

# KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – JUNE 2024



## KIRKLAND SENIOR ART SHOW

The Kirkland Senior Council organized the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Kirkland Senior Art Show during June. Over 200 entries from 92 artists over age 50 were shown, illustrating the theme of the show, *Creativity is Ageless*. Six categories were available for artists to submit their artworks to the show: oil and acrylics, watercolor, pastels and drawings, other media, photographs, and quilts. The artwork was on display from June 7, 2024 through June 21, 2024 at Merrill Gardens in downtown Kirkland.

The opening reception took place on Friday, June 7 with live music, appetizers, and a no host wine bar. During the opening reception, community members were invited to enjoy the art and vote for the People's Choice Awards.

The following artists won People's Choice Awards and ribbons:

Oil and Acrylics      1<sup>st</sup> - Merchant Yasin  
                                 2<sup>nd</sup> - Wendy Radar-Konofalski  
                                 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ruth Russell

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Watercolor            1<sup>st</sup> - Dinesh Indurkar  
                                 2<sup>nd</sup> - Diane Drennon  
                                 3<sup>rd</sup> - Valerie Bouagnon

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Pastel and Drawings    1<sup>st</sup> - Kimberly Smith  
                                 2<sup>nd</sup> - Hee Moon Kim  
                                 3<sup>rd</sup> - Grant Perry

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Other Media            1<sup>st</sup> - Kim Woods Nakanishi  
                                 2<sup>nd</sup> - Arvind Poothia  
                                 3<sup>rd</sup> - Stanley Wolf

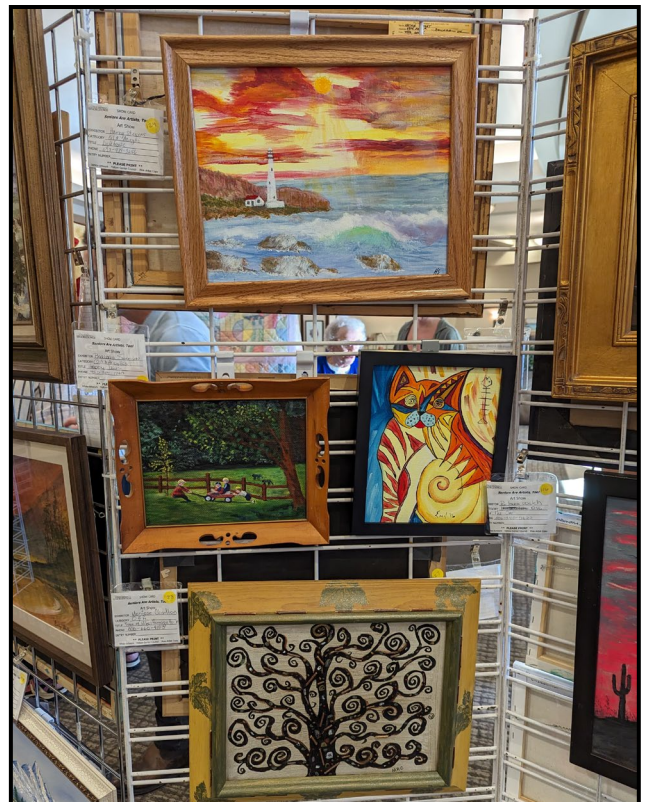
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Photography            1<sup>st</sup> - Dale Drorah  
                                 2<sup>nd</sup> - Heather Ebey  
                                 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dianne Lutterloh

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Quilts                    1<sup>st</sup> - Claire Fell  
                                 2<sup>nd</sup> - Karen Lynn Mather  
                                 3<sup>rd</sup> - Eva Holden

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## ADMINISTRATION

### HOUGHTON PARK AND RIDE ACTIVATION

City Council opened the pickleball courts at the temporary Houghton Park and Play on June 11. Additional improvements will be added throughout the summer. Save the date for a ribbon cutting on Thursday, August 8, 2024. For more information, please visit:

[WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/HOUGHTON-PARK-AND-PLAY](http://WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/HOUGHTON-PARK-AND-PLAY)



## HUMAN SERVICES

### CITY OF BELLEVUE SAFE PARKING PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Human Services staff attended the opening celebration of the City of Bellevue’s Safe Parking program on June 17. This program provides a secure, gated location for those who reside primarily in their vehicles, to safely park while receiving supportive services. The program, operated by non-profit community organization 4 Tomorrow, prioritizes families with children and provides a day center with restrooms, showers, kitchen, recreation room, computers, community closet, and weekly community meal. Case Managers meet with participants at least once a week to identify and support stability goals that lead to permanent housing. The anticipated stay for participants is 90 days, depending on needs and barriers to stable housing. Since opening in May, 15 vehicles have parked at the site and 21 adults and 33 children have used the onsite support services. Residents of two vehicles have already graduated to permanent housing. The Safe Parking program is a one-year pilot funded by City of Bellevue, but available to residents living in vehicles in East King County.

### 2024 KIRKLAND HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR: SAVE-THE-DATE!

The Kirkland Health and Wellness Fair is back! The 4th annual event will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2024 at Juanita High School from 10 AM to 2 PM. There will be various health and wellness services provided to the community at no cost.

### CELEBRATING 2023-2024 KIRKLAND YOUTH COUNCIL

On June 9, the Kirkland Youth Council (KYC) held their annual spring celebration at Kirkland City Hall. Councilmember Neal Black joined KYC to share a few words of wisdom, encouragement, and gratitude for their collective work.

Outgoing KYC Co-Chair Sophia Lymberis was recognized for her outstanding achievements and dedication. Sophia received the 2024 Eileen Trentman Memorial Scholarship at the Community Appreciation Night in May. This annual scholarship is awarded to teens who have dedicated their time and efforts as volunteers for the City of Kirkland. In June, Sophia also received the Matthew Dahl Memorial Scholarship. This award is given to a graduating KYC member in honor of Matthew Dahl, who served on KYC from 2012-14.



### HOMELESS OUTREACH SUCCESS STORIES

Homeless Outreach Coordinator Meli Paulo shared these inspiring updates regarding her work with unhoused neighbors in the community.

- “Bill” is a senior living with a disability who was previously housed in Kirkland. When Bill could no longer afford to pay rent on his fixed income, he fell into homelessness and has been living in his car for the past ten years. Meli has been providing support to Bill since the end of 2023. The City has provided Bill support with vehicle maintenance costs and an extended stay in a local hotel as part of the Hotel Set Aside pilot program. During that time, Bill applied for King County’s Health Through Housing (HTH) program. He was approved for permanent, supportive housing and moved into the Redmond HTH site on June 28, 2024.

- Meli has been working with a family of five that owed over \$7,000 in rental debt, which was preventing the family from getting approved for housing. Meli reached out to the Redmond Homeless Program Administrator who was able to connect Meli and the family with Africatown, a local non-profit in King County. Africatown has approved and paid the family's entire rental debt, allowing the family to apply for apartments through the Housing Connector program.
- Meli recently housed a resident who she connected with in the fall of 2023 when Kirkland hosted the Camp United We Stand sanctioned encampment. Recently exiting homelessness, the client did not have a lot of items to furnish their apartment after move-in. Meli worked with Move-In Ministry to furnish the individual's new apartment at the Together Center.

## PARK PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Below is a high-level summary and status update of the active Park Planning and Development projects. Please visit the Park Planning and Development [WEBSITE](#) to learn more about these projects.

### EVEREST PARK PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT

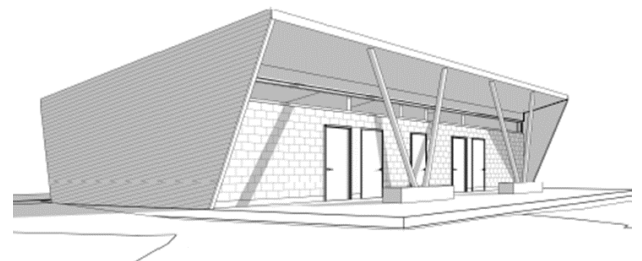
Everest Park playground has been identified as the next playground to be replaced for the benefit of the community. Staff plans to release contract with a playground manufacturer to complete this work.

*Background of the Project:* This ongoing capital project fund strives to replace aging playgrounds and improve sports courts in the parks throughout the system.

### HOUGHTON AND EVEREST RESTROOM REPLACEMENT

The restroom building at Houghton Park is planned for replacement. During the scoping process, staff identified opportunities to analyze the building's current location and potential for programmatic improvements. Staff has contracted with a consultant to develop preliminary 10% design options and costing for further consideration. Design is underway.

The restroom building at Everest Park is planned for design in 2024 and construction in 2025 due to its age and condition. Staff has contracted with a consultant to develop design and construction drawings. Design is underway.



Everest Park 30% design rendering

*Background of the Project:* This capital project repairs or replaces park restrooms in the system. Restrooms at Houghton and Everest Restrooms have been identified for replacement due to their age and condition.

### MARINA PARK SHORELINE RENOVATIONS

The project has been refined to focus on repairs to the south fingers and pier along with a few upland repairs and modest path and amenity improvements. The consultant finalized 60% drawings which were presented to City Council on June 18, 2024. Staff received direction to continue designs to 90% and return with refined cost estimates and a funding plan.

*Background of the Project:* Shoreline structures at Marina Park were evaluated and identified for repairs in the 2019 Kirkland Shoreline Structures Assessment Report. In late 2022, a portion of the sidewalk and stairs at Marina Park experienced significant subsidence.

### O.O. DENNY PARK PICNIC SHELTER

A new additional picnic shelter has been designed and will be constructed in proximity to the existing shelter, adding capacity for the community. The project is currently in permitting with bidding later this summer.

*Background of the Project:* Addition of a picnic shelter using funds transferred from the Finn Hill Park District.

## PARK MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

### STILL MOWING, AND WEEDING, AND MULCHING...

June has continued to bring perfect plant-growing weather which is awesome for the trees in the forests and the flowers in the beds! Unfortunately, this weather is also awesome for the grass and the weeds which means we've been doing more mowing, weeding, and mulching than usual this month. Here are monthly highlights from our four crews:

#### BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Renovated the beach volleyball courts at Juanita Beach with the help of dedicated volunteers.
- Striped the new pickleball courts, and installed nets, at the temporary Houghton Park and Play.
- Kept ballfields playable despite the rainy weather.
- Removed unauthorized bike jumps from the trails at Crestwoods.
- Initiated preparations for the World Series at Everest.
- Pressure washed sports courts at several locations.
- Completed burial services and internments at the cemetery.



Volunteers at Juanita Beach volleyball courts

#### HORTICULTURE

- Cleared branches, downed trees, leaves, and debris at all parks after high winds.
- Repaired eroded shorelines at OO Denny, Waverly Beach, and Houghton Beach parks.
- Oversaw contractors removing high risk cottonwood trees at Yarrow Bay.
- Weeded and mulched the beds at Heritage Hall.
- Inspected and repaired irrigation intakes at all waterfront parks.
- Repaired broken irrigation lines at Peter Kirk Park.
- Removed a dead tree adjacent to Heritage Hall.
- Released lady bugs at Marina Park to control aphids on the trees.



Removing high-risk trees at Yarrow Bay

#### NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Overhauled the parking lot beds adjacent to the artwork at Juanita Beach.
- Began filling cisterns and watering trees and restoration areas.
- Supported dozens of volunteer events including several with Google as part of their annual Google Serve program.
- Removed brush piles and debris from Fisk Family Park.
- Brush cut blackberry and scotch broom at Watershed Park.
- Removed poison hemlock at Windsor Vista.
- Set up irrigation systems at Windsor Vista and Everest Park.

#### SUPPORT

- Installed a new gate at the entrance to the temporary Houghton Park and Play.
- Installed shower drain catchment at Juanita Beach to reduce sand build up on the lawn.
- Repaired a broken bench at Brink.
- Installed a new drinking fountain at Juanita Bay.
- Striped the parking lots at Crestwoods Park and the pool.
- Installed a new pump at the pool after a complete failure shut the pool down for the day.



New drinking fountain at Juanita Bay

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Green Kirkland Partnership is hosting 8 events in July. More information can be found at [WWW.GREENKIRKLAND.ORG](http://WWW.GREENKIRKLAND.ORG). We hope to see you there!

## RECREATION SERVICES

### POOL OPENED FOR THE BUSY SUMMER SEASON

The Peter Kirk Pool opened for the 2024 Summer Season on Monday, June 3. The pool was open for lessons and lap swim on weekdays while Lake Washington School District was still in session. The first day of full summer programming was Saturday, June 29. For additional information about the programs/services offered at the pool including a complete schedule of activities, please visit [WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/AQUATICS](http://WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/AQUATICS).



### ADULT SUMMER SPORTS LEAGUES

Summer sports leagues are in full swing!

- Softball has started at Crestwoods Park with six teams competing to become the champs of Kirkland.
- Looking to improve your pickleball game? Roger Bel Air is back this summer teaching clinics on Monday nights at Everest Park.
- Beach Volleyball is bumpin' and spikin' all week at Juanita Beach with 32 teams competing in various skill division to become the best of the beach.

### KIRKLAND STEPPERS PROGRAM RETURNS

The Kirkland Steppers Program kicked off its 21st season of weekly walks on Tuesday, June 4 with a breakfast and giveaways sponsored by MorningStar Senior Living of Kirkland. There are 108 enthusiast walkers registered for the 2024 program. The program ends on August 20 and it's not too late to join. We are thankful for longtime sponsor EvergreenHealth, whose continued support has added to the success of this program.

### SUMMER CAMPS AND MORE

Kirkland's longest running day camp, Peter Kirk Day Camp, is back and more fun than ever. This year over 180 campers will enjoy arts and crafts, sports and games, field trips, in-house guests and weekly trips to the pool and beaches. In addition to the Peter Kirk Day Camp, the department is hosting a wide variety of camps for youth from age 3 to 17. Camps are being held at over 15 locations across Kirkland, including both community centers, multiple parks, local schools, and off-site partner locations. For example, McVander Hockey is hosting camps and clinics at the North Kirkland Community Center.



McVander Hockey Clinic at North Kirkland Community Center

### TEENS AND KTUB

Kirkland teens kicked off summer with a "School's Out, Pool Party" on Friday, June 28 at the Peter Kirk Pool. Over 75 youth attended the event to celebrate the start of summer and get a sneak peek at the Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB). The Teen KTUB Launch Team held their first meeting on Wednesday, June 5. The team was created to provide feedback regarding KTUB plans and assist with various projects to support the re-opening of the teen center in September 2024.

## SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES

Staff support activities listed below through permitting; coordination with other City departments for street closures, Fire and Police support, safety and sanitary regulations, and banners; City facility use such as parks, parking lots, and streets, evening and weekend on-call logistical support; and communication with the public. Learn more at [KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS](http://KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS).



### NAMIWALKS WASHINGTON

NAMI Washington proudly hosted the annual mental health walk at Marina Park on June 1. More than 800 supporters registered for the 5k walk along Lake Washington Boulevard. Attendees reveled in the beautiful spring weather while they explored the resource fair, snacked on yummy treats, had fun with crafts and games, and enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow advocates united to raise funds and awareness. NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization, committed to enhancing the lives of Americans affected by mental illness. Learn more about the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) at [WWW.NAMI.ORG](http://WWW.NAMI.ORG).



### KIRKLAND WEDNESDAY MARKET

The 2024 Kirkland Wednesday Market returned to Marina Park this month with a new market manager, Samantha Glass. Shoppers will enjoy past favorites while discovering new vendors, tasty flavors, and crafty entrepreneurs. The weekly farmers market offers food access programs such as the Farmers Market Nutrition Program for WIC and Seniors and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP EBT. Learn more about market offerings at [KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG/EVENTS/KIRKLAND-MARKET/](http://KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG/EVENTS/KIRKLAND-MARKET/).



### JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET

The 2024 Juanita Friday Market opened on June 7, 2024 with 37 vendors and great weather. Staff accepted 48 vendors for the 2024 market season including 12 new vendors.

This year the market welcomed Sweetgreen as the "Kind of a Big Dill" sponsor. Market entertainment is sponsored by Parkshore Juanita Bay and will feature an eclectic lineup including jazz, keyboardists, duos, trios, and hula. The Busy Lil' Bees Kid's Booth, sponsored by Kirkland Kids Dentistry, is up and running with crafts and once a month face painting. The reusable Juanita Friday Market totes will return for giveaways throughout the season. Learn about the market at:

[WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET](http://WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

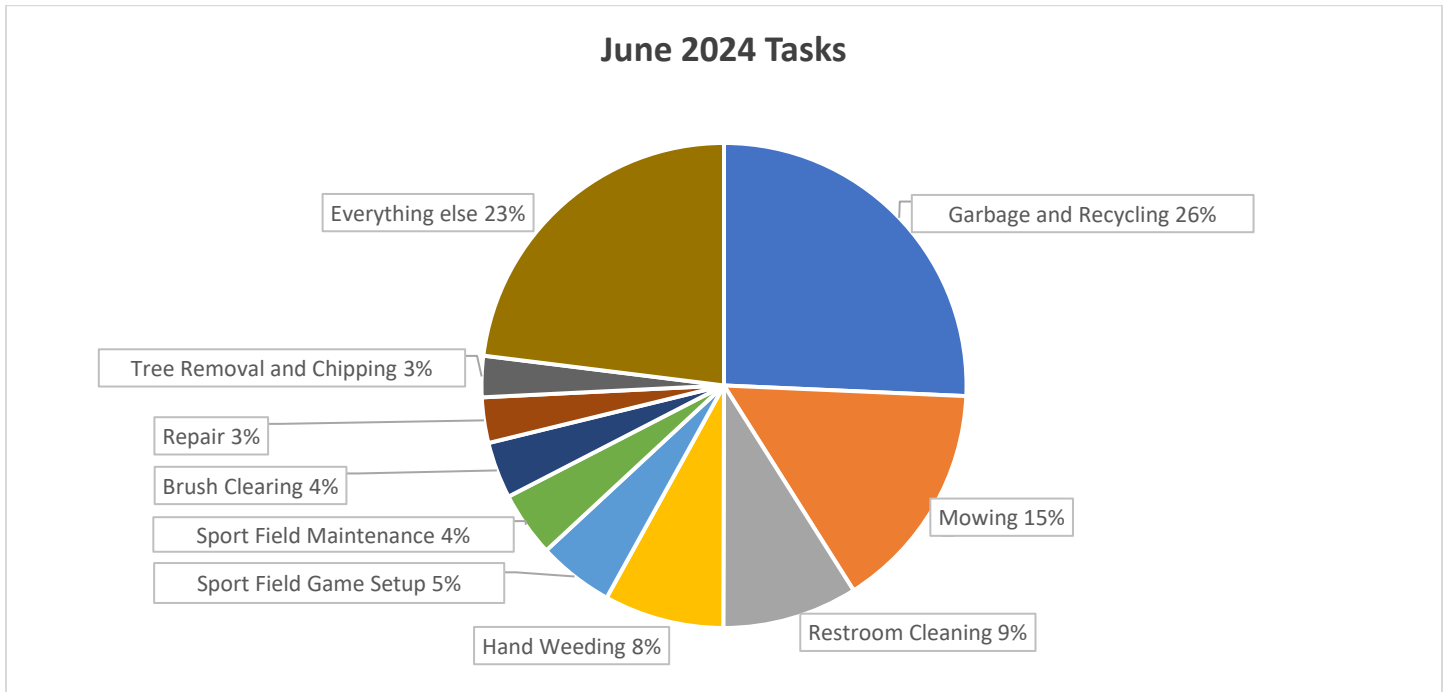
DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
July 3 3 – 8:30 PM	Kirkland Wednesday Market & Concert	Marina Park	<a href="http://KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG">KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG</a>
Tuesdays, 10 AM July 9 – Aug. 20	Kids Summer Concert Series	Juanita Beach Park	<a href="http://KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG">KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG</a>
Wednesdays, 6 PM July 10 - 31	Feriton Spur Summer Series	Feriton Spur Park	<a href="http://EASTRAIL.ORG/SUMMER/">EASTRAIL.ORG/SUMMER/</a>
Thursdays, 7 PM July 11 – Aug. 29	Evening Summer Concert Series	Marina Park	<a href="http://KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG">KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG</a>
July 12 - 14 Hours Vary	Kirkland Uncorked	Marina Park	<a href="http://KIRKLANDUNCORKED.COM">KIRKLANDUNCORKED.COM</a>
Wednesdays, through Sept 3 – 7 PM	Kirkland Wednesday Market	Marina Park	<a href="http://KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG">KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG</a>
Fridays, through Sept 3 – 7 PM	Juanita Friday Market	Juanita Beach Park	<a href="http://WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET">WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET</a>

## PARKS MAINTENANCE DATA

### LABOR HOURS BY TASK

Task	Hours
Beach Maintenance	22.5
Brush Clearing	206.5
Cemetery and Burial Services	45.25
Cleaning	107.25
Contracted Crew Restoration of Natural Areas	1
Edging and Line Trimming	119
Equipment Maintenance	106
Event Support	30.5
Garbage and Recycling	1410.5
Hand Weeding	438.75
Inspection	145.25
Installation	53.25
Inventory Management	1.25
Leading	13
Leaf Removal and Blowing	103
Mowing	841

Task	Hours
Mulching and Soil Amendments	144
Nursery Management	13.5
Planting	15.75
Pruning	126.25
Repair	166.5
Restroom Cleaning	495.25
Sport Field Game Setup	277.25
Sport Field Maintenance	237.75
Tree Inspection and Inventory	2.5
Tree Removal and Chipping	150.75
Turf Repair and Maintenance	13.75
Water Chemistry	45.50
Watering	139.5
Winterization and Spring Start Up	16.25
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5,488.50</b>



**PARKS MAINTENANCE LABOR HOURS BY PARK**

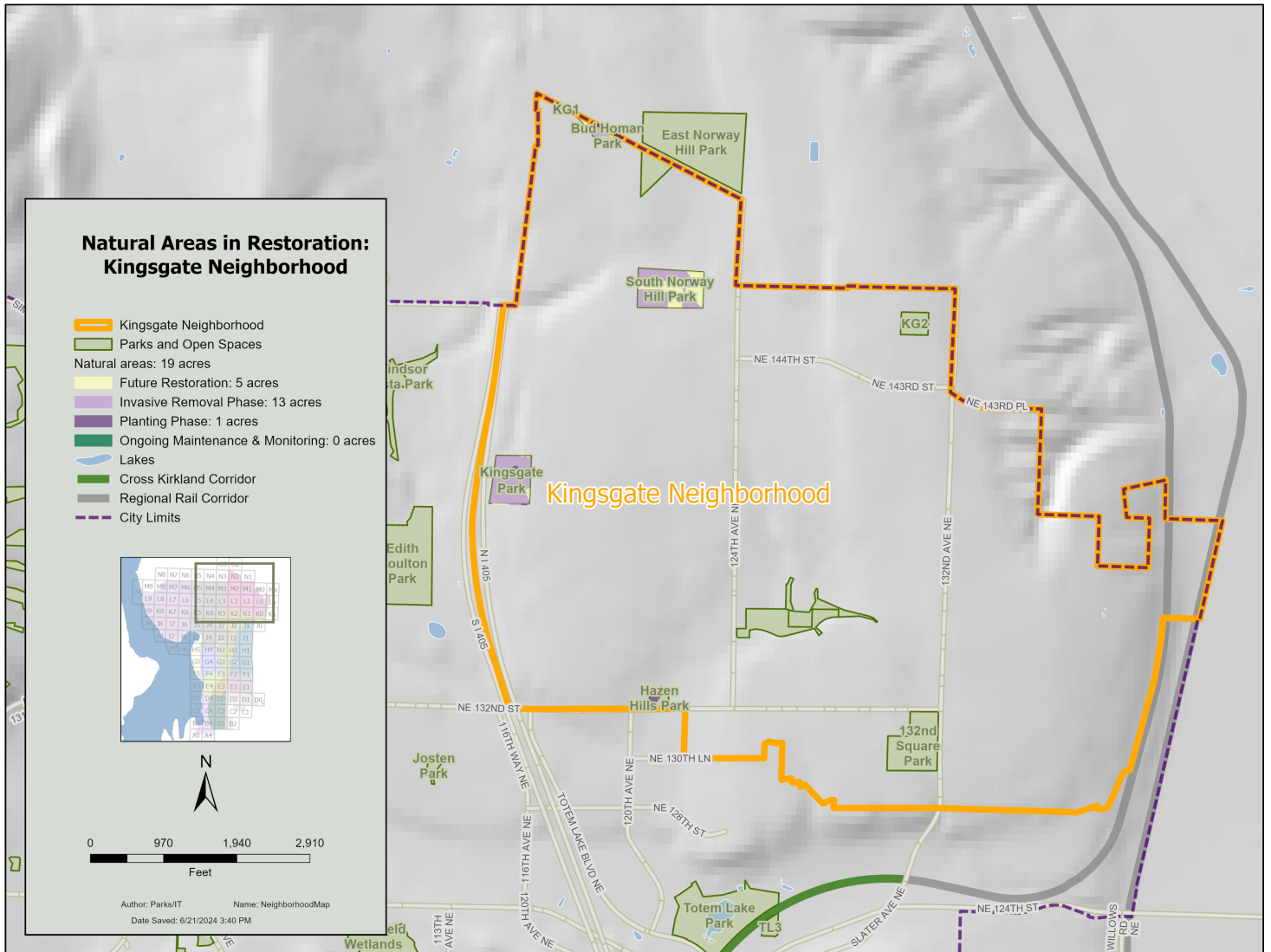
Park/Location	Hours
132nd Square Park	255.75
2nd Avenue South Dock	24
Ben Franklin Elementary School Field	20.25
Brookhaven Park	8
Bud Homan Park	7
Carillon Woods	69
Cedar View Park	6.75
Cotton Hill Park	2
Crestwoods Park	326.5
David E. Brink Park	107.75
Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park	213.5
Edith Moulton Park	104.5
Emerson High School Field	20.25
Everest Park	342.75
FH4	3.5
Finn Hill Middle School Field	30
Fisk Family Park	21.5
Forbes Creek Park	67
Forbes Lake Park	5
Hazen Hills Park	17.75
Heritage Park	280.5
Heronfield Wetlands	11.75
Highlands Park	14
Houghton Park and Ride	103.5
Josten Park	20.5
JU1	16.5
JU2	5.5
JU4	5
Juanita Bay Park	126.75
Juanita Beach Park	718
Juanita Elementary School Field	19.25
Juanita Heights Park	5
KG2	6.5
Kingsgate Park	9
Kirkland Cemetery	146
Kirkland Middle School Field	1

Park/Location	Hours
Kiwanis Park	5.25
Lake Ave W Street End Park	8.25
Lakeview Elementary School Field	8.75
Marina Park	177.5
Mark Twain Elementary School Field	14
Mark Twain Park	61
Marsh Park	126.25
McAuliffe Park	97
North Kirkland Com Ctr & Park	113.5
North Rose Hill Woodlands Park	74.75
NRH3	1.75
O. O. Denny Park	210.75
Parks Maintenance Center	139
Peter Kirk Elementary School Field	13.5
Peter Kirk Park	437.25
Peter Kirk Pool	72.75
Phyllis A. Needy - Houghton Neighborhood	35.25
Reservoir Park	22.25
Rose Hill Elementary School Field	13.25
Rose Hill Meadows	74.75
Rotary Central Station	9.5
Settler's Landing	29
Snyder's Corner Park	31.25
South Norway Hill Park	21.5
South Rose Hill Park	59.75
Spinney Homestead Park	20.75
Terrace Park	26.75
Tot Lot Park	18.75
Totem Lake Park	111.75
Van Aalst Park	14.75
Watershed Park	97.25
Waverly Beach Park	115
Windsor Vista Park	39.5
Yarrow Bay Wetlands	3
<i>NON-Park Support</i>	<i>47.75</i>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5,488.50</b>



### GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP DATA

Green Kirkland currently has 35 active natural parkland sites in the City of Kirkland and has enrolled over 315 acres in restoration. Here are the 2024 statistics for the Evergreen Hill/Kingsgate neighborhood.

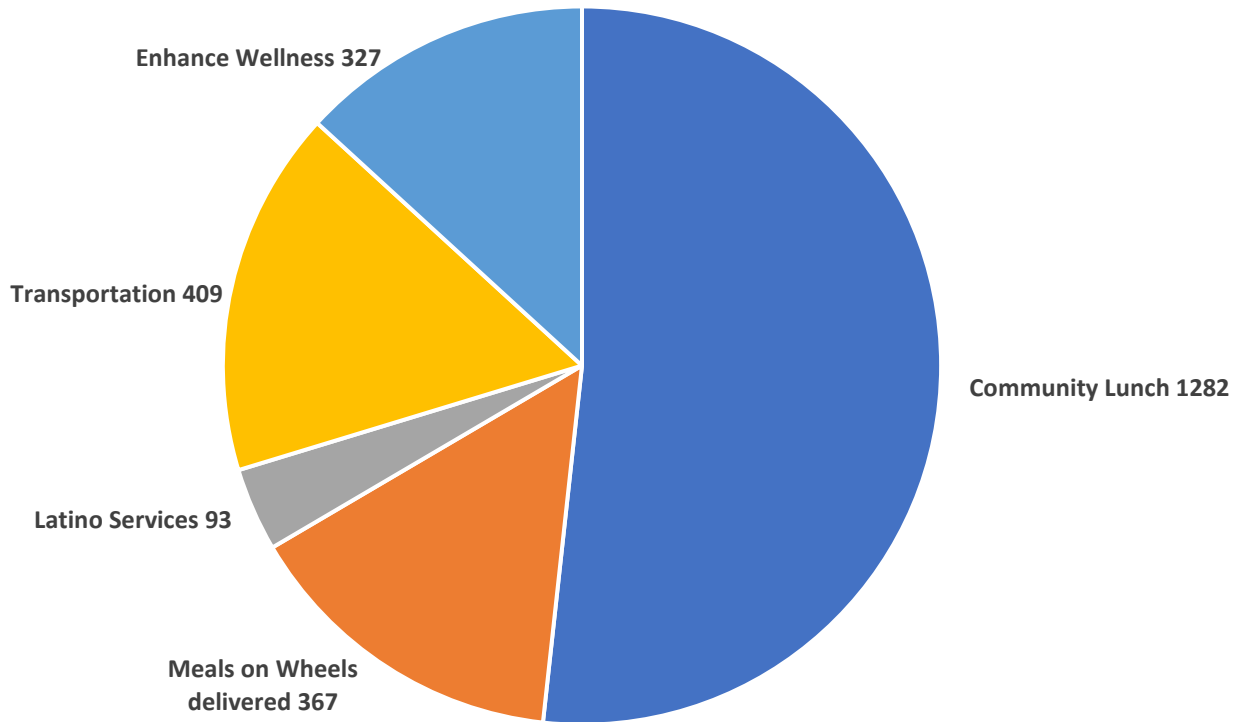


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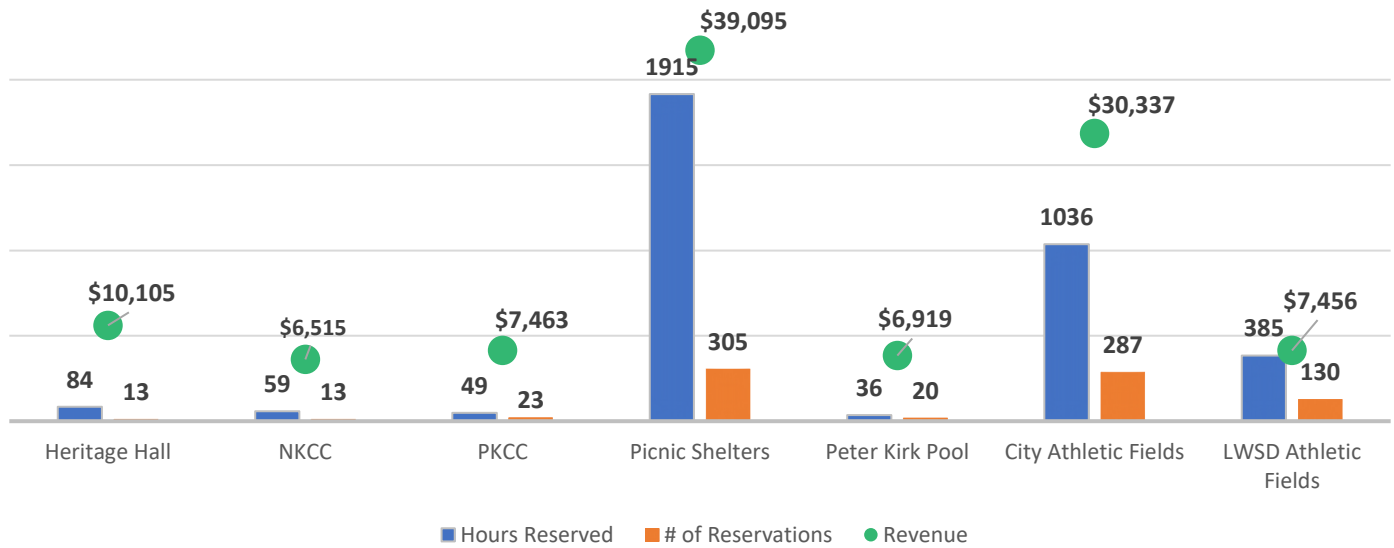
RECREATION DATA

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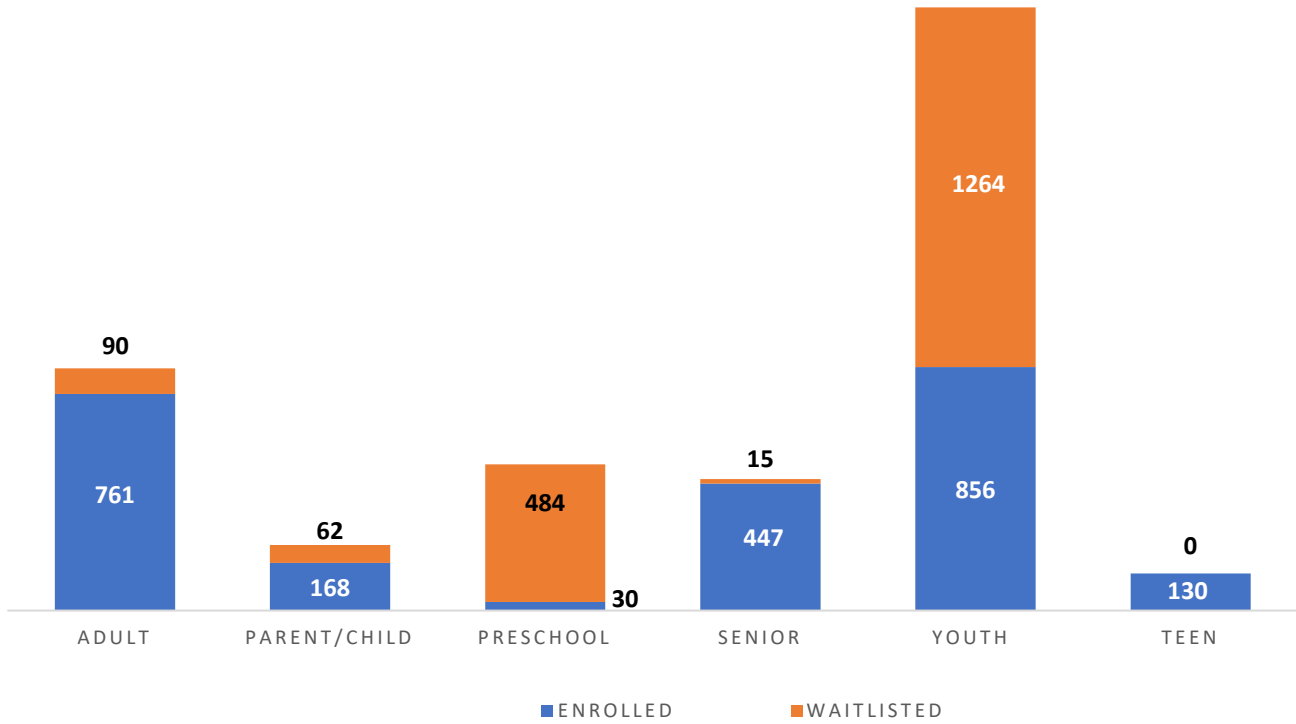


\*Senior Services Data reported by agencies the month after services provided

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## PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS BEGINNING JUNE 2024



### RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP DATA

Recreation Scholarships		
	Current Month	YTD
Applications approved	0	49
Donation funds used	\$1,219.73	\$17,307.19
Donation funds received	\$462.00	\$4,241.00