

KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – JUNE 2023



The 17th season of Kirkland's beloved community farmers market kicked off on June 2, 2023 at Juanita Beach Park. This summer's lineup includes 32 returning vendors and an additional six new vendors as well as a growing waitlist of great vendors hoping to join us at some point later this season.

More than twenty non-profit community groups have applied to host the weekly community booth. The community booth provides a

free opportunity for advocacy groups and other organizations to engage with and educate the community about their efforts. Stop by the booth each week to learn something new!

Parkshore Juanita Bay continues to sponsor the lively music booth. Our long time volunteer, John Frost continues to organize live entertainment for the market. He has organized a little something for everyone with entertainment ranging from jazz trios to hula and ukuleles.



The kid's booth continues to be sponsored by Kirkland Kids Dentistry. Their team attends once each month to host crafts and provide free face painting for all the little ones. On weeks they don't attend, our wonderful volunteers fill in with weekly activities, games, and scavenger hunts.

Our summer intern Andrea is working on a special one-day activity to be offered in conjunction with National Farmers Market Week which is held the first week of August. Mark your calendar for August 11, 2023 for a special market day full of extra fun, freebies, and activities for the whole family.

If you happen to see a new market tote at the information booth, be sure to grab one fast because supplies are limited! Our market team will be giving them away slowly over the next several months.

Finally, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers that help make the market happen each week. We appreciate those who return each year, sticking with us rain or shine, and those who swing by for a couple of hours to help with whatever is needed. Many hands make light work. Thank you volunteers!

Interested in learning more about the market? Go to [KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/juanitafridaymarket) and see all the different ways you can get involved.



ADMINISTRATION

PARKS 2023 BALLOT EXPLORATION

City Council continued its discussion of the potential Parks Ballot Measure at their meetings on June 6 and June 20. During the June meetings, staff presented additional information regarding potential investments for the measure, and Council also discussed funding options, ballot timing, and draft ballot language.

At the June 6, 2023 meeting, Council formally accept the Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC) report. At the request of City Council, PFEC reconvened on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 to receive information about and provide input to Council regarding the potential drop in assessed value for residential property in 2023. Polling during that meeting showed that the majority of 29 PFEC members in attendance thought City Council should proceed with the potential ballot measure in 2023 versus waiting until 2024.

At the June 20, 2023, meeting, Council confirmed its support for the following investments for a potential ballot measure:

- Operations of an 86,000 square foot aquatics & recreation center at the former Houghton Park & Ride
- Additional year-round restrooms
- Enhanced park safety & security
- New sports courts
- Green loop trail segments
- Teen programs and KTUB operations
- Increased beach lifeguarding & water safety programs

The Council will continue consideration of whether to proceed with a parks ballot measure at their upcoming meetings in July and make a final decision on a potential parks and recreation ballot measure by the end of July 2023. Learn more about the process at KIRKLANDWA.GOV/PARKS2023BALLOT.

HUMAN SERVICES

KIRKLAND YOUTH COUNCIL END-OF-YEAR REPORT

Kirkland Youth Council held its last meeting of the 2022-23 school year on June 12, 2023. Despite it being somewhat of a transitional year, the group was quite busy and very involved with many City initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Record breaking 75 applications were submitted during the new member recruitment process
- Awarded \$8,500 in mini grants to a variety of organizations and school groups
- Completed three service projects – staffed water station along the 12ks of Kirkland event, pet supply drive, and park restoration project
- Weighed in on various City initiatives and projects including the Kirkland Teen Union Building operating proposals, Transportation Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and the potential Parks Ballot measure
- Continued to offer Teen Traffic Court as an option for their peers who received moving violations. Twenty-four students participated in the program, a 41% increase from the previous year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COVID-19 GRANTS SUMMARY

The City successfully administered the final tranche of Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 funds to four local organizations to address communities impacted by the pandemic. The \$426,945 supported four organizations in the following ways:

- *4 Tomorrow* received \$150,945 to support the Life Services Program, which supports Latinx households navigating barriers and obstacles that impact their well-being. Funding also supported the expansion of the agency's behavioral health offerings through a licensed mental health professional for Spanish speaking participants.
- *Youth Eastside Services* received \$100,000 to provide retention bonuses to 77 staff supporting individuals, families, children, and youth with continued access to behavioral health services. The agency, like many organizations, experienced turnover during the pandemic. The retention bonus program ensures the 1,361 low to moderate income clients enrolled in services continue to have access to behavioral health services.
- *Hopelink* received \$100,000 for the Kirkland Hopelink Market to provide healthy, fresh food to food bank shoppers. Food bank shoppers fall into the low-to-moderate income level and includes an estimated 3,500 individuals.

- *IKRON of Greater Seattle* received \$76,000 to provide retention bonuses to 33 staff supporting low-income households on the Eastside with access to behavioral health services, including employment support. The retention bonus program ensures the almost 400 participants have continued access to this service as the organization faces staff turnover and historical demand for services.

2023 KIRKLAND HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR – SAVE THE DATE

In partnership with the King County Promotores Network, the 3rd annual Kirkland Health and Wellness Fair will take place on Saturday, September 16 from 10am to 2pm at Juanita High School. This FREE event is open to all and will offer a variety of services including vaccinations, flu shots, health screenings, dental services, information, and resources. In-language support will be available. For more information contact Mercedes Cordova-Hakim at MERCEDES@PROMOTORESNETWORK.ORG

AGENCY HIGHLIGHT: MUSLIM COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

The *Muslim Association of Puget Sound's Muslim Community Resource Center* (MAPS-MCRC) is a social and humanitarian service organization dedicated to helping the less fortunate in the Pacific Northwest community. They partner with other nonprofits, city and local services, and assistance providers to serve those in need. The leadership team of Founder and CEO Nickhath Sheriff, Co-Founder and Executive Director Khizer Sheriff, and Senior Case Manager Mustafa Haji collectively bring decades of expertise and knowledge to their work. MCRC was awarded funding support from the City of Kirkland for the 2023-2024 funding cycle to support the following programs:

- Transitional housing for single women
- Emergency rental assistance program for refugees, immigrants & low-income families
- Information, Referrals and Resources (IR&R)
- Food and gas cards distribution

To learn more about MCRC's history and vital work on the Eastside visit: MAPSREDMOND.ORG/MCRC

PARK MANAGEMENT

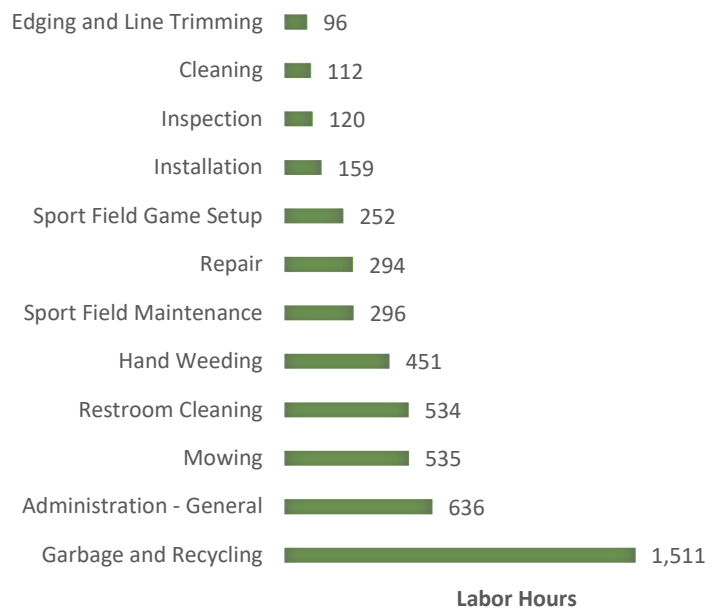
NEW TEAMMATES AND NEW EQUIPMENT

June brought a lot of joy and excitement to the Parks Management team as we welcomed new teammates and purchased and trained on new equipment that will allow us to do our work more efficiently and safely. See the [PARKS MANAGEMENT DETAIL REPORTS](#) for breakdown of tasks and locations. Here are monthly highlights from our four crews:

BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Prepared the existing field and lawn areas at 132nd Park for the grand opening in July.
- Painted the concession stand, rafters, and railings at Everest.
- Mowed and prepped fields for games at all sites.
- Weeded the parking lot beds at Everest.
- Edged the benches and tables at Everest.
- Painted the grandstands, bathroom, and dugouts at Everest.
- Replaced the Field 2 bullpen at Everest.
- Pressure washed the bleachers at Everest.

JUNE TOP 12 TASKS



HORTICULTURE

- Logan Rheaume and Emma Williams joined the Horticulture Team as new Groundspersons.
- The Arbor Pro was received and staff were trained. It has already been used for several projects.
- Electric leaf blowers and line trimmers were purchased and are being tested at different sites.
- Prepared Heritage gardens and lawns for 4th of July events.
- Pruned pathway and fruit trees at Cedar View and Marsh parks.
- Fixed main line break at McAuliffe Park.
- Rebuilt irrigation pump and installed at Lake Ave W. Street End Park.
- Mowed, trimmed, and removed grass clippings from newly opened area at Peter Kirk Park next to Kirkland Urban South.



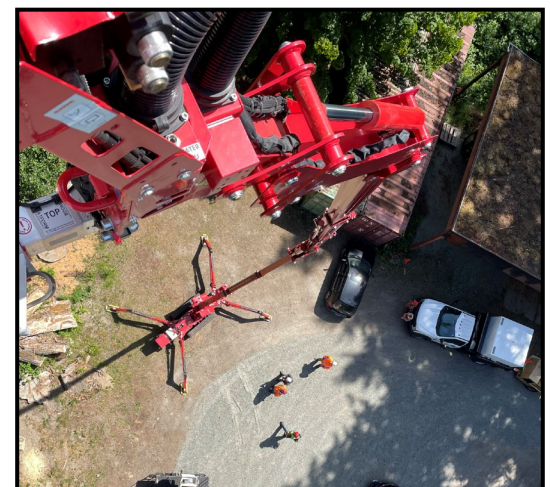
NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Removed tansy ragwort at Totem Lake, Juanita Bay and Watershed.
- Hosted four Google Serve volunteer events at Juanita Beach Park.
- Watered all Steward and mitigation sites and filled cisterns at Steward locations.
- Pruned vegetation from trails at Juanita Bay, North Rose Hill Woodlands, Carillon Woods, and Josten parks.
- Removed downed tree across trail at Crestwoods Park.
- Mowed creeping thistle at Juanita Beach Park.
- Weeded around the Garry oak plantings at Juanita Bay Park and spread additional California poppy seed.
- Supported 23 Green Kirkland volunteer events.
- Find upcoming volunteer events at [GREENKIRKLAND.ORG](https://www.greenkirkland.org)



SUPPORT

- Moved the off-leash dog area at Snyder's Corner to the west following the completion of the Fire Department training.
- Striped parking lots at Spinney, Terrace, Rose Hill Meadows, South Rose Hill, Heronfield Wetlands, Juanita Bay, Houghton Beach, Marsh, Heritage, Waverly, and Lake Ave W Street End parks.
- Installed dedication plaque at 132nd Square Park.
- Replaced both hand dryers in the restrooms at Marsh Park.
- Installed new diving board at Peter Kirk Pool.
- Installed two refurbished benches at Waverly Beach Park.
- Removed the teeter totter at Van Aalst Park due to broken welds.
- Replaced a missing dock board at Settler's Landing.



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 is in the final stages with an anticipated substantial completion date in July. A grand-reopening community celebration is planned for July 15, 2023. *Background:* 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. Construction started on June 28, 2021.



HOUGHTON AND EVEREST RESTROOM REPLACEMENT

Staff is in the process of contracting with an architect for this work. Design is planned for both Everest and Houghton restroom replacements with a hopeful construction start date in 2024 at Everest. *Background:* Houghton and Everest restrooms are planned for replacement due to their age and condition.

MARINA PARK SHORELINE RENOVATIONS

Designers provided preliminary concepts and options for repairs or replacement of dock and shoreline structures. Concepts and cost estimates were reviewed, and staff is moving forward with repairs to the south fingers and pier along with a few upland repairs and improvements. *Background:* In late 2022, a portion of the sidewalk and stairs at Marina Park experienced significant subsidence. Shoreline structures at Marina Park were previously evaluated in the 2019 Kirkland Shoreline Structures Assessment Report.

OO DENNY PARK PICNIC SHELTER

Staff is working with consultants to finalize the design for the installation of a second picnic shelter at the park. The design replicates and complements the existing picnic shelter on the site. Staff anticipates bidding and construction process to occur in 2024. *Background:* This project will use existing funds remaining from the Finn Hill Park District.

OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS

The Pop-Up Off-Leash Dog Park at Snyder's Corner moved from the eastern side of the park to a more central location following the completion of the Kirkland Fire Department's annual training for trench excavation, confined space training and machinery rescue. The new location provides a bit more shade for the off-leash area. *Background:* These pop-up dog parks are intended to test and evaluate how to incorporate dog off-leash areas into our system.

PETER KIRK PARK PLAZA

The new plaza at Peter Kirk Park opened the last week of June 2023. The project was a collaborative effort between Public Works, Parks & Community Services and Google. The intent of the plaza is to provide a new special event and community space within the park and provide a connection to Kirkland Urban South. *Background:* The project was part of a larger development agreement made with Kirkland Urban South. Construction required a temporary construction easement of park property. The plaza project was a partial in lieu cash payment for the temporary construction easement.



TOTEM LAKE PARK

Three cantilever shade structures will be installed later this summer near the playground to provide shade for visitors. *Background:* In July 2021 the City opened Totem Lake Park as its newest neighborhood park with an inclusive playground, restrooms, and a boardwalk connecting the park to the Cross Kirkland Corridor.

RECREATION SERVICES

SUMMER CAMP EXTRAVAGANZA

June kicked off a huge assortment of summer camps for youth from age 3 to 17. Camps cover a wide variety from basketball to filmmaking, cooking, science, and yoga. Camps are being held at 19 locations across the City including both community centers, Kirkland parks, local schools, and off-site partner locations in Kirkland.

KIRKLAND STEPPERS PROGRAM RETURNS

The Kirkland Steppers Program kicked off its 20th season of weekly walks on June 6 with a breakfast and giveaways sponsored by Holden of Bellevue. The program ends on August 22 and it's not too late to join. We are thankful for longtime sponsor EvergreenHealth, whose continued support has added to the success of this program.



POOL OPENED JUNE 5TH FOR THE BUSY SUMMER SEASON

The Peter Kirk Pool opened for the 2023 Summer Season on Monday, June 5. The pool was open for lessons and lap swim on weekdays while Lake Washington School District was still in session. The first day of full summer programming was Friday, June 23. For additional information about the programs/services offered at the pool including a complete schedule of activities, please visit WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/AQUATICS.

CELEBRATE KIRKLAND 4TH OF JULY

Staff finalized plans for the Celebrate Kirkland 4th of July parade. Many volunteers contributed during June including multiple city staff who tied bike tassels for the Kids' parade during their lunch breaks and spare time.

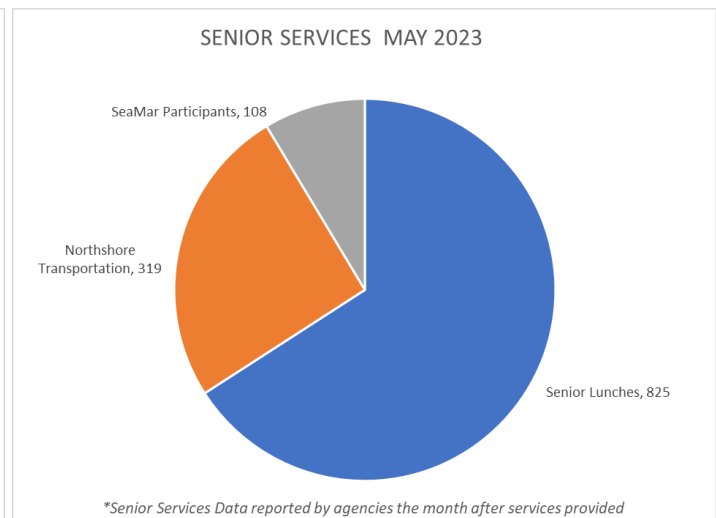
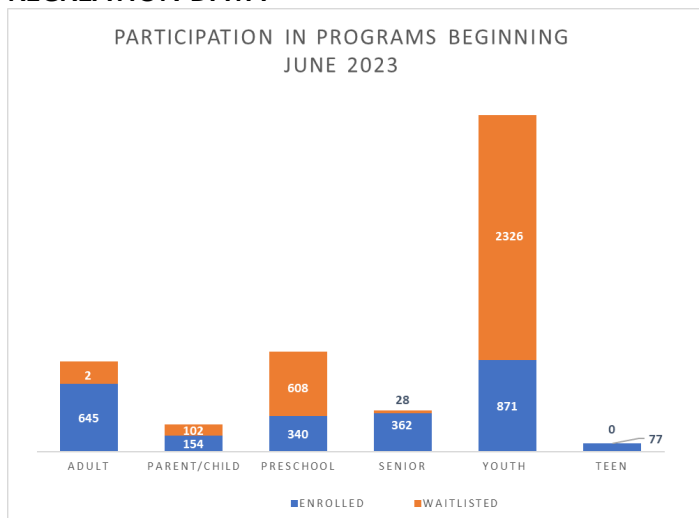
SUMMER ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

Summer sports leagues are in full swing.

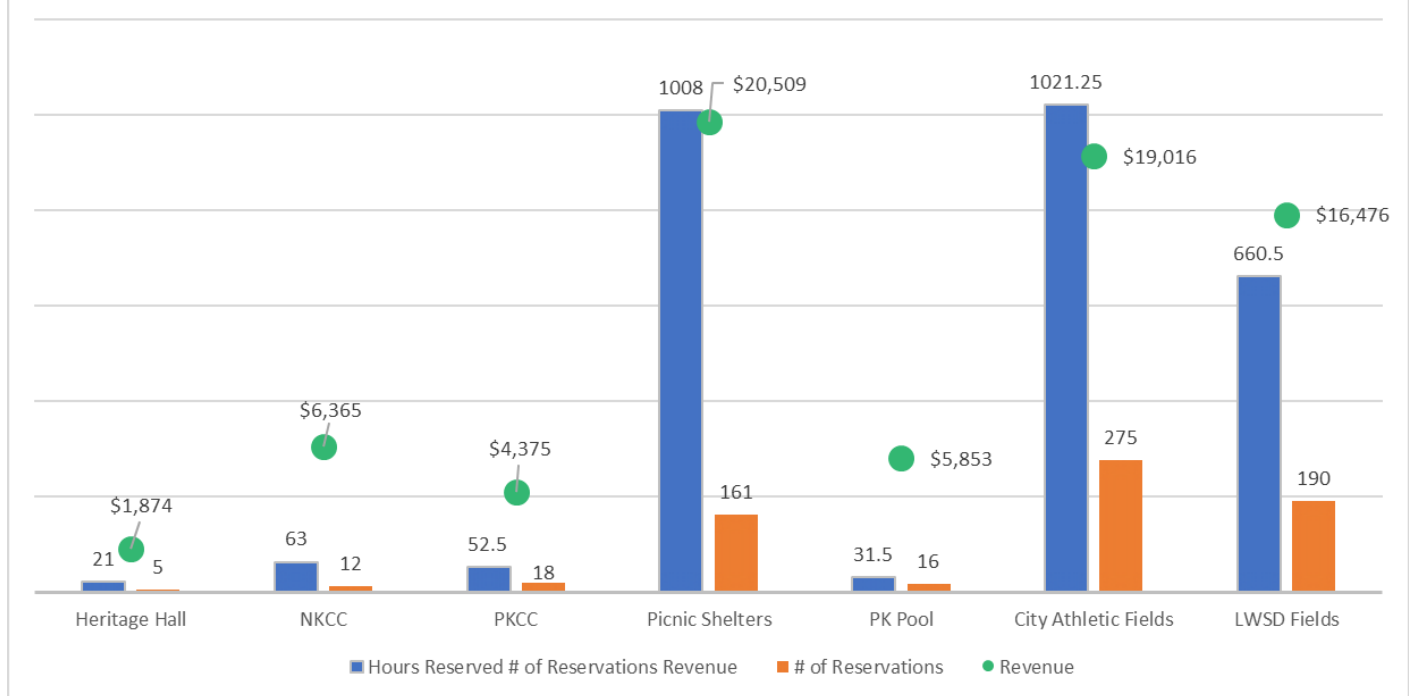
- Men's Softball at Crestwoods Park returned with teams competing on Tuesday and Thursday nights this summer.
- Beach Volleyball is bumpin' all week at Juanita Beach courts. We have 32 teams playing on four nights of the week!
- Pickleball is pop-pop-poppin' on Monday and Tuesday nights at Everest Park. On Mondays, Roger Bel Air teaches pickleball clinics and on Tuesdays, our intermediate league plays league matches.



RECREATION DATA



ALL RENTALS - JUNE 2023



SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES

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 permits can be found at KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS.



NAMIWALKS WASHINGTON

The annual NAMIWalk returned to Marina Park on June 3. More than 1,000 people attended the event which included a resource fair with fifty community organizations represented and fun walk with short and long-distance options. Learn more about the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) at WWW.NAMI.ORG.



SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

Studio East's outdoor production of Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors was scheduled to take place at Juanita Beach Park June 9-11. Unfortunately, the June 9 performance had to be moved indoors due to inclement weather. The free community shows included actors ranging in age from 13-19. More outdoor theater is planned for later this summer. Information can be found at WWW.STUDIO-EAST.ORG.

EASTSIDE SALSA MARINA

Kirkland based LaVida Studio welcomed the community to Marina Park on June 10 to enjoy an evening of dancing on the waterfront under the stars. The 8th annual public salsa dance party included introductory lessons, social dancing, professional performances, and a lot of great Salsa, Bachata and Cha-Cha hits.

KIRKLAND WEDNESDAY MARKET

The 2023 Kirkland Wednesday Market returned to Marina Park this summer with fifty-three vendors on the roster. The weekly farmers market includes theme days that highlight health & wellness, youth, and pet vendors. Learn more about market offerings at WWW.KIRKLANDMARKET.ORG.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Holy Family Parish, located in the South Rose Hill Neighborhood, hosted their annual Corpus Christi Procession on June 11. The procession is a centuries-old tradition of the Catholic faith. Congregation members participate in the procession each year which starts at Holy Family Parish and travels through the neighborhood before returning to the church. To learn more about Holy Family Parish, visit WWW.HFKPARISH.COM.



EASTSIDE HONORING JUNETEENTH

Eastside For All welcomed the community to Juanita Beach Park on June 17 in celebration of Juneteenth – Day of Freedom. The event featured Delbert Richardson's American History Traveling Museum: The Unspoken Truths, guest speakers, poets and dancers, community and vendor booths. To learn more about Eastside for All, visit WWW.EASTSIDEFORALL.ORG.

KIRKLANDIA WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

Chump Change Foundation's 2nd annual Kirklandia festival was held at Marina Park from June 23-25. The weather was perfect all weekend for the 5,000 attendees. Find more Chump Change events at WWW.CHUMPCHANGEFOUNDATION.ORG.

FILM PRODUCTION

Los Angeles based Westy Productions, made Kirkland homebase for an extensive photoshoot for off-price retailer of apparel, Marshalls. The production crew of thirty-five spent four days at Juanita Beach Park, Juanita Bay Park, Marina Park, Marsh Park, and Heritage Park. The project required one off-duty officer and minimal parking for production vehicles, a motorhome, and catering tents.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTIES

The City of Kirkland encourages residents to organize block parties where they can meet their neighbors, celebrate special days together, and build community connections. Two block parties were held in June, hosted by families located in the Central Houghton and Kingsgate neighborhoods. Learn more about block party permits at: WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	MORE INFO
Tuesdays, July 11 – August 15 10am – 11am	Kids Summer Concert Series	Juanita Beach Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Wednesdays, June – Sep. 3:00 - 7:00pm	Kirkland Wednesday Market	Marina Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Thursdays, July 6 – August 24 7pm – 8pm	Evening Summer Concert Series	Marina Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Fridays, June – Sep. 3:00 - 7:00pm	Juanita Friday Market	Juanita Beach Park	WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET
Wednesdays, July 12, 19, 26 6pm - 8pm	Feriton Spur Summer Event Series	Feriton Spur Park	EASTRAILPARTNERS.ORG
July 14-16, hours vary	Kirkland Uncorked	Marina Park	KIRKLANDUNCORKED.COM
July 28-30, hours vary	Kirkland Summerfest	Marina Park	KIRKLANDSUMMERFEST.COM