

# KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – MAY 2022



Kirkland Parks and Community Services is always looking for ways to preserve and protect the natural resources in our park system. We work daily to manage our water sustainability, using what we need to keep plants healthy across our parks while also conserving water. Some of the more visible practices to conserve water seen around Kirkland's parks include using mulch and planting native and drought-tolerant plants.

But one less visible and very important practice involves the irrigation at our waterfront parks. From May through the end of September we use water from Lake Washington to water the lawns and plants at waterfront parks including Doris Cooper Houghton Beach, Marsh Park, David E. Brink Park, Marina Park, Heritage Park, Waverly Beach Park, Juanita Beach Park, and O.O. Denny Park. Natural lake water also has nutrients that are beneficial to plants, lawns, and landscapes. Not only does this conserve potable water but it saves money.

In 2021 we used over 14,000 units of lake water, which worked out to over \$97,000 in savings. A water unit is approximately 748 gallons or 100 cubic feet.

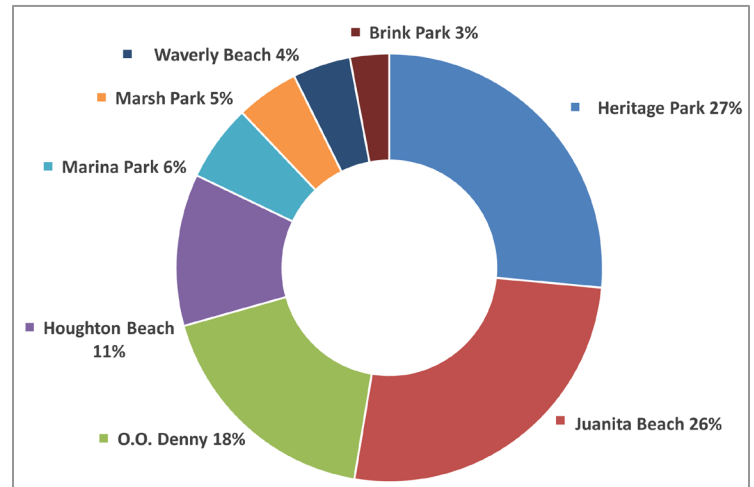
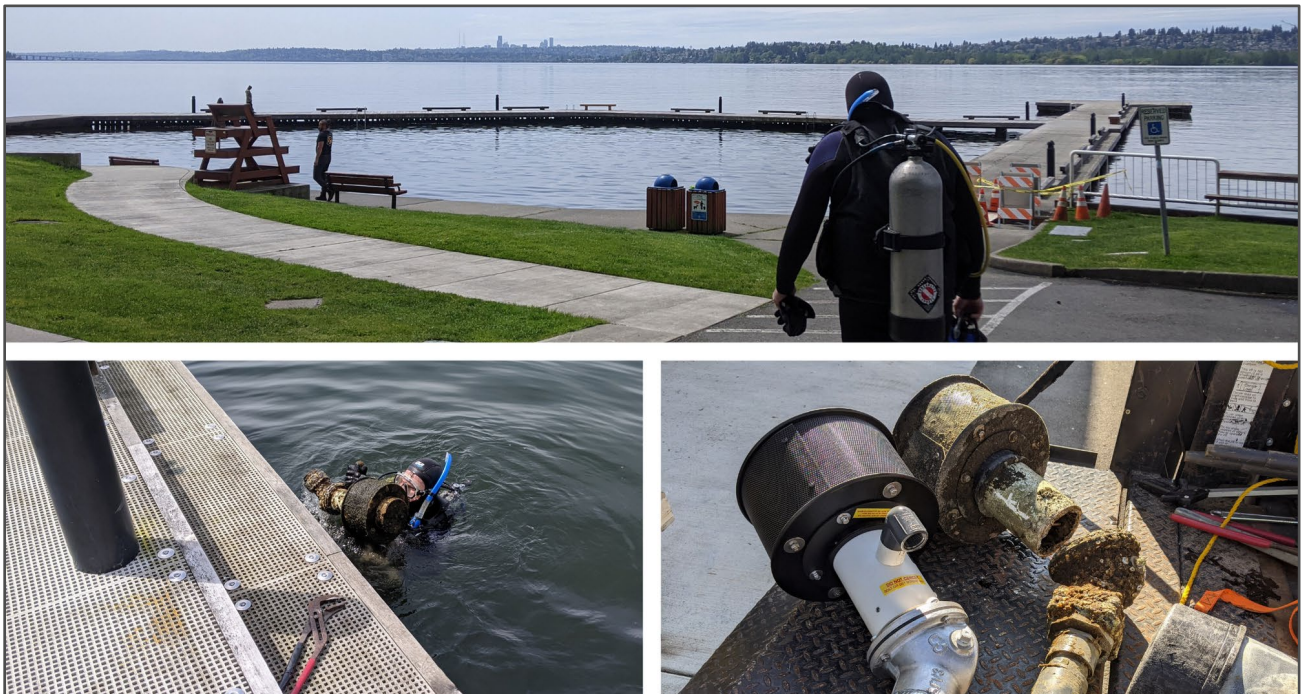


Chart showing 2021 Lake Irrigation by Park

Each spring we inspect the irrigation infrastructure to make sure the equipment is working properly. Since this spring has been a little cooler and wetter than past years, staff did inspections and repairs a little later in May. If you saw someone wearing scuba equipment at a Kirkland park during the month of May, you witnessed this important work in action. During May, Ian Frost Senior Groundsperson on our Horticulture team inspected the irrigation systems in Kirkland parks and worked with team members to replace and repair older irrigation intakes. This work will ensure that park plants and turf stay healthy and watered as we move into the warmer, dryer summer months.



Top: Ian Frost prepares to inspect irrigation at Waverly Beach Park.  
Bottom Left to Right: Ian holds an old irrigation intake system. New versus old irrigation intakes

## HUMAN SERVICES

### LATINOS IN KIRKLAND FINAL REPORT

The final report for the "*Mi Kirkland Latino*" project was recently published. Led by Mercedes Cordova-Hakim and the Kirkland Promotoras group, the project sought to engage our Latina/e/o/x neighbors in the City of Kirkland, centering those voices on how they experience this collective community. The City provided funding support to the King County Promotores Network (KCPN) for the project, which was implemented in three phases, starting in 2020 and concluding in 2022. Two hundred and fifty-eight (258) Kirkland Latino/Hispanic/Latinx community members participated in phases I and II of the project in 2020. The project's third phase focused on the Kirkland Latino/Hispanic/Latinx populations around the following areas

- Informing the City's programs, funding and outreach efforts
- Providing the community with information to build community-driven initiatives and solutions
- Developing and strengthening strategies for future civic participation and community-building efforts.

The final phase of the project rendered a list of ten priorities identified by Latinx/Latino/Hispanic community of Kirkland:

Prioridade Priority	En Español	In English
1	Servicios de salud para la comunidad Latina de bajo costo/gratis/clínicas locales	Low cost/free health services/local clinics for the Latino community
2	Centro Comunitario Latino en Kirkland	Latino Community Center in Kirkland
3	Vivienda (controlada) bajo costo/costo accesible	Low cost/accessible (controlled rent) housing
4	Programas para padres sobre recursos, información y educación sobre Educación Superior (becas, educación gratis,) y Técnico	Programs for parents to learn about resources for vocational/technical and higher education (scholarships, free education)
5	Servicios sociales accesibles y gratis	Free and accessible social services
6	Mas oportunidades para participar y contribuir y ayudar a su comunidad Latina de Kirkland	Opportunities to participate, contribute, and assist the Latino community in Kirkland
7	Oportunidad de desarrollar y tener una Relación con la policía	Opportunity to develop a relationship with the Kirkland Police Department
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oportunidades de trabajo y puestos o, empleos con la ciudad de Kirkland.</li> <li>• Equidad/Racismo-Mas diálogos con la ciudad, información y educación sobre este tema</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Job opportunities and positions with the City of Kirkland</li> <li>• Equity/racism – more dialog with the City to gain information about this subject</li> </ul>
9	Clases de inglés para adultos (gratis y de bajo costo)	Adult English classes (free/reduced cost)
10	Saber cómo pueden los Latinos de Kirkland participar en los procesos de toma de decisiones que tienen que ver con la comunidad	Learn how Latinos in Kirkland can participate in the decision-making process, particularly those that correlate with the Latino community

For the full KCPN City of Kirkland Final Project Report please contact Antoinette Smith at [AMSMITH@KIRKLANDWA.GOV](mailto:AMSMITH@KIRKLANDWA.GOV).

### WE'RE HIRING

The Human Services Division is currently hiring a Coordinator focused on community Well-being. This position serves as a coordinator, collaborator, and facilitator for support systems that help community members access resources to meet their basic needs. For more details and to apply, visit [WWW.GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM/CAREERS/KIRKLANDWA](http://WWW.GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM/CAREERS/KIRKLANDWA). Contact Human Services Manager, Jen Boone at [JBOONE@KIRKLANDWA.GOV](mailto:JBOONE@KIRKLANDWA.GOV) with additional questions.

### 2023-2024 HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING

The City of Kirkland received 109 unique program applications across 58 agencies/organizations for the 2023-2024 Human Services funding cycle. The two-year grant cycle supports nonprofits and organizations that provide critical community services to Kirkland residents and the greater Eastside. This cycle's funding requests exceeds \$4.4 million, an increase of \$2 million over the 21-22 funding cycle. The Human Services Commission with the support of staff have begun the review process that will take place over several months in anticipation of preparing funding recommendations that will be presented to City Council in the fall of 2022.

Please visit the [HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION PAGE](#) for details about upcoming meetings and materials.

## PARKS MANAGEMENT

### ALMOST SUMMER!

Kirkland is ready for summer, and the parks are filled every time the sun makes an appearance. Parks Management has been busy getting the parks ready for several months of summer fun. Here are some highlights from May.

#### BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Hiring two Grounds staff to fill positions that opened due to a promotion and job change
- Mowed and prepped ballfields daily
- Cleaned cemetery in advance of Memorial Day
- Set up, support, and take down Taste of the World event
- Installed pickleball net at Van Aalst Park
- Raised and lowered flags per the Governor's direction
- Finished new roll-in at South Norway Hill BMX area

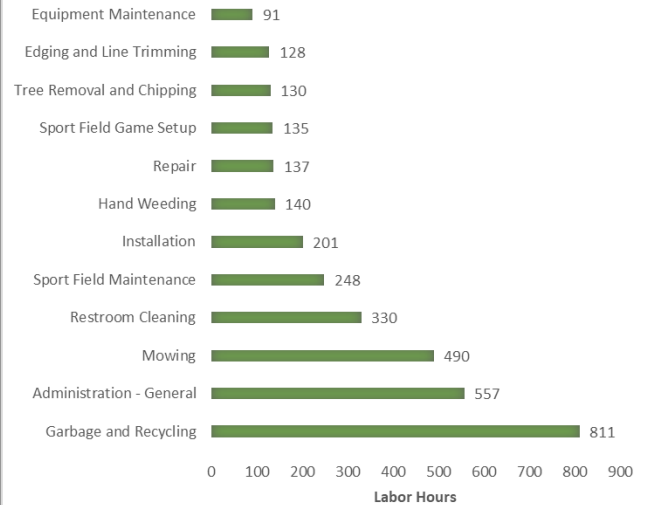
#### HORTICULTURE

- Removed a high-risk cottonwood tree at Josten Park
- Repaired the damaged fountain at David Brink Park
- Set up the LED screen for Taste of World event
- Inspected trees at Watershed Park after a privately constructed tree house was removed from the park
- Expanded the drip line irrigation system at Watershed Park
- Turned on the fountain at Marina Park for the season
- Weeded tree rings and flower beds throughout the system

#### SUPPORT

- Installed seasonal off-leash dog park at Snyder's Corner
- Replaced fencing damaged by falling trees at multiple locations after wind events
- Changed out the pool controller and backwashed the filter at Peter Kirk Pool
- Installed new fiberglass dock box for the Rangers at Marina Park
- Sanded doors at North Kirkland Community Center in preparation for new paint
- Lubricated swivel points on the swings at Juanita Beach
- Replaced bathroom door handle at Edith Moulton Park
- Installed new soap dispensers at OO Denny Park

### MAY TOP 12 TASKS



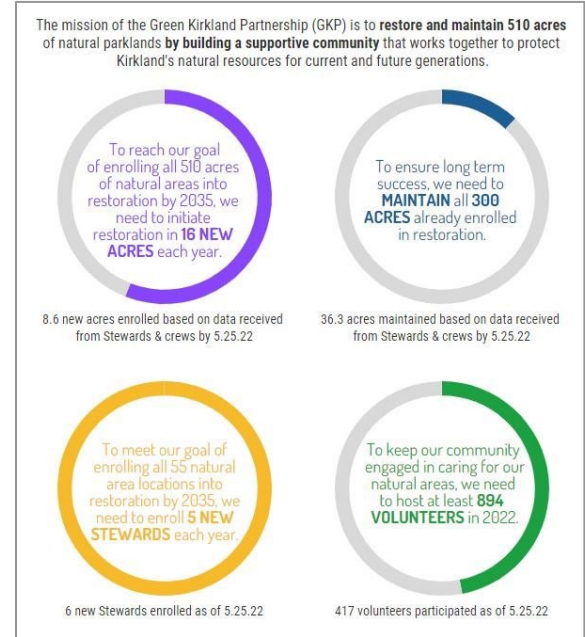
Volunteers at Juanita Bay East



Pop-up Dog Park at Snyder's Corner

## NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Trimmed grasses around Garry oaks planted at Juanita Bay Park
- Cleared downed trees and limbs from soft trails after wind events
- Filled sandbags for Taste of the World vendor tents
- Raked the sand at Juanita Beach
- Salvaged ferns from Juanita Heights before seismic testing for possible road
- Brushed vegetation back from trails and pathways
- Inspected cisterns for final repairs and adjustments prior to summer watering



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WHAT & WHEN

**Habitat Restoration**  
June 4, 2022, from 10 AM – 1 PM

**Habitat Restoration**  
June 11, 2022, from 10 AM – 1 PM

### LOCATION & INFO

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

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

## 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](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/parks-and-recreation) to learn more about these projects.

### 132ND SQUARE PARK

Construction started June 28, 2021. Progress on the project continues and the park is expected to open by fall 2022.

*Background of the 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 completion is expected in June.

*Background of the 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 in 2021. A celebration event was held May 22, 2022, which included the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance, County Executive Dow Constantine, County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, Park Board Chair Amanda Judd, City Council and City Staff.

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

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

We are in the final stages of updating our Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS) and ADA Transition Plan. A public hearing was held during a special Park Board meeting on May 25, 2022. City Council accepted the final ADA Transition Plan at their May 17, 2022 meeting. The draft PROS Plan will be reviewed by City Council on June 7, 2022. See the [PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE \(PROS\) PLAN WEBSITE](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/parks-and-recreation) for details about the plan.

*Background of the Project:* We are updating the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. GreenPlay, LLC (now known as BerryDunn) was selected as the consultant for this project. It is expected that this project will be complete by June 2022 with an anticipated adoption by City Council.



## RECREATION SERVICES

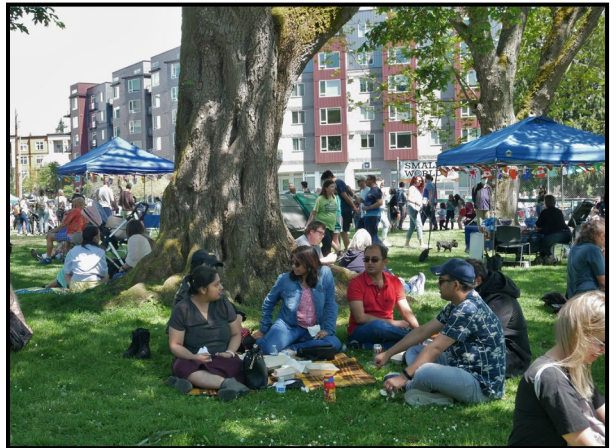
### TASTE OF THE WORLD

Kirkland Parks and Community Services hosted the first Taste of the World event on May 21, 2022. Community sponsors for the inaugural event included Koelsch Communities, Hallmark Realty, Google, and Manson Family Dentistry. Thanks to warm and sunny weather, the event was well-attended by an estimated 6,000 community members. Entertainment included live music and dancing from Rainbow of Hawaii, a demonstration and mini-lesson provided by Oom Yung Doe Martial Arts School, 70's cover band the ABBagraphs, and finally a performance by a ten-year-old fire/knife dancer (sans the fire) who bravely stepped up to stage after being discovered at the event practicing behind his mother's booth.

Activities included a Hula Hoop contest, a Chopstick Challenge, and Guess the Spice contests for adults and children. A "Small World" children's activity area entertained the littlest attendees with crafts such as Japanese fan making, passport books to be stamped by marketplace vendors, and an art project to translate names into Arabic. The Small World area also included a fortune cookie walk, soccer kick, archery, hook-and-latch axe throwing, cornhole, a parachute of epic proportions, and finally a huge blow-up globe that encouraged spontaneous engagement.

Seven food trucks offered international cuisine from Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Mexico, Northern China, the Mediterranean, Korea, and the USA! Lines were long but staff was told it was worth the wait. The marketplace included 15 vendors selling everything from plants, bakery items, and jewelry, to flowers, art, and holistic self-care products. You could even partake in a free neck and back massage from local business Hand and Stone Massage. To commemorate the event, guests could mark their country of heritage on a large world map banner and take a selfie beside a globe photo station provided by Studio East.

The success of this cultural event took seven months of planning, support from Recreation and Parks Maintenance staff, and the help of over thirty-five volunteers. It took a global village!



## 2022 HIRING & AQUATICS SKILL CHECK DAY

Orientation and training for 64 seasonal summer staff was held at the Peter Kirk Community Center on May 21, 2022 to get ready for the busy summer season. The annual Aquatics Orientation and Skill check day also took place the same day at the Peter Kirk Pool. Following the HR Orientation at the Peter Kirk Community Center, summer Aquatics staff concluded their day at the pool checking their skills to confirm all staff are ready for the upcoming season. We look forward to the pool opening on Monday, June 6, 2022. A big thank you to the team from the City of Kirkland's Human Resources department for supporting our team to get our new staff through their orientation and filling out required paperwork.



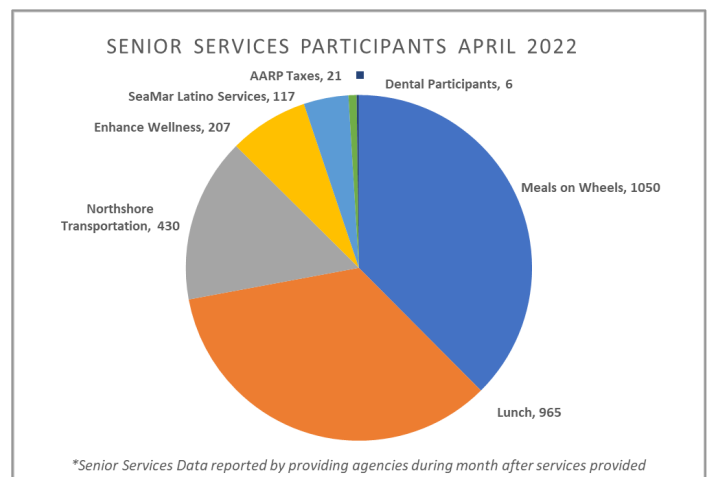
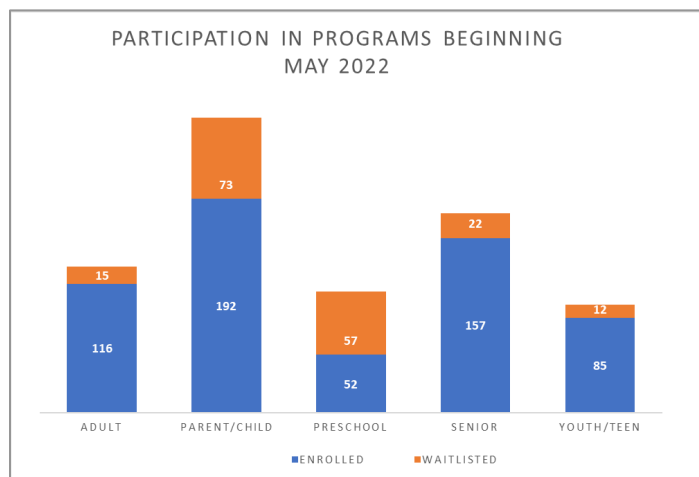
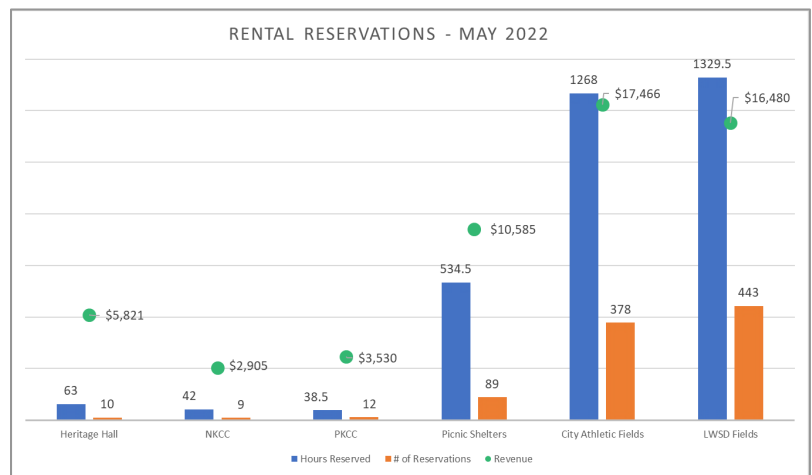
## FACILITY RENTALS AND MARINA

Athletic fields and picnic shelters saw increased usage in May. 41 boat launch cards were renewed, and 27 new boat launch cards were sold during May 2022. Learn more about boat launch cards and moorage at [WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/MARINABOATLAUNCH](http://WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/MARINABOATLAUNCH).

## RECREATION SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

We have received \$4,754 donations for the recreation scholarship fund so far this year. Over \$10,000 worth of scholarships have been distributed this year. Learn more about the program, eligibility and how to apply on the [RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP PAGE](#).

## RECREATION DATA



## 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/SPECIALEVENTS](http://WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS).



### MOTHER'S DAY HALF MARATHON AND 5K

**ORCA RUNNING** hosted their annual Mother's Day race at Juanita Beach Park on May 8. The event was back in full swing this year with more than 1,000 athletes participating in the half marathon, 5K, and kids' races. To ensure safety along all three courses, fifty volunteers and twenty-seven off-duty police officers were required. Proceeds from the post-race beer and mimosa garden benefitted the non-profit **GIRLS ON THE RUN PUGET SOUND**.



### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
Wednesdays June 1 – September 28 3:00 - 7:00 PM	Kirkland Wednesday Market	Marina Park	<a href="http://KIRKLANDMARKET.ORG">KIRKLANDMARKET.ORG</a>
June 3-5 Performance times vary	Shakespeare in the Park	Juanita Beach Park	<a href="http://STUDIO-EAST.ORG">STUDIO-EAST.ORG</a>
Fridays June 3 – September 30 3:00 - 7:00 PM	Juanita Friday Market	Juanita Beach Park	<a href="http://KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET">KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET</a>
Saturday, June 4 8:00 AM - Noon	NAMIWalks Washington	Marina Park	<a href="http://NAMIWALKS.ORG">NAMIWALKS.ORG</a>
June 10-12 Hours vary	Kirklandia	Marina Park	<a href="http://KIRKLANDIAFEST.COM">KIRKLANDIAFEST.COM</a>
Saturday, June 18 Noon – 4:00 PM	Eastside Honors Juneteenth	Juanita Beach Park	<a href="http://EASTSIDEFORALL.ORG">EASTSIDEFORALL.ORG</a>
Sunday, June 19 Noon – 3:00 PM	Corpus Christi Procession	South Rose Hill Neighborhood	<a href="http://HFKPARISH.COM">HFKPARISH.COM</a>

### JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET

The farmer's market has received a fantastic response from vendors, community groups and entertainers. Thirty-six vendors have been accepted for the season and several more are on a waitlist should space become available. Shoppers will enjoy a full array of items, including fresh fruits and vegetables, plant starts, fresh-cut flowers, hot foods, beer and wine as well as artisan handcrafted items. We welcome Parkshore Juanita Bay as our new Main Stage Sponsor and extend gratitude to our good friend, and long-time supporter, John Frost who will continue his efforts to ensure entertainment for the summer. For more information go to: [WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET](http://WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET).

