

# KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – FEBRUARY 2022



February may be the shortest month, but Kirkland Parks and Community Services was busy!

## ANNOUNCING THE RETURN OF THE RECREATION GUIDE

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, staff are thrilled to produce the Spring Summer 2022 Recreation Guide. The guide includes a full slate of spring and summer recreation classes and programs – from day camps to swim lessons to fitness classes and art programs for students of all ages.

The recreation guide will land in Kirkland mailboxes in mid-March. Community members can also pick up copies at City Hall, Peter Kirk Community Center, or the North Kirkland Community Center. Registration for general programs opens March 17 and registration for aquatics programs opens March 24. Browse programs and register online at [WWW.KIRKLANDPARKS.NET](http://WWW.KIRKLANDPARKS.NET)



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

February 11 kicked off the winter drive-in movie series at Juanita Beach Park, using the new 23-foot LED screen Parks and Community Services acquired in late 2021. Forty-two tickets were sold for the Jurassic Park movie showing and families had a great time seeing and hearing the thunderous dinosaurs on the big screen! Two more drive-in movies are scheduled this spring on March 5 and April 22. In the summertime, the LED screen will play free outdoor movies in the park at Juanita Beach on Saturdays in July and at Heritage Park on Fridays in August. Each movie day will feature two showings – one more suited for kids in the afternoon and one for the whole family in the evening. Food trucks will be on-site between movies so families can get a bite to eat. Visit [WWW.KIRKLANDPARKS.NET](http://WWW.KIRKLANDPARKS.NET) for movie titles, tickets, and more information.



On February 13, North Kirkland Community Center hosted Galentine's Day in partnership with local business Sugarbytes Cupcakes and More. Galentine's Day is a women-centered holiday created by the character Leslie Knope on the TV show "Parks and Recreation." This Galentine's Day event featured about 20 local women-owned businesses offering samples, demonstrations, and sales of jewelry, coffees, sweets, skincare products, candles, postcards, glass art, and much more. About 100 women came to shop and celebrate. Thank you to Heidi of Sugarbytes Cupcakes and More for curating the vendor list and organizing a day of women celebrating women.



## HUMAN SERVICES

### RESIDENTIAL RELIEF PROGRAM UPDATE

As of February 28, the City has awarded \$366,499.83 in assistance to 82 households. Under the current program criteria, residents with arrears accumulated between the eligible timeline of March 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021, are encouraged to apply. The City recognizes COVID-19 continues to be a financial challenge for residents in 2022. Staff are collecting requests for 2022 and created a notification list if adjustments to the program are made.

The King County Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Program (EPRAP) program rate of expenditure has exceeded original assistance projections, leading to funds being expended quicker, leaving thousands of households still in need of assistance. The County wants to prioritize serving those currently enrolled, so the application window for new applications closed on February 28, 2022. The County plans to continue seeking additional federal and state funding to support the 10,943 pre-registered households still waiting for assistance.

Staff are evaluating how to adjust program guidelines to meet the need of households who continue to be financially impacted by C-19 into 2022 and those who may not be served by EPRAP. For more information about the ARPA funded relief programs, review the most recent [UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL](#).



### 2023-2024 HUMAN SERVICES GRANT WORKSHOPS

The application to request 2023-2024 Human Services funding from Kirkland and 15 other cities will open **March 14, 2022** and close **at 4:30PM on April 28, 2022**. There are two workshops in March to provide an overview of the application process. All are welcome to attend, but this will be especially helpful for organizations who are applying for the first time and/or new staff. For more information about Human Services funding, please visit [WWW.SHARE1APP.ORG](http://WWW.SHARE1APP.ORG).

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
March 15, 2022, from 1-3PM	Human Services Grant Workshop	<a href="#">ZOOM</a>	<a href="http://WWW.SHARE1APP.ORG">WWW.SHARE1APP.ORG</a>
March 16, 2022, from 9-11AM	Human Services Grant Workshop	<a href="#">ZOOM</a>	<a href="http://WWW.SHARE1APP.ORG">WWW.SHARE1APP.ORG</a>

### WINTER 2022 YOUTH COUNCIL MINI GRANTS

The Kirkland Youth Council offers a mini-grant program for teen-related programs and services. The purpose of these grants is to provide short-term, limited funding to Kirkland youth and community groups for projects, activities, events, and training. Typical grant awards range from \$250 to \$1000. Members of the Kirkland Youth Council review grant requests three times every year, usually in October, January, and April. For the winter review cycle, the Youth Council made the following recommendations:

- \$500 - International Community School, Mock Trial
- \$200 - International Community School, Pyra Literary Magazine
- \$500 - Lake Washington Lacrosse, Registration Fees
- \$400 - Youth Eastside Services, JHS Latinx Student Club

Eligible community and school groups are encouraged to submit applications for the spring review deadline on April 15. The application can be completed [ONLINE](#) or [DOWNLOADED](#).



## 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 on the project and has not been impacted by the concrete strike. The park is expected to be fully 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 has been impacted by the concrete strike. Construction began the last week of August 2021 and was expected to be finished by March but that has the new date is unknown due to the strike.

*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.

*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

Over the past 9 months, staff have worked to update our Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS). In partnership with our consultants, we've conducted surveys, held multiple community conversations, hosted focus groups, and received many emails and calls with feedback from Kirkland community members. Here are the next and final steps in this process.

- March 9, 2022: Park Board Meeting to review draft PROS Plan Executive Summary, Goals and Objectives and draft ADA Transition Plan
- April 13, 2022: Park Board Meeting for draft PROS Plan review and PROS Plan Public Hearing
- April 27, 2022: Park Board Special Meeting to final PROS Plan review and to recommend to City Council
- May 2022: City Council Meeting to review final PROS Plan for adoption

More information is available on the [PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE \(PROS\) PLAN WEBSITE](#), along with details about the plan and ways to get involved.

*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 May 2022 with an anticipated adoption by City Council.

### TOTEM LAKE PARK

Additional shade options are being explored for hopeful installation before summer.

*Background of the Project:* With the acquisition of a parcel adjoining Totem Lake Park, the City created a new neighborhood park. The park included pathways, an inclusive playground, restrooms, scenic view locations, environmental restoration and a boardwalk connecting the park through the eastern side of the lake property to the Cross Kirkland Corridor.



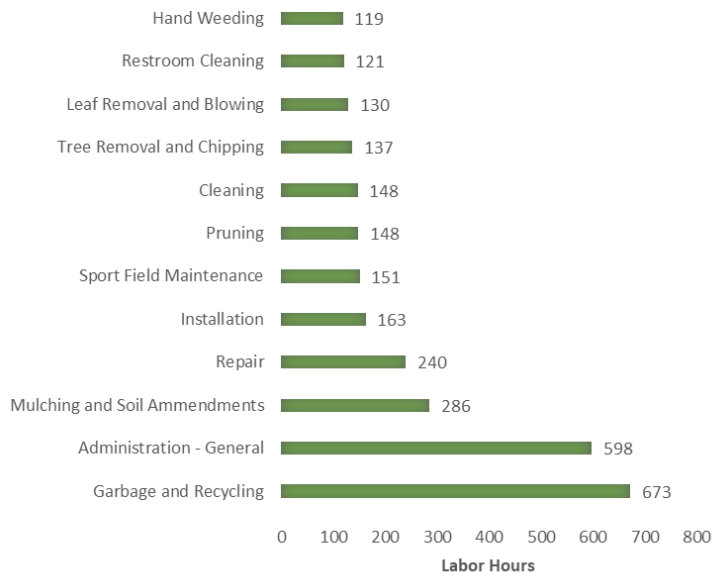
Progress at 132nd Square Park





## PARKS MANAGEMENT

### FEBRUARY TOP 12 TASKS



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.



1 new acre enrolled based on data received from Stewards & crews by 2.28.22



4 acres maintained based on data received from Stewards & crews by 2.28.22



4 new Stewards enrolled as of 2.28.22



114 volunteers participated as of 2.28.22

### EVERY DAY IS VALENTINES

The community loves Kirkland parks every day and Parks Management does too! Here are some highlights of the love we gave our parks in February:

#### BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Prepped fields for spring with top dressing, fertilizer, and aeration at Everest, Crestwoods, Kirkland Middle School, Peter Kirk Elementary, Juanita Beach, Finn Hill Middle School and Peter Kirk Park.
- Installed pitching rubber receivers at Everest.
- Tested irrigation systems Peter Kirk Park, Finn Hill Middle School, and Everest.
- Spiked the warning tracks at Peter Kirk Park and Crestwoods.
- Transported and tested the new large LED screen for the drive-in movie at Juanita Beach.

#### HORTICULTURE

- Pruned trees and shrubs at Marina, Reservoir, Van Aalst, Peter Kirk Park, Juanita Beach, and Houghton Beach.
- Removed stumps at North Kirkland Community Center, Peter Kirk Park, and Everest.
- Inspected South Norway Hill for illegal tree cutting following reports and followed up with Planning Department.
- Installed irrigation at Lake Ave W Street End.
- Edged sidewalks and beds at all sites and added mulch to flower beds and tree rings.

#### SUPPORT

- Installed and opened new swing set at North Rose Hill Woodlands.
- Ran power to the restrooms at Peter Kirk Park to accommodate heaters for painting.
- Removed damaged sheet rock from the ceiling of the McAuliffe storage area.
- Repaired broken two rail fence at Lake Ave W Street End.
- Installed non-slip stair treads on the stairs to the shelters at Juanita Beach.
- Inspected all play structures and made repairs as required.
- Installed a new fountain and water bottle filling station at Marina Park.



New Water Bottle Station at Marina Park

**NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP**

- Removed vandalized trail signage from Crestwoods.
- Installed permanent Green Kirkland Partnership signage at several parks and open spaces.
- Assisted volunteers with planning and implementing trail maintenance at Crestwoods.
- Installed hundreds of bareroot trees and shrubs at Watershed, North Rose Hill Woodlands, and Rose Hill Meadows.
- Provided tools and supplies to UW Bothell students implementing restoration work at North Rose Hill Woodlands.
- Treated invasive trees, primarily holly and laurel, with stem injection at more than a dozen natural area locations.

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March 22, 2022, from 6-7:30PM	New Green Kirkland Steward Orientation	Online	<a href="https://www.greenkirkland.org">GREENKIRKLAND.ORG</a>
March 23, 2022, from 10AM – 12PM	Monthly Stewardship Wednesdays at Juanita Bay Park	Juanita Bay Park	<a href="https://www.greenkirkland.org">GREENKIRKLAND.ORG</a>

**RECREATION SERVICES****STAFF UPDATE: WELCOME ADAM**

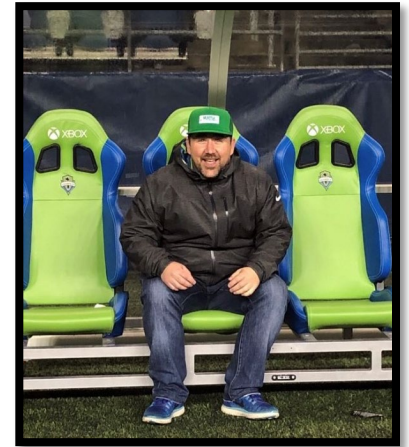
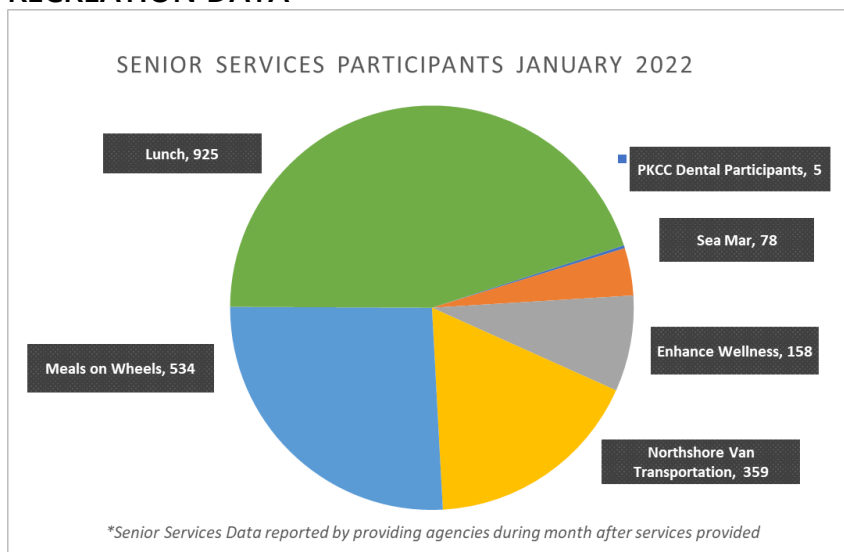
Adam Quaintance joined the Recreation Division on February 22, 2022, as the Recreation Supervisor at the North Kirkland Community Center. Adam joined us from the non-profit Sno-King Youth Club where he was the Executive Director for the past eight years. He brings a wealth of sports programming expertise as well as an entrepreneurial spirit to his new role. We are happy to have Adam join the team!

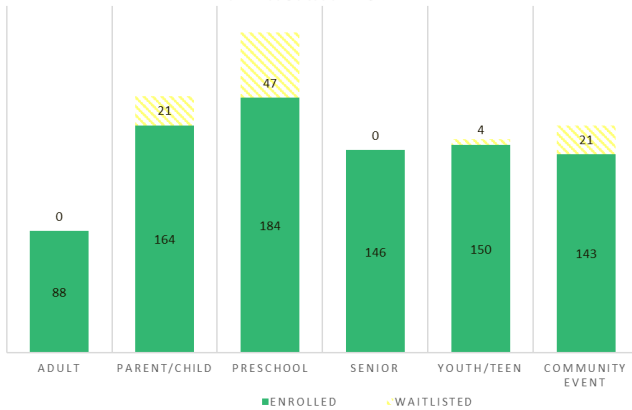
**RECREATION SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE**

In the first two months of the year, scholarships were awarded to thirteen community members, allowing residents to participate in multiple recreation programs. A total of \$1085.81 scholarship funds have been dispersed as of the end of February 2022.

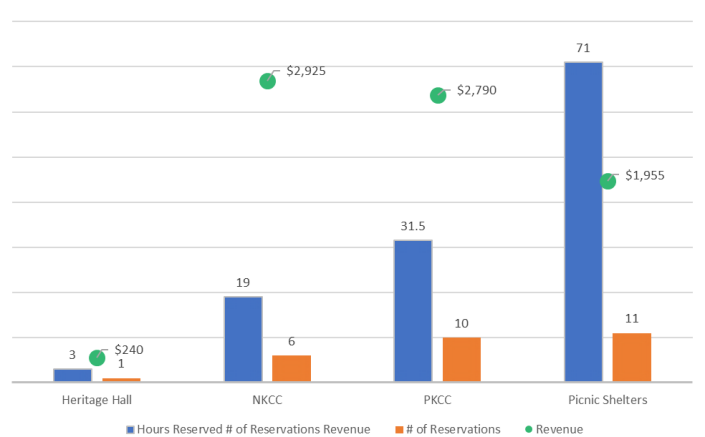
The scholarship program is funded by donations from individuals and community groups. We are grateful for the support of all who contributed to this program.

To learn more about recreation scholarships including how to apply for a scholarship and how to donate to the scholarship fund, please visit [WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/RECREATIONSCHOLARSHIPS](http://WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/RECREATIONSCHOLARSHIPS).

**RECREATION DATA**

PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS BEGINNING  
FEBRUARY 2022

FACILITY RENTALS - FEBRUARY 2022



## 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 such as parks, parking lots and streets, 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).



### VALENTINE'S DAY DASH

Alexander's Hope, a Kirkland based non-profit, hosted the annual Valentine's Day Dash 5K run/walk event on February 12 at Marina Park. Nearly three hundred people registered to support the organization's efforts to spread awareness about organ donation and provide lifesaving cardiac tests to high school students while teaching them CPR and how to operate an AED. The city's event day support included safety inspections and six off-duty Kirkland police officers. Learn more about Alexander's Hope at [ALEXANDERSHOPE.ORG](http://ALEXANDERSHOPE.ORG).

### SPECIAL EVENT CODE & POLICY REVIEW

The department is currently reviewing the City's special event program. During the last week of January staff hosted two community listening sessions to gather feedback from residents, business owners, event producers and other community groups. Key topics of discussion included event fees, scheduling and the permitting process, all-ages beer and wine garden access, and mobile event restrictions. Feedback received will help inform recommended changes that balance the broad needs and interests of our community. Staff will draft and present recommendations to City Council in March.

#### DATE/TIME

March 27, 2022  
Noon - 5:00 PM  
April 30, 2022  
9:00 AM - Noon

#### EVENT

Nowruz Celebration  
  
Oral Cancer Awareness  
Walk

#### LOCATION

Marina Park  
  
Juanita Beach Park

#### OTHER INFO

[ISOWS.ORG](http://ISOWS.ORG)  
  
[ORALCANCERFOUNDATION.ORG](http://ORALCANCERFOUNDATION.ORG)