



Kenmore NEWSLETTER

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Kenmore Ranked #1 by Seattle Magazine for Best Metropolitan Area Neighborhoods to Live

Seattle Magazine ranked Kenmore #1 out of 110 best-known Seattle neighborhoods and surrounding cities for best neighborhoods to live.

The communities featured in the magazine's annual roundup of best neighborhoods to live combine ratings in median home price, percentage change in median home price from 2007 to 2008, crime rate, percentage of students who passed the fourth grade Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) test, park acreage, and commute times. The results of the comprehensive survey appear in *Seattle Magazine's* August 2009 issue. A link to the article is available on the City's website at www.cityofkenmore.com/news.

According to *Seattle Magazine's* survey, the Top 10 Best Neighborhoods in the Seattle metropolitan area are: 1. Kenmore; 2. Shoreline; 3. Bellevue; 4. Mountlake Terrace; 5. Mercer Island; 6. Redmond; 7. Federal Way; 8. Des Moines; 9. Northgate; and 10. Kent.

"The City of Kenmore is honored to be ranked #1 for best neighborhoods to live," said Mayor David Baker. "Kenmore is a vibrant community that features a regional trail, state and



local parks, Lake Washington, safe neighborhoods, nationally recognized schools, and easy access to major employers."

Kenmore was also recognized in the August 2009 issue of *Family Circle* as one of the top 10 cities in the United States for families to live.

Kenmore City Hall Construction is Progressing

The Kenmore City Hall construction project surpassed day 100 and as of August 31, the construction is about 25 percent complete. Crews continue to hang first floor structural steel and place concrete for entry slab on deck.



The construction is on schedule, and the project is well within the total project budget of \$14,421,721 that was approved by the City Council in March 2009. The estimated completion date is Spring 2010. The project is on track for a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold rating. The general contractor is Graham Contracting, and the City's project management consultants are Olympic Associates. Weinstein AU is responsible for the design of the new City Hall.

The trees that were on the site are being reused. A Japanese maple

that was previously at the corner of NE 181st Street and 68th Avenue NE will be replanted in the new City Hall courtyard, and wood from other trees will be used for a podium in the Council Chambers.

Artist Susan Zoccola is designing an art piece for the building lobby. The City's Public Art Advisory Committee has been instrumental in choosing the artist and reviewing the design concept.

The City launched a webcam allowing the public to view the progress in the construction of the new City Hall. The webcam picture is updated every 10 minutes.

For more information visit the City's website at www.cityofkenmore.com/cityhall.

School Back in Session: Traffic Safety Laws to Remember

Now that school is back in session, it is a good time to review some basic traffic safety laws and regulations:

School Zones

State law establishes the speed limit at 20 mph in school zones, which begin at the marked crosswalk and extend 300 feet in both directions.

Most of the Kenmore school zones are marked with alternating amber flashing lights attached to a sign that reads, "School speed limit 20 mph when lights are flashing or when children are present."

In February 2007, the State revised the traffic infraction bail amounts. The previous fine amount for speeding in a school zone was a flat \$177.00. The new fine schedule is based on the speed over 20 mph. Drivers who get ticketed will be fined between \$189.00 (1-5 mph over) to \$784.00 (35 mph over).

Police officers will be enforcing the speed limit in the school zones on a daily basis.

Avoidance of Intersections

It is unlawful for any person operating a motor vehicle to make a right or left turn upon approaching or leaving an intersection and to proceed across any private property to avoid the

intersection of any traffic control device.

Crosswalk Safety

The law requires the operator of a motor vehicle to stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway within an unmarked or marked crosswalk when the pedestrian is within the same half of the roadway as the vehicle approaching or turning.

Yielding the Right-of-Way

The most common accident that occurs on NE Bothell Way is vehicles turning into or out of business driveways.

The accidents happen when traffic has stopped and motorists, who are trying to be courteous, have left a space for the turning vehicle to pass through.

Unfortunately, the driver of the turning vehicle cannot see the oncoming traffic that is lawfully using the transit lane, resulting in a collision.

The turning vehicle is required to yield the right of way to approaching traffic when turning into or from a private



The Kenmore Police Department will be enforcing the 20 mph speed limit in the school zones on a regular basis.

driveway. Always use CAUTION when crossing stopped traffic while making a turn.

Please do your part by obeying traffic laws and being a courteous driver.

Bastyr University Master Plan Public Hearing

Wednesday, September 16 • 7 p.m. • Northshore Utility District

The Planning Commission hold a public hearing on the Bastyr Master Plan on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th Street. The Bastyr Master Plan is a 10-year plan for proposed development. The plan includes the addition of 134 student housing beds, approximately 40,000 square feet of new academic space, extended on-site pedestrian and auto circulation, and parking facilities, including structured parking. The proposal also includes amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations for the site.

Background information on the project can be found on the City's website at www.cityofkenmore.com. The recommendation for consideration at the hearing will be posted no later than two weeks before the hearing date.

Citizens attending the hearing are invited to express their views by oral and/or written comments concerning the preliminary recommendation.

For more information about the project, contact Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner, at 425-398-8900 or landerson@ci.kenmore.wa.us.

Kenmore City Council Town Hall Meeting

Monday, October 12 • 6:30 p.m.
Northshore Utility District

The Kenmore City Council holds quarterly Town Hall Meetings inviting citizens to talk with the City Council. Town Hall Meetings are conducted prior to the City Council meeting, and begin at 6:30 in the evening.

The next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th Street.

The City Council Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.cityofkenmore.com/council.

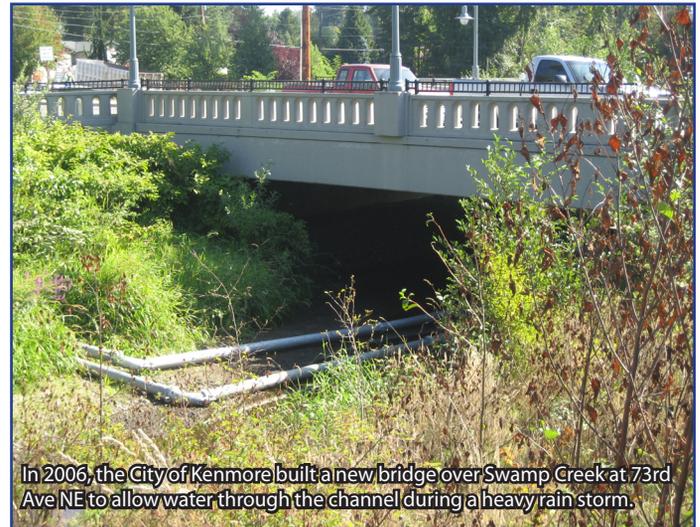
Community Invited to Open House on Regional Mitigation Plan

The City of Kenmore, in cooperation with the Emergency Services Coordinating Agency and thirteen partner agencies, is in the process of updating the Regional Mitigation Plan. The plan is part of the overall emergency management strategy and provides the framework for natural hazards mitigation projects. The current Plan was adopted in 2004. **The City invites the public to provide feedback on the updated mitigation plan at an open house on Wednesday, September 16 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th Street.**

Hazard mitigation planning is designed to:

- Save lives and property
- Reduce vulnerability to future hazards
- Facilitate post-disaster funding
- Speed recovery
- Demonstrate commitment to improving community health and safety
- Demonstrate accountability and regional coordination

Each jurisdiction is responsible for mitigation projects within their scope and boundaries, such as capital improvements, mapping or training. This includes identifying, prioritizing, funding, completing and evaluating mitigation projects. Jurisdictions often seek grant funds to help pay for mitigation projects, and a Mitigation Plan is required for jurisdictions to receive federal grant funds.



In 2006, the City of Kenmore built a new bridge over Swamp Creek at 73rd Ave NE to allow water through the channel during a heavy rain storm.

The Plan can be reviewed online at www.cityofkenmore.com or copies are available at City Hall. Comments should be received by Friday, September 18. The City Council will be requested to take action on September 28 to authorize submitting the plan to the State of Washington and FEMA for review. Once that review is complete, the City Council will have the opportunity to review any recommended amendments and adopt the plan.

Kenmore Police Vehicles Receive Makeover

The image of law enforcement started to change in 2008, when several local agencies started establishing a fleet of police cars that are painted the traditional black and white color scheme.

One reason for changing the color scheme of patrol cars back to the traditional look is to allow for an unambiguous recognition of police units from a significant distance by the public. The higher visibility of police cars will help deter crime.

Kenmore Police Chief Cliff Sether has received numerous comments, not only from Kenmore citizens, but from officers in the surrounding law enforcement agencies indicating that the new color scheme and graphic design of the police cars are very professional looking and present a positive image of the City's Police Department.

Emergency Services Coordinating Agency Celebrates Twenty-Five Years of Service

The Emergency Services Coordinating Agency (ESCA) will host an open house in celebration of 25 years of service on Monday, September 28 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the ESCA offices in Brier.

Fun and informative activities and displays are planned for the public's enjoyment:

- Meet the ESCA Staff – learn how local government emergency management mobilizes to help cities respond to and recover from a disaster. What happens when “the big one” strikes?
- Meet Emergency Preparedness Mascot “Ready Rex” and enjoy giveaways, balloons, door prizes, food and drink and learn about personal preparedness.
- Tour the ESCA Emergency Operations Center (EOC) where emergency information is gathered, analyzed, and communicated to city disaster responders.

- See the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in action! Members will be on hand to demonstrate light Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) techniques to rescue trapped victims from earthquake-damaged homes using simple tools and teamwork.

- Visit the ESCA Emergency Communications Room and the mobile communication van where licensed Radio Operators will demonstrate emergency radio traffic. Transmit your own message with the help of a trained Radio Operator. Come see how it's done!

ESCA provides disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery support to the cities of Brier, Edmonds, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Woodinville, and the Town of Woodway.

ESCA is located in the Brier City Hall, 2901 228th Street SW, Suite A.

Residents Invited to Participate in Kenmore Play Day

The community is invited to participate in the first-ever Kenmore Play Day on Saturday, September 19 at our three most recently remodeled parks. Residents are encouraged to visit Kenmore Elementary School, Log Boom Park, or Rhododendron Park from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to see the wonderful improvements.



Mayor David Baker will also lead an adult walk from Log Boom Park at 9 a.m. The walk will proceed to the Kenmore Community Club. The Community Club is hosting a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. for \$5, and a car show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit <http://playday.kaboom.org/projects/365>.

Retail Marketing Workshop

The University of Washington Bothell Business Development Center, the City of Bothell, and the Greater Bothell Chamber of Commerce are pleased to offer a Small Business Marketing workshop focused on developing strategies and tactics that can be used immediately to positively impact retailing or service business. This highly interactive and customized workshop will introduce hands-on techniques in four areas of marketing: consumer behavior, pricing, customer targeting, and positioning.

To ensure that the content is most applicable to each business, participants will be given a pre-workshop assignment. A follow-up session with the facilitator will be available to workshop participants.

To register visit www.bothellchamber.com or call 425-485-4353. Dinner will be provided. With funding provided by the City of Bothell, we are pleased to offer this workshop free to all business participants. Participating is open to the first 35 businesses registered, with one participant requested per business.

The City of Kenmore provides funding to the Business Development Center.

Economic Development Strategy Update

The Economic Development Strategy final document is available on the City's website at www.cityofkenmore.com/economicdevelopment.

The Economic Development Strategy was approved by the City Council in June 2009. The strategy was prepared with the assistance of a Citizen Advisory Committee and Berk & Associates.

Thank You for Sponsoring the 2009 Fourth of July Fireworks Show



Northshore Utility District

Community Calendar

Saint Edward Environmental Learning Center Autumn Programs

August through October 2009

The SEELC welcomes community members to participate in a variety of environmental education programs on sustainability, wildlife, ecological art, and more. For more information visit www.seelc.org.

Blood Drive

Northlake Lutheran Church

October 6, 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Save a Life, Lend an Arm! Reserve a time by contacting Katy at RichKatyW@hotmail.com. Drop-ins are also welcomed. Blood drive sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 582.

Junior High School Fall Dance

Kenmore Junior High School & Northshore Junior High School

The Kenmore Police Department partners with the local junior high schools to host a fall dance. The dances provide an opportunity for students and officers to interact in a relaxed atmosphere outside of school hours. Parents and students should ask the front office for details.

Breath of Aire Concert

Bastyr University Chapel

December 11, 7 p.m.

Breath of Aire, an inspirational Northwest regional choir led by Dr. J. Bayard DuBois, will fill the stunning Bastyr chapel with holiday and seasonal favorites appealing to families of all faiths and backgrounds. The community choir provides opportunities for individuals to sing sacred music as well as classical and lighter fare. For more information, visit www.breathofaire.org.

Walking Group

Log Boom Park

Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m.

Put on your all-terrain shoes and join members of the Senior Center for a walk, rain or shine. For more information, call Pat Askelson at 425-488-1500.

*All events are free

City Manager's Corner

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Richard Sawyer to the position of Surface Water Specialist. He joined the City of Kenmore staff in late August, 2009 and previously worked as an Environmental Scientist at King County. Prior to that assignment, he worked for the City of Burien and Snohomish County. He graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Oceanography.

He brings experience in stormwater maintenance program management and implementing Nation Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) programs, as well as water quality enforcement. Mr. Sawyer's expertise and problem solving ability will be a great addition to our community.

As you know, surface water issues are of great importance to Kenmore because we are located at the end of

drainage basins that extend through a number of cities and two counties. This new position, approved in the 2009-2010 City of Kenmore Budget and funded through Surface Water Management fees, will help the City's efforts to meet State and Federal environmental requirements and work with property owners and other agencies in our region.

U.S. Post Office Update

Our efforts to keep the Post Office in Kenmore are proceeding, and on September 3 Postal Service officials from the Denver Regional Office will walk through the current City Hall to assess the modifications that would be needed for Post Office operations.

The City has presented a proposed lease to the Postal Service which is now being reviewed. The City continues

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to work closely with the U.S. Postal Service, King County Library System, Urban Partners and our Congressional delegation as this initiative moves forward. We hope to have decisions on the matter in the next few weeks.

Thank you,



Fred Stouder, City Manager

Notices of Application Issued for the Period of June through August 2009

1) 7830 NE Bothell Way

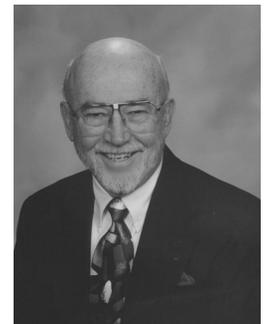
Kenmore File No. CSP/SSDP2009-025
Commercial site development permit (CSDP) and shoreline substantial development permit (SSDP) for construction of two new commercial/retail buildings within an existing commercial/retail development. The proposal calls for demolition of 9,326 square feet of the southern portion of an existing commercial building. A 4,318 square foot bank with drive-thru will be constructed adjacent to NE Bothell Way.

2) 7534 NE 175th Street

Kenmore File No. COM2009-019
Proposal to remove 4 existing antennas on an existing 96' monopole and replace them with 12 new antennas on the existing antenna mount platform.

Community Invited to Celebrate Jack V. Crawford 'Courtesy is Contagious in Kenmore' Day on October 24

The Kenmore City Council urges all citizens to join them in honoring Jack V. Crawford's many contributions to Kenmore and reflect on how we can each emulate his example of dedication and devotion to his family, friends and community. The Kenmore City Council proclaimed October 24 – "Courtesy is Contagious Day in Kenmore" as an annual observance in honor of Mr. Crawford who passed away in December 2008. Preparations are underway with an event tentatively scheduled for that morning at Log Boom Park.



Mr. Crawford served on the Kenmore City Council from August 31, 1998 through December 31, 2005; held the position of Kenmore's first Mayor from August 31, 1998 through December 31, 1999; and held the position of Deputy Mayor from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001.

Mr. Crawford represented Kenmore with distinction on many regional forums, including the Sound Transit Board, where he shepherded important decisions on building an effective regional transit system. He continued his leadership and active engagement with the community following his service on the City Council by serving as President of the Kenmore Heritage Society and President of the Library Advisory Board.

Additional details will be available on the City's website, www.cityofkenmore.com/events.

Save the Date • Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony • December 3
For more information visit, www.cityofkenmore.com/events

Get Ready for the Fall Recycling Event



It's time for Kenmore residents to start house cleaning as the annual fall recycling event is scheduled for Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Northshore Park & Ride, 68th & NE 182nd Street.

Kenmore residents will receive a flyer in the mail regarding the event and what items will be accepted.

For more information, please visit www.cityofkenmore.com/events.



Stop Germs, Stay Healthy!

SWINE FLU (H1N1)

H1N1 virus, also known as "swine flu" is a virus that can spread from people who are infected. When people cough or sneeze, they spread germs through the air or onto surfaces that other people may touch. You can't catch it from animals or from eating pork products.

How can you stop the spread of H1N1?

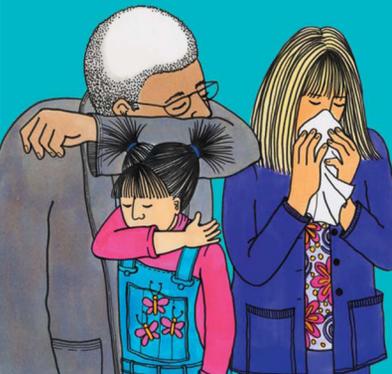
- Stay home when sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wash hands often

Do not seek medical care if you are not ill or have mild symptoms for which you would not ordinarily seek medical care. If you have more severe symptoms of fever, cough, sore throat, body aches or are feeling more seriously ill, call your health care provider.

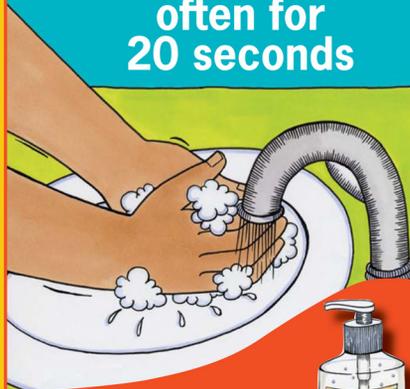
When sick, stay home



Cover coughs and sneezes



Wash hands often for 20 seconds



Can't wash?
Use alcohol-based
hand sanitizer



Public Health
Seattle & King County



For more information visit:
www.kingcounty.gov/health/swineflu

Thank You for Sponsoring the 2009 Kenmore Summer Concert Series



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SR 522 Improvement Project Update

The SR 522 construction crews stayed busy this summer, meeting many project milestones along the way. Most notably, the east segment of the Improvement Project between 73rd Avenue NE and 83rd Place NE was completed. This fall construction will continue on the central segment of the project.

Project Milestones Checklist

We have already met many of the major project milestones for the SR 522 Improvement Project. The blue chart highlights major project milestones.

Fall Milestones

Construction is moving along quickly and work will not be slowing. Some of the anticipated milestones on the central phase of the project between 65th Avenue NE to 73rd Avenue NE include:

- Final pavement overlay on 68th Avenue NE and 73rd Avenue NE
- New traffic signal at 73rd Avenue NE and NE 181st Street
- New traffic signal at 68th Avenue NE and NE 181st Street
- Dual westbound left turn lanes onto SR 522 and a northbound lane on 68th



SR522 prior to improvements

SR 522 East Segment with improvements

Avenue NE at the 68th Avenue NE and SR 522 intersection

- Completion of new sidewalks, medians, street lighting and landscaping

Stay Informed

Follow the project's progress at www.KenmoreSR522.com and sign up to receive e-mail updates. If you have questions or concerns regarding the project, please contact us at 425-361-6300 or at info@KenmoreSR522.com.

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Complete	Project Milestone	Associated Benefit
√	Burke-Gilman Trail underpass at 73 rd Ave. NE	Safer route for trail users
√	Installation of landscaped traffic medians from 73 rd Ave. NE to 83 rd Pl. NE	Safer access to local businesses and streets
√	Reconstruction of the Swamp Creek Bridge	Provides space for transit lanes
√	Installation of new traffic signals at 77 th Ct. NE and 83 rd Pl. NE and	Convenient and safe vehicle and pedestrian access to businesses
√	Paving of SR 522 from 73 rd Ave. NE to 83 rd Pl. NE	New widened roadway includes transit lanes that allow for more efficient travel
√	Paving and landscaping along the Burke-Gilman Trail	Improvement to the regional bike trail providing a wonderful gateway to Kenmore
√	Sidewalks, landscaping and illumination from 73 rd Ave. NE to 83 rd Pl. NE	Provides a safe walking route for pedestrians

SR 522 Phase II Complete Feedback Requested

In late July, the City of Kenmore, funding partners, local and regional officials, and the public celebrated the completion of Phase II construction between 73rd Ave NE and 83rd Place NE with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Phase II improvements beautified the gateway to Kenmore and provided safety benefits for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and transit. Minor landscaping and property restorations do still remain and will be completed.

We're seeking input on the effectiveness of communication and your satisfaction with the improvements made to SR 522. Please visit www.KenmoreSR522.com and complete a short survey to provide us your feedback.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Kenmore City Council holds council meetings on the first four Mondays of the month. Meetings are open to the public, and public comments are accepted at the beginning of the meeting. Meetings are held at the Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th St. and begin at 7 p.m. Meeting agendas, schedules and locations are available on the City's website at www.cityofkenmore.com/council or call the City Clerk at 425-398-8900.

Kenmore City Council Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th St. This informal meeting allows residents to communicate with Councilmembers in an open forum. For more information, visit www.cityofkenmore.com.

Downtown Task Force holds meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th St. For meeting agendas, visit www.cityofkenmore.com/meetings.

Planning Commission holds meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Northshore Utility District, 6830 NE 185th St. For meeting agendas, visit www.cityofkenmore.com/meetings.

Kenmore Library Advisory Board holds meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Kenmore Library at 7 p.m.

Northshore Fire Commission holds public meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Kenmore Fire Station at 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.northshorefire.com

Northshore Utility District Board of Commissioners holds meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. For more information visit www.nud.net.

Kenmore Senior Center is a branch of Northshore Senior Center and partially sponsored by the City of Kenmore and Senior Services. For more information call 425-489-0707.

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	425-398-8900
Fire Services	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	425-398-8900
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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