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Card Room Lawsuit Status

When the City Council adopted the card room ban in December 2005, the owner of the card room immediately filed suit in federal district court seeking, among other things, to prevent the enforcement of the Ordinance. Since that time, the litigation has been winding its way through the judicial system and the card room has been allowed to remain in operation, pursuant to court order. Currently, the dispute is being considered at two levels, one in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and one in King County Superior Court. The City prevailed at the federal district court, and all of the card room owner's claims were dismissed. That decision has been appealed to the Ninth Circuit. In Superior Court, the City recently prevailed on the card room owner's motion for partial summary judgment regarding the gambling tax. The Ninth Circuit has not yet scheduled a date for hearing on the appeal. Trial in the Superior Court action is set for March 2008. We understand that the City's card room ban will not be enforceable until such time as the courts have ruled on these matters or the cases are otherwise resolved.

Early SR 522 Construction Work to Begin in March



In March, Sprint Communications crews will be relocating utility lines near 80th Avenue NE and the Swamp Creek Bridge. This early construction work is in preparation for planned improvements to the SR 522 corridor between 73rd Ave NE and 83rd Place.

Sprint Communications will move existing utility lines away from the Swamp Creek Bridge, as the City prepares to replace the bridge. Some of the work will take place through the night to minimize the impact and delay to traffic on SR 522.

The City of Kenmore will be completing several improvements to SR 522 to reduce congestion, improve transit reliability and increase vehicle and pedestrian safety. The SR 522 project will include:

- Widening sections of the roadway
- Modifying intersections

- Installing additional traffic signals
- Landscaping and street lighting
- Installing sidewalks
- Installing business access and transit lanes
- Conversion of overhead utilities to underground

Construction on SR 522 between 73rd Ave NE and 83rd Place will begin in late April or early May and will take approximately 18 months. The project costs approximately \$23 million and is funded with state and federal grants as well local funding from Sound Transit, King County and the City.

Additional corridor improvements will begin later this year.

For additional information, please visit: <http://www.cityofkenmore.com>

The proposed Civic Open Space needs your input

Kenmore is about to realize its long held vision to create a vital civic and community center downtown - Kenmore Village by the Lake - with new retail and housing.

Part of this vision includes a Civic Open Space - and that's where you come in.

The larger project is approximately nine acres and bound on the east by 68th Avenue NE and the south by NE 181st Street. The Civic Open Space is near the southeast corner of the site, will include landscaped open space linked by new sidewalks, trails, and areas for community activities.

There has been significant work in the past few years to help establish the overall qualities and characteristics of Kenmore Village by the Lake and its Civic Open Space.

Kenmore Partners, the City's private development partner, will lead two open house meetings to allow the public to offer their input on the char-

acter and use of Open Space.

All who live and work in Kenmore are encouraged to attend these community Open Houses to help ensure that the open space in Kenmore Village by the Lake will be an expression of the values, character and aspirations of Kenmore residents.

The dates for these Open Houses will be announced soon. Please plan to attend at least one of these community meetings. It is, after all, your city, and this is an excellent opportunity to voice your opinion about the shape of Kenmore for generations to come.

And this is just the beginning. Kenmore Village by the Lake encompasses less than a quarter of the broader urban vision for Kenmore, so more open space is on the horizon as development occurs.

For more information, visit www.cityofkenmore.com.



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