



# Kenmore NEWSLETTER

VOLUME VIII • ISSUE II • SPRING 2006

## Downtown Revitalization of City-Owned 9.72 Acres

### **Q: Where is the 9.72-acre site located?**

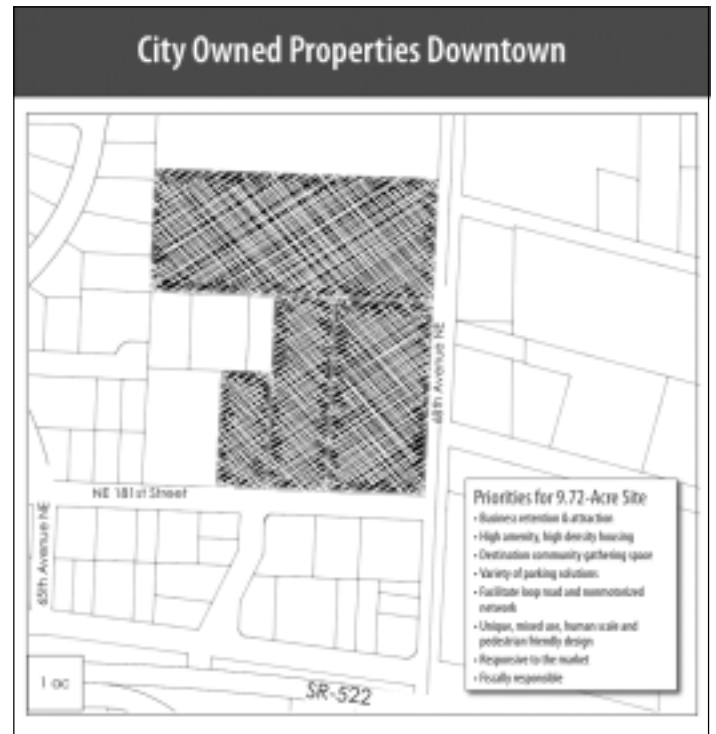
**A:** The City-owned property is located at the northwest corner of NE 181st Street and 68th Avenue NE, within the larger downtown northwest quadrant that centers on the SR522 and 68th Avenue NE intersection. It includes the former Northshore Park and Ride property, the current City Hall location and Kenmore Village Shopping Center. It's part of the larger downtown area envisioned in the City's comprehensive plan as an "attractive, vital, pedestrian-oriented city center offering commercial, civic, cultural and park spaces, integrated with higher density housing."

### **Q: Who is overseeing this project?**

**A:** Kenmore's Downtown Task Force has been charged with implementing the City's overall plan for the area. The Task Force has developed a set of priorities to guide development here, including the creation of a "Central Place" in Kenmore, economic revitalization, high amenity housing choices, improved traffic circulation, sensitivity to design and the environment, and others.

### **Q: What is the process the City is using to interview and select a developer/design team?**

**A:** The City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on Nov. 23, 2005 to solicit statement of qualifications from developers and their design teams to plan for and undertake the development, consistent with the City's vision and priorities for the site. The RFQ process will help the City select a developer that has significant urban mixed-used experience, a proven track record of working in public/private partnerships, and effective history in working with citizens, businesses and other stakeholders. The RFQ and the selection criteria are available on the City's website, [www.cityofkenmore.com](http://www.cityofkenmore.com). ■



## Spring Egg Hunt

**T**he City of Kenmore and Bastyr University are joining forces to bring together all children ages 12 and under for the "Spring Egg Hunt."

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 15, at 10 am. With baskets in tow, plan to have some fun on the Bastyr University campus, rain or shine. There will be age divisions with prizes for each division. Enjoy face painting as well as a special appearance by... you'll have to come and see for yourself! For more information, leave a message on the "Spring Egg Hunt" hotline, 425-398-8050 x340. See you there! ■

## Log Boom Park Improvements

Construction of Phase One improvements is scheduled to start around the first of May and be completed around the end of June.

Improvements will include new pedestrian walkways/plaza area, play equipment, terraced lawn area, additional landscaping and irrigation throughout the site, and site amenities such as picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles, bike racks and seat wall. Utility stubouts will be provided for a future historical/interpretive structure, new restroom facility and pier improvements.

The majority of the park will be closed during the two months of construction. A portion of the parking lot will remain open for those coming to use the Burke-Gilman Trail.

The project is the first large park project to be accomplished by the City and will set the standard for future park improvements. Once the work is complete, an opening activity will be planned and announced. If you have questions concerning the project, please call Bill Evans, Parks Project Manager, at 425-398-8900. ■



*Most of Log Boom Park will be closed for nearly two months this spring while park improvements are under construction. A portion of the parking lot will remain open for people who wish to use the Burke-Gilman Trail.*

## Park Master Plans Nearing Completion

The City is in the process of completing Master Plans for Rhododendron, Moorlands and Northshore Summit Parks. A Master Plan for Log Boom Park was completed last year, and work is continuing on finalizing the Wallace Swamp Creek Park Plan.

When they are complete, the plans will serve as a guideline to direct future park improvements. The proposed plans can be reviewed at the City web site, [www.cityofkenmore.com](http://www.cityofkenmore.com).

The plan for each park was developed after a series of public meetings. Various conceptual plans were presented and discussed at each meeting. Based on input received, a final recommended plan was presented and discussed. Once there was a consensus on the final plan, the document was presented to the City Council for review and eventual adoption.

Once the Master Plans are adopted, a timetable for development and proposed funding alternatives will be considered. Most park development will be phased over a period of years and will be subject to available funds. ■

## CAMP Process Continues for Saint Edward State Park

**S**tate Parks is continuing its planning for the future of Saint Edward State Park. To date, park staff have held four public meetings, identifying topics of community concern and community preferences on the park's future.

Prominent topics include parking and traffic; retaining the experience of solitude and enjoyment of the forest, beach and lawn areas; continuing outdoor recreation, use of the ball fields, gymnasium and pool; and use of the Seminary Building.

The planning process, called CAMP (Classification and Man-



*What lies ahead for Saint Edward State Park? A final recommendation is expected to go to the Parks and Recreation Commission this fall.*

agement Planning) by State Parks, commenced when the Parks and Recreation Commission received a proposal for private investment in the

Seminary Building.

The Commission directed staff to complete a comprehensive plan for the park prior to making a recommenda-

tion to the Commission on use of the Seminary Building. A final recommendation is expected to go to the Commission in the fall, with a preliminary recommendation likely in the summer.

Information about the Saint Edward planning is available at the agency web site: [www.parks.wa.gov/plans/sted/](http://www.parks.wa.gov/plans/sted/).

To assist in forming the recommendations, an Advisory Committee provides counsel to the agency. The Advisory Committee consists of 15 individuals representing park users, neighbors, community organizations and alumni. Its meetings are available for the public to attend; a limited time is set aside for public comment at the end of each meeting. You can find the schedule for meetings at the agency web site and at the park office.

All meetings are held in the Saint Edward Grand Dining Hall unless otherwise noted.

To provide comments electronically, email to: [Saint.Edward.Planning@parks.wa.gov](mailto:Saint.Edward.Planning@parks.wa.gov); written comments can be sent to: Bill Koss, PO Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504-2650. ■



*A barbeque lunch for volunteers will be served at Rhododendron Park following the parks cleanup.*

### Park Cleanup & Volunteer Appreciation Event

**P**lease join us on Saturday, May 6 for the annual parks spring cleanup & volunteer appreciation event. Join your fellow Kenmore residents in some routine spring landscaping, litter pick up and trail maintenance.

We will start at 9 a.m. at Rhododendron Park, Log Boom Park, and Wallace Swamp Creek Park, with a barbecue to follow at noon at Rhododendron Park. Please come, bring a friend and your favorite hand tools. If you are interested, call City Hall at 425-398-8900, or visit the City of Kenmore website at [www.cityofkenmore.com](http://www.cityofkenmore.com) to RSVP. ■



*Front Row: Councilmember Allan Van Ness, Mayor Randy Eastwood, Councilmember Laurie Sperry. Back Row: Councilmembers Bob Hensel and Glenn Rogers, Deputy Mayor David Baker, Councilmember John Hendrickson.*

## Come Meet & Talk with Your City Council Members

In May, the Kenmore City Council will hold a community meeting to meet and talk with the community. Please plan on joining the Council for this great opportunity to hear what's going on at the City, and tell the City what's going on in your neighborhood. Check the City's web page — [www.CityofKenmore.com](http://www.CityofKenmore.com) — for further information. A second community meeting will be scheduled in early fall. ■



## Volunteer Board Position Available

Make your voice heard on affordable housing funding and programs by joining the ARCH Citizen Advisory Board (CAB).

The CAB consists of 12 to 15 community residents and housing professionals who work with ARCH staff to evaluate local housing funding proposals and increase awareness of housing issues on the Eastside.

Board members contribute their understanding of housing and community issues, as well as certain specialized perspectives including real estate, housing development, planning, finance, assisting persons with low income or special needs, faith community, racial diversity, architecture and residents of affordable housing.

The CAB also strives to be representative of the Eastside communities that make up ARCH (the City of Kenmore is a member of ARCH). The CAB typically meets one Wednesday evening per month for two hours.

More information about ARCH and its Citizen Advisory Board



is on the ARCH website: [www.archhousing.org](http://www.archhousing.org). To apply, contact Janet Lewine at ARCH, by phone at 425-861-3677, or via email at: [jlewine@ci.bellevue.wa.us](mailto:jlewine@ci.bellevue.wa.us). ■

## Inglemoor High School Key Club

The Inglemoor High School Key Club is a group of dedicated high school students involved in many service activities benefiting the citizens of Kenmore.

Several times throughout the year, Key Club members gather on non-school days to pick up truckloads of trash and debris from along City streets, public rights-of-way, the Burke-Gilman Trail, and throughout local parks.

This April, Key Club students will attend the Pacific Northwest Key Club convention in Seattle, where they hope to win a service award for their volunteer efforts.

Thanks again to the students of Inglemoor High School for dedicating their time to improve our community! ■

## Homebuyer Assistance Available

**H**aving enough money to buy a home may seem like a big obstacle. The City of Kenmore and other East King County ARCH cities have partnered with the Washington State Housing Finance Commission and King County to offer “House Key Plus ARCH (East King County)” to make owning your own home or condominium easier for East King County homebuyers.

House Key Plus ARCH is a downpayment-assistance second mortgage with a 4% simple interest rate. There are no monthly payments on the second mortgage, with the balance due and payable when the Borrower sells or refinances the home, or pays off the first mortgage.

### Below Market Fixed Interest Rate

House Key Plus ARCH downpayment assistance combines with the Commission’s House Key State Bond below-market interest rate first-mortgage loan program.

This program can make homeownership possible for households that might not otherwise be able to put together the necessary financing. The program can also be combined with ARCH program price-restricted homes. See the ARCH website for more information on these homes, [www.archhousing.org/ownership/index.htm](http://www.archhousing.org/ownership/index.htm).

### How Do I Qualify?

To be eligible, borrowers must not exceed household income and home purchase price limits, and must qualify for a House Key first mortgage loan.

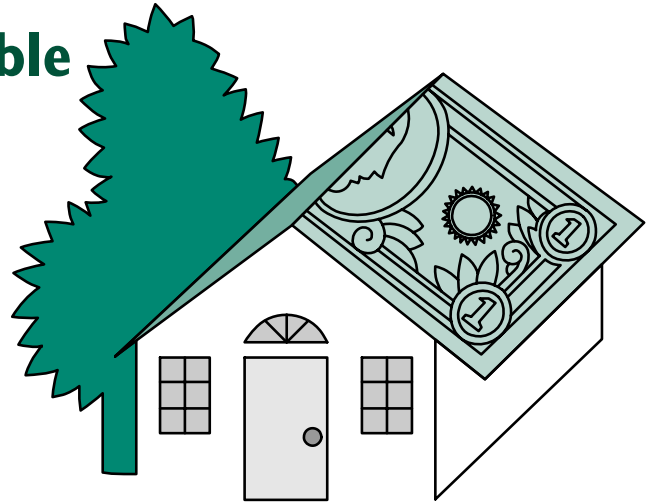
In addition, you must be a first-time homebuyer, purchase a home in the East King County ARCH area, and the home you purchase must be your principal residence.

All borrowers need to attend a free, Commission-sponsored homebuyer education seminar and a one-on-one pre-purchase counseling session.

Second loan amount can be up to \$30,000, with actual loan amount based on need and availability of funds (offered first-come first-served).

### More Information

More information on House Key Plus ARCH downpayment assistance, Commission-sponsored Homebuyer education seminars, the House Key loan program, and a list of loan officers who have experi-



ence with House Key loans is available on the Commission’s website at [www.wshfc.org](http://www.wshfc.org) or by phone at 206-287-4413.

For more information on ARCH ownership housing programs, check the ARCH website online at [www.archhousing.org](http://www.archhousing.org). ■

## Upcoming Events at Bastyr U

- April 8, 1-3:30 pm. Public class: Living with Chronic Illness. Bastyr campus. \$40 class fee. More info/register at 425-602-3075 or [www.bastyr.edu/continuing](http://www.bastyr.edu/continuing)
- April 15, 10 am. City of Kenmore & Bastyr University Spring Egg Hunt. Bastyr campus. Rain or shine. FREE. Call 425-398-8050, ext. 340 for info
- May 3, 7-9 pm. Public lecture: Coyote Wisdom, author Lewis Mehl-Madrona. Bastyr auditorium. \$15 fee. More info/tickets at 425-602-3027 or [www.bastyr.edu/bookstore](http://www.bastyr.edu/bookstore)
- May 6 & 7, 10 am-5 pm. Public 2-day class: Your Animals Are Talking, Are You Listening? Bastyr campus. \$200 fee/2 days. More info/register at 425-602-3075 or [www.bastyr.edu/continuing](http://www.bastyr.edu/continuing)
- June 3, 10 am-5 pm. 8th Annual Bastyr University Herb & Food Fair. Bastyr campus. FREE. Fun for families. More info at 425-602-3103 or [www.bastyr.edu](http://www.bastyr.edu) see events
- June 10 & 11, 10 am-5 pm. Public 2-day class: Homeopathic First Aid. Bastyr campus. \$125 fee/2 days. More info/register at 425-602-3075 or [www.bastyr.edu/continuing](http://www.bastyr.edu/continuing)

## Where Does Your Property Tax Dollar Go?

Many people talk about paying their property taxes and often ask, “where does all that money go”?

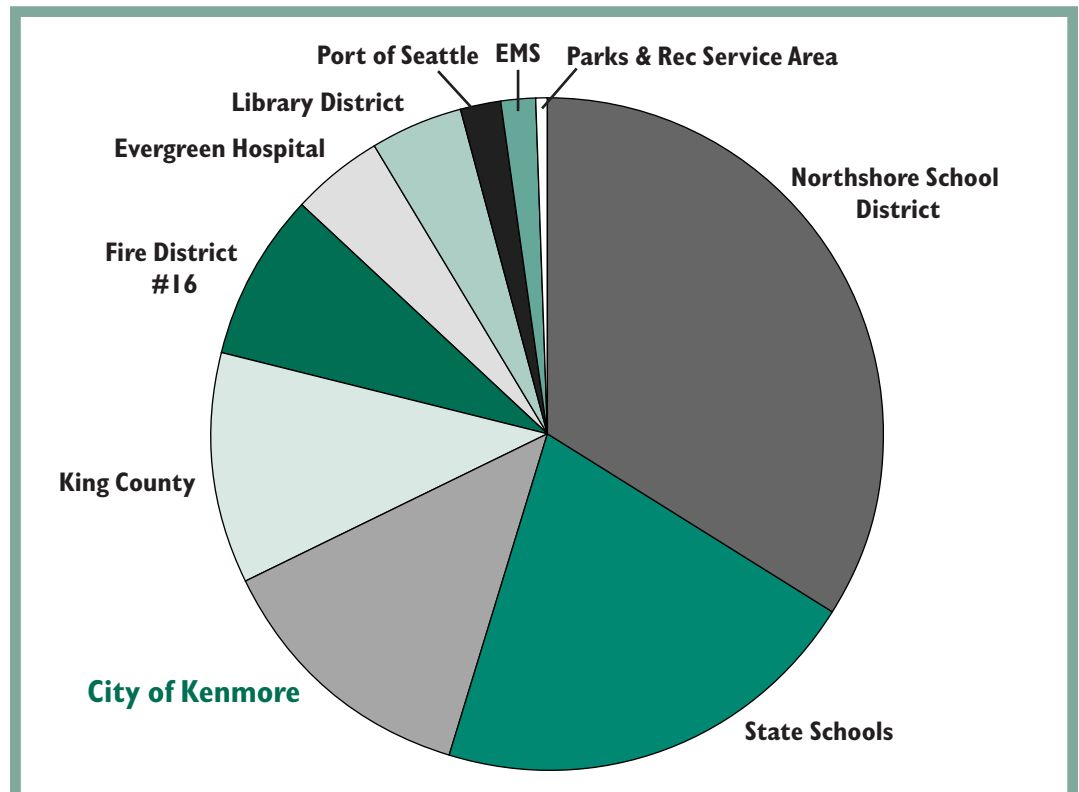
We thought we would answer that question by presenting the details for each jurisdiction that levies a tax on property in Kenmore.

Please note the King County assessor sets the assessed value for each property in Kenmore. The City Council adopts the mill levy rate.

In the example at right, the information is calculated using a property with an average 2006 assessed valuation of \$344,900. We apply the mill levy rate that each taxing jurisdiction charges Kenmore property.

One mill represents one penny (\$.01) per \$1,000 of assessed value. By multiplying the mill levy rate times your assessed value divided by 1,000, you can determine your property tax bill for each taxing jurisdiction.

The dollar amount levied by each jurisdiction is also expressed as a percentage of the total property tax. ■



**2006 Property Tax Distribution for Kenmore Tappayers**

|                              | Mill Levy/\$1,000 AV (Assessed Valuation) | Property Tax Share from \$344,900 AV | % of Total Tax Bill |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Northshore School District   | \$ 4.07366                                | \$1,405.01                           | 33.99%              |
| State of Washington Schools  | 2.49787                                   | 861.52                               | 20.84%              |
| City of Kenmore              | 1.57174                                   | 542.09                               | 13.12%              |
| King County                  | 1.32869                                   | 458.27                               | 11.09%              |
| Northshore Fire District #16 | 0.95002                                   | 327.66                               | 7.93%               |
| Evergreen Hospital District  | 0.53517                                   | 184.58                               | 4.47%               |
| King Co. Library District    | 0.53424                                   | 184.26                               | 4.46%               |
| Port of Seattle              | 0.23330                                   | 80.42                                | 1.95%               |
| Emergency Medical Services   | 0.21982                                   | 75.82                                | 1.83%               |
| Northshore P&R Service Area  | 0.03897                                   | 13.44                                | 0.33%               |
| <b>Total:</b>                | <b>\$11.98348</b>                         | <b>\$4,133.12</b>                    | <b>100.0%</b>       |

# Protect Your Bicycle Against Theft

**A** bicycle can be stolen from just about any place, but simple precautions can deter would-be bike thieves.

## #1: Start by locking your bike.

**Most bikes that are stolen were not locked.** Always lock your bike securely, whether you're gone for a few minutes or a few hours. Use a "U-lock," which secures both wheels and the frame to a stationary object such as a post, tree or bike rack. For extra security, add a chain or cable with a good case-hardened padlock.



## #2: Keep good identification records.

Record the serial number of your bike and keep it, along with your sales receipt and a picture of your bike, in a safe place at home. Serial numbers can be found in the following locations:

- On the underside frame between the pedals;
- On the stem of the frame under the handlebars;
- On the frame where it connects with the rear wheel.

## #3: Mark your bike with an engraver to deter thieves.

Engraving also helps police to identify a bike and return it to the rightful owners. Do not use your Social Security number.



## #4 Register your bike.

The Kenmore Police has a bike registration program. You can contact Officer Mark Childers at 206-205-7652, or stop by the King County Sheriff Precinct Two, located at 18118 73 Ave. NE, Kenmore, and pick up the registration card. Officer Childers can assist you filling out the card, which records the serial number, make and model. The card is then stored in a file with the police, which can be accessed in the event a bike is stolen or found and turned in. ■

## Lost Your Bike?

Each year Kenmore police receive about 50 bicycles that are left abandoned and are reported as found. These bicycles are kept at Precinct Two for 60 days, at which time they are given away to non-profit organizations if the owner cannot be located. If your bike becomes lost or stolen and it is registered, you are encouraged to contact Officer Mark Childers, at Precinct Two, to see if your bike has been turned in or recovered. ■



*Officer Mark Childers*





PRSR STD  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
 SEATTLE, WA  
 PERMIT #5544

# City of Kenmore

6700 NE 181st St.  
 P.O. Box 82607  
 Kenmore, WA 98028-0607

Phone: 425-398-8900  
 Fax: 425-481-3236  
 Email: [cityhall@ci.kenmore.wa.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.kenmore.wa.us)  
 Internet address: [www.cityofkenmore.com](http://www.cityofkenmore.com)

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**K**enmore 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.kc.s.org), or call 425-486-8747.

**Kenmore Senior Center** 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 at Kenmore Park, 6910 NE 170 St. Please call 425-483-4089 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