

KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – MARCH 2022



Parks and Community Services is delighted to offer a full schedule of spring and summer recreation programs for all ages this year. Summer is our busiest season with over 200 camps and over 600 swim sessions.

This year, registration was split into two days, with general registration on March 17 and aquatics registration on March 24. There were 10,493 registration transactions over the two dates.

Here's a look at Spring/Summer 2022 program numbers so far:

- 1,319 programs offered
- 7,254 participants registered (out of 18,522 maximum spaces)
- 580 programs are full, the vast majority of which are youth summer camps, swim lessons, and preschool programs
- 10,717 people are on waitlists for those full programs

Staff also launched a new process to allow scholarship recipients to register for programs online at all hours of the day, whereas previously their registrations had to be completed over the phone during business hours.

Scholarship recipients utilized \$6,034 in scholarship funds on the two registration days. Participants also donated \$2,796 to the scholarship fund across the two days. To learn more about recreation scholarships including how to apply for a scholarship and how to donate to the scholarship fund, please visit WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/RECREATIONSCHOLARSHIPS.

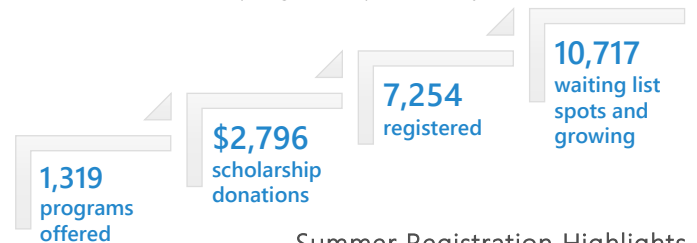
While we are grateful to be offering a full slate of programs after COVID-19 disrupted operations and reduced capacity for two years, we recognize we are unable to meet the community's demand for recreation programs, particularly swim lessons and summer camps. Programs with the largest waitlists include:

- Group Swim Lessons (7,614)
- Private Swim Lessons (1,813)
- Tennis and Swim Camp (569)
- Junior Day Camp (484)
- Ice Skating camp and lessons (265)
- Skyhawks Sports Camps (234)
- Peter Kirk Day Camp (210)
- Youth Tech Computer Camps (137)
- Play-well Engineering Camps (101)

There are still camps with room for more, including sports camps, STEM camps and outdoor camps. The number of people on waitlists underscores the need for additional resources to fully meet community needs as Kirkland continues to grow.

WE ARE HIRING!

To meet the demand for summer programming, we have many open positions to fill. Kirkland Parks and Community Services is hiring lifeguards, swim instructors, summer camp leaders, tennis instructors, harbormasters, seasonal park maintenance staff, and more. Candidates are encouraged to apply for a role with our department this summer. For more information, please visit, WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/PARKSJOB.



Summer Registration Highlights



SPECIAL EVENTS

Staff supported the activities 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.



NOWRUZ CELEBRATION

The Iranian Society of Washington State welcomed more than 500 people to the annual springtime celebration at Marina Park on March 27. Nowruz, which means 'new day', rings in the Persian new year. Festivities included music, dancing, traditional foods, face painting, and Haft-seen – a traditional display of 7 symbolic items whose name starts with S. Learn more about the non-profit organization at ISOWS.ORG.



SPECIAL EVENT CODE & POLICY REVIEW

Staff updated the Council on Special Events and made recommendations on potential changes to the Kirkland Municipal Code at the March 15 regular meeting session. The Council provided direction on various policy items, including all-ages beer/wine gardens, limitations on the number of events, and athletic registration requirements. Based on Council feedback, staff will return in August with updates to the Kirkland Municipal Code for Council consideration.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
April 15, 2022 Noon	Ecumenical Good Friday Service & Walk	Marina Park	STJOHNSKIRKLAND.ORG
April 30, 2022 9:00 AM - Noon	Oral Cancer Awareness Walk	Juanita Beach Park	ORALCANCERFOUNDATION.ORG

JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET

Staff are planning for the upcoming summer farmers' market. We're excited to report that with the removal of COVID restrictions there will be a renewed focus on attracting new diverse vendors and products, free weekly kids' activities, a full music lineup, and more. Applications for vendors, non-profits, performers/entertainers, and volunteers will be available on April 1 at

WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET.



HUMAN SERVICES

LANGUAGE AND DIGITAL EQUITY GRANTS

In January 2022, the City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Language and Digital Equity Grants to Eastside organizations for improving language and digital access to Eastside communities that have historically experienced language or technology literacy barriers and been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of the RFP was to encourage organizations interested in incorporating a permanent, hybrid model of services in response to COVID-19 to seek funding through the City. A review panel reviewed eight submissions and five agencies were awarded funding. Funding was recommended in response to an agency's ability to increase accessible services for the priority populations outlined in the request for proposal, including Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), immigrants and refugees, persons living with disabilities, limited English speakers, and low-income populations. Full funding was awarded to 4 Tomorrow, Friends of Youth, Imagine Housing, and Indian American Community Services. Immigrant Women Community Center was awarded partial funding.

RESIDENTIAL RELIEF PROGRAM UPDATE

As of March 23, 2022, 91 households have received support through the City's Residential Relief program, totaling \$389,571.35 in assistance to households with pandemic-related arrears. The City will close the application window on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 for households seeking assistance for arrears between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021. For the remainder of April, partner agencies will process the remaining applications to close out all open referrals. Final relief checks will be processed and mailed to recipients on April 30, 2022. The City encourages applicants to submit before the April 12, 2022 deadline on the City's [HOUSING HELP WEBSITE](#).



2023-2024 HUMAN SERVICES GRANT

On March 14, 2022, Kirkland began accepting grant applications from local agencies that support human services for 2023 and 2024 funding. Staff conducted two workshops in March to provide an overview of the application process. The City's Human Services grant program is divided into the following five areas:

- Housing Stability & Food Security
- Supportive Relationships within Families, Neighborhoods, and Communities
- A Safe Haven from All Forms of Violence and Abuse
- Health Care to Be as Physically and Mentally Fit as Possible
- Education, Job Skills and Supports to Help Individuals Reach Their Full Potential.

The [ONLINE APPLICATION](#) window closes at 4:30 PM on Thursday, April 28, 2022. Grant applications will be reviewed by the Kirkland Human Services Commission, which makes recommendations to the City Council. Agencies will be notified of final allocations following City Council approval of the City's 2023-2024 biennial budget in December. For more information about Human Services funding, please visit WWW.SHARE1APP.ORG.

PARKS MANAGEMENT

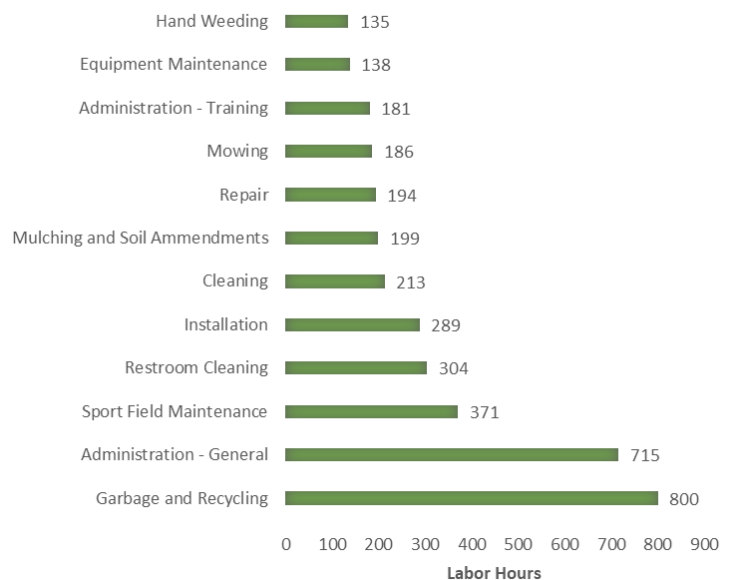
MARCH MADNESS MEANS MOWING

Things really get going at Parks Management when the grass (and trees, shrubs, and groundcovers) start growing! Every spring we spend a lot of time prepping fields and pulling weeds. Despite the blooming chaos, we still completed a lot of great projects in parks this past month. Check out the highlights below:

BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Edged the tennis courts at Peter Kirk Park
- Pressure washed the cemetery pavilion
- De-winterized the irrigation system at Finn Hill Middle School
- Repaired the walkway at the cemetery leading to the fountain
- Blew pathways, parking lots and dugouts at South Rose Hill, Mark Twain and Juanita Beach
- Repaired turf after mole damage at Crestwoods Park

MARCH TOP 12 TASKS



HORTICULTURE

- Pressure washed the exterior of Heritage Hall as well as the courtyard and ramp
- Replaced a madrone that died due to repeated deer browse with a 10' red oak at McAuliffe
- Pruned trees around the playground and shelter at Rose Hill Meadows
- Aerated the turf at Marina
- Crack hoed the sidewalks at NKCC
- Blew parking lot at O.O. Denny
- Painted restrooms at Peter Kirk Park

SUPPORT

- Installed a drinking fountain and spigot for watering the food forest at Windsor Vista
- Remodeled the bathroom at Phyllis Needy Houghton Neighborhood Park
- Installed a new waterline to the Forbes House at Juanita Beach
- Installed a new sink in the men's room at Juanita Bay
- Pressure washed the pool deck at the Peter Kirk Pool
- Installed a new water heater at North Kirkland Community Center
- Installed electric hand driers in both restrooms at Peter Kirk

NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Removed downed and hazardous trees at Crestwoods Park
- Led new Steward training at North Rose Hill Woodlands
- Removed invasive evergreen trees such as holly and laurel from dozens of parks
- Installed palm trees along the beach at Juanita Beach
- Removed dumped corrugated pipe from wetland at Totem Lake
- Repaired broken water cistern at Edith Moulton Park



New water line at Windsor Vista Park



Turf renovation at Juanita Beach Park

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHAT & WHEN

Monthly Stewardship Wednesdays
April 13, 2022, 10 AM – 12 PM

Forest Stewardship
April 16, 2022, 10 AM – 12 PM

LOCATION & INFO

Juanita Bay Park
[GREENKIRKLAND.ORG](https://www.greenkirkland.org)

Kingsgate Park
[GREENKIRKLAND.ORG](https://www.greenkirkland.org)

The mission of the Green Kirkland Partnership (GKP) is to **restore and maintain 510 acres** of natural parklands **by building a supportive community** that works together to protect Kirkland's natural resources for current and future generations.



2.3 new acres enrolled based on data received from Stewards & crews by 3.28.22



6.9 acres maintained based on data received from Stewards & crews by 3.28.22



4 new Stewards enrolled as of 3.28.22



229 volunteers participated as of 3.28.22

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 project and the park is expected to 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

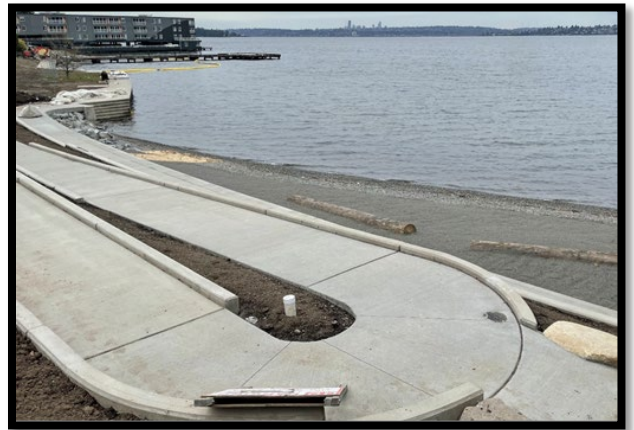
Construction continues and completion is expected in April with an anticipated ribbon cutting in May.

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

The draft PROS Plan Executive Summary, Goals and Objectives was presented to City Council on March 1, 2022, and Park Board on March 9, 2022. The draft ADA Evaluation and Transition Plan was presented to Park Board on March 9, 2022. The public comment period for the draft ADA Transition Plan opened on March 10, 2022, and will close on April 8, 2022. Here are the next and final steps in this process.

- May 11, 2022: Park Board Meeting for draft PROS Plan review and PROS Plan Public Hearing
- May 25, 2022: Park Board Special Meeting to final PROS Plan review and to recommend to City Council
- June 2022: City Council Meeting to review final PROS Plan for adoption

More information 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. GreenPlay, LLC (now known as BerryDunn) was selected as the consultant for this project. It is expected that this project will be complete by June 2022 with an anticipated adoption by City Council.



RECREATION SERVICES

GOLD NUGGET HUNT

The Second Annual Gold Nugget Hunt took place on March 12, at the North Kirkland Community Center Park. This free event had 150 families out looking for a pot of gold. The luck of the Irish was with two of our families, who found the special prize nuggets and received a bag of treats. All other participants found their special gold nugget and enjoyed the thrill of the hunt.

MERMAID BALL

On March 25, 100 young ladies and their escorts danced the night away at the Mermaid Ball at the North Kirkland Community Center. Mermaids and their guests enjoyed light refreshments, an ocean-themed craft, and of course dancing to the rocking sounds from DJ Laura. Also included was a professional photograph from our fabulous volunteer photographer Jose! Staff and participants basked in the glow of dancing under the sea.

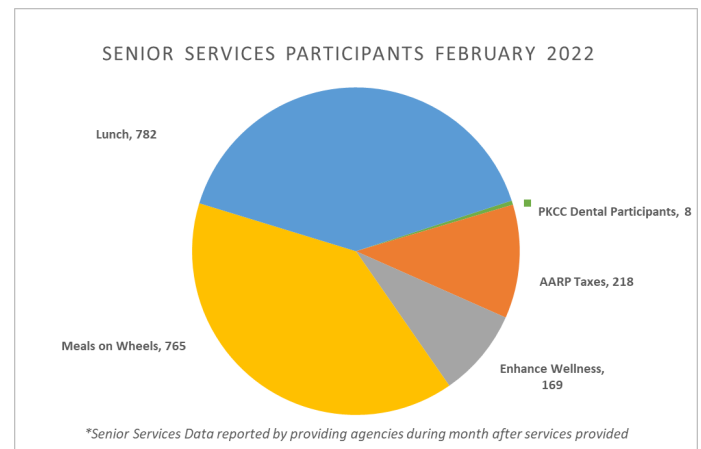


OUTDOOR ADVENTURES FOR TEENS

Earlier in 2022 the Recreation division applied for and received a Summer Experiences and Enrichment for Kids (SEEK) grant to run a free outdoor program for Kirkland teens, focusing on equity and inclusion. Planning is underway for our summer teen program with an emphasis on hiking, walking, yoga, and water activities. All transportation and supplies will be provided for free thanks to the grant funding. This program will be offered on various days throughout June, July, and August. We are excited to be able to provide this exposure to the outdoors for all teens in the Kirkland community.

SENIOR CONGREGATE DINING PROGRAM RETURNS

The Peter Kirk Community Center is happy to announce the return of the congregate lunch program. Staff have created a hybrid lunch model to begin on April 11 that allows participants to take their noon meal to go or to eat at the Community Center. The congregate dining program offers community members over the age of 60 healthy meals, social interaction, and access to other resources.



UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT
May 21, 2022 11AM - 4PM	Taste of the World

LOCATION	OTHER INFO
Juanita Beach Park	KIRKLANDWA.GOV

RECREATION DATA

