

KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – JULY 2024



CELEBRATE KIRKLAND FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

The 25th annual Celebrate Kirkland July Fourth parade was an amazing display of community unity attended by over 25,000 spectators. The parade was a vibrant showcase of beloved community groups such as the Kirkland Heritage Society and the Kirkland Sea Hawks and exciting performances.

This year, the committee selected Doug Davis as the parade grand marshal this year. A distinguished US Navy Submarine Service veteran, Doug has been a pillar of the Kirkland community, serving in leadership roles for the Kirkland Chamber of Commerce, the Kirkland Downtown Association, and more.



To commemorate the parade's 25th anniversary, entertainment was added including the Skagit Latin Dancing Horses, Blue Thunder marching band, Rainbow City marching band, International Lions Dance, Cascadia Pipe band, Seattle Derby Brats, Chaotic Noise, Neon Brass band and more. Special 25th anniversary stickers and magnets featuring the Coy and Coyote sculpture were created to mark the milestone. Spectators were invited to participate in the day by coloring a temporary commemorative mural. The day was made even more special with giveaways for kids and the Kids Parade, featuring more than 2,000 kids and families.

Congratulations to the award-winning parade entries:

- Best in Show Award: Eastside Pride
- Most Patriotic Award: Seattle Submarine Veterans
- We Care About Kirkland Award: Kiwanis Club of Kirkland
- Support Local Kirkland Award: Invictus
- Spirit of Kirkland Award: Kirkland American Little League



Thank you to the amazing sponsors whose support made this celebration possible:

- Headlining Sponsor: Kenworth Truck Company
- Supporting Sponsor: Lee Johnson Auto Family
- Kids Parade Sponsor: Max Rombakh of Windermere Real Estate
- 25th Anniversary Mural Sponsor: Kitagaito Orthodontics
- Business Sponsors: The Heathman Hotel, The Woodmark Hotel and Still Spa, and Waddell Properties Inc.

This unforgettable day highlighted the rich tapestry of Kirkland's diverse community, leaving lasting memories for all who attended.



ADMINISTRATION

NEW CERTIFIED PARK AND RECREATION EXECUTIVE

Jodie Galvan, Parks Operations Supervisor for Natural Areas and Green Kirkland Partnership, became a Certified Park and Recreation Executive in July. The Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE) credential is administered by the National Recreation and Park Association as a national standard for managerial, administrative, and executive parks and recreation professionals. To become a CPRE, candidates must meet minimum requirements for relevant experience and education and pass a comprehensive exam that covers multiple topics and real-world skills necessary in today's changing park and recreation environment. Jodie pursued this credential as part of her continuing education goals for her current position. "I have served in my current role for nearly six years and still learn something new every day. Preparing for this credential helped bring all my on-the-job learning together in an organized way and helps me to better serve the Kirkland community!"



HOUGHTON PARK AND RIDE ACTIVATION

The modular skate park, pump track and bicycle play garden were installed at the site over a two-week period in July. Save the date for a ribbon cutting on Thursday, August 8, 2024. For more information, please visit: WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/HOUGHTON-PARK-AND-PLAY

HUMAN SERVICES

KIRKLAND HOSTS FAITH COMMUNITY HOMELESSNESS SYMPOSIUM

The City of Kirkland hosted a Faith Community Homelessness Symposium on July 18, 2024 where Eastside faith leaders were invited to participate in a roundtable discussion to inform the City's new Homelessness Continuum of Care Action Plan. The purpose of the action plan is to ensure the City can provide a compassionate, human-centered response to unhoused residents in Kirkland. Recognizing that faith communities play a critical role in addressing the challenges of homelessness, the City welcomed feedback from faith leaders on what is working well, where they observe gaps and needs, and how the City and faith communities can form closer partnerships to best support unsheltered Kirkland residents.

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Congratulations to the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Human Services Commission for 2024-2025. Gabriela "Gaby" Lopez Vazquez is the new Chair. She has been a member of the Human Services Commission since 2021 and served as Vice Chair for the 2023-2024 year. Sriram Rajagopalan is the new Vice Chair for 2024-2025. Sriram is one of the newest members of the Commission; he joined the Commission in 2023.

We extend a sincere "Thank You" to the outgoing Chair, Jory Hamilton, who has made a huge impact on the Commission since he joined in 2020. Jory has provided his unique perspective and thoughtfulness to all aspects of his position. He has continually offered support and encouragement to his fellow Commissioners. Learn more about the Human Services Commission on the [CITY'S WEBSITE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 4th Annual Kirkland Health and Wellness Fair will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2024 at Juanita High School from 10 AM to 2 PM. There will be various health and wellness services provided to the community at no cost.

PARK PLANNING & 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.

EVEREST PARK PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT

Everest Park playground has been identified as the next playground to be replaced for the benefit of the community. Staff is working with a playground manufacturer to develop three concepts and cost estimates to be discussed with the community this fall.

Background of the Project: This ongoing capital project fund strives to replace aging playgrounds and improve sports courts in the parks throughout the system.

FISK FAMILY PARK

In May 2024, the Park Board and Kirkland Parks and Community Foundation finalized a site plan for the property as well as stabilization of the “little red cottage”. Staff has replaced the roof of the cottage and performed other minor security and structural support. This tiny site is highly constrained by stream buffer requirements which limit development. As such, a soft-surface trail and picnic tables are planned for the site. Additionally, staff is reviewing a potential small picnic shelter to be placed in the small buildable area.

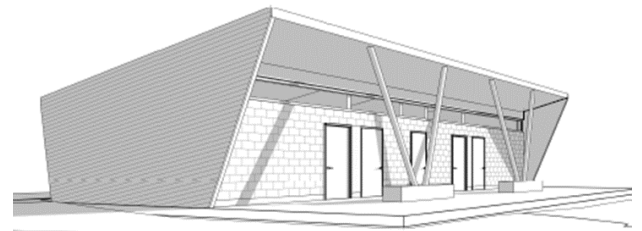
Background of the Project: The City acquired new property adjacent to the Cross Kirkland Corridor in late 2023 and will create a plan to guide the future of the new park.



HOUGHTON AND EVEREST RESTROOM REPLACEMENT

The restroom building at Houghton Park is planned for replacement. During the scoping process, staff identified opportunities to analyze the building's current location and potential for programmatic improvements. Staff has contracted with a consultant to develop preliminary 10% design options and costing for further consideration. Design is underway.

The restroom building at Everest Park is planned for design in 2024 and construction in 2025 due to its age and condition. Staff has contracted with a consultant to develop design and construction drawings. Design is underway and has reached 60% design.



Everest Park 30% design rendering

Background of the Project: This capital project repairs or replaces park restrooms in the system. Restrooms at Houghton and Everest Restrooms have been identified for replacement due to their age and condition.

MARINA PARK SHORELINE RENOVATIONS

The project has been refined to focus on repairs to the south fingers and pier along with a few upland repairs and modest path and amenity improvements. The consultant finalized 60% drawings which were presented to City Council on June 18, 2024. Staff received direction to continue designs to 90% and return with refined cost estimates and a funding plan.

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

O.O. DENNY PARK PICNIC SHELTER

A new additional picnic shelter has been designed and will be constructed in proximity to the existing shelter, adding capacity for the community. The project is currently in permitting with bidding in the fall.

Background of the Project: Addition of a picnic shelter using funds transferred from the Finn Hill Park District.

PARK MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

WORLD CLASS SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL

July brought another year of hosting the Little League Softball World Series at Everest Park along with many other important tournaments and leagues. Our Ballfields/Cemetery team, with help from the rest of the division, were very busy making every game count (even the rainy ones) while also helping to host Celebrate Kirkland and keeping up with our busy summertime parks! Here are monthly highlights from our four crews:

BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Prepped fields in all weather conditions to support the Little League Softball World Series.
- Pressure washed the dugouts at Everest in preparation for the Little League Softball World Series.
- Aerated and fertilized fields and weeded the warning tracks in preparation for the Little League Softball World Series.
- Repaired broken irrigation at all sites as needed.
- Mowed and trimmed all sports fields at least weekly.
- Performed services and internments at the cemetery.
- Facilitated the skate park and bike track at the Houghton Park and Play.

HORTICULTURE

- Pruned trees for tree health and risk mitigation at Peter Kirk, OO Denny, Everest, Brookhaven, and Juanita Bay parks.
- Repaired irrigation, including extensive repairs for the mitigation areas at Totem Lake Park.
- Mulched tree rings at OO Denny Park.
- Weeded the beds at Brink, Marsh, and Heritage parks.
- Repaired the fountain at Brink Park.
- Pressure washed picnic shelters at most locations.
- Removed vegetation along the rock wall at Heritage Park for view corridors into the parking lot.
- Installed vegetation in the beds around Heritage Hall.



Beaver damage and protection

SUPPORT

- Removed a plant bed blocking the entrance to the Kirkland Teen Union Building.
- Installed large rocks at Heritage and OO Denny to protect the parks from cars.
- Began sunshade installation at Houghton Park and Play.
- Replaced the inlet cover at the pool.
- Repaired decking at the Marina boat launch after it was damaged by a stranded boat.
- Installed a new drinking fountain on the north side of Juanita Beach Park.
- Repaired a broken post at Snyder's parking area.
- Replaced broken faucets at Peter Kirk Park.

NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Watered hundreds of trees and shrubs in natural areas.
- Installed irrigation for native plant beds at Everest Park.
- Pressure washed the picnic shelters and art at Juanita Beach Park.
- Added woody debris along the creek at Fisk Family Park.
- Installed umbrellas in the beach at Juanita Beach Park.
- Weeded the beds around the playground at Carillon Woods.
- Redistributed the chips and repaired the fencing at the Juanita Beach dog park.
- The Green Kirkland Partnership is hosting 9 events in August. More information can be found at WWW.GREENKIRKLAND.ORG. We hope to see you there!



Wood logs at Fisk Family Park

RECREATION SERVICES

WELCOME THERESA VANDER VAART

In July, we welcomed Theresa Vander Vaart as the inaugural Recreation Supervisor at the Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB). Theresa has dedicated her adult life to working with young people ages 11-18. She taught middle school English Language Arts and served as Dean of Students at Tolt Middle School in Carnation. She received her master's in educational leadership and has been working as an assistant principal at Monroe High School. Theresa brings with her to Kirkland demonstrated experience cultivating strong partnerships and prioritizing youth voice, an understanding of the needs of teens today, experience connecting with diverse youth, and an awareness of how identity and life experience influence the barriers youth face. Stop by and meet Theresa at KTUB after it re-opens on September 3.

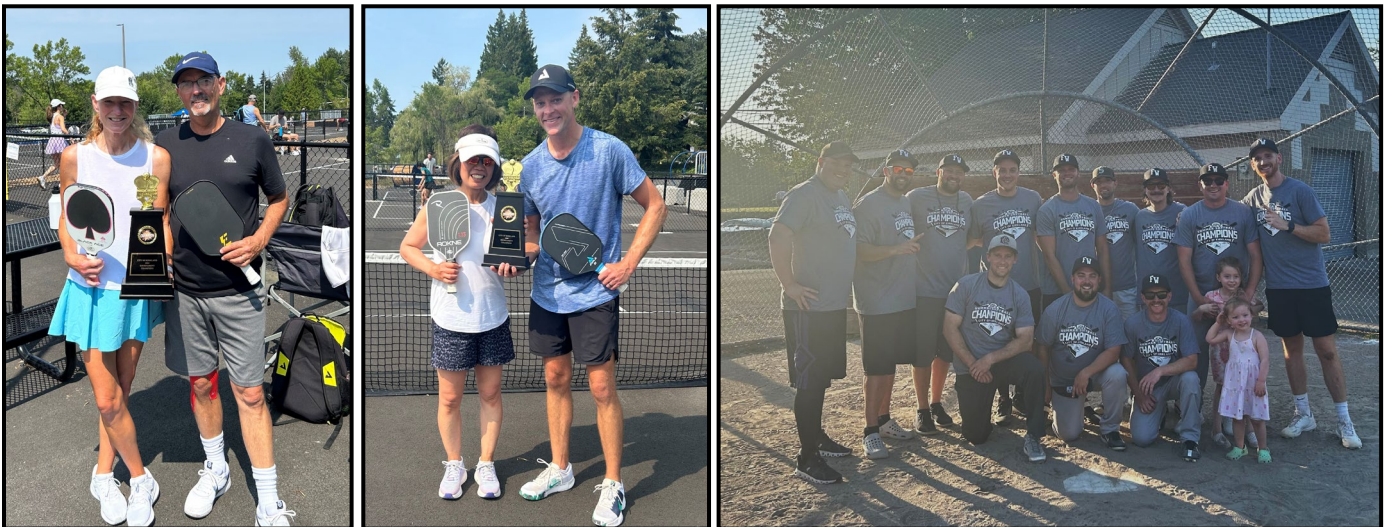


SPRINKLER PARK

July is the kickoff of the Kirkland's Sprinkler Park season. Sprinkler Park is held every Thursday from 11 AM – 2 PM at Lee Johnson Field from July 11, 2024 through August 8, 2024. This free event is for kids of all ages, offering water tables, water toys, "Buckets of Fun", and sprinklers galore. Kirkland's Sprinkler Parks are staffed by the City's certified lifeguard team.

ADULT SPORT CHAMPS

We hosted our first Pickleball tournament on Saturday, July 27 at the new Houghton Park and Play courts. Congrats to our Intermediate Division champs "Puckleball" and our Advanced Division Champs "Kirkland Signature!" Softball Season I wrapped up on August 1 at Crestwoods Park. Congrats to "Furniture World" on another championship!



Caption, left to right: Intermediate pickleball champions, Advanced pickleball champions; Softball Season 1 champions.

SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES

Staff support 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; and communication with the public. Learn more at [KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS](https://kirklandwa.gov/specialevents).



KIDS SUMMER CONCERTS SERIES

The free weekly kids' concerts made a delightful return to Juanita Beach Park on July 9, with *Highlight Quartet* opening the season. The July lineup continued with *Harmonica Pocket*, an indie acoustic folk band; local favorite *Cowboy Buck*, who entertained with comedy and playful songs; and Eli Rosenblatt, who wrapped up the month with a unique fusion of his Jewish heritage and global rhythms. See who's performing in August at:

[KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG](https://kirklanddowntown.org).



Kids Summer Concert Series at Juanita Beach

KIRKLAND WEDNESDAY MARKET AND EVENING SUMMER CONCERT KICK-OFF

On Wednesday, July 3, organizers of the Kirkland Wednesday Market and Evening Summer Concerts joined forces for a spectacular combined event. The evening marked the kickoff of the 48th season of the summer concerts, delighting all who attended. Market shoppers and concertgoers enjoyed the seamless blend of activities, taking the opportunity to savor dinner from market vendors while soaking in the soulful performances of country singer-songwriter Christie Huff. While no further crossover events are scheduled, the market will continue every Wednesday through September, and the Evening Summer Concerts will run on Thursday evenings until August 29. Learn more at: [KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG](https://kirklanddowntown.org).

FERITON SPUR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

For the second year, Eastrail Partners organized a free weekly family-friendly concert series at the Feriton Spur Amphitheater. Every Wednesday evening in July, attendees enjoyed a rich array of performances, including African storytelling, fashion, and drumming; youth singer-songwriters; interactive musical acts experimenting with neo-soul and R&B; and a four-piece band that closed the series with a vibrant mix of funk, Motown, R&B, and retro soul.



Feriton Spur 2024 Summer Concert Performance

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTIES

Two families in the Kingsgate neighborhood hosted block parties for their neighbors during July. These gatherings offer a great chance to connect, celebrate, collaborate on local projects, and build stronger community ties. Note that a permit is needed for any neighborhood event that involves temporarily closing a street. For more information go to: [KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS](https://kirklandwa.gov/specialevents).

KIRKLAND UNCORKED

The three-day annual summer wine festival returned to the shores of Lake Washington on July 12-14. Marina Park provided the scenic surroundings for a weekend of wine tastings from more than 20 local wineries, gourmet food and grilling competitions, food trucks, craft market, live music, and dog modeling contest.

FILM PRODUCTION

What do production companies from Redmond, WA; Los Angeles, CA; Liberty, MO; and Hermosa Beach, CA have in common? They all filmed major projects in Kirkland this month. Residents from the North Rose Hill and NorKirk neighborhoods offered their properties for vehicle commercials, while Everest Park served as the backdrop for a drink commercial at the pickleball courts and the week-long live broadcast of the 2024 Junior League Softball World Series.



Scenes from 2024 Kirkland Uncorked



JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET

July has been a fantastic month for the Juanita Friday Market with favorable weather and strong attendance. The entertainment lineup has been a highlight, featuring performances by *Marilyn and the G Strings* and *The Silverbacks*. Our volunteer team is the life force behind the Busy Lil' Bees Kids Booth, engaging kids and families with activities like scavenger hunts, crafts, coloring, and face painting. A highlight of the month was the appearance of a bright red fire engine on July 19, when the City of Kirkland Office of Emergency Management and the Kirkland Fire Department joined forces to provide valuable emergency response education to the community. Learn about the market at: WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET.

UPCOMING EVENTS

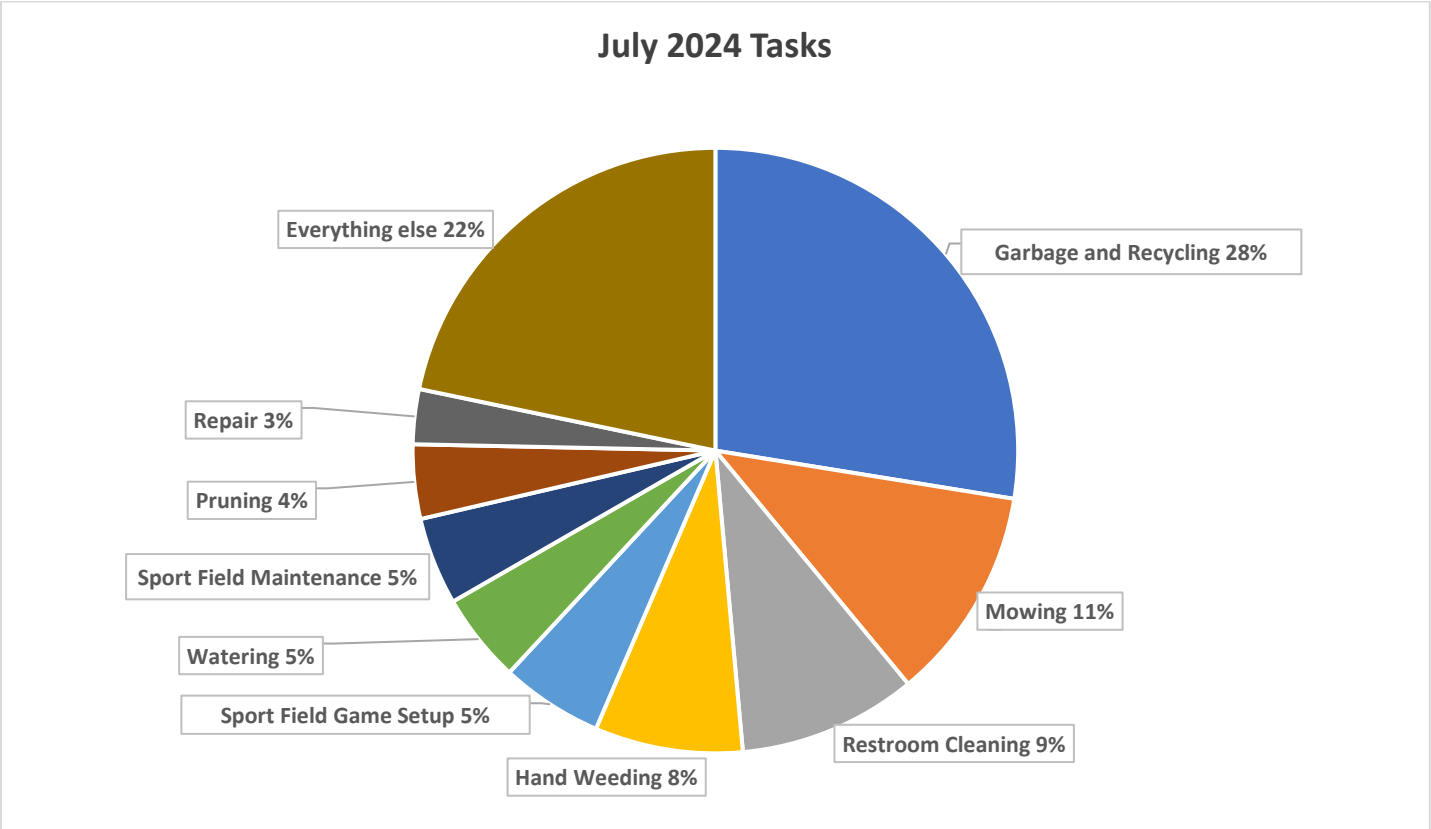
DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
Tuesdays, 10 AM through Aug. 20	Kids Summer Concert Series	Juanita Beach Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Wednesdays, through Sept, 3 – 7 PM	Kirkland Wednesday Market	Marina Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Thursdays, 7 PM through Aug. 29	Evening Summer Concert Series	Marina Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Fridays, through Sept 3 – 7 PM	Juanita Friday Market	Juanita Beach Park	WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET
Sunday, August 4 Noon - 5 PM	Lammas Festival	Juanita Beach Park	WWW.PNWWITCHESMARKET.COM
Tuesday, August 6	National Night Out	Various	WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/NATIONAL-NIGHT-OUT
Saturday, August 10, 6:30 -10:30 AM	Obliteride	City Streets	WWW.OBLITERIDE.ORG
Saturday, August 17, 5 - 10 PM	Eastside Salsa Marina	Marina Park	WWW.LAVIDASTUDIO.COM
Saturday, August 17, Noon - 4 PM	DennyFest	OO Denny Park	WWW.EXPLOREKIRKLAND.COM/EVENT/DENNYFEST
Saturday, August 24, 11 AM and 1 PM	StoryBook Theater in the Park	Juanita Beach Park	STORYBOOKTHEATER.ORG

PARKS MAINTENANCE DATA

LABOR HOURS BY TASK

Task	Hours
Beach Maintenance	16
Brush Clearing	67.5
Cemetery and Burial Services	13.25
Cleaning	125.75
Contracted Crew Restoration of Natural Areas	4.5
Edging and Line Trimming	144.75
Equipment Maintenance	72
Event Support	111.5
Garbage and Recycling	1487
Hand Weeding	426.75
Inspection	103.5
Installation	86.75
Inventory Management	1.25
Leaf Removal and Blowing	54.25
Mowing	618.5

Task	Hours
Mulching and Soil Amendments	110
Nursery Management	11.25
Outreach and Education	4
Pesticide Application	11.75
Planting	20.5
Pruning	214
Repair	158.25
Restroom Cleaning	515.00
Sport Field Game Setup	294.5
Sport Field Maintenance	252.5
Tree Inspection and Inventory	18.25
Tree Removal and Chipping	85
Turf Repair and Maintenance	46.75
Water Chemistry	64.5
Watering	258
GRAND TOTAL	5,397.50



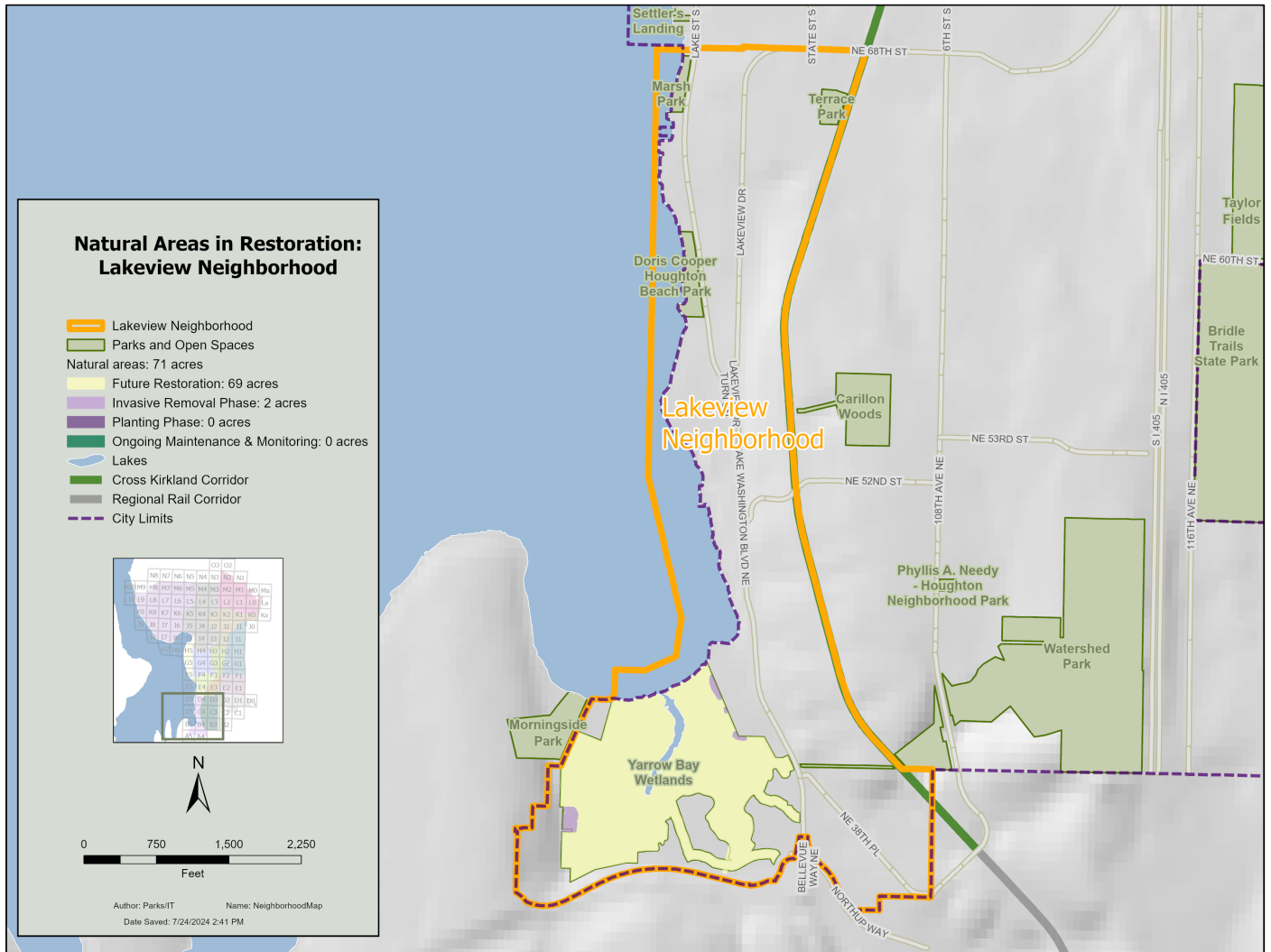
PARKS MAINTENANCE LABOR HOURS BY PARK

Park/Location	Hours
132nd Square Park	206.5
2nd Avenue South Dock	24.5
Ben Franklin Elementary School Field	18.5
Brookhaven Park	20.25
Bud Homan Park	11.75
Carillon Woods	39.5
Cedar View Park	20.5
CKC	0.75
Cotton Hill Park	9.5
Crestwoods Park	262
David E. Brink Park	95.25
Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park	206.75
Edith Moulton Park	103.75
Emerson High School Field	17.5
Everest Park	716.75
FH4	4
Finn Hill Middle School Field	39
Fisk Family Park	14.25
Forbes Creek Park	18.75
Forbes Lake Park	6.5
Hazen Hills Park	14.25
Heritage Park	215.5
Heronfield Wetlands	12.75
Highlands Park	20.5
Houghton Park and Ride	73.5
Josten Park	19.25
JU1	6
JU2	3
JU4	6
Juanita Bay Park	147.75
Juanita Beach Park	625.75
Juanita Elementary School Field	21.5
Juanita Heights Park	3
KG2	2
Kingsgate Park	17.75
Kirkland Cemetery	97
Kiwanis Park	4.5

Park/Location	Hours
Lake Ave W Street End Park	18.25
Lakeview Elementary School Field	9
Marina Park	191.5
Mark Twain Elementary School Field	11.25
Mark Twain Park	23.25
Marsh Park	146.25
McAuliffe Park	136.75
North Kirkland Com Ctr & Park	76.5
North Rose Hill Woodlands Park	55.5
O O Denny Park	279.25
Peter Kirk Elementary School Field	11.5
Peter Kirk Park	519
Peter Kirk Pool	76.5
Phyllis A. Needy - Houghton Neighborhood	32.75
Reservoir Park	13.75
Rose Hill Elementary School Field	9.25
Rose Hill Meadows	44.25
Rotary Central Station	12.25
Settler's Landing	26.25
Snyder's Corner Park	20.75
South Norway Hill Park	9.5
South Rose Hill Park	69.25
Spinney Homestead Park	16.75
Terrace Park	11
Tot Lot Park	14
Totem Lake Park	118.75
Van Aalst Park	10.25
Watershed Park	43.5
Waverly Beach Park	144.25
Windsor Vista Park	40.75
Yarrow Bay Wetlands	2
No Park Name – due to network outage	77.5
GRAND TOTAL	5,397.50

GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP DATA

Green Kirkland currently has 35 active natural parkland sites in the City of Kirkland and has enrolled over 315 acres in restoration. Here are the 2024 statistics for the Lakeview neighborhood.

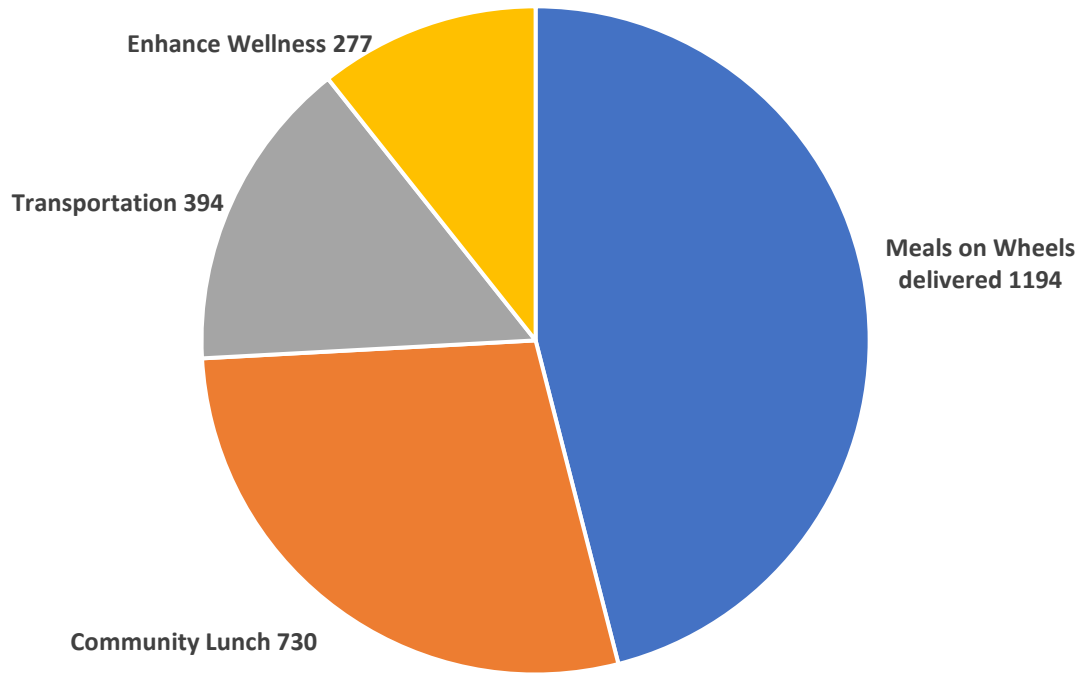


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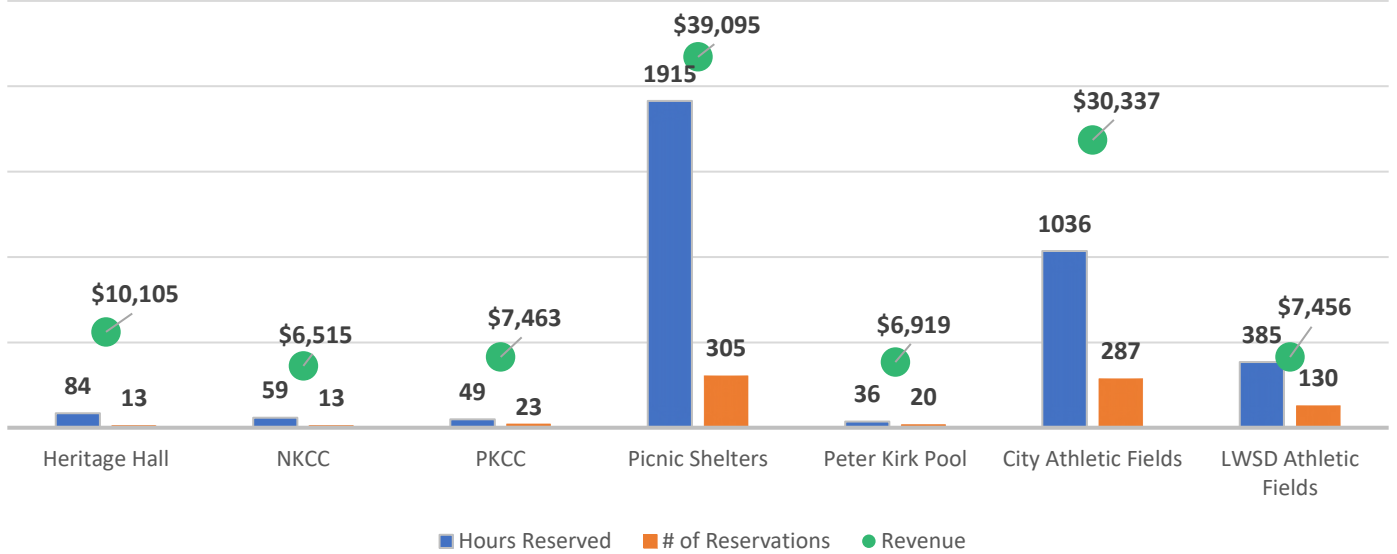
RECREATION DATA

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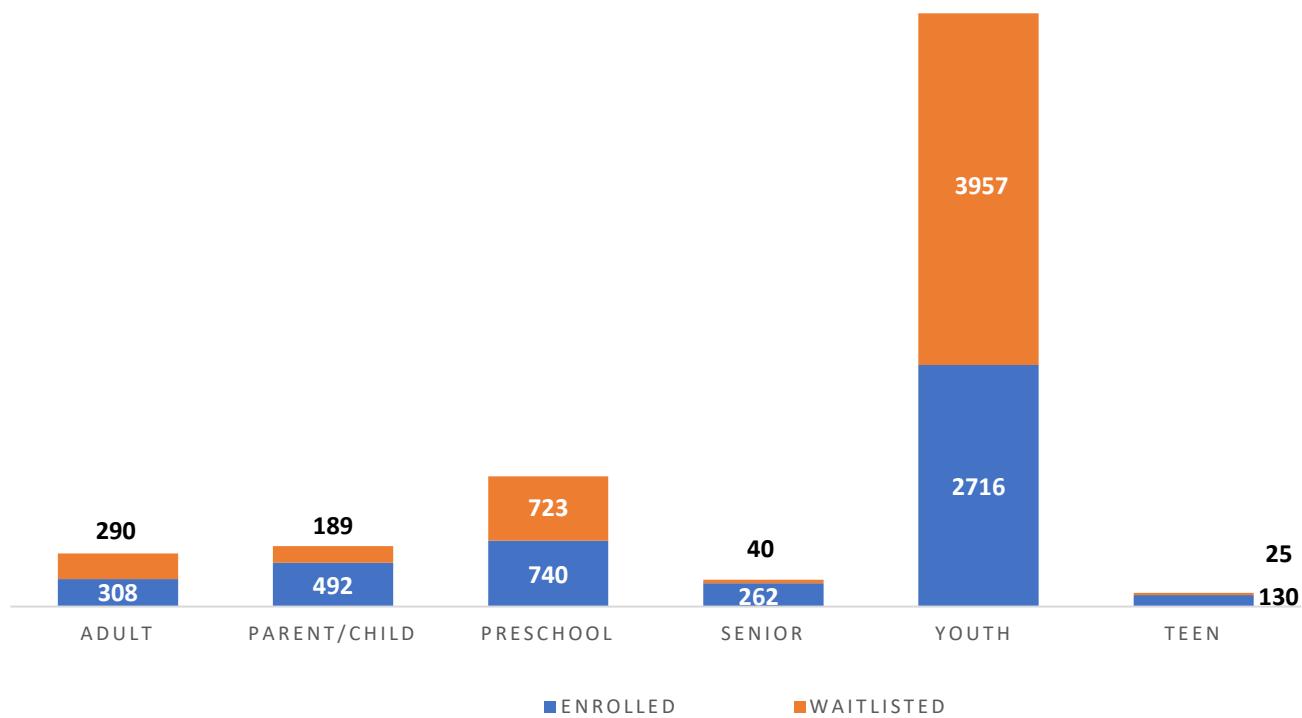


**Senior Services Data reported by agencies the month after services provided*

ALL RENTALS - JULY 2024



PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS BEGINNING
JULY 2024



RECREATION SCHOLARSHIPS		
	July	YTD
Applications approved	4	53
Donation funds used	\$1,386.21	\$18,693.40
Donation funds received	\$680.00	\$5,961.00