

KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2024



The fourth annual Kirkland Health and Wellness Fair took place on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Juanita High School with 1,158 community members participating in the event.

The event was led and organized by King County Promotores Network (KCPN) on behalf of the City of Kirkland. Additional partners included Lake Washington School District, Public Health of Seattle-King County, Latinos Promoting Good Health, Washington Department of Health, UW School of Medicine, and Puget Sound Energy.

This free event provided essential healthcare services, including health screenings, childhood immunizations, flu shots, COVID-19 resources, PPE distribution, free bike helmets and helmet fittings, overdose prevention education, Naloxone distribution, information on local social and health programs, as well as food, entertainment, and giveaways.

Outreach for the event was conducted through multiple channels including social media, website, community partners, and personal invitations. Over 4,500 flyers were distributed in eight different languages: Arabic, Simplified Chinese, English, Hindi, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian.

The event aimed to strengthen community bonds by linking underserved and marginalized populations with local services and resources.

The 2024 Kirkland Health and Wellness Fair numbers:

- 1,158 community attendees
- Health screenings conducted:
 - 109 basic health screenings
 - 40 A1C screenings
 - 15 HIV screenings
 - 11 doctor consults
- Vaccines administered:
 - 87 flu shots
 - 148 COVID-19 vaccines
 - 47 childhood immunizations
- 99 Naloxone units distributed
- 120 free bike helmets fitted
- 44 exhibitors
- 54 volunteers



ADMINISTRATION

PETER KIRK POOL STUDY

In March 2024, City Council directed staff to evaluate the condition and lifespan of the Peter Kirk Pool and to explore options to allow the pool to be used as a year-round facility. To accomplish this, staff contracted with Schemata Workshop to conduct a facility assessment and feasibility study of the Peter Kirk Pool. The project kicked off at the end of August when the consultants began a detailed assessment of the mechanical and structural components of the pool. Currently the consultants are evaluating different options to allow for year-round use. The project is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2025 when its findings will be presented to Park Board and City Council.

PARK PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Below is a high-level summary and status update of active Park Planning and Development projects. Please visit the Park Planning and Development [WEBSITE](#) to learn more about these projects.

LAND ACQUISITION

On November 15, 2024, the City acquired five parcels totaling 2.67 acres to expand Juanita Heights Park. This acquisition connects the Emmel parcel to the park and preserves forested land.

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 further refine the baseball concept with installation planned for Spring 2025.

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

EVEREST RESTROOM REPLACEMENT

The restroom building at Everest Park is planned for replacement 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. Construction is planned to begin in August 2025.

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

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, therefore, a soft-surface trail and benches are planned for the site.

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.

MARINA PARK SHORELINE RENOVATIONS

The project has been refined to focus on repairs to the pier and south fingers along with a few upland repairs and modest path and amenity improvements. The consultant finalized 60% drawings which are now under permit review. Staff received direction to continue designs to 90% and return with refined cost estimates and a funding plan later this year.

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 failure.

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 late fall followed by construction in Spring 2025.

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



PARK MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

BOMB CYCLONE RECOVERY AND SUPPORT

Much of November was spent preparing for and recovering from the high wind event mid-month. All staff pitched in to remove downed trees, branches, and debris following the bomb cyclone event on November 19, 2024. Here are more crew highlights from November:

BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Finished mowing sports fields and school sites for the year.
- Prepared the cemetery for Veteran's Day visitors, including supporting a Scout group placing flags.
- Maintained trails at Everest and Crestwoods parks.
- Built clay mounds at Everest Park.
- Brought mowers to Fleet for service prior to winter storage.

HORTICULTURE

- Ordered and received large caliper trees for planting in active-use areas.
- Sprayed knotweed at Kiwanis using the Arbor Pro to get above a large, hillside infestation.
- Ground stumps at the cemetery, Crestwoods, and Everest.
- Inspected all parks for tree-related hazards following the high wind event.

SUPPORT

- Removed leaves and branches from rooftops of restrooms, picnic shelters, and park buildings.
- Winterized bathrooms and drinking fountains to protect plumbing from freezing temperatures.
- Inspected all playgrounds for safety concerns as part of regular monthly maintenance.
- Inspected all park infrastructure for damage following the high wind event and repaired as needed.
- Installed new light timers at the Juanita Beach tennis courts.
- Installed a new AED at Juanita Beach bathrooms.
- Replaced vandalized sink at Marina Park.
- Installed a new drinking fountain at Houghton Beach Park.

NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Supported 14 volunteer restoration events at 11 different locations.
- Led two volunteer events at Watershed Park for Eastside Preparatory School.
- Teamed up with Beavers Northwest to remove the existing beaver exclusion fencing near Juanita Creek.
- Mulched a new pathway through the wildflower meadow at Juanita Bay.
- Planted tulip bulbs in front of the park sign at Carillon Woods.
- The Green Kirkland Partnership is hosting three events in December. More information can be found at WWW.GREENKIRKLAND.ORG. We hope to see you there!



RECREATION SERVICES

STAFF UPDATE: WELCOME ELENA!

Elena Schenkenberg joined the department on November 4, 2024 as a Program Assistant at the North Kirkland Community Center (NKCC). In 2022, she planned the Parks and Rec Fest in her hometown of New Brighton, Minnesota and was most recently the director of Kirkland’s Nature Camp in Summer 2024. She brings with her a strong background in project management and community engagement, and we are thrilled to have her on board. Stop by NKCC to welcome Elena to the City of Kirkland.



YOUTH BASKETBALL

Each year, the City of Kirkland hosts a recreational youth basketball league for students in grades 3 through 6. The league provides players the opportunity to build friendships, develop new skills, learn the rules of the game, and most importantly, have fun! The 2024-2025 league kicked off with the volunteer coaches meeting on November 25, 2024 where coaches received their team assignments, practice schedules, and team jerseys in preparation for the season. The league relies on the dedication of volunteer coaches, whose commitment makes it possible to provide this enriching experience for young players. Practices will begin the first week of December, and games will start in January.

KIRKLAND SENIOR COUNCIL

Recruitment for the Kirkland Senior Council (KSC) took place during October resulting in many impressive applications. The KSC recruitment team offered positions to five community members and looks forward to working with Jeffry Canin, Penny Kahn, Charlene McElligott, June Palon, and Jack Staudt.

THANKSGIVING AT THE PETER KIRK COMMUNITY CENTER

The Thanksgiving celebrations started out on November 14, 2024 with a sold-out event featuring “Elvis.” Nearly 90 seniors enjoyed a show by the King of Rock n’ Roll. Special thanks to Koelsch Senior Living for sponsoring this event. Celebrations continued November 19, 2024 as the Community Congregate Dining program served a traditional turkey meal with all the trimmings to 90 seniors from Kirkland and the surrounding areas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	MORE INFO
Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024	21 st Holly-Day Brunch	PKCC	KIRKLANDPARKS.NET
Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024	Holiday with the Hawks	PKCC	KIRKLANDPARKS.NET
Friday, Dec. 20, 2024	Holiday D’Lights	PKCC	KIRKLANDPARKS.NET
Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025	Kirkland Senior Council Presents Aging in Place II: Construction & Remodeling	PKCC	KIRKLANDPARKS.NET

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.



KIRKLAND TURKEY TROT

Nearly 500 participants flocked to Marina Park on November 17 for the highly anticipated return of the community-favorite Kirkland Turkey Trot 5K. Organized by Mukilteo-based Cascade Stride, the festive holiday fun run brought together families and friends of all ages for a morning of celebration. After crossing the finish line, participants gathered at Moss Bay Hall to enjoy post-race festivities, awards, and delicious hot food, making it a memorable event for all!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
Friday, Dec. 6, 2024	Google Lights	Feriton Spur Park	WWW.EXPLOREKIRKLAND.COM
Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024	Winterfest Tree Lighting	Marina Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024	12ks of Christmas	Marina Park	12KSOFCHRISTMAS.COM

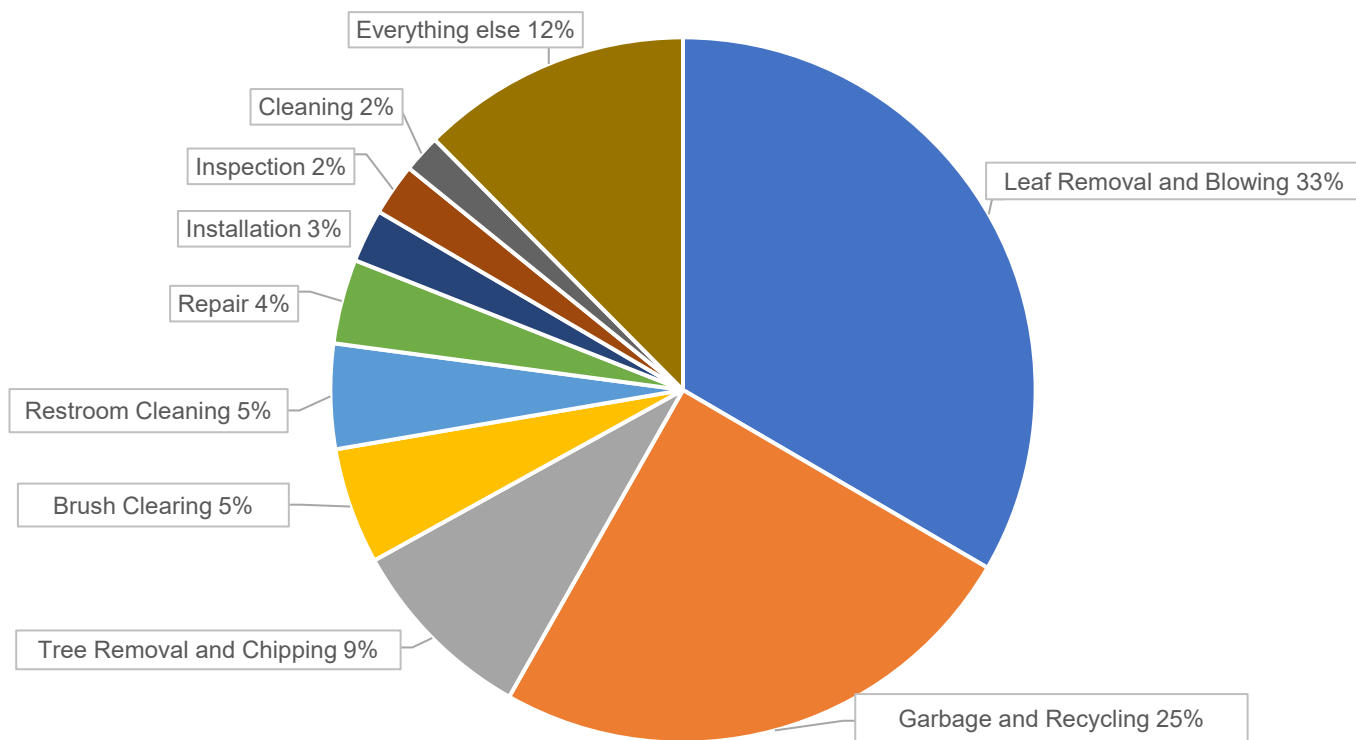
PARKS MAINTENANCE DATA

LABOR HOURS BY TASK

Task	Hours
Brush Clearing	175.75
Cemetery and Burial Services	11.50
Cleaning	57.25
Contracted Crew Restoration of Natural Areas	3.75
Edging and Line Trimming	5.25
Equipment Maintenance	48.50
Event Support	51.25
Garbage and Recycling	816.75
Hand Weeding	5.00
Insane Impact LED	3.50
Inspection	78.75
Installation	80.50
Inventory Management	10.00
Leading	31.50

Task	Hours
Leaf Removal and Blowing	1100.50
Mowing	48.25
Mulching and Soil Amendments	46.00
Nursery Management	26.75
Outreach and Education	1.25
Pesticide Application	23.00
Planting	40.50
Pruning	1.50
Repair	127.75
Restroom Cleaning	158.50
Sport Field Maintenance	12.50
Tree Removal and Chipping	288.75
Turf Repair and Maintenance	10.50
Winterization and Spring Start Up	29.00
GRAND TOTAL	3,294.00

November 2024 Tasks



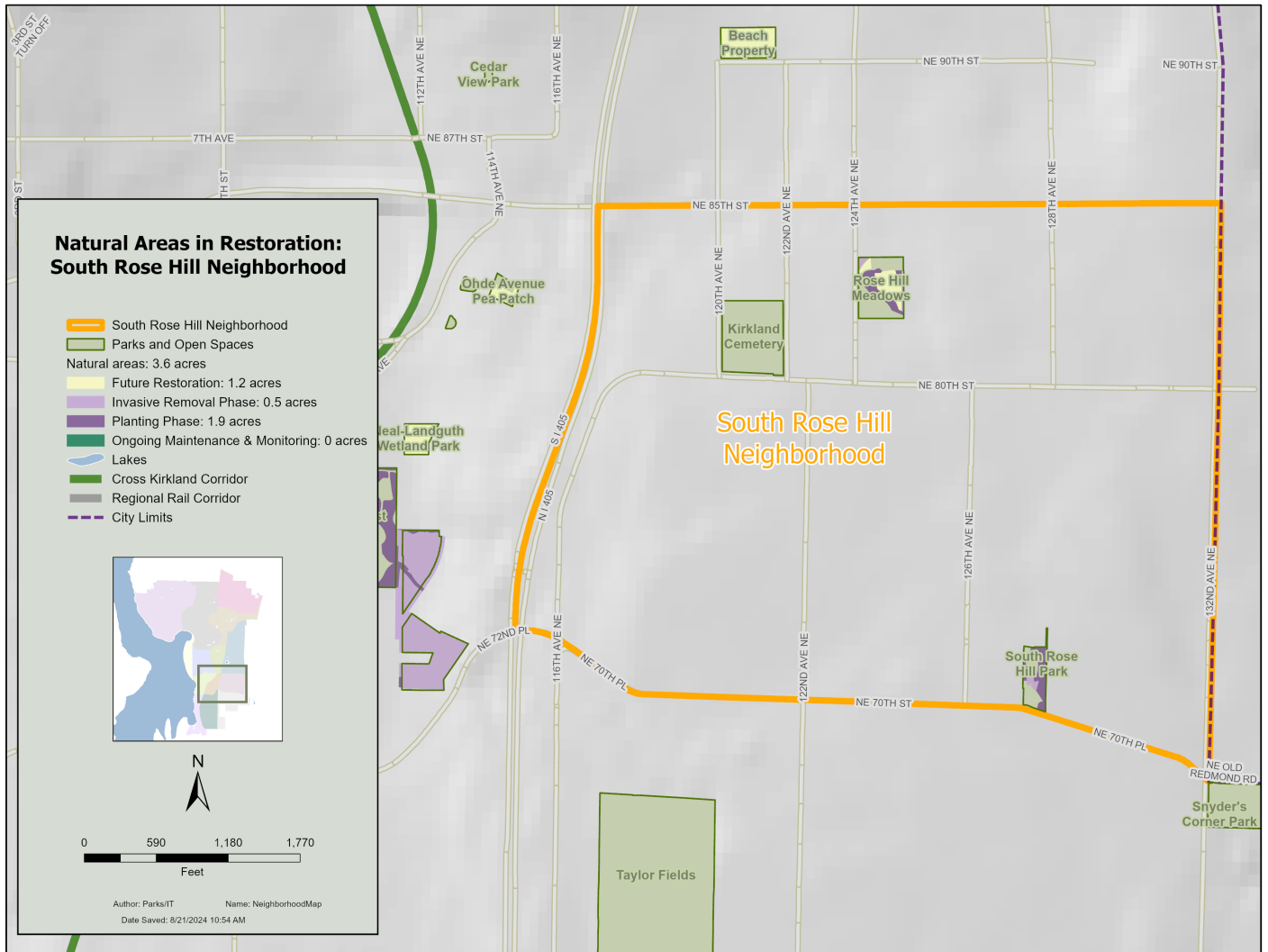
PARKS MAINTENANCE LABOR HOURS BY PARK

Park/Location	Hours
132nd Square Park	152.75
2nd Avenue South Dock	3.50
Ben Franklin Elementary School Field	6.75
Brookhaven Park	11.00
Bud Homan Park	14.00
Carillon Woods	39.25
Cedar View Park	5.50
City Hall	7.00
CKC	0.50
Cotton Hill Park	6.25
Crestwoods Park	256.00
David E. Brink Park	28.75
Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park	74.75
Edith Moulton Park	60.25
Emerson High School Field	9.75
Everest Park	290.25
FH4	2.50
Finn Hill Middle School Field	11.00
Fisk Family Park	3.25
Forbes Creek Park	33.25
Hazen Hills Park	1.25
Heritage Park	76.25
Heronfield Wetlands	14.25
Highlands Park	9.75
Houghton Park and Ride	61.75
Josten Park	6.00
JU1	2.75
Juanita Bay Park	154.25
Juanita Beach Park	256.25
Juanita Elementary School Field	13.00
Juanita Heights Park	15.00
Kingsgate Park	7.00
Kirkland Cemetery	221.00

Park/Location	Hours
Kirkland Middle School Field	9.50
Kiwanis Park	17.00
Lake Ave W Street End Park	3.50
Lakeview Elementary School Field	5.50
Marina Park	108.75
Mark Twain Elementary School Field	5.00
Mark Twain Park	33.75
Marsh Park	44.25
McAuliffe Park	223.25
North Kirkland Com Ctr & Park	28.00
North Rose Hill Woodlands Park	72.25
O O Denny Park	184.25
Parks Maintenance Center	111.00
Peter Kirk Elementary School Field	2.75
Peter Kirk Park	142.00
Peter Kirk Pool	23.75
Phyllis A. Needy - Houghton Neighborhood	25.75
Reservoir Park	7.25
Rose Hill Elementary School Field	7.50
Rose Hill Meadows	32.00
Rotary Central Station	1.75
Settler's Landing	3.50
Snyder's Corner Park	13.25
South Norway Hill Park	7.25
South Rose Hill Park	45.50
Spinney Homestead Park	14.75
Terrace Park	10.25
Tot Lot Park	19.75
Totem Lake Park	80.50
Van Aalst Park	12.75
Watershed Park	71.00
Waverly Beach Park	53.75
Windsor Vista Park	18.25
GRAND TOTAL	3,294.00

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 South Rose Hill neighborhood.

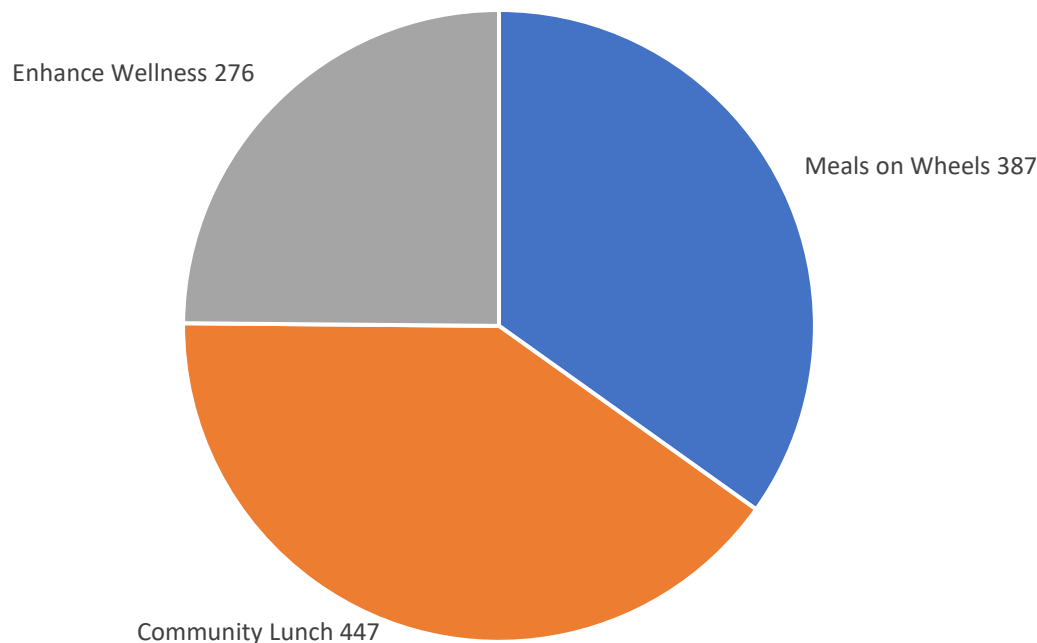


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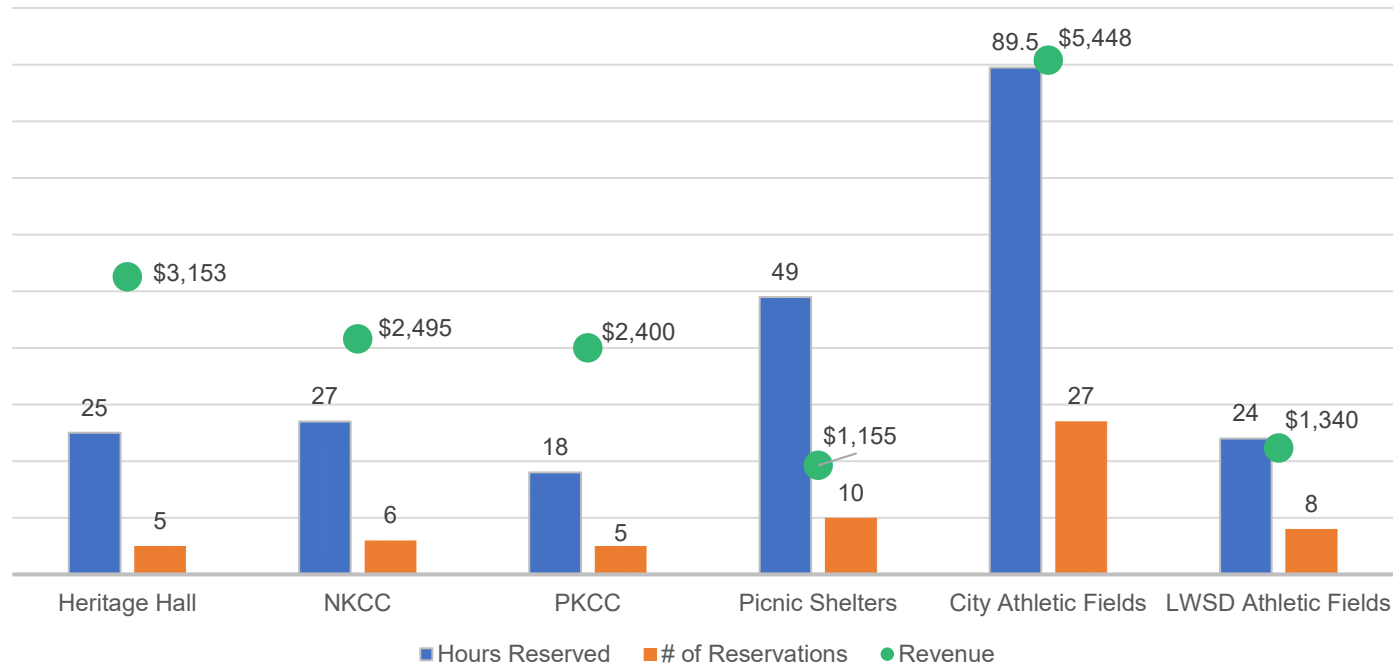
RECREATION DATA

SENIOR SERVICES - OCTOBER 2024

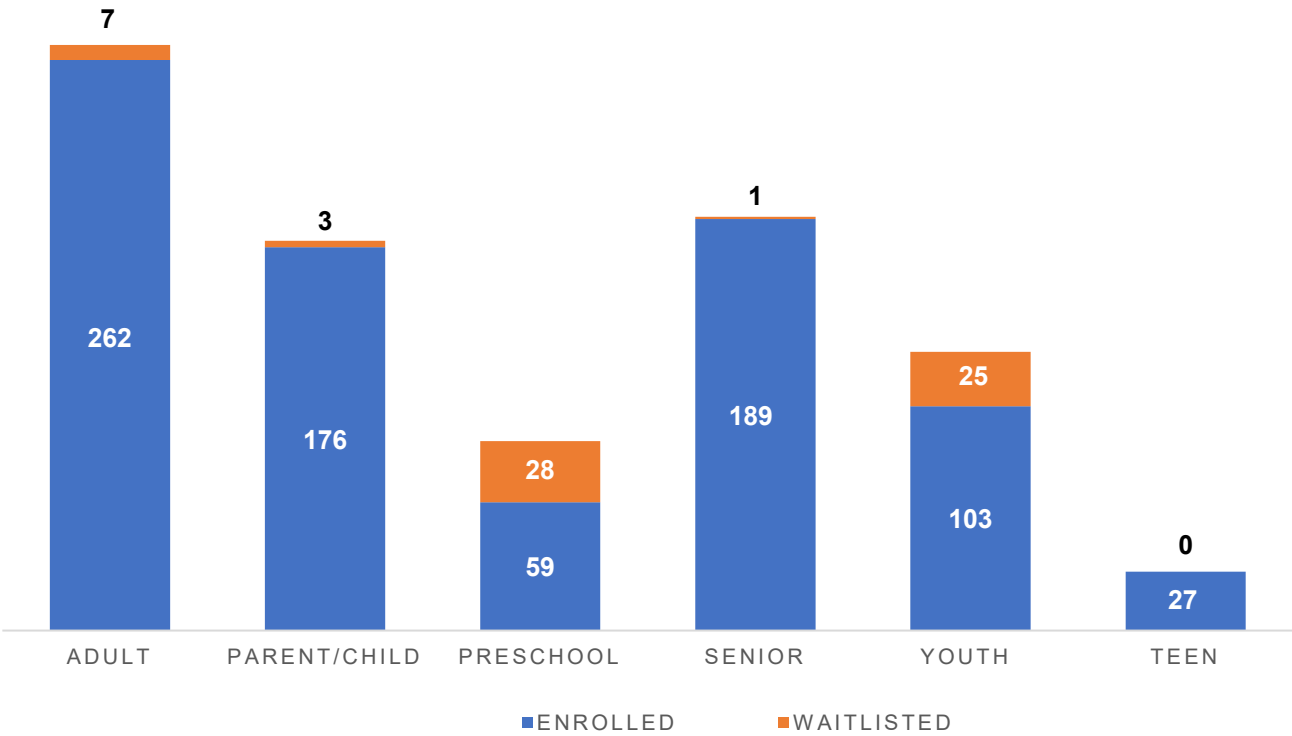


**Senior Services Data reported by agencies the month after services provided*

ALL RENTALS - NOVEMBER 2024



PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS BEGINNING
NOVEMBER 2024



RECREATION SCHOLARSHIPS		
	November 2024	YTD
Applications approved	0	63
Donation funds used	\$247.10	\$23,094.20
Donation funds received	\$104.00	\$8,177.00