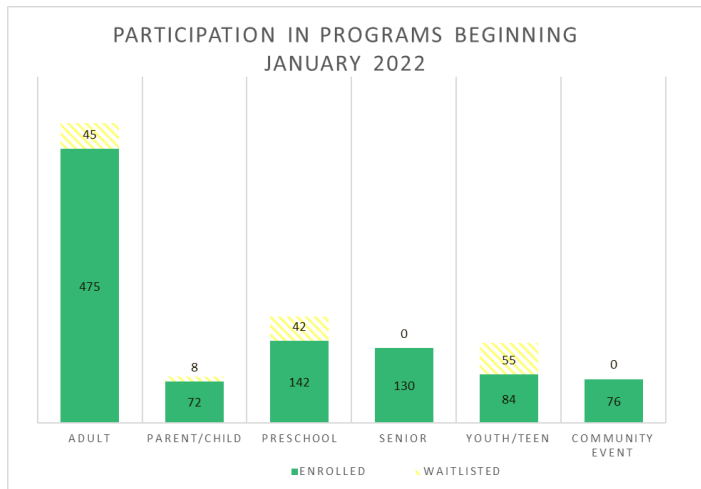
## TOTEM LAKE PARK

Additional shade options are being explored for hopeful installation before summer.

*Background of the Project:* With the acquisition of a parcel adjoining Totem Lake Park, the City created a new neighborhood park. The Park included 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.



## RECREATION SERVICES



### JANUARY JUMP: POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Kirkland Parks and Community Services held its first community engagement event of 2022 at Houghton Beach Park on January 22. Over 75 community members jumped into January by plunging into Lake Washington. The event was sponsored by local Kirkland business Sasquatch Strength and included participating event partners, Kirkland Kiwanis, who provided free coffee and Ivar's with free clam chowder. Food trucks at the event included The Cheese Pit and The Mini Dough Nut. The City's giant 23'x13' mobile LED screen made its public debut at the event. Other activities offered at the event included cornhole, trivia, and a costume contest. A portion of proceeds for this event benefitted the Recreation Scholarship Fund. The January Jump Polar Bear Plunge was a true collaboration of the City, local business, and civic groups coming together for a good cause and community building.



## STAFF UPDATE: WELCOME ABBIE

Abbie Wenick joined the Recreation Division on January 18, 2022, as a one-year temporary full-time Teen and Events Program Assistant. Abbie will work across the department to build a solid recreation program for teens and support community engagement events. Abbie has a BA from Western Washington University in Recreation Management. Abbie has hit the ground running and played an integral part in the January Jump: Polar Bear Plunge event.



## YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE ADAPTS TO OMICRON



Youth Basketball League returned for the 2021-22 season, after a year-long hiatus due to COVID-19. Staff coordinated closely with volunteer coaches to ensure COVID-19 safety guidelines were in place for the nearly 500 participants. As the Omicron variant spread throughout the community, staff worked to balance participant safety while still allowing youth to have a meaningful experience learning and playing basketball.

In January, league staff decided to restructure the league format for the remainder of the 2021-2022 youth basketball season. To minimize contact across the league, the new structure includes “pods” within which a smaller number of teams scrimmage each other rather than play formal games. This structure still allows players to experience the competitive spirit of a basketball game but reduces the number of teams that interact with each other. Spectators have also been limited to minimize the number of people in the gyms.

This season of youth basketball league looks quite different from in years past due to the pandemic. Staff are very grateful for the dedication, patience, and flexibility of the volunteer coaches this year, without whom, this program could not happen.

## RECREATION SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

The registration process for scholarships has been improved to make it more convenient for scholarship recipients in 2022. Previously registration for scholarship recipients was limited to the city’s business hours, Monday – Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM. Starting with the Spring/Summer 2022 registration in March 2022, recipients will have the added capability of registering online, outside of city business hours. Scholarship funds will be loaded onto customer accounts upon scholarship approval and can be used throughout the calendar year. Learn more on the [RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITE](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
February 11, 2022 6PM – 9:30PM	Wheels & Reels Drive-in Movie	Juanita Beach	<a href="https://www.kirklandparks.net">KIRKLANDPARKS.NET</a>
February 13, 2022 10AM – 4PM	Galentine’s Day Soiree	North Kirkland Community Center	<a href="https://www.kirklandparks.net">KIRKLANDPARKS.NET</a>
March 5, 2022 6PM – 9:30PM	Wheels & Reels Drive-in Movie	Juanita Beach	<a href="https://www.kirklandparks.net">KIRKLANDPARKS.NET</a>

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Staff will support 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. Information about permitting can be found at [WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS](http://WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS).



2022 EVENT CALENDAR		
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
	12: Valentine's Day Dash	27: Nowruz Celebration
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
30: Oral Cancer Walk	8: Mother's Day Half & 5K	1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Wednesday Market
		2 – 5: Shakespeare in the Park
		3, 10, 17, 24: Juanita Friday Market
		4: NAMI Walks Washington
		10 – 12: Kirklandia
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Juanita Friday Market	1 – 6: Jr Softball World Series	2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Juanita Friday Market
4: Celebrate Kirkland! 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	2, 9, 16: Kids Summer Concerts	7, 14, 21, 28: Wednesday Market
5, 12, 19, 26: Kids Summer Concerts	3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Wednesday Market	23 – 25: Kirkland Oktoberfest
6, 13, 20, 27: Wednesday Market	4, 11, 18: Evening Concert Series	
7, 14, 21, 28: Evening Concert Series	5, 12, 19, 26: Juanita Friday Market	
8 – 10: Kirkland Uncorked	14: Waterfront Car Show	
29 – 31: Summerfest	20, 21: StoryBook in the Park	
31: Jr Softball World Series	28: Park to Park Swim	
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
29: Pumpkins in the Park	5: Lake Washington Half	3: Kirkland Winterfest
		11: 12Ks of Christmas
		18: Grand Menorah Lighting

\*event calendar is subject to change

## KING COUNTY RELIEF FUNDS

King County recently announced grant awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$50,000, to several Kirkland events and festivals that faced significant revenue losses due to Covid. The Festival and Event Grant Program supports event and festival producers seeking to reestablish community activities, events, festivals, and celebrations in a safe environment while engaging residents and tourists throughout the County and employing event workers, working creatives, and culture bearers. Learn more about the grant and awardees at [FESTIVAL & EVENTS FUND - KING COUNTY CREATIVE](#).

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DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
February 12, 2022 9:00AM - 10:30AM	Valentine's Day Dash	Marina Park	<a href="http://ALEXANDERSHOPE.ORG">ALEXANDERSHOPE.ORG</a>
March 27, 2022 Noon – 5PM	Nowruz Celebration	Marina Park	<a href="http://ISOWS.ORG">ISOWS.ORG</a>