

ALL TOGETHER NOW



IN KIRKLAND

*2026 State of the City
&
Community Appreciation Night*

Tonight's Program



- 5 p.m. **PKCC Doors Open**
Dinner
- 6 p.m. **KPC Doors Open**
Dessert / Mix and Mingle
- 6:30 p.m. **State of the City** with Mayor Kelli Curtis
- 6:55 p.m. **Community Appreciation**
"All Together Now" Musical Number
This Night in Kirkland Live Podcast with
Kirkland City Councilmembers
Volunteer Awards
Tributes to State Rep. Larry Springer and
Fire Chief Joe Sanford
- 7:55 p.m. **Raffle**
- 8 p.m. **Conclude**



MEET THE CITY COUNCIL



**Mayor
Kelli Curtis**



**Deputy Mayor
Neal Black**



**Councilmember
Jay Arnold**



**Councilmember
Amy Falcone**



**Councilmember
Jon Pascal**



**Councilmember
Shilpa Prem**



**Councilmember
John Tymczyszyn**

The City Council is Kirkland’s governing body and is comprised of seven non-partisan members who are elected by the registered voters of Kirkland to serve “at large” (not representing a district or ward).

Councilmembers serve four-year terms. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected among the members to serve two-year terms.

To learn more about the City Council, visit www.KirklandWA.gov/Council.

Community Appreciation Night

Kirkland's spirit of community shines bright! Celebrate, connect, and have fun as we recognize dedicated volunteers who give their time to help Kirkland thrive.

Thank you to tonight's performers and event support:

Performers and Event Support

Mel Bartoletti	Emilee Ferguson	Travis Locking
Brenda Berry*	Jenny Gaus	Jim Lopez
Drew Bylow	Nate Gettleman	Dan Perry*
Kate Colmenares	Ryan Gompertz	Kate Ryan
Stephanie Croll	Luana Hancock	Sarah Rock
Andreana Campbell	Abby Harrod	Stephanie Topacio Long
Anela Cole	Jeremy Jones	Kari Waller
Prins Cowin	Rachel Konrady	David Wolbrecht
Juliana da Cruz	Christian Lash	
Rebecca Evans*	Daniel Lazo	

**Kirkland Choral Society special guests*



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Event Sponsors

Thank you to the Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce and the Kirkland Community Foundation for generously sponsoring our night of appreciation!



**Kirkland Community
Foundation**

Boards and Commissions

An important part of the City government's policymaking process is its various boards and commissions, which advise the City Council on vital public policy matters. All boards and commissions hold regular public meetings and are non-salaried.

Park Board

Human Services Commission

Transportation Commission

Library Board

Youth Council

Planning Commission

Disability Board

Civil Service Commission

Senior Council

Tourism Development Committee

Cultural Arts Commission

Design Review Board

Salary Commission

Park Board

The Park Board is established by the City Council to act in an advisory capacity on issues pertaining to Parks and Community Services. Members of the Park Board serve a four-year term, with the Youth Representative serving a two-year term.

Outgoing Members

Amy Ambrosini Member

Anika Joshi Member

Human Services Commission

The Human Services Commission is directed by the City Council to advise the Parks and Community Services department, City Manager, and City Council in leading the City's efforts to support a socially sustainable community through health and human services and programs that fulfill the basic needs of all people and enhance the quality of life in our city now and into the future.

All members are retained for 2026.

Transportation Commission

The Transportation Commission advises City Council, through the City Manager, regarding planning and development of transportation issues referred to the Commission by the City Council.

Outgoing Members

Katherine Casseday Member

Nithin Balamurugan Member

Library Board

The Kirkland Library Board was established in 1951 through an ordinance passed by the Kirkland City Council. The purpose of the Board is to serve as an advisory body to the Council and the City Manager, and it also serves as liaison to the King County Library System (KCLS) and its designated librarians regarding library service issues and community interests.

All members are retained for 2026.

Kirkland Youth Council

The Kirkland Youth Council is a group of about 45 middle and high school students who serve as the official advisory board on youth-related issues and concerns to our City Council. Members research, develop, and implement a wide variety of programs, activities, and resources for Kirkland teens.

Outgoing Members

Matthew Bainter	Member	Ethan Leong	Member
Ryan Bracket	Member	Zachary Olsen	Member
Jana Berahman	Member	Aimal Samir	Member
Nandini Damodaran	Member	Laya Sattout	Member
Devan Harbani	Member		

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission advises the City Council on all matters relating to the Kirkland Comprehensive Plan and land use regulations. The seven members are appointed by the Council to four-year terms.

Outgoing Members

Angela Rozmyn Member

Disability Board

LEOFF I is a state retirement system for Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters that was established in March 1970. It was replaced with LEOFF II in October 1977.

The Board is composed of five members:

- Two Councilmembers appointed by the Mayor
- One Law Enforcement Officer representative elected by the LEOFF I members within their department
- One Firefighter representative elected by the LEOFF I members within their department
- One Citizen-at-Large elected by the Board

All members are retained for 2026.

Civil Service Commission

The Civil Service Commission consists of three members, appointed by the City Manager to terms of six years. The Civil Service Commission ensures that Public Safety (Police Officers and Firefighters) are hired on the basis of merit and disciplined/terminated for cause. Further information about Kirkland Civil Service Commission is contained in [KMC Chapter 3.54](#).

All members are retained for 2026.

Senior Council

The purpose of the Kirkland Senior Council is to help ensure that the needs of all seniors age 50 and older are addressed. The Senior Council enables seniors to directly participate in the advocacy and creation of community programs and services that meet their needs. Senior Council meetings are always open to the public, and we welcome advocacy suggestions for the Health and Safety of our senior resident in Kirkland.

Outgoing Members

Carole Bryan	Member
Steve Lewis	Member
Ingrid Martin	Member
Jack Staudt	Member
Bob Warren	Member

Tourism Development Committee

The Tourism Development Committee advises the Council on allocating the lodging excise tax fund for tourism promotion and is comprised of eight voting members. State statute establishes the specific makeup of the committee, which consists of two members of the Kirkland City Council (who serve as chair and vice chair), three representatives from organizations representing businesses required to collect the lodging tax, and three representatives of organizations involved in activities authorized to be funded by lodging tax revenue or local agencies involved in tourism promotion. Appointments are made by the City Council and membership terms are reviewed annually.

All members are retained for 2026.

Cultural Arts Commission

The Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission is a volunteer board that works to help arts, culture and heritage grow and thrive in the City of Kirkland. Along with supporting art, and cultural initiatives throughout the year, the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission advises the City Council on art acquisition and promotes strategic arts planning in Kirkland. The Cultural Arts Commission is charged with managing and curating the City's public art collection, including a 1 Percent for Art mandate for City projects over a certain threshold.

All members are retained for 2026.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board reviews projects for consistency with applicable business district design guidelines and approved master plans. The seven members are appointed by the City Council to four-year terms.

Outgoing Members

Shannon Merkel Member

Salary Commission

As authorized by RCW 35.21.015, in 2005 the City of Kirkland established a Salary Commission to set the salaries of the Mayor and City Council Members. The Salary Commission is made up of three community members who are appointed for staggered terms by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.

All members are retained for 2026.

Thank you to all who served on a Board or Commission in 2025!

Honoring

State Rep. Larry Springer

State Representative Larry Springer is retiring after more than three decades of service to Kirkland and the State of Washington. A lifelong resident of East King County, he served 11 years on the Kirkland City Council, including four years as Mayor. In 2004, he was elected to the Washington State House of Representatives.



State Rep. Springer is most proud of the way he went about his work. His approach was one of collaboration, common sense, and the belief that the best solutions come from listening and persevering, even when progress is slow and headlines are few.

Honoring

Fire Chief Joe Sanford

Fire Chief Joe Sanford is retiring after 45 years at the Kirkland Fire Department. He was hired as a firefighter in 1981 and went on to serve in every rank of the Department before becoming the Fire Chief in 2016.



Fire Chief Sanford was twice named Firefighter of the Year by his colleagues and was also twice recognized as Chief of the Year. He has always believed in showing up for the community and that it's not a burden when you love the people you serve.

HOW TO ENGAGE WITH THE CITY

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KIRKLAND?

Visit kirklandwa.gov/whats-happening or scan this QR code to stay informed.



CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL

New forum offering informal, small-group opportunities to talk directly with City Councilmembers — no agenda, no presentations, just listening and dialogue.

- Ask questions
- Raise concerns
- Share ideas and lived experiences
- Learn how decisions are made and ways to get involved

STAY INFORMED

- This Week in Kirkland (TWIK) - Weekly email newsletter
- *The Kirklander* - Printed quarterly City magazine with stories
- TWIK Podcast - Short audio updates on City activity
- Coming Up at Council - Preview of Council topics
- City Website News & Alerts - kirklandwa.gov
- City Social Media - Facebook, X, Instagram, Nextdoor
- Rep'd - Q&A platform
- KCTV - Council meetings and special programming



LEARN MORE ON A TOPIC OF INTEREST

- Ask Kirkland (24/7 Chatbot)
 - Online at kirklandwa.gov
 - Text: 1-866-527-5475
- Department and project webpages - Project details, surveys, and engagement hubs
- City Council agendas and packets - Staff reports, data, and background materials

LEND YOUR VOICE & INFLUENCE

- Public comment at City Council
 - In person or online
 - Written comments: CityCouncil@kirklandwa.gov
- Public hearings
- Boards and Commissions meetings
- Community surveys
- Community forums and open houses
- Community organization involvement



Questions? Want to stay connected?

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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

On February 21, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution R-5240 declaring Kirkland a safe, inclusive, and welcoming community for all people. Since that time, the City has embarked on several initiatives related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging across all City departments.





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