



Kenmore Newsletter

SUMMER 2016



Grab some friends and play a game of basketball at Rhododendron Park

The Official Newsletter of the City of Kenmore, Washington

City Council Places “Walkways & Waterways” Bond Measure on November Ballot

Kenmore voters will consider whether to fund pedestrian and bicycle safety projects and public waterfront access improvements

At their June 13, 2016 meeting, the Kenmore City Council passed a Bond Election Ordinance which will place a \$19.75 million “Walkways & Waterways” bond measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot for Kenmore voters to consider.

What is Walkways and Waterways?

Walkways and Waterways is a pedestrian and bicycle safety and waterfront park improvement bond measure that will be proposed to Kenmore voters on the November 8, 2016 ballot. In order to pass, a bond measure requires a 60% voter approval. The bond measure, if approved, will allow the City to raise the necessary revenue to issue bonds to pay for the following:

- **68th Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety:** New sidewalks and bike lanes on 68th Avenue connecting the recently funded Safe Routes to Schools sidewalks near Kenmore Junior High from downtown Kenmore (182nd St.) north to the City limits (at the point where 62nd Avenue intersects with Locust Way).

- **Juanita Drive Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety:** New sidewalks (east side) and bike lanes on Juanita Drive from the Kirkland city limit north to 170th Avenue (Simonds Road). The project includes road widening at certain segments, including the curve at 153rd Street, and adding or extending selected left turn lanes. Assumes bond funds will leverage State and Federal matching grants.

- **Log Boom Park Waterfront Access and Viewing:** Improve public access to Lake Washington including beach expansion, new trails and viewpoints, picnic areas, waterfront pavilion, environmental shoreline and wetland enhancements, and boating facilities.



Juanita Drive Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Project Rendering

- **Rhododendron Park Waterfront and Natural Open Space Access:** Improve public access to the Sammamish River by constructing a new trail and boardwalk to connect the existing playfield through the natural open space to the riverfront and future dock. The project will also include improving the access drive and parking near the river.

- **Squire’s Landing Park Waterfront and Natural Open Space Access:** Improve public water access to the Sammamish River. Improvements will include new boardwalks, trails, and viewpoints, as well as natural open space and other environmental enhancements. The project will also add new boating facilities including docks, ramps, and staging areas for hand-powered watercraft; additional parking; and a new restroom.

(Walkways and Waterways continued on pages 4 & 5)

Meet Your Council



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David Baker



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City Council regular meetings are the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays of each month, unless otherwise posted. To view meeting agendas, receive meeting notifications, and watch live streaming or prerecorded on-demand videos, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/council.

Kenmore Wins 2016 Governor's Smart Communities Award

The City of Kenmore, in partnership with MainStreet Property Group, LLC, a real estate development firm, has been awarded the 2016 Governor's Smart Communities "Smart Partnership" Award for the Kenmore Village mixed-use development project. The downtown project includes The Spencer 68 Apartments + Lofts, The LINQ Flats + Lofts, Spencer Square, and the Town Green and community building. The Smart Communities program recognizes outstanding efforts of counties, cities and towns, and their partners throughout the state, to create quality communities through excellence in growth planning. Kenmore is one of only seven cities statewide to receive a Smart Communities award this year.

"Kenmore Village is a perfect example of a jointly-developed project that implements a local Comprehensive Plan. The innovative marketing process and careful joint development of the properties is a model for other smaller communities wanting to encourage economic growth and revitalize their downtown," said Kenmore Mayor David Baker.

Since incorporation in 1998, the Kenmore community consistently has made a downtown "center" part of the community vision. The City provided the land and park for Kenmore Village, then partnered with MainStreet over four years of project implementation.

In January 2016, MainStreet opened a 138-unit apartment community, The Spencer 68 Apartments + Lofts, with Phase II of the project (58 additional units) planned to open this winter. Coming this fall, MainStreet will open the LEED Certified building, The LINQ Flats + Flats, that will bring 94 residential units and 20,000 square feet of retail space leased to EvergreenHealth to the downtown core. In addition to the hundreds of new housing units, new retail and restaurant space are also planned.

In addition, the Town Green and community building will create a year-round gathering place for residents to use and enjoy. Amenities in the Town Green and community building include a two-sided fireplace, meeting spaces, a food or coffee retailer, "hot rocks" for outdoor seating, a water feature, and a large door that can open to connect the building and the public plaza. The development as a whole is providing improved pedestrian connections, sidewalks and street improvements. The high quality design of the buildings incorporates significant sustainable elements. Kenmore Village Town Green and community building are scheduled for completion this fall. The retail portion of the community building is scheduled to be completed in the first half of 2017.



L to R: Town Green and Community Building; The Spencer 68 Apartments + Lofts; The LINQ Flats + Lofts and Spencer Square

Kenmore's Financial Picture

When it comes to the City of Kenmore's finances, how are we doing? While there are various ways to measure the City's financial health, consider the following. The City of Kenmore has:

- No debt
- Earned clean financial and accountability audits from the State Auditor, with no negative findings, for the last 15 years
- A rainy day fund
- Maintained steady cash balances, including a General Fund cash balance over 25% of annual operating expenses (10-15% is considered acceptable)
- Not taxed its citizens to the limits allowed by State law, including utility taxes and property taxes



challenging for cities to keep pace with rising and ongoing operational costs, let alone allocate funding for one-time capital projects.

That said, the City has seen recent improvements in permit and sales tax revenue; however, these increases are a relatively small portion of the City's budget, and we consider these gains to be cyclical with the economy. As a result, we tend to take a conservative approach to our financial projections, and the City Council has taken that approach as well.

So back to the original question—is the City in a good financial position? Like other cities, Kenmore works in an environment of rising costs and declining financial assistance from the State. Despite these challenges, the City has made adjustments to maintain services, preserve steady cash balances, earn clean audits, and levy taxes that are lower than the limits allowed by State law.

While these indicators point Kenmore in the right direction, the City is limited in its ability to fund larger one-time expenditures such as capital improvement projects. In addition, the State-imposed 1% growth limit on property tax, combined with reductions in State-shared revenues, make it

Questions about the City's finances? Contact Joanne Gregory, Finance Director, at jgregory@kenmorewa.gov or 425-398-8900.

City Staff Train to Respond to Major Disaster



On June 7-10, Emergency Operations Centers at all levels of government participated in Cascadia Rising, a regional exercise to address the expected 9.0 magnitude earthquake along the Cascadia Subduction. Kenmore staff participated in King County facilities in addition to organizing a tabletop exercise with the City of Lake Forest Park, Northshore Utility District, Northshore Fire Department, and other community partners.

A huge THANK YOU to the volunteers for participating in activities throughout the exercise.



SR 522 West A Project Area is Now Paved

The final paving for the SR 522 West A project is now complete! Remaining work includes paint striping, manhole adjustments, additional planting, wall painting, and miscellaneous punch list repairs. All lanes are scheduled to re-open to traffic by the end of June.

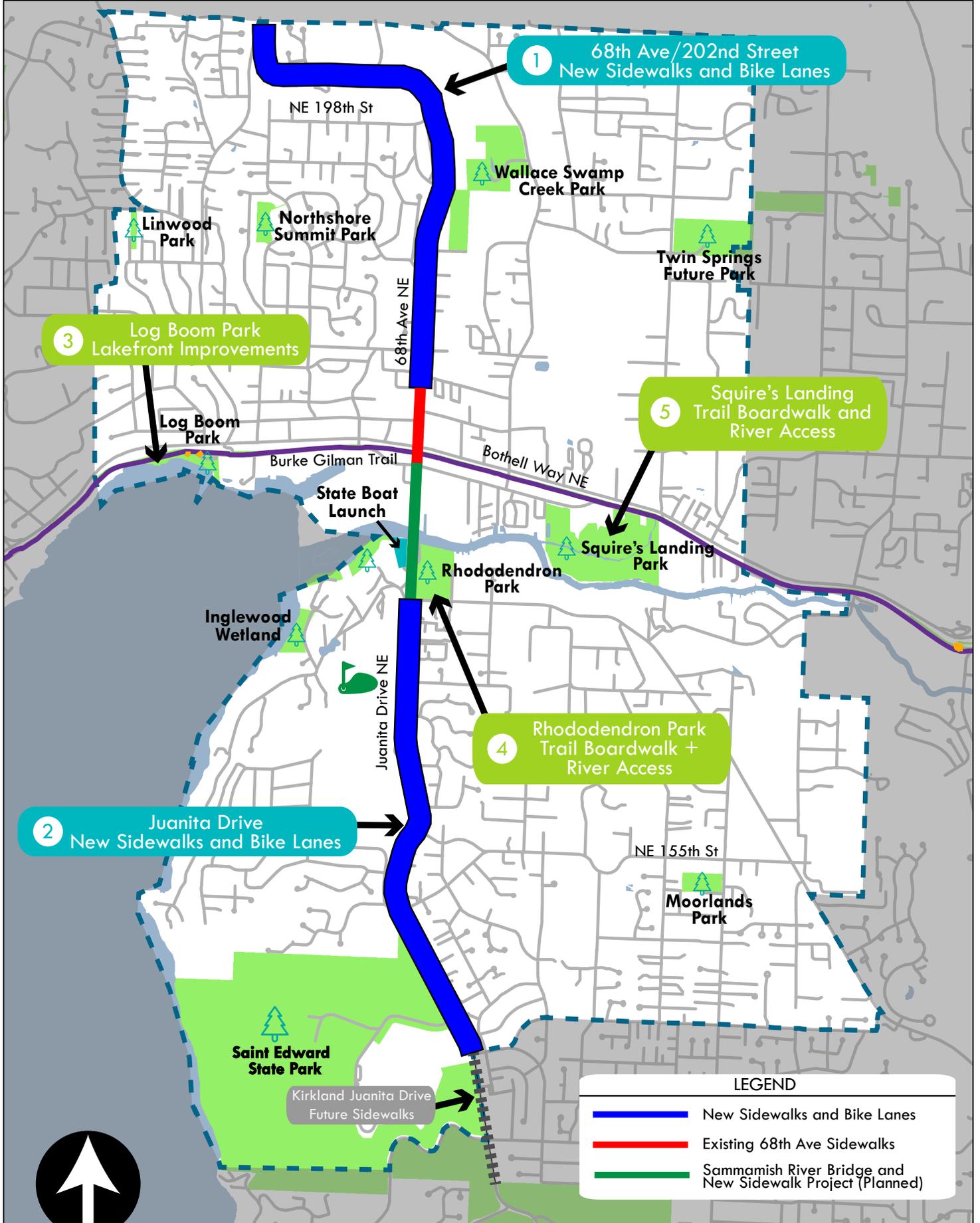
The project area between 61st and 65th Avenues includes several benefits to the community, including: increased efficiency on SR 522 and 61st Ave NE; improved safety and accessibility due to added sidewalks, medians, and

signals; improved corridor appearance due to undergrounding utility lines and adding new landscaping and lighting features.

The City would like to thank the public and the business community for their patience during construction. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 9, 2016.

To keep informed with the latest construction news, visit the project website at www.sr522kenmore.com.

City of Kenmore - Proposed Walkways + Waterways Projects



Walkways and Waterways continued from page 1



How did the City arrive at the Walkways and Waterways proposal?

The proposed Walkways and Waterways bond measure is the result of the City's "Imagine Kenmore" public outreach initiative, where the City asked citizens what pedestrian and bicycle safety and park improvements are important to them.

Through a series of public meetings and online interactive methods over the last 10 months, the City received input from hundreds of Kenmore residents. The City also conducted two randomized and statistically valid phone surveys.

From this outreach effort, the city council concluded that sidewalks and bike lanes on major roads and connecting citizens with the City's public waterfront are top priorities for residents. Taking all of the data and input into account, the City proposed a Walkways & Waterways project list as described on page 1 and shown on the map on page 4.

How much will it cost property owners?

The estimated cost over the terms of the bonds is \$10.67 per month for a home currently valued at \$400,000. The cost for a \$500,000 home is estimated at \$13.33 per month.

How do I learn more?

To find out more about the Walkways & Waterways bond measure, go to www.imaginekenmore.org. To request a Fact Sheet or for additional questions, contact Leslie Harris at lharris@kenmorewa.gov or 425-398-8900.



NE 181st Street South Sidewalk Improvements Taking Shape

Construction of the sidewalk improvements on the south side of NE 181st Street between 68th Avenue and 73rd Avenue has been progressing nicely.

Once completed, this project will give us full continuous, uninterrupted sidewalks on NE 181st Street from 68th Ave to 73rd Ave. About one-third of this project is funded with Federal grants.

All the utility underground work is complete. The existing utility poles and aerial lines in the public right of way within the project limits will be

removed in the near future.

Surface work continues with new curb and gutter poured and sidewalk forms installed (see photo).

This project is scheduled for completion in August 2016.

Continuous new sidewalks on the north side are also planned. Construction is anticipated to start this year and is partially grant funded.

For additional project information, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/NE181st-StreetSidewalkProject.





Have a Blast at Kenmore's Fourth of July Fireworks Show

Watch the night sky light up and have a fun-filled Fourth of July! The Kenmore Fourth of July Fireworks Show presented by Frank Lumber blasts off at 10:00 p.m. from the Log Boom Park pier (17415 61st Ave NE). Prior to the fireworks show, join in the festivities with fun activities and food vendors from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. The event is free and all you need to bring is a blanket or chair!

As a reminder, personal fireworks are prohibited in Kenmore city limits.

For parking information and event details, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/events.

Photo credit: Shaun McClurken



If you enjoy our events, please let these organizations and businesses know you appreciate their support of community events in Kenmore.

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- Puget Sound Energy

Meet the City's New Volunteer and Events Supervisor

A big Kenmore welcome to Sarah Sandquist, the City's new volunteer and events supervisor!



Sandquist

Sarah joins Kenmore from the City of Redmond where she managed adult fitness programs and community events. Sarah will oversee Kenmore's volunteer program, City-sponsored events, and Town Green programming. She is looking forward to working closely with the community on these activities.

Sarah was recently presented with the Young Professional Award by the Washington Recreation & Park Association for her dedication to helping park and recreation programs grow. The Chicago native packed her bags and moved to Seattle in 2010; now you can find Sarah running around Green Lake training for her next long distance race.

Sarah may be reached at ssandquist@kenmorewa.gov.

The sale, discharge, or possession of any fireworks is prohibited in Kenmore city limits

Kenmore Summer Concert Series Takes Center Stage

2016 Concert Schedule

July 7 (our kickoff)

Royal Jelly Jive

Soul jive

<http://www.royaljellyjive.com/>

July 14

JP Hennessy

Blues Guitar

<http://www.jpHennessymusic.com>

- and -

Laney Jones and the Spirits

Americana

<http://www.laney-jones.com/>

July 21

LoveBomb Go-Go Marching Band

Marching band party

<http://www.lovebombgogo.com>

July 28

The Tillers

Roots

<http://the-tillers.com/home/>

August 4

Napua and Friends with the

Rainbow of Hawaii Dancers

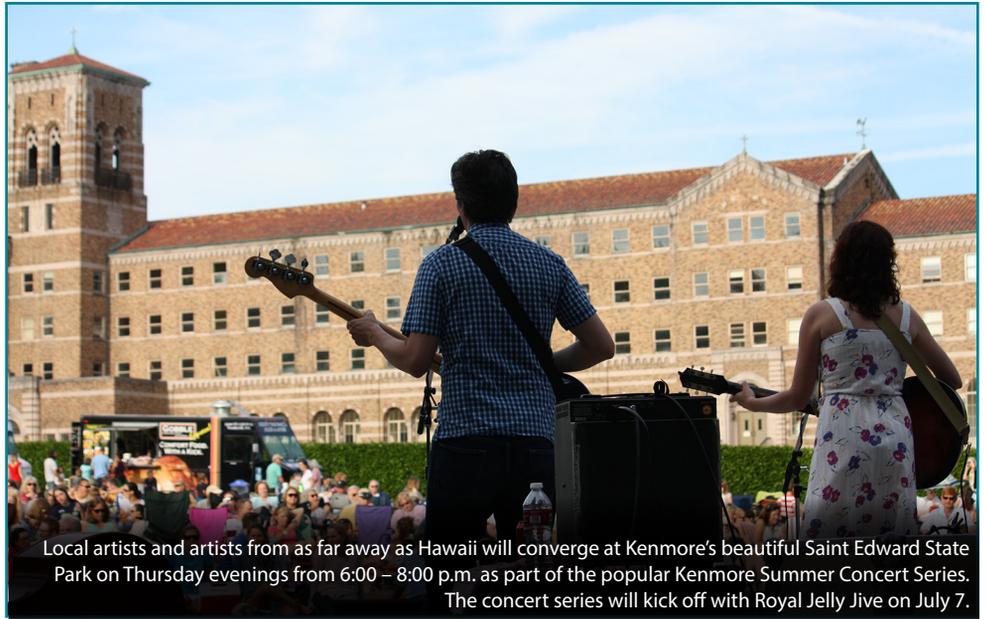
Hawaiian

August 11

Clinton Fearon & Boogie Brown Band

Reggae

<http://clintonfearon.com>



Local artists and artists from as far away as Hawaii will converge at Kenmore's beautiful Saint Edward State Park on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. as part of the popular Kenmore Summer Concert Series. The concert series will kick off with Royal Jelly Jive on July 7.

Clap your hands and stomp your feet, the Kenmore Summer Concert Series is back, and you're in for a treat! These free, popular community concerts run for six consecutive Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. starting on July 7. The concerts will be held at Saint Edward State Park, 14445 Juanita Drive NE, and parking for these events are FREE! Washington State Parks Discover Passes will not be required for concertgoers starting at 4:30 p.m.

The open stage at Saint Edward State Park is an ideal location to relax and enjoy fun music, while being surrounded by the park's natural beauty. Bring your favorite blanket or chair for comfortable seating. Bring your own picnic or purchase tasty meals from our food vendors: Tacos La Flaca, Athena's Food Truck, Cathouse Pizza, and Chillz. Alcohol is not permitted. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcomed to join in the festivities.

For event details, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/events. If you would like an event poster to display at your business, please email ssandquist@kenmorewa.gov.

Kenmore Play Day Packed with Free Kids Activities

Get outdoors and play at the annual Kenmore Play Day on **Saturday, August 13** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Rhododendron Park, 6910 NE 170th Street.

Kenmore Play Day features fitness games, activity and play stations, crafts, and free rides on hand-powered watercraft. There will be a free shuttle offered between parking locations and the park.

The City of Kenmore is proud to be named as a "Playful City USA" community by national nonprofit KaBOOM!

For event details, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/events.



There's a New Deputy in Town

We'd like to welcome Deputy Doug Deppa who will be working half time in a patrol car responding to radio calls for service and the other half on a motorcycle, solely dedicated to the enforcing all traffic laws, including crosswalk enforcement and distracted driving. The Kenmore Police Department realizes how important traffic education and enforcement is to their citizens.



Deputy Deppa is very thrilled with this position. Becoming a motorcycle officer was always one of his goals, as an Inglemoor High School alumni, he's happy to be back in Kenmore! This is the only motorcycle in all of the King County Sheriff's Department.

Kenmore's Brew District featured on King5 Evening Magazine

Kenmore now has three microbreweries along the Burke-Gilman Trail on NE 175th Street near 73rd Avenue, and they were featured in a recent episode of Evening Magazine. 192 Brewing Co., 9 Yards, and Cairn Brewing were interviewed and showcased their venues. The Washington Beer Blog and Kenmore Reporter ran previous stories on this emerging attraction in Kenmore. To watch the Evening Magazine story, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/EveningMagazineMay2016.

City of Kenmore Business Registration

The City of Kenmore requires businesses and non-profits that have a physical location in Kenmore to maintain a City Business Registration.

Registering is easy! Register or renew online through the Department of Revenue Business Licensing Division's website at <http://bls.dor.wa.gov/> or call 800-451-7985.

City of Kenmore's Online Business Directory

Registered businesses can opt-in to be listed in Kenmore's online business directory—a great way to shop local!

Business Directory
www.findkenmore.org



Kenmore Business Alliance is Growing

The Kenmore Business Alliance meets the first Thursday of each month from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at Kenmore City Hall.

This energetic group is staffed by the Greater Bothell Chamber of Commerce and welcomes all Kenmore businesses—you do not have to be a Chamber member to participate. Connect with other local business people and hear the latest on what's happening in Kenmore!

Kenmore Business Registration revenues support this activity. For more information, visit www.bothellchamber.com.



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Outside Air Temperature	Inside Car Temperature
70	100
75	110
80	120
85	130
90	140

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KENMORE BUSINESS INCUBATOR



Are you looking for a mentor who can help you grow your business? Do you need a work space that is affordable and has great neighbors?

The Kenmore Business Incubator may be the place for you. The City offers low cost, dedicated work space in downtown Kenmore and business development mentoring from our Program Consultant Corey Hansen.

If you're not in the market for office space, you can join our Virtual Incubator Program and receive the business development mentoring services.

Program fees are \$75 per month for Virtual Incubator services and range from \$150-\$600 per month for dedicated work/office space.

Contact Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager for more information at nousley@kenmorewa.gov or 425-398-8900.

Travel Outdoors Safely this Summer

As we are jumping into the summer season, it's important that you stay safe and aware of your surroundings. In general, during summer more people will be actively enjoying the outdoors. Please keep the following tips in mind:



Drivers – Please watch for bicyclists and pedestrians while making left and right turns (especially at red lights), exiting driveways and parking lots, and opening your car door while on-street parking. Bicyclists may be present on many roads on the right side or in the lane, even where bicycle lanes are not marked and signed. Pedestrians may legally cross at any intersecting street, not just at marked crosswalks. Drivers must yield to pedestrians on their half of the roadway.

Pedestrians – Be present! We understand that music and texting/talking on the phone are a part of your life, but while crossing the street or walking on marked walkways, please turn down the volume, pause your conversation and look around to be aware of your surroundings. Before entering a roadway, make eye contact with any oncoming drivers to ensure that they see you.

Bicyclists – Scan for traffic, signal your intentions, and occupy the center of the lane when turning. Be proactive and anticipate conflicts. Drivers might turn onto driveways and side streets at any time (without signaling) and may not expect or see you, especially on roads without marked bicycle lanes. On all trails and other shared spaces, maintain a safe speed, observe traffic signs and yield to pedestrians.

For information about the City's Target Zero initiative, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/targetzero.

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FUN PHOTO CONTEST

"A Day in the Life of Kenmore"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 10 AM

Don't miss out on the 2nd annual "A Day in the Life of Kenmore" Fun Photo Contest sponsored by the Kenmore Heritage Society and Kenmore Camera. All are welcome--photographers of any age, any digital camera, all skill levels.

The event will begin with a 10 a.m. sign-up at Kenmore Camera, where six mystery categories will be revealed. Bring your imagination. Awards and prizes will go to those whose photos offer the most creative interpretations of the mystery categories.

For more information, contact the Kenmore Heritage Society at kenmorepast@earthlink.org.



2015 Best of Show Winner
"Up and Away" by Brent Glaspie

Register for Summer Camps in Kenmore



Goal! Touchdown! Score! Home Run! Kenmore has partnered up with Skyhawks Sports Camps to run summer camps for kids ages 3 ½ – 12 years old. The camps include soccer, flag football, basketball and baseball. Camps are scheduled for the weeks of June 27 and July 25.

To learn more and register, visit: www.skyhawks.com/search. In the search box, type in Kenmore zip code 98028.



This summer, become the next Tony Hawk at Skate Like A Girl summer camp! Co-ed camps are available August 15-19 or 22-26 at Jack V. Crawford Skate Court. This co-ed camp is geared toward children ages 5-12 at all level of abilities from completely new to skateboarding through advanced.

To learn more and register, visit <http://www.skatelikeagirl.com/kenmore-skate-camp-registration.html>.



Kenmore Waterfront Activities Center Offers Classes

Paddle or row the Sammamish River with the Kenmore Waterfront Activities Center. Sign up for classes kids and adults can enjoy. To learn more about these exciting activities, visit www.kenmorewac.org.

You can also rent kayaks or stand up paddle boards at Log Boom Park. For details, visit www.whatssup.net.



Are you searching for a food bank? Kenmore's Food Bank is hosted by Northshore Church. For details, visit www.cpNorthshore.com/food-bank.



The “Living History” Community Mural Needs Your Support

If you’re driving down 73rd Avenue, you’re bound to be drawn in by the bright colors of the beautiful mural project that is painted along the wall of St. Vincent de Paul.

This “Living History” mural, designed by local artists A. Gaul Culley and Staci Adman, celebrates and tells the story of the cultural history of Kenmore. From the hydroplane to the Kenmore crest to the array of local businesses, this mural brings out our heritage.

The Kenmore Mural Project is expected to be completed by September 2016 and donations are needed. So far, businesses and the community have been generous with donations toward this mural.

To learn more about this project and to donate visit: <http://www.artsofkenmore.org/events/kenmore-mural-project/>. Or, stop by the project site and speak with the artists.



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SERVING UP SUMMER LUNCH

Come join us for lunch! The Northshore Y will be providing FREE SUMMER LUNCHES at Kenmore City Hall (18120 68th Ave NE) & First Lutheran Church (10207 NE 183rd St) in Bothell.

July 6 - August 31, 2016
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Any children aged 18 and under are welcome to come enjoy lunch, engage in activities and meet new friends.

For more information, contact Rodney Scott at rscott@seattleym-ca.org or call 425 485 9797.

New Bike Lanes Coming to Simonds Road

The City’s Asphalt Overlay Program is an annual street maintenance program in which selected streets are repaved along with repair and improvement to curbs, sidewalks and wheelchair ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. This summer, NE 170th Street/Simonds Road between 68th Ave NE to the 16200 block of Simonds will be repaved. In addition, the roadway will be rechannelized to add bike lanes.

Always watch for equipment, flaggers, and workers along the road when driving through a work zone, and expect reduced speed limits. We appreciate your patience while the paving is underway. Crews will make every attempt to work efficiently and effectively. The contractor will place variable message boards to give motorists advanced notice of possible paving delays.

For information on the asphalt overlay process, visit www.kenmore-wa.gov/asphaltoverlay. If you have comments or questions about the project, contact the Public Works Department at 425-398-8900.

Meeting & Other Information

Kenmore City Council regular meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second, third, and fourth Mondays of the month at Kenmore City Hall, unless otherwise posted. Meetings are open to the public, and public comments are accepted at most meetings. Meeting agendas and schedules are available online at kenmorewa.gov/council.

Coffee with Council is held the first Monday at 7:30 a.m. and third Saturday at 8:00 a.m. of each month at Starbucks, 7750 NE Bothell Way. Citizens are encouraged to attend these informal sessions to ask questions, discuss issues and offer suggestions on any topic of interest.

Kenmore Planning Commission meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Kenmore City Hall. Meeting agendas and schedules are available online at kenmorewa.gov/planningcommission.

Kenmore Library Advisory Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of odd-numbered months at the Kenmore Library.

City News & Meeting Information is distributed through the City's listserv. Sign up to stay informed at kenmorewa.gov/stayinformed.

The Arts of Kenmore Gallery @ Kenmore City Hall features the "Playful" exhibit through August 18 in celebration of the City's 2016 Playful City USA designation. For the art gallery schedule, visit www.artsofkenmore.org.

Licensing your pet is easy and gives your pet an inexpensive insurance policy for its safety and protection. Plus, it's the law. For details, visit kenmorewa.gov/animalservices.

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
Spills/Illicit Discharge (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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Sheriff John Urquhart awards Kenmore Police Detective Bobbi Wilcox with a Sheriff's Medal

Going Above and Beyond

In May 2015, Kenmore Police Detective Bobbi Wilcox experienced an incident that would cause her to go above and beyond the call of duty. She was driving to work at Kenmore City Hall when she noticed a house fire in Bothell. Not knowing if anyone was inside, Detective Wilcox entered the burning house and found the homeowner inside. She was able to carefully escort the homeowner outside.

But it wasn't over. While moving her vehicle for responding fire vehicles, Detective Wilcox spotted the homeowner reentering the house. She made a quick decision to go back into the house, with the roof entirely engulfed in flames to search for the homeowner. She found him attempting to enter the crawl space and, thankfully, was able to physically pull the homeowner out of the crawl space and back outside. While getting the homeowner to safety, Detective Wilcox dodged burning ceiling materials that were dropping, putting herself in grave danger.

Thank you, Detective Wilcox, for your heroic actions, and congratulations on being awarded the Sheriff's Medal by the King County Sheriff's Office.