

KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – SEPTEMBER 2022



The Kirkland City Council adopted the 2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan on September 20, 2022.

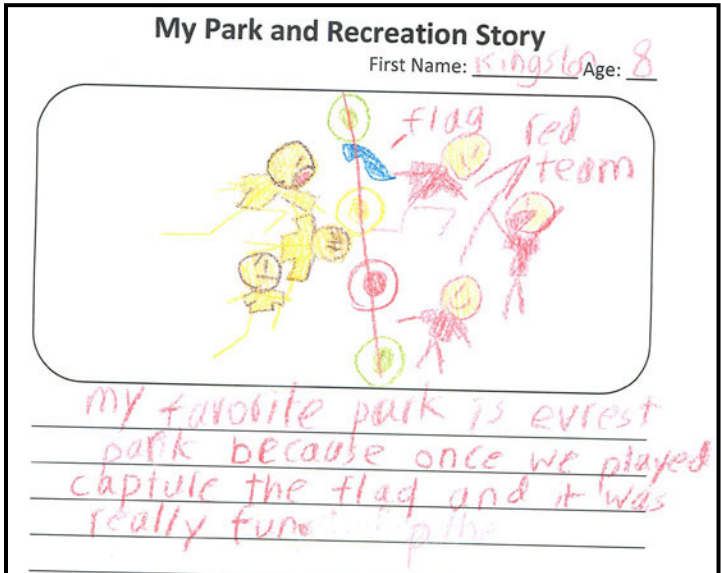
The 2022 PROS Plan is a comprehensive update to the 2015 PROS Plan. It identifies numerous goals and objectives informed by the feedback from more than 4,000 Kirkland community members who took part in focus groups, interviews, community conversations, and survey opportunities. Many innovative techniques were employed by City staff to ensure inclusion of all voices, including youth who were invited to share their stories.

The 2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Plan sets a path forward for providing high quality, community-driven parks, trails, open spaces, and recreational opportunities over the next six years. The 2022 Plan's goals and objectives, together with the City's capital improvement plan, outlines a path for the City's continued investment in maintaining, sustaining, and enhancing Kirkland's parks, recreation, and open spaces.

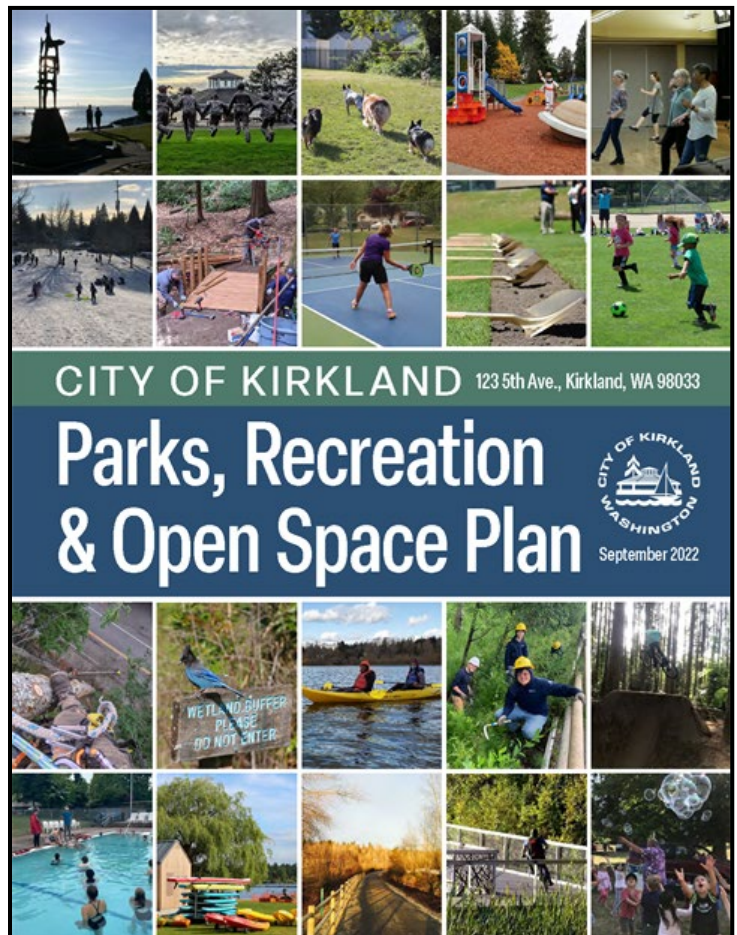
"We were thrilled to hear from so many members of the Kirkland community during the process of updating this Plan," said Parks and Community Services Director Lynn Zwaagstra. "We look forward to delivering on the goals and objectives in PROS Plan."

Thank you to the Kirkland community for providing record feedback for this project and helping us imagine the future of Kirkland's parks, recreation, and open spaces!

Download the 2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan at WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/PLAYITFORWARD.



Feedback drawing from a child, aged 8



ADMINISTRATION

PARKS BALLOT MEASURE(S) INITIATIVE

The Parks Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC) was established by City Council in August 2022 to lead the community input process and provide recommendations for a potential ballot measure(s) to Kirkland City Council by spring 2023. PFEC is chaired by Councilmember Kelli Curtis and comprised of more than 40 diverse stakeholders. The Parks Funding Exploratory Committee held its first meeting at Juanita Beach Park on September 15, 2022. Councilmember Curtis, Parks and Community Services Director Lynn Zwaagstra, and City Manager Kurt Triplett gave an overview of the process, highlighted the timeline, and explained why City Council established the group. During the second part of the meeting, the committee broke into small groups to tour and learned about the picnic shelters, the northern side of the park and pop-up dog park, the newly renovated playground and bathhouse, and the restoration of Juanita Creek. PFEC will meet once or twice a month through February 2023 and make recommendations to City Council in March 2023. Learn more about PFEC and follow along on the [PARKS BALLOT INITIATIVE WEBSITE](#).

RECREATION SERVICES

2022 AQUATICS SEASON RECAP

The Aquatics team successfully hired 96 staff for the 2022 season including Lifeguards, Swim Team Coaches, Swim Instructors, Aquatics Program Supervisors, and Pool Cashiers. We were able to bring back many programs this year such as the Orcas Swim Team, Kid's Tri, and the volunteer AquaLeaders. As well the team was able to increase capacity by adding additional swim lessons and rental times into the pool schedule this season. The pool was programmed for about 16 hours a day, with public open swim sessions scheduled in the middle of the afternoon.

We offered 552 group swim lesson classes ranging from Aquatots, Preschool and Youth level classes. Private swim lessons grew to 82 classes this year. Friday and Saturday morning swim lesson classes were added to the 2022 schedule which provided more capacity for group and private lessons.

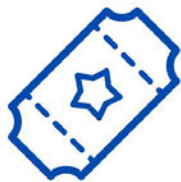


The three swimming beaches at Houghton Beach, Waverly Beach, and Juanita Beach were open for most of the summer with minimal closures. The three beaches were staffed daily from noon to 6 PM from June 28 through September 5. As the season came to a close, we hosted our annual Lifeguard Olympics at Houghton Beach with 40 staff members competing in team challenges including a rescue triathlon.

We want to give a HUGE special thank you to all members of the Aquatics team for making this summer so successful. They did a fantastic job to keep the community safe in all weather conditions!



105,293
Beach visitors



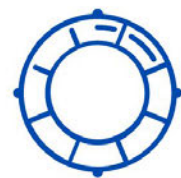
12,018
Open swim entries



2,792
Swim lesson participants



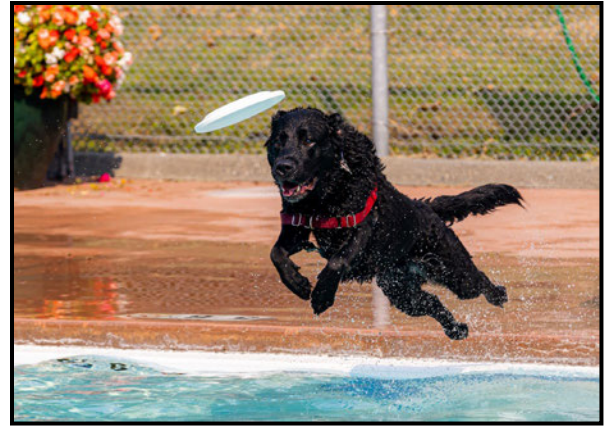
908
Lifejackets loaned



13
Beach rescues

SEE SPOT SPLASH RETURNED

The 2nd annual See Spot Splash event was held on Saturday, September 10 from 10am-3pm at the Peter Kirk Pool, Peter Kirk Park, and Lee Johnson Field. A new addition this year was a pop-up dog park at Lee Johnson Field for the day of the event. 275 dogs were registered and participated this year in the event, which was an increase of about 100 additional dogs participating over last year. The event also included vendor booths and a pizza food truck. The event was a huge success, and we couldn't do it without all the incredible staff that worked the event. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all the pups that participated!

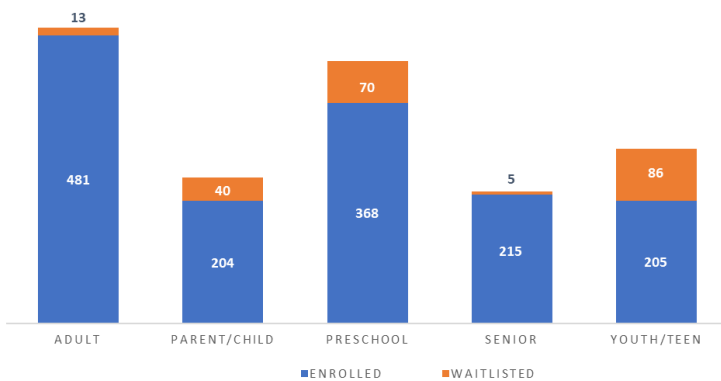


2ND ANNUAL SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

Over 30 vendors from around the region that serve older adults in Kirkland participated in the 2nd Annual Senior Resource Fair on Thursday, September 15. The Fair provided older adults and their families an opportunity to gather information and get answers to questions about services. The event was a huge success with over 200 community members attending and information on housing, health and wellness, finances, legal services, and more.

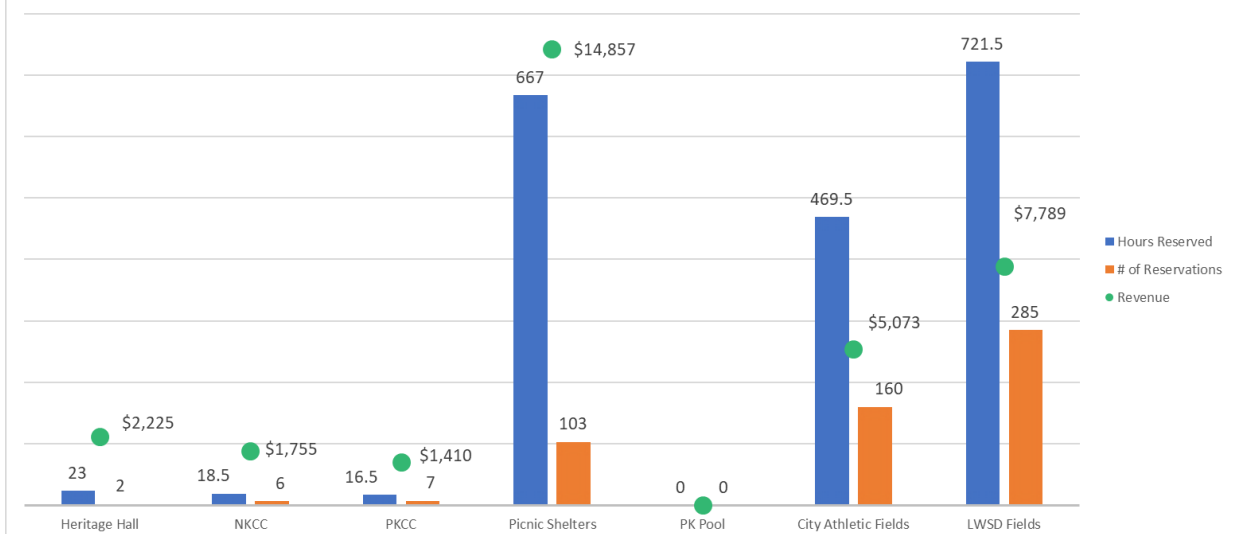


PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2022



RECREATION DATA

RENTAL RESERVATIONS - SEPTEMBER 2022



HUMAN SERVICES

RENT ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Residential Rent Relief Program (RRRP) Phase II contracted partner agencies, 4 Tomorrow and India Association of Western Washington (IAWW), continue to work through a rotation of rent assistance referrals to determine program eligibility, collect documentation, and administer payment. IAWW and 4 Tomorrow are working through their third batch of referrals, totaling 72, or 62% of all households initially placed on the RRRP Phase II referral list. Of those 72 households that have been referred, 24% (17) have been completed, 47% (33) are in progress, 25% (18) have been deemed ineligible or have not responded, and 4% (3) have been flagged for fraud. The total amount of rent arrears paid during RRRP Phase II through September totals \$271,429.20 averaging \$15,966.42 per household assisted. Eastside Legal Assistance Program has recently contracted with the City to be a third partner agency and will soon be receiving its first batch of referrals.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	INFO
October 8 10 AM – 2 PM	Kirkland Health and Wellness Fair	Juanita High School	KIRKLANDWA.GOV/COMMUNITYEVENTS

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

Construction started June 28, 2021. The stormwater infiltration vault and supporting filtration systems have been fully installed on the eastern side of the park. Synthetic turf is scheduled to be installed in October. The park is expected to be completed in late fall 2022. *Background:* 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.

JUANITA BEACH PARK BATHHOUSE WINS AWARD

On September 22, 2022, Kirkland's Juanita Beach Park Bathhouse received the 2022 Civic Design Award from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Washington Council. The Civic Design Award celebrates the best examples of what can be realized when architects and civic clients work together to achieve quality design. According to AIA, these projects represent the finest standards in innovation, sustainability, building performance, and overall integration with the client and surrounding community.



POP-UP DOG PARK PROGRAM



The pop-up dog park program continued this summer with locations at Juanita Beach Park and Snyder's Corner. A third temporary pop-up park was added at Heritage Park after Labor Day. Dog Parks were the second most popular OurKirkland request category with over 50 emails and feedback requests during the month. *Background:* These temporary pop-up dog parks are intended to test and evaluate how to incorporate dog off-leash areas into our system.

PARK MANAGEMENT

SEPTEMBER WITHOUT SHOWERS

The slightly cooler weather means the grass is growing again but it's still too dry for the shrubs and trees, so watering remains a high priority. Here are some highlights from September.

BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Edged and blew walkways, bleachers, and dugouts at Peter Kirk Park.
- Repaired damaged turf at Crestwoods, Kirkland Middle School, and Emerson High School.
- Hand weeded the warning tracks at Crestwoods and Kirkland Middle School.
- Edged the playground and weeded tree rings at Crestwoods.
- Implemented several full burial and internment services.

HORTICULTURE

- Cleared blackberries on the northwest side of Mark Twain.
- Aerated, fertilized, and over-seeded the lawn at Marina after Oktoberfest.
- Weeded the beds and pruned the lavender at Marsh.
- Removed declining poplars on the recently acquired Winski parcel.
- Removed beaver damaged cottonwood at Totem Lake.
- Primed the pump for the irrigation at Lake Ave W.

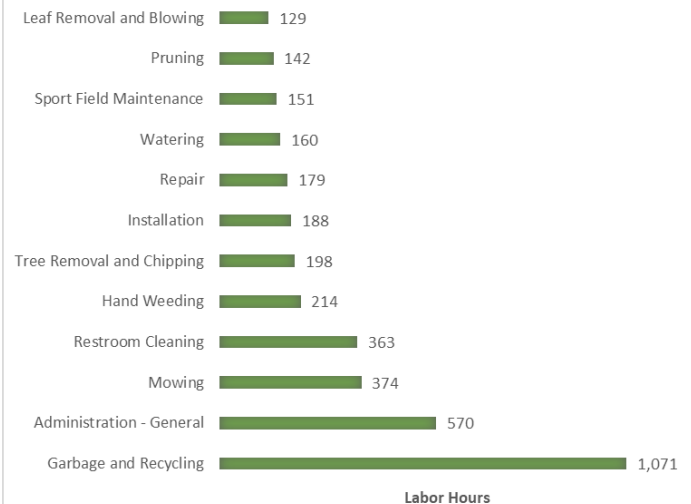
SUPPORT

- Temporarily repaired the broken rail on the Totem Lake boardwalk.
- Installed a pathway from the parking lot to the pickleball courts at Everest with assistance from Public Works.
- Replaced the wooden steps and fascia boards for the kayak step on the swim area dock at Waverly.
- Installed new "no boating within 300 feet" sign at the end of the dock at Brink.
- Replace three dock boards at Marsh.

NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Led volunteer event at J Beach gnome house to install a children's' pollinator garden.
- Fenced large trees at Totem Lake to prevent further beaver damage.
- Remove purple loosestrife by hand at Juanita Bay, Juanita Beach, and Totem Lake.
- Repaired split rail fence along AMP at Juanita Bay.
- Pruned rose bushes at McAuliffe along 116th.

SEPTEMBER TOP 12 TASKS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Forest Stewardship

October 9 & 16 from 10 AM – 12 PM

Kirkland Forest Day

October 15 from 10 AM – 2 PM

Forest Stewardship

October 15, 22 & 29 from 10 AM – 12 PM

Creek Habitat Restoration

October 23 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Forest Stewardship

October 23 from 10 AM – 12 PM

Forest Stewardship

October 26 from 10 AM – 12 PM

LOCATION & INFO

Kingsgate Park

[GREENKIRKLAND.ORG](https://www.greenkirkland.org)

Juanita Beach Park

[GREENKIRKLAND.ORG](https://www.greenkirkland.org)

Juanita Open Space #1

[GREENKIRKLAND.ORG](https://www.greenkirkland.org)

Edith Moulton Park

[GREENKIRKLAND.ORG](https://www.greenkirkland.org)

Crestwoods Park

[GREENKIRKLAND.ORG](https://www.greenkirkland.org)

Juanita Bay Park

[GREENKIRKLAND.ORG](https://www.greenkirkland.org)

The mission of the Green Kirkland Partnership (GKP) is to **restore and maintain 510 acres** of natural parklands **by building a supportive community** that works together to protect Kirkland's natural resources for current and future generations.



9.2 new acres enrolled based on data received from Stewards & crews by 9.15.22



47 acres maintained based on data received from Stewards & crews by 9.15.22



9 new Stewards enrolled as of 9.30.22



928 volunteers participated as of 9.30.22

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; evening and weekend on-call logistical support as needed; and communication with the public. Information about permitting can be found at [WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPEIALEVENTS](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/speialevents).

1ST ANNUAL CLOUD FOOD COURT FESTIVAL

The Cloud Food Court Festival celebrated its inaugural event at Marina Park on September 3. Event hosts, Ali Elseaidy and Masao Yamada, crafted a free celebration for the community which offered something fun for everyone. Attendees enjoyed tasty food, live music and entertainment, games of skill, and a wide variety of arts and crafts. The event was held in support of The Vera Project, an all-ages nonprofit dedicated to fostering personal and community transformation through collaborative, youth-driven engagement in music and art.

FILM PRODUCTION PERMIT

Vossler Media Group, a Kirkland based creative agency and production company, set up shop in O.O. Denny Park on September 22 and 23. The two-day film shoot, for a corporate video project, included twenty-five cast and crew members, multiple production vehicles, a motorhome, catering tents, restricted parking along a short section of Holmes Point Drive NE and ten stalls within the parking lot.



KIRKLAND OKTOBERFEST

The Chump Change Foundation hosted its annual three-day harvest festival celebrating German heritage at Marina Park, September 23-25. The event featured Bavarian food and games, Oom-pah music, the 9th annual Great Kirkland Oktoberfest Wiener Dog Races, and lots of fun and laughs. More than 6,000 people attended the event which supports the Chump Change Foundation and other Eastside nonprofits.



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. This month two block parties were hosted by families located in the Kingsgate and Juanita neighborhoods. Learn more about block party permits at: www.kirklandwa.gov/specialevents.

KIRKLAND WEDNESDAY MARKET



The Kirkland Downtown Association wrapped up its annual farmers market after an eighteen-week run at Marina Park. The summer market hosted forty-six vendors and featured live music, non-profit community booths, and special themed days that highlighted youth business operators and pet vendors.

JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET

The city-operated farmers market wrapped up this month after a successful eighteen-week run at Juanita Beach Park. Staff strived to provide a safe, inclusive and welcoming community gathering space for all people. The market hosted forty vendors of which sixteen businesses were owned and operated by women, three were LGBTQ+ owned and operated, two were BIPOC owned and operated, and eighteen were family owned. In all, more than twelve countries were represented through food, drink, artisan crafts, and more.



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
October 29 10AM – 2PM	Pumpkins in the Park	Marina Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG