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Peaceful morning walk along the Wallace Swamp Creek Park trail

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What to Expect in 2016

by Mayor David Baker

Kenmore continues to be on an upward trajectory of transformation, and we're fortunate to be a part of it. The Year 2016 will be a year in which we make significant progress along that trajectory. Here are some milestones and events to watch for in 2016.

- **Town Green.** Our new Town Green and community building will be built by year's end! This new gathering space right across 68th Avenue NE from City Hall will serve as Kenmore's year-round, indoor and outdoor community living room in the "bull's eye" of our transforming downtown. The community building will include a retail tenant such as a coffee shop or bakery.
- **New Downtown Investment.** In the heart of our downtown more commercial development is happening. Tens of millions of new construction dollars have been invested in the heart of our downtown by the private sector in the last two years, and more downtown investment is on its way, including a new Evergreen Health clinic next to Kenmore Camera. See the article on page 6 for more details.
- **Completion of Bothell Way West A** (65th Avenue NE to 61st Ave NE) construction by the end of the year. This road and sidewalk construction project has lasted a while, but it will be worth it. Safety and capacity improvements, as well as new sidewalks, landscaping, and utility undergrounding are all components of this project that will help improve Kenmore's safety and aesthetics on this major corridor.
- **Sound Transit 3.** Traffic congestion is a big concern for all of us, and Kenmore residents need better transportation choices to deal with this congestion. If the Sound Transit Board moves forward with a ballot measure in 2016 (known as Sound Transit 3), we believe Bus Rapid Transit on Bothell Way through Kenmore and up NE 145th Street to the future light rail station should be included.

We are aggressively advocating for inclusion in the Sound Transit 3 package. The good news is that we are currently on the candidate list, which includes a new transit parking garage in Kenmore. Also included is a study for future light rail through Kenmore. We're learning that getting our projects on the candidate list was the easy part; staying on the list is the hard part. We need your help and your voice to stay on



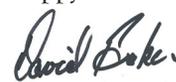
Town Green and community building scheduled to open in fall 2016.

the list. If you would like to join your voice with ours, contact City Manager Rob Karlinsey at 425-398-8900.

- **More Sidewalk Projects.** Grants have been awarded and design is underway for new sidewalks in the heart of our downtown, at Kenmore Junior High, and along 62nd Avenue NE. Construction is anticipated to start in 2016 or 2017.
- **Tolt Trail.** We plan to build a new trail along the Tolt pipeline easement along the 18500 block between 68th Avenue NE and 70th Lane NE. This new trail will provide a nice pedestrian and bicycle link in our downtown.
- **Imagine Kenmore.** We have been engaging the community in a series of workshops and surveys in the hope of learning more about what you, our citizens, would like to see in the form of pedestrian & bicycle safety as well as park improvements. We are bringing all of that information together in the coming weeks, and will be determining what, if anything, moves forward and how it gets funded. We continue to welcome your input and ideas.
- **Events!** Our summer concerts at Saint Edward State Park will be back as usual, as will the Fourth of July Fireworks Show, Play Day and others. For up-to-date details, check out the online calendar at www.kenmorewa.gov/calendar.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. We have a lot more going on that can't fit in this article! So stay tuned and share your ideas with us. We welcome your involvement.

Happy 2016 to all of you.


Mayor David Baker

A Personal Glimpse of Your City Councilmembers

As the policy-making body of the City, the City Council is responsible for enacting and amending City laws, adopting the budget, appointing commissions, and providing guidance and direction for actions which affect the quality of life of the City.

Your City Councilmembers have a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. Read on for a brief glimpse into the lives of each of your elected officials.



David Baker

David Baker has a broad range of experiences from a life in local government and community service. He was a high school dropout and now has a Ph.D. in neuroanatomy as well as owning two small businesses providing internet and cell phone technology services. Among many other City advocacy activities, he has been key in the City's involvement in "KaBOOM!" and "Let's Move," working to create play opportunities for healthier children.



Nigel Herbig

Nigel Herbig is learning how to skateboard with his 8-year-old daughter. He says she's a natural and takes a fall better than her dad. He feels that the main job of a Councilmember is to listen, both to those they agree with and those they disagree with, as well as those who are still learning about an issue. He is honored to represent the people of Kenmore and takes the responsibility very seriously.



Laurie Sperry

Laurie Sperry loves community transformation and design and having things look beautiful. This is an exciting time for her as a Councilmember because things that have been in the planning stages for years are now becoming reality. Her husband grew up in Kenmore and graduated from Inglemoor High, and there are currently three generations of her family living in Kenmore.



Stacey Denuski

Stacey Denuski moved to Kenmore in 2001. She is a flight test engineer, testing new airplanes all over the world. She believes that volunteering and being engaged is an important part of building a community. She is passionate about play and children's health, having led community playground builds and helped Kenmore become a "KaBOOM! Playful City" and "Let's Move" city.



Allan VanNess

Allan VanNess has served as president of the Northshore Rotary Club and Washington State Society of Orthodontists. He enjoys woodworking and model sailboats. While his particular interests as a Councilmember are transportation and economic development, he strives to help make Kenmore the best possible city in which to live, work and play. He looks forward to continuing exciting improvements in the City.



Brent Smith

Brent Smith is passionate about his work in real estate and appraising. He is an avid hiker and enjoys cooking, making beer, spending time with his two children, and walking around Kenmore with his wife. As a Councilmember, he has focused on budget and fiscal responsibilities, traffic and safety, transparency, and active recreational facilities for happier, healthier kids and adults.



Milton Curtis

Milton Curtis is a family doctor and medical director with Evergreen Hospital. He has nine grandchildren and wants to leave a wonderful Kenmore for them, including access to many healthy, family-friendly activities. He envisions an energetic, walkable, pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly downtown with lots of restaurants, businesses, community art and fun things to do. He values Kenmore's friendly, small town, all-inclusive atmosphere.

Smith, Curtis, Baker and Denuski were all re-elected in November for terms to run through 2019. The current terms for Sperry, Herbig and VanNess will run through 2017.

Contact your City Councilmembers via e-mail at ci_council@kenmorewa.gov or individually at [\(first initial\)\(last name\)@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:(first initial)(last name)@kenmorewa.gov). Other ways to connect include expressing your views during the Citizen Comment period at any regular Council meeting or at Coffee with Council, a more casual and wide-ranging opportunity to chat with your Councilmembers.

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.

2015 Highlights

Awarded \$20 million over eight years in the State Transportation package for the Sammamish River west bridge replacement and completion of the final phase of SR 522 improvements (from 61st Avenue NE to the Lake Forest Park city limit).

Secured \$2.5 million in grants for new sidewalks. Started design.

Adopted a transit-oriented district on the north side of Bothell Way in the vicinity of 73rd Avenue NE, allowing for high density housing along the transit corridor.

Completed the 68th Avenue NE asphalt overlay.

Adopted a new Surface Water Master Plan to improve water quality and further protect the environment.

Updated the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan, including improved multi-modal and pedestrian and bicycle safety policies.

Sold 3 acres of Kenmore Village to MainStreet Property Group for redevelopment.

Completed design and began construction of the future Town Green and community building in Kenmore Village.

Implemented live video streaming of City Council meetings.

Advocated for Bus Rapid Transit and a Light Rail Study for the Bothell Way Corridor.

Formed the new Northshore Emergency Management Coalition with Lake Forest Park, Northshore Utility District, and Northshore Fire.

Held numerous events, including: Summer Concerts, Fourth of July Fireworks Show, Play Day, For the Love of Kenmore by Peter Kageyama, Why I Love Kenmore street party organized by residents Debra Srebnik and Alene Fisher, and Tree Lighting Festival.

SR 522 Construction Update



Crews are regrading 61st Avenue NE to improve the intersection alignment and landing on SR 522 and install sidewalk down to NE 175th Street & Burke-Gilman Trail.

Although it may seem like progress is slow at times, construction on Bothell Way is moving right along as expected. Significant progress has been made in 2015 (a lot of it underground) and the SR522 West A project is on schedule to be completed in 2016.

The City's contractor has completed the mainline conduit and vault system necessary to relocate power and communications lines underground, which is a major milestone, and has also installed the majority of new storm drainage improvements, water and sanitary sewer upgrades.

Early in 2016, the construction team will work with businesses to underground their utility services. Once this item of work is completed, utility companies, including PSE, Comcast and Frontier, can transfer their overhead service lines underground. Other utilities passing through the corridor include University of Washington, Seattle City Light, and MCI Verizon. Each utility is allotted a window of time to remove their overhead lines and convert them to the underground system before the utility poles can be removed. Once the utilities are out of the way, the surface improvements should progress quickly.

Other major accomplishments in 2015 included the reconstruction of the cross streets (61st, 62nd and 63rd Avenues NE), installation of mainline sidewalk on the north side of SR 522, and construction of the two primary retaining walls along SR 522.

A lot of work is behind us, but there's still more to do. Remaining work items scheduled for 2016 include storm drainage and sidewalk (south side), new traffic signal at 61st Avenue NE and SR 522, street lighting, raised center median, landscaping and irrigation, and asphalt concrete overlay. 61st Avenue NE south will remain closed between SR 522 and NE 175th Street until the spring of 2016, with existing detours in place for pedestrians and cyclists.

To keep informed with the latest construction news, visit the project website at www.sr522kenmore.com and sign up for email updates.

Kenmore Business Incubator Keeps Growing

Six companies now call the Incubator home, with another one set to move in during early 2016. Companies are also joining the Virtual Incubator Program, which provides business development mentoring to companies who don't need the dedicated work space. Among the latest companies to join the Virtual Incubator program are Kenmore-based Martian Systems, Inc., a technology services consulting firm, and Horizon View Homes.

For more information on the Incubator, visit www.KenmoreIncubator.org or contact Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager at nousley@kenmorewa.gov.

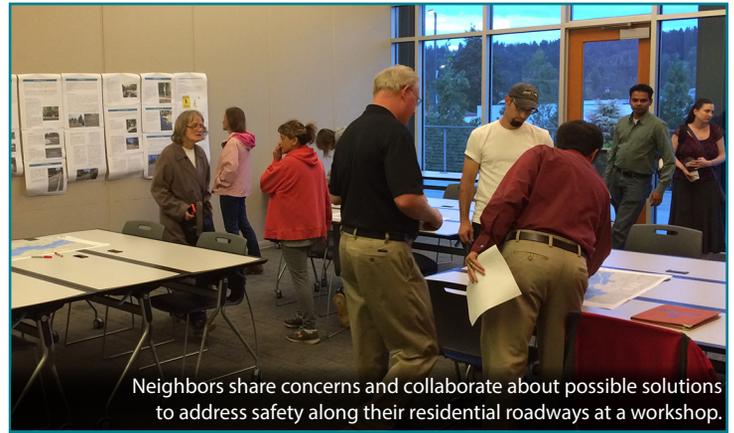
Neighborhoods Begin Collaborating on Transportation Plans

Neighborhood meetings occurred throughout the fall of 2015 as part of the neighborhood transportation plan program (NTPP). The program will take each neighborhood through a series of three meetings to complete their plan before projects are implemented. Nine of the fifteen neighborhoods in Kenmore have started the program. The remaining six neighborhoods will start the process this winter. Postcards will be sent to all addresses in a neighborhood prior to the first meeting. Second meetings are advertised on the program website, social media, and with signage in the neighborhood.

Neighbors gather at city hall to note their concerns and collaborate about possible solutions to multimodal safety, connections and accessibility on residential roadways. Participants at the meetings identify concerns with traffic speeds, pedestrian connections, areas of low visibility and poor lighting, vegetation overgrowth and crosswalks.

The program has a budget allocated to each neighborhood, based on population, to implement projects. Large stretches of sidewalks and significant street modifications are outside of the limits of the program budget. The neighborhoods have identified ways to use signage, traffic calming devices, striping and curbing changes, and lighting upgrades to effectively address their concerns.

Four neighborhoods have progressed through two meetings,



Neighbors share concerns and collaborate about possible solutions to address safety along their residential roadways at a workshop.

identifying concerns, applying tools and noting priorities. These neighborhoods are currently undergoing an engineering review of their suggested projects. A third meeting will be held in January with these neighborhoods to get citizen approval of the final plans before projects are implemented. Other neighborhoods are still in the process of gathering input on concerns and potential solutions.

More information on the program, maps of neighborhoods boundaries and the schedule of meetings can be found on the City website at www.kenmorewa.gov/ntpp.

Kenmore Business Directory www.findkenmore.org

Have you listed your business in Kenmore's free online business directory? "Find more Kenmore" businesses such as the newly listed **ZatXot Software and Sports Clips**. Over **100** businesses are listed in the Directory and more are being added each month. Businesses with a **Kenmore Business Registration** can opt-in to be listed in the Directory. For more information, visit the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/informationforbusiness.

Kenmore Business Registration

Thanks to over 800 Kenmore businesses who have completed their Business Registration!

This program helps the City connect with the business community. Revenues are directed to promoting and supporting Kenmore businesses and other programs, such as the Kenmore Business Alliance. You can register online at <http://business.wa.gov/BLS>.

For additional City information, visit
www.kenmorewa.gov



Community Sponsors Keep Special Events Alive in Kenmore

Are you a new business in town or one that would like to get more connected with your community? Consider joining our list of Community Event Sponsors and help create wonderful memories for Kenmore residents and visitors.

Community Event Sponsors help fund special events and receive recognition in special event marketing. Sponsorship packages include all four major City events: Fourth of July Celebration, Summer Concert Series, Play Day, and the Tree Lighting Festival. Sponsorship costs range from \$500 - \$5,000 for the yearlong sponsorship.

Individuals, groups or businesses can sponsor to support special events.

For more information on how you or your business can get involved in Kenmore special events, contact the City at 425-398-8900 or email the Volunteer and Events Supervisor at cshelton@kenmorewa.gov.

Kenmore City Employee Celebrates Graduation of Guide Dog

Teresa McAllister is a Kenmore city employee with an interesting pastime. She and her husband and 15-year-old daughter are volunteer puppy raisers for Guide Dogs for the Blind. They have helped raise five dogs with one dog, Ballard, graduating from the entire training program after 16-months and being placed in a new home as a certified guide dog.

“This endeavor is both incredibly rewarding and uniquely challenging,” explains Teresa. “It takes a community to raise a guide dog puppy and one of my favorite parts of puppy raising has been the wonderful community of people I’ve met.”

As one can imagine, training a guide dog puppy is hard work. Both trainer and puppy must focus and work to achieve specific goals. Teresa explains further, the guide-dog-puppies-in-training are a resource and tool that will ultimately aid in improving someone else’s life. “It’s amazing to contribute to the greater good, and I love sharing that excitement with others.”

One of the biggest challenges for Teresa

is when a dog doesn’t make it through the entire program, as only about 60 percent of the dogs will graduate and become working guide dogs. Teresa said she “just knew” when she received Ballard that he would be the one to make it through the program and become a working guide dog. Teresa and her family attended Ballard’s graduation in Oregon last November and proudly met the gentleman that Ballard is assisting.

The guide-dog-puppies-in-training can also be spotted at City Hall. Teresa says, “I’ve seen a positive impact in having the dogs in the office, both for the dog and for the atmosphere at work.” Currently, Ben, a handsome yellow lab is learning how to calmly sit still and stay near a desk for long periods of time, something he may have to do as part of his official guide dog duties one day. Teresa’s coworkers also enjoy the opportunity to de-stress or recharge by visiting with the sweet and mellow Labradors.

Teresa foresees her family continuing to puppy raise for a long time to come. They may only be five years into the puppy



raising journey, yet the dogs have already had a heartwarming impact on her life – visible in the smile on her face, the excitement in her eyes, and the pride in her voice as she shares her stories of raising guide dogs with her family.

Crews Prepare for Winter Weather

Winter can bring heavy rain, high winds, ice and snow. The City contracts for public works services with the City of Lake Forest Park. As a team, we’ve been preparing crews and equipment to respond to winter weather road conditions.

Public Works crews use multiple techniques in treating snow and ice conditions, including deicing, salting, sanding and plowing. During a snow and ice event, maintenance crews will switch to two 12-hour shifts to ensure 24-hour coverage. 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.

During a wind and rain storm, crews are ready to remove fallen trees from the road. If wires are on the ground, the proper agencies will be contacted.

For more information and tips, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/preparedness.

City Extends Cooperative Odor Complaint Agreement with Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

Breathing a foul odor can be a nuisance and may be harmful to your health. The City has extended the cooperative odor complaint agreement with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) until July 2016. This means that the City will respond to odor complaints on behalf of PSCAA during this period. If you detect a foul odor and it is impacting you at home or work, follow the instructions below to report a complaint.

- Call Kenmore City Hall during business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., M-F) at 425-398-8900 and file an odor complaint with the receptionist. The receptionist will contact the appropriate staff person to respond to the odor complaint.
- During non-business hours, log onto Puget Sound Clean Air Agency’s website at www.pscleanair.org and click on “file a complaint.” During this cooperative agreement period, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency may still respond to and investigate air quality complaints within Kenmore.
- Odor complains will only be responded to at residences and places of business.
- Please note that the City will only be responding to and reporting odor complaints to PSCAA, not taking enforcement actions; PSCAA will receive the odor complaint report from the City and provide the appropriate enforcement actions.

For more information on the odor complaint process, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/nuisanceodorcomplaint.

Town Green & Mixed-Use Projects Underway



Site of the future town green and community building

The City-owned town green property is located in the heart of downtown on the northwest corner of the intersection of 68th Avenue NE and NE 181st Street, across the street from City Hall. Improvements will include an outdoor plaza gathering space with a water feature, landscaping and seating areas, plus a new 4,600-square-foot community building with seating areas, fireplace and leased space for retail food. Project construction began mid-November 2015 and is anticipated to be complete in fall 2016.

Last March, the City sold approximately three acres of the Kenmore Village commercial land to MainStreet Property Group, LLC, a real estate development firm, for the purpose of redevelopment.

In October, MainStreet revealed its vision for Phase 1 of this new acquisition, now known as the LINQ at Spencer Square. This new development will be a mixed-use project on 68th Avenue NE across from Kenmore City Hall and adjacent to and just south of MainStreet's newest Kenmore development, The Spencer 68 Apartments + Lofts.

The LINQ will bring 94 modern residential flats and lofts, along with approximately 20,000 square feet of commercial space dedicated to bringing expanded health care services to the Kenmore community from Kirkland-based Evergreen Health.

The LINQ development will be comprised of four stories of residential units above the Evergreen Health space and one level of underbuilding parking. New sidewalks and streetscapes on 68th Avenue NE, other walkway enhancements, and utility undergrounding will also be part of the new development. The LINQ building is currently under construction and is anticipated to be ready for occupancy in the first half of 2017. For more information during construction and pre-leasing, join the LINQ's interest page at www.liveatthelinq.com.

For updates on downtown activities, visit www.DowntownKenmore.org.

imagine KENMORE

Imagine Kenmore is a community conversation about how Kenmore residents can play more and connect more through expanded parks and safer streets.

Thank you to the hundreds of residents who shared feedback and ideas on potential projects through various methods, including a community workshop, online survey, interactive map, Kenmore Library event, and randomized phone survey.

A summary of the findings was presented to City Council at their January 11 meeting. The report can be found on the Imagine Kenmore website.

In February, it is anticipated that City Council will provide direction on projects and how to pursue additional funding.

For more information: visit www.ImagineKenmore.com.

Drug Take Back Program

Kenmore residents have a free and easy way to properly dispose of their prescription drugs as the City has a prescription drug drop box in the lobby of City Hall.

Safely disposing of expired or unused prescription drugs at a drop box is the only secure and environmentally sound way to dispose of leftover medicines. The City is able to accept any and all prescription drugs, no questions asked, except for needles, fluids or inhalers.

Light Bulb and Battery Recycling

In City Hall, we have drop boxes for light bulbs and batteries, allowing for safe disposal of these used items. Washington State law makes it illegal to throw away mercury-containing lights in the garbage, so Puget Sound Energy offers convenient drop boxes as an alternative. You can recycle compact fluorescent lights and high intensity discharge lights. You can also drop off used batteries.

Prescription Drug Discount Program

The City, in collaboration with the National League of Cities (NLC), offers Kenmore residents some relief from the high cost of prescription medications. The NLC Prescription Discount Card can be used anytime your prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

Since the launch of the program, Kenmore residents have saved an average of nearly 30 percent off the retail price of prescription medications. The discount card can be used by all residents of Kenmore and has no restrictions based on age, income level, or existing health coverage. Residents can get a free NLC Prescription Discount Card online at www.caremark.com/nlc or in person at Kenmore City Hall.

Does Your New Year's Resolution Include Volunteering?

January is a time of new starts, setting goals, and reflecting on how we spend our time. This is the time when many people seek ways to learn new skills, connect with new people, and search for ways they can use their time and talents to make a difference in their community or the lives of others. Volunteering is often an area people choose to meet some of their New Year resolution goals.

The City has a growing volunteer program that is connecting Kenmore residents and businesses to their community in amazing ways. In 2015, volunteers logged over 2,600 hours of service to the Kenmore community. The dedication of Kenmore volunteers make a lasting impact!

The City offers one-time, ongoing, and key volunteer opportunities in a variety of areas, including emergency preparedness, park cleanup and restoration, special event production, and office or special projects work. The City is currently recruiting for the following key volunteer positions.

Park Stewards: Park Stewards (18 years & up) lead monthly or bimonthly park cleanup volunteer events at a Kenmore park. Stewards help to build a volunteer crew that supports and improves that park for a one year commitment. The City provides all equipment for park cleanup events. Park Stewards are required to attend three volunteer training sessions.



Kenmore Events Team (K.E.T.): Kenmore Event Team members are a dedicated group of volunteers who work closely with City staff to help implement City events: Fourth of July Celebration, Summer Concert Series, Play Day, and Tree Lighting Festival. KET members take on specific roles within the team such as logistics, vendor management, entertainment, activities, hospitality, and event concierge. KET volunteers must be 18 years or older and agree to volunteer at all four major events during the year.

High School Volunteer Interns: The City offers two yearlong volunteer internship for students in their senior year of high school. Priority is given to Inglemoor High School students.

The **Event Marketing/ Sponsorship Assistant** will learn marketing techniques primarily for City special events, but may include other City projects. The student intern will assist with drafting press releases and social media posts, creating advertisements, and helping recruit and manage event sponsor needs. Time commitment: 1 year (2-3 hours/week).

The **Volunteer Coordination Assistant** will learn about the management of volunteers by assisting in recruiting, supervising volunteers at events, and organizing volunteer recognition events. This student intern will work with the marketing team to recognize volunteers and announce volunteer project opportunities. Time commitment: 1 year (2-3 hours/week).

If you would like to explore options for volunteering with the City or learn about other volunteer opportunities within Kenmore or surrounding communities, visit the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/volunteer or contact Volunteer and Events Supervisor Cindy Shelton at 425-398-8900 or cshelton@kenmorewa.gov.

Pedestrian Safety and Laws

As the winter days are shorter and the rain is falling, visibility is lessened for drivers and pedestrians alike. The City wants to provide a reminder to drivers and pedestrians about the legal requirements and some safety messages for crosswalks.

- **Vehicles making a right turn on red should come to a complete stop and check for pedestrians in crosswalks before making their turn.** With the high volume of pedestrians using bus transit, this is especially important to be aware of at the intersections of SR 522 with 73rd and 61st Avenues NE. Vehicles must remain stopped for pedestrians in marked crosswalks on the half of the roadway they are turning from or to. Vehicles may proceed when their half of the road is clear, even if pedestrians are still in the other half of the road (RCW 46.61.235).
- **All cross streets are legal pedestrian crossings, if they are marked or not. Driveways are not legal crossings.** Pedestrians must use marked crosswalks between traffic

signal-controlled intersections, such as along SR 522 and NE 181st Street at 73rd, 68th or 61st Avenues NE (RCW 46.61.240).

- **If sidewalks are provided on a roadway**, it is unlawful for pedestrians to walk on the adjacent roadway, unless accessibility ramps are needed and not available. **In locations where sidewalks aren't available**, pedestrians should walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic and move clear of the roadway when possible (RCW 46.61.250).
- There has been an increase in the **use of reflective vests and flashlights** by pedestrians. These measures are great for drivers and pedestrians alike to increase visibility. Pedestrians must be mindful of their operation of flashlights to avoid having a blinding effect on drivers. Being visible is good, but drivers who can't see the road will have a hard time seeing pedestrians as well.

For more safety tips, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/targetzero.

Meeting & Other Information

Kenmore City Council regular meetings occur 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 the beginning of regular, non-study session 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. Citizens are encouraged to attend these informal sessions to ask questions, discuss issues and offer suggestions on any topic of interest. For location details, visit kenmorewa.gov/calendar.

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

Kenmore Library Advisory Board holds meetings on the first Tuesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. 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 Youth Art Exhibit through January 28. For the art gallery schedule and to learn how you can submit your artwork, 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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Puget Sound Energy organized a tour of a distribution line in northwest Kenmore with City Council and staff in Dec. 2015. A tour for community members will be scheduled in early 2016.
photo courtesy of Bothell/Kenmore Reporter

Energy Reliability and Puget Sound Energy

The City of Kenmore's nonexclusive Franchise Agreement with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) for electrical and natural gas services is up for renewal, and discussions between the City and PSE are getting underway.

A number of Kenmore residents and businesses are voicing their concerns about the number of power outages in recent years, and the length of time it takes to get power restored. The condition seems to be particularly acute in the northwest part of the city. PSE notes that a distribution line in northwest Kenmore that runs along backyard property lines instead of public right of way is difficult to access during an outage, even though PSE has an easement along the line.

This specific situation is one of the issues that will be addressed in the franchise discussions. A Franchise Agreement is a contract that grants the utility the right to make use of the public right-of-way to furnish utility services to members of the public. The updated franchise agreement is anticipated to be presented for Council approval in the second half of 2016.

For additional information on PSE operations, visit the utility's website at www.pse.com. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) oversees and regulates private and investor-owned utilities in Washington and sets service rates. Their website is www.utc.wa.gov.

PSE plans to organize a tour of the distribution line area mentioned earlier in this article for community members in early 2016. For additional information on the franchise agreement, contact Assistant City Manager Nancy Ousley at nousley@kenmorewa.gov.