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Kenmore City Hall Project Moving Forward

The Kenmore City Council awarded the bid for the construction of City Hall to Graham Construction and approved the city hall total project budget in the amount of \$14,421,721 at the regular council meeting on March 9. Graham Construction submitted the lowest base bid of \$7,539,000 on January 29.

The approved project budget represents a reduction of almost \$5 million or 25% from the earlier project budget of \$19,312,200 approved by the Council in April 2008.

The city hall is on track for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold rating and will include solar panels, energy efficient design and a green roof.



The city hall groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, March 28. Event details will be posted on the City's website.

Construction will be completed in Spring 2010.

For more information, please visit www.cityofkenmore.com/cityhall.

City of Kenmore Launches New Website

The City of Kenmore has launched its new website. Kenmore's first website was developed when the City incorporated in 1998. After celebrating its 10th anniversary as a city it was a priority to update the look, reorganize content to make it easier for users to find information, and to add new features and navigation tools now available.

"It has been a goal of the Council to ensure that information about the city is readily available to the community and the world beyond. The website is a very important tool that provides a positive image of the community and allows the city to communicate with the public. I am pleased with the function and appearance of the new website. We welcome feedback so staff can continue to improve the site," said Kenmore Mayor David Baker.

Just a few of the new features include:

- Enhanced navigation
- Improved search of site
- Graphics that highlight Kenmore
- Current Development Projects Map

Business Internet Services, located in Tacoma, Wash., assisted with the design and development of the website. Business Internet Services has developed websites for more than 80 government agencies including the City of Tacoma, City of



Olympia and the City of Woodinville.

To ensure that the website is user-friendly, the consultant conducted a usability testing study midway through development with a group of community members. Feedback gathered from the usability testing study was used to make any necessary adjustments to the website.

The City of Kenmore appreciates your feedback! Please let us know what you think of the new website by filling out the feedback form. Visit the website at www.cityofkenmore.com.

Great Blue Herons Flock to Kenmore

Located in the city of Kenmore along the busy commercial strip known as NE Bothell Way sits one of the most amazing collections of wildlife in the Pacific Northwest—a heron rookery that hosts over 40 nesting pairs of birds.

Every February, great blue herons flock to a quiet treetop community located in downtown Kenmore. Situated just north of the Kenmore Park-and-Ride, the heron rookery and the local businesses have coexisted side by side for more than 20 years.

Upon arrival, the herons start nest building in February, when a male chooses a nesting territory and displays to attract a female. The male gathers sticks for the female, who fashions them into a platform nest lined with small twigs, bark strips, and conifer needles. Both parents incubate the 3-5 eggs for 25-29 days.

To provide food for themselves and their young, the herons are often observed foraging along riverbanks, lake shores, or in wet meadows. They stand silently, waiting for prey to come

by, which they then strike with their bills. They will also stalk prey slowly and deliberately. Although they hunt predominantly by day, they may also be active at night. They are solitary or small-group foragers, but they nest in colonies. Males typically choose shoreline areas for foraging, and females and juveniles forage in more upland areas. Both parents regurgitate food for the young.

The young can first fly at about 60 days old, although they continue to return to the nest and are fed by the adults for another few weeks. Pair bonds only last for the nesting season, and adults form new bonds each year.

Although great blue herons are common and widespread and the species thrives in a wide variety of habitats, disturbance during a breeding season may lead to nest failure or colony



Photo by John C. Hieber

What a sight! Just north of the Kenmore Park & Ride features a heron rookery that hosts over 40 nesting pairs of birds. On a nice day, you can find many visitors stopping by to take photographs.

abandonment. One form of disturbance that is detrimental to herons on nesting colonies is noise. Construction near a colony can be particularly damaging, and a 1000-foot buffer zone around colonies is required with strict development limitations within the zone.

The herons are currently in residence and may be observed by a heron cam online at www.wdfw.wa.gov/wildwatch.

Kenmore Features Several Beautiful City Parks – Visit www.cityofkenmore.com/parks



Tracy Owen Station at Log Boom Park
The 16 acre waterfront park features a pier, playground area, access to the Burke-Gilman trail, history walk and picnic area.



Rhododendron Park
The 13 acre park features hundreds of species of rare rhododendrons, picnic shelter and playground area.



Wallace Swamp Creek Park
Enjoy a stroll down the path of the 17 acre passive park. Along the path you'll find a bridge over the creek.



Moorland Park
The park features a playground, picnic area, baseball field and basketball court.



Linwood Park
The 3-acre passive park features a large grass field and playground area.



Northshore Summit Park
The 3.5 acre undeveloped park features a large grass field for activities.

Kenmore Builds Community Through Special Events – 2009 Calendar

The goal of the Kenmore City Council is to build the community through special events. Each year city staff organize several events that are free to the community. Please join us at the following events!



Spring Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11 • Inglemoor High School • 10 a.m. – Noon
Hop on over to the annual event. Activities include an egg hunt for kids 12 and under, inflatable rides, arts & crafts and more. Bring canned food to help support our local Hopelink.



Fourth of July Fireworks

Friday, July 4 • Log Boom Park • 10 p.m.
Watch the 20-minute firework show over Lake Washington.



National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 4 • Kenmore City Hall • 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Join the Kenmore Police Department at the annual National Night Out Against Crime event. The police chief will barbeque hamburgers and hotdogs for citizens. Activities include fingerprinting and ID cards for kids, bicycle registration cards, home and personal safety information and more.

Parks Appreciation Day

Saturday, April 25 • 9 a.m. – Noon
Help beautify Kenmore by participating at the annual parks cleanup event at Log Boom Park, Wallace Swamp Creek Park and Linwood Park. Volunteers receive a free event t-shirt and appreciation barbeque. Please help by bringing your own gardening supplies. Sign up today by calling 425-398-8900.



Kenmore Summer Concert Series

Thursday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & August 6, 13, 20 • Saint Edward State Park • 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
The Kenmore Summer Concert Series returns for its sixth season. The community is encouraged to relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the park while listening to music featured from around the world.



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thursday, December 3 • Kenmore City Hall • 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Sleigh your way to the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Enjoy the beautiful voices of our local choirs while having your child's photo taken with Santa Claus, making your favorite holiday arts & crafts project and enjoying cookies with a hot beverage.

For more information visit www.cityofkenmore.com/events

Message from the Mayor

Enactment in August 2005 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU)



Mayor David Baker

has provided an opportunity to reshape the nation's transportation investments over the next several years. One idea that the government

is investing in is transit-oriented development (TOD).

The purpose of TOD is to reduce the use of single-occupant vehicles by increasing the number of times people walk, bicycle, carpool, vanpool, or take a bus, streetcar, or rail. It does this by bringing potential riders closer to transit facilities rather than building homes away from population centers, which makes people more dependent on roads and automobiles.

Although the public has voiced what they want in transportation, it is often different from what they have been getting. They know that today's traffic problems won't be solved by yesterday's solutions. In most urban areas today, they live with worsening congestion, and the usual answer of more road capacity isn't improving the situation, at least not for the long term.

A 2003 Surface Transportation Policy Partnership poll found that if given a choice between "walking more" and "driving more," 55 percent of adults would choose "walking more," and 84 percent support using state transportation dollars for street design projects that calm traffic in residential areas, even though it means they may have to drive more slowly themselves.

To reduce external trips, TOD projects should be located in higher-density, mixed-use, urban, pedestrian-friendly districts with high-quality transit service. External single-occupancy vehicle trips can be reduced as much

or more by people walking within a mixed-use urban district as they can by using transit within and between urban centers.

TOD is an important issue for the Kenmore City Council, and the Council has directed the Downtown Task Force to look at TOD in the area of 182nd Street south to the Sammamish Slough and from 68th Street to 80th Street as part of its 2009 work plan. By incorporating TOD along the 522 corridor, high density development can be encouraged close to existing multimodal transportation corridors.

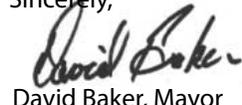
TOD makes transit investments work more efficiently by putting more riders on existing buses.

As part of the voter approved Sound Transit 2, which resulted in a .5% sales tax increase, bus frequency on Route 522 will increase to every 5 minutes during the peak rush hours, which will provide increased transportation opportunities in our community. The City is also asking for service every 15 minutes through out the day.

Once TOD takes hold in a community, it becomes a powerful motivator for changing the built environment. The concept includes mixed-use, higher-density buildings at the sidewalk; less private and more public open space; smaller blocks; narrow streets with wider sidewalks, street trees and lights; lower parking-to-occupant ratios; shared parking; parking behind buildings; and on-street parallel parking.

The beginnings of change were implemented by the City Council in 2003 with the adoption of the Downtown Development Guidelines. Now some of those visions are being realized in the improvements along 522 and 181st Street, currently under construction.

Sincerely,



David Baker, Mayor

Community Calendar

Passenger Ferry Town Hall

Northshore Utility District
March 24, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson will be available to answer questions about the King County Ferry District and possible passenger ferry service from Kenmore to Seattle. For more information visit www.kingcounty.gov/ferguson.

How and Why to Build Green

Bastyr University, Room 146
April 8, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

The Saint Edward Environmental Learning Center hosts a session on building green. Learn about new construction and what you can do to improve your home and reduce your carbon footprint. Sign up at www.seelc.org.

Earth Day Community Project

Saint Edward State Park
April 18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Saint Edward Environmental Learning Center welcomes community members to assist with an Earth Day community volunteer project. For more information visit www.seelc.org.

Blood Drive

Northlake Lutheran Church
April 14 & June 2, 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Save a Life, Lend an Arm! Reserve a time by contacting Katy at RichKatyW@hotmail.com. Drop-ins are also welcomed. Blood drive sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 582.

11th Annual Herb & Food Fair

Bastyr University
Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Activities include a variety of educational speakers and workshops, cooking demonstrations, live entertainment, special activities for children; distinctive vendors and more. For additional information visit, www.bastyr.edu.

*All events are free

City Manager's Corner

The New Year continues to be a busy one. Over the next several months the Kenmore City Council will be deliberating on many important community and regional issues, most of which have been priorities of the City Council for a number of years. Major progress continues on these various fronts. Some significant upcoming dates:

1. Kenmore City Hall Construction

This project, a City objective since incorporation, has been studied by City Council at several meetings. As mentioned in the city hall article on the front page, City Council awarded the construction bid and approved the project budget at the March 9 meeting. Earlier this year, 13 bids were received, and the apparent low bid of \$7.5 million from Graham Construction was significantly below last year's cost estimate.

2. Lake Washington Watershed and Drainage Basin

"Problems and Solutions, Past and Future---Swamp Creek and Beyond." Special Council Study Sessions are set for Monday, March 23 and Thursday, March 26.

As many realize, Kenmore sits at the base of a major drainage basin that ends for us at Lake Washington. Water flows, streams collect, and wetlands absorb or overflow from many land forms into and within our community. The City Council will be hearing and discussing the history of surface water drainage and flooding, including but not limited to, Swamp Creek on Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Northshore Utility District. Information will be posted on the City's website as the meetings approach.

3. Kenmore Pavement Management and Street Conditions

The City recently completed a commissioned street condition and pavement management system report. This report is under review and being readied for a comprehensive discussion with the City Council on Monday, April 6. The City allocates \$500,000 annually for paving and general street improvements in addition to other major projects such as SR 522.

4. SR 522 Phase 1 Stage 2 - From 60th Avenue to 65th - Ongoing Report

This last leg, entirely in the City of Kenmore, is now undergoing design.

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The \$23 million project could be under construction next year, soon after the current stages are complete.

Funding is being sought from Federal reauthorization of the omnibus highway transportation legislation this fall. The City will be concentrating on obtaining this funding with the leadership of our State U.S. Congressional delegation. In December the City Council authorized the review of the right-of-way needed and initial steps to proceed with the final design.

Sincerely,



Fred Stouder, City Manager

City Council Awards Construction Contract for Rhododendron Park Improvements

On February 23rd, the City Council approved a contract with L.W. Sundstrom, General Contractors, to construct Phase One Improvements in Rhododendron Park. The work is scheduled to start approximately March 16 and be completed by the middle of June.

Improvements will include a new widened vehicular access to the park, improved and expanded parking, new play areas with additional play equipment, a new picnic shelter, pedestrian access trails and walkways, additional site furnishings, landscaping, and a new automatic irrigation system.

The majority of the park will be closed during construction. Park users will be able to access the park using existing foot trails located along the southern and western park boundaries and utilize the central open grass area. The main access/parking lot will be closed during construction.

A big thank you to the Northshore Rotary for donating nearly \$5,000 to go toward the purchase of playground equipment. Mayor David Baker officially proclaimed March 6,



A toddler playground area will be added to Rhododendron Park. 2009 as "Northshore Rotary Day."

Rhododendron Park has been one of the quality park and recreation facilities within the City for years, and the new improvements will significantly enhance the overall park use.

Kenmore Police Department Offers Vehicle Security Tips

You can do a lot to prevent vehicle theft. Taking the time to review and implement the safety tips below may reduce your chance of becoming a victim:

Lock Your Car

o Lock all doors and windows to avoid being a target.

Don't Leave Your Car Running

o Leaving your car running and unoccupied may seem convenient, especially to warm the car in winter, but it's an invitation to a thief.

Install Anti-theft Devices

o Installing an anti-theft device, such as a locking device for your steering wheel or ignition cut device, tells a potential thief that you are protecting your vehicle. A car alarm is a deterrent and will detect any attempt at an intrusion.

Remove Valuables

o Remove all items or place them in the trunk of your vehicle. Cell phones, briefcases, loose change, and CD players are obvious targets for criminals. Sometimes criminals watch parking lots to see if you are putting items in your trunk, so if at all possible place your items in your trunk before you reach your destination.

Be Smart When You Park

o Park in a safe, well-lit area where it would be difficult for someone to tamper with your vehicle. At home, use your garage or park as close to your residence as possible, preferably off the street.

Protect Yourself in the Car

o If you have car trouble, raise the hood



and stay in the vehicle. If someone offers assistance, either roll the window down just enough to talk to them or write them a note. Ask them to stop at a phone and call the police.

o Do not stop to help a stranger in a stalled vehicle. Go to a safe place and report the stalled vehicle to police.

o Never pick up a hitchhiker

o Remember to keep your doors locked at all times. If someone approaches your car, do not open the door or windows; if possible drive away.

o If someone tries to break into your car while you are in it, honk the horn in short and long bursts and try to drive away.

o Always have your keys ready to unlock the car door and enter without delay. You can appear vulnerable if you look for your keys as you approach your car.

If you find that your vehicle has been broken into, be sure to call 911, even if nothing has been taken. Crime reporting is one tool the police department has to help forecast and analyze crime patterns in the city. If you have any questions, contact Officer Childers at 206-205-7652.

City Council Adopts Changes to Zoning and Development Regulations

The Kenmore City Council adopted a series of four ordinances in December 2008 and January 2009, making several changes to Kenmore's zoning and development regulations.

Ordinance 08-0289 included changes to minimum lot sizes, setbacks, and the method of calculating densities in single-family zones.

The Community Business zone height was changed from 60 feet to 35 feet, along with other minor amendments to CB development regulations, with Ordinance 08-0291.

Ordinance 08-0293 revised the City's zoning map and created the Public/Semi-Public, and Golf Course zones, and included development standards to accompany the new zones.

Ordinance 09-0295 made several revisions to the City's tree management and protection regulations. These revisions include an increase in the minimum "tree density" for new development, provisions for greater credit for developers to retain existing trees, and penalties for removal of trees without City approval.

All of these new development regulations are now in effect and will apply to new development applications. The revisions have not yet been codified into the municipal code, but can be accessed online at www.cityofkenmore.com/cityclerk.

City Council Authorizes Amendment to Disposition and Development Agreement

At the February 9, 2009 City Council meeting, Council passed a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute an administrative amendment to the Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) with Kenmore Partners.

The DDA is the document that outlines the terms and conditions for the sale and development of the 9.6 acre downtown site (northwest intersection of 68th Ave NE and NE 181st Street) known as Kenmore Village.

Given the current uncertainty in the real estate market,

capital market and economy, the administrative amendment provides for additional time (up to 6/27/09), allowing the City and Kenmore Partners to fully consider substantive amendments to the DDA, such as extending closing dates for sale of the property or other options for sustaining project momentum.

Substantive amendments to the DDA will require a public hearing to provide for public testimony. A public hearing date has not yet been established.

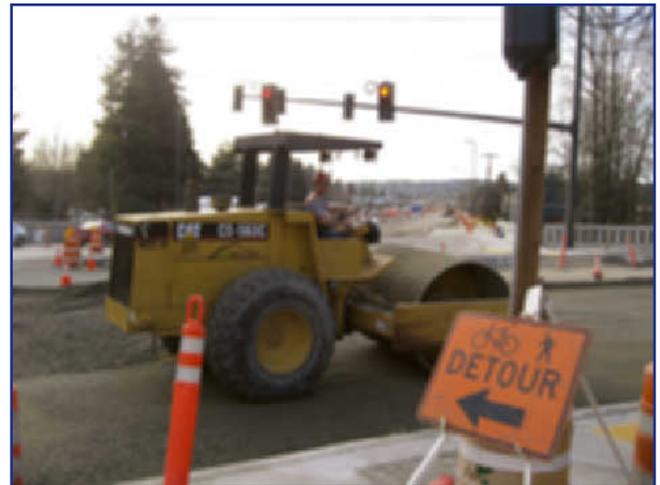
**Notices of Application
Issued for the Period of
Dec. 2008, Jan. & Feb. 2009**

- 1) 8236 NE 169th St.** Proposed construction of a new single-family residence. The southern portion of the site is mapped within a landslide hazard area. Landslide hazard areas require a standard buffer of 50 feet and an additional 15-foot building setback from the edge of the buffer. The site is currently vacant. Access to the new residence will be from an existing private driveway off of NE 169th Street. File No. RUE2008-066
- 2) 7306 NE 150th St.** Subdivision of an existing lot into two lots. Zoned R-6 (residential 6 dwelling units per acre). The existing house and detached garage are proposed to remain on site as part of Lot 2. Access is shown to come from an existing 20-foot private easement on the neighboring property to the east. Access to all lots will be reviewed and required to meet road standards prior to preliminary approval. No environmentally critical areas are mapped on site. File No. PSP2009-003.
- 3) 16614 and 16615 74th Ave. NE.** Proposed subdivision of two lots into 13 single-family lots zoned R-6 (residential 6 dwelling units per acre). The two existing houses on site are proposed to be removed. Access is proposed from a new roadway from 74th Ave NE on the west, connecting through to 76th Ave NE on the east. No environmentally critical areas are mapped on site. File No. PLP2009-006.
- 4) 16066 Inglewood Rd. NE** Proposed two-lot short plat of an existing 29,687 square foot lot zoned R-6 (residential 6 dwelling units per acre). The existing house on site is proposed to remain as part of Lot 1. Both lots will take access from Inglewood Road NE. A landslide hazard area is mapped on the western portion of the site. File No. PSP2009-005.

SR 522 Improvement Project Update

East Segment - 73rd Ave. NE to 83rd Pl. NE

Winter work through this section includes removal of the existing concrete roadway and repaving, new sidewalks and driveways along the north side of SR 522, the installation of traffic medians, substantial completion of the Swamp Creek Bridge, and landscaping. Less visible improvements include upgrades to utilities and stormwater systems. To follow our progress, please visit the SR 522 Improvement Project website at www.KenmoreSR522.com.



Central Segment – 65th Ave. NE to 73rd Ave. NE

The bulk of construction in 2009 will be in the Central Segment. Crews recently began extending utilities in a joint utility trench from 73rd Ave. NE, west along SR 522. Additional work anticipated for the central segment includes realigning the intersection of 68th Ave. NE and NE 181st St. and continuing corridor improvements such as the undergrounding of additional utilities, construction of medians and sidewalks, and landscaping.

Support Local Businesses

Please support local businesses during construction.

Contact Information

If you have questions or concerns regarding the project, please contact us at 425-361-6300 or at info@KenmoreSR522.com. Or, visit the project website at www.KenmoreSR522.com for more information.

Shoreline Master Program Update

The City's Planning Commission, together with a Citizen Advisory Committee selected for its diversity of viewpoints, has been steadily working on revisions to the Shoreline Master Program, due to the State by December 2009.

Last fall the group identified "shoreline environments" for Kenmore, including Natural, Shoreline Residential, and Downtown Waterfront, to create expectations for the types of future development planned for the shorelines of Lake Washington, the Sammamish River, and the main stem of Swamp Creek. The group is currently reviewing

goals and policies for overall shoreline management in the City, consistent with State guidelines and the Comprehensive Plan.

The goals and policies address such topics as public access and recreation, economic development, conservation, piers and docks, shoreline stabilization, dredging, and restoration and enhancement.

It is expected that a public open house will be held this spring to gather community feedback on the work to date.

For more information, please visit the City's website at www.cityofkenmore.com.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Kenmore City Council holds regular council meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. These meetings are open to the public, and public comments are accepted at the beginning of the meeting. These meetings are held at the Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th St. and begin at 7 p.m. The City Council also conducts study sessions the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. These meetings are generally held at 7 p.m. at City Hall. For meeting agendas, schedules and locations, visit our website at www.cityofkenmore.com or call the City Clerk at 425-398-8900.

Downtown Task Force holds meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th St. For meeting agendas, visit www.cityofkenmore.com.

Economic Development Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 31 starting at 7 p.m. at the Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th St. For more information, visit www.cityofkenmore.com.

Planning Commission holds meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th St. For meeting agendas, visit www.cityofkenmore.com.

Kenmore Library Advisory Board holds meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Kenmore Library at 7 p.m.

Northshore Fire Commission holds public meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Kenmore Fire Station at 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.northshorefire.com

Northshore Utility District Board of Commissioners holds meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. For more information visit www.nud.net.

Kenmore Senior Center is a branch of Northshore Senior Center and partially sponsored by the City of Kenmore and Senior Services. For more information call 425-489-0707.

Good Numbers to Know

Emergencies

Police/Fire -----	911
Flooding/drainage (after hours) -----	206-296-8100
Street concerns (after hours) -----	206-296-8100

Public Safety Non-emergency

Police Services -----	425-398-8900
Fire Services -----	425-486-2784

Planning and Land Use

Building Permits -----	425-398-8900
Land Use -----	425-398-8900
General Questions -----	425-398-8900
Code Compliance -----	425-398-8900

Public Works

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Other Services

Animal Control -----	206-296-PETS
Trash Services -----	206-682-9730
Cable TV -----	206-286-1818
Water & Sewer -----	425-398-4400
Kenmore Library -----	425-486-8747
Electricity & Gas -----	425-454-2000