

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 works by the Arts Umbrella (AU) Arts Center and Studio instructors. The show runs until May 22, 2019 and is open to the public weekdays from 9am - 5pm, and any other time City Hall is open. 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)253- 274-6330
Northshore Fire Department425-354-1780
Kenmore City Hall425-398-8900
Kenmore Library425-486-8747
Regional Animal Services of King Co.206-296-PETS
Northshore Utility District425-398-4400
PAWS (animal shelter).....425-787-2500
Police/Fire Emergency.....911
Police Nonemergency Dispatch206-296-3311
Puget Sound Energy888-225-5773
Republic Services206-682-9730
Street Concerns (after hours)253- 274-6330
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KENMORE BUSINESS INCUBATOR

Are you interested in growing your business?

The Kenmore Business Incubator provides low-cost office space, mentorship, and business development support. Interested companies can apply for the program at any time and if accepted, join a supportive and networked group of business professionals and mentors! Don't need office space? Companies can also join the Virtual Incubator Program, which provides the same support and business development framework. Learn more and find the application and client agreement at kenmorewa.gov/KBI.

BUSINESS ACCELERATION SERIES

APRIL 17 - MAY 22, 2019

Another opportunity for business development is our 6-week acceleration series that provides training in a group setting, plus individual consultation. Limited to 15 businesses and the fee is \$100 per business. Find more information and the application at kenmorewa.gov/5xseries!



KENMORE QUARTERLY



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PLAY BALL!

Moorlands Park athletic field is open for play! This new ballfield at 15221 84th Ave NE is the very first field owned, operated, and maintained by the City of Kenmore.

The field is primarily intended to serve youth ages 12 and under playing baseball, softball, fastpitch, and t-ball. Fall soccer practices and games for youth ages 6 and under may be allowed. The city owns and maintains the athletic field, however during Moorlands Elementary School hours, the field is reserved for school use only.

Sometimes important community projects like this take time,

a lot of money and a whole lot of teamwork and persistence from many groups! The field was completely renovated as part of the larger Moorlands Park Project.

In 2006, the neighborhood had a vision for the park and prepared a park master plan. The school district, neighbors, North Lake Little League, Northshore Youth Soccer Association, elected officials and city staff continued to work together towards this vision.

The park project was prioritized for the city's Capital Improvement Program. It was also partly funded from two Washington State Rec-

reation and Conservation Office grants, and the Washington State 2018 capital budget thanks to the work of Senator Frockt, Representative Pollet and Representative Valdez.

The park project was finished last year and included new paved paths, a picnic shelter, restroom, path lighting, benches, picnic tables, and play equipment for preschool as well as school-aged children. To learn more about how to reserve the field, check kenmorewa.gov/MoorlandsParkField.



OPENING DAY CEREMONY MARCH 16

MEET YOUR CITY 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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CITY FINALIZES BUDGET

After a public survey, several months of meetings and a public hearing, the City Council adopted the 2019-2020 budget on November 19th. Our goals for this budget were to maintain our current level of service, support and implement City Council goals, consider the results of our Priority Based Budgeting and finally, prepare a balanced operating budget that utilizes a conservative approach to both revenues and expenditures.

Our two-year budget has \$25.8M for the general fund. Some of the changes from previous years included a half-time Recreation Coordinator added at the request of City Council, one additional Surface Water Technician funded by surface water fees, \$427K set aside for crack/slurry seals in addition to \$900K for asphalt overlay, new phone system for city hall, and funds for GIS Support. We also brought some maintenance services in-house to save costs.

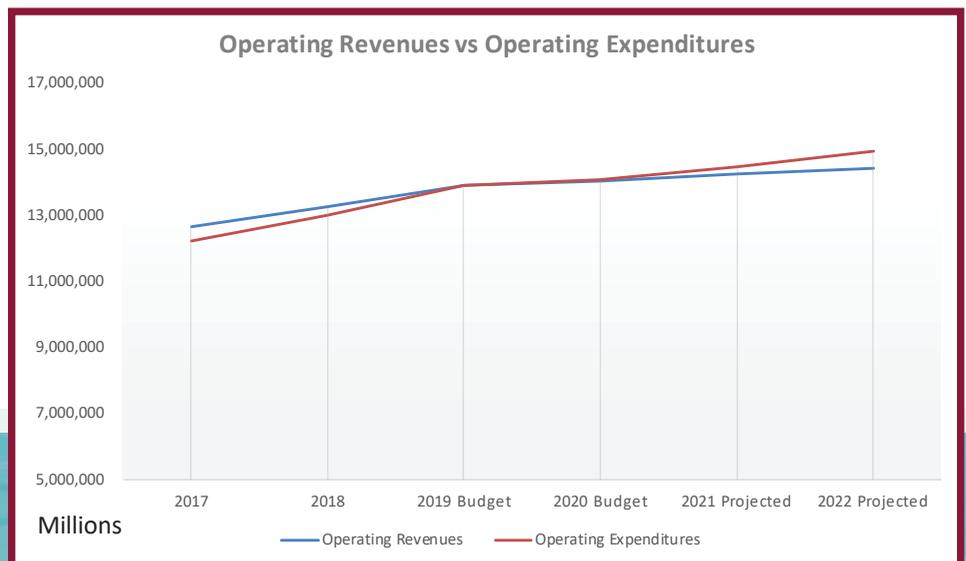
Where do we get our revenue?

Most of Kenmore's revenue comes from property taxes (39%). Unlike other cities with more retail stores and cash registers, the revenue we bring in from sales tax is relative-

ly low, about 17% of our general fund. We receive other revenue from utility tax, permits, etc.

Each year, we find it more challenging to pass a balanced budget. Property taxes pay for basic city services such as police, jail, and parks. Annual increases in property taxes are capped at 1%, but the cost of providing city services goes up each year, even with no increase in the level of service. Over the coming months, we will be having some community conversations about our budget and discuss the different ways we can start to address our future fiscal situation (as seen in this chart below).

More info and all budget documents can be found at <http://www.kenmorewa.gov/financeadministration>.



FAST FACTS

2018



CITIZEN ACTION REQUESTS ➔ **1,312**

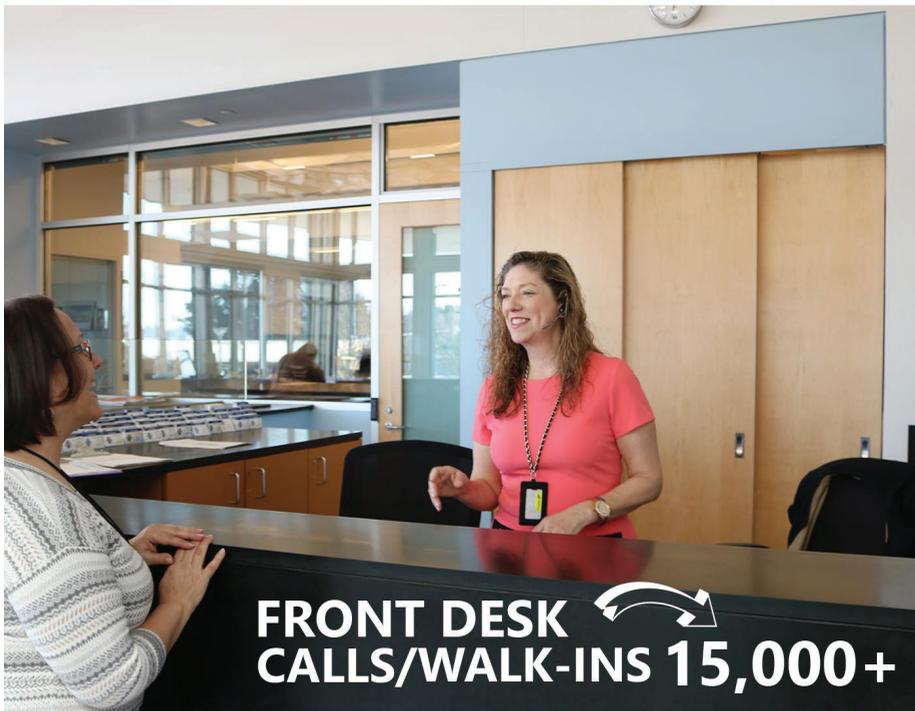
120 ▶ **LAND USE APPLICATIONS**

CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS ➔ **2,289**

CODE ENFORCEMENT CASES CLOSED ↻ **96**

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATIONS ➔ **921**

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS CLOSED **390**



FRONT DESK CALLS/WALK-INS ↻ **15,000+**

14 **EVENTS**
ATTENDEES ▶ **12,000+**
224 **EVENT VOLUNTEERS**



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MEETINGS @THE HANGAR **591**



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LOOKING FOR A NEW RIDE?

METRO COMMUNITY VAN COMES TO KENMORE

Community Van is a new King County Metro rideshare option for Kenmore! Bus service doesn't meet your need? Community members can request a trip in a passenger van (parked near City Hall), and with an approved volunteer driver, ride with friends, family, or other community members to various places on weekdays and weekends. Trips must be scheduled in advance through a local King County Community Transportation Coordinator. Community Van trips require a minimum of two passengers and must originate in the city of Kenmore or north Kirkland. Volunteers interested in driving for Community Van can contact the coordinator by emailing: CommVan@kirklandwa.gov or calling 425-587-3924 and must pass through a two-part screening process. The screening is completed by King County Metro and the process takes approximately two weeks.

As trip requests funnel in to from both Kenmore and north Kirkland residents, the coordinator will match trips requests with available drivers. Each scheduled trip will be published on the Kenmore-North Kirkland Community Van page and open for other riders to join.

HOW TO USE THE VAN:

- Make a new trip request at least two business days in advance of your desired trip.
- Note that trip requests do not guarantee approval and are subject to driver availability and program policies. Riders wishing to join existing scheduled trips may join same day by contacting the CTC.
- Community Van is eligible for use 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Community Van has 12 passenger or 6 passenger vans available, depending on group size. ADA-equipped vans are available upon request.
- All monthly and annual ORCA passes are accepted along with mobile tickets via the Transit GO Drivers are unable to accept cash payment.



SPOTLIGHT ON....

SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT

The Pacific Northwest is famous for its rain! Rain gives us our beautiful forests, rivers, and lakes. But, it can also bring challenges. When it rains or snow melts, water will run off surfaces that cannot readily absorb water. These surfaces include rooftops, pavement, compacted gravel lots, and even frozen ground.

With gravity, the water that is not absorbed will flow downhill - towards our streams, lakes, and rivers. Or, it will infiltrate down into the ground. As it does this, it picks up pollutants, such as sediments, airborne dust, pet waste, oil, grease, fertilizers, chemicals, litter and whatever else we have left on the ground or poured down our drains and grates that can be carried or dissolved in water.

Kenmore is surrounded by water and being on Lake Washington is part of our identity! Polluted water impacts how we enjoy our streams and lake, and have detrimental impacts to our wildlife. The water can also cause flooding, damaging property and creating unsafe conditions for pedestrians and vehicles.

To keep our residents, property, and environment safe from flooding, erosion, and polluted water, our Surface Water team “manages” surface water for us!

For City owned properties, we conduct projects to restore and enhance native habitat, such as the work we have done in Swamp Creek,

Squire’s Landing and Log Boom Park. For privately-owned properties, the City tries to provide education on managing these natural resources and future plans will include coordinating efforts to form partnerships that manage these resources (Adopt-a-Stream).

YOUR SURFACE WATER TEAM:

- Maintains and operates existing drainage systems.
- Continually inspects drainage facilities to ensure illicit discharges or pollutants don’t travel along to local waterbodies.
- Enforces water quality regulations when needed.
- Ensures new drainage facilities are constructed using the best available science and information. Development and redevelopment should not degrade the environment.
- Educates the public about what they can do to protect our local environment.

PROTECTING RESIDENTS, PROPERTY, AND OUR ENVIRONMENT



Collecting samples
at Swamp Creek basin for
water quality testing

SURFACE WATER UTILITY RATES



To be able to manage our surface water program, each parcel in our city is charged an annual service charge fee to pay for things like capital projects, operations, inspections, maintenance, and education.

The City of Kenmore Surface Water Management fee model changed starting in 2019. After a lengthy and thorough study of the current fee model, Kenmore City Council voted in late 2018 to increase residential and commercial annual rates starting in 2019.

How Do Our Fees Compare to Other Cities?

The service charge model was last updated in 2008. Even with the recent increase, Kenmore's residential rates are the lowest of all neighboring cities, including Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Redmond, Bothell, and Woodinville. As increasing federal and state permit requirements become more costly, the study revealed that service charges need to be increased to continue to fund operational costs and capital needs.

Residential parcels are all charged the same flat fee. Non-residential parcel fees vary and are based on their amount of impervious surface. Rates will incrementally increase for both residential and non-residential parcels from 2019 to 2024. A single-family flat rate fee on your 2018 tax bill was \$167.40 and your 2019 tax bill now shows \$192.51.

Stormwater Capital Facilities Charge

Additionally, the City Council just passed a new one-time stormwater capital facilities charge for new development and redevelopment. These charges are commonly referred to as "hookup fees" or "connection fees" and ensures that as development occurs, property owners bear an equitable share of the stormwater system.

Facility Rate Discounts

Currently, the city provides discounts to property owners that own, operate, and maintain their own engineered facility that provides flow control and/or water quality treatment. The discount program was originally adopted from King County and over time, with today's development and regulatory framework, the privately-owned facilities do not decrease the level of service needed from the city. 2020 will be the last year for the discount program.



What 6-Year Capital Improvement Program Projects Can Now Be Funded Under the New Fee Schedule?

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Surface Water Management (SWM)

- Kenmore Lane Drainage Facility Retrofit (\$500,000)
- Arrowhead Dr Drainage Improvement Project (\$175,000)
- 66TH & 196TH Drainage Improvement Project (\$115,000)
- 61ST Geo-Stabilization Project (\$150,000)
- Little Swamp Creek Relocation Project (\$1,364,300)
- Future Drainage Facility Retrofit (\$600,000)

Transportation - SWM Portions of:

- Juanita DR Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Project (\$901,950)
- West Sammamish Bridge Project (\$1,200,000)
- Sidewalk Gap Projects (\$90,000)
- NE 153RD PL Project (\$40,661)
- NE 181ST Project Between 65TH & 67TH (\$111,701)

Facilities - SWM Portions of:

- Public Works Land & Shop (\$1,000,000)

Parks - SWM Portions of:

- Squire's Landing Waterfront/Mitigation Project (\$300,000)
- Log Boom Park Boathouse Pavilion (\$10,000)

The City must also inspect all privately-owned and operated drainage facilities!

Privately-owned Drainage Facilities in Kenmore

- 2,493 Catch Basins and Manholes
- 49.8 Miles of Stormwater Pipes/Culverts
- 6.1 Miles of Stormwater Ditches
- 34 Stormwater Vaults
- 36 Stormwater Ponds
- 39 Bioswales
- 81 Stormwater Detention Pipes



WHAT CAN I DO?

- ✓ Find and fix leaks to keep your car running and prevent pollution – Don't Drip and Drive!
- ✓ Water or materials that go into the drains are NOT treated. Do not pour anything into drains. Doing so will pollute our lake and streams. Only rain goes in the drain!
- ✓ Keep drains clear of leaves and debris. Never put litter or cigarette butts in drains!
- ✓ Please do not feed ducks. When you do so, their feces unnaturally contributes to water pollution, especially near our retention ponds.
- ✓ Properly store and dispose of hazardous materials, such as paints, liquids, oil, etc. so they don't make their way into our drains and water.
- ✓ Always pick up your pet waste and dispose of it properly in the garbage!

Have questions? We can help!

Contact us if you have any concerns!

Richard Sawyer
Environmental Services Manager
rsawyer@kenmorewa.gov, 425-398-8900





Five Ways Streams and Wetlands Keep Us and Our Environment HEALTHY

You might not think your local stream or that wetland in the woods is a big deal, but the water that flows through it could end up as someone's drinking water or where people swim or fish. Streams and wetlands aren't just a little piece of our water system; they're the foundation. They generate a large portion of the water that ends up in our lakes and rivers – so what happens upstream affects everything that lies downstream, including the water that flows by our homes and out of our taps.

There are many ways that streams and wetlands keep us and our environment healthy.

1. Filter pollution: Streams and wetlands reduce the pollution that flows to downstream rivers, lakes, bays and coastal waters. They help to trap nitrogen and phosphorus, which can cause environmental issues if they accumulate too much in one place. Small streams have been estimated to remove 20 to 40 percent of the nitrogen that otherwise would go downstream.

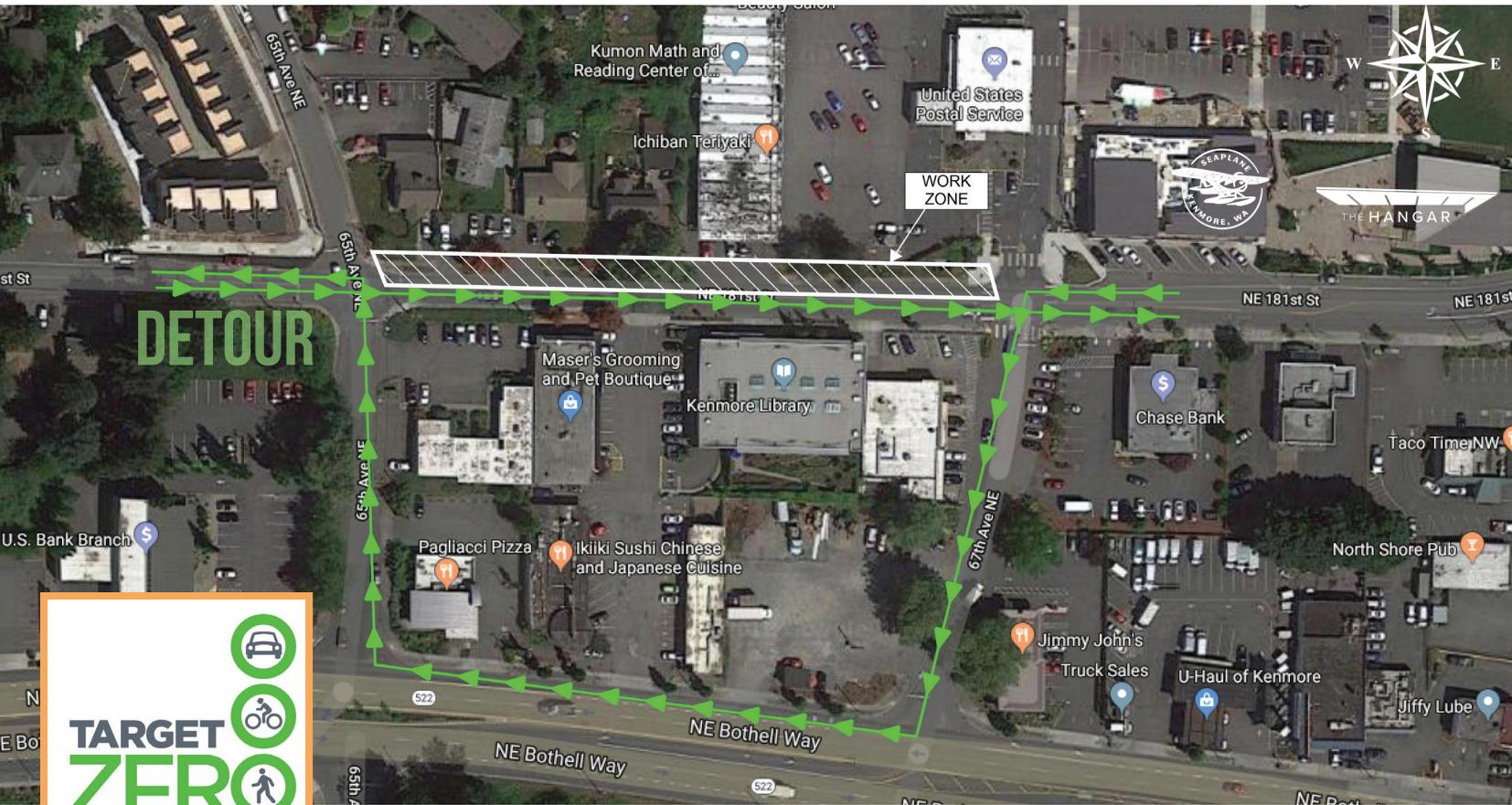
2. Trap floodwaters: Streams and wetlands can absorb significant amounts of rain and snowmelt before they flood, preventing that water from flowing downstream and putting homes and businesses at risk.

3. Recharge groundwater: Streams and wetlands play a key role in recharging groundwater. A major source of water in rivers in the Southwest is from groundwater released into streams that only flow part of the year.

4. Provide drinking water: Streams and wetlands play a critical role in providing clean drinking water by ensuring a continuous flow of water to surface waters and helping recharge underground aquifers. In the continental United States, 60 percent of streams only flow after rain or in certain times of the year. Approximately 117 million people – one in three Americans – get drinking water from public systems that rely on these streams.

5. Provide habitat for fish and wildlife: More than one-third of our country's threatened and endangered species live only in wetlands, and nearly half use wetlands at some point in their lives. For many animals and plants, like wood ducks, muskrat, cattails and swamp rose, inland wetlands are the only places they can live. For others, such as striped bass, peregrine falcons, otters, black bears, raccoons and deer, wetlands provide important food, water or shelter. (Source: <https://blog.epa.gov>)

NE 181ST STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTION APRIL - JULY 2019



More safe and comfortable pedestrian improvements are on the way! The City applied for grants in 2016 to secure funding to build sidewalk improvements along the north side of NE 181st St from 65th Ave NE to 67th Ave NE, in the heart of downtown. In 2017, the City was awarded a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Sidewalk Program grant to fund the project. An open house was held in Summer 2018 to solicit public feedback on design progress. We are now ready for construction!

The project will deliver new curbs & gutters, sidewalks, planter strips, street trees, parallel parking stalls, curb ramps, street and pedestrian lighting,

asphalt widening, driveways, storm drainage, utility relocation, and retaining walls. The large sycamore tree across from the King County library will be preserved with the project.

Please note, before our construction starts in April, PSE will be relocating a gas vault and lowering three gas services in NE 181st Street right-of-way between 65th Ave NE and 67th Ave NE that conflict with the proposed sidewalk improvements. PSE's work started in March 2019 and should be completed soon.

The westbound lane will be closed to through traffic. A detour will be in place for westbound traffic on NE 181st St. Local access to properties will be pro-

vided. The eastbound traffic lane and sidewalk on the southside of NE 181st St will still be open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. More info at kenmorewa.gov/181stSidewalks65th-67th.

COMING SOON!

153rd PL Sidewalk Improvements
Safe Routes to School Project
(Juanita to 70th Ave NE, south side)

PSE has been doing some work there already.

City of Kenmore construction expected to start in July 2019 and run until Oct 2019.

kenmorewa.gov/currentprojects

UPDATE: WEST SAMMAMISH BRIDGE PROJECT

PROJECT BIDDING DELAYED UNTIL FALL 2019 - CONSTRUCTION IN 2020

In February 2019, we let the community know that our West Sammamish River Bridge Replacement Project was being impacted by the federal government shutdown. Despite the best efforts of numerous agencies, critical timelines have not been met to secure all of the project permits, hire a contractor, and mobilize for the summer work window.

To ensure the project is done properly and to avoid any undue construction complications, the City has decided to delay the competitive bidding process for the project until early Fall 2019.

There are actually two different bridges carrying traffic over the Sammamish River (often known as 68th Ave NE). The northbound bridge was built in 1970 and is in good condition. The bridge being replaced is the southbound bridge - it was constructed in the 1930s. Due to the age of the bridge, weight restrictions went into effect in

2014 and the City began design for a new bridge in 2015.

The new bridge will be much wider than the existing one, about 45 feet wide compared to 30 feet, providing two 10-ft vehicular lanes and one 16-ft multi-use shared path for both pedestrian and bikes on the west side. There will also be a scenic overlook and seating area!

The northbound bridge will have new hand railing and street lights installed, but that side is not being replaced at this time.

We expected to start construction in Spring 2019, following a project timeline that meets all annual fish window requirements. The bridge contractor can only do work in the water when salmon are less likely to be around (fish window). To meet this summer fish window, there were multiple permitting milestones in early 2019 that had to be met and

unfortunately were not.

Prospective bidders have been contacted and advised of the new schedule.

“This bridge is a complicated project. There are so many state and federal permits and multiple agencies that must weigh in. When one or two dominoes don’t fall, it holds up so many other processes. If you ever wondered how a federal government shutdown could impact us at the local level, this is how.”

Rob Karlinsey
City Manager

Construction is expected to start in the first quarter of 2020 and could last up to three years. To learn more about the project, check kenmorewa.gov/westsammamishriverbridge.

Skyhawks Summer Camp

We have partnered with Skyhawks Sport Academy again this year to run summer camps for kids 3 – 12 years old at our very own Rhododendron Park (6910 NE 170th). Kids will have fun playing soccer, flag football, basketball, and baseball from July to mid-August. Space is limited so sign up soon! Register at www.skyhawks.com/Kenmore.

