



CITY OF KENMORE, WASHINGTON

The City of Kenmore is the best-kept secret in the Puget Sound.

In 1998, the economically healthy city of Kenmore incorporated after a long history of community activity and multi-generational small business development. Since then, the city has grown to 21,370 people and the nationally ranked city has continued to flourish in an exceptional location along the northern tip of Lake Washington just outside of Seattle.

THE COMMUNITY

Today, the community at large is exceptionally active, involved and committed to the well-being of the city. Kenmore benefits from an energetic and entrepreneurial business community; well-established and family-friendly neighborhoods; abundant parks and natural spaces; a variety of cultural activities; an exceptional public school system; access to higher education at nearby colleges and universities; and the finest close-in medical care. Its central location and ease of access by highway, transit, seaplane, regional bike trail or boat, make it a pleasant destination to live and work.

AN INNOVATION HUB

Currently, the city's leadership is launching Kenmore as the region's next innovation hub by nurturing new startup companies through its Business Incubator Program. The presence and partnership of Bastyr University, the top natural health, arts and sciences university in the U.S. and the city's largest employer, and other institutions, such as University of Washington and Cascadia College fosters an innovative community spirit.

DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENTS

Strategically, the intent is to grow jobs in industries such as technology, healthcare and natural health sciences to an enhanced downtown core. To support this growth, the city is fulfilling the plan to develop Kenmore Village, an eight-acre multi-use development. City officials foresee a final design that includes an inviting public square or town green, retail, dining and commercial spaces and high-density, multi-family homes.

“Our excitement for
the **city's future**
is reaching
maximum velocity.
Everyone is enthusiastic
for **what's next**”
in our community.

—Mayor David Baker



To prepare for the development and to support the newly built Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certified Kenmore City Hall, Kenmore Library and the Fire District Headquarters, the city recently invested \$80 million in major streetscape and intersection improvements along SR 522.

The city is home to Bastyr University, the top natural health, arts and sciences university in the U.S. and the city's largest employer. Other significant, well-known employers include Kenmore Camera and Kenmore Air with an International Air Harbor.

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KENMORE KEY FACTS

- Located at the northern tip of Lake Washington
- Population of 21,370
- Available land for development and downtown revitalization
- Fast and efficient permitting
- Business Incubator Program and other programs that welcome business investment
- No Business and Occupation Tax and low local taxes
- Centrally located between Seattle, Bellevue and other employment centers (with no toll bridge fees)
- Young, educated workforce as 47 percent of residents are college graduates
- Family friendly
- Accessible by vehicles, buses, boats, seaplanes or bikes
- Wide range of housing choices
- Low crime rate
- Outstanding outdoor activities, from walking and biking on the Burke-Gilman Trail, to boating on Lake Washington and the Sammamish River
- Great birding area
- Exceptional public school district



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