



Kenmore Newsletter

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Volunteers make an impact in Kenmore

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A New Chapter for Deputy Mayor Glenn Rogers

After careful thought and consideration, Deputy Mayor Glenn Rogers has decided to retire from the Kenmore City Council as of September 8, 2014. Earlier this year, Deputy Mayor Rogers, on the advice of

his doctor, requested a temporary medical leave of absence from the City Council. The City Council appointed Stacey Denuski to serve out the remainder of Rogers' term and Allan Van Ness to serve as deputy mayor.

transportation systems, park improvements, plans for Kenmore Village and downtown development, and improving access for the public to Kenmore's waterfront.



Glenn Rogers, joined by his wife Ruth, retired from city council in September after 10+ years of service to Kenmore as council member and deputy mayor.

Rogers has reported that his health condition is not improving as quickly as he hoped or expected and, given the uncertainty in his recovery, he has decided to retire and step down from the City Council.

New sidewalks and safety improvements on Bothell Way are among the achievements Rogers is most proud of. "We've seen a 40 percent reduction in accidents on the improved portions of Bothell Way," Rogers remarked. "That's a lot of human suffering that is no longer happening in our City."

He will certainly be missed by his colleagues and City staff. Mayor David Baker commented, "Glenn Rogers has served honorably and faithfully during his decade of service on the City Council."

During a farewell speech at the September 8th City Council meeting, Rogers stated to the Council, "What I love about you guys is you carry a heart for this city, not an agenda, but a heart that wants nothing but the best for this city's citizens."

Rogers was first elected to the City Council in January 2004. Since that time he has helped set the City's vision for improved pedestrian safety and

City Makes a Splash with Waterfront Acquisition

Public-private partnership to bring waterfront activities and programs to Kenmore's Sammamish River

The City recently purchased 0.65 acres of waterfront property located at 7353 NE 175th Street at the confluence of Swamp Creek and the Sammamish River, expanding Squire's Landing Park. The newly acquired property serves a variety of park functions, including a bird and wildlife viewpoint, launching point for hand-powered watercraft, and community gathering spot. In addition, after a formal request for proposals process, the City Council

approved an agreement with the Kenmore Waterfront Activities Center (KWAC) to provide waterfront activities at the newly acquired property.

"We have heard loud and clear from our citizens that accessibility to the water should be a top priority," said Mayor David Baker. "This is a win-win partnership for all involved and we are thrilled to be deliv-



ering this beautiful waterfront property for the public's benefit."

KWAC will offer public recreational programming and instruction for hand-powered watercraft activities including kayaking, canoeing, and dragon boat racing. While the emphasis will be on youth

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Volunteers: Engage, Empower, Effect Change!

Have you ever thought of how things get done in your community? Sure, there are many services that are paid for by public funds or by private funds, but what about all the services that many of us take for granted each day such as the ability to play on a recreational soccer team coached by a volunteer, opportunity to attend a special event that is produced primarily by volunteers, or enjoy a walk in a park that is cleaned up regularly by volunteers. Volunteers impact our daily lives in many positive ways.

Kenmore's volunteer program is gaining more and more volunteers as citizens, businesses, churches, and nonprofit groups discover the joy of connecting with other people in their community. Kenmore resident, Neil Jorgensen, was new to the city and didn't like seeing the garbage along his street, so he did something about it and adopted the street in front of his home. He and his neighbors now clean up the street two-to-three times per year. He borrows cleanup equipment from the City, and the City crew comes by the next day to pick up the bags of garbage collected. When asked about why he volunteers, Neil commented, "Why not volunteer? If more of the com-

munity got involved in the simple task of just picking up trash on the road, it would change so many things. Not only would the community look better, but people would get out and meet their neighbors and others that are driving or walking by." Neil Jorgensen is the City's new volunteer, Adopt a Street/Park Ambassador.



Park Stewards Diane Bates and Debra Srebnick

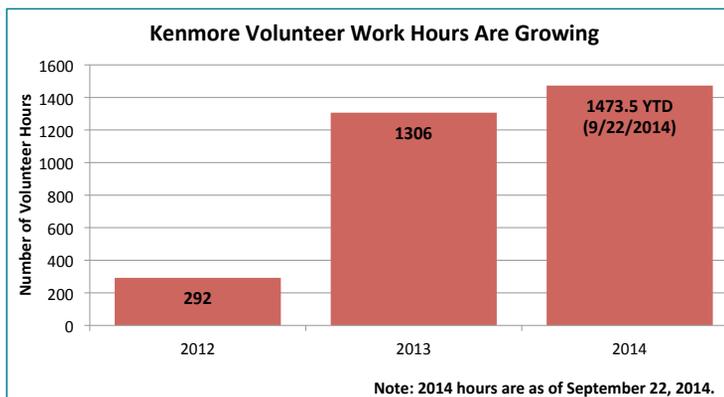
Andy Brown, pastor of The Landing Church Seattle, is one of Kenmore's ongoing volunteers who believes strongly in the importance of volunteering in your community. The Landing Church Seattle has volunteered over 300 hours partially through the adoption of a portion of Squire's Landing Park. "Volunteering

alongside the citizens and our neighbors has allowed us to feel like a part of something special, a community that takes pride in itself. It has taught us humility, teamwork, and gratitude for those around us who are willing to pitch in and help

make a difference," Brown exclaimed.

The Inglemoor High School football team builds character while tackling community projects. "Volunteer community service projects are one of the best ways to constructively engage our youth. Kids will learn the importance of giving back to the community while making a difference in where they live, learn and play," expressed Gina Chapman, co-president of Viking Gridiron Football.

Volunteerism is alive and well in Kenmore and growing by leaps and bounds. Volunteer opportunities include helping with the environmental stewardship and park cleanup projects; special event operations and planning; office and administration work; emergency management; and much more. If you would like to engage, empower, and effect change, contact Volunteer and Events Coordinator Cindy Shelton at 425-398-8900 or cshelton@kenmorewa.gov.



Celebrate 'Courtesy is Contagious in Kenmore' Day

Please join us at the annual parks clean up event on **Saturday, October 25** honoring Kenmore's first Mayor Jack V. Crawford's many contributions to Kenmore. Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. to noon at Log Boom Park (17415 61st Ave NE) to assist with a major planting project. For details, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/events.

Waterfront Acquisition, Continued

activities, instruction and classes will be provided for all ages and skill levels including free or deeply discounted classes and memberships for low income youth and families.

"Through this new park property and resulting public-private partnership, the City and KWAC are bringing the public's connection to the water to a whole new level," said KWAC Board Member Traci Cole, who is also a Kenmore resident and accomplished kayaker.

The City purchased the property for \$640,000 plus closing costs using Park Impact Fee revenue from the construction of new residential development. Park Impact Fee revenue can only be used for park property acquisitions and new park development.

To learn more about the Kenmore Waterfront Activities Center, visit www.kenmorewac.org.

Live Streaming of City Council Meetings Coming in 2015

This past summer, the City Council unanimously voted to install a video camera system that will record, archive and live-stream City Council meetings. The system will allow citizens the convenience of following meetings live from home when they cannot attend in person. The new camera system should be installed and available in early 2015.

Current audio recordings are available on the City's website, www.kenmorewa.gov/council.

Priority-Based Budgeting Process Guided by Community Values

In April 2014, the City Council voted to engage in a priority-based budgeting process and contracted with the Center for Priority-Based Budgeting to help guide the new process. Dubbed a "new lens" by which to approach City finances, priority-based budgeting aims to compare programs rather than department line items.

The City's 2015-2016 Biennial Budget will be the first to utilize the budgeting tool, which will help the community understand how the City's limited resources are utilized. It will also help the City develop a budget that reflects community values.

At a Council meeting in June, the Councilmembers developed seven results that the city of Kenmore strives to achieve for its residents, businesses and visitors. Those results include:

- Access to Quality Cultural, Recreation, Educational and Leisure Opportunities*
- An Attractive, Well-Planned, Enduring and Desirable Place to Live and Work*
- A Connected, Involved and Family-Oriented Community that Values Diversity*
- Effective Mobility and Connected, Reliable Transportation Systems*
- A Prosperous, Vibrant and Sustainable Economy*
- A Safe and Secure Community*
- A Sustainable, Healthy Environment and the Preservation of Natural Resources.*

On September 11, the City held a public workshop to hear from as many residents as possible in the preparation of the 2015-2016 Budget. The workshop focused on the result areas above and gave the community an opportunity to express what it thinks the priorities of the City should be. An online survey was also made available through the end of September.

At the October 6 City Council meeting, the Center for Priority-Based Budgeting presented the priority-based budgeting model and scoring results.

For more information about the priority-based budgeting process for Kenmore, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/finance.

Kenmore Village Construction Underway on Residential Area

The Kenmore Village project continues to progress. The upper, residential portion of the project, known as Spencer68, has "gone vertical," meaning that the general contractor, GenCap Construction, is largely complete with groundwork and has started framing buildings. MainStreet Property Group LLC is the developer on this project and plans to commence marketing of the property to tenants as soon as next summer.

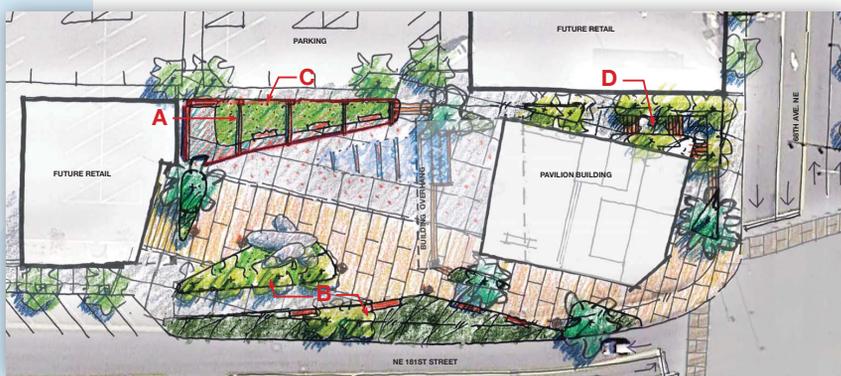
The City has been in discussions with potential buyers for the lower, commercial portion of Kenmore Village. A proposed purchase and sale agreement for the commercial portion could come forward for City Council consideration prior to year's end.

Town Green to Create Downtown Gathering Place

The City, in partnership with Hewitt Landscape Architects and Graham Baba Architects, has been working with the community in designing a new public town green as a central focal point of the Kenmore Village project and the City's downtown. The proposed location of the town green is along the north side of NE 181st Street near the NW corner of NE 181st Street and 68th Avenue NE.

Two public workshops have already occurred, and Hewitt will take the input from those workshops and bring forward a final concept for additional community input later this month, currently scheduled for the evening of **October 22**. City Council approval of the final design concept is expected in November or December, and construction is anticipated to begin in mid-to-late summer 2015.

The town green's purpose is to create a sense of downtown and a gathering place for the community. An indoor component for the public is also being designed and considered. To view the draft concepts, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/downtown.



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SCHEME B - ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENT / BUFFER



B - MOUNDED LANDSCAPE BUFFER
C - MOUNDED TURF
D - TRANSITION SPACE

KENMORE TOWN GREEN - PUBLIC MEETING 2
City of Kenmore
September 24, 2014

Summer Fun in Kenmore



Thousands of thrill seeking residents enjoyed summer by attending one of Kenmore's many special events.

Kenmore Fourth of July Fireworks Show

at Log Boom Park attracted over 1,000 visitors to the park and marina to enjoy food, festivities and a fireworks display over Lake Washington.



Summer Concert Series

offered six free concerts at Saint Edward State Park on Thursday nights in July and August. The concert series attracted over 3,400 people to Kenmore to enjoy a variety of music for the whole family.



Kenmore Play Day

attracted 650 people into Rhododendron Park and offered a large variety of activities, including fitness, jump rope team and magic demonstrations, cardboard village building, kite making, arts and crafts, education on planting, and story times at Kenmore Library and the park, making for a day of fun for the family. A free lunch was provided by the City Council.

National Night Out

was held on the evening of August 5 at City Hall. Kenmore Police Department hosted a fun evening with free food, activities for the kids, and crime prevention information. Approximately 75 people came down to learn about safety and enjoy a barbeque dinner prepared by police officers.

These events are possible due to generous support from our event sponsors and partners, in addition to a dedicated group of volunteers. Please contact Cindy Shelton, Volunteer and Events Coordinator, 425-398-8900 or cshelton@kenmorewa.gov if you or your business or group is interested in special event volunteer opportunities or sponsorship information.



THANK YOU EVENT SPONSORS

The City extends their appreciation to the following sponsors who helped make Kenmore's free community events a big success! If you enjoyed these events, please let these organizations and businesses know you appreciate their support of community events in Kenmore.

Community Event Sponsors

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Kenmore Camera
See's Trees & Excavation
Northshore Baptist Church
Fazzari Marketing

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Report

We must all play a role in promoting a safe environment for bicyclists and pedestrians, and the City has been hard at work to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety around Kenmore. Recent improvements include the installation of new Rectangular Rapid



Flash Beacons (RRFB's) at 11 crosswalks around the City and ongoing enforcement of pedestrian safety laws by the Kenmore Police Department. The Department has issued over 200 tickets since March for such violations as failure to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk, distracted driving, pedestrians failing to use a crosswalk, and to bicyclists who fail to stop at stop signs, among others.

61st Ave NE was recently restriped to add more bicycle lanes, and the newly paved Juanita Drive has new pedestrian and bicycle symbols and signage. The City also anticipates the completion of pedestrian signal and ADA improvements on Juanita Drive at the Arrowhead Drive and Simonds Road intersections by the end of October.



As part of the City's Target Zero safety goal of zero pedestrian or bicycle fatalities by 2025, City staff has been active promoting pedestrian and bicycle safety at City and school events. Staff has been busy selling helmets, distributing safety brochures, and handing out free reflective vests provided by Northshore Utility District. Brochures and safety materials aim to influence bicyclist, pedestrian and motorist behavior. We all have to commit to making Kenmore a safe place for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Helmets are available at City Hall and the Northshore Fire Department Headquarters. Suggested donations are \$6.00 for toddler sizes, \$7.00 for children and adult size regular bike helmets, and \$10.00 for multi-sport styles. Come on by and trained staff will get you fitted with the right size helmet!



AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On September 8, the seven members of the Ad Hoc Citizen Committee on Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety presented their final report and recommendations to the City Council. The City Council will consider the Committee's recommendations during this year's priority-based budgeting process.

The Committee made the following 14 short-term and five long-term recommendations.

Short-Term Recommendations:

1. Invest in additional sidewalk and walkway infrastructure
2. Reduce vehicular speeds in school zones by installing traffic safety cameras
3. Targeted speed limit reductions on arterial (30 MPH) and local (20 MPH) roadways
4. Develop a citywide crosswalk policy to install more marked crosswalks with Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons near schools and in high demand areas
5. Continue and expand education and awareness Programs
6. Create actionable neighborhood transportation plans in collaboration with neighborhood residents, identifying traffic calming and other safety improvements
7. Expand bicycle infrastructure, including the number of bike lanes, shared roadway markings, and secure storage facilities
8. Strategically upgrade existing roadway signage with more up-to-date, highly-visible and fluorescent signage, especially near Schools
9. Targeted enforcement of risky driving behaviors
10. Reclaim the right-of-way through proactive work to clear obstructions and vegetation
11. Improve and encourage use of the Citizen Action Request (CAR) form
12. Work with nearby jurisdictions to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity
13. Encourage pedestrian and bicycle delineation markings on the future Tolt Pipeline Trail and request markings on the Burke-Gilman Trail
14. Relocate or increase safety conditions at Metro and school bus stops

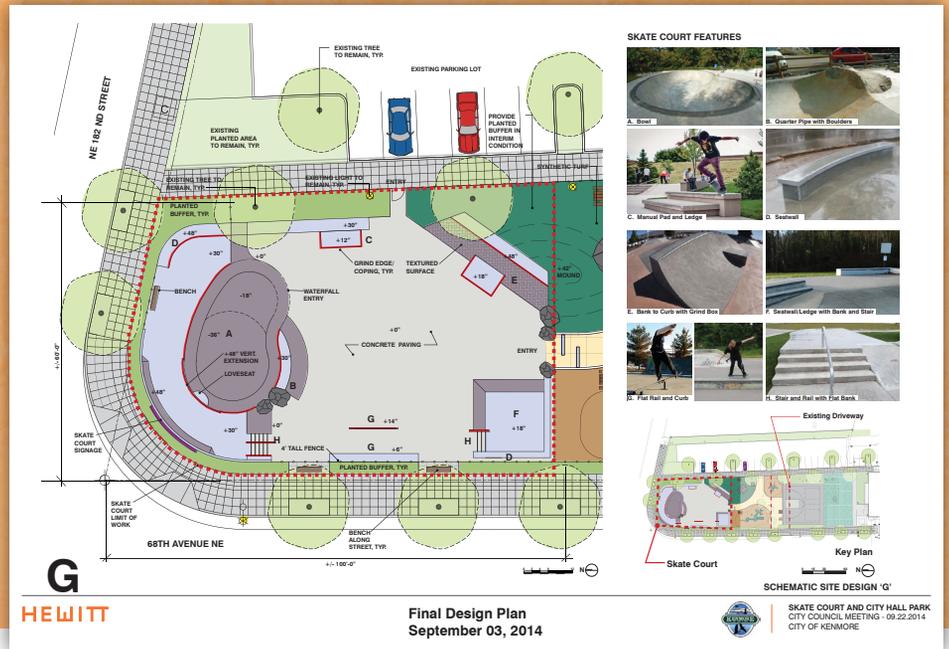
Long-Term Recommendations:

1. Construct at least one over/underpass across SR 522/Bothell Way, beginning with a study of locations at 61st Ave NE, 65th Ave NE, 73rd Ave NE, and 80th Ave NE
2. Widen the West Sammamish River Bridge to include a pedestrian and bicyclist facility
3. Complete the Tolt Pipeline Trail throughout the City
4. Install and maintain trail and street lighting
5. Evaluate expanding enforcement capabilities

A special thank you to the committee members: Mark Abersold, Victoria Chaussee, Robert Greene, Andrea Lalto, Douglas Levy, David Maehren, and Katrina Rose.

New Skate Court for Downtown Kenmore

The City Council approved the skate court design on September 22. The skate court design is a result of community input received during three workshops held in June and July. The skate court is approximately 5,800 square feet and will be constructed on the northern end of the City Hall site. The skate court is a permanent facility replacing the temporary Jack V. Crawford skate court that was recently removed when the Kenmore Village upper, residential project started construction. The design includes a number of skate court features that can be used by all ages and skill levels. The next step is preparing construction drawings and working through the permitting process. The City hopes to start construction in late spring of 2015.



Business

Kenmore Business Registration and Online Business Directory

If you have a business located in Kenmore, you may be required to get a Kenmore Business Registration. About 700 Kenmore businesses have registered in the past few months, and you can register by going online to the State Department of Revenue Business Licensing Services website <http://business.wa.gov/BLS> or by calling 1-800-451-7985. The cost to register is \$29, with an annual renewal fee of \$21. This new program helps the City connect with our business community.

When you register, you can also opt-in to be listed in our new online Kenmore Business Directory. If you have already registered (thank you!) and would like to be included in the Directory, just go to <http://dor.wa.gov/kenmore> to provide your business information for the Directory. This is a great way to support our local businesses!

For more information on the Business Registration Program and Kenmore Business Directory, visit the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov or call Nancy Ousley, assistant city manager, at 425-398-8900.

Kenmore Business Incubator Launches Virtual Incubator Services

We're Actively Seeking Growth-Oriented Businesses

The Kenmore Business Incubator is adding a service option for businesses that don't need a dedicated workspace—a Virtual Incubator. Virtual Incubator companies have the same access to expert business development mentoring services and networking opportunities as the companies who are in residence at the Incubator.

In other news, we are pleased to welcome Corey Hansen as our new program consultant. Thank you to Barry Weisband for his great work on the Kenmore Business Incubator project over the past two years. Corey is a business accelerator expert and mentor. He currently leads the Hot100 Business Association, which trains promising businesses to spur their growth. He previously worked with the Washington Small Business Development Center.

For more information, contact Corey Hansen at corey@hot100business.com or Nancy Ousley, assistant city manager, at 425-398-8900.

Kenmore Tops the Charts in Pavement Condition

The City uses a pavement management system to help plan and execute pavement maintenance projects. Pavement management is the process of planning the maintenance and repair of the city's roads in order to optimize pavement conditions over the entire network.

King County PCI Scores by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	PCI Rating	Pavement Practices
Kenmore	82	Good Pavement Management Practices
Hunts Point	82	
Redmond	76	
Bellevue	74	
Bothell	71	
Renton	66	Barely Keeping Up
Kirkland	62	
Woodinville	58	
Lake Forest Park	54	
North Bend	48	Extensive Reconstruction
Snoqualmie	47	

A pavement management system is an essential part of maintaining our roadway infrastructure. Kenmore has allocated funds to the asphalt overlay budget consistently in recent years. We have seen the benefits of this effort with an

increase in our overall pavement rating, which helps keep us well positioned for competitive grant funds. By continuing to fund asphalt overlays and other preservation methods, we can continue to maintain our network at a high level.

Roadways are rated and given a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) score of up to 100. As of September, the City has an overall PCI rating of 82. Comparing Kenmore with other surrounding jurisdictions both large and small, the City has one of the highest overall PCI ratings in the area.

New Ordinance Regulates Marijuana Businesses

This past summer, the City Council approved Ordinance 14-0384 which allows and regulates marijuana businesses in Kenmore. The ordinance requires that a potential applicant first obtain a license from the Washington State Liquor Control Board (LCB). If a license is obtained, the applicant must next get a City of Kenmore business license and comply with City rules.

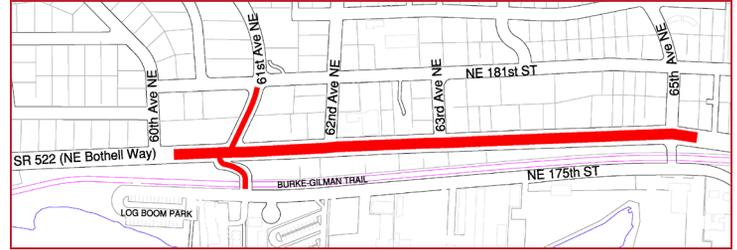
The new regulations allow marijuana businesses only in the City's Regional Business (or RB) zone, generally along Bothell Way. State law requires that marijuana operations be separated from such uses as schools, recreation centers or facilities, child care centers, public parks, public transit centers, and libraries by at least 1,000 feet. The LCB rules specify that "public park" does not include trails such as the Burke-Gilman. The Kenmore standards go further in stating that no marijuana business may be located within 1000 feet of another marijuana business or within 200 feet of a residential zone.

Although applications for marijuana businesses in Kenmore have been made to the State, no application has moved forward to licensing. Medical marijuana collective gardens and dispensaries continue to be illegal in the City.

Ordinance 14-0384 includes additional rules that are more restrictive than the State's. For more information on these rules, visit <http://bit.ly/marijuanaordinance> or contact Lauri Anderson, landerson@kenmorewa.gov, or call 425-398-8900.

Bothell Way Construction

Starting in early 2015, more improvements will begin on Bothell Way between 65th Ave NE and 61st Ave NE. The project will last up to two years. Expect major delays. For more information, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/cityprojects or contact the city's project manager Kent Vaughan at 425-398-8900 or via email at kvaughan@kenmorewa.gov.



State Parks Commission Discusses Options for Saint Edward Seminary

The State Parks Commission discussed future options for the historic Saint Edward Seminary building in Saint Edward State Park at their September 18 meeting, and named rehabilitation as the preferred alternative. The Commission's approved motion states, "Direct staff to explore rehabilitation as the preferred management option for the Seminary building, ensuring that proposals brought before the Commission include sufficient detail and



merit to reasonably assure prospects for success. If at the conclusion of twelve months of exploration the Director determines that there is no reasonable proposal for rehabilitating the Seminary at St. Edwards State Park, then the Seminary will be vacated." State Parks staff convened a public information meeting in Kenmore on September 10 to explain the staff's recommendation to the Commission and to elicit questions and comments from the community.

Daniels Real Estate of Seattle has recently stepped forward with an interest to rehabilitate the structure for classroom and student residential space, with Bastyr University as a potential end user. Daniels and Bastyr University are preparing a proposal which will be presented to the State Parks Commission on or before its November meeting. The Seminary is on the National Register of Historic Places.

For further information, visit www.parks.wa.gov.

Meeting & Other Information

Kenmore City Council regular meetings occur on the second, third, and fourth Mondays of the month at Kenmore City Hall. Meetings are open to the public, and public comments are accepted at the beginning of regular, non-study session meetings. Meeting agendas and schedules are available online at www.kenmorewa.gov/council or contact the City Clerk's Office at 425-398-8900.

Coffee with Council: The City Council invites you to have Coffee with Council at 7:30 a.m. on the 1st Monday and 8:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Espresso Works, 6734 NE 181st Street. Citizens are encouraged to attend these informal sessions to ask questions, discuss issues and offer suggestions on any topic of interest.

Kenmore Planning Commission holds meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Kenmore City Hall. Meeting agendas and schedules are available online at www.kenmorewa.gov/planningcommission.

Kenmore Library Advisory Board The Kenmore City Council is seeking dedicated Kenmore citizens interested in serving on the Kenmore Library Advisory Board. The Library Advisory Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees of the King County Library System and to the local library officials. The Library Advisory Board also reports to the Kenmore City Council, as deemed necessary. The City seeks applicants for several board positions and one Young Adult board position. The members serve a three-year term, except for the young adult member who serves a one-year term. For more information, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/libraryadvisoryboard. Application deadline is October 31, 2014.

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Good Numbers to Know

City Hall.	425-398-8900
Police/Fire Emergency	911
Police Nonemergency Dispatch	206-296-3311
Police Nonemergency Information	206-205-7656
Fire Department Headquarters	425-354-1780
Flooding/Drainage (after hours)	206-296-8100
Street Concerns (after hours)	206-296-8100
King County Animal Control	206-296-PETS
Republic Services Co.	206-682-9730
Kenmore Library	425-486-8747
Puget Sound Energy	888-225-5773
Northshore Utility District	425-398-4400

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City Wins 2014 State-Wide Award for Lean Process

The Association of Washington Cities awarded the City of Kenmore the 2014 Municipal Excellence Award for Process Streamlining in June at their annual conference. The award recognized the City's lean management in the Development Services Department.

"We are thrilled to be recognized for our lean management work," said City Manager Rob Karlinsey. "This was a collaborative effort between the City and the building community and optimizes our permitting processing for land use and engineering."

Kenmore's Development Services Department anticipates saving 722 hours every year from the permitting process as a result of this lean implementation. The City worked with Results Driven and relevant City personnel to find areas of opportunity for lean management improvements. The project culminated with a day-long lean exercise that included internal team members and local partners from the building community.

This is the 24th year for the Association of Washington Cities' Municipal Excellence Awards, which aim to recognize innovative projects that significantly improve the quality of life for citizens, establish partnerships and build community support.

