



Kenmore NEWSLETTER

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Swamp Creek Flood Reduction Project Nears End

Construction of the Swamp Creek Flood Reduction Improvements was started in June 2005.

The City of Kenmore awarded a \$4.0 million construction contract to Mid Mountain Contractors of Kirkland.

It has been a busy summer of construction

for the City, Mid Mountain, and local residents.

The 73rd Avenue NE and Swamp Creek Bridge were closed so that construction could proceed quickly and safely.

Initial work activity was focused on removing the old roadway, re-locating existing utili-



Excavation of new Swamp Creek channel

Congratulations, Welcome & Thank You!

Congratulations and a hearty welcome to Randy Eastwood, Laurie Sperry and Allan Van Ness, who will serve you as new City Council members for four-year terms beginning January 2006. We truly appreciate their interest in City business affairs and look forward to the contributions they will make in their leadership role for the community. They join John Hendrickson, Bob Hensel, David Baker and Glenn Rogers to form your City Council.

Leaving in December was Bert Hubka, who graciously agreed to serve for the balance of an unexpired term from September to December. Her willingness to dive into the issues was much appreciated during her service to the City.

We also bid a fond farewell to Steve Colwell and Jack Crawford, who served from the City's 1998 incorporation through December 2005. In their capacity as Council member as well Mayor, each was instrumental in leading the City in its early days. Thanks to all! ■

ties (including power, gas, and telephone), installing a new water line, and installing a new storm drainage system.

Work was also started on the excavation of a new stream channel for Swamp Creek (see photo, above).

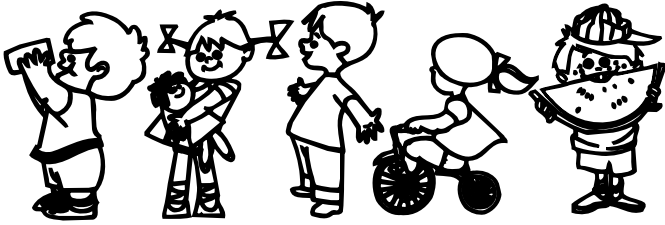
After utilities were removed from the existing bridge, the bridge was demolished and construction of the new bridge was immediately started.

While the new bridge was being constructed, the contractor

completed building more than 1,000 feet of new, re-aligned stream channel. The old channel was kept in service during construction and a "switchover" was done in August.

The new channel includes log jams and other natural features that were constructed using materials from other parts of the project area. The new Swamp Creek stream channel is much wider than before and includes additional flood storage and follows a

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New Indoor Play Space at St. Edward State Park

The Northshore Family Center, in partnership with Northwest Center, will begin a toddler play space program at the St. Edward State Park gym.

The plans are to have the space open two mornings a week for two hours, and it is expected to begin in January.

For further information about the project or its schedule, please contact the Northshore Family Center at 425-489-6343. ■

Do You Know a Kenmore Youth Who Deserves Special Recognition?

Through Jan. 13, 2006 the City of Kenmore is accepting nominations for the Kenmore Youth Recognition Award.

We're looking for all ages – elementary school through high school.

And all talents – academics, sports, performing arts, community service, others.

Simply complete the nomination form on page 3 and submit it to the City by January 13, 2006.

All nominees will be recognized at a City Council meeting, and re-

ceive a certificate of recognition in the Spring.

Within each of the three school levels, one nominee per category will be selected to receive a plaque (possible total – 15).

Only youth who have not yet received the award are eligible.

Additional copies of the application form are available online at the City's web page, www.CityofKenmore.com, or at City Hall. ■

Preparing for Snow and Ice

Winter has arrived, and along with it, the possibility of snowy and icy streets. While Kenmore does not receive a predictable amount of snowfall each year, public works maintenance crews are prepared to respond.

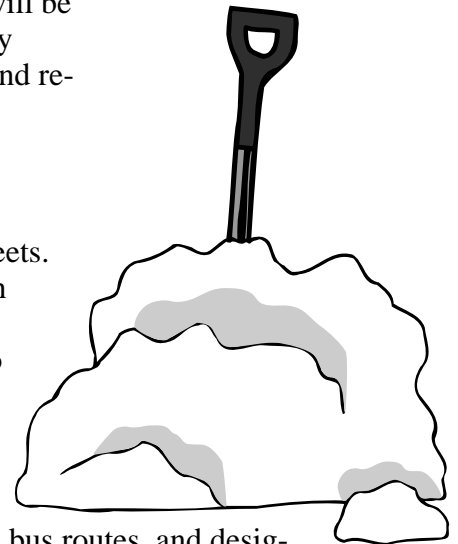
Through contracts with Lake Forest Park and King County, there are two trucks with plows and sanders dedicated to the City of Kenmore. During a snow and ice event, maintenance crews will switch to two 12-hour shifts to ensure 24-hour coverage. The overall goal is to provide the safest driving conditions 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 open, attention will turn to secondary and residential streets. Crews will continue to work around the clock as long as hazardous street conditions exist.

As crews work to keep the streets clear of snow and ice, motorists should keep these basic winter driving tips in mind:

- Allow ample time to reach your destination,
- Equip your vehicle with all-season tires and carry tire chains,
- Dress for weather in case you become stranded and have to walk,
- Allow at least 100 feet following distance behind snowplows or sanders.

To report icy or hazardous conditions during business hours, call City Hall at 425-398-8900; after hours, call 206-296-8100. ■



Burglary Prevention Checklist

Take our quiz and find out how you can reduce your risk of becoming a victim:

Yes/No

- Are doors fitted with dead-bolt locks?
- Are your doors of solid construction?
- Do your doors fit their frames snugly?
- Are strike plates properly secured?
- Are key locks on inside doors more than an arm's reach of windows?
- Are door hinges tamper-resistant?
- Do you lock your porch and garage?
- Do you lock your doors when away from home for short periods?
- Do you lock doors out of your view when working in the yard?
- Do you avoid leaving keys hidden near access doors?
- Do you refrain from leaving notes on the door to indicate your absence?
- Are your windows fitted with locks and do you lock them?
- Are sliding doors and windows secured with a track pin or Charlie bar?
- Do you keep tools, ladders, etc. in places inaccessible to potential burglars?
- Do you store lawn mowers, leaf blowers, gas barbeques, etc. out of sight when not in use?
- Do you light the outside of your home to discourage prowling or loitering?
- When you move to a new residence, do you hire a reliable locksmith to re-key all locks?
- Do you change your locks immediately if your keys are lost or stolen?
- Do you leave lights on and a radio playing when out for short periods?
- Have you marked your valuables or recorded serial numbers for identification?

If you answered "no" to any of the above, you should improve your home security! ■

Don't Invite a Burglary!

After having reviewed Kenmore crime statistics from January thru September 2005, the Police were alarmed at the number of burglaries and car prowls where doors were left unlocked.

In the first nine months of this year there were 77 residential burglaries, of which 38 of those were non-force entries — a homeowner left either a window or door unlocked, making it easy for the thief to enter. The non-force burglaries represent 49% of

total burglaries.

Burglary is a crime that threatens all homes, but especially those

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which provide criminals with the "opportunity" to intrude, steal and

escape undetected.

The No. 1 prevention tip to avoid becoming a victim of a burglary is to **lock all doors, windows and garage doors**, whether you are at home or away.

You may feel additional home security is an unnecessary financial burden, but consider that home security is not renewable. It is one of the few ways you can permanently protect your family, yourself and your home.

The Kenmore Police Department is offering all citizens a free home security survey.

If you are interested in setting up an appointment for a survey, please contact Officer Mark Childers, Storefront Officer, at 206-205-7652. He is trained and certified in crime prevention. ■



News You Can Use From Your Kenmore Police

Crime Stoppers

The Crime Stopper program is one of the most successful examples of community policing in Washington.

This program allows citizens who have information about a crime to anonymously call and provide police with information.

If the information leads to an arrest and charge, the local Crime Stoppers program will pay up to \$1000 to whoever provided the information. In King County, call 206-343-2020. ■

Scams — Don't be a Victim!

Every year during the holiday season there is a large volume of fraudulent scams. These scams are only limited to one's imagination. The following are just a few of the scams commonly used:

Door to door sales

Beware of anyone who knocks on your door and tries to sell you a service. The most common types of fraud scams are those involving roof repairs, yard work and house cleaning. If you are in need of any of these services it is always best to contact reputable companies who are willing to give you an estimate.

Telemarketing sales

When someone calls you on the phone and wants to sell you anything, always ask them for their tax identification number and for a telephone



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Vandalism

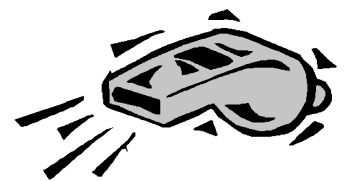
Statistics have shown that crime rates rise significantly in neighborhoods where windows are broken, sidewalks and vacant buildings are littered with garbage, and graffiti is allowed to stay on buildings and walkways.

When you and your neighbors ignore vandalism, you send out a clear message that you don't care about the neighborhood. One broken window or a wall covered with graffiti will lead to similar acts of vandalism.



Fighting vandalism is one job that neighborhood residents can do more effectively than anyone else. Few police departments have the resources to track down those who illegally dump trash or deface communities. Neighbors can immediately spot and eliminate vandalism and graffiti through neighborhood cleanup projects.

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Reporting Crime

Law enforcement needs your help reporting crimes. Be alert wherever you are and learn to recognize crime. When you see or hear something that might indicate a criminal act is being committed, don't hesitate to call the police (911). ■



Newly paved 73rd Avenue NE, looking north

Swamp Creek

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more natural alignment.

After most of the utility work was completed, the 73rd Avenue NE roadway and the secondary access street to Kenmore Elementary School were reconstructed to current City standards.

The 73rd Avenue NE roadway was lifted from one to four feet to accommodate the height of the new bridge and to provide additional flood protection.

The access street to Kenmore Elementary was also lifted to provide flood protection and in-



New 73rd Avenue NE Bridge over Swamp Creek and new channel

cludes a new sidewalk to the school.

Final paving of the new roadways was completed in late October (see photo, above/left) and 73rd Avenue NE has been re-opened to vehicular traffic.

The Contractor is now focusing on final

restoration work, including landscaping, restoration of driveways, installation of handrail, street lighting, and final cleanup. This work should be completed by January 2006. ■

City Park Planning

The City is continuing the process of updating master plans for all City parks. A park master plan is a document that shows the type of improvements that could be developed in a park at some point in the future.

The Log Boom Park Master Plan was completed in 2005 and the Wallace Swamp Creek Park Master Plan should be finished in early 2006.

Master plans for Moorlands, Rhododendron and Northshore Summit Parks will be completed in 2006. The first public meetings to discuss potential improvements in these three parks were held in November and December 2005 and a second public meeting for each park will be held the first part of January. Public meeting notices indicating the actual date, time



and location of the meetings will be mailed to the neighborhoods around the parks.

Preparation of a park master plan is important to insure future park improvements are designed to meet existing and future needs and that development occurs in the most efficient and economical manner.

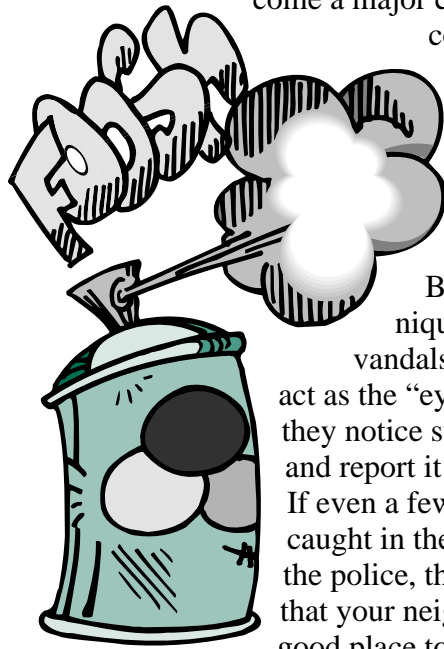
For more information, please call Bill Evans, Parks Project Manager, at 425-398-8900. ■

Vandalism

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How to stop vandalism

To stop vandalism from evolving into an even more serious problem, you and your neighbors must be willing to do something about it. In many neighborhoods, acts of vandalism may be isolated events. Nevertheless, if they are left unattended, they may become a major concern for your community.



Once you and your neighbors are aware of acts of vandalism, you can be on the lookout and use Block Watch techniques to foil potential vandals. When neighbors act as the “eyes on the street,” they notice suspicious activity and report it to the police (911). If even a few criminals are caught in the act and reported to the police, the word will spread that your neighborhood is not a good place to commit a crime. ■

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Bastyr Public Classes

Saturday, 1/28/06, 10 am-5 pm: Natural Autism Remedies for Children. Bastyr campus. \$55 class fee. More info/register at 425-602-3075 or www.bastyr.edu/continuing

Saturday, 2/11/06, 10 am-4 pm: The Changing Face of Beauty. Bastyr campus. \$75 class fee. More info/register at 425-602-3075 or www.bastyr.edu/continuing

Saturday, 3/4/06, 1-4 pm: Intro to Chandel Acupressure. Bastyr campus. \$20 class fee. More info/register at 425-602-3075 or www.bastyr.edu/continuing

Saturday, 4/8/06, 1-3:30 pm: Living with Chronic and Critical Illness. Bastyr campus. \$40 class fee. More info/register at 425-602-3075 or www.bastyr.edu/continuing ■

Scams

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number, so you can call them back. Never commit to buying anything until you have a chance to check the company out with the Better Business Bureau and never give out your social security number or credit card number to a telephone solicitor.

Do not put any mail that contains checks, money orders or cash in your streetside mailbox. These envelopes should always be mailed from inside the post office.

New scam

We have had a group of people working an overseas telephone scam.

This is how it works: You receive a telephone call where the caller leaves a message asking you to call either a com-

pany or travel agency at an overseas number. When you make the call, the individual is able to tap into your phone line and use it to make numerous, expensive long distance calls.

Never hesitate to call 911 if you have been contacted by a suspicious person or feel you have been a victim of a crime. ■



Mail theft

Mail theft is always at an all-time high during the holiday season.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Kenmore City Council holds Study Session meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 7 p.m., and Council Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, 7 p.m. at the Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th St. For meeting agendas, schedules and locations, see our website at www.cityofkenmore.com. The Council has decided to take its meetings “on the road,” and will hold a regular Council meeting at different locations throughout Kenmore at least once each calendar quarter. For further information, call the city clerk at 425-398-8900, ext. 225.

Northshore Fire Commission holds public meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the Headquarters Fire Station, 18030 – 73rd Ave. NE, Kenmore. For information about the Northshore Fire Department, see their website at www.northshorefire.com.

Northshore Utility District Board of Commissioners meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6 p.m., subject to change due to holidays. See their website at www.nud.net for meeting schedules and or/changes.

Kenmore Library holds monthly events for children, families, teens and adults. The library is located at 18138 – 73rd Avenue NE, Kenmore. For more information, visit their website at www.kc.s.org, or call 425-486-8747.

Kenmore Senior Program is a branch of Northshore Senior Center and partially sponsored by the City of Kenmore and Senior Services. Programs are held through out the community for adults and seniors of all ages. The program office is located inside Heron Landing Apartments. Please call 425-806-0796 for further information. ■

Good Numbers to Know

Emergencies

Police/Fire ----- **911**
 Flooding/drainage (after hours) ----- 206-296-8100
 Street concerns (after hours) ----- 206-296-8100

Public Safety Non-emergency

Police Services, Chief Cliff Sether ----- 425-398-8900
 Fire Service, Chief Tom Weathers ----- 425-486-2784

Planning and Land Use

Building Permits ----- 425-398-8900
 Land Use ----- 425-398-8900
 General Questions ----- 425-398-8900
 Code Compliance ----- 425-398-8900

Public Works

Public Works Superintendent
 Ted Carlson ----- 425-398-8900

Other Services

Animal Control ----- 206-296-PETS
 Trash Services ----- 206-682-9730
 Cable TV ----- 206-286-1818
 Water & Sewer ----- 425-398-4400
 Kenmore Library ----- 425-486-8747
 Electricity & Gas ----- 425-454-2000