



Kenmore NEWSLETTER

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15 Years After Incorporation: Have We Made Any Progress? *Mayor David Baker Reflects Upon Kenmore's Investments and Services*

The City of Kenmore is approaching its 15th birthday. Looking back over the years to our City's incorporation in August of 1998, I am pleased with the progress we all have made together. Since incorporation, the City has invested more than \$108 million in its infrastructure, including \$79 million in roads. Bothell Way is a good example. By landing State and Federal grants and combining those grants with local dollars, the City has invested more than \$67 million to improve Bothell Way, including segments of approaching connector streets and the Burke-Gilman Trail tunnel. Going from virtually no places for people to safely walk on Bothell Way to wide new sidewalks has made a world of difference. We are now a more safe and walkable community. And new sidewalks aren't the only benefit of the Bothell Way improvements – increased safety and capacity for cars, transit, and bicycles, as well as new landscaping, lighting, and improved aesthetics are all part of the recent Bothell Way improvements.

Road improvements aren't the only infrastructure investments the City has made since its 1998 incorporation. The City has made significant headway in resolving flooding issues (new 73rd Avenue bridge for example), and the City has made new investments in its parks over the years. Park examples include the new play structure and restrooms at Log Boom Park, new amenities added to Rhododendron Park, new and improved public athletic fields at Bastyr University, and acquisition of just over 86 acres of new park land and open space, such as Twin Springs and Squire's Landing.

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The Kenmore Police Department hosts an annual afterschool academy for students at Kenmore Junior High. In the above photo, students learn about King County's Marine Patrol Unit and go for an exhilarating boat ride.

Celebrate Parks Appreciation Day by Volunteering on April 20

Celebrate Earth Day, Arbor Day, National Parks Week and your local parks in one fun event. You'll be a part of a major City-wide effort to spruce up our parks. Please join us on **Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to noon** in celebration of Parks Appreciation Day by beautifying Rhododendron Park, Log Boom Park, and Wallace Swamp Creek Park.

The event will happen rain or shine. Individuals, families and community groups are encouraged to participate. Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Please RSVP to Volunteer and Events Coordinator Cindy Shelton at cshelton@kenmorewa.gov or by calling 425-398-8900. If you can, please bring gloves and basic gardening tools as the City will have limited quantities available. Water and light snacks will be provided.

Did you volunteer with the City during 2012? Please join us for our inaugural Volunteer Appreciation Celebration the evening of Tuesday, April 23. For more information and to RSVP contact Cindy Shelton at cshelton@kenmorewa.gov.

For additional event information, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/events.



Volunteers are Important People! Join our VIP Club today by contacting the City at 425-398-8900. Thank you to Cub Scout Pack 564 for beautifying Rhododendron Park!

Meet Your Council

Contact Council at
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Becoming a City has made these infrastructure investments possible. By incorporating, we have been able to 1) keep local tax dollars local and 2) bring in outside funding (grants).

Infrastructure is only part of our post-incorporation story. I believe the safety and security of its citizens is government's first job, and Kenmore has lived up to this principle. Prior to incorporation, Kenmore was part of several unincorporated police patrol districts in the County, with a rough equivalent of about eight Sheriff Deputies assigned to the City. None of these officers were dedicated exclusively to Kenmore. Post-incorporation, we have 14 sworn police officers dedicated exclusively to Kenmore. This increased police presence has doubled our minimum 24/7 coverage from about one officer (pre-incorporation) to two officers (post-incorporation). In addition, the City's police department has added many new youth and other crime prevention programs in our schools and communities.

While the City has been able to improve services and infrastructure since cityhood, the City's financial health is also an important component in answering the "Have we made any progress?" question. I am pleased to report that our financial condition is solid. Although the flat and declining revenues in recent years have not been easy, we have adjusted accordingly. We have strong fund balances and virtually no debt (we inherited a relatively small debt obligation for King County surface water projects prior to Kenmore becoming a City). The City has used a "pay as you go" approach to infrastructure by paying cash and leveraging grants for its various capital projects.

In addition, the City's taxes are comparable to our neighboring jurisdictions. For example, Kenmore's combined utility taxes and utility franchise fees are lower than those of the four cities that touch Kenmore's borders (using a weighted average; see City Manager's 2013-2014 budget message).

Have we made progress since incorporation? Yes, we have. Do we still have more to do? Absolutely. Infrastructure, both preserving what we have and building new, continues to be a priority. Finishing the Bothell Way improvements from 65th Avenue NE west to the city limits is in the works. We have the grants and local dollars available to complete the next phase from 65th Avenue NE to 61st Avenue NE. Going after the funds to replace the southbound Sammamish River Bridge (68th Avenue NE) is



Each July and August, thousands of kids, teens and adults dance their way over to the City-sponsored Summer Concert Series at St. Edward State Park. The six-week series features a wide array of music from bluesgrass to Hawaiian.

also front and center. You should also expect to see major asphalt overlay projects on Juanita Drive in 2013.

We are also updating our Parks Plan in order to leverage grant dollars for even more park improvements, so stay tuned. In the near-term, we plan on installing a boater-friendly seasonal float and ramp at the Log Boom Park pier, as well as a new hand-powered watercraft float and ramp on the east side of the 68th Avenue NE Bridge (south shore of the Sammamish River). We are also partnering with Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife to improve the boat launch in 2014, including doubling the width of the launch, new restrooms with flush toilets and electricity, new pavement for parking, and new landscaping.

There is certainly more we can do than there are dollars and time available. Yet, this great City and its citizens have made meaningful, noticeable progress in improving quality of life, and we are committed to wisely leveraging and stretching our dollars to continue this important upward trajectory of making Kenmore an even more amazing place to live, work, and recreate.

Mayor David Baker

What's New with Economic Development

The City Council's #1 Goal for 2013-2014 is Economic Development, and the biennial budget adopted in late 2012 features increased City investment in an ambitious economic development work program.

The 2009 Economic Development Strategy guides the way through four main goals: Promote Kenmore's Image; Support Existing Businesses and Expand Employment; Create a Vibrant, Walkable Downtown; and Advance the Community's Connection to the Lake.

Here are some of the initiatives we are working on in 2013:

Strategic Marketing and Messaging

You will be seeing more about Kenmore in business publications, a result of our work on media relations and using consistent messaging. Our City website is also upgrading to an easier-to-navigate and effective marketing arm that helps promote the city.

Kenmore Business Incubator:

The Council approved a two-year pilot program that offers start-up businesses low cost work space and business mentoring and assistance. The Kenmore Business Incubator is up and running in a 3,000-square-foot office space in downtown

Kenmore. For information or application materials, please contact the City Manager's Office.



Business Registration Program:

The Council will consider an Ordinance this Spring to establish an annual Business Registration requirement for local businesses, in partnership with the Washington State Department of Revenue's Master License program. This low cost, online registration will help us produce and publish a Kenmore business directory, connect with and learn more about existing businesses and build more opportunities and events to help businesses.

Free Seminars for Kenmore Businesses

Save the date for **April 25, 7-8:30 p.m.** at Kenmore City Hall. Free Seminar, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Business Plans," offered by Barry Weisband, for Kenmore residents and businesses and

Bastyr University graduates and students.

Business After-Hours Network Event:

Save the Date **May 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** for our next informal networking event for Kenmore businesses at Kenmore City Hall. Updates on downtown redevelopment and an opportunity to meet other business people!

Economic Gardening:

The City will be starting a new Economic Gardening Program for increasing jobs through entrepreneurship and small business investment. There are three components to economic gardening: 1) Infrastructure: Building and supporting infrastructure (e.g. streets, parks, schools); 2) Connectivity: Improving the interaction among business owners and resource providers; and 3) Market Information/Business Assistance: Improving access to information on competitors, markets and customers.

In 2013, the City's Community Development Department is focusing on the third component of economic gardening. The City's goal is to research available resources and develop user-friendly information provided on the City's website that will help improve business access to market-based information.

Kenmore Village Update

The 9.6-acre Kenmore Village site, located at the northwest corner of NE 181st Street and 68th Avenue NE, is positioned to facilitate the arrival of new investment to the Kenmore Village properties and the downtown quadrants.

In June 2012, the City and Kenmore Camera approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the 17,000-square-foot former Grocery Outlet building. Assuming the sale is finalized, this will allow Kenmore Camera to expand its retail business and classes in downtown Kenmore.

Also in June 2012, the City Council affirmed that the objective is to bring the Kenmore Village properties to market in a way that advances the City's goals for the downtown. In September, following several public meetings in June and July, Council affirmed the following positioning statement, "Kenmore Village is a walkable place with a public square where Kenmore area residents and workers can meet their daily needs and see one another face-to-face." Council also reviewed specific actions the City should take or commit to before putting the property on the market and in October adopted Code provisions that allow for development

agreements that will give some flexibility in development standards for future development at Kenmore Village.

In October 2012, the Council gave direction to move forward with taking the Kenmore Village properties to market. In December 2012, the City listed the properties with commercial brokers Colliers International and Jones Lang LaSalle to assist the City in finding prospective buyers for the property. The southern (commercial) and northern (residential) segments of the property were marketed to be purchased separately or together.

As of February 2013, 16 offers came in for both the upper residential and lower commercial properties. At the February 25, 2013 Council meeting, the City Manager discussed his recommendation for the top several proposals to move forward in the process. The proposals for the northern lot include apartments and townhomes. The proposals for the southern lot include retail, office, and medical office. The City's goal is to be under contract for sale of the property by May 2013.

For more information, and to learn how to be involved in the process, contact the City Manager's Office at 425-398-8900.

City Council Adopts 2013-2014 Biennial Budget

No Increase in the Property Tax Levy for Ninth Consecutive Year

\$20 Vehicle Fee and Proposed 5% Water & Sewer Franchise Fee Included for Transportation

The City's budget for 2013-2014 was adopted by the City Council on November 26, 2012. The Council voted to maintain the same property tax levy in 2013 as in 2012, with no increase, other than new taxes resulting from new construction going on the tax rolls. The Council has not raised the levy for nine years. About 12 percent of a Kenmore taxpayer's total property tax bill goes to the City. The remaining taxes go to the State, County, School District, and Fire District. The adopted budget maintains levels of service for operations, public safety, and maintenance. The budget increases City investment in public safety, roads, parks, surface water facilities, and economic development. New programs, such as a business incubator and additional pavement preservation efforts, are included in the adopted budget.

General Fund

The City's General Fund expenditure budget for 2013-2014 is \$21,714,108 (this includes a \$2.5 million transfer of reserves to a new Strategic Opportunities or "Rainy Day" Fund). \$8.4 million of the two-year budget comes from property taxes. Other sources include sales tax, utility taxes, fees, and other revenues (see chart). The General Fund is used to provide services to Kenmore residents, including public safety, human services, planning and development, park maintenance, emergency response, public works and engineering. Fire and emergency medical services are not included in the City's budget because these services are provided by the Northshore Fire District.

Street Fund

The Street Fund, which pays for maintenance and rehabilitation of the City's roads, has experienced a decline in its fund balance as certain revenue sources are discontinued (excise taxes) or dwindle (gas tax). Although the General Fund has been subsidizing the Street Fund, economic challenges make this more difficult each year.

To bridge the gap, the adopted budget includes reductions in expenditures plus two new revenue sources to help pay for road maintenance needs. One is a \$20 annual vehicle fee which was approved by the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) on November 20, 2012. Collection of the fee will begin in June, 2013.

Second, a 5 percent franchise fee on water and sewer utilities is included in the budget. Up to this time, there has been no City utility tax or franchise fee for water or sewer. The purpose of the fee is to pay for the cost of administering a franchise with Northshore Utility District (NUD) and to compensate for impacts on the City's roads and streets. Although the franchise fee for water and sewer will be paid to the City by NUD, the cost will be passed on directly to the rate payers. The anticipated additional cost to a typical household would be about \$4.32 per month. Even with this new franchise fee, Kenmore's overall utility taxes and franchise fees for all of its utilities (electric, natural gas, water, sewer, garbage, cable), is the lowest among its neighbors (using a weighted average).

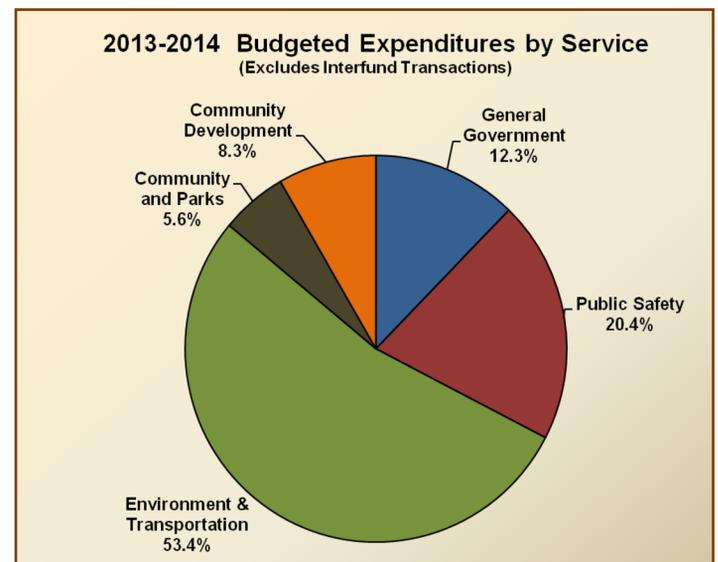
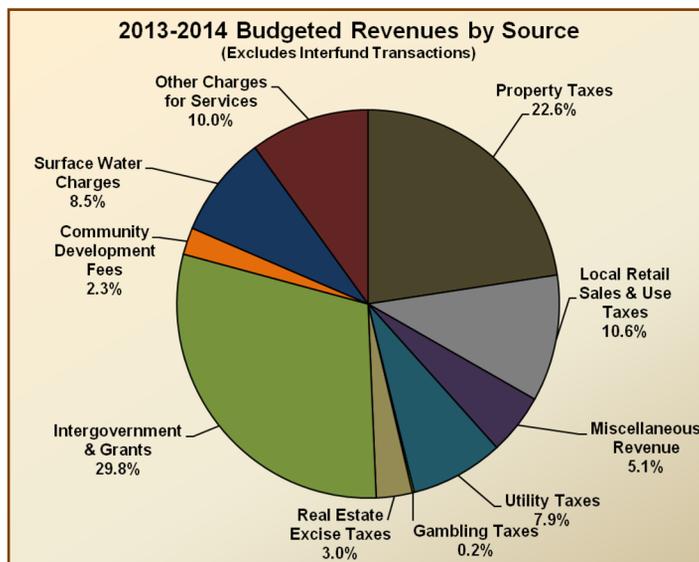
The Budget also includes over \$6 million in new grant funds for transportation and road preservation capital projects, which supplement \$4.25 million already awarded but not yet spent.

Reductions in expenditures, combined with the new revenue sources, will help the City maintain basic services and make significant headway toward achieving the City Council goals.

The adopted budget and the City Manager's budget letter can be found on the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/finance. For questions or comments about the budget, contact Finance Director Joanne Gregory or City Manager Rob Karlinsey at 425-398-8900.

Where the City's money comes from and where it goes...

The charts illustrate the City's various sources of revenues and how they are spent:



City Departments Reflect on 2012 Programs

2012 was a productive and challenging year for the City. The following pages report on the City's major accomplishments and highlights during the last calendar year.

City Council

The City Council had an eventful 2012 and led the City on important policy and budget issues. A few City Council highlights are as follows:

- Hired a new city manager;
- Adopted and implemented Council Goals for the City;
- Started Town Hall meetings to provide for more community engagement;
- Adopted the 2013-2014 Budget;
- Confirmed the downtown goals and strategy for Kenmore Village;
- Led an intergovernmental relations effort to secure state and federal funds for Kenmore and make our voices heard;
- Initiated the Business Incubator Program and other economic development programs;
- Established a paperless policy for City Council and Commission meetings;
- Awarded Playful City USA status and First Lady's Let's Move award; and
- Led efforts to beautify the community, from new street banners to blackberry eradication, to holiday lights on street trees, and more.

Keep current on City Council information by signing up for alerts at www.kenmorewa.gov/contactus or by emailing cityhall@kenmorewa.gov.



City Council hosted several public forums about the Kenmore Village property. In the above photo, Council (right) are joined by well respected commercial and residential real estate professionals (left) for a discussion on the realities of the market. Citizens had the opportunity to ask questions.

City Manager's Office

The City Manager's Office had a busy year as we led the implementation of the City Council's goals. Chief among those goals was advancing economic development – helping new businesses thrive and setting the table for future businesses. The disposition of Kenmore Village was one of our top priorities, and we were pleased with the extensive community outreach efforts and citizen input as we reaffirmed the goals for the property and listed them for sale (see related article on Kenmore Village).

Other 2012 highlights in the City Manager's Office include:

- Negotiated and executed a purchase and sale agreement with Kenmore Camera for the former Grocery Outlet space in Kenmore Village, allowing Kenmore Camera to stay and expand in Kenmore;
- Consolidated administrative duties at City Hall and thereby eliminated a vacant administrative position;
- Implemented Business Incubator Program;
- Developed a social media policy and started a Facebook page;
- Conducted Lake Washington sediment testing;
- Completed the police contract review;
- Established a new volunteer policy and program;

- Held the "business plan" Business Seminar and Business After-Hours networking event;
- Joined the Chamber of Commerce and began helping to establish a more organized group of Kenmore businesses;
- In partnership with the property owner, began drafting an outline for a new Lakepointe development strategy;
- Coordinated interagency efforts on SR 520 bridge component construction at Kenmore Industrial Park;
- Conducted many City events, including six summer concerts, Fourth of July Fireworks Show, and the Tree Lighting event;
- Produced a City website update plan;
- Planned and coordinated several park cleanup events;
- Developed and implemented new Adopt-A-Street and Adopt-A-Park programs; and
- Installed a new performance measurement system for City departments.

City Manager Rob Karlinsey may be contacted at rkarlinsey@kenmorewa.gov. Assistant City Manager Nancy Ousley may be contacted at nousley@kenmorewa.gov.

Finance and Administration

The Finance and Administration Department consists of financial and accounting services, personnel services, risk management, and city clerk services. Department responsibilities include budget preparation and oversight, financial reporting, accounts payable and accounts receivable, human resources management; claims and incident processing; property and liability insurance maintenance; Council meeting support; City records management; Kenmore Municipal Code updates; and official City document processing.

2012 highlights in Finance and Administration include:

- Assisted with recruitments for and hiring of a new City Manager, City Engineer, City Clerk, Custodian and Surface Water Technician;
- Completed a comparable compensation

study, and new pay ranges which were adopted by the City Council. In conjunction with that study, a complete update and rewrite of all job descriptions was performed;

- Turnover in the City Clerk's position created an opportunity to eliminate an Office Assistant position, and some of those duties were distributed to other staff across all departments. Responsibility for public records requests was transferred from the City Clerk to a position in the City Manager's office;

- Awarded 2 percent reduction in medical insurance premiums as a result of transitioning to a lower cost medical benefit plan in 2011 and through the concerted efforts of the wellness program;

- Helped transition the City Council and leadership team to paperless agendas using iPads, which is expected to save more

than \$23,000 over the first 3 years through reduction of paper usage, copy costs, and staff time;

- Implemented a new financial forecast planning tool which, although still under development, will provide a long-term perspective on the sustainability of the City's current funding and levels of service; and
- Formulated and presented the 2013-2014 biennial budget to the City Council, and adopted on November 26, 2012.

The results of the annual audit are not mentioned because, at the initiation of the State Auditor's Office, the City was offered and accepted the opportunity to combine the 2011 and 2012 audit periods into one review to take place early in 2013, due to our clean audit experience.

Finance & Administration Director Joanne Gregory may be contacted at jgregory@kenmorewa.gov.

Community Development

The Community Development Department is responsible for park development and long-range planning, including the Comprehensive Plan, changes in land use regulations, downtown plan, Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) plan and Shoreline Master Program.

Shoreline Master Program

In March 2012, the Department of Ecology approved the City's Shoreline Master Program (SMP). Ecology's approval was appealed in June 2012, but the March 2013 decision on the appeal upheld Ecology's approval. The SMP was upheld in February 2013. The SMP provides policies and development regulations for "shores of the state." In Kenmore, these areas include Lake Washington, the Sammamish River (Slough), the main stem of Swamp Creek, and all lands 200 feet landward of or associated with these waters.

2012 parks highlights in Community Development include:

- Hired a temporary parks project manager to assist with park development and updating the City's park plan;
- In October 2012, with the assistance of several volunteers, a new piece of playground equipment was installed at Rhododendron Park;
- Public meetings were held in June and October to receive input on proposed improvements at Northshore Summit Park, including site drainage improvements and a small playground. Survey work at Northshore Summit Park began in December 2012 to identify the boundaries of the wetland, park boundary and topography. At its March 18, 2013 meeting, the City Council discussed the survey results and gave direction to move forward on park improvements;



Squire's Landing is an undeveloped 40-acre park located along the northern bank of the Sammamish River. In 2010, the City received a \$100,000 grant for restoration of a 3-acre area. Activities have included a combination of weed control/weed removal by Earth Corps and the public works crew, native planting by volunteers, and environmental assistance from ESA Associates.

- Started discussions with the City of Seattle regarding potential trail improvements of the Tolt Pipeline right-of-way between 68th Ave NE and 73rd Ave NE; and
- Completed a significant phase of wetland restoration work to remove invasive vegetation in 200 linear feet of the buffer along Swamp Creek at Squire's Landing park.

Community Development Director Debbie Bent may be contacted at dbent@kenmorewa.gov.

Public Works

The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the City's parks and other City-owned property, streets and surface water, facilities, fleet, and franchise utility right-of-way permitting. The City executes this work through a combination of its own employees and contract services.

2012 highlights in Public Works include:

- Received 965 requests for service from citizens via email and phone calls. Public Works is responsible for the overall management of the Citizen Action Request System and handles about 75 percent of the total requests;
- Started beautification efforts along SR 522 with the removal of blackberries and scotch broom and planting of native plants;
- Installed new street banners along SR 522 and 68th Ave NE. The street banners are part of the City's overall Wayfinding and Signage Project planned to be implemented over the next few years;
- Received and processed 163 utility right-of-way permit applications for the City's roads. Right-of-way permits are important to keep the City's infrastructure preserved and restored to the highest possible standard and to ensure public and worker safety;
- Installed a new layer of asphalt on 1.28 miles of roadway, including upgrades to 8 ADA ramps. Public works ran the crack sealing operation for 2 weeks, completing portions of NE 68th Ave, NE 80th Ave, and NE 170th St/Simonds Rd;
- Awarded \$636,725 in federal funds to overlay Juanita Drive between NE 175th St to the City limits at NE 143rd St. Design and



construction will be completed in 2013;

- Hosted three recycling events: two residential (fall and spring) and one business event (fall). In 2012 residents and businesses dropped off 1,109 loads totaling over 73 tons of recyclable materials; and
- Worked with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on installing a battery backup for the traffic signal at SR 522 & 61st Ave NE. This will allow the signal to function normally during a power outage.

Public Works Operations Manager Jennifer Gordon may be reached at jgordon@kenmorewa.gov.

Development Services

Development services are a vital component of economic development, the quality of life, and public safety. The Development Services Department is responsible for oversight of proposed development and permitting throughout the City. The department's mission is to implement City Council's vision of providing a safe community while improving the quality of life; to continue to provide clear, accurate, and predictable project review and permitting information to the applicant and their design team in a timely and efficient manner; to continue to improve efficiencies with input from the development review team, builders, designers, and the public; and to act as a one-stop-shop for all permitting within the City.

The City continues to receive positive praise and feedback for the recent amendments to development regulations and services. Over 100 pages of Code regulations were eliminated. The amended regulations and services streamlined the processes, eliminated redundancies, added new clarifying regulations and created a consistent format. In addition, the permitting process was streamlined by providing predictable and precise information to

property owners, designers, developers and builders from the start and throughout the project. As an example, the department implemented development review team meetings that occur at pivotal points in the process and established a single point of contact for the customer throughout the life of the project. The

fee for a preapplication conference was eliminated to encourage development, increase communication, and provide a higher level of customer service.

Other 2012 highlights in Development Services include:

- Completed development reviews for 56 land-use applications and/or SEPA determinations (40% increase from 2011);
- Completed development review for 71 new single-family residences (54% increase from 2011); and
- Issued building permits for 85 new single-family residences (150% increase from 2011); and
- Completed 2,904 construction inspections.

Development Services Director Bryan Hampson may be contacted at bhampson@kenmorewa.gov.



Engineering & Environmental Services

The Engineering & Environmental Services group is responsible for design, environmental work, permitting and construction of surface water and transportation capital projects. The team is also responsible for implementation of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Program (NPDES), development review engineering and inspection, traffic counts, accident records, and Citizen Action Requests.

SR 522 Project

The City was awarded a \$5.2 million grant to help construct the SR 522 West A Segment (61st to 65th Avenues NE) from the State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). This award was the highest dollar value TIB grant in the entire State! Construction on the West A Segment is anticipated to begin in 2014. The West B Segment (western city limits to 61st Avenues NE) is not funded for construction at this time and will remain at the 90 percent design level until funding is acquired.

Surface Water Program

In 2012, our Surface Water Program technician inspected and documented an impressive 4,570 catch basins, 55 manholes, approximately 12 miles of open

drainage (ditches and swales), 102 private drainage facilities, 152 public drainage facilities, and 1,656 drainage points (pipe and ditch inlets and outlets). The inspections resulted in 81 public facility work orders, which is approximately a \$200,000 investment in the City's system.

Additional Accomplishments

- Approximately 354 catch basins and 2.3 miles of stormwater pipe were cleaned; and
- Received \$120,000 and was awarded an additional \$300,000 from the County Conservation Futures Program to purchase flood-prone property along 73rd Avenue NE. Demolition of three purchased structures along 73rd Avenue NE is anticipated for spring 2013.

Capital Projects Management

- Two separate projects – culvert and traffic signal – at 61st Avenue NE & NE 181st Street were awarded and started in

2012. The Culvert Project is substantially complete, with punch list items underway. The Traffic Signal Project is anticipated

- to be complete spring 2013 (weather permitting). We also:
- Replaced the pedestrian stairway at Kenlake Place and NE 190th Street;
 - Installed a new traffic signal along Juanita Avenue Drive NE at NE 145th Street;
 - Awarded a grant for the 68th Avenue NE Sidewalk Project (east side of the road between NE 182nd and NE 185th Streets). Construction will begin in 2014; and
 - Started design work on the stream

"0057" Channel Relocation Project near Simonds Road. Construction is anticipated in 2013 or 2014, depending on seasonal fish protection windows.

Engineering & Environmental Services Director Kris Overleese may be reached at koverleese@kenmorewa.gov.



Police Department

The City's police contract partnership with the King County Sheriff continues to work well. Kenmore enjoys one of the lowest per capita crime rates in the region and has the lowest crime rate among its neighboring cities here at the north end of the Lake (see Sheriff's report for the March 18, 2013 City Council meeting). At the same time, Kenmore's police cost per capita is among the lowest in the region.

In 2011, the City responded to the Sheriff Precinct closure by moving the police department to City Hall. By doing so, the City not only kept its police headquarters inside the City but also realized a cost reduction on its police contract with the Sheriff.

In 2012 the City increased its police force by one patrol officer, for a total of 14 officers assigned to the City. The



Kirkland annexation of the unincorporated area between Kenmore and Woodinville required Kenmore to add an additional officer to maintain a two-officer 24/7 minimum staffing coverage for patrol.

The Kenmore Police Department is very active in the community and offered

the following programs and services:

- Citizens Academy;
- Two Junior High School dances (funded through a State grant);
- Two Junior High School police academy courses (one class each in the spring and fall);

- Bicycle rodeo;
- Sixth grade drug awareness classes for the three schools;
- National Night Out Against Crime;
- Vacation house checks;
- Added several new block watches; and
- Conducted several home security inspections.

The police department also applied for and was awarded a grant from National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) for a prescription drug drop box at City Hall. This program enables residents to drop off expired and unused prescription drugs and have them safely disposed of without endangering the environment.

Thank you for the support you give our police department. We are here to serve you and keep Kenmore safe.

Juanita Drive Overlay Project this Summer

The City is in the process of preparing for a major overlay project along Juanita Drive. Earlier in the year, the City received a federal grant through the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to partially fund the Juanita Drive Overlay Project. A new layer of asphalt will be installed on Juanita Drive between NE 175th St to the City limits at NE 143rd St. Design and construction will be completed in summer of 2013. Sign up to receive City News email alerts at cityhall@kenmorewa.gov.

Help Shape the Future of Kenmore Parks

Join us on May 22 from 7 – 9 p.m. at City Hall for a Parks Forum and Open House to gather public opinion and attitudes about current and future park and recreation services available to Kenmore residents. This event is a vital element to the City's effort to update its Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan last adopted in 2003.

For additional information, please contact Parks Project Manager Marc Connelly at 425-398-8900 or via email at mconnelly@kenmorewa.gov.

Beautification Program Blooms this Spring

This spring the City will sprout its own beautification program. The objective of the program is to recognize the efforts property owners take to create and maintain their property and provide an inspiring environment. The program will be a friendly competition in five different categories: Best in City, Best Curb Appeal, Best Transformation, Best Sustainability, and Building a Sense of Community. Winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony.

More information will be available soon. Please continue to check our City website or contact Angelo Bonomi at 425-398-8900 or abonomi@kenmorewa.gov.

Transportation Benefit District

In response to the growing need to dedicate more funding toward improving City roads, the City created a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) in 2012. A TBD is a quasi-municipal corporation and independent taxing district created for the sole purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, providing, and funding transportation improvements within the district. The TBD limits are the same as Kenmore City boundaries. The Kenmore City Council serves as the TBD Board of Directors. At the first TBD meeting in July 2012, the Board selected officers and adopted several housekeeping items. Bob Hensel is the Board Chairperson.

At the November 20, 2012 TBD special meeting, after reviewing multiple funding source options, the Board adopted a \$20 annual Vehicle Fee funding source. This fee will be collected with renewal of vehicle licenses. The funds will be collected by the State and sent to the City of Kenmore. Collection will begin as soon as June of this year. Funds collected from the \$20 Vehicle Fee will be utilized for the City's annual Pavement Preservation Program. In 2013, the City will add a new layer of pavement to Juanita Drive NE.

Sammamish River Bridge Update

In August of 2012, the King County Bridge Group, on behalf of the City, performed its routine inspection of the two bridges over the Sammamish River on 68th Avenue NE. The condition of the younger northbound Sammamish River Bridge (constructed in the 1970s) is acceptable. The West Sammamish River Bridge (built in the 1930s) inspection, however, shows increased degradation and cracking. Our bridge engineering team does not know why the bridge cracking or "movement" is getting worse, as crack widths had been stable since the late 1990s.

As a result of the inspection, the County performed a load rating analysis of the southbound Sammamish River Bridge late in 2012. The County Bridge engineers do not recommend speed or load restrictions at this time. The City is working to contract with the County to implement a monitoring plan and to perform additional analysis. Staff also will be meeting with the State Bridge Engineer in the next several months to discuss bridge rehabilitation versus replacement and funding. The planning level cost estimate for a new bridge is \$20-30 million. It is too soon to know the timeline for the need to replace the bridge. Staff believes that the additional monitoring and analysis of the bridge support structure in 2013 will provide guidance for the next steps.

If you would like additional information about the Sammamish River Bridge condition, please visit the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov and review the staff report to the Transportation Benefit District Board on Monday, January 28, 2013. You may also contact City Engineer Kris Overleese at 425-398-8900.



Lake Washington/Kenmore Navigation Channel Sediment Sampling and Analysis Project Completed

Final Reports from State Ecology and Health Departments Due this Spring

The City's consultants from Anchor QEA have completed a study on lake bottom sediment and water samples from 30 locations along Kenmore's shoreline that shows that most of the areas studied have dioxin levels well below State cleanup requirements.

Fortunately, sediment samples taken in areas where people and pets may have contact with the lake bottom, such as Kenmore's Log Boom Park, the Boat Launch area near the mouth of the Sammamish River, and Lake Forest Park's Lyon Creek Park, showed dioxin below Ecology screening levels. Dioxins in sediments at two private marinas exceeded those levels, and Ecology will pursue further investigation of those areas in cooperation with the property owners. Those sediments are in privately-owned areas not readily accessible to people and pets.

The City was also interested in the sediment conditions in the Kenmore Navigation Channel to help determine sediment disposal options for future US Army Corps of Engineers maintenance

dredging of the Channel. The City has been working with the Congressional Delegation and the Corps of Engineers to support federal budget funding for the overdue maintenance dredging of the federal channel. The study results indicate that the least costly sediment disposal option may be appropriate.

The City of Kenmore paid for just under \$100,000 of the \$153,000 study. The State Department of Ecology, City of Lake Forest Park, and owners of Northlake Marina also participated in funding the study. Other property owners allowed access for the sampling, which took place in November 2012.

The Washington Department of Ecology will issue a final report this Spring which incorporates the data from the study, and the Washington Department of Health is preparing a Health Consultation Report, which is expected in late Spring. Please visit www.kenmorewa.gov for further information.

Shoreline Master Program

On February 27, 2013, the Growth Management Hearings Board issued a final decision and order dismissing the petition (appeal) of the City of Kenmore's Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The Shoreline Master Program went into effect on March 30, 2012 following the State Department of Ecology's approval issued on March 16, 2012. The City's SMP provides goals, policies, development regulations, and permitting procedures for "shorelines of the state," which in Kenmore includes Lake Washington, the Sammamish River, the main stem of Swamp Creek, and all lands 200 feet landward of or associated with these waters. Kenmore's Shoreline Master Program is available on the City's website, www.kenmorewa.gov/shoreline.

Boat Launch Improvements

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), in partnership with the City, will be making substantial improvements to the boat launch on 68th Avenue on the south side of the Sammamish River. These improvements include new restrooms with electricity and flush toilets, a wider boat launch ramp, new pavement, and new landscaping improvements. This work is expected to be completed in 2014. Funding for these improvements comes from a grant in the State's capital budget as well as resources from the City.

Prescription Drug Drop Box and Discount Cards Available at City Hall

Residents of Kenmore have a free and easy way to properly dispose of their prescription drugs. The City has installed a **prescription drug drop box** in the lobby of City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE. Turning in expired or unused prescription drugs for disposal is the only secure and environmentally sound way to dispose of leftover medicines. Residents may drop off medication Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays, no questions asked. We are able to accept any and all prescription drugs or other medications except for needles, fluids or inhalers.

Discount Cards:

The City, in collaboration with the National League of Cities (NLC), launched a program in 2012 to help provide Kenmore residents with some relief from the high cost of prescription medications. The NLC **Prescription Discount Card** can be used anytime your prescriptions are not covered by insurance. Since the launch of the program, Kenmore residents have saved an average of nearly 30 percent off the retail price of prescription medications. The discount card can be used by all residents of Kenmore and has no restrictions based on age, income level, or existing health coverage.

Residents can obtain a free NLC Prescription Discount Card online at www.caremark.com/nlc or in person at Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE. To locate the nearest participating pharmacy, visit www.caremark.com/nlc or call toll-free at 888-620-1749.

If you have any questions, please contact the City at 425-398-8900 or cityhall@kenmorewa.gov.

Upcoming Events

Coffee with Council

Espresso Works, 6734 NE 181st Street
1st Monday of each month; 7:30 a.m.
3rd Saturday of each month; 8 a.m.

Citizens are encouraged to attend these informal sessions to ask questions, discuss issues and offer suggestions on any topic of interest.

Northshore Summit Park Workshops

Kenmore City Hall
April 9 & April 30; 7 - 9 p.m.

Provide design ideas for the Northshore Summit Park play area and other park features.

Parks Appreciation Day

Log Boom Park, Rhododendron Park, &
Wallace Swamp Creek Park
April 20; 9 a.m. to noon

Celebrate Earth Day, Arbor Day, National Parks Week and your local parks in one fun event.

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Kenmore City Hall
April 23

Did you volunteer with the City during 2012? Be on the lookout for an invitation in the mail. Or, contact the City for details.

Parks Forum and Open House

Kenmore City Hall
May 22; 7 - 9 p.m.

Provide public opinion and attitudes about current and future park and recreation services available to Kenmore residents.

Town Hall Meeting

Kenmore City Hall
June 5; 7 p.m.

Join King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski and Kenmore Mayor David Baker for a town hall meeting.

Free Business Seminar

Kenmore City Hall
April 25; 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a free seminar – "Everything You Wanted to Know About Business Planning," offered by Barry Weisband. Pre-register on City's website.

Business After-Hours Networking Event

Kenmore City Hall
May 16; 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Kenmore business leaders are invited to an informal networking event to meet other business people and get an update on downtown redevelopment.

Northshore Summit Park Meetings April 9 & 30 • 7 p.m. • City Hall

At the March 18 Council Meeting, Council authorized staff to proceed with preparation of design and construction drawings for a first phase of park improvements, including an approximate 1,900-square-foot play area to be located west of the on-site wetland. There is \$190,000 allocated in the City's Capital Budget for improvements at Northshore Summit park.

Community workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, April 9 and Tuesday, April 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Kenmore City Hall. The purpose for the meetings is to gather information about design ideas for the play area and other park features. The goal is to construct improvements in the fall of this year.

For information about the park project, contact Park Projects Manager Marc Connelly at mconnelly@kenmorewa.gov or check for project updates on the City's website, www.kenmorewa.gov.

Arts of Kenmore Launching Gallery at City Hall this Spring

The City Council has approved an agreement with the Arts of Kenmore to oversee operation of a new City Hall Gallery. The City Hall Gallery will allow for the display on an ongoing basis on an art wall at City Hall. The art wall is a design feature of the building and the partnership between the City of Kenmore and the Arts of Kenmore allows the City to move forward with its goal of showcasing local artists. Access to this special venue is free and will provide the public with an opportunity to view the unique talent of participating artists.

The Arts of Kenmore will take the lead, in cooperation with the City, on call for artists, jury submissions, organizing openings, and handling the myriad necessary details. If you would like your artwork to be considered for the Kenmore City Hall Gallery, please contact charlene.freeman@me.com and request to be put on the "Call for Artists" database.

The Arts of Kenmore is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to encourage and promote all forms of the arts by the citizens of the area for the enrichment of the community. Since 1998, the Arts of Kenmore has produced the annual Kenmore Art Show. Hundreds of local artists have the opportunity to exhibit their work and the City of Kenmore is presented annually with a work of art from the show.

Look for an announcement about the Gallery Grand Opening on May 10!



Local artwork will be on display at City Hall as part of a new public gallery this Spring

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Meeting & Other Information

Kenmore City Council meets on the second, third, and fourth Mondays of the month at Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave. NE. The second and fourth Mondays are regular meetings. The third Monday is typically a study session. Meetings are open to the public, and public comments are accepted at the beginning of regular meetings. Meeting agendas and schedules are available on the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/council or contact the City Clerk's Office at 425-398-8900.

Coffee with Council: The Council invites you to have Coffee with Council at 7:30 a.m. on the 1st Monday and 8:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Espresso Works, 6734 NE 181st Street. Citizens are encouraged to attend these informal sessions to ask questions, discuss issues and offer suggestions on any topic of interest.

Kenmore Library Advisory Board holds meetings on the first Tuesday of even-numbered months at 7 p.m. in the Kenmore Library meeting room.

City News & Meeting Information is distributed through the City's listserv. Sign up to receive news and meeting information on the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/contactus or email cityhall@kenmorewa.gov.

Blood Drive: Give if you can, lend a hand! Boy Scout Troop 582 is hosting a blood drive on Tuesdays, April 30 and June 25 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Northlake Lutheran Church, 6620 NE 185th St. For more information, email troop582blooddrive@hotmail.com.

Good Numbers to Know

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| City Hall | 425-398-8900 |
| Police/Fire Emergency | 911 |
| Police Nonemergency Dispatch | 206-296-3311 |
| Police Nonemergency Information | 206-205-7656 |
| Fire Department Headquarters | 425-354-1780 |
| Flooding/Drainage (after hours) | 206-296-8100 |
| Street Concerns (after hours) | 206-296-8100 |
| King County Animal Control | 206-296-PETS |
| Allied Waste (a Republic Services Co.) | 206-682-9730 |
| Kenmore Library | 425-486-8747 |
| Puget Sound Energy | 425-454-2000 |
| Northshore Utility District | 425-398-4400 |

King County Offers License Amnesty to Pet Owners During April

Pet owners rejoice! If you haven't already purchased a new license or renewed an existing license for your pet(s), now is the time. An amnesty period is in effect from now through April 30, allowing pet owners to purchase or renew licenses without facing a fine for noncompliance.



The amnesty period expires at the end of the day on April 30, and starting May 1st residents who have unlicensed cats or dogs could face a fine of \$125 for a spayed or neutered pet, and up to \$250 for an unaltered pet.

The cost for pet licenses for spayed or neutered animals remains unchanged at \$30.00, along with the \$60 rate for unaltered pets.

Residents can purchase pet licenses in person at over 100 locations in King County, including many QFC grocery stores, City Halls (including Kenmore), license agencies, as well as online. Visit www.kingcounty.gov/pets for a list of sales locations or to purchase or renew a license online. Pet licenses are renewed annually and are good for one year from the date of purchase. Juvenile licenses expire six months from the date of purchase.

Discounts are available for disabled and senior residents, as well as for those with juvenile pets up to 6 months old. All dogs and cats over 8 weeks of age in unincorporated King County and contracting cities are required by law to be licensed.

King County Pet licenses come with many benefits, including:

- The first time your pet is found, King County will attempt to skip the shelter and deliver the pet to your home;
- Licensed pets have a longer stray hold at the shelter to give residents a chance to locate a lost pet before it is made available for adoption;
- The Vacation Pet Alert Program allows residents to provide contact information for a pet's caretaker while they are away so that King County will have the correct contact information if something happens;
- Pet license fees fund programs that help thousands of homeless animals in King County find new homes each year, and pay for services such as spay/neuter programs; and
- Licensed missing pets are found faster.

Reminder about Leash Law

We love dogs, but a friendly reminder that Kenmore enforces a leash law. What does this mean? This means that your dog must be leashed and controlled at any time it is off your property, including City parks.

For more information, visit www.kingcounty.gov/pets.