Kenmore Newsletter

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Community members listen to community engagement expert Peter Kageyama at the "For the Love of Kenmore" workshop.

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For the Love of Kenmore: What's Your Love Note?

We were thrilled to see the turnout at the "For the Love of Kenmore" and Volunteer Fair events in early April. The positive energy and enthusiasm in the room were palpable as citizens participated in a fun-filled workshop that got at the heart of what makes our community so great. Author of *For the Love of Cities* and *Love Where You Live* Peter Kageyama was the speaker for the event, and he taught us important concepts and led us through some fun-filled activities aimed at empowering all of us to engage with and make Kenmore even more interesting, lovable, and yes, fun!

There are many things city government can do to improve quality of life in Kenmore. Parks, trails, sidewalks, undergrounding utilities, well-kept roads, well-run police force, good customer service, environmental protection, and many other things are under the City's responsibility. But there are many things that you, the citizens, can do as individuals and groups that will take Kenmore to that next level. This concept of empowering citizens to make wonderful things happen was at the core of the "For the Love of Kenmore" event.

To drive home this point, Peter Kageyema taught us the concept of the "Love Note." According to Peter, a Love Note is something "that endears a place to its residents, something that makes them smile or feel at ease, something that provides them with an emotional connection to their place."

For a practical Love Note exercise, Peter offered a $500 grant funded by businesses and individuals in Kenmore for a project idea that would make Kenmore even better. People at each table in the room developed a proposal, presented the proposal to the larger audience, and then the audience voted. The winning idea received the $500 grant—once they accept the grant, they are committed to go and do! All of the ideas were delightfully outstanding and were a testament to the creativity and great things our citizens are capable of. To find out what the project ideas were, go to www.facebook.com/kenmorewa.

So please know you have our permission (not that you need it!) and support to create your own love notes to uplift Kenmore and surprise and delight us all. If you have a creative idea that brings fun and delight to those around you—go for it! Make it happen. What's your idea?

Sincerely,

David Baker

David Baker, Mayor

Groups shared creative t-shirt design concepts

Groups proposed a fun project idea

Meet Your Council

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David Baker

Deputy Mayor
Allan VanNess

Councilmember
Milton Curtis

Councilmember
Stacey Denuski

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Message from the Police Chief: When to Report Suspicious Activity

After talking with several block watch participants and with victims of car prowls and burglaries, it has become apparent that citizens are struggling with the question, "What is suspicious activity?" and when and how they should report it.

Police Chief Cliff Sether

Suspicious activity in your neighborhood can encompass several different aspects. It can be a person whom you know doesn't belong in your neighborhood, loitering around looking in car windows or taking a special interest in homes; a person knocking on the front door of a home and then walking around to the backyard when no one answers the door or when you do answer the door, they seemed surprised and ask for a person not living there; or it could be a solicitor who doesn't have any identification for the company they are representing. In the City of Kenmore, solicitors are required to have a City-issued permit.

If you encounter any of these situations, you should call 9-1-1. Most people struggle thinking 9-1-1 is for emergencies only and end up calling the police business line at City Hall. Don't hesitate to call 9-1-1, and the call receiver will determine if they should transfer you to a nonemergency line. Being proactive and calling 9-1-1 can help the police identify and possibly catch suspects in a criminal act.

There are several small actions every citizen can do to help avoid being a victim of a burglary or theft:

- Don't leave ANY items visible in your vehicles, including pocket change.
- Keep your electric garage door opener in a spot in your vehicle that is not easily found.
- Be sure to lock your vehicles, even when they are parked in your garage. I have had some people tell me they would rather leave their vehicles unlocked so they don't have to pay for new windows. Would you leave the doors to your home unlocked? Of course not, and you should always lock your vehicle doors whether inside the garage or parked on the shoulder of the road.
- Be sure to keep your garage door closed at all times. An open garage door is an easy target for a thief to walk up and remove several items without you knowing.
- Be sure to keep all of the doors to your home locked, even if you are at home.

Fighting crime is a partnership between the police and citizens. We all have to do our part to help make our community a safer place to live. If you are not sure if you should call 9-1-1, pick up the phone and call. Working together with the police can make a tremendous impact in your neighborhood.

Business

SHOP MORE
PLAY MORE
FIND MORE
KENMORE
www.FindKenmore.org

Have you checked out the new Kenmore Business Directory?
The Kenmore Business Directory, www.findkenmore.org, connects you to hometown businesses that serve your needs.

Thank you to the 700+ businesses that have completed their **Kenmore Business Registration** since the program launched last year. If you have a business or nonprofit located in Kenmore, chances are you are now required to get a Kenmore Business Registration. It's easy to register—you can go online to the Washington Department of Revenue Business Licensing Services website, http://business.wa.gov/BLS, or call 1-800-451-7985. When you register, you can also opt-in to be listed in the Kenmore Business Directory.

Questions? Visit the website or call Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager at 425-398-8900.

SR 522 Improvement Project Underway Between 61st and 65th Avenues

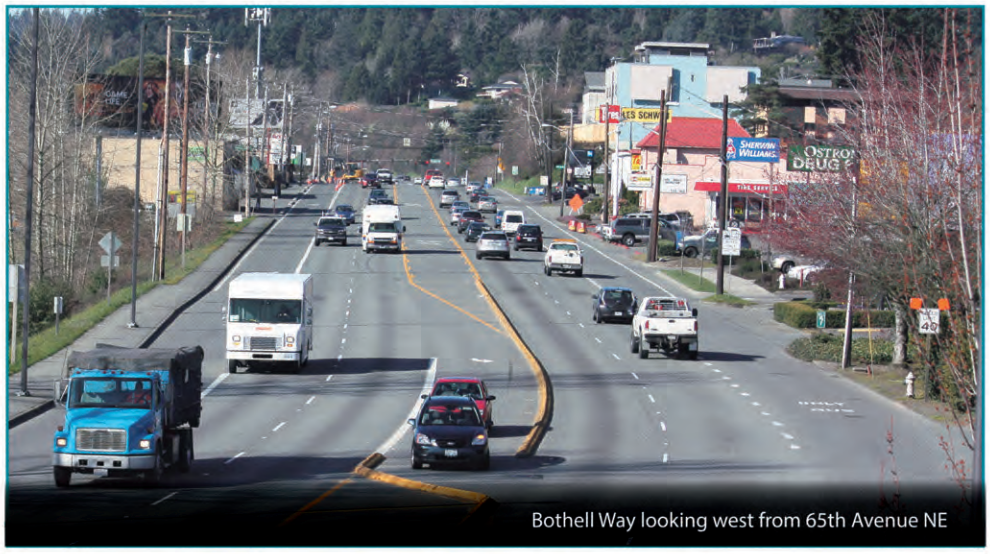
Over the past decade, the City of Kenmore has completed several improvements to SR 522 (Bothell Way) between 65th Ave NE and the east city limits to improve safety and transit reliability, storm water management, lighting, aesthetics, and pedestrian access.

The City is now working on the next phase of improvements to SR 522 West A, between 61st and 65th Avenues NE. The project includes several benefits to the community, including:

- Widened lanes and additional turning lane on the south leg of 61st Ave NE;
- New sidewalks (both sides), medians, and traffic signal upgrades;
- Improved corridor appearance with undergrounded utilities lines, landscaping and street lighting; and
- Storm water management improvements.

These improvements will increase safety for drivers and pedestrians, improve pedestrian accessibility, improve storm water flow management and water quality, and improve aesthetics.

Construction is now underway and will be phased. During Phase 1, work will be on the north side of SR 522 between 61st and 65th Avenues. Phase 1 is anticipated to continue through late summer/early fall of 2015 and includes construction of new curbs, sidewalks, and retaining walls as well as underground utilities.



Bothell Way looking west from 65th Avenue NE

What to expect during Phase 1 construction:

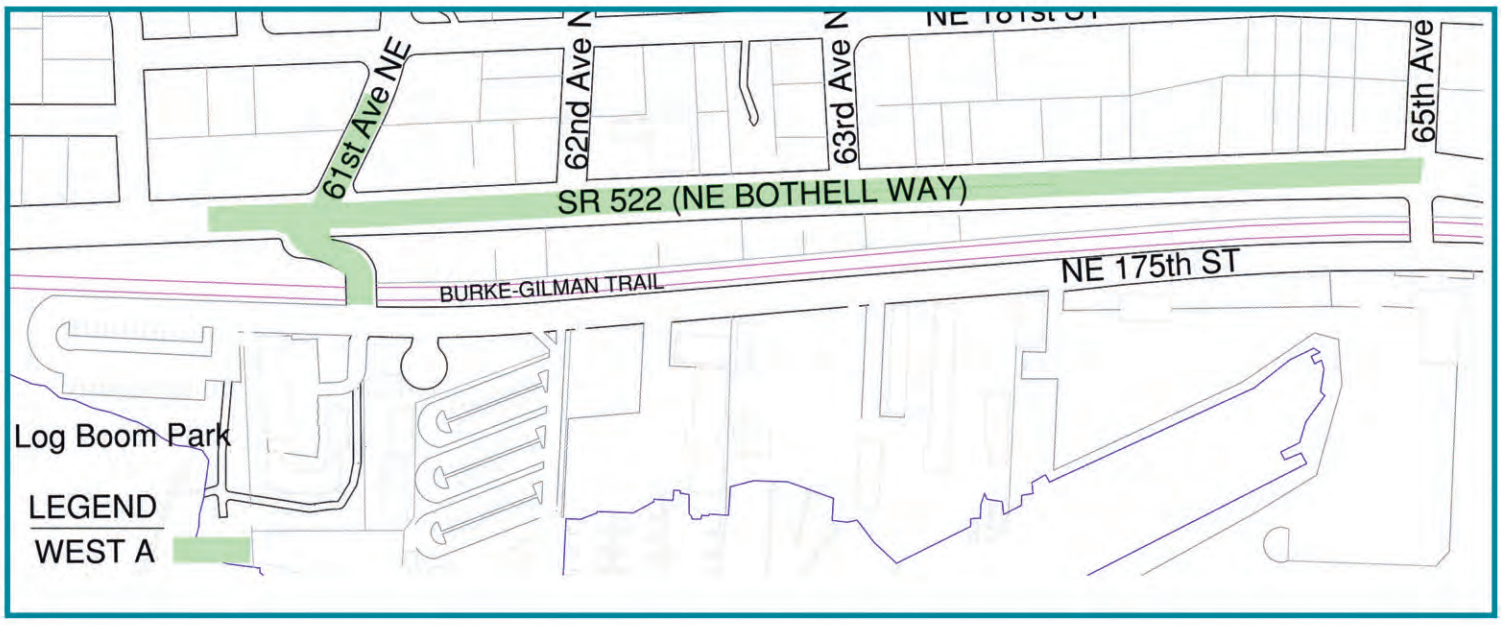
- Crews will create a temporary work zone along the north side of SR 522 and will generally work from west to east;
- Concrete barriers will separate the work zone from the rest of the lanes with open gaps to maintain driveway access;
- Trenching to install underground utilities is underway; and
- Night work to install utility crossings will occur at 61st Ave NE and along SR 522.

Typical work hours:
Monday through Friday: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Night work will occur.

Funding:
The current West A project budget is $15.1 million. The City received funding support from various sources, including the State Transportation Improvement Board, State Department of Ecology, State Department of Transportation, and the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Keeping you informed:
Our outreach team will work to keep the public informed throughout construction. Please visit our website to sign-up for regular email updates: sr522kenmore.com.

Support local businesses
Please support local businesses during construction. Access to driveways will remain open and delineated with blue Business Open signs to help guide drivers.



Target Zero Initiative: Spring Outdoors Safely

For us here in the Pacific Northwest, late spring and early summer marks a distinct transition from rain boots, layers, and darting to and from our cars as quickly as possible to sandals, sunglasses, and spending much more time on foot or bike.

Additional hours of sunlight often mean more places to go and things to do. With more people out and about, it is extremely important that we all follow safety precautions that will allow everyone to stay out of harm's way.

The City adopted the Target Zero Initiative a little over a year ago with the goal of eliminating bicycle and pedestrian injuries and fatalities as a result of vehicle collisions by 2025. We are working toward this goal through engineering, enforcement and education.

Education about safety is crucial in meeting this goal and we encourage everyone in the community to take a moment to read through the following safety tips. Whether you are on foot, bike, or in a car, there are always proactive actions you can take to keep yourself and others around you safe and sound. This time of year is for having fun and making memories. Let's all make the commitment to do so smartly and safely!

Four key safety strategies to remember:

1) ***See and Be Seen.*** People walking or biking should always wear reflective, light-colored clothing to increase their visibility for drivers.

2) ***Drivers and bicyclists share the road equally.*** Bicycles are considered "vehicles" under Washington law and are allowed to ride in the middle of a lane. They may still ride on the shoulder on your right, so always check your blind spot before making a turn or switching lanes.

3) ***Don't be a distracted driver.*** Texting and talking on a handheld device while driving are banned in Washington. Both are primary offenses, meaning a driver can be pulled over purely for that reason.

4) ***Stop, Look, and Listen.*** While walking down busy streets, approaching intersections, and crossing streets, please stop what you are doing, turn down the volume, look where you are going, and listen for traffic before crossing.

Kenmore police officers are on the lookout to reward youth biking and walking safely in Kenmore. They've already "cited" outstanding youth with a sweet treat coupon courtesy of Kidd Valley and McDonald's for wearing a helmet while biking and waiting for vehicles to come to a complete stop before safely crossing the street.

For more safety tips, please visit www.kenmorewa.gov/targetzero.

Check out the community calendar for upcoming

Kenmore Waterfront Activities Fair & Hand-Powered Watercraft Demonstrations

Thursday, May 14 • 4-7 PM • Squire's Landing Park (7515 NE 175th St)

Try Kenmore's waterfront activities!

- Demo kayaks, paddleboards, dragon boats, canoes
- Learn about kayak and canoe rentals
- Test yourself on an 'erg' rowing machine

Waterfront plans and treats!

- See Kenmore's boathouse and dock plan
- Enjoy yummy snacks
- Enter the raffle for great prizes!

Camps, Clubs, Lessons!

- Become a member of the Kenmore Waterfront Activities Center
- Sign up for paddling and rowing Day Camps
- Join the dragon boat or canoe/kayak team

For more information: www.kenmorewac.org

Bastyr's 17th annual Herb and Food Fair

Kenmore is home to Bastyr University, a globally recognized university teaching the natural health sciences with an emphasis on integrating mind, body, spirit and nature. Through this discipline, students study a variety of subjects, including nutrition, herbal sciences, naturopathic medicine, and more.

The 17th annual student-run Herb and Food Fair is **Saturday, May 30** from 10:00am-5:00pm at Bastyr University. This year's theme is "Get Down with your Roots: Celebrating Heritage from Earth to Table." Keynote speakers include Jenny McGruther, a passionate advocate for farm fresh foods and sustainable agriculture who created and manages a farmers' market in Colorado, and Graeme Tobyn, a medical herbalist, senior lecturer at the University of Central Lancashire, and author of two books on herbal medicine.

Come explore Bastyr's beautiful campus and learn more about natural health sciences! For more information, visit www.bastyr.edu.

Fire Department Open House and Pancake Breakfast

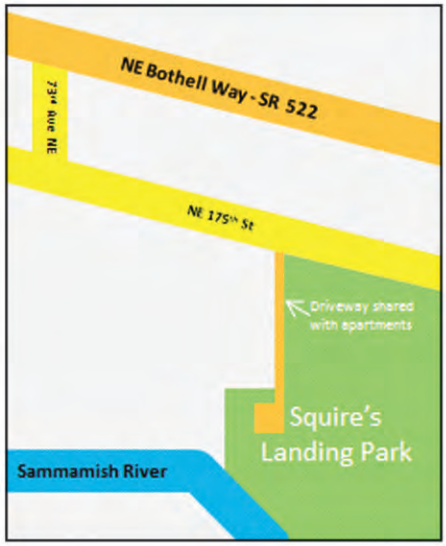
We've all seen and heard fire trucks as they whiz past us on the road, but how many of us have spent any time inside the fire station or toured a fire truck? The Northshore Fire Department invites the community to stop by their headquarters on **Saturday, June 20** for a free pancake breakfast and to meet and interact with the firefighters. The open house is 9:00am–12:00pm; however, the free delicious pancakes end at 11:00am, so get there as early as you can.

Bring the kids for an educational and interactive morning that is fun for everyone. Kids can tour the emergency vehicles and watch live demonstrations by the firefighters. The event also includes a safety fair, providing important and valuable information to people of all ages.

For details, visit www.northshorefire.com.

Kenmore waterfront activities and classes for youth and adults

Come have fun on the water in Kenmore! The Kenmore Waterfront Activities Center @ Squire's Landing Park is coordinating paddling, rowing, and dragon boating classes, camps, and teams for youth and adults.



Paddling - If you want to be on the water in a sleek, hand-powered watercraft, try out our canoe/kayak program! You'll have a great time building skills, teamwork, endurance and strength. Youth beginner classes (age 10-13) start each month. Master's practice too! http://kenmorewac.org/competetive-canoe-and-kayak/

Rowing - Would your kids like to try crew? This summer, Kenmore residents receive a $100 discount on Lakeside's summer rowing camps for youth entering grades 5-9. Rowing is one of the best total body workouts, and is the ultimate team sport, instilling persistence, resilience, and self-confidence. http://kenmorewac.org/rowing/

Dragon boating - Come out and paddle in our 20-person dragon boat! Adults and youth age 12+ can join in this Chinese paddling tradition that is now the fastest growing team watersport in the world. http://kenmorewac.org/dragonboat/

Financial aid available. For information, contact Debra Srebnik debras98@frontier.com.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Kenmore Planning Commission is reviewing and updating elements to the City's Comprehensive Plan, including the Vision Statement. City Council consideration and adoption is expected in June.

Information and a copy of the draft Comprehensive Plan update can be found on the City's website, kenmorewa.gov/communitydevelopment.

Questions may be directed to Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner, at landerson@kenmorewa.gov or to Debbie Bent, Community Development Director, at dbent@kenmorewa.gov. Both also can be reached by telephone: 425-398-8900.

Public input requested on update to Kenmore's hazard mitigation plan

The City of Kenmore is working with King County to update the City's hazard mitigation plan. The purpose of this plan is to help reduce the exposure of City residents to risks from natural hazards, such as earthquakes and floods. By writing the plan, local governments are able to apply to Federal programs that may provide money that could be used to reduce risks before and after natural disasters.

A public survey was conducted in December 2014 to identify projects that might help minimize or avoid impacts from future natural hazard events. Survey results have been reviewed and the draft plan is now ready for public review and comment at kenmorewa.gov/emergencypreparedness. The comment period will end on Friday, May 22, 2015.

We encourage everyone who lives and/or works in Kenmore to review the plan and provide feedback. Comments may be emailed to Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner, at landerson@kenmorewa.gov or mailed to P.O. Box 82607, Kenmore, WA 98028.

Kenmore Village Update

Watch for the next newsletter for the latest happenings in downtown Kenmore, including:

- Future town green;
- Building demolition;
- Proposed new commercial construction; and
- New skate court.

For information, visit kenmorewa.gov/downtown.

Keep dirty car wash water out of local waterways. Learn more at: pugetsoundstartshere.org

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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 kenmorewa.gov/council or contact the City Clerk's Office at 425-398-8900.

Coffee with Council is held the first Monday at 7:30 a.m. and third Saturday at 8:00 a.m. of each month. Citizens are encouraged to attend these informal sessions to ask questions, discuss issues and offer suggestions on any topic of interest. For location details, visit kenmorewa.gov/calendar.

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 kenmorewa.gov/planningcommission.

Kenmore Library Advisory Board holds meetings on the first Tuesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. at the Kenmore Library.

City News & Meeting Information is distributed through the City's listserv. Sign up to stay informed at kenmorewa.gov/stayinformed.

The Arts of Kenmore Gallery @ Kenmore City Hall features the work of Jan Viney, award-winning fine-arts photographer known for her lavish images of wild birds and fauna in their natural setting through July 16.

Licensing your pet is easy and gives your pet an inexpensive insurance policy for its safety and protection. Plus, it's the law. For details, visit kenmorewa.gov/animalservices.

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
Spills/Illicit Discharge (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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