



**City of Kirkland Community
Engagement Survey**

Verbatim Responses

From May 14-June 2 2024, DHM Research conducted an of City of Kirkland community residents. The purpose of the online survey was to assess and track community members' attitudes and opinions about quality of life, service priorities and satisfaction levels in the City of Kirkland.

This document includes verbatim responses to the 5 open-ended question in the survey, including [Q10; What do you like best about living in Kirkland?] and [Q11; When you think about the way things are going in Kirkland, what, if anything, concerns you?].

Although we attempt to provide the original comments in full, in order to avoid unduly editing of participants' own words, in a few select cases we removed comments that explicitly called for violence or were a personal insult to a specific elected official. These cases are denoted by a bracketed statement referencing the nature of the removed comment.

Q10. What do you like best about living in Kirkland?

1) safety within the community, 2) cleanliness
Access
Access
Access outdoors
Access to lake
Access to lake and parks/woodlands, diverse population, close to mountains and city
Access to lake Washington, parks, downtown Kirkland, good schools and friendly
Access to the lake and parks
Access to the lake.
Access to waterfront and stores plus all the events throughout the year
amazing parks
Amenities
beach volleyball by the lake
Beautiful and low crime
Beautiful downtown, waterfront parks
Beautiful parks, small town feel, access to the lake and views
Beautiful safe place to live.
Beautiful view, traffic not too bad
Beautiful, safe (mostly), convenient, friendly.
Beautiful, safe, friendly, not too crowded, no homeless encampments.
Being about to walk into town from where we live
Being close to the water, the community & small businesses/local feel
Being in a walkable community with decent transport links
Central location, beautiful views, great parks
Central location, nice neighborhoods
Central location, parks, convenient to grocery stores
Centrally located
Charm and activities
Citizens that take care of their property and neighborly engagement with law city staff and council are responsive and engaged
Clean
Clean
Clean
Clean and safe
Clean and safe
Clean city, less crimes
Clean safe and beautiful parks
Clean-green-kozachok
Clean, lots of activities, shopping
Clean, safe, in a bubble
clean, safe, interesting

Close proximity to the water
Close to bus transportation
Close to family
Close to good retail and medical
close to lake
Close to stores, okay schools lower crime than Seattle
Close to work
closeness to transportation routes
Closer to the kirkland downtown, bellevue
Community
Community
Community
Community
Community
Community activities for families
Community and access to parks.
Community and safety
Community resources
Community, open spaces access to walking trails and parks
Community/safety
Compact walkable downtown area.
Convenience
Convenient , easy to access lake
Convenient and quiet
Convenient getting to other places
Costco
Cross country corridor
Cute houses with backyards
Diverse environment (lots of parks, workplaces, shopping, etc.)
Downtown
Downtown
Downtown lakefront area-lots of restaurants, beautiful view
Downtown walkability
Downtown walking, art, parks, restaurants
Downtown water front, trails, parks without homeless
East rail and park lane
Easy access to water
Energy
Environment
Everything is close by
Excellent location, good schools, and great facilities
Fairly safe, good community, good people, easy access to resources.

Fewer social
forested areas to walk in and at least some walkable food shops
Friendly
Friendly neighbors
Friendly people, green spaces, eclectic neighborhoods, walkable, tolerable traffic,
Good schools
Good value
great neighborhoods and parks
Great open spaces for kids and adults
great residential and business area
Green space, beautiful and charming downtown, safe
Green spaces
Greenery
Have felt safe, clean, walkable
I feel safe
I feel safe not being harassed by panhandlers or drugged out persons using the
I like the size of the city. closeness to Seattle
I like the walkable downtown, the parks, and the overall feel
I love my house, garden & neighbors
I love the neighborhoods and sense of community in them
I loved the small town friendly atmosphere that used to be Kirkland now its
I own a home; only because i bought it 30 yrs ago
I was born here and the sense of community
Infrastructure is pretty well maintained; feel safe walking in my neighborhood.
It feels like HOME & I love the community, small businesses & the people I've known
It has a small community vibe and safe to live in.
It is not Seattle.
it use to be safe
It used to be a nice small town on the lake but now tooo many apartments and
It's a combination of things
It's a relatively quiet place that's still convenient to urban amenities.
It's a safe and clean city with low crime rate, beautiful parks and welcoming
It's a safe place
It's a wonderful family friendly city that is great to raise children in - safe, clean, great neighborhood community, very good suburban lifestyle which meets our needs at
It's casual. Has good parks. Nice homes.
It's pretty clean
It's safe, close to nature, fun, walk able, lots of parks
It's unique and feels small town
Its location
Kirkland is the definition of the ideal all-american community. Density cores, suburbs,
Lack of homeless encapments, safe city

Lake access
Lake views, restaurants, nice neighborhoods, close to Seattle
Lake Washington and parks
Lake Washington and proximity to Bellevue
Lake, natural areas, coca
Lakefront village
Lakes, parks, safety
Large residential areas with single family homes and sidewalks for walking. Hoa
Living near downtown Kirkland makes it possible to live largely without a car
Living near everything
Location
Location
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Location
location
Location
Location
Location
Location and a well maintained city with lots of amenities
Location and though it's a good-sized and growing city, it does maintain a small
Location to other cities and my neighborhoods
Location to water and downtown
Location, downtown
Location, parks, services, walkable areas, waterfront, community
location, safety
Location, the natural beauty, but that's sadly diminished in recent years
Lots of green space for young families.
Low population density. Clean city. No homeless on streets.
Manageable size, low density
Many parks, businesses
Minimize high rise, some sidewalks, trees and locale to many companies, shopping
More parks and recreation area, low density
Mostly peaceful
My close commute
My daughter lives here.
My family is here
My house - privacy yet close enough to shops and restaurants. Great parks.
My neighborhood and my house
N/a
N/a
N/a
NA

Natural beauty
Natural beauty and quaintness
Nature
Nature, quiet, nice people, lively downtown
Near lake
Near Seattle, Bellevue, Bothell, and Redmond
Neighborhood feel
Neighborhoods and parks
Neighborhoods, parks
Neighborhoods! Green space, walkable, the lake, the sunlight, the people and neighbors, parks
Nice community...Lake Washington
Nice parks, access to water, pretty clean and safe.
nice people, nature, schools, good commut to Bellevue, Redmond, Seattle
No homeless
NO Homeless allowed to run the city down, unlike Seattle which we left!!!
No homeless encampments!
No homeless people
not much currently - taxes and utility rates suck. badly managed city that needs to
Not over populated
Old neighborhood feel, my neighbors, sidewalks/walkability, few tall buildings.
Open spaces & parks
Open spaces, walking paths, the lake, trees, community
Open-minded and compassionate culture, easy access to green space
Park's public safety
Parking
Parks
Parks
Parks
Parks
Parks
Parks
Parks
Parks
Parks
Parks
Parks + walkability
Parks and access to the lake and waterfront views. Small shops. Coffee.
Parks and community activities
Parks and lake
Parks and rec
Parks and trails
Parks and trails

Parks, friendly atmosphere, well maintained neighborhoods
Parks, lake access.
Parks, safety, libraries.
Parks, services
Parks, the lake, downtown Kirkland, clean,
Parks, walkability, neighborhoods
Parks, waterfront, pool
Peaceful
Peaceful and clean
People smile
Proximity
Proximity to a top rated hospital, shopping and waterfront.
Proximity to big city w/out as much crime or traffic
Proximity to downtown Kirkland parks and businesses
Proximity to everything important to us
proximity to everything, cross kirkland corridor
Proximity to Lake
Proximity to lake, freeway
Proximity to other places
Proximity to regional job centers, downtown
Proximity to shopping, libraries, freeway access
Proximity to the coast
Proximity to waterfront and nature trails
Quiet and non urban for now
Quiet and peaceful
Quiet city with easy access to recreation
Quiet neighborhoods
Quiet place
Quiet, quick responding services (e.g., medical, fire), park infrastructure for families
Residential single family homes.
Residential, quiet, walking
Safe
Safe
Safe and accessible
Safe community, easy to get around, beautiful area
Safe neighborhoods, low crime
Safe!!
Safe. Easy access to services and to natural walking /cycling trails and access for
Safety
Safety
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Safety

Safety
Safety
Safety
Safety
Safety
Safety
Safety and cleanliness
Safety, beauty, parks
Safety, beauty, social programs for adults & children
Safety, community, close to shopping
Safety, landscape, community feel
School District and parks
Schools
Schools. Waterfront. Friends.
Security
Sense of community
Sense of community
Shorter buildings. Quiet neighborhoods with families. Being close to the water.
Small beach town feel, yet modern city. Safe and clean
small but growing with grace
small community, neighbors, parks
Small town community feel
Small town community feel, proximity to water
Small town feel
Small town feel - safe
Small town feel, clean, safe
Small town feel, friendly people
Small town feel, well maintained parks
So far it feels safe. good schools. nice parks. Aesthetically pleasing.
Some of the views
St eddy's
Suburban city with amenities
Suburban neighborhoods with reasonable proximity to retail stores and other
Take it easy
That it is a very well-governed, well-managed city. The city government is forward
The beauty and amenities.
The beauty of the location.
The beauty, the lakefront, and community vibe.
The character of buildings that are not flat blocks and the greenery.
The cleanliness and the friendly atmosphere
The close knit community feel
The close knit, village feel. low density as compared to Seattle and Bellevue.

The close proximity of parks, cleanliness, walkability, downtown area
The community
The community and all the parks !
the community and everthing.
The community and sense of safety
The community, the parks and the town
The environment, the parks, the library, the summer activities, the diversity of the
The family neighborhoods that are safe and single family homes. The parks and the
The festivals and activities and leach college
The lack of crime and drugs. Our kids are safer than other parts of the region.
The lake
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The lake, downtown, and proximity to nature.
The location, raising my children in the community, my neighborhood
The many trees and parks and that it is safe to walk (in particular as a woman walking
The nature, green trails and the lake.
The neighborhood feeling. The parks. The schools.
The parks
The parks
The parks
The parks and green spaces
The parks, beaches, and outdoor areas
The parks, small communities, small shopping centers, the people, open spaces,
The quaint safe town feel
The safe neighborhood which is slowly deteriorating due to city council decisions
The safety, the small town feel, the unique businesses, the parks, how it's not Seattle
The security, the parks, the friendliness of the people, that it's very clean, that we
have more options to shop and a movie theater, the new roundabout on 132nd
The sense of community
The sense of community that I feel from volunteering in community organizations.
The total enviroment. Clean and lawful for the most part.
The view
The water, trees, the community events (4th of July parade), the pool
The waterfront
Thoughtful leaders and innovative local government
Totem lake, healthcare, low crime, friendly people
trees, lake access, parks
trees, open public areas
Trees, walkability
Upscale
View

View of lake and low crime
Walk ability
Walkability
Walkability
Walkability
Walkability
Walkability and bike ability, schools, neighborhood feel, access to water and green
Walkability from our apartment
Walkability, access to waterfront, access to transportation
Walkability, current size and density
Walkability, good parks well maintained, coca
Walkable
Walkable and safe streets with lots of downtown amenities
Walkable city, excellent parks, coca is a gem, thoughtful & responsive city council, diversity of languages heard in parks & neighborhoods, totem lake village is now a
Walkable downtown. Lots of restaurants, Boba, etc. Green spaces, parks, coca.
Walkable, low crime, good people
Walkable, low crime, no tents & graffiti everywhere
Walkable, restaurants, waterfront parks
Walking into downtown. Charming. Not selling out like downtown Bellevue.
Water
Water access
Water access and downtown
Water, trails, restaurants
Waterfront
Waterfront and downtown
We have everything needed right in our town.
We live the waterfront, our schools and school community.
Whatever