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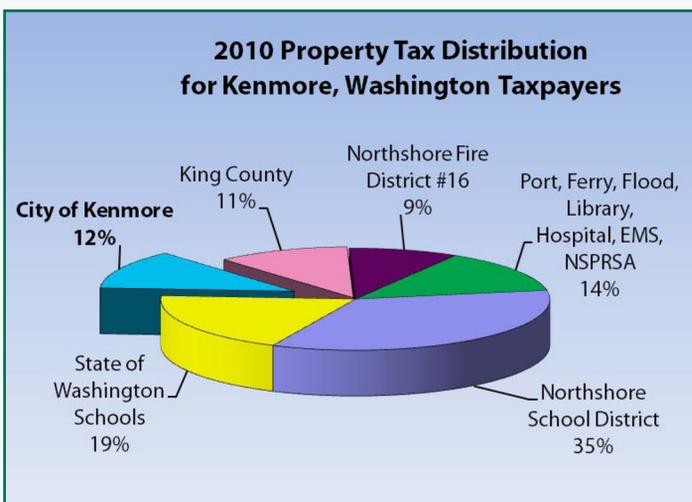
City Council Adopts 2011-2012 Biennial Budget

No Increase in the Property Tax Levy for 2011

On November 22, the Kenmore City Council voted to adopt the 2011-2012 Biennial Budget and to maintain the same property tax levy in 2011 as in 2010, with no increase, other than new revenues resulting from new construction going on the tax rolls. Approximately 12 percent of the Kenmore taxpayer's total property tax bill goes to the City, as shown on chart to the right.

Homeowners may notice a reduction in the assessed value of their home this year. Estimates are that assessed values in Kenmore will decline by an average of 3 percent for 2011. However, this does not mean that there will be similar declines in property taxes for 2011. Depending on the change in value of each property, a taxpayer may pay less but could also pay the same or more taxes in 2011 than in 2010.

Many states have a rate-based property tax system where taxes go up and down depending on changes in property values. In Washington State, the property tax system is levy-based, which means a taxing district can collect a specific dollar amount (the levy) each year. Due to Initiative 747, this levy can generally only be increased by 1 percent annually. Each year the King County Assessor calculates the tax rate by dividing the levy amount by the total value of all property in



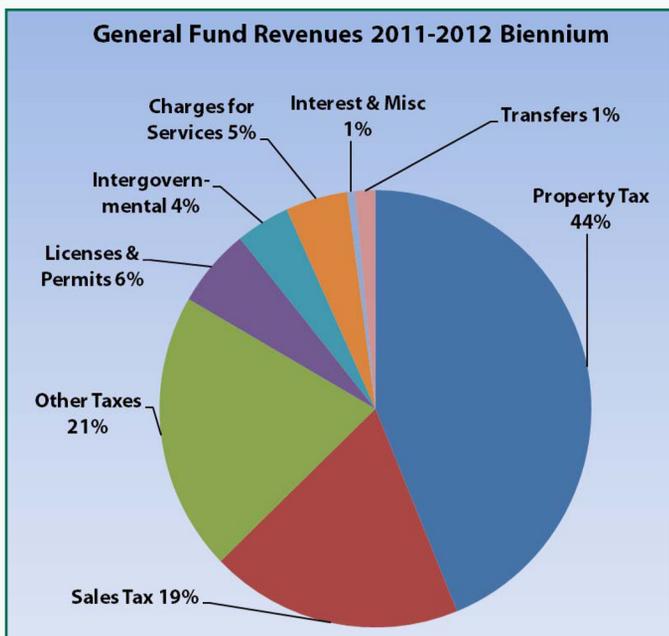
the City. This determines the tax rate, which is expressed in dollars per \$1,000 of assessed value, and which is applied to each property to determine the tax liability.

Using this formula, the tax rate increases when the total value of the property in the City falls in order to raise the same amount of money (the levy). This explains the increase in Kenmore's tax rate between 2009 (\$1.19) and 2010 (\$1.44 estimate). For 2011, the City Council did not increase the City's share of the levy, which was \$4,066,155 in 2010. The City Council has not increased the City's share of the property tax levy since 2005. The addition of new construction each year has added to the City's property tax revenue and resulted in the levy rate decreasing.

The City's property tax levy comprises 44 percent, or \$8,254,387, of the total General Fund (operating) resources of \$18,833,595 for 2011-2012, which supports the operating budget. This is shown on the General Fund Revenues chart to the left.

The City's operating budget for 2011-2012 is \$19,256,669. The operating budget is used to provide services to Kenmore residents, including public safety, human services, planning and development, park and street maintenance, emergency response, public works and engineering. Other funds support municipal services, such as the Surface Water Fund, supported by property fees; the Street Fund, which receives both General

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Winter Weather - Be Prepared Together

In Kenmore, winter can bring heavy rain, high winds, ice and snow. The City starts preparing for winter weather in the summer by training staff, preparing equipment and working with local agency partners.

The City of Kenmore contracts for public works services with the City of Lake Forest Park. The two cities share seven trucks for treating snow and ice conditions. Four trucks have sanders with plows, one truck has a deicer with plow, and two trucks have plows. During a snow and ice event, maintenance crews will switch to two 12-hour shifts to ensure 24-hour coverage. The goal is to provide the safest driving conditions possible to the public.

Snow and ice crews will focus on primary routes first, including arterials, bus routes, and designated emergency routes. Once the primary routes are able to be left in a safe condition, attention will turn to secondary and residential streets. Crews will continue to work around the clock as long as snow and ice conditions exist.

When high winds or heavy rain are forecast, our crews are ready to remove fallen trees from the road. If wires are on the ground, the proper agencies will be contacted.

Be a Good Neighbor

You are part of the effort too! Your participation and awareness can help.

- Clear your sidewalk and nearby street drains of leaves. Do not remove the grate from the storm drain opening – this does not unclog the system and creates a hazard for everyone. Place your leaves in a yard waste container or compost bin, not in the street.

- When snow falls, shovel your sidewalk and driveway. If you have neighbors who have difficulty shoveling snow, consider cleaning theirs too.

- Businesses and building managers should shovel sidewalks outside their locations so customers and employees can get around.

What You Can Do

- Know the Snow Map; www.kenmorewa.gov/preparedness
- Listen to the weather forecast. Have a plan in case severe weather strikes.

- Make sure you have a snow shovel and deicer.
- When the storm hits, don't drive if you don't have to. Having fewer cars on the street during and after a storm makes it easier to clear streets.



During a snow and ice event, crews will switch to two 12-hour shifts to ensure 24-hour coverage. Crews focus on primary routes first, including arterials, bus routes, and designated emergency routes. A snow and ice map is available on the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/preparedness.

- If you must drive, make sure your car is ready. Carry chains and be prepared to put them on. Make sure windows are clear and the snow is brushed from the entire car.
- Keep an emergency supply kit in your vehicle.
- Slow down; allow plenty of room between you and the next vehicle, and be prepared for ice you cannot see, especially on bridges and raised roadways.
- Watch for "Street Closed" signs. They are placed by crews for your safety.
- Stay away from downed power lines.
- Use alternative heat sources safely and wisely. Follow manufacturers' instructions. Adequately vent fueled space heaters (e.g., kerosene, propane, alcohol) to avoid fatal carbon monoxide gas buildup. Also, do not use outdoor grills or camp stoves indoors as it may cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Call 9-1-1 only for emergencies.

Build a Kit

Following is a list of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. You should have enough food, water, and other supplies to last for at least three days. However, it is helpful that individuals review this list and consider where they live and the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet these needs. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.



- Complete change of clothing including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
 - Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
 - Fire Extinguisher
 - Matches in a waterproof container
 - Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
 - Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
 - Paper and pencil
 - Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children
- Remember to rotate and update your supplies every six months. For a more detailed list of recommended disaster kit items, visit www.ready.gov.

For Additional Information and Assistance

City of Kenmore Website:

www.kenmorewa.gov/preparedness
Visit the City of Kenmore website for individual and business preparedness brochures, snow and ice removal plan, and additional information.

Kenmore Residents: To Report Severe Flooding

If localized flooding is severe and you are unable to clear the drain, please call Kenmore City Hall at 425-398-8900 during business hours, or after hours call 206-296-8100.

Kenmore Residents: To Report Icy or Hazardous Road Conditions

To report icy or hazardous conditions during business hours, call Kenmore City Hall at 425-398-8900, or after hours call 206-296-8100. To view a copy of the snow and ice removal plan, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/preparedness.

Kenmore Residents: Sandbags

The City of Kenmore has deployed sandbags at five designated locations for use during the flood season. Please notify the City prior to taking sandbags by calling 425-398-8900. This will allow the City to track the number of sandbags used so that the locations can be resupplied.

Sandbag Locations

- Near Kenmore Elementary
NE 192nd Street & 73rd Ave NE
- Old Kenmore Park & Ride
18201 68th Ave NE
- Rhododendron Park
6910 NE 170th Street
- Log Boom Park
60th Ave NE & NE 175th Street
- Arrowhead Drive
67th Ave NE & NE 155th Street

Northshore Utility District

For information on preparing your pipes for the winter, visit www.nud.net.

Puget Sound Energy

To report a power outage, call PSE at 1-888-225-5773

Washington State Department of Transportation

Road Conditions call 511
www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic

King County Metro

206-287-8463
<http://metro.kingcounty.gov>
Sign up to receive King County Transit Alerts online.

Sound Transit Rider Information

1-888-889-6368
www.soundtransit.org
Sign up to receive Sound Transit Alerts online

Message from the Mayor

The City Council adopted the 2011-2012 Municipal Budget on November 22. This budget is essentially a steady-state budget, with no increase in property taxes for the fifth straight year. While significant progress has been made in municipal services and project completion, such as the second major phase of SR 522, Rhododendron Park Improvements, the new City Hall, and preparing the old temporary City Hall for the relocation of the U.S. Postal Services, the 2011-2012 budget has lower expenditures in most ways than the previous two-year budget. The City Manager discusses this elsewhere in this newsletter.

I want to thank all the City employees and the management team for their hard work, dedication, and the changes

and improvements they continually strive for and achieve. On behalf of the Council, a Great Big Thanks to All of Them!

I also want to remind again and alert the public to the coming "tolling" on the Evergreen Floating Bridge, SR 520. This will likely result in increased traffic throughout the community as commuters seek to avoid the tolls, and potential delays during construction over the next three to five years.

The City Council feels the impacts on our neighborhoods as well as main traffic routes will be significant, which should demand relief by the State and County by way of funds to complete the last three-quarters of a mile phase of SR 522 and other traffic diversion costs. As you notice increases in traffic, please notify us and the County.

Sincerely,



David Baker, Mayor

Wayfinding and Banner Design Project

The City of Kenmore is working with designers Sussman/Prejza on street banner and wayfinding sign designs. The project is just underway, and when it is implemented, will help direct visitors to public facilities, schools and other points of interest. Street banners will complement the recent streetscape improvements along SR 522.

The design team will be discussing early ideas and concepts with the City Council and community at a Special Council meeting on **Wednesday, January 19 at 6 p.m.** at Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE. Displays of those early concepts will be available for public review at City Hall that week. Improved street signage was one of the recommended actions in the City of Kenmore's Economic Development Strategy, which was adopted in 2009.

The Economic Development Strategy is available for review on the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/economicdevelopment.

Historic Property Survey and Inventory Underway

King County's Historic Preservation Program has recently started a survey and inventory of historic properties in Kenmore. The project is being conducted on behalf of the City of Kenmore, is funded by a grant from the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, and should be completed in the first quarter of 2011. The purpose of the project is to provide a framework for future planning and preservation efforts in Kenmore.

The survey will focus on properties built before 1970, and will pay particular attention to mid-20th Century structures, as well as properties identified in documents such as the Kenmore Heritage Society's well-regarded book, *Kenmore by the Lake: A Community History*. The most recent historic properties survey in Kenmore was completed in the 1970s, and the project will update records on properties included in that survey.

The City of Kenmore and King County signed an agreement in 1998 for landmark designation and protection activities. Two properties in Kenmore are listed on historic registers—the Thomsen Estate is a Local Landmark, and Saint Edward Seminary is listed on the Washington Heritage Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

The project staff is working with the Kenmore Heritage



The Saint Edward Seminary is listed on the Washington Heritage Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

Society and neighborhood associations and will brief the City Council in February or March.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager, at nousley@kenmorewa.gov or 425-398-8900.

City Maintains Zero Audit Findings

City of Kenmore has received notice from the Washington State Auditor's Office that it has achieved an 11th consecutive year with zero audit findings. Audit procedures are performed annually to determine whether the City complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures.

This year's audit examined accountability for public resources and compliance with laws and regulations; financial statements; and federal compliance.

The Washington State Auditor's Office independently serves the citizens of Washington by promoting accountability, fiscal integrity and openness in state and local government. The office strives to ensure the efficient and effective use of public resources.

To view the audit report, visit <http://www.sao.wa.gov/auditreports/auditreportfiles/ar1004126.pdf>.

Comcast Newsmakers Interviews at City Hall



On December 9, Comcast production staff taped interviews with regional public and nonprofit organization leaders at Kenmore City Hall. These interviews will be shown on Comcast Cable through mid-January, and will feature footage of the City Hall and Kenmore. Deputy Mayor Dr. Milton Curtis is among the featured speakers. Interviews may also be viewed online at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ComcastNewsmakersWA>.

Notices of Application Issued During the Period of Oct. through Nov. 2010

1) 15520 84th Avenue NE

Kenmore File No. COM/CUP2010-051
Installation of 3 broadcast antennas and 3 microwave dishes on an existing electrical utility transmission structure. New radio equipment would be installed in an existing equipment shelter at the base of the structure.

2) 18531 & 18533 73rd Avenue NE

Kenmore File No. PSP2010-048.
Proposed two-lot short plat of 16,111 square feet zoned R-6.

3) 6805 NE 175th Street

Kenmore File No. SSDP2010-053
Shoreline substantial development permit for proposed addition to an existing building used as a rowing school.

Electronic Tolling is Coming to the SR 520 Bridge

In the spring of 2011, all-electronic tolling will begin on the SR 520 Bridge to help pay for the construction of a new, safer bridge. *Good To Go!* electronic tolling uses technology to keep traffic moving with no toll booths, no stopping, and no slowing down.

Tolls will be collected in two ways: as vehicles drive under an electronic sensor, the toll will be automatically deducted from a prepaid account. Or, if the driver does not have a prepaid account, a photo will be taken of the vehicle's license plate, and a bill will be sent to the registered owner in the mail.

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has launched a campaign to educate drivers about electronic tolling on the SR 520 Bridge. You can get ready for all-electronic tolling on the SR 520 Bridge by joining the interest list at www.goodtogo520.org, and be among the first to sign up for a *Good to Go! Pass* in January 2011. Subscribers will also receive regular updates about rates, account options, special offers and customer service resources.

Contact WSDOT

- Leave us a message at: 1-888-G2G-WSDOT (1-888-424-9736). A customer service representative will return your call as soon as possible.
- Email: goodtogo520@wsdot.wa.gov
- Website: www.goodtogo520.org



City Manager's Notes: A Year of Great Success

The Kenmore community has much to be thankful for in the New Year. The 12 years since municipal incorporation includes major successes. The one-and-a-quarter mile of the two-mile \$73 million State Route 522 Improvement Project alone is a major success.

Increased dollars devoted to street overlay and maintenance programs, surface water management improvements, assistance to human service agencies, a Comprehensive Plan tailored to the future of the City, park projects in 2010 such as landscaping, playground improvements and the addition of the full basketball court in Rhododendron Park, and the completion of the Kenmore City Hall are examples of the City's maturity and successes.

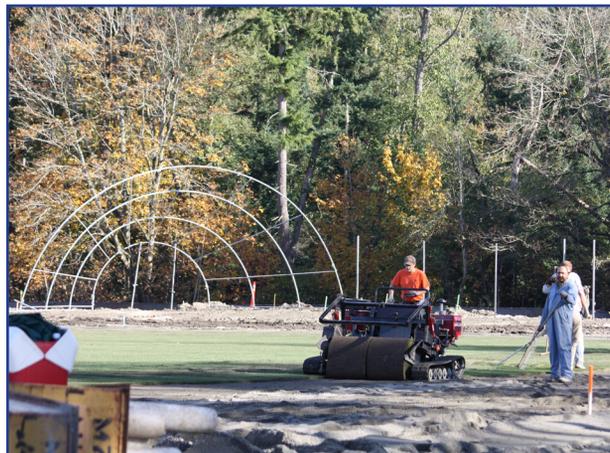


Post Office Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

During the 2009-2010 biennium some significant accomplishments are: the renegotiation of the Urban Partners Kenmore Village Development Agreement; the retention of the U.S. Post Office in Kenmore; the Planning Commission report to the Council on Transit-Oriented Development; the Council approval of the Shoreline Master Plan; and Council's approval of the Bastyr University Master Plan which brought with it Bastyr's field improvements for public use.

Would all those have happened if Kenmore was not a City? Probably not. Just in recent times, without the leadership and extra effort by your Mayor and City Council, the Kenmore Post Office would surely have closed (as was proposed by the USPS District), and the 10-year agreement with Bastyr University for the improvement of and use by the public of the University-owned athletic fields would not have been completed.

What is the City's financial condition? Excellent! Before Thanksgiving, the Kenmore



Construction of the athletic fields at Bastyr University.

City Council adopted the Kenmore Municipal 2011-2012 Biennial Budget. The General Fund budget for 2011-2012 is \$19,256,669, or 7 percent less than the 2009-2010 adopted budget of \$20,761,883. The two-year ending fund unobligated balance is estimated to be \$5,796,617. Stated another way, at the end of the two years, the City will have a cash reserve in

the amount of \$5,796,617 in

addition to the Strategic (emergency) Reserve in the amount of \$1,264,464.

The City's 2011-2012 municipal budget, consisting of 12 funds, is \$37,128,076 compared to \$72,004,791 for 2009-2010, or 48 percent less. This substantial

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Kenmore Village Update

At the September 13, 2010 City Council meeting, representatives of RECP/UP Kenmore LP (formerly Kenmore Partners) provided a status report of the management of the current Kenmore Village shopping center located at the northwest intersection of 68th Ave NE and NE 181st Street.

On May 24, 2010 the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Ground Lease with RECP/UP Kenmore LP. The ground lease passes the management and operation responsibility from the City to RECP/UP, Kenmore LP (as tenant) until either the property is acquired under the terms of the Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA), the DDA is terminated or expires, or the December 15, 2016 expiration date of the ground lease is reached. The DDA executed May 24, 2010 stated the terms and conditions for the sale and development of the 9.6-acre downtown site known as Kenmore Village. The DDA document is available at City Hall and on the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/downtown.

The status provided by Matt Burton, Amy Hoffman and Jeff Taylor noted that new lease terms had been negotiated with Kenmore Fitness and the European Deli, who are current tenants of the shopping center. In addition, an announcement was made that a new tenant, Great Play, would be leasing the space previously occupied by the Little Gym, offering similar activities to children. Representatives noted they were exploring other lease opportunities. Espresso Works opened on December 29, 2010.

Questions about leasing space in the existing shopping center can be directed to Amy Hoffman of Urban Partners at 206-829-2329.

Kenmore City Hall Completed On Time and Well Under Budget

The Kenmore City Council formally accepted the City Hall construction project on October 25, 2010 with its final project budget of \$13,670,548. The final total cost is \$751,173 less than the total project budget of \$14,421,721 approved by the Council in March 2009. Construction of the City Hall began in March 2009 and was completed on schedule in April 2010. City operations commenced in the City Hall in mid-May, eliminating the need to rent extra office, meeting and storage space.

The project is expected to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification—the building will use about 30 percent less energy as a result of its energy-efficient features. Following the final project acceptance, the City Council also approved retiring the \$4 million in project financing from Banner Bank that had been established at the beginning of construction.



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difference is primarily due to completion of the latest SR 522 Improvement Project phase, accounting for \$20,041,874, much of which was State and Federal funds, and completion of the Kenmore City Hall project, accounting for \$12,729,834. Other general government costs, such as contracted and consulting services, have been reduced by over a million dollars.

The City currently has 26 full-time employee positions authorized by the City Council. During the City's first decade, the municipality relied on contracted day-to-day services. After a review of contract services compared to services more efficiently and less costly provided by professional City

employees, the City has been able to save costs and enhance services by hiring three full-time employees, and plans an additional one in 2011.

Public safety is almost always the largest public expenditure in any municipal budget. The proposed 2011 Police Services budget compared to 2010 does include costs to meet the King County Sheriff's Office union contract obligations, although the actual net increase in Kenmore's police contract with the King County Sheriff's Office is only 1.36 percent or \$38,080 for a total Police contract budget of \$2,832,494. The City will be adding open space and park maintenance employees over the next two years as contracted

costs are replaced. The adopted budget reflects the \$1,200,000 transferred from the General Fund to the Street Fund to provide for additional street overlay. Many cities would be amazed that Kenmore can increase General Fund contributions to the Street Fund in these economic times.

A complete report to the Council and public on the status of these goals and the department work programs efforts will be issued in January.

Sincerely,

Fred Stouder, City Manager



New Kenmore Library Construction Continues

Construction work on the new 10,000-square-foot King County Library System's Kenmore Library continues to be on schedule. Construction commenced in early June 2010 after the vacated building, which formerly housed several small businesses and the United States Postal Services, was demolished. In August, footings for the building walls and the foundation were completed and construction of the garage walls got underway.

The \$8.4 million project includes books, materials, computers, space for children and teens, and a community meeting room. The site design includes a rain garden outside the building to help reduce

pollution and flooding, and provide habitat for wildlife. Parking for the library will be located below the building.

The new library is anticipated to open in the spring of 2011 and will be located at 6531 NE 181st Street. For monthly project updates and to view the webcam, please visit www.kcls.org/bond/kenmore.



Allied Waste Introduces Natural Gas Trucks to Kenmore

You'll soon see Allied Waste trucks in the City of Kenmore emblazoned with "Fresh Air" decals on the side and back. These special vehicles are powered by clean-burning natural gas. This summer, one third of Allied Waste's local fleet of vehicles were replaced with compressed natural gas (CNG) trucks.

CNG has the lowest emissions of all fossil fuels. This will dramatically reduce the carbon footprint and help create a healthier, more sustainable environment. CNG is significantly quieter than diesel- and gas-operated vehicles, which will help reduce noise in our neighborhoods.

Look for all six Northwest designs and send your ideas for future "Fresh Air" decal designs. Submit your ideas by email to jprichard@republicservices.com.

Squire's Landing Voted New Name for Swamp Creek Park

The Kenmore City Council approved the renaming of Swamp Creek Park to Squire's Landing at its September 13, 2010 meeting. Renaming the park will help avoid any confusion with the existing Wallace Swamp Creek Park, 19851 73rd Ave NE. King County transferred ownership of the 42-acre Swamp Creek Park property, located just south of NE 175th Street and adjacent to the Sammamish River, to the City of Kenmore in 2009.

In March 2010, the Kenmore City Council narrowed the list of potential names of the newly acquired Swamp Creek Park from more than 20 to the following four: Meanderer Park, Nature Trails Park, Squire's Landing, and Trailwalk Park. Council direction was to have the public vote on the name of the park.

In May 2010, the City publicized the parks naming contest through the City's Spring Newsletter, website announcement, and advertisement in the Kenmore Reporter. The City received 55 votes including a vote from the Kenmore Heritage Society board. Squire's Landing received 56 percent of the votes. Squire's Landing name is intended to honor Watson Squire, an early Kenmore developer who had visions for a local waterfront park in the early 1900s.

For more information on the project, visit the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/cityprojects.

Shoreline Master Program Status

On September 13, 2010, following the close of a continued Public Hearing on the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update, the City Council approved a motion that adopted Ordinance 10-0312 and Ordinance 10-0313. The ordinances include amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations addressing development within 200' of Lake Washington, the lower reaches of the Sammamish River, the main stem of

Swamp Creek, and floodplains and associated wetlands.

The SMP, including additional amendments adopted by the City Council, does not go into effect until the State Department of Ecology gives final approval, which is expected to take several months.

Additional information is available on the City's website www.kenmorewa.gov or by contacting Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner, at 425-398-8900.

Public Meeting on Signal Improvements

Kenmore's Engineering Department will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, January 13 at 6 p.m.** at Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, to discuss the proposed signal improvements for the intersection of 61st Avenue NE and NE 181st Street.

32nd District Legislators Contact Information

The Washington State Legislature begins its 2011 Session on January 10, 2011. The City of Kenmore continues to work with our 32nd District Legislators and several committee chairs on legislative priorities, including transportation funding, stormwater, and parks issues.

Kenmore is in the 32nd Legislative District, which is represented by:

Senator Maralyn Chase
maralyn.chase@leg.wa.gov

Representative Ruth Kagi
kagi.ruth@leg.wa.gov

Representative Cindy Ryu
cindy.ryu@leg.wa.gov

You can contact their offices to comment on issues or sign up for updates. The Legislative Hotline Number is 1-800-562-6000, and the Legislature website is www.leg.wa.gov.

Protect Your Bicycle Against Theft

A bicycle can be stolen from just about any place, but simple precautions can deter would-be bike thieves.

Lock Your Bike

Most bikes that are stolen were not locked. Always lock your bike securely, whether you're gone for a few minutes or a few hours. Use a "U-lock," which secures both wheels and the frame to a stationary object such as a post, tree or bike rack. For extra security, add a chain or cable with a good case-hardened padlock.

Keep Good Identification Records

Record the serial number of your bike and keep it, along with your sales receipt and a picture of your bike, in a safe place at home. Serial numbers can be found on the underside frame between the pedals, on the stem of the frame under the handlebars, or on the frame where it connects with the rear wheel.

Mark your bike with an engraver to deter thieves. Engraving also helps police to identify a bike and return it to the rightful owners.

Bicycle Registration Program

The Kenmore Police has a bike registration program. You can contact Officer Childers at 206-205-7652 or stop by the King County Sheriff Precinct 2, located at 18118 73 Ave NE, Kenmore, and pick up the registration card. The card is stored in a file with the police, which can be accessed in the event a bike is stolen or found.

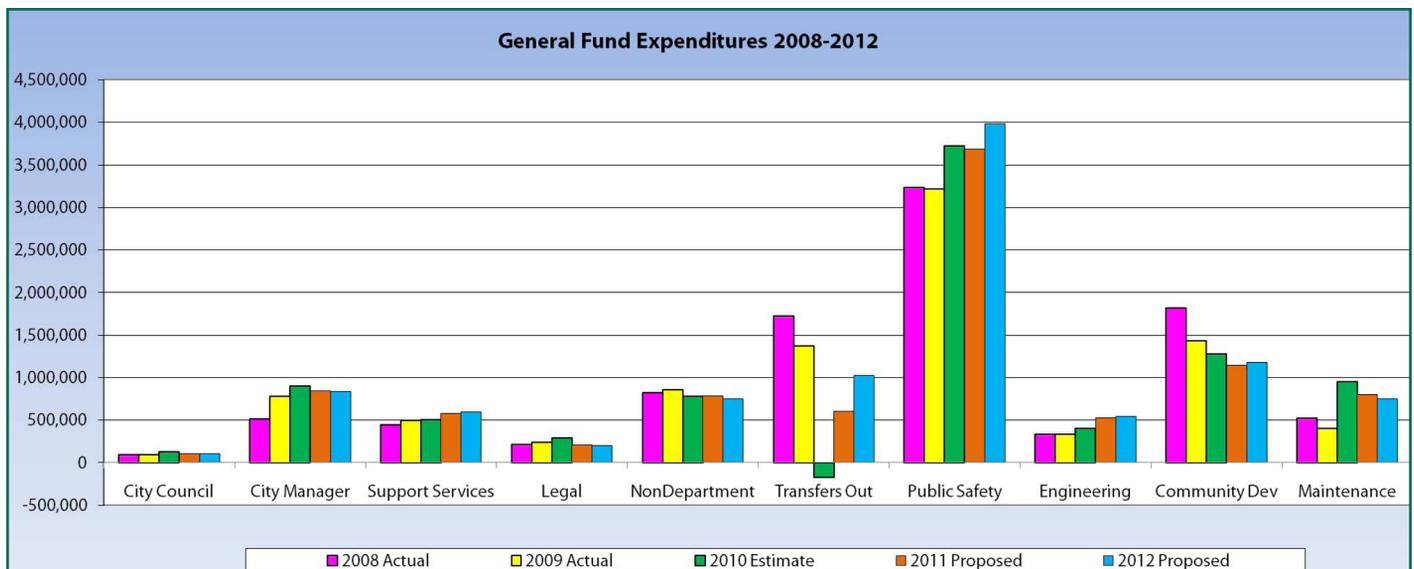
Each year Kenmore police receive about 50 bicycles that are left abandoned and are reported as found. These bicycles are kept at Precinct 2 for 60 days. If the owner cannot be located, the bicycles are donated to non-profit organizations. If your bike becomes lost or stolen and it is registered, you are encouraged to contact Officer Childers to see if your bike has been turned in or recovered. It is very important to report a stolen bicycle as soon as possible.

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Fund dollars and Gas Tax revenues; and the Real Estate Excise Tax and impact fees, which can only be used for Capital Projects. The graph below shows how the cost of services in the General Fund budget has changed over the last several

years.

For more information about Kenmore property taxes or the 2011-2012 adopted budget, visit the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/finance or contact the City at 425-398-8900.



City of Kenmore Open Space Resources: Making Connections

The Kenmore City Council authorized the preparation of a visualization of potential connections between and among the City's open space resources. Ron Kasprisin of the University of Washington is preparing the study.

The open space resources summary portrays the larger open space network, public and private, that is the foundation for parks and recreation, wetlands, creek watersheds, and the Sammamish River and Lake Washington waterfronts and water features. The summary also suggests the connections possible to provide the citizens of Kenmore with a coherent and connected open space resource.

Open space resources include physically accessible parks, trails, walkways and waterfront access points as well as visually accessible open space resources such as wetlands, creek watersheds, wooded slopes and view corridors. The combination of public and private open space resources can provide the community with a significant open space signature and community amenity for future generations.

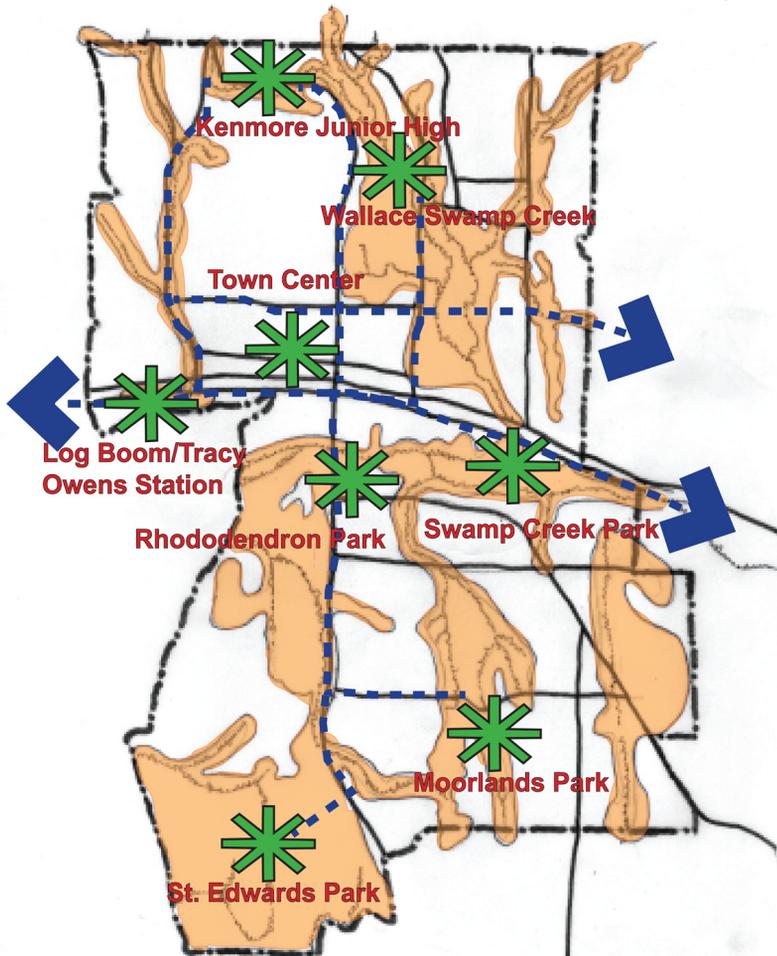
The summary is intended to introduce community members to the open space resources existing within the City and the existing and strengthened pedestrian connections among those resources. The visualizations can stimulate further

community dialogue on the strengthening and expansion of both resources and connections.

The visualization summary consists of territorial view aerial sketches that portray major open space features of Kenmore. They also contain broad brush connection corridors, existing and potential, that can be further addressed in a detailed process. Each territorial view sketch contains references (sk) for sketches of a more detailed, site-specific nature.

The City of Kenmore has a natural and human historical connection to the Sammamish River and Lake Washington. This connection has been reduced by highway and economic infrastructure. Addressing the strengthening of the City's connection to the river and lakefront present a challenge to citizens and elected officials in the coming years, particularly as improvements or changes to the highway system and other transportation modes are contemplated and planned for the Kenmore area.

The emergence of a new City of Kenmore Civic Center, a new mixed-use Town Center, development of Squire's Landing (formerly known as Swamp Creek Park), improved trails and connections between Log Boom Park, the Burke-Gilman Trail, and Rhododendron Park all contribute to a comprehensive open space network for the citizens of Kenmore.

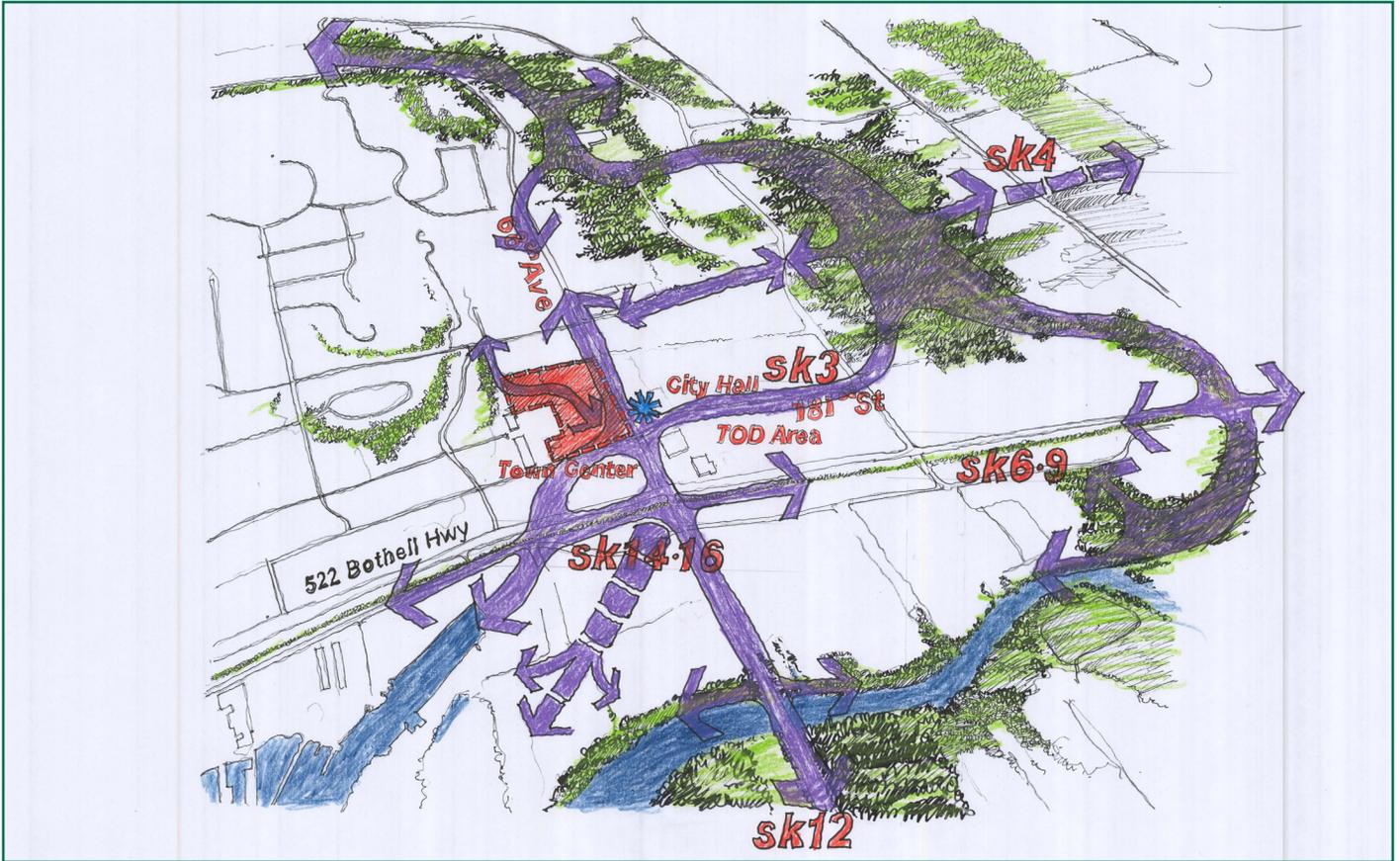


Open Space Resources Diagram

Open Space Resources Diagram portrays the extensive open space network within the City of Kenmore. This network has as its foundation an extensive creek and stream network draining from the north and south to Lake Washington and the Sammamish River. The watersheds and wetlands associated with this stream network provide a bountiful open space resource for City residents.

In addition, Saint Edward State Park and the Inglewood Golf Club grounds add significant open space along Lake Washington and the western portion of the Sammamish River.

Understanding this rich resource is the first step in preparing a comprehensive open space strategy and open space connections.



Above: The Kenmore Heartland territorial view sketch (above) portrays the critical location of the emerging Civic Center and Town Center as the heart of the community. The heartland is centered among the Swamp Creek Corridor to the east, to the Lake Washington waterfront/Sammamish River/Burke Gilman Trail to the south, to Rhododendron Park/Inglewood Golf Club/Saint Edward State Park also to the south along the 68th Ave NE/Juanita Drive corridor. Connecting the heartland to these key natural features and evolving urban centers (transit facilities, lakefront development), particularly Lake Washington, is a major challenge and opportunity for the City of Kenmore. **Below:** NE 181st Street pedestrian improvements visualize improved sidewalks from the Civic Center and Town Center eastward to the Swamp Creek Corridor, complete with expanded sidewalks and street trees.



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Community Calendar

Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT)

Northshore Fire Department

Thursdays, Feb. 17 – March 31

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. The 7-week course will provide citizens with an understanding of their responsibility in preparing for disaster by covering the following topics: Disaster Preparedness, Fire Suppression, Hazardous Materials, Light Search & Rescue, Disaster Medical Operations, and more. For additional information, visit www.northshorefire.com.

Kenmore Heritage Society

Kenmore Community Club

The Kenmore Heritage Society has several programs scheduled in 2011. The annual McMaster Award will be made in February to an individual who has made significant contributions to Kenmore over a long period of time. March will feature Gregg Munro, owner of Kenmore Air, and in April a presentation of the Seattle - Everett Interurban Trolley, which operated from 1910 to 1939. For more information, visit www.scn.org/kenmoreheritage.

Morning Story Times

King County Library System – Kenmore

Come for a morning of books, songs and 3 finger plays. Staff will focus on Early Literacy skills through the alphabet, shapes and colors. For an upcoming class schedule, visit www.kcls.org/kenmore.

City News & Meeting Information

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

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

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

Pet Licensing: Purchase or renew pet licenses online, at Kenmore City Hall, or other locations around King County. Kenmore cats and dogs receive shelter care at Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) in Lynnwood. For more information or to purchase a pet license online, visit www.kingcounty.gov.

Good Numbers to Know

Police/Fire Emergency	911
Police Precinct	206-296-5020
Fire Department Headquarters	425-486-2784
Flooding/Drainage (after hours)	206-296-8100
Street Concerns (after hours)	206-296-8100
Building Permits	425-398-8900
Land Use	425-398-8900
General Questions	425-398-8900
King County Animal Control	206-296-PETS
Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS)	425-787-2500
Allied Waste	206-682-9730
Kenmore Library	425-486-8747
Kenmore Senior Center	425-489-0707
Puget Sound Energy	425-454-2000
Northshore Utility District	425-398-4400