

KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – OCTOBER 2021



The first annual Kirkland Harvest Festival took place on Saturday, October 16, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM at Juanita Beach Park. Event sponsors included MorningStar Senior Living as title sponsor, Neal Smiles Orthodontics as Kids Korral sponsor, and PCC Community Markets, which donated prizes for the adult and children's pumpkin pie eating and corn shucking contests.

The rain that dampened spirits in the week leading up to the event gave way to beautiful blue skies and balmy weather on the day of the festival. Parks and Community Services staff arrived at the park in the dark to start a three-hour set-up that included over a dozen tents, a music canopy, decorations throughout the park, and a dining carport. Thanks to the help of numerous volunteers, everything was in place for the 10:00 AM opening.

Joining the fun were 20 artisan food and craft vendors who sold everything

from Bundt cakes and plants to kettle corn, jewelry, and candles. There were food trucks on-site with a selection of donuts from Mini...The Dough-Nut, grilled cheese sandwiches from the Ultimate Melt, and beverages from the Chayen Coffee Trailer.

Top Golf Lounge and Studio East provided backdrops for picture taking, along with the department-created cows, farmers, and other photo opportunities, many of which were visible while enjoying a tractor-pulled trailer ride around the back forty.

The Kids Korral included a staged area of pint-size family fun. Children could learn how to milk a pretend cow and rope a pretend bull. They could also partake in pumpkin bowling, corn cob fingerprint crafts, watch 4-H dogs compete for agility and beauty, or participate in a cookie walk with cookies provided QFCs of Kirkland.



All public health guidelines were followed and there were over 5,000 estimated attendees at this community event. As the funk band, 24 Madison, played their last song at the end of the day, you could see the joy on the faces of adults and children for the opportunity to gather as a community and dance, shop, eat, and play in a safe outdoor venue.



PARKS MANAGEMENT

It's officially storm season and we've got leaves, twigs, and branches all over our parks to prove it. All four teams within Parks Management spent a lot of time in October managing leaf fall and cleaning up after storms but we also made progress on our many other projects. Here are highlights from our four crews:

BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY TEAM

- Installed new basketball hoop at South Rose Hill Park.
- Set up and broke down tables, chairs, and other infrastructure at the Harvest Festival at Juanita Beach.
- Winterized playfield irrigation systems.
- Aerated, top dressed and over seeded turf requiring restoration.
- Inspected all sports facilities and identified items needing repair

HORTICULTURE TEAM

- Removed hazard trees and pruned trees for clearance around facilities and structures.
- Salvaged landscape plants from Heritage Park and installed at NKCC.
- Flame weeded NKCC pathways and hard services as part of our integrated pest management plan.
- Strategically treated knotweed, an invasive noxious weed, as part of our integrated pest management plan.
- Removed large, rotting stump and hornet nest near ballfield at Juanita Beach to prevent future hornet nests at that location.



Restored Lawn Area at Crestwoods Park

NATURAL AREAS TEAM

- Received, processed, and delivered more than 5,000 native plants for installation in our natural areas by volunteers, staff, and contracted crews.
- Provided tools, materials, guidance, and day-of support for dozens of volunteer events including several events celebrating Green Kirkland Day!
- Pruned trees and shrubs around parking lots and along pathways.
- Restored turf around the new, heavily used playground at Juanita Beach.



Volunteers enhance trails at Cotton Hill Park

SUPPORT TEAM

- Cleaned and repaired roofs and gutters at park buildings and pavilions.
- Prepared restrooms for winterization.
- Added additional engineered play chips to all playgrounds as needed.
- Sanded and stained park tables.
- Inspected all playgrounds and repaired facilities as needed such as lubricating the excavator toys at Tot Lot Park.



HUMAN SERVICES

KIRKLAND HEALTH FAIR AND COMMUNITY VACCINATION EVENT

The City is partnering with Public Health of Seattle/King County to host a Health Fair on November 6, 2021. This event will provide COVID-19 vaccinations, vaccine information, health screenings, insurance enrollment and more. All services are free and language assistance will be available in Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Russian, Cantonese and Mandarin. For information contact: Antoinette Smith, AMSMITH@KIRKLANDWA.GOV, 425-587-3307



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
November 6, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Kirkland Health Fair & Community Vaccination Event	Juanita High School	WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/WHATS-HAPPENING/COMMUNITY-EVENTS/PARKS-AND-COMMUNITY-SERVICES-EVENTS/KIRKLAND-HEALTH-FAIR-AND-COMMUNITY-VACCINATION-EVENT

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, to access project files, master plans, outreach efforts, and other details.

132ND SQUARE PARK

Construction started June 28, 2021. Progress continues the surface water vault construction as well as further work on the park site. The western side of the park with the playground and walking area is now closed to the community during the estimated one year of construction. The area in the outfield of the north softball field is expected to remain open throughout construction.

Background of Project: 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.



DAVID BRINK PARK SHORELINE RENOVATION

Construction continues and remains on schedule. Construction began the last week of August 2021 and is expected to be finished by spring 2022.

Background of Project: This is part of a larger shoreline infrastructure project conducting major maintenance of docks, piers, and shorelines.

JUANITA HEIGHTS TRAIL PROJECT

The City of Kirkland in collaboration with King County Parks applied for a King County Parks Levy grant to acquire the Kosalos property. These parcels are adjacent to the WinSki parcel which was purchased earlier this year.

Background of Project: The expanding Juanita Heights Park is envisioned to allow trail connections to the surrounding neighborhoods down to Juanita Bay Park.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE (PROS) PLAN UPDATE

As part of the PROS Plan process, we are collecting input from as many people as possible. An online community survey is now open at PLAYITFORWARDSURVEY.ORG/OPEN. The survey is available in multiple languages and closes November 11, 2021. Details about the plan and ways to get involved can be found at KIRKLANDWA.GOV/PLAYITFORWARD.

Background of the Project: The department is updating its Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan in 2021 to reflect substantial growth and changes in the community and to the park system. GreenPlay LLC was selected as the consultant for this project. It is expected that this project will be complete by April 2022.



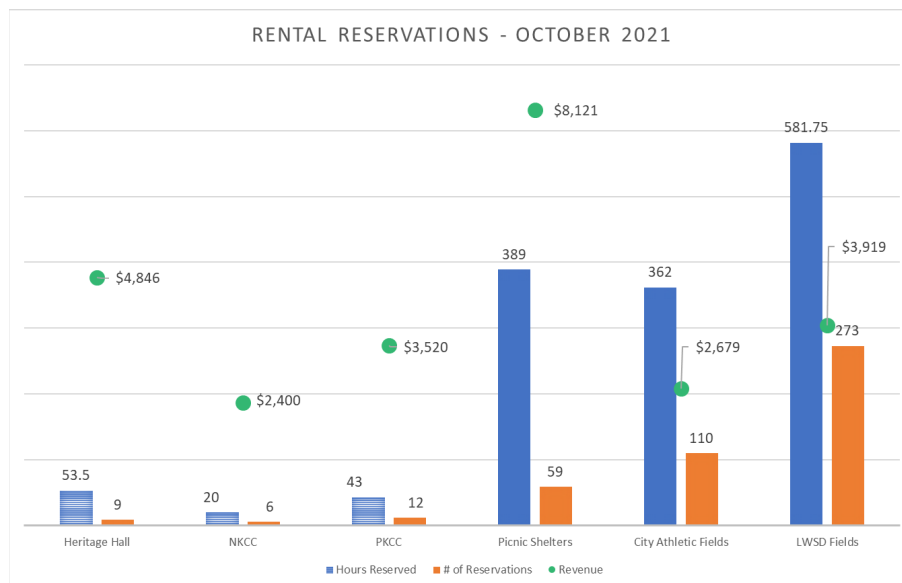
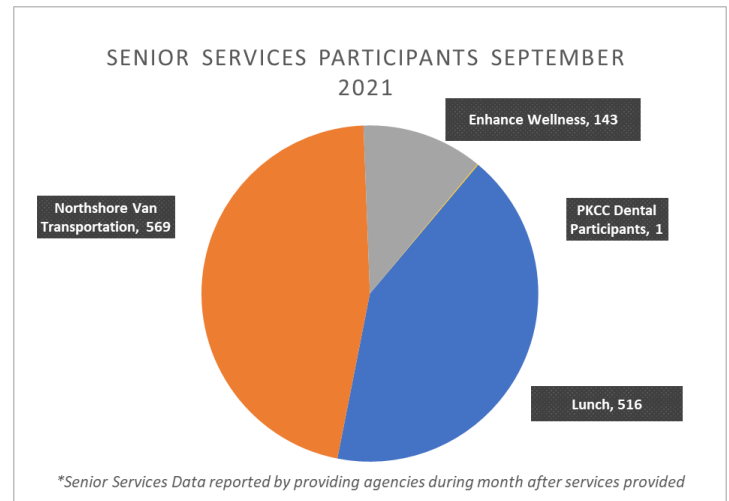
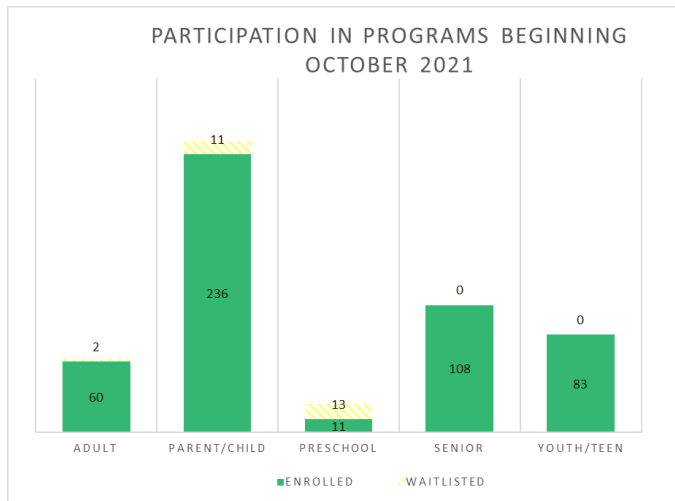
RECREATION SERVICES

TRACKERS EARTH OUTDOOR RANGER GUIDES PROGRAM

In October, kids ages 6-12 participated in the Trackers Earth Ranger Guides outdoor program. Skilled instructors from Trackers Earth contracted with Kirkland Parks and Community Services to offer Saturday programs teaching outdoor nature and survival skills, including everything from the fundamentals of archery, using a compass and map, to mastering bird calls, and first aid. Throughout it all, participants used their newfound skills to play forest games and create a foundation for outdoor safety. The program took participants to various parks in Kirkland and throughout King and Snohomish Counties.

STICKERS, MONSTERS, AND GAMES, OH MY!

Throughout the week of October 25-28, North Kirkland Community Center celebrated Halloween by handing out free Ghostly Goodie bags to children 3 to 6 years old. Staff prepared 100 Ghostly Goodie bags filled with crafts, stickers, and Halloween-inspired novelties. By the end of the week, all 100 bags were picked up by young trick or treaters and their parents.



SPECIAL EVENTS

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; evening and weekend on-call logistical support as needed; and communication with the public. Information about permitting can be found at WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS.



PUMPKINS IN THE PARK

Hundreds of little monsters, princesses, and superheroes descended on Marina Park to take part in the 2nd annual Pumpkins in the Park event hosted by the Kirkland Downtown Association. The fall festival offered a pumpkin patch, carnival games, professional pumpkin carving demonstrations, a costume contest, farm animals, farm vendors and lots of treats!



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DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
November 6	Lake Washington Half	Juanita Beach Park	ORCARUNNING.COM/LAKE-WASHINGTON-HALF/
November 28	Grand Menorah Lighting	Marina Park	WWW.JEWISHKIRKLAND.COM
December 12	12K's of Christmas	Marina Park	SRC12KSOFCHRISTMAS.COM