On May 3, 2018 a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the new boardwalk and dock at Rhododendron Park. While preserving the wetland, work crews removed invasive species, added native plants and built a new boardwalk.

The boardwalk connects the Rhododendron Park playfields with the Sammamish river waterfront and also connects to the local Metro bus route on 68th Ave NE.

A new floating dock provides improved river access for hand-powered watercraft. During this project, we also improved the access drive and parking near the river.

In November 2016, Kenmore voters approved a $19.75 million bond measure to build sidewalks and bike lanes on Juanita Drive and 68th Avenue and improve three waterfront parks: Rhododendron Park (complete), Logboom Park, and Squire’s Landing Park.

The remaining four Walkways & Waterways projects will take more time but continue on schedule. As anticipated and communicated to voters back in 2016, design and permitting with the various state and federal agencies will continue for several years for the Log Boom Park and Squire’s Landing Park improvements, with estimated completion in 2023.

Design is proceeding on schedule for the new sidewalk and bike lane projects on Juanita Drive and 68th Avenue. Construction is anticipated in the early 2020s and we will work hard to ensure the community is notified of traffic impacts.

Public open houses were recently held for the remaining four projects. For more information, visit kenmorewa.gov/walkwaysandwaterways or call Maureen Colaizzi for the parks projects and Kent Vaughan for the sidewalk and bike lane projects. Both can be reached at 425-398-8900.
MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Mayor
David Baker

Deputy Mayor
Nigel Herbig

Councilmember
Milton Curtis

Councilmember
Stacey Denuski

Councilmember
Joe Marshall

Councilmember
Brent Smith

Councilmember
Debra Srebnik

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

On May 29th City Council discussed an update to Kenmore’s Economic Development Strategy, reviewing residential and commercial demographics and area market conditions. The first Strategy was adopted in 2009 and many of the recommended actions have been accomplished, so it’s time to look at what’s next.

New private sector investment in Downtown Kenmore is approaching $100 million since 2014. Focusing on business engagement and support, we’ve developed a thriving business alliance and nurtured new businesses with a successful Business Incubator. As we continue to plan for the next 5 to 10 years, our goals, strategies and actions must continue to propel Kenmore forward.

Other opportunities identified by stakeholders and the public included affordable housing, community recreation center, farmers market, improved bike infrastructure and possible waterfront dining. The City Council will review this plan on June 25th. For questions or input, contact Nancy Ousley at nousley@kenmorewa.gov, 425-398-8900.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER REUSABLE BAG ORDINANCE

Council will discuss an ordinance to encourage the use of reusable bags in Kenmore. To be examined and potentially adopted in July, the policy could prohibit retailers from providing plastic bags to customers at checkout and apply a 5-cent “pass-through” charge for each paper bag supplied. The topic comes to the forefront due to increasing awareness of plastic litter accumulation problems and the environmental cost of producing billions of plastic bags each year. Questions? Contact Jack Urquhart (JUrquhart@kenmorewa.gov). Find the item on upcoming Council meeting agendas at www.kenmore.gov/council.

PROPOSED STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

1. Promote and differentiate Kenmore’s image
2. Grow new and existing businesses and target sectors
3. Enable high-quality commercial, office and mixed-use development
4. Leverage placemaking and livability for economic development
5. Expand connectivity, access to the waterfront and multi-modal transportation
6. Highlight Kenmore’s welcoming business climate
The Lodge at St Edward construction should not impact our summer concerts. To follow updates, check out www.thelodgeatstedward.com

Kenmore Wins
AWC Municipal Excellence Award for Economic Development
“Connecting and Growing Local Businesses”

“The City of Kenmore created a business alliance and incubator to demonstrate that the city is a place of opportunity that cultivates existing businesses, and invites new ones. The economic development strategy seeks to promote Kenmore, support old and attract new business, provide a walkable downtown, and connect the community to the waterfront. The city actively works to direct funds and resources to better connect the business community with the city.”

One of only 5 cities in WA State to win the award, Kenmore will be presented with the award at AWC’s Annual Conference on June 27th.

#WhyILoveKenmore Summer Party & 20th Anniversary Celebration

Save the Date!
AUGUST 25, 2018
Personal fireworks are prohibited in Kenmore City limits. Attend our professional show on July 4th at Logboom Park!
Kenmore Municipal Code 8.10. Offenses are misdemeanors with a max penalty of 90 days in jail and/or $1,000 fine.

Tuesday, August 7th

National Night Out is always the first Tuesday in August and is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, support local anti-crime efforts, and increase neighborhood spirit, friendships, and police-community partnerships.

This is the perfect night to plan a block party or potluck on your street!

You can also come meet your Kenmore police officers on Tuesday, August 7 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Kenmore City Hall. This event includes free food, home and personal safety information, and activities. For more information, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/events.
CITY STUDIES
SURFACEWATER FEES

Next time you put on your rain boots, think about where that rain goes! Our Surface Water Management team works hard to keep our residents, property, and environment safe from flooding, erosion, habitat loss, and poor water quality.

To manage our man-made and natural surface water systems, each parcel in our city is charged an annual service charge fee. Residential parcels are all charged the same flat fee, currently $167.40, shown on your property tax bill. Non-residential parcel fees vary and are based on their amount of imperious surface (areas where water cannot enter back into the ground).

These fees pay for things like capital projects, operations, inspections, maintenance, and education. As Kenmore grows and changes, we need to ensure fees continue to cover these costs. Staff has just started a comprehensive study to determine how our fee methodology might need to change. This will take several months, but we expect fees will change and increase in 2019. Interested in learning more or want to be more engaged in this study? Contact Richard Sawyer, rsawyer@kenmorewa.gov, 425-984-6153.

KENMORE PLAY DAY!
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH
RHODODENDRON PARK 6910 NE 170TH ST

Run, jump, and skip with joy at the annual Kenmore Play Day! Enjoy a large variety of play activities and educational booths from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This city-wide event recognizes the importance of play in keeping children and families active and healthy. For parking information and event details, visit www.kenmorewa.gov/events.

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Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to Kenmore Camera, 6708 NE 181st St., on Saturday, August 4th at 10am sharp to compete! Each August, the Kenmore Heritage Society and Kenmore Camera jointly sponsor a one-day digital photo contest open to all ages and skill levels. Participants are given 24 hours to submit their most original, appealing, and creative entry in each of six mystery categories announced the day of the event. Cash and merchandise prizes are awarded in each category, with a special Best of Show award for the most creative entry.

Entry fee is $10, though a family can sign up as a team for $15. The winning photos from the first three years of this photo contest will be on display this fall in the Arts of Kenmore Gallery in City Hall. For more information, contact the Kenmore Heritage Society at kenmorepix@gmail.com or visit http://bit.ly/KHSPhoto.

Skyhawks Sports Camps
Skyhawks will offer a variety of sports camps at Rhododendron Park June through August, featuring soccer, flag football, basketball and baseball for kids ages 3.5 - 12. More at www.skyhawks.com/Kenmore.

Skate like a Girl Skate Camps
Skateboard camps returns to Jack V. Crawford Skate Court! For all gender kids ages 5 - 12, these camps will teach the basics of pushing and cruising, and improve skills with new tricks and speed. This is filling up fast! Camp spots are available for July 23 - 27. More info about camps and scholarships at www.skatelikeagirl.com.
Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a Sound Transit bus system designed for fast arrivals and departures, with off-board fare payment and multiple-door entry and exit. Buses will have priority travel with business access and transit lanes and bus queue jumps (timed signals that allow buses to move through intersections first). BRT will help riders avoid traffic congestion and enjoy more frequent and reliable service.

This route will connect communities from Shoreline to Woodinville via NE 145th Street, SR 522 and an expanded transit center at UW Bothell/Cascadia College. The route has nine BRT stations connecting Linklight rail at the Shoreline South/145th Station to I-405 BRT in Bothell. This project was first proposed by community members with the 522 Transit Now! coalition and included on the Sound Transit 3 ballot, meaning BRT will be in Kenmore in 2024!

WHAT HAPPENS IN KENMORE?

We already have lanes, but we will be receiving two new stations and a 300-stall parking garage (two other garages are also planned for Lake Forest Park and Bothell). The stations have not been designed yet, but think “more” than a current bus stop and “less” than light rail station.

In this early phase, your input is critical as Sound Transit works with the city to fine-tune decisions. Where should the two stations go? What is the best location for the garage and does it complement our development and traffic plans? The representative project shows the garage at the existing Kenmore Park and Ride (7346 NE Bothell Way), but should we be considering other locations?

At recent open houses, we learned that most are excited about this new transit option, but there are some concerns about the fate of the current 522 bus, how Metro bus routes change and increased traffic from parking garages. Throughout the summer, Sound Transit will be meeting and engaging with our community to hear our input. It is important for us to speak up and give clear input! Stay tuned to help shape this new transit route! Follow project at www.soundtransit.org/sr522brt.

**TRAIL SAFETY**

**SUMMERTIME AND THE TRAILS ARE BUSY!**

- Always wear a helmet when biking!
- Slow down and watch for traffic when crossing roads.
- Stay right. Pass Left.
- Leave room for others to pass.
- Use your voice or bell to let others know you’re coming.
- Go slow when passing, no sneaking!
- Be visible, wear reflective gear or lights in low light.
- Keep pets close for their safety and others.
- Smile and wave at anyone you pass... walkers, runners, cyclists, uni-cyclists, kids...
MEETING & OTHER INFORMATION

Kenmore City Council regular meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second, third, and fourth Mondays of the month at Kenmore City Hall, and are open to the public. Live stream and on-demand Council meeting videos can be found at www.kenmorewa.gov/council.

Coffee with Council is held the first Monday at 7:30 a.m. and third Saturday at 8:00 a.m. of each month at Diva Espresso in the Hangar, 6728 NE 181st Street.

Kenmore Planning Commission meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Kenmore City Hall. Meeting agendas and schedules are available online at www.kenmorewa.gov/planningcommission.

Kenmore Business Alliance meets the first Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at Kenmore City Hall.

The Arts of Kenmore Gallery @ Kenmore City Hall is currently exhibiting the abstract art of Ellen Bursteed, featured artist for the Kenmore Arts Show 2018. The Arts Show runs June 27 to July 1st at Bastyr University from 10am - 8pm daily. More info at: www.artsofkenmore.org.

Licensing your pet gives your pet an inexpensive insurance policy for its safety and protection and is legally required. www.kenmorewa.gov/animalservices.

NUMBERS TO KNOW
Flooding/Drainage (after hours) ..........206-296-8100
Northshore Fire Department ..............425-354-1780
Kenmore City Hall .............................425-398-8900
Kenmore Library .................................425-486-8747
Regional Animal Services of King Co. ....206-296-PETS
Northshore Utility District ....................425-398-4400
PAWS (animal shelter) ......................425-787-2500
Police/Fire Emergency .......................911
Police Nonemergency Dispatch ..........206-296-3311
Puget Sound Energy .........................888-225-5773
Republic Services .............................206-682-9730
Street Concerns (after hours) ..........206-296-8100
Spills/Illlicit Discharge (after hours) ....206-296-8100

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR BUSINESS?

The City of Kenmore requires businesses and non-profits that have a physical location in Kenmore to maintain a City Business Registration. Registering is easy! Register or renew online through the Department of Revenue Business Licensing Division’s website at http://bls.dor.wa.gov or call 800-451-7985.

CITY OF KENMORE’S ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY
Registered businesses can opt-in to be listed in Kenmore’s online business directory—a great way to shop local! To view the Business Directory, visit findkenmore.org.

THE CITY OF KENMORE PRESENTS

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS
FRIDAYS | JUNE - AUGUST
11AM-2PM
@ THE CORNER OF 68TH AVE NE & NE 181ST ST
FOR LINEUP & MORE INFO: KENMOREWA.GOV/EVENTS