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March 28, 2025



**WELCOME!**



# KENMORE CITY COUNCIL



*From top left:*

**Councilmember Jon Culver**

**Mayor Nigel Herbig**

**Councilmember Joe Marshall**

**Councilmember Nathan Loutsis**

*From bottom left:*

**Councilmember Debra Srebnik**

**Deputy Mayor Melanie O'Cain**

**Councilmember Valerie Sasson**





# YEAR IN REVIEW





# SAFE AND WELCOMING CITY



- Believe in the dignity, equality, and constitutional and civil rights of all people
- City Council is committed to continuing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) efforts
  - Safe and Welcoming City Resolution
- Support our community as changes occur at the federal level
- DEIA Advisory Committee
  - New events and community engagement





# BE A WELL-RUN CITY



- Positive interactions with our public
- Facilitate democracy
- Encourage and promote economic development

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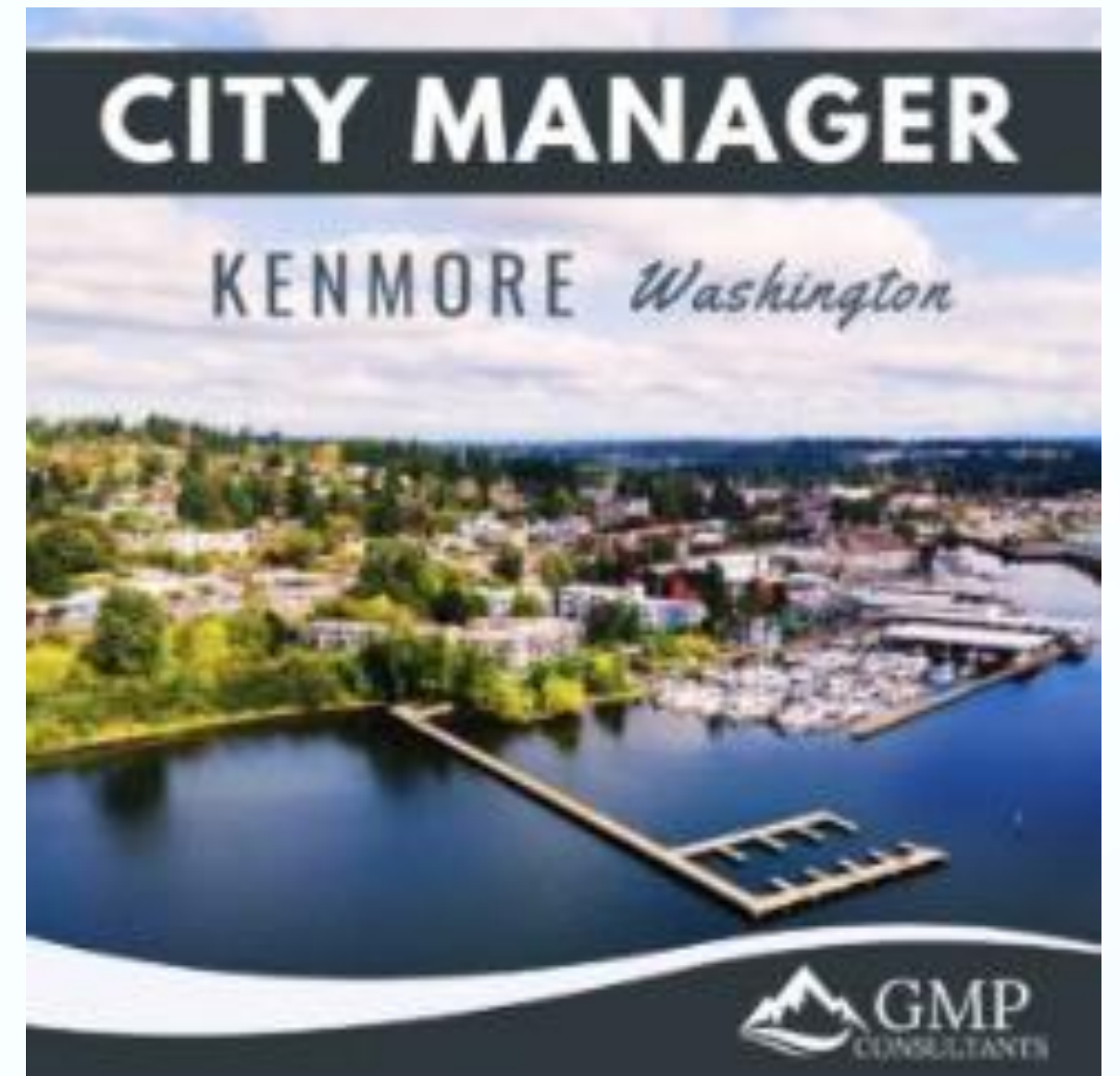
- Ensure public safety
- Maintain city infrastructure
- Comply with state and federal mandates
- Safeguard city finances and follow the Financial Sustainability Plan
- Plan for the city's future



# CITY MANAGER TRANSITION

## City Manager Transition in 2025

- Longtime City Manager Rob Karlinsey departed Kenmore earlier this month
- Stephanie Lucash has been appointed as Interim City Manager
- GMP Consultants has been hired to do an executive search for the permanent city manager
- The search is expected to take 4-6 months





# CITY OF KENMORE SERVICE VISION:

Propelling Kenmore Upward:

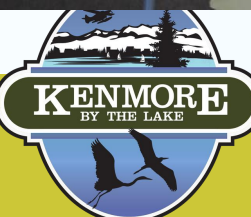
We create a thriving community where ***all*** people love where they live.





# GREATEST ASSET IS OUR PEOPLE

- **City Leadership Team and City Staff**
- **Bothell Kenmore Chamber, Kenmore Business Alliance (KBA) and KBA Executive Committee**
- **Commissions and Committees**
- **Co-Creators, Volunteers, Families, Partners Agencies and Community Partners**







# 2025 - 2026

## KENMORE CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The City's top priority will always be fulfilling its core mission, which includes City governance, ensuring public safety, maintaining the City's infrastructure, complying with state and federal mandates, and safeguarding the City's finances. In addition, achieving the City's 20-year vision as described in the Comprehensive Plan is of high importance. With this context, the City Council can emphasize certain initiatives or address specific problems through its priority-setting process each year. These priorities are described as follows:

1. Continue to implement the adopted Climate Action Plan and promote environmental stewardship, including water, air, forest, and habitat restoration and preservation.
2. Preserve and increase availability of all types of housing at all income levels, including the needs of people experiencing homelessness.
3. Finalize, adopt, and implement the Human Services Strategic Plan.
4. Promote sustainable Economic Development Strategies that enhance downtown and attract residents, small businesses, and visitors.
5. Enhance multimodal transportation, including pedestrian and bicycle safety.
6. Continue to seek opportunities to activate the Lakepointe property.
7. Broaden community engagement and foster fun.
8. Continue to implement the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Strategic Plan, including social justice reform.
9. Explore opportunities to expand Parks and Recreation.





# TAKING FLIGHT

**A YEAR OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES  
AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT  
TO ONGOING PRIORITIES**

- Lakepointe
- Imagine Housing
- Climate Action Plan
- Human Services Strategic Plan
- Public Works Operations Center
- Economic Development
- City Manager Transition





# UPWARD MOMENTUM



## ACTIONS WE'LL TAKE THIS YEAR





# LAKEPOINTE

## Making the Vision a Reality:

- Economic development combined with environmental stewardship and restoration
- Strong public interest in restored natural waterfront with a park overlooking the lake and a walkable urban village with restaurants, local shopping, and a place for people to live
- City received **\$7.5 million** in King County Conservation Futures grant funds and **\$450,000** in King County Cooperative Watershed Management Grant funds to support acquisition of the shoreline area
- **\$15 million** proposed in current version of King County Parks levy renewal
- In discussions with property owner - next steps





# CLIMATE ACTION PLAN



## 2025 Initiatives

- **Urban Forestry Management Plan**

- A guide to the long-term stewardship of Kenmore's urban forests
- Identify goals and priorities for tree planting, canopy cover, and best practices for tree planting and maintenance

- **EV Infrastructure Plan**

- Based on community feedback, electrical capacity, and high-volume areas, the Climate Action Plan (CAP) team is planning for future electric vehicle charging stations in Kenmore

- **Solarize Kenmore**

- Second year of the program with new \$1,000 rebate





# HOUSING



## “The Approach at Kenmore” in partnership with Imagine Housing

- Council approved a Purchase & Sale Agreement for the project on March 24, 2025
- **The development will include:**
  - 103 affordable rental units and
  - 18 affordable ownership units





# HOUSING



## Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, Emergency Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing (STEP) Committee

- Limited term advisory committee
- Eight members of the Kenmore community
- Will begin their work soon
- Will provide recommendations on regulations for
  - Emergency Shelters
  - Transitional Housing
  - Emergency Housing and
  - Permanent Supportive Housing.



# MIDDLE HOUSING & ADUS

- **Middle Housing**

- Expanding housing choices compatible with single-family neighborhoods such as duplex, triplex and fourplex
- The City is required to adopt regulations consistent with HB 1110 by June 30, 2025



- **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)**

- Allowing two ADUs per lot, promotes housing choice
- The City is required to adopt regulations consistent with HB 1337 by June 30, 2025





# TRANSPORTATION SAFETY



## 2025 Pedestrian and Bike Safety Priorities

- Candlesticks placed to protect cyclists
- Green Pavement Markings to highlight bike lanes at intersections
- Bike lane improvements (adding vertical markers to keep vehicles in lane)
- ADA accessibility (61st Ave NE)
- New sidewalks in design (several locations)



## Kenmore Automated Photo Enforcement Program Expansion in 2025

- Inglemoor High School KAPE installation coming soon
- Continue existing speed/red light safety cameras
- New speed safety camera location proposal coming soon





# PUBLIC SAFETY

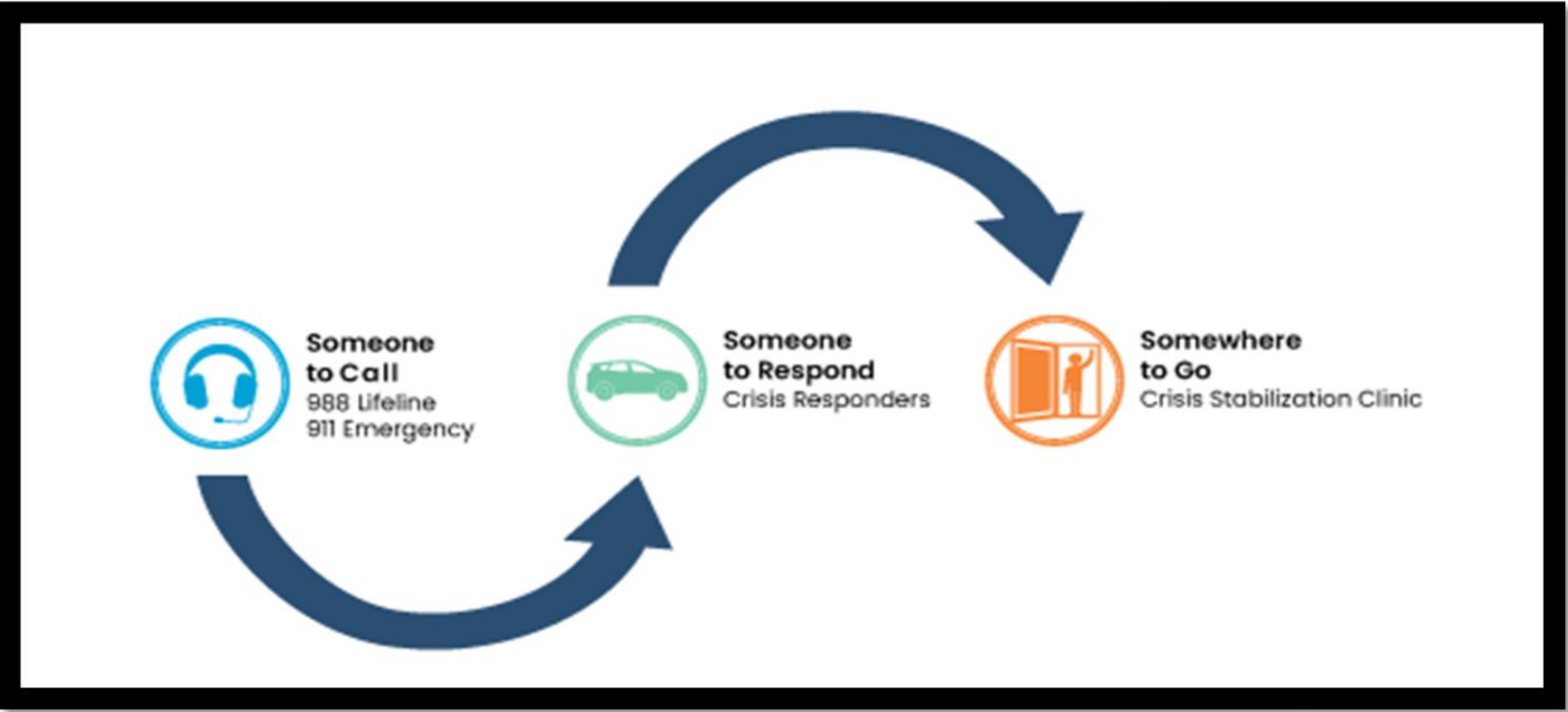
- Kenmore Police Department and Contract with King County Sheriff's Office
- Ranked 5th safest city in Washington by Safewise
- Regional Crisis Response Agency
- Municipal Court Services and Community Court
- Prosecutor and Public Defense
- Regional Fire Authority
- Vacation House Check Program
- Safe Place Program





# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

## Continuum of Care



## Regional Crisis Response Agency



## Connections Kirkland

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Connections Kirkland crisis response center is open 24/7/365. The center offers a range of services for adults in crisis, including walk-in mental health urgent care, stabilization units, extended stabilization units, and outpatient recovery services.





# HUMAN SERVICES



## Human Services Strategic Plan

- Continue implementation of the recommendations in the Human Services Needs Assessment
- Facilitate the term-limited Human Services Advisory Group
- Formalize a six-year Human Services Strategic Plan

## Human Services Contracts

- \$190,000 distributed across twenty agencies in support of programs serving Kenmore residents

## Navigator and Utility Assistance

- Budgeted support for resource navigation specific to Kenmore residents, including an assistance program





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

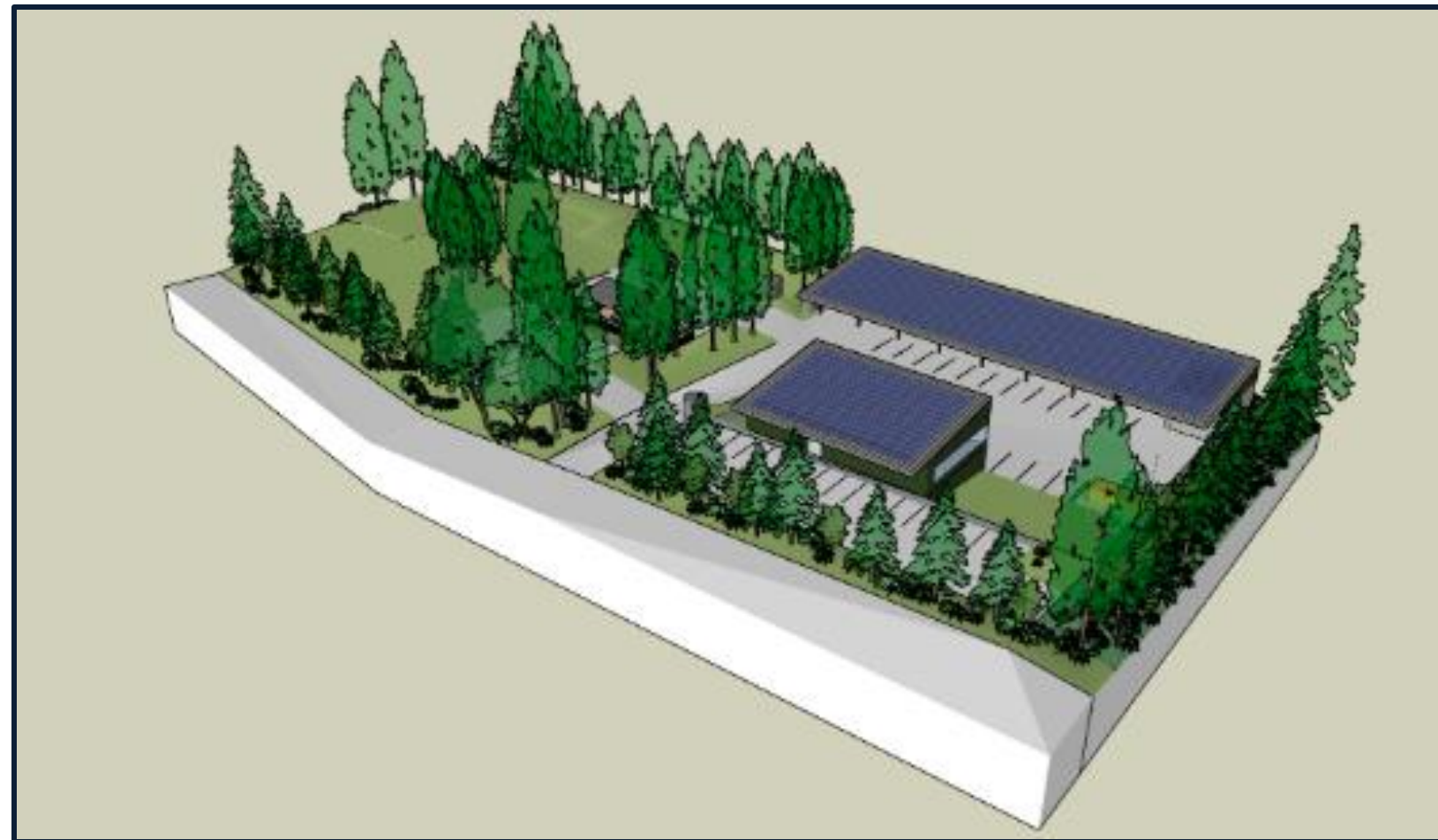
## Economic Development Approach



- **Community feedback (Love Where You Live Project) and expert advice (Urban Land Institute) showed strong support for increased economic development efforts such as restaurants and retail; upcoming Restaurant and Retail Study**
- **Explore ways to engage with the 2,500+ businesses operating in Kenmore**
- **Bothell Kenmore Chamber & Business Partnerships**
  - Kenmore Business Alliance (KBA) continues to grow and shape projects like [findkenmore.org](http://findkenmore.org)
  - KBA Executive Committee
  - Oktoberfest
  - International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) in 2026
- **Implement tourism grant and explore additional grant funding**



# PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS CENTER



## Public Works Operations Center Work in 2025

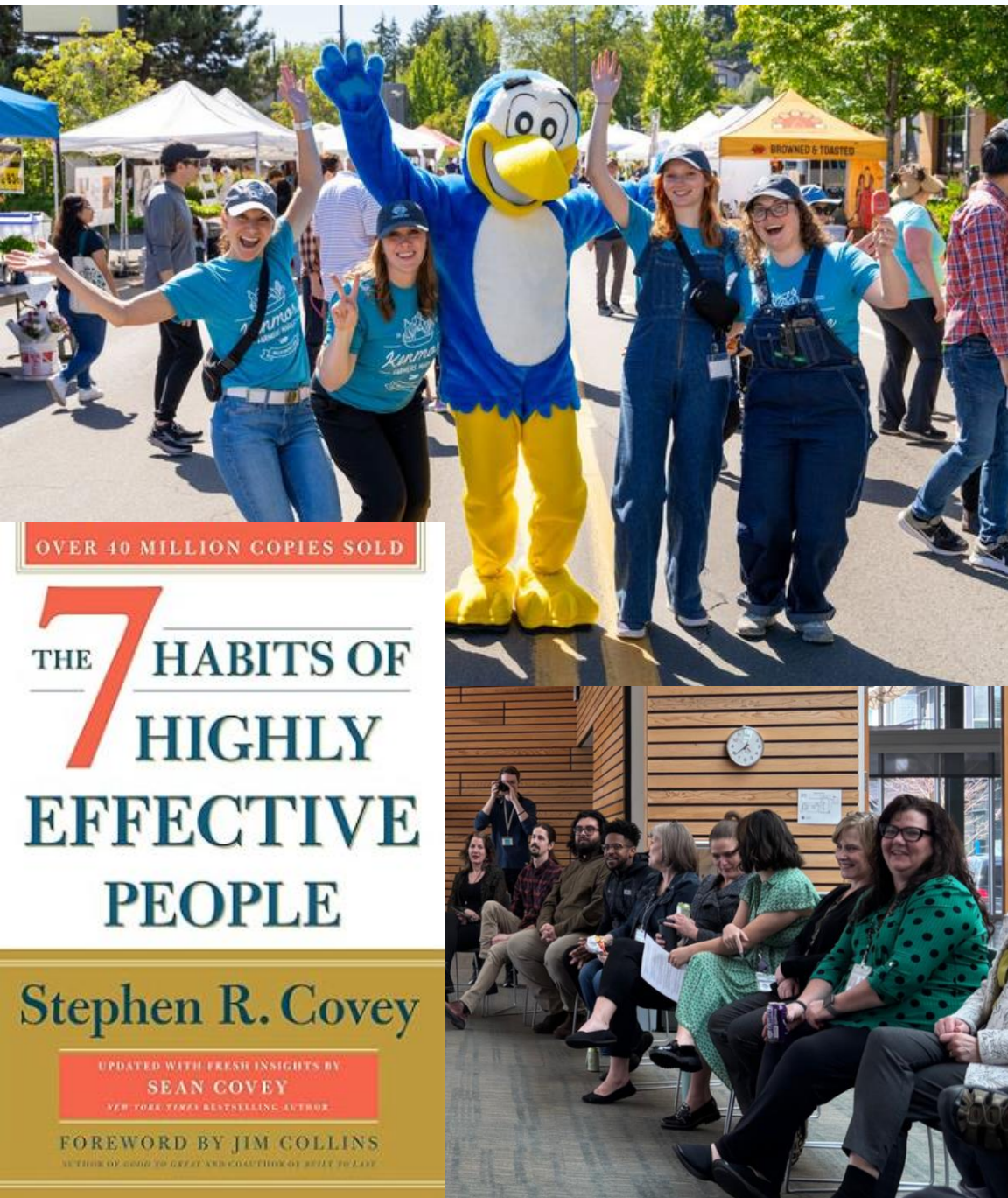
- Currently in design and planning process for new Public Works Operations Center
- Will be located on NE 202nd Street, just south of Kenmore Middle School
- Permits submitted this spring; bid process on site improvements this summer
- Building improvement permitting and bidding to follow
- Plan to complete construction sometime in 2026 to 2027
- Total estimated cost of \$22.5 million, including property acquisition costs



# ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH

## 2025 Programs

- Organization-wide work using the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
- All-Staff meetings and trainings including Essential Motivators and Interaction Styles
- Wellness Programs
- Employee appreciation and recognition events and new initiatives to bring people together and recognize employees and their efforts





# WE ARE IN THE BUSINESS OF

- Building Community and a Sense of Place
- Improving Equity and Social Justice
- Saving Lives and Reducing Human Suffering
- Supporting Community Health and Well Being
- Being Stewards of the Public's Resources
- Facilitating Democracy
- Protecting the Environment
- Beautifying our City
- Planning for a Better Future
- Helping Local Businesses Succeed
- Creating a Respectful & Supportive Work Environment for City Employees
- Asking "Where's the Fun?"





# RECOGNITION

## WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER

- **Business community**
  - Bothell Kenmore Chamber and The Lodge at St. Edward Park – thank you for hosting
  - KBA Executive Committee and KBA members
- **Elected officials and neighboring city leaders**
- **Partner agencies**
- **Non-profits and others serving our community**
- **Co-creators**
- **Community leaders and volunteers including those serving on commissions and committees**
- **Educators, students, parents, families**
- **City team**
- **City Council**





# THANK YOU

