



# Kenmore NEWSLETTER

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## Kenmore Recognized for Innovative Cost Savings

The Association of Washington Cities awarded the cities of Kenmore and Shoreline its Innovative Cost Savings Award for their shared police command model this summer. The annual award recognizes the most innovative project that saves tax dollars.

"This is a story of officials in two cities who not only worked together to solve a problem, but who also had the creativity, leadership, and initiative to generate a partnership that resulted in significant savings and improved service delivery," said Kenmore City Manager Rob Karlinsey.

The cities of Kenmore and Shoreline contract with the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) for police services. Prior to 2011, Kenmore police received command and administrative support from KCSO command staff located in the County's Kenmore Precinct. As a result of a series of annexations by neighboring cities, KCSO decided to close the Kenmore Precinct and consolidate command and administrative support functions at the precinct in Sammamish.

With the Sammamish Precinct more than 20 miles away,



Kenmore Police Officers

Kenmore was faced with a dilemma of having its mutual call response, administrative support, and supervision and command staff located too far away. That's when the police chiefs of Kenmore and Shoreline stepped up, got creative, and suggested a new partnership between the two contract cities. They proposed having the larger city of Shoreline provide Kenmore with

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## City Celebrates 15th Anniversary Since Incorporation

Kenmore residents and past and present City Councilmembers celebrated the City of Kenmore's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary since incorporation at Saint Edward State Park in mid-August. The event was part of the final City-sponsored concert of the summer and included booths, festivities, and even a birthday cake.



Past and current Councilmembers celebrate the City's 15th birthday

### Some random City facts and trivia:

- Date of Incorporation: August 31, 1998
- Percent "Yes" vote to incorporate: 71%
- Population in 1998: 16,874
- Population in 2013: 21,170
- First Mayor: Jack Crawford
- Current Mayor: David Baker
- First Chief of Police: Cliff Sether
- Current Chief of Police: Cliff Sether

- City Property Tax Rate in 1999: 1.60
- City Property Tax Rate in 2013: 1.64
- Miles of new sidewalk installed in the last 15 years: 13.5
- Acres of new park land acquired in the last 15 years: 90
- Amount spent on new infrastructure since incorporation: Over \$108 million
- Amount owed on \$108 million in infrastructure: \$0

## Meet Your Council

Contact Council at  
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Mayor  
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Councilmember  
Brent Smith



Councilmember  
Laurie Sperry



Councilmember  
Allan Van Ness

## Message from the Mayor: Sammamish River Bridge

Since Kenmore incorporated in 1998, the City has routinely inspected its bridges and infrastructure, and has established special reserve funds for the replacement of capital and structures. The City has managed the funding and construction of over \$108 million in new infrastructure, including the replacement of bridges, since incorporation with no debt owed.

The southbound (west) side of the Sammamish River crossing on 68th Ave NE (Juanita Drive) is an 80-year-old bridge. Last year's routine inspection of this southbound bridge showed small cracks. One possible explanation for the cracks is the increased traffic volumes seen on this bridge since tolling began on the SR 520 floating bridge. The northbound side of this Sammamish River crossing was built in the 1970s and is in much better condition.

Here's what we know:

- Bridge engineers confirm that the southbound bridge continues to be safe to drive on but are considering load limits for heavy trucks;
- Bridge engineers are conducting a "replace vs. retrofit" analysis which should be completed in early 2014;
- Most, if not all, of the funding for the bridge retrofit or replacement is likely to come from federal and state sources—not Kenmore residents; and
- Construction, whether a full replacement or a retrofit, is likely to begin in the next three to five years.

We view this bridge as a regional bridge—Kenmore residents are certainly not the only ones that use it and should not have to bear the full responsibility of funding its replacement. We will aggressively seek outside sources of funding to protect Kenmore tax dollars. Given its age and condition, this bridge should score very well in competing for federal bridge replacement grant funds. The State is also a logical funding participant.

The Sammamish River Bridge has been on the City's radar since incorporation. We will continue to routinely monitor the bridge and keep you posted on updates.



68th Ave NE facing southbound over West Sammamish River Bridge

Questions? Contact City Engineer Kris Overleese at 425-398-8900.

Sincerely,

David Baker, Mayor

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contract city chief oversight, shared patrol supervision, administrative support, and mutual call backup. This innovative approach is the first time in the history of KCSO contracting that one contract city has provided this type of service to another contract city.

Meanwhile, Kenmore Police Department Headquarters continues to stay in Kenmore, co-located at City Hall. Kenmore and Shoreline share resources without added staffing, resulting in contract cost savings to both cities. This partnership resulted in over \$600,000 saved in less than three years—and the cost savings will continue to accumulate each year and mount over the long term.

# New Economic Investment Happening in Kenmore

## Kenmore Village Project Continues to Make Progress

In 2012, the City sold a portion of the Kenmore Village property to Kenmore Camera, allowing a home-grown company to stay and expand in Kenmore. More than tripling its square footage, Kenmore Camera is currently renovating the former Grocery Outlet building and should be open for business by year end.

In June and July of this year, the City approved purchase and sale agreements for the development of the remaining portions of Kenmore Village, located just across 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue from City Hall. The City has selected the Benaroya Company and Real Property Investors to develop the remainder of the Kenmore Village shopping center. Benaroya/RPI is still in the due diligence period for the property, and if they close on the property, they plan to construct new office and retail space. Benaroya/RPI is currently in negotiations with potential tenants. If the sale of the property goes through and Benaroya/RPI secures enough tenants, construction could begin as soon as summer 2014.

The Benaroya/RPI project will include a signature public gathering space. The location and design of the town green will develop as tenants are secured. The State Legislature has appropriated \$300,000 for development of the town green.

***"We expect to see at least \$25 million in new downtown investment."***

Main Street Property Group, LLC has been selected by the City to develop the upper parcel, a former King County Park & Ride. This development will include approximately 200 quality apartment units. MainStreet is currently undergoing due diligence for the property, pending environmental and inspection review. If the due diligence period goes well and MainStreet chooses to purchase the property from the City, MainStreet may break ground next summer. MainStreet is currently constructing two apartment projects in downtown Bothell.

### The Kenmore Village Project: Will It Be Worth It?

Many have asked, "Will the City of Kenmore get out what it put into the Kenmore Village project?"

This is an important question, and the City has tracked its expenses and revenues from the beginning in order to arrive at a quantitative answer. If the properties are developed by MainStreet and Benaroya/RPI as proposed, we expect to see at least \$25 million in new downtown investment from the sale and development of these properties. The City Manager recently presented a "Cumulative Cost Analysis" which summarizes the City's direct expenses and income, including expected sale price of the properties from the project.



Kenmore Village Cumulative Cost Analysis	
<b>Operating Income and Expenses to Date (July 2013)</b>	
Income	\$3,379,820
Expenses	(\$1,626,061)
Net Operating Income to the City	\$1,753,759
<b>Development Income and Expenses to Date (July 2013)</b>	
Income	\$586,938
Expenses	(\$1,954,514)
Net Development Costs to the City	(\$1,367,576)
<b>Price City Paid for the Properties</b>	(\$8,225,000)
<b>Anticipated Property Sale Proceeds</b>	
Sale of Grocery Outlet Parcel to Kenmore Camera	\$1,335,034
Sale of Remainder of Kenmore Village to Benaroya/RPI	\$1,800,000
Sale of Park & Ride to MainStreet	\$3,600,000
Less Estimated Transaction Costs	(\$486,000)
Subtotal Sale of Properties	\$6,249,034
<b>Estimated Future Direct Economic Value to the City</b>	
Sidewalk & Streetscape Improvements by Developer	\$175,000
Utility Undergrounding by Developer	\$68,250
Developer Contribution to Traffic System (traffic impact fees)	\$530,000
Town Green Land Value (10k sq. ft. @ \$15/ft)	\$150,000
Developer Contribution to Park System (park impact fees)	\$265,000
Planning & Building Permit Revenue	\$305,300
City Share of Construction Sales Tax	\$231,200
Subtotal	\$1,724,750
<b>Estimated Net Income Overall*</b>	<b>\$134,968</b>
*Does not include future new property tax revenue or ongoing sales tax revenue resulting from the development	

As shown above, the City expects to at least break even once the Kenmore Village properties are developed. This net breakeven cost to the City will likely leverage \$25 million of new downtown construction. Not a bad return on the City's investment.

Questions? Ideas? Contact your City Councilmembers or City Manager Rob Karlinsey at 425-398-8900.

# New Park Coming Soon



Northshore Summit Park is a 3.6-acre park located in the northeast corner of Kenmore at 6200 NE 193<sup>rd</sup> St. Park improvements are anticipated to start this fall and include landscaping, pathways and trails, entry signs, picnic tables and benches, children's play equipment, wetland enhancement and fencing. At their meeting on September 23, City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a construction contract with the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$375,099.68 submitted by Road Construction Northwest of Renton, Wash. Funding for this project is coming from Park Impact Fees.

The City received a \$20,000 Let's Play City Construction Grant from the Dr Pepper Snapple Group and national nonprofit KaBOOM! to help acquire playground equipment and build the playground, with community involvement. The playground will include swings, spring toys, climbing boulders, log tunnel, slides, balance pads, and other climbing equipment.

The work is expected to take 45 days but could be delayed until early 2014 should weather impact construction.

For additional information, contact Parks Project Manager Marc Connelly at 425-398-8900 or [mconnelly@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:mconnelly@kenmorewa.gov).

## Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan Update

The City is in the process of updating the Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and anticipates City Council adoption this November. The park plan serves as a guide for the development of parks and recreational facilities and services.

The Planning Commission has been developing a draft plan over the last several months and will provide a recommendation to the City Council in late October. The draft plan is available on the City's website and for review over the counter at City Hall and Kenmore Library. Copies may also be purchased at City Hall.

For additional information, please contact Parks Project Manager Marc Connelly at 425-398-8900 or [mconnelly@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:mconnelly@kenmorewa.gov).

## Activity Calendar

### Parks Clean Up Volunteer Event

Please join us at the annual Jack V. Crawford 'Courtesy is Contagious in Kenmore' Day parks clean up event on **Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to noon at Log Boom Park**. The volunteer event is in honor of Kenmore's first Mayor Jack Crawford and his passion for giving and love of parks. For details, visit [www.kenmorewa.gov/events](http://www.kenmorewa.gov/events).

### Arts of Kenmore @ Kenmore City Hall

Stop by and visit the Arts of Kenmore Gallery @ Kenmore City Hall weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The current exhibit showcases a wide range of subject matter and photographic style by Jim Boon, Patrick McSweeney, Ken Stanback, Terri Vincent, Melissa Wax, and Woodeye. For more information, visit [www.artsofkenmore.org](http://www.artsofkenmore.org).

### Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for **Friday, December 6 at 6 p.m.** at Kenmore City Hall. Join us for live performances, crafts, and pictures with Santa. The City will be accepting nonperishable food items to support Hopelink Food Bank. For more information, visit [www.kenmorewa.gov/events](http://www.kenmorewa.gov/events).

### Healthplanfinder Enrollment Events

Washington residents now have a new way to find, compare and enroll in affordable health insurance coverage. It's called Washington Healthplanfinder. Enrollment begins October 1 for coverage that begins January 1, 2014.

Enrollment events to raise awareness about the insurance options available to residents will be held at the Kenmore Library on Nov. 2, Dec. 7, and Jan. 4 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Learn more at [www.kingcounty.gov/coverage](http://www.kingcounty.gov/coverage).

## Halloween Safety Tips

For many people, Halloween is a festive occasion for children to dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating, and eat yummy treats, but it is important to take into consideration certain safety guidelines so that everyone involved has the best possible experience.

### Walk Safely

- Children should trick-or-treat and cross streets with an adult using traffic signals and crosswalks, if possible.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Look left, right and left again when crossing, and keep looking as you cross.

### Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Make sure the costume is the right size to prevent trips and falls.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers. Carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen.
- Choose face paint and makeup instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision. Masks can be made safer by enlarging the eye holes.

### Double Check Candy

- Check treats for signs of tampering before children are allowed to eat them.
- Candy should be thrown away if the wrapper is faded or torn, or if the candy is unwrapped.

### Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic, and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

For additional safety tips, visit [www.safekids.org/halloween](http://www.safekids.org/halloween).



## Water Access Improvements



A park survey recently conducted by the City found that Kenmore residents identified improving water access as a top priority. The Kenmore City Council also shares this priority and is investing dollars into improved and expanded water access. With more than seven miles of shoreline on the lake and the river, the City is making the following plans and investments:

**Boat Launch:** The City is partnering with Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife to improve the Sammamish River boat launch, including new public restrooms, new paving and landscaping, and a widened boat launch to handle more boat traffic. Construction is expected to begin this winter. This project is funded primarily by a capital grant from the State, supplemented by a smaller contribution from the City's Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) Fund, which can only be used on capital projects like these.

**Boat Shed and Boardwalk:** The City Council recently directed staff to move forward with plans to install a new trail and boardwalk that will connect the Rhododendron Park playfields with the Sammamish River waterfront. Near the water end of this trail will be a new public boat shed that will house small watercraft such as kayaks, canoes, and crew boats. Funding for this project is coming from Park Impact Fees and Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenue, both of which can only be used for capital improvements and not general operational uses.

**New Docks at Rhododendron and Log Boom Parks:** To go with the new shed and boardwalk at Rhododendron Park, the City is applying for State and Federal permits to install a small dock and ramp for small watercraft users. This dock, or float, will be on the south shore of the Sammamish River on the east side of the 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Juanita Drive) bridge. However, because of potential state/federal permitting issues, there are no guarantees for this float, so stay tuned! At Log Boom Park, the City is in the permitting process for a new float and ramp coming off of the fixed pier. This float will allow for easier boater access on and off of the pier. Funding for these two docks will come from the City's Strategic Opportunities Fund.

**Log Boom Park Beach:** The adopted master plan for Log Boom Park includes an expanded beach and swimming area. While this project is not currently funded, the City Council will be discussing when to begin this project and potential outside funding sources.

To learn how you can get involved, contact City Manager Rob Karlinsey or Parks Project Manager Marc Connelly at 425-398-8900.

## Juanita Drive Asphalt Overlay Project Update

The Juanita Drive pavement repair and asphalt overlay has been delayed until 2014. This is one of 11 overlay projects managed by King County. These overlay projects, funded in large part by a Federal grant, are subject to grant review by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). This WSDOT review process has resulted in delay for all of the overlay projects managed by King County, including Kenmore's. The good news is that this delay is not likely to result in increased costs—the Contractor for the project has signed the construction contract, and the contract amount is set.

Once the revised schedule is released, the City will publish an update online at [www.kenmorewa.gov](http://www.kenmorewa.gov).

## Speed Limit Modifications to SR 522 & 80th Ave NE

On September 23, City Council authorized the reduction of the speed limit on two streets – SR 522 in Kenmore (new speed 40 mph) and 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE north of SR 522 (new speed 35 mph). The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will implement the signage changes on SR 522 and they have indicated the signs will be changed by their crews in November. WSDOT will concurrently change the speed limit in Lake Forest Park to 40 mph. City of Kenmore crews will change the speed limit signs on 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, likely in October.

## Regional Business Zone Review

The Planning Commission has started review of the City's Regional Business (RB) zoning district, which includes the largest concentration of existing Kenmore businesses and has the potential to attract new businesses and investment.

The Planning Commission will review the "vision" for this area, along with allowed and prohibited uses, transit-oriented development opportunities, and development regulations. The Planning Commission meeting schedule and agendas can be found on the City's website at [www.kenmorewa.gov/planningcommission](http://www.kenmorewa.gov/planningcommission). There will be a more formal opportunity for public input on the project later this fall.

If you have questions or would like more information, contact Senior Planner Lauri Anderson at 425-398-8900 or [landerson@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:landerson@kenmorewa.gov).

## Business Incubator Welcomes Third Company

Synch has moved into the Kenmore Business Incubator, joining ConnecteDevice and Exato Game Studios in the program. The Kenmore Business Incubator, in its first months of a two-year pilot period, has brought over 15 new jobs to Kenmore in startup tech companies. The program provides low-cost, convenient work space in downtown Kenmore along with business mentoring and informational sessions to entrepreneurs.

For more information, contact Assistant City Manager Nancy Ousley at 425-398-8900 or visit the City's website, [www.kenmorewa.gov](http://www.kenmorewa.gov).

## Emergency Shelter Volunteers Needed

The City of Kenmore is partnering with adjacent cities to provide shelters during disasters. The City must develop a cadre of trained volunteers who will be able to open, work in, and manage the shelter. Jobs might include shelter setup, registration and orientation, translation services, meal/snack preparation, cleanup, or child respite care.

Are you, or someone you know, willing to volunteer? The required training for Shelter Operations will be provided by the Red Cross. The training consists of one 4-hour class. The class is tentatively scheduled for November 16, 2013.

For more information, or to register as a potential volunteer, please contact Cindy Shelton at [cshelton@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:cshelton@kenmorewa.gov) or 425-398-8900.

## Kenmore Business After-Hours

Thursday, November 7

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Kenmore City Hall

Meet other Kenmore business people in this informal get-together.

Light refreshments and good conversation

## Free Seminar for Kenmore Businesses

**How To Increase Your Revenue, Fuel Your Confidence and Maximize Your Growth**

Thursday, November 14

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Kenmore City Hall

John Marshall of Results Driven Business Coaching Program will present a session for small business owners. Mr. Marshall is working with the City's Development Services Department on identifying efficiencies and is offering this program. There is no fee, but preregistration is requested. Visit [www.kenmorewa.gov](http://www.kenmorewa.gov) for more information.

## Electronic Permitting Now Available



Electronic permitting is now available in Kenmore through MyBuildingPermit.com. MyBuildingPermit.com can now accommodate online submission of nearly every application type, saving even more time and money for customers and jurisdictions and reducing impacts on the environment.

To learn more, visit [www.MyBuildingPermit.com](http://www.MyBuildingPermit.com) or call the Development Services Department at 425-398-8900.

## Mid-Biennial Budget Review Underway

The City is beginning its mid-biennial review of the 2013-2014 budget. This review is required by statute for cities that adopt a two-year budget.

Initially, the City Council will review updates and proposed amendments to the Capital Improvement Programs for Surface Water, Parks, and Transportation. This review began at the September 16 City Council meeting.

In October and November, the City Council will consider any proposed amendments to the General Fund, and other budgets, which result from the mid-biennial review.

A public hearing in early November will be held as part of this process, and an amended 2013-2014 budget is scheduled for adoption on November 25, 2013.

To view the 2013-2014 budget, visit [www.kenmorewa.gov/finance](http://www.kenmorewa.gov/finance). To sign up to receive City Council meeting agendas, e-mail [psafrin@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:psafrin@kenmorewa.gov).

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence is a crime that touches every community in the nation. Domestic violence and abuse can happen to anyone, yet the problem is overlooked, excused or denied.

Domestic violence and emotional abuse are behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other. Domestic abuse often escalates from threats and verbal abuse to violence. While physical injury may be the most obvious danger, the emotional and psychological consequences of domestic abuse are also severe. Noticing and acknowledging the signs of an abusive relationship are the first step in ending it. Several signs of abuse are:

### Do You

- Feel afraid of your partner much of the time?
- Avoid certain topic out of fear of angering your partner?
- Feel that you can't do anything right for your partner?
- Believe you deserve to be hurt or mistreated?
- Feel emotionally numb or helpless?

### Does Your Partner

- Have a bad/unpredictable temper?
- Criticize you and put you down?
- Ignore or put down your opinions?
- See you as property or a sex object?
- Act excessively jealous?
- Keep you from seeing friends/family?
- Limit your access to money, car or phone?

Domestic abuse falls into a common pattern, or cycle of violence:

**Abuse:** Your abusive partner lashes out with aggressive, belittling, or violent behavior. The abuse is a power play designed to show you "who is boss."

**Guilt:** After abusing you, your partner feels guilt, but not over what has been done but more worried about the possibility of being caught and facing consequences.

**Excuses:** The abuser rationalizes what has been done by making up excuses or blaming you for the abusive behavior.

**Normal behavior:** The abuser does everything they can to regain control and keep the victim in a relationship. This peacefully honeymoon phase may give the victim hope that the abuser has changed.

**Fantasy and planning:** The abuser spends time on fantasizing about abusing you again. They spend a lot of time thinking about what you have done wrong and how to make you pay.

**Set up:** The abuser sets you up and puts their plan in motion, creating a situation where they can justify abusing you again.

Your abuser's apologies and loving gestures in between the episodes of abuse can make it difficult to leave. They may make you believe that you are the only person who can help them, that things will be different this time, and that they truly love you. However, the dangers of staying are very real.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, you should not hesitate to call 911 and report the abuse. In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, residents are encouraged to display a purple light bulb in your front porch light fixture.

## 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](http://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 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](http://www.kenmorewa.gov/planningcommission).

**Kenmore Library Advisory Board** holds meetings on the first Tuesday of odd-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 information by emailing [cityhall@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:cityhall@kenmorewa.gov).

**Blood Drive:** Give if you can, lend a hand! Boy Scout Troop 582 is hosting a blood drive on Oct. 22 at Northshore Utility District & Dec. 17 at Northlake Lutheran Church from 1 to 7 p.m. For details, email [troop582blooddrive@hotmail.com](mailto: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
Republic Services	206-682-9730
Kenmore Library	425-486-8747
Puget Sound Energy	888-225-5773
Northshore Utility District	425-398-4400

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## Help Keep Drains Clear of Leaves to Prevent Urban Flooding

Clean storm drains help prevent localized flooding. City crews work to keep storm drains clear, but with over 4,000 drains in Kenmore, we could use your help! With your assistance, we can keep streets safe and clear and can reduce property damage caused by flooding.



### What should I do with all of the leaves?

- Rake leaves away from storm drains near your house or business;
- Do not remove the grate from the storm drain opening; and
- Dispose of leaves in your yard waste container or compost bin.

### Street Sweeping

The City will continue to provide street sweeping service, not only to keep streets clean, but also to keep debris from blocking the storm drains and ditches to help minimize any flooding. Street sweeping begins mid- to late-October and continues through January. During this time frame, arterial streets are swept monthly and residential streets are swept every other month.

### To Report Severe Flooding

If localized flooding is severe and you are unable to clear the drain, please call Kenmore City Hall at 425-398-8900 during business hours, or after-hours call King County Dispatch at 206-296-8100.

## Free Sandbags Available to Residents

The City of Kenmore has deployed sandbags at five designated locations for use during the flood season. Please notify the City prior to taking sandbags by calling 425-398-8900. This will allow the City to track the number of sandbags used and to refill the locations.

Near Kenmore Elementary  
NE 192nd St & 73rd Ave NE

Old Kenmore Park & Ride  
68th Ave NE & NE 182nd St

Log Boom Park  
61st Ave NE & NE 175th St

Rhododendron Park  
6910 NE 170th St

Arrowhead Drive  
67th Ave NE & NE 155th St

For a location map, visit  
[www.kenmorewa.gov/preparedness](http://www.kenmorewa.gov/preparedness)