



# Kenmore

# NEWSLETTER

Kenmore's waterfront access draws kayakers and other watercraft users  
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## City Taking Steps to Address Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

The community has been saddened and deeply affected by recent car vs. pedestrian fatalities in our City. As City officials, we are taking this very seriously and are acting as quickly as possible to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. At our March 24 meeting, the City Council appropriated over \$200,000 for pedestrian and bicycle safety measures that we can move on now. For example, we have ordered rapid flashing beacons (similar to what you see at crosswalks in Kirkland) for arterial crosswalks that have no mainline stop control. Examples include the crosswalk going across Juanita Drive at 160<sup>th</sup> Street and also the crossing of 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue at 190<sup>th</sup> Street. The rapid flashing beacons for crosswalks have been ordered and should arrive by June with installation this summer.



Mayor Baker

The City Manager has also directed that speed studies of our arterials be completed to evaluate whether the speed limits can be reduced, as State law requires that speed studies be conducted before speed limits can be lowered on arterial streets. We expect to have the speed studies complete and potential lowering of speed limits this summer.

We are also evaluating street lighting options, shifting of certain crosswalks, rechannelizing certain arterial streets and other measures with the goal of improving safety. The City Council has also authorized the creation of an ad hoc citizen committee to take a close look at pedestrian and bicycle safety in our City. Applications for this committee were due on April 23, and the City Council expects to appoint citizens to the committee in the very near future.

We are also stepping up our enforcement, education, and outreach efforts. With the help of the community, we are putting together a communication and outreach plan for pedestrian and bicycle safety that will tap into the volunteerism and other resources of the community. We need everyone's help!

Our police department, under the leadership of Chief Sether, will continue to enforce crosswalk and traffic safety



Pedestrians walk along new sidewalks on 68th Ave NE near downtown Kenmore

laws. Chief Sether has recently augmented these efforts by bringing in a motorcycle officer for several hours, two or three days a week. The primary emphasis of this motorcycle officer will be to enforce pedestrian safety laws. Enforcement is coming to a crosswalk near you.

Longer term, we need to move forward on the City Council's goal set last January to "Accelerate implementation of the Sidewalk Plan by determining various funding options." Last year, the City Council adopted a 20-year Sidewalk Plan, a small portion of which is funded. New commercial and residential developments are required to construct sidewalks along their street frontage, and there are some grants available for new sidewalks, but neither of these options are fast enough to meet our needs. We need to evaluate more aggressive funding options, including the possibility of going to the voters, to meet the needs of our walking and biking population.

In the last several years, the world has changed for Kenmore. Due to regional transportation changes, we are seeing increased traffic volumes on our roads. In addition, distracted driving is on the rise as smart phones and texting have become commonplace. Getting the word out to Kenmore residents

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## Meet Your Council

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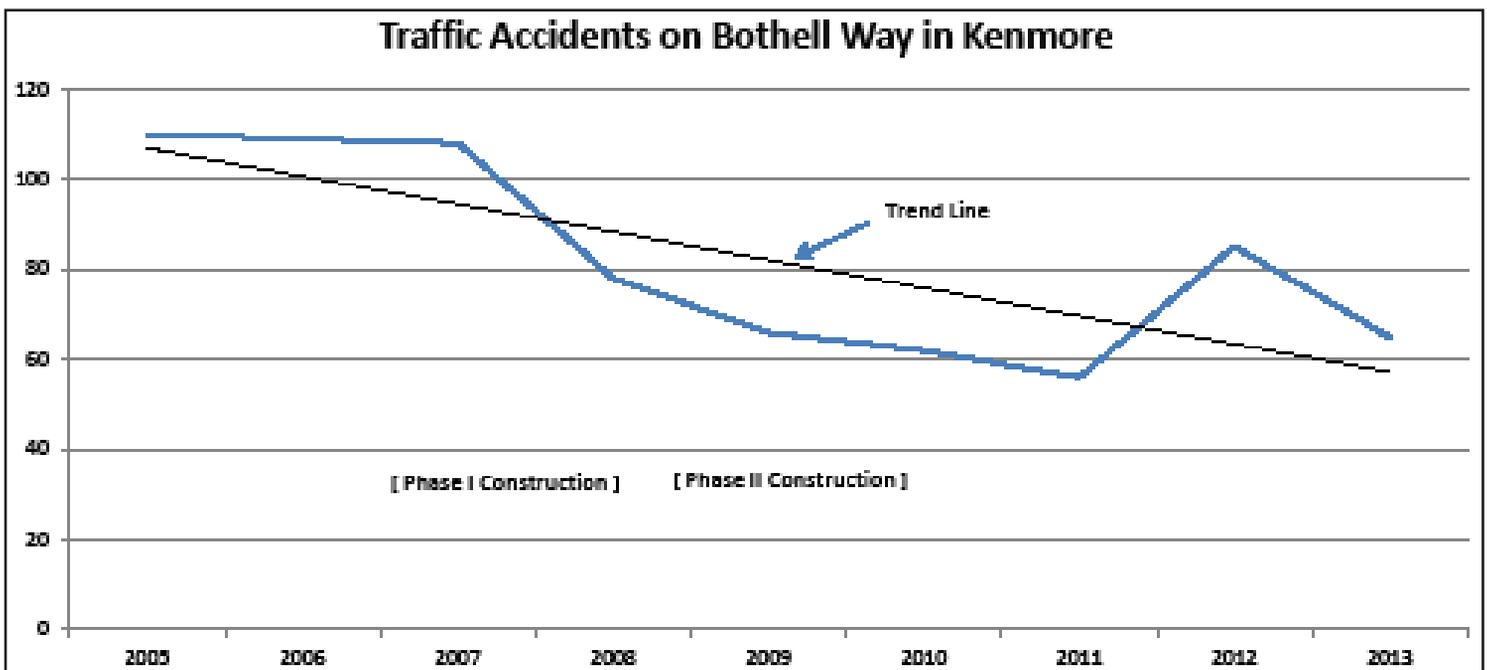
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# City's Investment on Bothell Way Reduces Accidents

For well over a decade the Kenmore City Council has made multimodal safety a top priority. The City has focused on the road with the highest accident rate and the most traffic: Bothell Way. Since the early 2000s, the City has used about \$11 million of its own dollars to leverage more than \$55 million in State and Federal grants to add new sidewalks and other important safety improvements on Bothell Way from 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, plus improvements to the streets approaching Bothell Way. Bothell Way continues to be a priority—an additional \$12 million has been secured for the next segment from 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, which is anticipated to be under construction in 2015.

As shown on the graph below, the numbers speak for themselves. The first phase of Bothell Way construction from 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE to 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE was completed in 2008, and the second phase from 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE was completed in 2010. Accidents have trended downwards, and this trend corresponds with installations of safety improvements.

The general downward trend represents about a 40 percent reduction in traffic accidents on Bothell Way. But we still have more to do, and Bothell Way is not the City's only focus—the City's Sidewalk Plan puts priority on safety improvements for other arterial streets as well.



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and businesses will not be enough. Motorists from other cities use Kenmore to get from point A to point B, and we need to band together as a region to educate drivers and change behavior.

We are grateful to our citizens who have expressed concern and have offered to help. We can, and will, tap into your interest and positive energy to help us get through this difficult time and make Kenmore even more safe. If you would like to volunteer or get involved, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Shelton at 425-398-8900.

Sincerely,



Mayor David Baker

## City Sidewalk Plan

One of the completed City Council Goals from the 2013-2014 biennium was to create a 20-30 year Sidewalk Plan. In May 2013, Council adopted the City sidewalk plan which inventories, ranks and provides cost estimates for missing arterial street sidewalks in Kenmore. The City's approach has been to fund sidewalks on arterial streets as a priority over residential streets. The cost estimate for installation of sidewalks on one side only of arterial streets is approximately \$36 million.

Since incorporation, approximately 15 miles of sidewalk have been built in the City of Kenmore, including completed segments of SR 522, NE 181<sup>st</sup> Street in downtown, and along the north side of NE 155<sup>th</sup> Street (between Juanita and 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE). The City also upgrades curb ramps to be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant prior to asphalt overlays on streets, which is federal law.

Most recently, a new segment of sidewalk north of City Hall along 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue (NE 182<sup>nd</sup> to NE 185<sup>th</sup> Streets) has been constructed. The City is currently working to submit grants for the 2014 sidewalk plans.

## Improving Pedestrian Safety Over the Years

What has the City done to improve pedestrian safety in recent years? The City has:

- Completed nearly \$70 million in new sidewalk and safety improvements on and approaching Bothell Way from the eastern City limit, 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE to 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Another \$12 million is secured for the next phase of construction on Bothell Way from 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE.
- Reduced the speed limit on 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. We have also ordered the installation of more street lights on 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (north of 522).
- Reduced the speed limit on Bothell Way (with approval from the State of Washington).
- Installed 15 miles of sidewalk since incorporation through City-funded construction as well as new residential and commercial developments.
- Adopted a 20-year Sidewalk Plan, the acceleration of which was set as a top City Council Goal in January.
- Installed two new signalized intersections at NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street & Juanita Drive and NE 181<sup>st</sup> Street & 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE.
- Placed permanent "Your Speed" detection signs on various arterials and collector streets.
- Deployed the "Your Speed" detection trailer in various neighborhoods.
- Continued neighborhood police presence and enforcement, including crosswalks, stop signs, bus stops, and speed.
- Continued the Neighborhood Safety Program, where neighborhoods can request traffic studies and request appropriate measures.
- Implemented a new speed radar gun checkout program.
- Secured a Federal Safety Improvement Grant (2014) for improved pedestrian facilities at two locations on Juanita Drive, where it intersects at Arrowhead Drive and at NE 170<sup>th</sup> Street (Simonds Road). Construction is anticipated to occur this summer.
- Obtained Federal funding and completed design and bidding for the 2014 Juanita Drive asphalt overlay and restriping project. The new restriping should improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. The new asphalt overlay on Juanita Drive will stretch from 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (Kirkland border) north to the Sammamish River Bridge, and construction is scheduled for this summer.
- Installed new "bus stop ahead" signs where site distance problems exist.
- Installed handheld flags for pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Ordered Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons for arterial crosswalks that do not have a mainline stop control.
- Directed the design of a new "Road Diet" rechannelization (restriping) plan for 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE to improve safety and create more room for cyclists and pedestrians. Implementation is expected in late May. Other arterials are also under review for possible rechannelization.



# Pedestrian, Bicyclist & Motorist Laws

The Kenmore Police has always worked assiduously to make our community one of the safest places to live and will continue to diligently work to maintain that goal. The City is taking a zero tolerance approach to enforcing laws for all road users – motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. In addition to current Kenmore police officers, we are bringing in a motorcycle patrol officer on overtime to enforce crosswalk laws. Violators will be issued a ticket—no warnings will be given.

It is important for all of us to be reminded of our individual responsibilities as a pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorist.

## Motorist laws relating to pedestrians:

1. Fail to yield to pedestrian in crosswalk – The operator of an approaching vehicle shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian or bicycle to cross the roadway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk when the pedestrian or bicycle is upon or within one lane or the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or onto which it is turning.
2. Passing vehicle stopped at crosswalk – Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk, or at any unmarked crosswalk, at an intersection to permit a pedestrian or bicycle to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.
3. Drivers to exercise care – Every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any obviously confused or incapacitated person upon a roadway.

## Laws relating to pedestrians:

1. Pedestrians subject to traffic regulations – Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic control signals at intersections and shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device. When the steady or flashing “Don’t Walk,” or hand symbol, is displayed, pedestrians facing the symbol shall not enter the roadway.
2. Pedestrians suddenly entering the roadway – No pedestrian or bicycle shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk, run, or otherwise move into the path of a vehicle, which is so close that is impossible for the driver to stop.
3. Pedestrians prohibited crossing street between intersections – Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

4. Pedestrians walk facing traffic – Where sidewalks are not provided any pedestrian, walking or otherwise moving along and upon a highway, shall when practical, walk or move only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach in the opposite direction, and upon meeting an oncoming vehicle shall move clear of the roadway.

## Laws pertaining to bicycles:

1. Requirement to obey traffic laws – Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle.
2. Bicyclist riding on roadways and bicycle paths – Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway, at a rate of speed less than the normal flow of traffic at a particular time and place, shall ride as near to the right side of the right hand through lane as is safe, except as may be appropriate while preparing a turning movement.
3. Bicyclist required to wear helmet – Any person operating or riding on a bicycle not powered by motor on a public roadway, bicycle path or on any right-of-way or publicly owned facilities located in King County, shall wear a protective helmet designed for bicycle safety.
4. Parents/guardian responsible for minor to wear helmet – The guardian of a person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall not knowingly allow, or fail to take reasonable steps to prevent, that person from operating or riding on a bicycle not powered by motor on a public roadway, bicycle path or on any right-of-way or publicly owned facilities located in King County, unless that person is wearing a helmet.

Although this list provides a detailed overview of laws for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists, it is not meant to be all inclusive. If you have any questions, contact Kenmore Police Chief Cliff Sether at [clifford.sether@kingcounty.gov](mailto:clifford.sether@kingcounty.gov).

It takes a community to promote and raise awareness for crosswalk, pedestrian and bicycle safety. As a City, we will continue to teach crosswalk safety in schools and increase outreach efforts to promote safety. You can help reinforce the principles of pedestrian and bicycle safety at your workplace or an association in which you belong by making it a topic at your next meeting or in your newsletter.

If you would like the City to provide you with pedestrian and bicycle safety tips, contact Public Information Officer Leslie Harris at [lharris@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:lharris@kenmorewa.gov). Your support is needed and appreciated.

# Northshore Fire Offers Discounted Safety Helmets

With warmer weather on the way and having the beautiful Burke-Gilman Trail in our backyard, everyone should be thinking “safety first” every time they get on a bike. Research shows that wearing a helmet is the most effective way to reduce bicycle-related injuries and fatalities, reducing the risk of a brain injury by 63-88 percent.

Safety helmets are available at the Northshore Fire Department located at 7220 NE 181 Street in Kenmore and at 17020 Brookside Blvd NE in Lake Forest Park. We offer child bicycle helmets (suggested donation \$7.00), toddler helmets (suggested donation \$6.00) and dual sport helmets (suggested donation \$10.00).

To receive a new helmet and instructions for a proper fit, please call Northshore Fire Department at 425-354-1780 to schedule an appointment. Parents and older siblings are the best role models for young children. Please demonstrate your “safety first” habit by wearing a helmet.



## This sign means something



**WATCH FOR IT**

**COMPLY WITH IT**

**ENFORCEMENT IS COMING TO A  
CROSSWALK NEAR YOU**

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## Planning Commission Updating Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan

The Planning Commission is currently working on updating the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan and will be developing a recommendation to present to Council in fall 2014. A public open house will be held on May 13. The public open house will be a great opportunity for the community to discuss the City's transportation network and different modes of transportation as well as City-wide transportation policies.

The purpose of the transportation element is to establish goals and policies that guide future decisions and identify projects and improvements, leading to development of an efficient and balanced transportation network. It is based on current and projected land use and travel patterns and establishes direction for all modes of transportation, including bicycles, pedestrians, automobiles and transit. The transportation element will also produce a list of Capital Projects, which will be incorporated into the City's Capital Improvement Program.

If you have any questions, contact Community Development Director Debbie Bent at [dbent@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:dbent@kenmorewa.gov).

# Waterfront Activities Fair Highlights New Activities

The City of Kenmore is hosting a Waterfront Activities Fair at Kenmore City Hall on Thursday, May 8 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will be an open house format, and various hand-powered watercraft clubs and programs will be present, including the YMCA's new kayak day camp program being launched at Rhododendron Park this summer, the newly formed Kenmore Crew and Kayak Club (KCKC), WhatsSup kayak and paddle board rentals, and others.

Various vessels will be on display, including sprint kayaks, a stand up paddle board, a rowing shell, recreational kayaks, and a surf ski. The event will include a raffle drawing for several prizes, and refreshments will be served.

"Our citizens have consistently told us that they want us to advance the public's

access and connection to the waterfront," said Mayor Baker. "This event will be a milestone in that effort and will showcase the new waterfront programs that are coming to Kenmore."

Crew and kayak enthusiasts have come together to organize the event. Debra Srebnik, the lead organizer of the event, is passionate about Kenmore's waterfront potential. "We have such a wonderful resource in our amazing waterfront here in Kenmore, and it's exciting to be a part of launching these new programs that will bring the public to the water," Srebnik said.

KCKC's president, Duncan Cox, hopes the May 8 event will attract a wide range



*WhatsSup offers kayak and stand up paddle board rentals at Log Boom Park*

of people. "The May 8 event and the upcoming programs are not for the elites—these new programs are intended for all skill levels and abilities. Regardless of whether you've never been in a kayak or canoe or have been paddling for years, we hope everyone feels welcome and will be drawn to the event," Cox said.

For more information or to learn how to get involved, call the City of Kenmore at 425-398-89000 or visit the KCKC website at [www.kenmoreboathouse.com](http://www.kenmoreboathouse.com).



*Volunteers helped construct and assemble the Northshore Summit Park playground*

## Northshore Summit Park Celebration

Northshore Summit Park improvements are nearing completion, with a community celebration scheduled for Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m. The 3.6-acre park is Kenmore's eighth city park and will feature picnic tables and benches, children's play equipment, landscaping, pathways and trails, entry signage and wetland enhancements. A \$20,000 Let's Play City Construction Grant from Dr. Pepper Snapple Group and KaBOOM!, a national nonprofit, assisted Kenmore in securing the playground equipment. On February 15, 30 adults and children helped construct and assemble the playground equipment.

## Visit Log Boom Park on Bike to Work Day

Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 16. Throughout the Puget Sound, stop at official Commute Stations to pick up free swag, snacks, bike maps and bicycle commuting information. Corpore Sano Physical Therapy and the City of Kenmore are sponsoring a Commute Station at Log Boom Park from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Come visit us! For more information about Bike to Work Day, visit [www.cascade.org/f5-bike-work-day](http://www.cascade.org/f5-bike-work-day).



*Bike to Work Day 2013 Commute Station at Log Boom Park*

# Community Calendar

## Bastyr Herb & Food Fair

Join Bastyr University at the Herb and Food Fair, a free annual festival that brings thousands of visitors to the Kenmore campus. The event is Saturday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

With gardens blooming and the campus forest buzzing with new life, it's a great time to soak up spring colors and learn about the endless uses of plants. This year's theme is "Food and Medicine on the Wild Side."

Festival activities include educational speakers and workshops; cooking demonstrations; garden tours; craft sale; plant sale; live music and entertainment; children's activities; and more!

For details, visit [www.bastyr.edu](http://www.bastyr.edu).

## Kenmore Senior Center Spring Tea

Come enjoy a cup of tea and refreshments and socialize with your Kenmore neighbors at the Kenmore Senior Center on Tuesday, June 10 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Kenmore Senior Center is located at Rhododendron Park, 6910 NE 170th Street. Please call 425-489-0707 to make a reservation.

If you haven't had a chance to visit the Kenmore Senior Center, please come and check us out. Rhododendron Park features a wonderful play area for the kids and the picnic shelter is available for rentals on weekends.

## Arts of Kenmore Gallery @ Kenmore City Hall

Stop by and visit the Arts of Kenmore Gallery @ Kenmore City Hall weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The current exhibit showcases artwork purchased by the City of Kenmore at the Kenmore Art Show from 1999 through 2013. The exhibit will run through July 18.

The 16th annual Kenmore Art Show is June 26-29 at Bastyr University. The art show features paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, digital new media art, youth artwork, and more!

For details, visit [www.artsofkenmore.org](http://www.artsofkenmore.org).

# Join the Kenmore Events Team



Kenmore community events create memories, bring together the community, and showcase Kenmore's beautiful parks. The City collaborates with local businesses and nonprofit groups to offer four annual community events that attract over 8,000 visitors to the Kenmore community. Kenmore's four annual community events include: 4th of July Fireworks Show, Summer Concert Series, Kenmore Play Day, and the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival.

The City is seeking volunteers to help produce the 2014 special event season. The specialty team of event volunteers the City is looking to fill is called the Kenmore Events Team (KET). KET volunteers hold leadership positions and help direct the work of support volunteers. KET positions are available to people 18 years or older and include event information concierge, vendor coordination, hospitality coordination, parking coordination, entertainment coordination, volunteer coordination, operations and logistics, sponsor and marketing coordination, event assistance, first aid and safety, and children activities. KET is a year-long commitment and requires 4-6 hours of training.

If you love to attend special events, are enthusiastic and love to work with the public, consider becoming a KET Volunteer. Applications are due May 16 by 5 p.m. and are available on the City's website. Questions can be directed to Volunteer and Events Coordinator Cindy Shelton at 425-398-8900 or [cshelton@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:cshelton@kenmorewa.gov).

the City of Kenmore

**SUMMER CAMP**  
At Rhododendron Park

**SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**  
At Kenmore City Hall

[YKIDS.ORG/NSH](http://YKIDS.ORG/NSH)



*Spencer68 Apartments + Lofts @ Kenmore Village • Rendering provided by MainStreet Property Group LLC*

## Kenmore Village Progress Report

We are pleased to report that the Kenmore Village project has made significant progress. Kenmore Camera has acquired a portion of the Kenmore Village property, has completed their remodel of the old Grocery Outlet building, and has been open for business in their new location since January. Kenmore Camera's grand opening weekend in February resulted in record sales for any weekend in the store's 40-year history—not bad for two months after Christmas. This transaction between the City and Kenmore Camera allowed one of our very own home-grown businesses to expand in Kenmore, more than tripling their building footprint. In fact, Kenmore Camera now has bragging rights as the largest stand-alone camera store on the West Coast north of Los Angeles. We view Kenmore Camera as a strong anchor for Kenmore Village and are pleased to have them in our downtown.

On the 4.5-acre former park and ride property, MainStreet Property Group LLC is moving full steam ahead on the Spencer68 Apartments Project. The first phase will construct approximately 138 high quality residential units plus a guest suite, pool and 2-story clubhouse. The project is expected to break ground in May or June of this year. MainStreet has launched a website, [www.liveatspencer68.com](http://www.liveatspencer68.com).

As for the remaining portion of Kenmore Village (the lower, commercial portion), the City is currently in negotiations

with a potential buyer/developer. Last year, the City was under contract with RPI/Benaroya for acquisition and possible development of the commercial portion of Kenmore Village. Unfortunately, both parties mutually and amicably agreed not to extend the due diligence period for the property, which freed up the City to negotiate with other buyers. The current potential buyer appears to be motivated to bring new construction to the commercial site, including possible retail and office uses. If negotiations continue to go well, the buyer should be announced and a proposed purchase agreement presented to the City Council in May or June of this year.

**Town Green:** The City is excited to include, as part of the Kenmore Village project, a public square or “Town Green.” This gathering space will be for the public and help create our own sense of place and our own downtown. The City has hired Hewitt Architecture to be the landscape architect on this project. The City, with the help of Hewitt, will be conducting a public process to ask what amenities and features you would like to see in the Town Green. The Town Green will also be designed and developed in concert with the development of the commercial property.

If you want to stay informed on the Town Green project or the Kenmore Village project, you can ask to be added to the City's email listserv by emailing [cityhall@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:cityhall@kenmorewa.gov).

# City Launches Business Registration for Local Businesses

Following the City Council's adoption of an ordinance in 2013 creating an annual Business Registration program for businesses located in Kenmore, the registration process is now underway.

Kenmore is partnering with the State Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service (BLS) to administer the program, providing convenient, online registration and renewal services. The BLS partnership combines the local business application with other Washington cities and State agency registrations. The service helps businesses renew applicable local and State registrations with one annual payment.

"Kenmore is at the midpoint of Seattle and Eastside communities and is home to both long-time and emerging businesses. This new registration will provide a huge improvement in our ability to connect with and serve our business community," said Rob Karlinsey, Kenmore city manager. "As our City Council deliberated on the ordinance creating the business registration program, they insisted that it be convenient and business-friendly."

The local business registration will also include businesses' emergency contact information that will be helpful for public safety agencies. Revenue from the City fee will be poured back into helping Kenmore businesses, including establishing a local

business directory, support for the Kenmore Business Alliance, and other initiatives geared to local business.

Only businesses located in Kenmore city limits are now required to register. Kenmore businesses with existing State tax registrations received a letter in early April asking them to confirm they are inside the city. After sending their reply and the Kenmore registration fee, each will be issued an updated State business license listing the Kenmore registration. Businesses that register will have the option of being listed in a new online Kenmore Business Directory.

Several hundred businesses have registered in the first two weeks of April. Businesses who received the letter from BLS should respond by May 31. Those that do not respond, along with all new businesses starting up or locating in

Kenmore, will need to complete a new application at [www.business.wa.gov/BLS](http://www.business.wa.gov/BLS). Information on the program, including exemptions and fees, is also available at that website or at the City of Kenmore website, [www.kenmorewa.gov](http://www.kenmorewa.gov).

Prior to the creation of the local Business Registration Program, Kenmore was one of five cities in King and Snohomish Counties without a general business registration or license program.

***"This new registration will provide a huge improvement in our ability to connect with and serve our business community."***

## Free Business Workshop Series

The City invites current and potential business people to attend free business workshops. Presenters include mentors that are working with Kenmore Business Incubator businesses and program consultant Barry Weisband.

The **May 21** and **June 11** workshops focus on new venture marketing planning with speaker Troy Turner, founder and president of V2 Works in Kenmore. These seminars offer the key elements needed in the marketing plan, branding, online marketing, and market research.

On **July 17 & 24**, speaker Justin A. Bourn, CPA with Willet, Zevenbergen & Bennett will present on finance and accounting for start-ups. On **September 25**, speaker Kha Dang, partner in Perkins Coie's Seattle office will present on legal topics for entrepreneurs.

For details, visit [www.kenmorewa.gov](http://www.kenmorewa.gov).

The City of Kenmore  
and the Kenmore Library Present...

## Kenmore Employment and Education Resource Fair

City of Kenmore + Kenmore Library = Open for Business

**Saturday, May 17, 10am-1pm**

**Calling all job seekers and career explorers!**

Bring your resume and meet employers as well as representatives from local educational institutions to discuss employment, career objectives and education opportunities.

Features workshops on topics such as networking, interviewing, and organizing a job search, as well as opportunities to participate in mock interviews.

Librarians will demonstrate library resources for job seekers and entrepreneurs. The day's events will occur at both the Kenmore City Hall and the Kenmore Library.

Registration requested. Register online at [kcls.org](http://kcls.org) or by calling the Kenmore Library, 425.486.8747.

# Kenmore Celebrates Opening of Remodeled Boat Launch During Inaugural Hydroplane Cup Event

More than 1,500 people flocked to Kenmore on April 5 to watch the inaugural Kenmore Hydroplane Cup event at Log Boom Park and along the Sammamish River after a 38-year hiatus. Although the weather prevented most boats from entering Lake Washington, boat race drivers ran test runs along the Sammamish River. The event featured a variety of boats, including two cylinder and three-and-up cylinder boats, Native American war canoes, junior hydroplanes, RC hydroplane demonstration, and a Hydroplane and Vintage Yacht Show.

The original race, known as the "Slough Race," was wildly popular between 1928 and 1976 and drew crowds of specta-

tors between 40,000 and 80,000. The idea to reintroduce the event came last year after local artist Culley organized the Sammamish Slough Race exhibit at Kenmore City Hall.

The event's opening ceremonies celebrated the newly remodeled Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife boat launch and featured a musical performance by 4Culture grant award recipient Rulon Brown and a water blessing from Elder Donna Starr with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

A big thank you to event organizer Gaul Culley, Seattle Outboard Association, and many others for making this event possible.



## West Sammamish River Bridge Update

The West Sammamish River Bridge carries southbound traffic over the Sammamish River on 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. The bridge was constructed in the 1930s and nears the end of its life.

Over the past year, the City has increased monitoring of the structure, and in March of 2014 Council-approved weight restrictions went into effect. The City has completed a scour analysis (underwater erosion of soil around the piers), geotechnical review, and

a load limit study. At this time, staff believe that a bridge rehabilitation is not an appropriate option. The City will apply for grant funds to construct a new bridge. The goal is to build a new bridge that maintains two lanes in the southbound direction, has improved shy distances and significantly improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

If grant funding for design is secured this year, design would begin in 2015.

If funds are secured for the whole project, construction would likely begin in 2018. The cost estimate to build a new bridge, with enhanced pedestrian/bicycle features and improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities from NE 170<sup>th</sup> to NE 175<sup>th</sup> Street (on the bridge approaches), is approximately \$20 million. In the meantime, regular monitoring of the bridge will continue, and police enforcement of the weight limits will be ongoing.

## Tributary 0057 Channel Relocation

Construction begins this summer to install a new 230-foot-long, 10'x5' concrete box culvert across NE 170<sup>th</sup> Street (approximately 300 feet east of 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE).

This culvert is designed to reduce future flood risk of NE 170<sup>th</sup> Street, improve fish passage, and transport sediment from the basin to the Sammamish River flood plain. The existing sediment vault in NE 170<sup>th</sup> Street will be removed, as it is a barrier to fish passage and is too small to manage the sediment deposited by the stream. A portion of the stream north of NE 170<sup>th</sup> Street, prone to flooding nearby residents, also will be decommissioned with the project.

Crews will relocate utilities this spring in advance of construction. Construction is slated for this summer. Traffic will be reduced to one lane at times during the installation of the culvert crossing.

For more information, please visit [www.kenmorewa.gov/cityprojects](http://www.kenmorewa.gov/cityprojects) or contact the City's project manager, Kent Vaughan, at 425-398-8900 or [kvaughan@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:kvaughan@kenmorewa.gov).

## Kenmore Fireworks Sponsor Platinum Level 2013 and 2014



Thank You to Frank Lumber  
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## Asphalt Overlays Coming Soon

### Juanita Drive Asphalt Overlay

While anticipated for last summer, the Juanita Drive asphalt overlay from the City's southern limits to the Sammamish River Bridge is expected to happen this summer, 2014. Much of the work will happen at night, but the public should still expect congestion and traffic delays during the approximate two-week construction period. After the new asphalt is installed, new striping will include improved channelization, signage, and pavement markings for pedestrians and cyclists, including "sharrows" (pictured above) in the southbound lane.



*Shared lane pavement markings or "sharrows" are bicycle symbols to guide bicyclists to the best place to ride and help motorists expect to see and share the lane with bicyclists*

The exact start date for the installation of the new asphalt on Juanita Drive is not yet known, but you can sign up for alerts by going to [www.kenmorewa.gov/contactus](http://www.kenmorewa.gov/contactus) and clicking on the registration link.

*Correction from the 3rd Quarter 2013 Newsletter:* Washington State Department of Transportation's review of the project was not the cause of delaying the Juanita Drive overlay project to 2014. In fact, WSDOT's review was timely. Multiple factors contributed to the project's postponement. The good news is that the bid was approved last year and the delay is not expected to increase the cost of the project.

The City also plans to install new curb ramps and improved pedestrian buttons and signage at two intersections on Juanita Drive: NE 53rd Street (Arrowhead) and NE 170th Street (Simonds Road). These improvements will occur either before or soon after the asphalt overlay on Juanita Drive.

### 80th Avenue NE Asphalt Overlay

Preparation for a new asphalt overlay on 80th Avenue NE, from just north of Bothell Way to the City's northern limits, will begin this summer. Sidewalk curb ramps will be upgraded to accessible standards. After completion of the new curb ramps, the asphalt overlay on 80th Avenue NE will occur either this summer (2014) or next summer (2015). To stay up-to-date, sign up for alerts on the City's website.

## Drop-In Hours for Planning, Engineering and Building Questions

Development Services staff (planning, engineering, and building) has established set hours for guaranteed times of their availability to discuss projects or development regulations, with no appointment required. Those set hours are Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Staff will continue to be available the remaining hours throughout the week; however, it is suggested that you make an appointment, otherwise it cannot be guaranteed that someone from each discipline will be available.

## Meeting & Other Information

**Kenmore City Council** regular meetings occur on the second, third, and fourth Mondays of the month at Kenmore City Hall. Meetings are open to the public, and public comments are accepted at the beginning of regular, non-study session meetings. Meeting agendas and schedules are available online at [www.kenmorewa.gov/council](http://www.kenmorewa.gov/council) or contact the City Clerk's Office at 425-398-8900.

**Coffee with Council:** The City 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 Planning Commission** holds meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Kenmore City Hall. Meeting agendas and schedules are available online at [www.kenmorewa.gov/planningcommission](http://www.kenmorewa.gov/planningcommission).

**Kenmore Library Advisory Board** holds meetings on the first Tuesday of odd-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 information by emailing [cityhall@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:cityhall@kenmorewa.gov).

**Blood Drive:** Give if you can; lend a hand! Boy Scout Troop 582 is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, May 13 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th Street. For more information, email [troop582blooddrive@hotmail.com](mailto:troop582blooddrive@hotmail.com).

## Good Numbers to Know

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
Republic Services Co.	206-682-9730
Kenmore Library	425-486-8747
Puget Sound Energy	888-225-5773
Northshore Utility District	425-398-4400

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In its second year, the City's Beautification Awards Program recognizes Kenmore residents, property owners, neighborhoods, community groups and business establishments for new landscaping, improvements, and maintenance of the street frontage within public view.

Nominate your favorite property in three easy steps: 1) Download a nomination form from City's website; 2) Snap a photo of the property; and 3) Submit to the City by August 1, 2014. Winners will be recognized and awarded at a City Council meeting.

#### Award Categories

Best in the City • Best Curb Appeal • Best Art  
Best Environmental Sustainability • Best Transformation  
Building a Sense of Community (playground or gathering area)

For program details, visit [www.kenmorewa.gov](http://www.kenmorewa.gov) or contact Greg Lum at 425-398-8900 or [glum@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:glum@kenmorewa.gov).



*Congratulations to Christopher and Susan, the 2013 inaugural Beautification Awards Program recipients for Best in the City.*