

KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – JULY 2023



NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH – WHERE COMMUNITY GROWS

During July, Kirkland celebrated Parks and Recreation month and recognized the importance of parks and recreation in building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities by bringing people together, providing essential services, and fostering the growth of our communities.

Kirkland Parks and Community Services grows the Kirkland community in multiple ways. The department provides over 2,000 recreation classes and programs for nearly 20,000 people of all ages and abilities to grow healthier. Kirkland Parks Management team and Green Kirkland Partnership volunteers are environmental stewards and manage more than 698 acres of parks and green space. Kirkland Parks and Community services provides seasonal and part-time jobs for over 200 people annually as lifeguards, swim instructors, camp counselors, groundskeepers, park rangers and more. We have been a 'first job' for many Kirkland youth and are grateful for all those who spend their time learning and growing with us.

Here are two notable projects where the department grew community during July:

CELEBRATE KIRKLAND JULY 4 PARADE

The 24th annual Celebrate Kirkland July 4 parade was a remarkable display of community unity attended by 30,000 spectators. With the active involvement of all city departments, the event showcased various entries, including beloved favorites like Kirkland Heritage Society and the Kirkland Sea Hawks. The parade's tagline, "Where We Come Together," was exemplified by the presence of three grand marshals: Dr. Catherine Cushinberry, CEO of Hopelink; Lani Brockman, Artistic Director for Studio East; and Austin Picinich, a talented mural artist and graduate of Juanita High School. The parade paid tribute to veterans in classic cars, featured City Councilmembers in an antique fire truck, and celebrated 100 years of Kenworth trucks. The day was made even more special with giveaways for kids and the Kids Parade, featuring approximately 2,000 kids and families. Additionally, this year's parade featured new entries that celebrated the community's diversity, with active participation from the Ukrainian, Brazilian, and Pakistani communities. The generous sponsorship of Kenworth Truck Company and the Lee Johnson Auto Family made the event even more memorable. It was a truly fantastic day for everyone involved, highlighting the rich tapestry of Kirkland's diverse community.

132ND SQUARE PARK – A PARK FOR EVERYONE

On Saturday, July 15, 2023 over 400 community members joined Kirkland City Council, Park Board and City staff to celebrate the re-opening of 132nd Square Park – A Park for Everyone. After the ribbon-cutting by the City Council and Park Board, folks explored the park's new inclusive features, including the new synthetic turf multi-use field, new playground with zipline, meditative labyrinth, and reflexology walking path. Learn more about the park redevelopment at WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/132NDSQUAREPARK



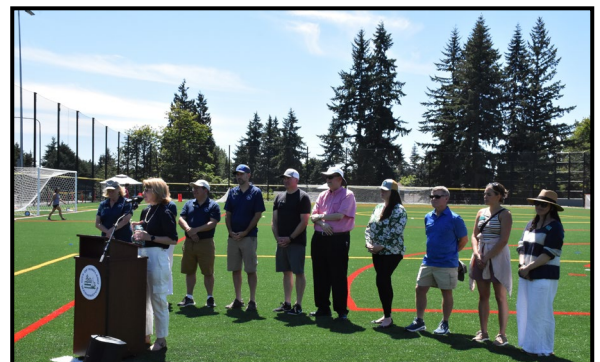
132nd Square Park – A Park for Everyone



Celebrate Kirkland 2023 Grand Marshals



Celebrate Kirkland 4th of July Parade



132nd Square Park Grand-Reopening

ADMINISTRATION

PARKS 2023 BALLOT EXPLORATION

City Council discussed the potential ballot measure during its July 5, 2023 meeting and then during its July 18, 2023 meeting, the Kirkland City Council adopted Ordinance O-4857 as a response to the needs and priorities identified by the community for accelerated investment in expanded aquatics, parks, and recreation facilities. This ordinance builds on the input received from over 4,700 community members during the 2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan process, 45 community members who constituted the Parks Funding Exploratory Committee, the Kirkland Park Board, and the Kirkland Youth Council. Ordinance O-4857 submits to Kirkland voters for the November 2023 ballot a levy lid lift proposition to expand aquatics, parks, and recreation facilities, operations, and programs. If approved, Kirkland's regular property tax levy would increase by approximately \$0.28054/\$1,000 of assessed valuation (AV) to a maximum total rate of \$1.38386/\$1,000 AV, generating approximately \$10,800,000 for these purposes in 2024. The 2024 incremental increase continues after 2024 to fund ongoing programming and service increases. Learn more about the process at KIRKLANDWA.GOV/PARKS2023BALLOT.

HUMAN SERVICES

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING NOW OPEN ON THE EASTSIDE

July celebrated the grand opening of Plymouth Crossing, the Eastside's first permanent supportive housing, in Bellevue's Eastgate neighborhood. The facility includes 92 studio apartments for single adults, plus 3 live-in staff apartments. Permanent supportive housing is intended for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness and provides onsite support to connect residents with services including case management and behavioral health. Plymouth Crossing is part of the Eastgate Housing Campus, which is an innovative partnership that also includes shelter and affordable housing.

2023 KIRKLAND HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR – SAVE THE DATE

In partnership with the King County Promotores Network, the third annual Kirkland Health and Wellness Fair will take place on Saturday, September 16, 2023 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 MERCEDDES@PROMOTORESNETWORK.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

A grand re-opening celebration was held on Saturday, July 15, 2023 with over 400 people in attendance.

Background: The City replaced 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.

MARINA PARK SHORELINE RENOVATIONS

Designers provided preliminary concepts and options for repairs or replacement of dock and shoreline structures. Staff is moving forward with repairs to the south fingers and pier along with a few upland repairs and improvements. The consultant is working to develop the contract for the next phase of design work.

Background: In late 2022, a portion of the sidewalk and stairs at Marina Park experienced significant subsidence. Shoreline structures at Marina Park were evaluated and identified for repairs in the 2019 Kirkland Shoreline Structures Assessment Report.

PARK RESTROOM REPLACEMENTS

Restrooms at Houghton Beach and Everest parks are planned for replacement due to their age and condition. Staff is working to create a scope of work for this project. *Background:* This capital project repairs or replaces park restrooms in the system.



132nd Square Park Grand Re-Opening

TOTEM LAKE PARK

Three cantilever shade structures will be installed this fall near the playground to provide relief from sunny days.

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.

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](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/special-events).



JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET



July brought beautiful summer weather and with that, the farmers market averaged 1,800 customers each Friday resulting in combined vendor sales exceeding \$20K each week. Marilyn and the G Strings and The Silverbacks provided entertainment courtesy of sponsor Parkshore Juanita Bay. Kirkland Kids Dentistry, along with the support of our wonderful market volunteers, kept the kids busy with scavenger hunts, crafts, coloring and face painting. Watch a video showcasing the market featuring the Juanita Friday Market Manager, Robert Hezlep, and a few of our friends from Brothers Farm and Two Sisters Coffee. View the video at [YOUTU.BE/TH7ZTYQWNOA](https://youtu.be/Th7zTYQWNOA). Learn more about the market at: [WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/juanitafridaymarket).

KIRKLAND WEDNESDAY MARKET

The market has started offering a free bike valet service. Customers can ride to the market and have their bike secured while they shop the vendor stalls. The July 26th market featured all things pets. Vendors that specialize in pet well-being including Bolder K9, Maddie Girl, Fetch, and CARA Veterinary, were all on hand to assist shoppers and answer questions. Learn more about the market's offerings at [WWW.KIRKLANDMARKET.ORG](https://www.kirklandmarket.org).



Bike Valet at Kirkland Wednesday Market

EVENING SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Music-loving crowds descended on Marina Park to soak up the sun and enjoy the 47th annual Kirkland Summer Concert Series. In July, the free weekly series featured Point of Sail, The Fentons, Christie Huff, and Red Light Challenge. Learn more about the series [KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.kirklanddowntown.org/events).

KIDS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Families and friends love gathering at Juanita Beach Park for the kids concerts on Tuesday mornings. The little ones had fun this month dancing to the tunes of Eli Rosenblatt, The Brian Waite Band, and Harmonica Pocket. See who's playing next month at [KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.kirklanddowntown.org/events).

FERITON SPUR SUMMER EVENT SERIES

SRM Development and Eastrail Partners joined efforts to host a 3-week series of free family-friendly concerts for the community at Feriton Spur Park. Attendees enjoyed the soulful sounds of 24 Madison Band, a youth music showcase featuring Castradi, and a cross-cultural celebration which featured performances, music, dance and more.



Feriton Spur Summer Event

KIRKLAND UNCORKED

The three-day Kirkland Uncorked festival was held at Marina Park, July 14-16, 2023. Bold Hat Productions produced the summer wine festival which featured an all-ages street fair, a 21+ wine garden that offered 75+ Washington wines, delicious food including a Food Truck Feast on Friday and Saturday, and champagne on the beach. A portion of the proceeds help support Homeward Pet Adoption Center; a non-profit animal shelter located in Woodinville.

KIRKLAND SUMMERFEST

Chump Change Foundation hosted their 11th annual summer festival at Marina Park, July 28-30, 2023. Attendees of the Sip Washington wine garden enjoyed performances by Nite Wave and Prom Date Mixtape while families and friends strolled the street market, noshed on tasty food, shopped vendor stalls, and burned off extra energy in the inflatable bouncer zone for kids.

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. Three block parties were held in July, hosted by families located in the Kingsgate and North Juanita neighborhoods. Learn more about block party permits at: WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	MORE INFO
Tuesdays, thru August 15 10 am – 11 am	Kids Summer Concert Series	Juanita Beach Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Wednesdays, thru September 3 pm – 7 pm	Kirkland Wednesday Market	Marina Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Thursdays, thru August 24 7 pm – 8 pm	Evening Summer Concert Series	Marina Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Fridays, thru September 3 pm – 7 pm	Juanita Friday Market	Juanita Beach Park	KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET
Saturday, August 5 at 11 am & 1 pm	StoryBook Theater	Feriton Spur Park	STORYBOOKTHEATER.ORG
Saturday, August 12 6:30 am – 6:30 pm	Obliteride	Marina Park	WWW.OBLITERIDE.ORG
Sunday, August 13 10 am – 4 pm	Kirkland Waterfront Car Show	Downtown & Marina Park	KIRKLANDWATERFRONTCARSHOW.ORG
August 19 & 20 at 11 am & 1 pm	StoryBook Theater	Juanita Beach Park	STORYBOOKTHEATER.ORG
Saturday, August 26 Noon – 5 pm	DennyFest	O.O. Denny Park	FINNHILL.ORG
Sunday, August 27 11 am – 3 pm	The Hope Walk	Juanita Beach Park	WASHINGTON.HDSA.ORG/EVENTS

PARK MANAGEMENT

BIG EVENTS IN JULY

With the opening of 132nd Park and the Little League World Series, July was a busy month for Parks Management. See the [PARKS MANAGEMENT DETAIL REPORTS](#) for breakdown of tasks and locations. Here are monthly highlights from our four crews:

BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Restored the upper field at 132nd Park as this was not part of the CIP renovation project.
- Perfected the fields at Everest Park and hosted the Little League World Series.
- Installed new bleachers at Everest Park.
- Set up and took down the sprinkler park at Peter Kirk Park.
- Repaired the mound and leveled the batter's box at Lee Johnson Field at Peter Kirk Park.
- Provided support for the 4th of July parade before, during, and after the event.

HORTICULTURE

- Filled the Arborist position. They start on August 1, 2023.
- Cleared a large tree limb that came down at Highlands Park.
- Removed, and composted green waste cleared from Cedar View Park by volunteers.
- Hedged along the rock wall at Waverly Beach Park.
- Cleaned the fountain at Marina Park.
- Refreshed tree rings at Brink and Marsh parks.
- Pruned trees at Peter Kirk Park.

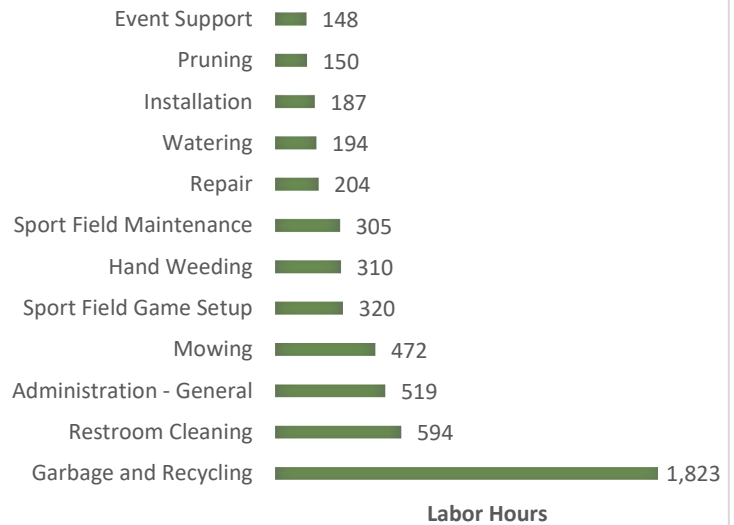
NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Inspected beaver exclusion fencing at Totem Lake with partner Beavers NW.
- Pruned the boardwalks at North Rose Hill Woodlands.
- Watered new plantings and filled cisterns at restoration sites.
- Removed tansy ragwort (required for control) from Totem Lake, Juanita Bay, and Forbes Lake parks.
- Added tree rings to new trees on north side of Juanita Beach.
- Repaired fencing at the Juanita Beach dog park.
- Supported thirteen Green Kirkland volunteer events.

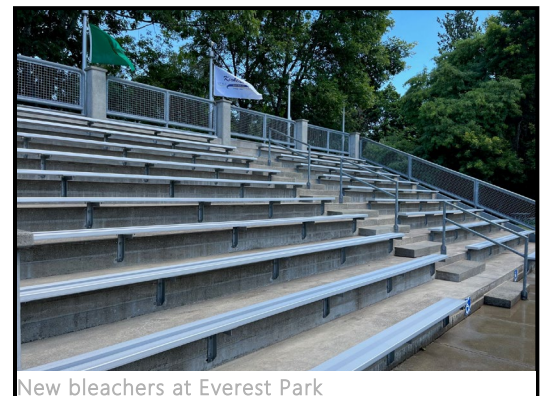
SUPPORT

- Cabled the floor drain to clear blockage in the Marina restroom.
- Assisted volunteer event at North Rose Hill Woodlands playground.
- Repaired fascia board on third finger of Marina dock.
- Installed larger, four roll, toilet paper holders at O.O. Denny, Marsh, Houghton, and Juanita Beach parks.
- Replaced blown expansion tank at Peter Kirk Park.
- Installed new soap dispensers and reinstalled small drum feature at Juanita Beach.
- Installed missing pile caps and replaced damaged pile caps at the Marina.
- Secured loose decking on the Totem Lake boardwalk.

JULY TOP 12 TASKS



Everest Park field preparations for LLWS



New bleachers at Everest Park

UPCOMING EVENTS

- There are six public volunteer restoration events scheduled for August and more are being scheduled.
- More information can be found at WWW.GREENKIRKLAND.ORG. We hope to see you there!

RECREATION SERVICES

SUMMER TEEN PROGRAMS

On our first teen hike of the season on June 26, 2023 16 teens had a true PNW adventure to Lighthouse Point Rosario Beach filled with fog, water, and plenty of trees. With funding from Amazon and the Kirkland Parks and Community Foundation, we were able to buy new hiking boots for 18 teens in conjunction with four no-cost Open Access Hikes. At the end of June, we made a big splash with our Pool Party Teen Night. There were over 65 teens in attendance, and we drew names for tickets to our Open Access Hikes. For more information about Kirkland Teen Programs, and to join the 87 teens that have made core memories with us, visit WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/TEENPROGRAMS.



Kirkland Teen Hike

SUMMER OUTDOOR MOVIES

The Kirkland outdoor movie series, sponsored by Zply Fiber, had a fantastic beginning on July 15, 2023 at Juanita Beach Park. Two movies were screened including "Light Year" at 6 PM and "Top Gun Maverick" at 8 PM. Both showings drew approximately 250 attendees each. The weather was flawless, and the close captioning was enabled for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. The Outdoor Movie Series continued on July 22, 2023 featuring "Sing 2," followed by the classic hit "Grease." On July 29 community members enjoyed "Super Pets" and "Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore." The series moves to Heritage Park for the first two Saturdays in August.

MOBILE REC

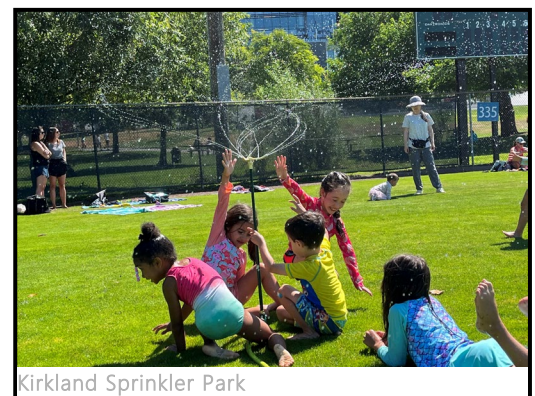
The Rec 'N Roll van is off and running visiting parks all over Kirkland this Summer. Rec 'N Roll is a free program for youth featuring games and a complimentary lunch from Jersey Mike's each week. The van has stopped at Juanita Beach, Crestwoods, Edith Moulton and Kamiakin Middle School so far, bringing fun, games, and art at every stop. The van will be on the move each Friday in the summer through August 25, 2023.

SPRINKLER PARK

July is the kickoff of the summer's annual Sprinkler Park season. Sprinkler Park takes place on Thursdays at Lee Johnson Field from 11 am-2pm from July 6 through August 10. This free event is for kids of all ages, offering water tables, water toys, "Buckets of Fun", and sprinklers galore. Sprinkler Park is staffed by our certified lifeguard team.

PEE WEE SOCCER REGISTRATION OPENED

On July 12, 2023, hundreds of families raced to register for the Fall season of Pee Wee Soccer. In record time, 240 spots for youth ages three through six were filled. Now that 132nd Square Park is open, staff can expand the program to 360 spots and are recruiting volunteer coaches and officials. The program will begin on Sept 9, 2023, playing on the brand-new turf field at 132nd Square Park.



Kirkland Sprinkler Park

RECREATION DATA

