

# KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – APRIL 2022



Kirkland's Juanita Beach Bathhouse was awarded a Facilities & Parks Spotlight Award from the Washington Recreation and Parks Association (WRPA) in April. The Spotlight Awards recognize outstanding achievements by parks and recreation agencies. The 2022 awards were announced at the annual WRPA conference in Bellevue, Washington on April 14, 2022.

The Juanita Beach Bathhouse project was completed in December 2020 as the culmination of 15 years of collaboration between Kirkland's community and city and department leadership. Parks and Community Services Department partnered with Public Works' Capital Projects group which jointly brought this project to fruition.



The bathhouse has a Northwest, natural aesthetic inspired by the beach resort that the Forbes family operated at the location in the early 1900s. The new features expanded space for concessions and lifeguards as well as restrooms that are open year-round. In addition to the new bathhouse building, the project also replaced the existing children's playground with a new accessible-to-all-abilities playground, added two new group picnic pavilions, and included extensive wetland restoration and enhancements to Juanita Creek and its surrounding wetlands.

Juanita Beach Park is Kirkland's most visited park and is a prized jewel offering enhanced community access to healthy recreational opportunities and shoreline access while respecting the natural environment.

Lynn Zwaagstra and Mary Gardocki accepted the award on behalf of the City of Kirkland.



## 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; 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).



### ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE & WALK

St. John's Episcopal Church hosted the Greater Kirkland Ecumenical Parish's annual Good Friday Service & Walk on April 15. More than fifty people participated in the prayer walk which started in the church's courtyard on State Street and ended at Marina Park. A cross-bearer led the group to nine stations along the way where a pastor from each church shared Bible scripture. For more information about these services, go to: [WWW.STJOHNSKIRKLAND.ORG](http://WWW.STJOHNSKIRKLAND.ORG).



### FILM PRODUCTION PERMIT

GoDaddy, an internet domain registrar and web hosting company based in Carillon Point, was issued a permit for social media video content which was filmed by drone at Heritage Park on April 28. Filming activities took less than three hours with a crew of four people. To meet permit requirements the drone and remote pilot were registered and certified by the Federal Aviation Administration and aviation liability insurance was provided. This was the first permit issued for drone operations in a Kirkland park.

### ORAL CANCER FOUNDATION WALK FOR AWARENESS

Survivors, families, and friends gathered at Juanita Beach on a rainy Saturday morning to participate in the Oral Cancer Foundation's annual walk for awareness. The pre-walk program included free cancer screenings, speakers, survivor stories, and a beautiful performance of the National Anthem. The waterfront walk wrapped around the park's boardwalk and then looped through Juanita Bay Park. The event raises awareness and funds that allow for the organization to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support oral cancer survivors. To learn more, go to [ORALCANCERFOUNDATION.ORG](http://ORALCANCERFOUNDATION.ORG).



### JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET



Applications for the 2022 Juanita Friday Market went live on April 1. Thirty-five vendor applications have been received including 24 return vendors from last summer. The vendor selection process is in progress and staff notified vendors of their status by the end of April. We are excited to announce a new [MARKET INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY](#) is now open to college undergrads interested in learning about local government, serving the community, and earning academic credit. For more information about the Friday Market, visit [WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET](http://WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET).

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

#### DATE/TIME

May 8, 2022  
7:30 AM

#### EVENT

Mother's Day Half Marathon & 5K

#### LOCATION

Juanita Beach Park

#### OTHER INFO

[ORCARUNNING.COM](http://ORCARUNNING.COM)



## HUMAN SERVICES

### RESIDENTIAL RELIEF PROGRAM UPDATE

The application window for the City's Residential Rent, Mortgage and Utility Relief Program (RRRP) closed on April 12, 2022, signaling the end of the first phase of RRRP. Partner agencies processed the remaining applications and closed open referrals by the end of April. Final relief checks will be processed and mailed to recipients by early May.

The City has requested King County Eviction Prevention and Rent Assistance Program (EPRAP) referrals for Kirkland households who will not be served by the County's program and anticipates receiving about 200 referrals. Staff are working with community partners to stand-up RRRP Phase 2 to quickly administer relief to support households who may be facing eviction.



An additional investment of \$130,000 has been granted to Imagine Housing to support over 75 households living in the affordable housing communities in Kirkland. The City will be partnering with Eastside Legal Assistance Program to administer the funds to eligible households with arrears through April 2022. Learn more on the City's [HOUSING HELP WEBSITE](#).

### 2023-2024 HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING

On March 14, 2022, Kirkland began accepting grant applications for human services funding via the Share1app site. 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

Applications for 2023-2024 funding were accepted via the [SHARE1APP ONLINE APPLICATION](#) through 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 process, please visit [WWW.SHARE1APP.ORG](http://WWW.SHARE1APP.ORG).

### KIRKLAND YOUTH COUNCIL SERVICE EVENT

Members of the Kirkland Youth Council participated in a park restoration event on Saturday, April 16 at an open space parcel in the Juanita neighborhood. Youth Council members worked to remove invasive plants such as Himalayan blackberry and English ivy and spread mulch in the area to prevent invasive plants from returning.



## PARKS MANAGEMENT

### APRIL SHOWERS MAKE HAPPY TREES

We are grateful for the rain received in April as it's essential to the health of our trees including the beloved Western Red Cedar. The rain does make mowing and ballfield management a bit trickier than usual as we must balance keeping the grass in check while protecting the underlying soils. Here are some highlights from April:

#### BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Installed new roll-in to the community-built BMX course at South Norway Hill Park
- Spiked the warning tracks at Finn Hill Middle School, Kirkland Middle School and Crestwoods Park
- Cleaned and stocked ballfield storage at Juanita Beach
- Hand weeded around the fields at Kirkland Middle School and Crestwoods Park
- Secured new backboards for Peter Kirk Park and Kirkland Heights
- Installed a scoreboard light panel at Peter Kirk Park

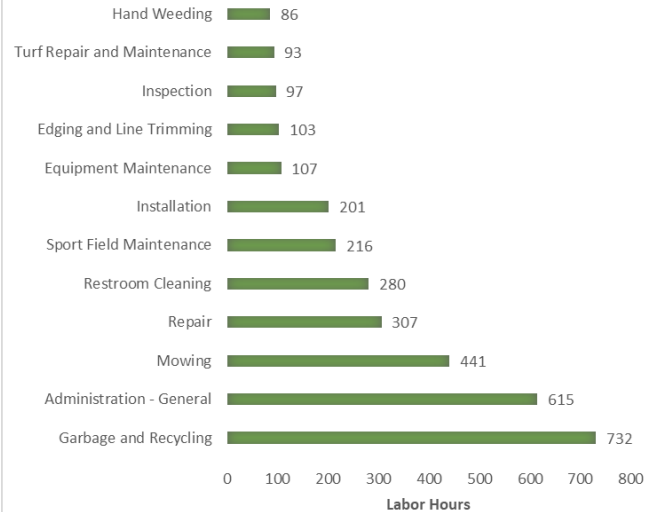
#### HORTICULTURE

- Pruned Marsh Park to expose signs and provide access to irrigation
- Transplanted daphne from the pool to Heritage Hall
- Converted dying alder to a habitat snag at Watershed Park
- Created planting plan for historic gun mount at David E. Brink Park
- Installed protective fencing around willow stakes and trees at David E. Brink Park to prevent damage from beavers
- Installed twenty shore pines at Mark Twain and Van Aalst Parks

#### NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

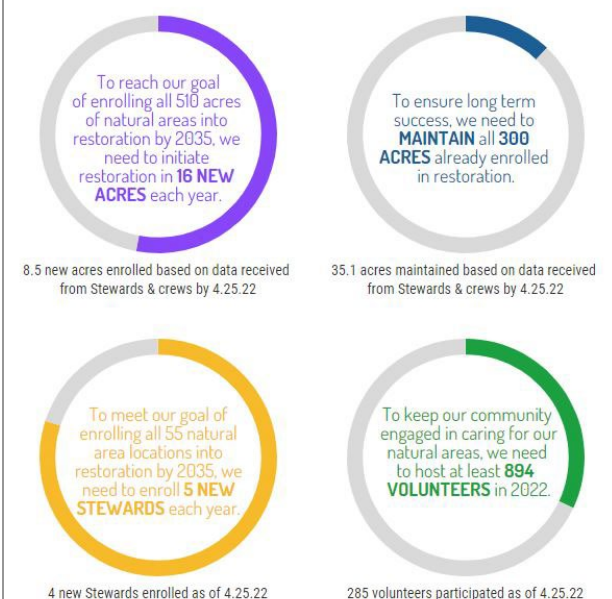
- Secured \$26,785 from Washington State Department of Ecology to restore an additional 7,000 square feet of riparian habitat along Juanita Creek as it runs through Edith Moulton Park
- Cleared downed trees from CKC entrance to Crestwoods Park
- Hand removed large patch of poison hemlock at Juanita Bay Park
- Removed chain link fence along southern side of Kingsgate Park
- Hand weeded cracks in walkways at Juanita Beach Park and flower beds along 116th at McAuliffe Park
- Installed cisterns at North Rose Hill Woodlands, JU1, and Juanita Bay Park for summer watering
- Cleared old knotweed canes and blackberry from restoration site at Rose Hill Meadows for volunteer access

### APRIL TOP 12 TASKS



Windsor Vista Park footbridge

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.







## RECREATION SERVICES

### SPRING PROGRAMS AT NORTH KIRKLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

North Kirkland Community Center's (NKCC) spring break activities and camps during the first week of April were a great success!

- Play-Well Engineering's Unplugged Gaming Camp had twenty-one registered participants between ages 5 and 9. Campers applied real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture through engineer designed-projects using plastic building bricks.
- NKCC's resident chef and cooking instructor, Karen Renfro-Gielgens spent spring break week teaching ten children, between the ages of 6 to 10, basic kitchen skills. Class participants learned how to prepare morning, midday, and evening meals that are not only delicious but nutritious. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner have never been so creative and fun!
- Who would have thought that a Princess Dance Camp would be so popular? We did, and so did nine participants, who were whisked away to enchanting lands through stories, music, and dance. A magical time was had by all!



### SIMPLE EATS FOR TEENS

On Saturday, April 9, the department sponsored a Simple Eats Cooking workshop for teens. Participants learned many skills including knife skills, recipe comprehension, and cooking safety. Instructor Karen Renfro-Gielgens taught the teens how to make a fun fruit dessert and a veggie noodle stir fry. Participants left the class with full bellies and happy smiles. We look forward to hosting more teen cooking classes in the future.



### WHEELS AND REELS DRIVE-IN MOVIE

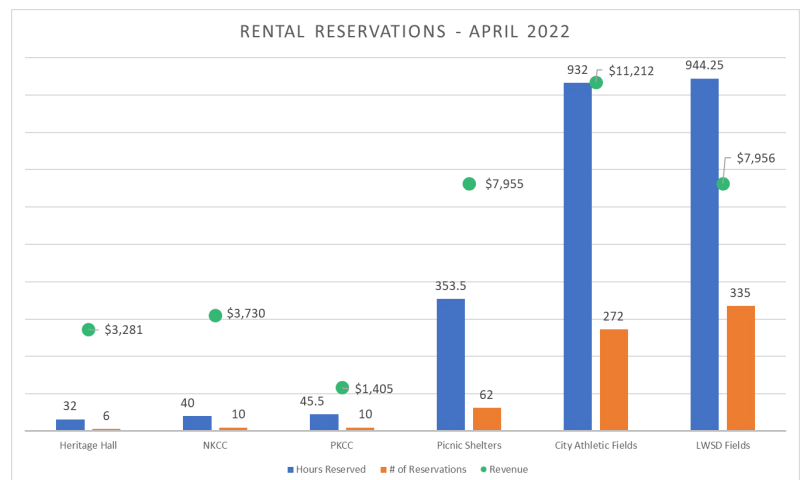
The spring Wheels and Reels Drive-in Movies series concluded on April 22, with the live-action version of The Lion King playing on the big screen. The event was nearly sold out and event staff fielded many questions from park visitors regarding the future use of the big LED screen. The event's sponsor, MorningStar Senior Living, provided generously filled goodie bags while vendor, Poppin' Till Dawn, sold delicious popcorn delights.

### BOAT LAUNCH CARD SALES & RENTALS

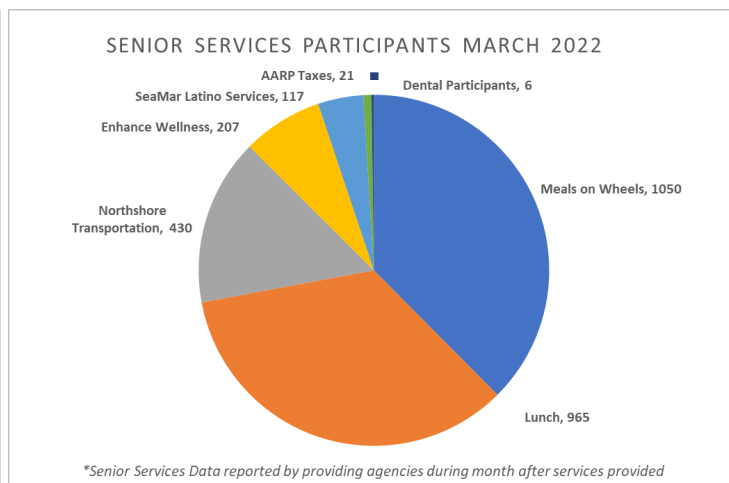
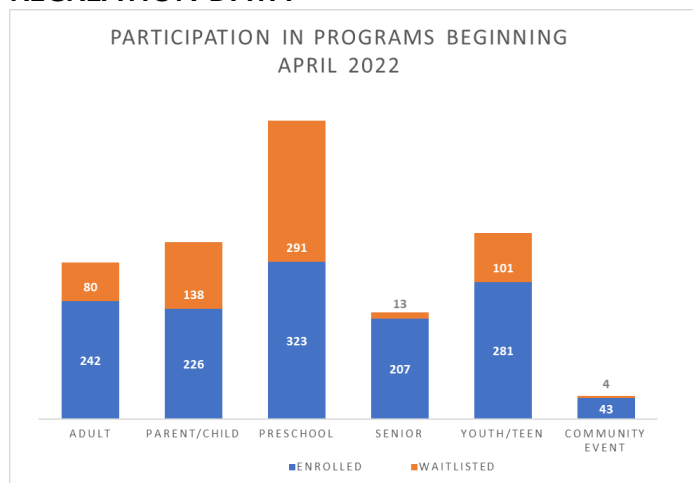
The department began 2022 sales and renewals of seasonal boat launch cards on April 1. The fees increased slightly this year to \$65 for residents and \$130 for non-residents. Thus far, thirty-two cards have been sold or renewed. Boat launch cards are available for use from April 1 to November 1. For information about the boat launch and to purchase a card, visit [WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/MARINABOATLAUNCH](http://WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/MARINABOATLAUNCH).

### WE ARE HIRING!

Staff are reviewing interested applicants for our many open positions. We are hiring for Day Camp Directors and Leaders, Aquatics Staff (Lifeguards, Senior Lifeguards, Aquatics Program Supervisors, Pool Cashiers), Teen Outdoor Program Instructors, Afterschool Camp Directors and Leaders, Facility Attendants, and more! Check out our open positions at [WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/PARKSJOB](http://WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/PARKSJOB).



## RECREATION DATA



## UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
May 21, 2022 11AM - 4PM	Taste of the World	Juanita Beach Park	<a href="http://KIRKLANDWA.GOV">KIRKLANDWA.GOV</a>

## ADMINISTRATION

### 75TH ANNUAL WRPA CONFERENCE AND AWARDS

The Washington Recreation and Parks Association held its annual conference for the first time in two years in Bellevue on April 12-15. The conference opened with the induction of new board members, including Maryke Burgess, Kirkland Recreation Supervisor, as WRPA Regional Director of the Board for King County. G Cody QJ Goldberg, Executive Director of Harper's Playground, gave an inspiring keynote address about building inclusive playgrounds for all. The themes of inclusion and diversity were woven throughout the conference. The conference offered many educational sessions, with program tracks for diversity, equity and inclusion, park/facility maintenance, park/facility planning, aquatics, and risk management.

Thirteen staff attended the conference, with several playing a pivotal role in planning it, including Kevin Ball as Conference Co-Chair, Heather Lantz-Brazil and Maryke Burgess as sponsorship, exhibitor experience, and social networking leads, Lynn Zwaagstra as a conference education committee member, and Jairid Hoehn with the marketing committee.

On the last evening of the conference, Kirkland won a Parks and Facilities Spotlight Award for the Juanita Beach Bathhouse project. The Spotlight Awards recognize outstanding achievements by parks and recreation agencies.