

KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – JULY 2022



On Friday, July 15, 2022, City Council, Park Board, and City leadership officially re-opened David E. Brink Park with a ribbon-cutting event on the park's newly resurfaced dock.

"This shoreline renovation project increased our connection to the water with a new accessible path and pocket beaches and improved the safety for humans and young salmon with a new grated pier decking," said Mayor Penny Sweet in prepared remarks. "We restored this park's natural beauty with the softened shoreline and enhanced the ecosystem with native plants."

This project was funded in part by a \$500,000 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). The City of Kirkland also received prior funding from the RCO in 1973 and 1993 for acquiring land to expand this park.



"We are thrilled to reopen this park for the community to now fully enjoy all that it offers – from beautiful views to water access," said Director of Parks and Community Services Lynn Zwaagstra. "The project was the result of successful collaboration between the City, Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, and the community."

The project included a new accessible pathway from Lake Washington Boulevard to the water's edge at the north end of the park, as well as softened shorelines with the replacement of failing bulkheads throughout the park. The renovations improve habitat for native salmon, increase direct access to the lake, and the new path allows greater access to the park and its scenic views of Lake Washington, Seattle, and the Olympic Mountains.

This waterfront park is located at 555 Lake Street South, just south of downtown Kirkland. For more information about the project, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/davidbrink.



HUMAN SERVICES

WELCOME AMANDA

Amanda Judd joined the Human Services team on July 19, 2022, as the new Human Services Coordinator focused on Community Well-Being. Amanda has made Kirkland her home since 2010. She has spent 20 years working for non-profit behavioral health and human service organizations connecting marginalized community members to resources and recovery services. Early in her career, she was a direct service provider as an outreach counselor and case manager and oversaw human service programs as a program manager. She also created behavioral health systems of care as a director of operations. In her spare time, Amanda loves being engaged and involved in her community, particularly in anything that contributes to making Kirkland stronger and its residents having a sense of belonging and connection. She has been involved in multiple boards and committees, including the Kirkland Park Board, Eastside Pride PNW, Imagine Housing, Celebrate Kirkland 4th of July, and Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance. We are thrilled to welcome her to the team!



RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS UPDATE

Following outreach to the King County referrals, RRRP Phase 1 recipients, and households on the 2022 arrear waitlist, the total estimate of arrears reported for the Residential Rent Relief Program (RRRP) Phase 2 is \$1.2 million. The outreach also found that 71% of the households had 2022 arrears. Therefore, the City updated the eligible timeline to March 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022. The first priority list of EPRAP (Eviction Prevention and Rent Assistance Program) households, who were not previously selected from the tenant pool with 2020-2021 arrears, was sent to partner agencies, India Association of Western Washington and 4 Tomorrow, in mid-July. Partner agency staff are currently working with 24 of the 34 households referred and have administered almost \$19,000 in assistance to date. As capacity allows, the City will send the second, third, and fourth priority referral lists to partner agencies. The priority order is: 1) households with 2020-2021 arrears, 2) King County referrals, 3) Phase 1 recipients, and 4) 2022 arrear waitlist.

The City has partnered with Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) to administer rental assistance to low-income residents living in Imagine Housing communities. To date, 57 of the 75 projected households applied and received \$113,660 in rent relief. In addition, Imagine Housing staff conducted additional on-site outreach efforts to the remaining 18 households and encouraged those who have not yet applied to submit rental assistance applications. The agency anticipates up to 10 additional households will be served by the program following the outreach efforts.

PARKS MANAGEMENT

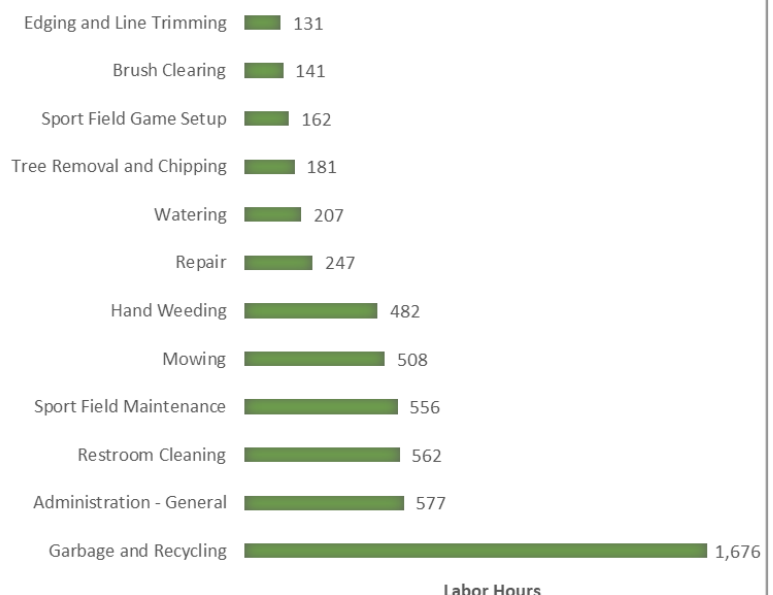
SUN, SUN, AND MORE SUN

The sun was here to stay in July, filling our parks with patrons and transitioning our focus from mowing and trimming to trash runs, litter pick up, and watering. Here are team highlights from July:

HORTICULTURE

- Pruned trees at O.O. Denny and Juanita Beach
- Repaired irrigation at Peter Kirk and Heritage and adjusted irrigation at David E. Brink
- Repaired pothole at Houghton Beach
- Reduced declining ash tree to a habitat snag at Juanita Beach
- Installed movies in the park banners at Juanita Beach, Houghton Beach, Phyllis Needy, and North Rose Hill Woodlands
- Released 3,000 ladybugs at Marina Park to control aphids on tulip trees

JULY TOP 12 TASKS



BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Weeded the fence lines on the fields at Juanita Beach
- Inspected and repaired irrigation systems at Kirkland Heights, Juanita Elementary School, Finn Hill Middle School, Kirkland Middle School, Peter Kirk, Emerson High School, Ben Franklin Elementary School, and Crestwoods
- Set up and removed the sprinkler parks at Peter Kirk
- Aerated turf at Peter Kirk Elementary School and Everest
- Edged and trimmed the fields at Emerson High School, Mark Twain Elementary School, and Juanita Elementary School
- Fertilized turf at Peter Kirk, Everest, Crestwoods, and Kirkland Middle School

SUPPORT

- Refinished and reinstalled bronze plaque for artwork at Marsh
- Installed a new drinking fountain with bottle filler and dog bowl at Everest
- Installed bronze plaques at the drinking fountain and grant program signs at Brink
- Replaced the hose on the water tank on PU-157
- Replaced dock light housing at Marsh due to vandalism
- Replaced breaker to the dock lights at David E. Brink
- Replaced swim ladders at Houghton Beach and Waverly Beach
- Replaced fencing along the creek at O.O. Denny



NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Watered thousands of native plants at Steward and mitigation sites
- Installed stepping stones in the native plant beds at Totem Lake to reduce trampling of plants
- Pruned tree limbs around the parking stalls at Juanita Beach
- Repaired dripline irrigation system at Watershed
- Cleared brush back from soft trails and pathways at Juanita Heights
- Planned trail decommissioning project with Eagle Scout at Crestwoods
- Removed poison hemlock, nightshade, thistle, and tansy ragwort by hand from several locations

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.



8.9 new acres enrolled based on data received from Stewards & crews by 7.25.22



42 acres maintained based on data received from Stewards & crews by 7.25.22



7 new Stewards enrolled as of 7.27.22



753 volunteers participated as of 7.27.22

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHAT & WHEN

Park Stewardship

August 7 from 9 – 11 AM

Forest Stewardship

August 7 from 10 AM – 12 PM

Forest Stewardship

August 13 from 10 AM – 12 PM

Forest Stewardship

August 27 from 10 AM – 12 PM

LOCATION & INFO

Crestwoods Park

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

South Rose Hill Park

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

Kingsgate Park

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

Juanita Open Space 1

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

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.

132ND SQUARE PARK

Construction started June 28, 2021. Recent progress includes soil and grading work and underdrain installation. The park is expected to be complete in late 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 E. BRINK PARK RENOVATION

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on July 15. We had great weather and attendance, including the City Council, Park Board, and Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. The \$2.7M project was partially funded by a \$500,000 ALEA (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account) grant. *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 recently purchased a small parcel within the center of Juanita Heights Park, completing the park's interior acquisitions. The acquisition was partially funded by a Conservation Futures Tax grant, supporting 50% of the acquisition costs. *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 final draft PROS Plan will be reviewed by City Council at their August 3, 2022 Special Meeting. Staff is requesting final edits and approval to move the document into professional design and formatting. It is anticipated the final document will be presented in September for adoption. See the [PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE \(PROS\) PLAN WEBSITE](#) for details about the plan.

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.



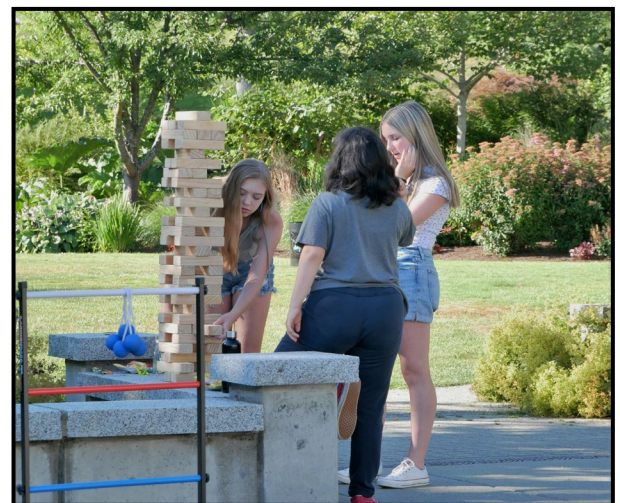
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TEEN NIGHT AT HERITAGE HALL

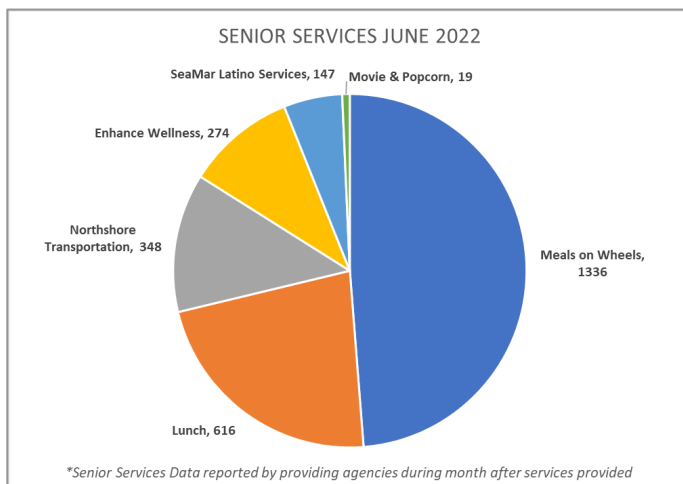
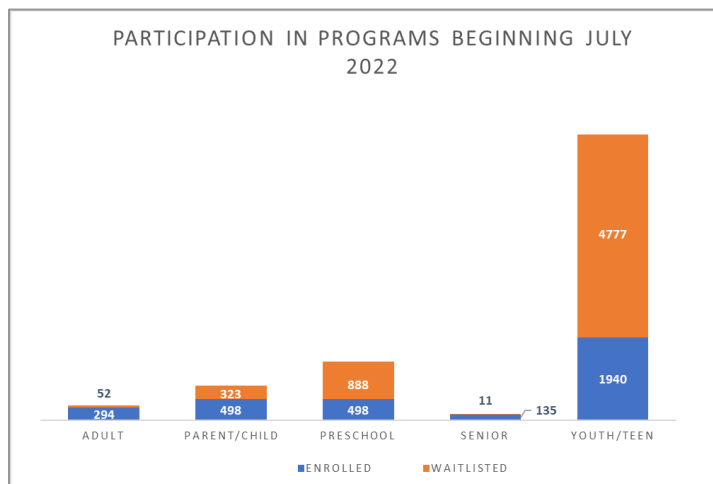
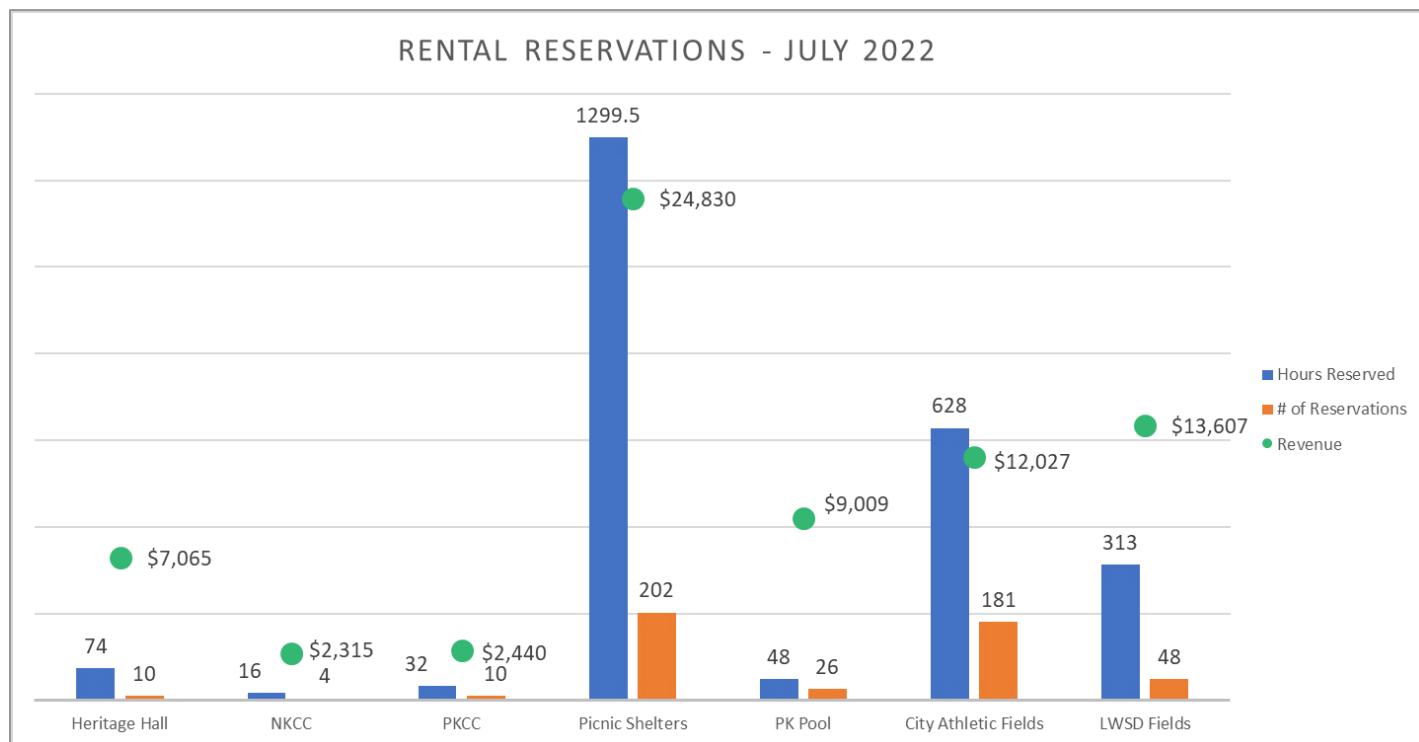
The 2nd monthly Teen Night took place on Friday, July 22 at Heritage Hall and Gardens. As teens showed up, they were offered a variety of snacks and drinks and many outdoor yard games to play, including cornhole and giant Jenga. A favorite memory of the night was watching as four teens who came in alone and joined forces to play a game of giant pong, which ended with many smiles and laughter. It was a gorgeous day to get teens out and socializing together, and we look forward to next month's Teen Nintendo Night on August 26 at North Kirkland Community Center!

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The Recreation Scholarship program has funded scholarships for over 100 participants through July 31, enabling community members to participate in 204 programs and classes. The scholarship program is funded by donations from individuals and community groups. We are grateful for the support of all who contributed to the program. Program donations year-to-date have exceeded \$5,500. To learn more about recreation scholarships, including how to apply for a scholarship and how to donate to the scholarship fund, please visit [KIRKLANDWA.GOV/RECREATIONSCHOLARSHIPS](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/recreationscholarships).



RECREATION DATA



UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	INFO
August 5 4 – 9 PM	Summer Outdoor Movies	Heritage Park	KIRKLANDWA.GOV/COMMUNITYEVENTS
August 12 4 – 9 PM	Summer Outdoor Movies	Heritage Park	KIRKLANDWA.GOV/COMMUNITYEVENTS
September 10 12 – 4 PM	See Spot Splash	Peter Kirk Pool	KIRKLANDWA.GOV/COMMUNITYEVENTS
October 1 11 AM – 4 PM	Harvest Festival	Juanita Beach Park	KIRKLANDWA.GOV/COMMUNITYEVENTS

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.

CELEBRATE KIRKLAND! 4TH OF JULY

After a two-year hiatus, Kirkland's annual 4th of July celebration returned to crowd cheers! The community joined the Celebrate Kirkland planning committee and Kirkland Downtown Association in some good old-fashioned fun. Thousands of spectators lined the streets to enjoy the kids parade and the community parade, which featured seventy-one organizations including local businesses and organizations, dance groups, athletic teams, car club enthusiasts, colorful bands, and much more.

KIRKLAND WEDNESDAY MARKET

The Kirkland Wednesday Market hosted some very talented youth on Kids/Teen Vendor Day this month. Young local talent was featured alongside the market's standard goodies each week. Learn more about market offerings at WWW.KIRKLANDMARKET.ORG.



JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET

July brought beautiful summer weather to the PNW, and the farmers market averaged 1,200 customers each week. We're seeing increased usage of the Farmers Market Nutrition Program by seniors, which coincides with the distribution of benefits in late June. A new recipe highlighting seasonal produce from our local farm vendors is available at the information booth each week. We also welcomed the City of Kirkland video team this month who created a time lapse video showcasing the market from setup to teardown in less than two minutes. View the video at [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/OiLomRDFQOI](https://youtu.be/OiLomRDFQOI). For more information go to: KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET.

KIRKLAND EVENING SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Music-loving crowds descended on Marina Park to soak up the sun and enjoy the 45th annual Kirkland Summer Concert Series. This month the weekly series featured high-energy tunes from the 60s, sing-along covers, Blue/Rock/Pop, and a Motown inspired female trio. Three more concerts are planned for August; find out who's playing at WWW.KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG/EVENTS.

KIRKLAND KIDS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The 45th annual Kirkland Summer Concert Series' family shows kicked off on July 12 at Juanita Beach Park with Cowboy Buck's final career performance. The following two concerts featured Ian Dobson and the Brian Waite Band. Families are enjoying the waterfront sing-along, dance-along, and interactive concerts each Tuesday morning. See who's coming next month at WWW.KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG/EVENTS.



KIRKLAND UNCORKED

The three-day Kirkland Uncorked festival was held at Marina Park, July 8-10. Bold Hat Productions produced the event, which featured an all-ages street fair, a wine garden that offered 75+ Washington wines, delicious food for all the foodies in attendance, and champagne on the beach. A portion of the proceeds supports Homeward Pet Adoption Center, a non-profit no-kill animal shelter located in Woodinville.

KIRKLAND SUMMERFEST



Chump Change Foundation hosted the 10th Kirkland Summerfest festival the last weekend of July during record setting temperatures. To combat the heat, volunteers offered attendees a nice cool spray of water from portable misting systems. The event featured wine and beer, a street market filled with arts and crafts vendors, DJs and live concerts, food trucks, the annual Kirkland Rotary Duck Dash, and much more.



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
Tuesdays, July 12 – August 16, 10 AM	Kids Summer Concert Series	Juanita Beach Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Wednesdays thru September 28 3 - 7 PM	Kirkland Wednesday Market	Marina Park	KIRKLANDMARKET.ORG
Thursdays, July 7 – August 18, 7 PM	Evening Summer Concert Series	Marina Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Fridays thru September 30 3 - 7 PM	Juanita Friday Market	Juanita Beach Park	KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET
July 31 – August 6 Times vary	Junior Softball World Series	Everest Park	LITTLELEAGUE.ORG
August 14 10 AM – 4 PM	Kirkland Waterfront Car Show	Central Business District	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
August 20 & 21 11 AM & 1 PM	StoryBook in the Park	Juanita Beach Park	STORYBOOKTHEATER.ORG