



Kenmore NEWSLETTER

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Kenmore Village Buyers Announced

Kenmore Camera Expansion Renovations Underway

On June 10, the Kenmore City Council unanimously approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement to sell the Kenmore Village commercial property to the Benaroya Company and Real Property Investors (RPI).

Benaroya/RPI will form an LLC for the project and plan new retail, medical office, and general office space for the site. The agreement requires at least 20,000 square feet of new construction, at least 5,000 square feet of which will be retail.

Benaroya/RPI is in discussions with potential new tenants, but no confirmed tenant announcements are available at this time.

The property sale is expected to close in six months and includes the Post Office building. The U.S. Post Office has a long-term lease for the property, which will carry forward with the sale.

In the sale agreement, the buyer is required to dedicate a high quality, signature gathering space for public use. This important space will help create more of a sense of place for the City's downtown core.

Timing of new construction for this site is tenant dependent; however, assuming enough tenant commitment is achieved over the next six months, construction could begin as soon as summer of 2014.

The Upper Lot (Former King County Park & Ride)

The sale agreement for the 4.75 acre former King County Park & Ride on 68th Avenue will be considered for City Council approval in July. The likely buyer for this parcel is MainStreet Property Group LLC (MainStreet). MainStreet plans at least 160 quality residential apartment units for this property.

Investment Leveraged

Between the commercial and upper residential parcels, over \$25 million of new construction is expected. The City originally paid approximately \$8.2 million for all of the parcels between 1999 and 2005. While the economic downturn has decreased

"We expect to see at least \$25 million of new investment in our downtown from the sale and development of these properties."

Rob Karlinsey, City Manager



The City Council with Mike McKernan (RPI) and Larry Benaroya (front right).

property values, the City expects to see at least \$8.2 million in direct economic benefit, such as the sale price of the land to the buyers, public improvements provided by the buyers (e.g. sidewalks), land dedicated for the public gathering space, and new tax and permit revenue to the City.

In late 2012, after conducting a public outreach effort, the City listed the properties for sale, receiving 16 proposals from potential buyers. The City selected the buyers based on offer price, experience, reputation, alignment with the City's goals and position statement for the property, and ability to move forward in a timely manner.

Kenmore Camera Expansion into Kenmore Village

The owners of Kenmore Camera recently purchased the former Grocery Outlet building and parcel in Kenmore Village from the City. This move allows Kenmore Camera, a local, homegrown family business, to expand in Kenmore—more than tripling its current building footprint. Kenmore Camera is expected to open in its new location this fall.

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Kenmore's Financial Picture

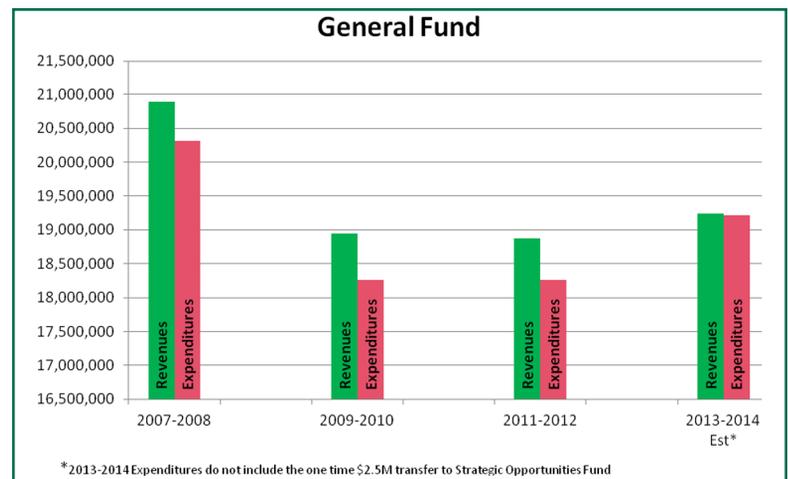
by Deputy Mayor Bob Hensel

In the news media we often hear about the less-than-favorable financial conditions of cities and counties across the country, not to mention the State and Federal governments. This news may cause you to ask, "How is Kenmore's financial situation?" I am happy to report the City of Kenmore is doing well.

While the difficult financial times of the last few years have not been easy, we are proud of the conservative approach the City has taken. Our General Fund revenues are still down from the peak last seen in 2007, and meanwhile, fixed costs have continued to rise. Even so, we have been able to make difficult budget cuts, leverage outside resources wherever possible, and establish revenue sources to replace declining revenues that fund critical needs such as transportation. The accompanying graph shows General Fund revenues vs. expenditures over the last several two-year budget cycles.

The graph illustrates that we have been able to keep General Fund expenditures in line with our revenues. We have been able to do so while still investing in roads and maintaining police and public safety services. In addition, consider some of these facts:

- When paying for new infrastructure like roads, sidewalks, and parks, the City has used a "pay as you go" approach rather than going into debt.
- The City has leveraged outside funding sources (e.g., grants), which have accounted for more than 80% of the funding for our road capital improvement projects.
- Compared to other cities, Kenmore has a strong General Fund Balance of 27% of annual revenues. Other cities' General Fund balances typically range from 5% to 15%.
- The City has funds set aside for rainy days, emergencies, and strategic opportunities that may arise.
- The City has chosen not to "max out" its taxing capacity allowed under State law. For example, most of Kenmore's utility tax rates are below what State law allows and are, on average, lower than neighboring cities.



- For the last nine consecutive years, the City has voluntarily not increased annual property tax revenue on existing real estate. State law allows a 1% annual property tax increase, and the City has not elected to take this increase during these years.
- Because of the City's strong record of financial controls and reporting, we recently received notice from the State Auditor's Office that the City is eligible for a two-year audit cycle (instead of annual).
- Kenmore's budgets continue to earn the Government Finance Officers' Association Budget Award. The City has received this award every year since 2002.
- We have a strong balance sheet with no significant unfunded liabilities, such as pension or retiree medical expenses, that too many other cities are facing.

Kenmore's financial vital signs are strong. Thanks to a community that puts a high priority on financial responsibility and maximizing value for the public dollar, we have been able to weather recent storms and keep the City in a strong financial position.

Kenmore and Its Sense of Place

As we approach the City's 15th birthday, a top priority and vision for the Kenmore City Council continues to be to help give Kenmore the unique sense of place that we all desire for our home town.

Some view Kenmore as a "pass through city" on the way to Seattle or the East Side, with few shopping, employment, or entertainment choices for Kenmore residents or visitors. Yet, as we interviewed potential buyers for Kenmore Village, we heard a different perspective—see "Bullish on Kenmore."

We recognize that more needs to be done to bring the vision of Kenmore with its own sense of place closer to reality. The City Council has initiated key strategies to propel Kenmore along its trajectory:

- **Kenmore Village and a Community Gathering Space.** We expect to see over \$25 million in new construction investment from the sale and development of the Kenmore Village properties, and central to this project's

development is a quality, signature public gathering space. We also expect to see more retail choices, job opportunities, and housing options as this project develops.

- **Waterfront.** The City Council puts a high value on improving public access to its amazing waterfront. For example, the City Council recently approved the addition of new public floats and ramps at two of our waterfront parks, and we are partnering with the State on a major upgrade of the boat launch next to the 68th Avenue bridge (construction in November).

- **Lakepointe.** We are working with the Lakepointe owner and potential developers. This 45-acre property is the last of its kind on Lake Washington, and we are seeing signs of life! This property can be a beautiful gem where many people can live, work, shop, and play in such rare proximity to the Lake.

- **Sidewalks.** The City Council recently adopted and put money toward

implementing a new sidewalk plan for the City. New trails are also in our plans, including a new Tolt trail section in 2014.

- **Economic Development.** We have significantly stepped up our economic development efforts and programs. For example, this year the City opened a pilot business incubator, which has already attracted two high tech startups to the City.

- **Gateway Signs.** New Kenmore gateway signs will be coming on Bothell Way at the eastern and western City limits.

With these efforts and the support of our residents and businesses, we can continue on this upward trajectory. Please give us your ideas on how Kenmore can continue on its journey in growing its own strong sense of place.

- Rob Karlinsey, City Manager



Bullish on Kenmore

We saw a strong investor response when we listed the Kenmore Village properties for sale – 16 offers, all from capable development groups. And we are seeing strong signs of life in other parts of the City.

So why Kenmore? When we asked this question of the development community, we consistently received the following responses:

- Job trends—high tech hiring in particular in the north end of King County
- Kenmore's strategic position at the top of the Lake
- Access to major bus lines
- Regional tolling trends (i.e., no tolls required to or from Kenmore)
- High quality public schools
- Proximity to universities
- Amenities—trails, parks, water

Kenmore Recognized for Connecting with the Waterfront

The following article was written by Peter Schrappen, NMTA Government Affairs Director of the Northwest Marine Trade Association, and included in its June 2013 WaterLife newsletter (republished here with permission).

City of Kenmore focuses on water, shoreline development

If you haven't visited Kenmore in some time, then you may not know about the redevelopment taking place on the north shores of Lake Washington. Kenmore's City Council and its city manager are moving forward with a plan to showcase Kenmore's incredible waterfront access. In turn, city leaders hope this will spark their community's development.

You should know that new waterfront investment is coming soon to its 20,870 residents and visitors, and it's only the beginning. According to their city manager, Rob Karlinsey, connecting the public with its waterfront is at the top of Kenmore's strategic priorities, and the City is willing to put its time and money where its mouth is. Karlinsey says, "Creating more access with the waterfront is a top priority here in Kenmore, and we're on a clear, upward trajectory toward making that happen."

The City of Kenmore became a Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) member last month.

"We couldn't be more proud to have the City of Kenmore part of the NMTA family," says Peter Schrappen, NMTA's director of government affairs, who has been monitoring progress in Kenmore.

Here is a summary of how the Kenmore area will soon completely transform:

Public Improvements

- Later this summer, the City will be installing a new 62x10 float and ramp on the Log Boom Park Pier on Lake Washington.
- The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife and the City are partnering to improve the Sammamish River boat launch near the mouth of the river next to (west side of) the Juanita Drive bridge. Improvements include expanding the width of the launch itself to allow for double water entry/exit, new restrooms with full plumbing, and new asphalt parking and landscaping. Construction will begin in November 2013.
- By summer 2014, a new ramp and float will be installed on the south shore of the Sammamish River, just on the east side of the Juanita Drive bridge. This ramp and float will be intended for small watercraft.



WhatsUp Stand Up Paddle Surf & Kayak owner Steve Holmes is now operating out of Log Boom Park in Kenmore and The Park at Bothell Landing.

Programming

- New water sports have arrived big time in Kenmore. The City has an agreement in place for a new kayak & paddle board concession at Log Boom Park starting in mid-June. The same concessionaire is also operating up river at Bothell Landing, so paddlers can paddle one way and rent a bike and pedal up the Burke Gilman Trail the other way. Bothell Ski & Bike will be providing the bicycles.
- Another new water sport the City has secured is Sky Boarding (think superhero Iron Man, but with water as propulsion). Under an agreement with the City, AV Watersports is now operating from the pier at Log Boom Park.
- A new canoe and kayak club is forming in Kenmore, and the club is working with the City toward potential access and facilities at Rhododendron Park.

Longer Term Initiatives

- The City is about to begin development of a waterfront access strategy that will include the boating community as a major component. The City will enlist the help of local marinas, waterfront property owners, and other stakeholders to shape the strategy. NMTA already has a nice presence in Kenmore with Kenmore Air & Marina, North Lake Boatyard & Marina, Harbour Village Marina, and Seattle Watersports.
- The City is in frequent communications with the Lakepointe property owner. This undeveloped 45-acre waterfront property is the last of its kind on Lake Washington. When this property develops, waterfront access will be crucial to this project's success.

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Take Your Adventure to Kenmore's Beautiful City Parks



Tracy Owen Station at Log Boom Park

The 16-acre waterfront park features a pier, seasonal water sports vendors, playground, access to Burke-Gilman Trail, history walk and picnic area.



Rhododendron Park

The 13-acre park features hundreds of species of rare rhododendrons, two playground areas, basketball court, green space and picnic shelter.



Wallace Swamp Creek Park

Enjoy a stroll down the path of the 25-acre passive park. Along the path you'll find a bridge over Swamp Creek.



Moorland Park

The 3-acre park features a playground, picnic area, athletic field and basketball court.



Linwood Park

The 1.4-acre park features an open lawn area for active play, playground and picnic tables.



Northshore Summit Park

The 3.5-acre park is currently under design for the development of a playground, picnic facilities and pathways.

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- Log Boom Park Beach. The City's approved master plan for Log Boom Park includes a public beach, and the City is exploring ways to get it funded and permitted.

The tenor and tone coming from the city government will hopefully catch on with other municipalities. The City is committed to capitalizing on its amazing waterfront assets. Kenmore has over eight miles of shoreline, more than two of which are publicly owned. Known for its Great Blue Herons, historic St. Edward State Park, Kenmore Air Harbor, and many other gems, Kenmore is poised and ready to bring its waterfront assets to its full potential.

To summarize, Karlinsey said, "Improved public and private recreational interaction with the water is what we're after—we want our amazing water assets, both the river and the lake, to be central to our City's development."

So do we. We welcome you, City of Kenmore, and are impressed with your strategic vision to capitalize on your assets.

Additional Outdoor Play Adventures

There are several other opportunities to play! You can fly high at Jack V. Crawford Skate Park; view the Great Blue Herons behind the Kenmore Park & Ride; launch your boat or kayak; bike the Burke-Gilman Trail; take in nature at Bastyr University by touring the Medicinal Herb Garden, walking barefoot on the reflexology foot path, or scheduling the athletic fields; and enjoy nature, fields and trails, and playground area at the 316-acre St. Edward State Park.

City Seeks Public Input on the Future of Parks

The City is updating its Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) plan, which is the document that provides policy direction, goals and priorities for future park and recreation facilities and services to meet the needs of Kenmore residents.

The City hosted an Open House on May 22, inviting residents to provide input about future needs and priorities for park and recreation facilities and activities for Kenmore. A random telephone survey of 300 residents was also completed in May. If you would like to provide input and comment, please complete the park survey on the City's website, www.kenmorewa.gov.

The Planning Commission will develop a draft plan over the next several months, with a public hearing and recommendation to Council this fall.

For additional information, please contact Parks Project Manager Marc Connelly at 425-398-8900 or mconnelly@kenmorewa.gov.

Summer Fun in Kenmore: Concerts, Fireworks & More

Each year thousands of residents attend events organized by the City of Kenmore. Join in the fun by attending a concert in the park, watching the spectacular fireworks show over Lake Washington, learning more about the police department, and joining in a day of organized play.

Celebrate Fourth of July with Spectacular Fireworks Show



Celebrate the Fourth of July with a spectacular fireworks show over Lake Washington. The fireworks display blasts off at 10 p.m. at Log Boom Park.

While waiting for the fireworks show, spectators can enjoy park facilities, music, and other activities starting at 8 p.m.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair, as limited supplied seating is available. Parking is available at designated local businesses.

For event details, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/events.

The sale, discharge, or possession of any fireworks is prohibited in Kenmore city limits

Kenmore Play Day Set for August 10



Get outdoors and play at the annual Kenmore Play Day on Saturday, August 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rhododendron Park. There will be free food and lots of activities for children. Details will be available on the City's website, www.kenmorewa.gov/events, closer to the event.

Thank You to the 2013 Event Sponsors

The generous support received from our sponsors allows the City of Kenmore to continue to produce the following events: Fourth of July Fireworks Show, Summer Concert Series, Play Day, & Tree Lighting Ceremony.



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Snapdoodle Toys

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Cindy Shelton at 425-398-8900 or cshelton@kenmorewa.gov.

Kenmore Tunes Up for 11th Annual Summer Concert Series

The City invites the community to attend the 11th annual Summer Concert Series. These free, popular community events run for six consecutive Thursdays starting July 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Saint Edward State Park, 14445 Juanita Drive NE. Parking for the concert is FREE!

The open stage at Saint Edward State Park is an ideal location to relax and enjoy a casual evening surrounded by the park's natural beauty. Visitors are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic dinners to share a special summer night under the open sky. Food vendors will be on-site. Alcohol is not permitted. Pets are allowed but must be leashed at all times. All concerts are free and open to the public.

If you would like an event poster to display at your business or for more information, please call Kenmore City Hall at 425-398-8900 or visit the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/events.



Kenmore residents and visitors enjoy the summer concerts Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Saint Edward State Park. Above: The Brothers Comatose rocked the park in July 2012.

2013 Concert Schedule:

July 11 (our kickoff!)

Treble Hook Trio
Acoustic Virtuosity
www.facebook.com/TrebleHookTrio

July 18

Jeffery Broussard & the Creole Cowboys
Zydeco Dance
www.jefferybroussard.com

July 25

Paula Fuga + Mike Love
Hawaiian Soul
www.paulafuga.com

August 1

Bradford Lee Folk & the Bluegrass Playboys
Americana
www.bradfordleefolk.com

August 8

Clinton Fearon & the Boogie Brown Band
Jamaican Roots Reggae
www.clintonfearon.com

August 15

Orquestra Pacifico Tropical
Cumbia Party Band
www.facebook.com/OrquestraPacificoTropical



Make an Impact by Volunteering

The City invites citizens, businesses, neighborhood associations, and community service groups to join us by volunteering to help create a more beautiful and livable Kenmore.

The City's volunteer offerings include park and open space restoration projects and cleanup events, special event volunteer opportunities, public education opportunities, and Adopt-a-Road and Adopt-a-Park programs.

The City will also be introducing stewardship and year-round volunteer programs that allow residents to share more of their time and talents. These new programs include: Park Stewards, Environmental Education Stewards, and a special event project team called K.E.T (Kenmore Events Team) to help the city with planning and implementation for all city events.

Whether you are looking for ways to build skills for your resume or meet new friends, volunteering can help you achieve both while making a difference in your community.

If you or your business are interested or have any questions, contact Volunteer and Events Coordinator Cindy Shelton at 425-398-8900 or cshelton@kenmorewa.gov.



National Night Out Against Crime

Join the Kenmore Police Department for the annual National Night Out Against Crime event on **Tuesday, August 6 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at Kenmore City Hall. The event includes free food, home and personal safety information, and activities.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals, letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/events.

City Seeking Nominations for Beautification Awards Program

The City is launching its inaugural Beautification Awards Program to recognize and reward Kenmore residents, property owners, neighborhoods, community groups and business establishment, for new landscaping, improvements, and maintenance of the street frontage within public view.

Categories: There are a broad range of award categories in hopes the program will highlight a variety of beautification projects – Best in City, Best Curb Appeal, Best Transformation, Best Environmental Sustainability, Building a Sense of Community (playground/benches or gathering area), and Best Art.

The Awards: The winner from each category will be awarded an engraved vase issued by the City of Kenmore at a City Council meeting. Photos of the properties will be proudly displayed at City Hall and other avenues.

Help Nominate: With your assistance, we can make this new program a success! Please submit nominations to Code Compliance Officer Angelo Bonomi at abonomi@kenmorewa.gov by August 31, 2013.

For program details, visit www.kenmorewa.gov or contact the City at 425-398-8900.



Lake Sediments Safe in Kenmore Area; Public Meeting July 11

Public areas along Lake Washington's northern tip are safe for swimming and other in-water recreation, according to assessments of lake sediments and water quality.

The City and Washington State Department of Ecology funded sampling and analysis of sediment and water in several areas along the lakefront and near the mouth of the Sammamish River. The City of Lake Forest Park also funded testing of Lyon Creek Waterfront Park.

Findings will be presented at a public meeting set for **Thursday, July 11** at Kenmore City Hall, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** with an informal open house. A presentation and question-and-answer session will begin at **7 p.m.**

Officials and experts from the City, Department of Ecology and Department of Health will be available to answer questions. A link to the studies and meeting details is available on the City's website, www.kenmorewa.gov.

Community Calendar

Skandia Midsommarfest

Skandia Folkdance Society presents one of the most authentic Scandinavian Midsommar celebrations in the Northwest on **June 30** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Edward State Park.

Skandia's traditional Midsommarfest celebration features music and dance performances, craft and food booths, Nordic costume presentation, participatory dancing, and the traditional pole-raising ceremony.

This family-friendly event is free, but donations are gratefully accepted to help cover expenses. For details, visit www.skandia-folkdance.org.

Swing for the Cure with Legends of the Ladies Professional Golf Association

The Official Legends Tour of the LPGA is teeing off in Kenmore. The Legends Tour showcases the incredible talents of some of the greatest women golfers of all time. Inglewood Golf Club is hosting the tournament on **July 28**. To find out how you can attend, visit www.thelegendstour.com.

Obliteride

Obliteride will spin through 25 Northwest communities, including Kenmore, this August.

Driven by the goal to end cancer, Obliteride is a new, community-wide effort to accelerate lifesaving cancer research at Fred Hutchinson. It culminates in a fundraising bike ride **August 10-11, 2013**. Obliteride participants will be riding through Kenmore on August 10. There are no anticipated road closures.

If you'd like to ride or organize a team, find out how to cheer on participants, or want more information, visit www.obliterate.org.

Saint Edward Environmental Learning Center Summer Programs

Join SEELC instructors for Wild Wednesdays in the Park this July and August. These FREE programs are great for kids and adults. Programs include Nature Games, Wilderness Navigation and Orienteering, Raptor Romp: Birds of Prey, and more! Visit www.seelc.org for details.

Show Community Pride by Flying Kenmore Flag



The City of Kenmore has many positive features to offer our community, and it is also a very unique city in that it has its own flag. We are grateful for this display, and we are eager to see that flag flown from more locations in Kenmore.

Since the incorporation of Kenmore, the Kenmore Heritage Society has served as the custodian of the Kenmore flag. Recently, the Heritage Board ordered a fresh supply of the flags. The Heritage Society has a variety of flags size available for purchase - 3'x5', 2'x3', and 4"x6".

Fridays have been designated as the day to fly our Kenmore flag on and August 31 to signify the birthday of the city.

To find out how to purchase a flag, contact the City at 425-398-8900.



City-sponsored Business Planning Seminar at Kenmore City Hall.

Kenmore Business Incubator Welcomes New Company

Exato Game Studios is the second company to join in as a participant in the City's Kenmore Business Incubator (KBI). ConnecteDevice is the other business in the KBI, and we are hearing from other start-ups who are interested in the Program.

For more information on this pilot program, please see the City of Kenmore website or contact Assistant City Manager Nancy Ousley at nousley@kenmorewa.gov.

Business Registration Program Update

The Kenmore City Council approved Ordinance No. 12-0356 on April 22, establishing a general Business Registration Program for businesses located in Kenmore. This program will provide a conduit for communication between the City and local businesses and will aid in designing services and programs to assist the business community, including a local business directory.

The City will partner with the Washington Department of Revenue to administer the program through online registration and renewals. Kenmore joins 52 of the total 58 cities in King and Snohomish Counties who have a general Business Registration or License program.

Visit the City's website for more information on this program, which will go into effect in the 3rd Quarter of 2013.



Arts of Kenmore Gallery @ Kenmore City Hall

The Arts of Kenmore (AOK) has partnered with the City of Kenmore to produce four to five art exhibits per year at no cost to the City. The AOK was recently awarded a \$2,500 grant from 4Culture to be used for managing and marketing the Arts of Kenmore @ Kenmore City Hall Gallery.

On May 10, the gallery celebrated its grand opening with an impressive exhibit of "Portraits & Figures" by local artists Seiko Konya, Joe MacKechnie, and Liana Bennett. The show is available for viewing at City Hall during business hours until July 19.



Upcoming Art Gallery

On July 26, the gallery will feature a one-person exhibit of oil paintings by Stephanie Lindsey. Stephanie received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting from the University of Washington. She has lived in the Pacific Northwest her whole life and has always been drawn to nature, which has had a huge impact on her artwork. She creates her own world in her paintings based on her memories of nature. Stephanie takes pictures, makes sketches, and records her interaction with nature, whether it is encounters in the city, trips she has taken, or weekend hiking excursions.

Please join us to explore her colorful and engaging art world. The exhibit will run July 26 through September 20. Come meet the artist at the opening night reception Friday, July 26 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

To see more of Stephanie's work and learn more about her, please visit <http://www.stephanielindsey.com>.

Kenmore Art Show

The AOK's 15th annual Kenmore Art Show runs from June 27-30 at Bastyr University. The highly regarded show features juried, original works of art that include paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, digital new media art, artisan works, youth art and art made from repurposed materials. All art on exhibit is available for purchase. The show will also feature nightly entertainment and three guest speaker programs that will be held in the Bastyr University Auditorium. For operating hours and additional information, visit www.artsofkenmore.org.

If you would like to be added to the AOK mailing list, please email info@artsofkenmore.org. For more information, visit www.artsofkenmore.org. There you can purchase artwork from the exhibit, and learn about the grants for schools program and how to get involved with the Arts of Kenmore.

73rd Avenue Structure Demolition Update

The City is moving forward with the 73rd Avenue Structure Demolition project this summer. This project will remove three former single-family residences that lie within the Swamp Creek Floodplain: 7321 NE 192nd St, 18808 73rd Ave NE, and 18804 73rd Ave.

The City completed the Swamp Creek Flood Reduction project in 2006, which included adoption of a policy to purchase properties containing structures within one foot of the floodplain. The City secured funding from the King County Conservative Tax Fund (CFT) to cover half of the cost of acquiring such properties, as the land will be protected as 'open space'.

The demolition work is scheduled to begin in June and be completed by the end of July (weather permitting). The parcels must be relatively dry for the demolition work to progress.





Join Us for Kenmore's 15th Birthday

The City of Kenmore is celebrating its 15th year since incorporation this August.

Join us for this special occasion by attending the final concert of the summer at Saint Edward State Park on Thursday, August 15.

The City will host activities starting at 5 p.m. and throughout the concert from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

For party details, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/events

Deputy Mark Childers to Retire After Serving Kenmore Over 28 Years



Deputy Mark Childers will be retiring from the King County Sheriff's Office on June 28, 2013 after 28 years of exceptional service. Deputy Childers has served the Kenmore community since 1990. At the June 10 Council meeting, the City Council proclaimed June 28th Deputy Mark Childers Day.

"Deputy Mark Childers has done an exceptional job while assigned to the City of Kenmore. He has performed his many duties in an outstanding manner and will be greatly missed by the citizens of Kenmore and by the men and women of the Kenmore Police Department. We wish Mark fair winds and following seas for his retirement," remarked Kenmore Police Chief Cliff Sether.

Childers was hired by the King County Sheriff's Office in May of 1985 and was assigned to patrol until 1990, when he was transferred to the DARE Unit.

Childers taught DARE in the Northshore School District for the next five years and then transferred back to patrol. In 1995, Childers was accepted to be a part-time School Resource Officer at Inglemoor High School and Kenmore Junior High School and has served in our schools since. In 2012, Childers was recognized as School Resource Officer of the Year by the Washington School Safety Organization.

When the City incorporated in 1998, Childers assumed the position of storefront/community officer. During his tenure in the City of Kenmore, Childers has provided the following services to our citizens: neighborhood dispute resolution; Block Watch administrator; Citizens' Academy facilitator; Junior High Student Academy facilitator; Vacation House Check coordinator; Crime Free Multihousing seminar; Home and Business Security surveys; Sixth Grade Drug Awareness classes; Crossing Guard Academy teacher; coordinator for National Night Out barbecue; and manager of the Police volunteers.

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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, 18120 68th Ave. NE. 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 on the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/council or contact the City Clerk's Office at 425-398-8900.

Coffee with Council: The 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 Library Advisory Board holds meetings on the first Tuesday of even-numbered months at 7 p.m. in the Kenmore Library meeting room.

City News & Meeting Information is distributed through the City's listserv. Sign up to receive news and meeting information on the City's website at www.kenmorewa.gov/contactus or email cityhall@kenmorewa.gov.

Blood Drive: Give if you can, lend a hand! Boy Scout Troop 582 is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, August 27 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Northlake Lutheran Church, 6620 NE 185th St. For more information, email troop582blooddrive@hotmail.com.

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
Allied Waste (a Republic Services Co.)	206-682-9730
Kenmore Library	425-486-8747
Puget Sound Energy	425-454-2000
Northshore Utility District	425-398-4400

City to Make Road and Safety Improvements on Juanita Drive NE

The City of Kenmore plans to make improvements to Juanita Drive NE, between the south end of the Sammamish River Bridge to the southern City limits at NE 143rd Street, starting this summer. These improvements are separated into two projects:

Project 1: Juanita Asphalt Overlay

An asphalt overlay of the sections between the south end of the Sammamish River Bridge to the southern City limits at NE 143rd Street is expected to start in August. An asphalt overlay requires the City to upgrade sidewalk ramps to current ADA standards. This work was completed earlier this summer.

Most of the paving work in August will be done at night between 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. to avoid major commuter delays and to reduce the risks to public and workers' safety. The work is anticipated to take two weeks and will involve single-lane closures in each direction.

Additional information will be available on the City's website as soon as schedules become available.

Project 2: Juanita Safety Improvement Project

The City will be using a federal grant to fund safety improvements at two intersections: 68th Ave NE & NE 170th Street and Juanita Drive NE & NE 153rd Street.

This work will include improving the visibility of traffic signals, improve traffic operation, install countdown pedestrian signal displays and audible pedestrian push buttons, and sidewalk ramp improvements.

The Safety Improvement Project is currently in the design phase, with construction planned for early fall 2013.

Questions or Comments?

If you have comments or questions about these projects, please contact Nicole Walsh in the Public Works Department at 425-398-8900 or nwalsh@kenmorewa.gov. Project updates will be available on the City's website, www.kenmorewa.gov/cityprojects.

