

RESOLUTION R-5552

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ADOPTING THE 2021 PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT.

1 WHEREAS, in November 2012, Kirkland voters approved
2 Proposition 2 – Levy for City Parks Maintenance, Restoration and
3 Enhancement (“Park Levy”); and
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5 WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 4365 adopted by the Kirkland
6 City Council to place Proposition 2 on the ballot described the
7 restricted uses for the funding as well as the requirement to
8 produce an annual accountability report documenting actions and
9 the status of the programs funded by the Parks Levy; and
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11 WHEREAS, over the past ten years, the City has completed
12 several significant capital projects utilizing funding from the Parks
13 Levy, including the completion of the Juanita Beach Bathhouse,
14 Edith Moulton Park renovations, development of Totem Lake Park,
15 and upgrades and infrastructure repairs at David Brink Park; and
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17 WHEREAS, following the first six years of the levy,
18 beginning in 2019, as intended a significant portion of Parks Levy
19 funding was shifted to operations and maintenance in order to
20 maintain these new facilities with less funding dedicated to capital
21 projects; and
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23 WHEREAS, to fully capture all the services provided by the
24 Parks and Community Services Department, the annual levy
25 accountability report has been combined with the Department’s
26 general annual report; and
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28 WHEREAS, the submitted 2021 Parks and Community
29 Services Annual Report reflects the allocation of Parks Levy funds
30 to: 1) park maintenance and operations (approximately \$2.2
31 million); and 2) annual investment of approximately \$250,000 for
32 park capital projects; and 3) \$150,000 for beach lifeguards; and
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34 WHEREAS, City Council desires to provide information and
35 accountability to the community on how Parks Levy funds were
36 spent each year, and this report demonstrates the overall scope
37 of services provided by the Parks and Community Services
38 Department; and
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40 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt the 2021 Parks
41 and Community Services Annual Report.
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43 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the
44 City of Kirkland as follows:

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Section 1. The Kirkland City Council adopts the 2021 Park Levy Accountability Report attached as Attachment 1 and incorporated by this reference.

Section 2. The Kirkland City Council authorizes the posting of the 2021 Parks and Community Services Annual Report on the City website and the distribution of the Report through community meetings.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 3 day of August, 2022.

Signed in authentication thereof this 3 day of August, 2022.


Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


Kathi Anderson, City Clerk

KIRKLAND

PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

2021 ANNUAL REPORT AND PARK LEVY ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT



KIRKLAND PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION



The Administration Division is responsible for Department leadership, financial and personnel management, training and development, risk management, and regional and state coordination for the delivery of parks and community services. The division liaises and collaborates with the Park Board.

RECREATION



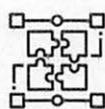
The Recreation Division is responsible for enhancing the quality of life of the community by providing programs and services to improve physical, mental, and social wellbeing with a focus on meeting the needs of diverse users, including at-risk communities and those with special needs. Increasing inclusiveness and a sense of belonging is a high priority. The division collaborates with the Kirkland Senior Council.

PARKS MANAGEMENT



The Parks Management Division ensures the Kirkland park system meets the needs of the community by actively managing park assets to ensure consistent service delivery, aesthetically pleasing and safe parks, well-maintained sports courts and fields, event venue availability, and maximized progress towards green practices and environmental preservation. The Green Kirkland Partnership program is part of the division.

PARK PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT



The Park Planning and Development Division is responsible for park master planning, facility design, land acquisition, capital projects, construction management, grant preparation and long-range strategic policy planning for Parks.

HUMAN SERVICES



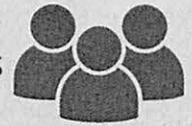
The Human Services Division, alongside the Human Services Commission, serves as coordinator, collaborator, facilitator, and funder for services to meet basic human needs in the community and help people through economic and personal crises, and provides low and moderate-income persons with opportunities to succeed. The division also oversees the Kirkland Youth Council.

SPECIAL EVENTS



The Special Events Division provides special event support and permitting designed to support Kirkland's neighborhoods, as well as the City's special event, business, and film production industries. The Special Event Team ensures events are safe, well-organized, and compliant with State, County and City codes and regulations. The division also coordinates and implements the Juanita Friday Market held each summer.

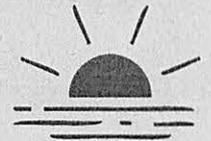
61 Employees



52 Parks

20 Open Spaces

698 Total Acres
Maintained



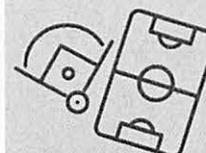
Peter Kirk Pool &
3 Swimming Beaches

North Kirkland
and Peter Kirk
Community Centers



Heritage Hall

Kirkland
Cemetery



53 City & School
Athletic Fields

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET: \$16,217,032



GENERAL FUND



The General Fund is the department's largest funding source. Funding for the General Fund comes from property, sales, and other taxes; charges for goods and services, including recreation programs; and license and permit fees. The general fund supports a healthy and sustainable community by providing high quality parks and recreation services, ensuring a collaborative community response to basic human needs, and protecting natural areas.

MAINTANANCE LEVY



Voters approved this levy in 2002 to support the maintenance and operation of parks including Juanita Beach Park, Carillon Woods, North Rose Hill Woodlands Park, as well as select Lake Washington School District school athletic fields. This funding supports landscape and horticulture services, athletic field maintenance, restroom and park amenity services, trail maintenance, and other repair and construction projects of these properties.

CEMETERY FUND



The Cemetery Fund pays for funeral services, internments, installation of markers and general cemetery infrastructure. Landscaping and general upkeep of the space is funded by the General Fund.

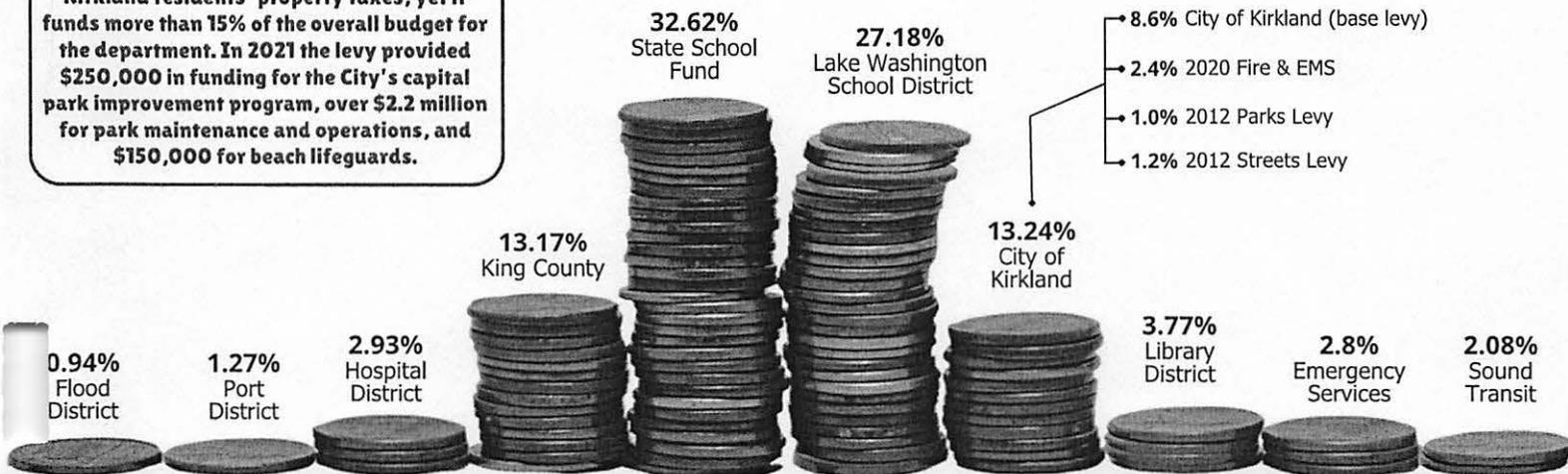
PARKS LEVY



The Parks Levy was approved by voters in 2012. This levy restored beach lifeguards at designated swimming beaches and maintenance at neighborhood parks including restroom operations and repairs. The levy also provides funding for maintenance of O.O. Denny Park and the Cross Kirkland Corridor, the Green Kirkland Partnership, and annual repair and upkeep of sports courts and playgrounds.

WHERE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GO

The 2012 Parks Levy accounts for just 1% of Kirkland residents' property taxes, yet it funds more than 15% of the overall budget for the department. In 2021 the levy provided \$250,000 in funding for the City's capital park improvement program, over \$2.2 million for park maintenance and operations, and \$150,000 for beach lifeguards.

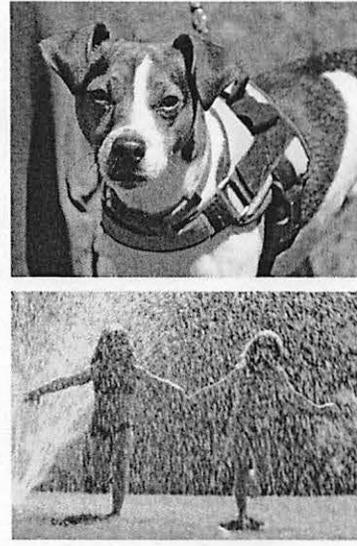




THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC was an ever-present concern throughout the year. Park facilities and athletic fields were able to reopen in March. Recreation staff continued to provide virtual programs while also planning for the return of in-person camps, programs, and classes. Programs were carefully planned to keep staff and participants safe and healthy. Pool capacity limits were reduced to allow for social distancing, and personal protective equipment (PPE) was purchased for all staff. Summer camps and the Peter Kirk Pool reopened with reduced capacity on June 21. Programs were expanded throughout the summer to increase capacities and allow more community member participation.



THE SUMMER ACTION PLAN was approved by City Council in May. The plan was in response to anticipated summer crowds and a tool to promote economic and community recovery from COVID-19's impacts. Staff developed strategies to activate park areas away from waterfront and downtown parks such as pop-up dog parks and sprinkler parks. The plan also included providing additional staffing at waterfront and downtown parks in the form of extra seasonal park rangers, beach lifeguards, and seasonal laborers to support increased usage. Creating opportunities for the community to come together and have safe, shared experiences through community-building events was a third component of the Summer Action Plan. Recreation staff hosted cornhole tournaments, a grass volleyball tournament, and a series of free outdoor yoga classes. Community-building activities continued in the fall with the inaugural See Spot Splash and Harvest Festival events in September and October respectively.



EXTREME HEAT AND SEVERE COLD challenged staff on both ends of the weather spectrum. The last weekend of June saw a record-breaking heat dome event across the Puget Sound. The Peter Kirk Community Center and North Kirkland Community Center were activated as cooling centers from June 26 through June 29 providing relief for 180 residents and pets. The year ended with a dramatic shift in weather. With temperatures dipping into the teens, the City responded by opening the community centers as daytime warming centers and by providing over 60 hotel vouchers to those in need of a warm place to sleep.



2021

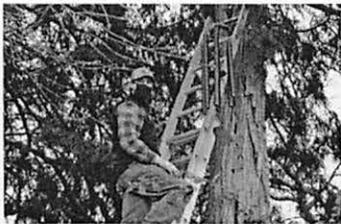
YEAR IN REVIEW



- Green Kirkland Partnership resumed offering public volunteer events following an approved COVID safety plan.
- Artists of all ages, ethnicities and abilities were invited to participate in our "Color Your World" activity by drawing pictures of themselves. Participants were invited to show their unique colors and submit their pictures to be shared online.



- Snow hit Kirkland hard and all hands were on-deck to respond to snow over the Presidents' Day weekend.
- The Heart of Kirkland Scavenger Hunt encouraged exploration of Kirkland while promoting our parks and local businesses.
- Kirkland's first drive-in movie took place at Juanita Beach Park.



Two wind chimes were installed in Marsh Park. Unlike typical active amenities, music is a more passive experience that can be enjoyed by all, especially individuals who may be unable to pursue other forms of active recreation. This amenity was the first project implemented from our 2020 staff "challenge" to submit ideas for small new park amenities that could be easily added through staff efforts and a minimal cost.



- Recreation programming restarted in-person with a Pee Wee soccer clinic on April 24.
- The boat launch at Marina Park opened April 1 with a new launch card system that allows for cards to be renewed instead of purchasing new cards every year.



- The first Annual Cornhole Classic was held May 8 on Lee Johnson Field.
- On May 9, Orca Running held their Mother's Day Half Marathon & 5K at Juanita Beach Park -- the first permitted race in 15 months due to the pandemic.



- 132nd Square Park groundbreaking was held on June 23 with construction beginning on June 28.
- A Pop-up Off-Leash Dog Park opened on the north side of Juanita Beach Park.
- The Peter Kirk Pool reopened for the first time since 2019 on June 21 to hundreds of happy swimmers.



- Totem Lake Park opened July 2.
- David E. Brink Park Renovation groundbreaking held July 15.
- Third-generation Kirkland resident Wesley "Wes" Robert Carpenter was formally inducted into the Kirkland Plaza of Champions on July 24.



- Summer concerts returned to Juanita Beach Park and Marina Park in August.
- The first-ever Sun, Set, Spike Grass Volleyball Tournament was held on August 25 with funding for the equipment coming from a King County Get Active Stay Active Grant.



- 159 dogs and their humans had a splashing good time at See Spot Splash at the Peter Kirk Pool.
- The Human Services Division launched the residential relief program to assist residents financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds were made available for residents behind in rent, mortgage, and utilities.



Over 5,000 people attended the first annual Kirkland Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 16. In addition to family friendly games and activities, 20 artisan food and craft vendors sold everything from Bundt cakes, to plants, kettle corn, and more.



- The Youth Basketball program, which serves over 400 youth in 3rd through 6th grades from over 15 Kirkland schools, kicked off the 2021-2022 season.
- The Human Services Division partnered with Public Health - Seattle/King County to host a Health Fair and COVID-19 vaccination event on November 6.



- The Peter Kirk Community Center was honored to be chosen by Answers for Elders to participate in the 12 Days of Goodness, culminating in a Holidays with the Hawks luncheon on December 16 to celebrate the seniors in our community.
- On December 12, the Light Up Kirkland event brought festivities and enhanced light displays to Juanita Beach Park.

RECREATION

Kirkland Parks and Community Services strives to offer recreation programs that are welcoming and inclusive for all. April 2021 marked the return of in-person programming and lifeguards returned to Kirkland's three swimming beaches for the first time in two years in June 2021. Beach lifeguards are funded by the Parks Levy. In 2021, lifeguards worked over 7,250 hours and loaned out 355 lifejackets at the three swimming beaches. Additionally, lifejackets were available at OO Denny Park and the Marina to enhance the safety of our waterfront.

In 2021, the recreation scholarship program was expanded to serve more people and reduce barriers to access. Scholarship recipients had more flexibility for spending scholarship dollars and ways to register for programs. As a result, \$15,172.38 in scholarships were awarded to 146 community members, allowing those recipients to participate in recreation programs such as swim lessons and summer camps. Participation was higher than any other year since the scholarship program was created in 2011. The program is funded in part by private donations, with over \$10,094 donations received in 2021.

GIVING PROGRAM \$14,000



In 2021, 3 benches, 2 picnic tables, and 3 trees were donated through the giving program

Several community building events debuted, including Kirkland Harvest Festival, Light Up Kirkland, and See Spot Splash. These events were created to support the community as it recovered from the pandemic.

**1,103
RECREATION
PROGRAMS**



**9,173
RECREATION
PARTICIPANTS**



**RECREATION
PROGRAM HOURS**

10,073

**13,700
ATHLETIC FIELD
RESERVATION
HOURS**

**5,121
PICNIC SHELTER
RESERVATION
HOURS**

Senior Services at PKCC

In partnership with local agencies, the Peter Kirk Community Center provides health, wellness, and transportation services to seniors in our community. PKCC also offers lunch programs which provide hot meals. In 2021, we continued to provide "to go" service with hot lunches available for pick-up three days a week. Meals were also delivered to the homebound through Meals on Wheels.

12,430

SENIOR NUTRITION
PROGRAM MEALS
SERVED

4,119

SENIOR SERVICES &
TRANSPORTATION
APPOINTMENTS



PARKS MANAGEMENT

The Parks Management Division is the largest division of the department. The 2012 levy supports the operation of the Park Management division by providing funding for increased maintenance levels, tools, supplies, materials, and utilities. Not only does it provide funding for the general operations of the division, the levy also provides dedicated funding for the Green Kirkland Partnership's (GKP) efforts to restore the habitat of our natural parks.



698
ACRES
MAINTAINED



54,647
TOTAL LABOR HOURS
WORKED BY PARKS
MAINTENANCE STAFF

The temporary closure of 132nd Square Park for construction was a significant loss to the surrounding neighbors and overall community. To mitigate the impacts of this closure, Parks Management staff renovated and maintained a nearby open space at the Kirkland Heights Apartments, owned by King County Housing Authority. Staff invested over 400 hours and \$7,000 to renovate and maintain the lawn, install and operate an irrigation system, and upgrade the basketball court.



\$10,437
PER ACRE
Parks Management was budgeted at \$10,437 per acre in 2021.



10,734,182
GALLONS OF WATER
Water from Lake Washington used to irrigate waterfront parks saved the city over \$97,000



1,024 Individual Volunteers
6,605 Volunteer Hours

GREEN KIRKLAND
PARTNERSHIP



7,423 Native Plants Planted
1,012 Native Trees Planted
3,087 Invasive Trees Removed



35 Volunteer Stewards
114 Stewardship Events
27 Training Events Hosted

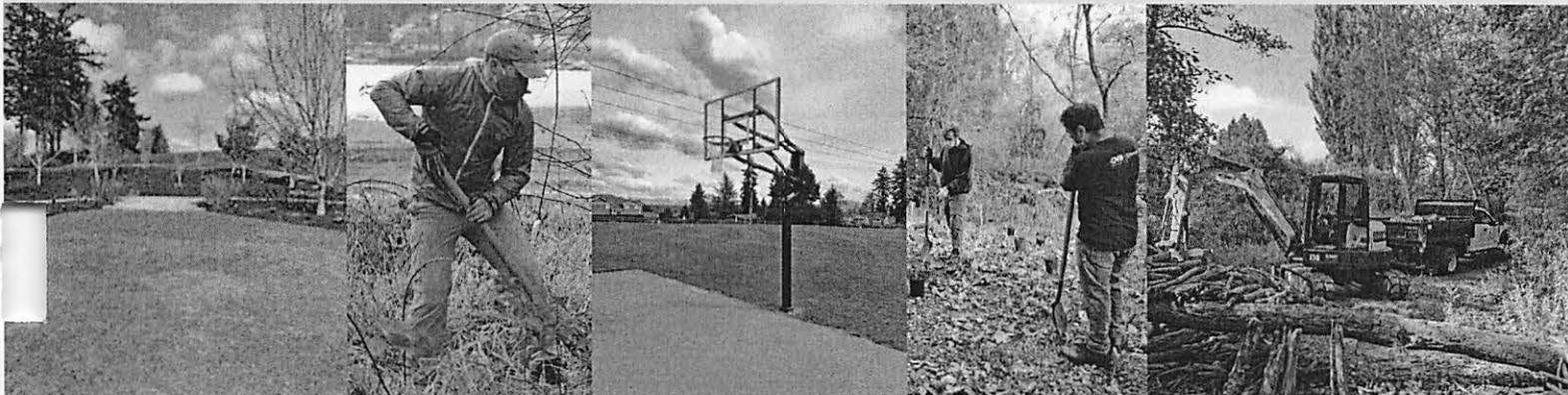
The Green Kirkland Partnership continues Kirkland's commitment to restoring natural areas in parks



\$73,480 in Grant Funding received to support restoration efforts



40 NEW acres in restoration
300 total acres in restoration
Active in 31 parks



HUMAN SERVICES

COVID-19 RESPONSE

As the community continued to weather the financial and emotional impacts of pandemic, Human Services received an additional one million dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to support rent, utility, and mortgage assistance; mental and behavioral health worker retention; expanded access of hybrid services promoting digital equity; and vaccine access.

RENT ASSISTANCE

Beginning in September, the City partnered with India Association of Western Washington and 4 Tomorrow to provide rent, utility, and mortgage relief for households impacted by the pandemic.



46 HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED
37 LANDLORDS
\$188,815 RENT ASSISTANCE

HEALTH FAIR

The Human Services Division partnered with King County Promotoras Network and Public Health - Seattle/King County to host a Health Fair and COVID-19 vaccination event on November 6. All services were free and language assistance was available in Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Russian, Cantonese and Mandarin. Approximately 200 people attended this event supported by 12 community organizations with 130 volunteers and exhibitors. Of the 80 surveys completed nearly half were from respondents identifying as Hispanic and 48% of respondents accessed language services at the event.



31 Basic Health Screenings



13 adults and 3 children received dental screenings
8 dental procedures performed



157 COVID 19 vaccinations administered

Human Services administered

\$2,429,673

in grants, which supported 73 programs provided by 43 agencies in the Kirkland community in the following areas:



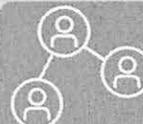
Housing Stability and Food Security

\$1,627,957



Physical and Mental Health Care Services

\$329,909



Community-Building & Supportive Relationships

\$249,097



Safe Haven and Violence & Abuse Prevention

\$115,148



Employment and Education

\$107,562

Youth Council

Kirkland Youth Council conducted a needs assessment survey in the spring to better understand the struggles, needs, and wants of teens. Approximately 320 youth participated in the survey gaining valuable insights about teen mental health and opportunities to support Kirkland's youth.

Youth Council awarded \$8,500 in mini-grants for the following programs:



Urban Gardening at Juanita HS



Diversity Library at Finn Hill MS



Food Pantry at Rose Hill MS



Non-English Literature at Kamiakin MS



Diversity Action Team at Lake Washington HS



India Association of Western Washington

SPECIAL EVENTS

In 2021, in-person special events resumed. The COVID-19 pandemic did cause some events to be postponed or cancelled, but many traditional events returned and even some new events debuted leading to a busy year of events. Staff supported all special events held on City property throughout the entire permit process. This includes coordination of park use, street closures, fire and police support, safety and sanitary regulations.

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PERMITTED
EVENTS

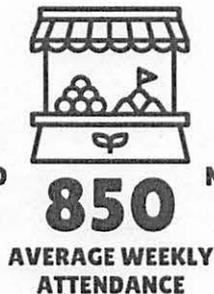


76 event days
48,775 estimated
attendance

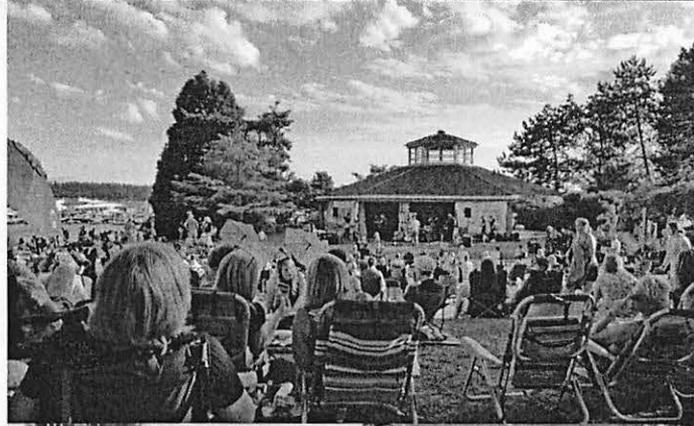
The Juanita Friday Market returned to the newly renovated Juanita Beach Park. Change was a constant as the market navigated changing guidelines due to COVID-19. Everything sold at the Juanita Friday Market is offered by farmers, producers, and artisans who help sustain the local culture, economy, and environment. The Juanita Friday Market participated in the City's Food Access initiative by becoming a part of the Washington State Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) for seniors and WIC. Eight of our farmers were registered growers and accepted the FMNP coupons. During the 2021 season coupons totaling \$2,600 were redeemed at the market. Juanita Friday Market was also awarded a \$10,000 WSDA Relief and Recovery grant through the Washington State Department of Agriculture.



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REGISTERED
VENDORS



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NEW VENDORS
IN 2021



CAPITAL PROJECTS

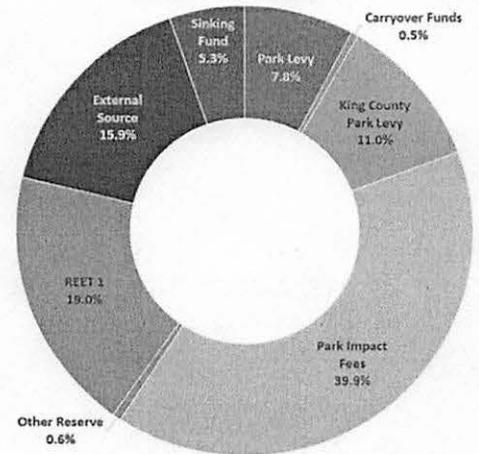


PROS PLAN

Every six years the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan is updated. The PROS Plan is a six-year guide and strategic plan for managing and enhancing park and recreation services in Kirkland. Work began on this project in

the spring and is expected to be completed in 2022. It provides a vision for Kirkland's park and recreation system and establishes a path forward for providing high-quality, community-driven parks, trails, open spaces and recreational opportunities. The PROS Plan creates a framework that will allow the City to respond to new opportunities and to ensure that parks, facilities, and recreation programs meet the needs of Kirkland's residents, employees, and visitors now and into the future.

Capital Improvement Program Funding Sources 2021-2026

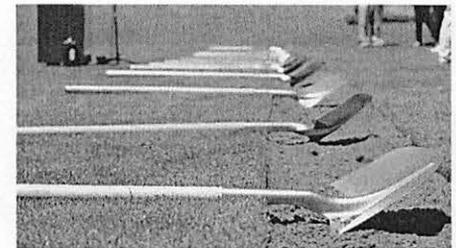


TOTEM LAKE PARK

The City celebrated the completion and opening of Totem Lake Park on July 2. The park includes pathways, an inclusive playground, restrooms, scenic view locations, environmental restoration, and a boardwalk connecting the park through the eastern side of the lake property to the Cross Kirkland Corridor. The Park is the renovated ecological centerpiece of a series of projects that, when completed, will expedite the transformation of Kirkland's first urban center into the walkable, vibrant, and green village that community leaders envisioned two decades ago.

132ND SQUARE PARK

Construction began on the renovation of 132nd Square Park following a groundbreaking celebration on June 23. This project is a collaboration with the Surface Water Division of Public Works. The project includes a surface water detention structure, a lighted synthetic turf field, two new picnic shelters, a new playground, and several other park enhancements.



DAVID E. BRINK PARK

Renovations of David E. Brink Park to improve access, safety, and habitat began in July. The project is improving safety and access for community members by removing its failing bulkhead, expanding its beaches, and by repairing sections of the park's sidewalks and piers. This project was funded in part from a \$500,000 grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Aquatics Land Enhancement Account.

PARK LAND ACQUISITION

Grants were submitted for property adjacent to Big Finn Hill Park as part of the Green Loop. In February the City acquired the Winski, LLC property parcel. This .83-acre forested property is located south of Big Finn Hill Park and will be integrated in the Green Loop Corridor. It will add valuable green space for public use and help conserve habitat biodiversity in the Denny Creek watershed. In July, a small parcel known as the Emmel property was purchased. This parcel will potentially serve as a trailhead for Billy Goat Trail.



Pictured from left to right: Toby Nixon, Jon Pascal, Kelli Curtis, Mayor Penny Sweet, Amy Falcone, Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Neal Black

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