

KIRKLAND PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES – AUGUST 2024



HOUGHTON PARK AND PLAY

The City of Kirkland has transformed the former Houghton Park and Ride into the temporary Houghton Park and Play Park. Community members joined Kirkland City Council and staff for a ribbon cutting to celebrate the new temporary park on Thursday, August 8, 2024.

"We are very excited to celebrate this new temporary play space for pickleball players, gardeners, skaters and others at the former Houghton Park and Ride," said Councilmember John Tymczyszyn. "This fun transformation shows how dedicated we are to making sure recreational choices in Kirkland are diverse and accessible for everyone as long-term plans are considered for the site."

The temporary recreation features at the site include:

- Community Gardens
- Pickleball Courts
- Modular Skate Park
- Modular Pump Track
- Bicycle Play Garden

These improvements will remain in place as the City evaluates the long-term uses of the site. These additions reflect the City's commitment to improving recreational services for the community.

The City of Kirkland acquired the 5-acre site from the Washington State Department of Transportation in early 2024 with the intention of exploring recreational uses. While the City continues to deliberate on the long-term vision for the site, the City Council directed staff to implement the temporary improvements.

The Houghton Park and Play is located at 6920 NE 70th Place in Kirkland. For more information and updates on the temporary expansion of park and recreation services at the Houghton Park and Play, please visit WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/HOUGHTON-PARK-AND-PLAY.



HUMAN SERVICES

HOMELESS OUTREACH UPDATES

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

- The 128th Lane NE parking lot has been cleared of abandoned vehicles and debris thanks to the outstanding efforts of Public Works, Police, and Parks and Community Services staff.
- There is a newly installed portable toilet and handwashing station as part of a pilot program for the Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC) users and the broader Kirkland community.

Three successful move-ins were supported through the Hotel Set Aside program.

- An older adult with mobility challenges was able to utilize the program, providing additional time for housing stability planning.
- A family of three, displaced for over three months, has been approved for housing and will move-in by the end of month. Move-in costs were provided by community partner agency 4 Tomorrow.
- A single, elderly woman living with a disability transitioned into housing with the help of community partner, 4 Tomorrow.

OPERATOR ANNOUNCED FOR KIRKLAND HEALTH THROUGH HOUSING PROJECT

On August 15, 2024, King County announced the selection of Plymouth Housing as the operator for the Health Through Housing (HTH) site located in Kirkland. Once opened, the Kirkland HTH site will include approximately 100 units of housing with up to 65% of rooms prioritizing local unhoused residents in Kirkland and on the Eastside. Plymouth Housing will provide 24/7 onsite staff support and wraparound services, including case management, behavioral health, physical health, and employment. For more information, visit the City's: [HEALTH THROUGH HOUSING IN KIRKLAND WEBSITE](#).

NEW HYGIENE RESOURCE FOR UNSHELTERED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

A new partnership between the City of Kirkland and Lake Washington United Methodist Church (LWUMC) supports unhoused residents in meeting their basic hygiene needs by providing access to shower and laundry facilities. LWUMC operates a hygiene trailer with shower and laundry services as part of their safe parking program. Through this new partnership, the City's Homeless Outreach Coordinator can sign up individuals and families to use the trailer on weekdays, Monday through Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm. This resource is a significant step to ensure the dignity, health, and wellness of every Kirkland resident regardless of housing status. *Pictured: Homeless Outreach Coordinator, Meli Paulo, in front of the LWUMC hygiene trailer.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

The 4th Annual Kirkland Health and Wellness Fair will take place on Saturday, September 28, 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 including health screenings, vaccines, bicycle helmets, public health information, and more. This year's event is organized by the King County Promotores Network (KCPN). For more information visit the [City's website](#).

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

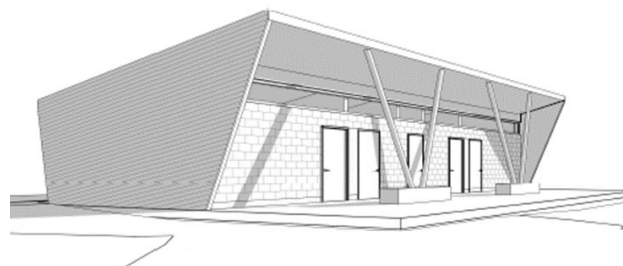
Everest Park playground has been identified as the next playground to be replaced for the benefit of the community. Staff is working with a playground manufacturer to develop three concepts and cost estimates to be discussed with the community in September.

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

EVEREST RESTROOM REPLACEMENT

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 and has reached 60% design.

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



Everest Park 30% design rendering

FISK FAMILY PARK

In May 2024, the Park Board and Kirkland Parks and Community Foundation finalized a site plan for the property as well as stabilization of the “little red cottage”. Staff has replaced the roof of the cottage and performed other minor security and structural support. This tiny site is highly constrained by stream buffer requirements which limit development. As such, a soft-surface trail and picnic tables are planned for the site. Additionally, staff is reviewing a potential small picnic shelter to be placed in the small buildable area.

Background of the Project: The City acquired new property adjacent to the Cross Kirkland Corridor in late 2023 and will create a plan to guide the future of the new park.



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 later this year.

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 in the fall.

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

PARK MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

AN UNEXPECTEDLY RAINY AUGUST

The plants and trees loved the two inches of rain we got in August! But it did change up the crew schedules. Here are monthly highlights from our four crews:

BALLFIELDS/CEMETERY

- Prepared the Houghton Park and Play (HPP) for the grand opening on August 8.
- Completed multiple field preps for the Little League World Series and summer ball games at Everest Park.
- Weeded the exterior and interior beds at the cemetery.
- Distributed the remaining infield soil at Crestwoods.
- Used organic herbicide to control weeds at 132nd Square Park, Crestwoods, and the cemetery.
- Repaired several irrigation systems including main line breaks.
- Leveled irrigation heads at 132nd Square Park.
- Aerated school sites and renovated school site turf before the beginning of the year.

HORTICULTURE

- Pruned trees at OO Denny and Houghton Park and Play.
- Cleaned a great deal of goose poop at Houghton Beach and Marina parks.
- Reduced watering of waterfront irrigation sites so as not to exceed the City's Ecology water permit.
- Repaired irrigation at several locations and planned irrigation set up for the OO Denny picnic site.
- Weeded the garden beds at Heritage Hall to be ready for September events.
- Cut up large limbs that came down at Waverly and Juanita Beach.
- Removed declining cottonwood from Juanita Bay East.
- Cleaned up tree and leaf debris from several sites following weather events.

SUPPORT

- Installed new chaseway door at OO Denny.
- Installed new table at Cedar View.
- Installed drinking fountain at Crestwoods.
- Poured concrete at Spinney Homestead for drinking fountain.
- Installed cattail art at Totem Lake.
- Installed small dog area at Snyder's Corner dog park.
- Installed a new cleaning robot at the pool.
- Cleaned roof at the McAuliffe solarium building.

NATURAL AREAS/GREEN KIRKLAND PARTNERSHIP

- Rebuilt part of the parking pad at Juanita Bay East so it can be planted in the fall.
- Removed milfoil from the beach at Juanita Beach.
- Removed garden and purple loosestrife by hand from Juanita Bay and Totem Lake.
- Brushed back vegetation at Snyder's Corner.
- Filled cisterns and watered trees by truck.
- Pruned walking trails at South Rose Hill, OO Denny, and Everest parks.
- Repaired the fence and redistributed bark at Juanita Beach dog park.
- The Green Kirkland Partnership is hosting 10 events in September. More information can be found at WWW.GREENKIRKLAND.ORG. We hope to see you there!



Small dog area at Snyder's Corner



Staff removing purple loosestrife

RECREATION SERVICES

WELCOME ANDRES QUINTANA

Andres (Andy) Quintana has been selected to fill the program assistant position at the Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB)! Andy has worked for Parks and Community Services since 2021 as a Recreation Lead at PKCC, and has a strong skillset in customer service, administrative support, relationship building, mentorship, and creative marketing. He's passionate about providing services for community members of all backgrounds and has built relationships with the older adults at PKCC and looks forward to supporting teens at KTUB.



KIRKLAND STEPPERS

The Kirkland Steppers wrapped up their 21st season at the "Finish Line" Celebration on August 20, 2024, at the Peter Kirk Community Center. The Stepper's program was extremely popular this year with 108 seniors participating in the program. Thank you to EvergreenHealth and Morning Star Senior Living for sponsoring this program.

2024 KIRKLAND STEPPERS SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- 58% of the participants were between the ages of 75 to 85; 35% were between the ages of 65-75. This year some older and younger seniors participate also, 4% were over the age of 85 and 3 % were between the ages of 55-65.
- 44% of the participants walked in at least 9 of the 12 walk events scheduled.
- 78% of the participants reported the Stepper's program motivated them to increase their weekly activity level.
- 84% of the participants reported walking on their own at least one additional day besides the scheduled Steppers' walks.
- 73% of the participants reported seeing increased health benefits while participating in the 12-week walking program (i.e. endurance, balance, lower blood pressure, weight loss, etc.). 83% reported that one of the biggest benefits they saw was the socialization and increased good mental health.



2024 LIFEGUARD GAMES AT WAVERLY BEACH

We had our annual Lifeguard Olympics this year on Sunday, August 4, 2024 at Waverly Beach Park. Lifeguards formed teams of 4 and competed in different events throughout the day including best team theme, egg toss, rescue relays, paddleboard race, and the lifeguard quadrathlon (swim, run, paddleboard, rescue). This tradition has been a part of the aquatic's programs for over two decades. This year's Lifeguard Games had a record setting 10 teams competing to have their names added to the Lifeguard Games Trophy. These events are part of the lifeguard culture that has been built and is looked forward by both new and returning aquatic staff every season.



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](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/specialevents).



KIDS SUMMER CONCERTS SERIES

The Kirkland Downtown Association concluded its annual 7-week concert series at Juanita Beach Park on August 20. Children of all ages were delighted by the lively performances of Eric Herman, KAMP, and Brian Vogan and His Good Buddies during August. The delightfully quirky and entertaining shows inspired hundreds of kids (and their grown-ups) to sing-along, dance, and get their wiggles out.



LAMMAS FESTIVAL

Organizers estimate that over 3,000 people attended the free outdoor festival on August 4 at Juanita Beach Park, which set the stage for the first harvest celebration of the Wheel of the Year. The event featured more than 100 merchants, mystics, workshops, spiritual counselors, performances, and unique traditions, making for an enriching and diverse experience.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This year's National Night Out was held on August 6 and was a resounding success! As part of the nationwide initiative to strengthen police-community partnerships, eight permits were issued for block parties with street closures throughout Kirkland. Kirkland Police officers, firefighters, and City Councilmembers visited various neighborhoods, joining residents at block parties, BBQs, potlucks, ice cream socials, and other community gatherings.

OBLITERIDE

Organizers report that the 2024 event on August 10 set a record for participation in raising funds for Fred Hutch. The event featured multi-distance bike rides and a 5K walk/run. Participants in the 25-mile bike ride enjoyed over eight miles of scenic Kirkland waterfront, traversing from the WA 520 Trail to the Central Business District in downtown Kirkland and back.

KIRKLAND WEDNESDAY MARKET

Summer's fresh produce at the farmers market is at its peak! Kids can dive into the Power of Produce (POP) Club, which offers a fun and interactive way to explore the local food system. Through conversations with local farmers, games, and demonstrations, kids can learn all about where their food comes from. The market, located at Marina Park, is open every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. through September. Learn more at: [KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG](https://www.kirklanddowntown.org).

2024 Kids Summer Concerts

EVENING SUMMER CONCERTS

The final outdoor concert of the summer was held on August 29 at Marina Park. The August lineup featured an array of musical talent, including The Beat Project, Laurel Canyon Legacy, Point of Sail, and Red Light Challenge. The 48th season concluded with a standout performance by Eden, featuring the powerhouse vocals of Savanna Woods, a top 20 finalist from NBC's *The Voice*. The diverse range of performances throughout the season ensured memorable experiences for hundreds of music lovers who attended each week.



EASTSIDE SALSA MARINA

Evening Summer Concerts

Kirkland-based LaVida Studio celebrated the 10th anniversary of their Eastside Salsa Marina event on August 17 at Marina Park. Attendees were encouraged to don all-white attire for a vibrant summer night dance party where no partner or prior experience was needed. The DJ energized the crowd with salsa, bachata, and cha-cha tunes, while performers captivated the audience with their impressive skills and dynamic routines. Unfortunately, the evening ended early as a storm rolled through the area.

DENNYFEST

On August 17, the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance celebrated its annual DennyFest at O.O. Denny Park under a perfect sunlit sky. The fun filled afternoon featured live music, a dog parade, a magician, face painting, and an array of free snacks, drinks, and food trucks. A highlight of the event was the salmon-themed community project led by local teen eco-artist Austin Picinich, who plans to use the fishy artwork in a future art installation.



Art project at DennyFest

STORYBOOK THEATER IN THE PARK

Throughout August, Studio East's StoryBook Theatre in the Park delighted audiences with an adaptation of Andersen's timeless classic, The Little Mermaid, performed at six local parks. On August 24, families gathered at Studio East for two free performances. Although the show was originally slated for the Juanita Beach Park Amphitheater, heavy rain necessitated a move indoors. The 55-minute musical provided a delightful and interactive introduction to live theater for young children.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTIES

The City of Kirkland encourages residents to organize block parties to foster connections with neighbors, celebrate together, collaborate on local projects, and strengthen community bonds. In August, two such block parties with temporary street closures were hosted by families in the Market and South Rose Hill neighborhoods. Learn more about block party permits at: WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS.



JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET

This month, our market joined the Washington State Farmers Market Association and other markets across the state to celebrate the 25th Annual Farmers Market Week. Governor Inslee officially recognized August 4-10, 2024, as Washington Farmers Market Week, highlighting the crucial role farmers markets play as engines of economic growth and entrepreneurship. With over \$80 million in sales, local markets provide families with access to fresh, healthy foods and agricultural products directly from Washington's farmers and small businesses. The income earned by market vendors is essential for launching new businesses, creating jobs, and supporting livelihoods. We are committed to the shared values of supporting local farmers, offering high-

quality food to our community, and fostering a healthier Washington for everyone. Learn about the market at: WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET.

UPCOMING EVENTS

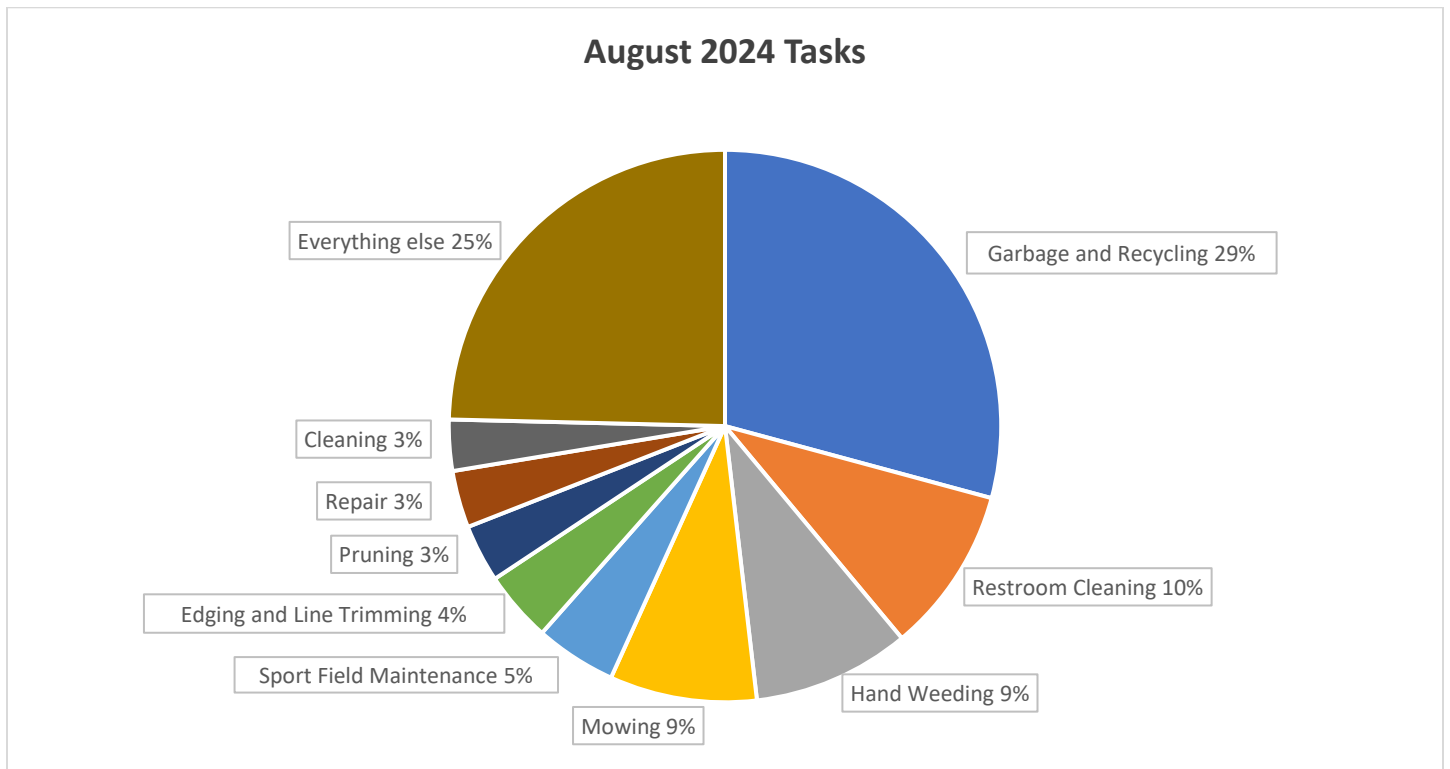
DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
Wednesdays, through September, 3 – 7 PM	Kirkland Wednesday Market	Marina Park	KIRKLANDDOWNTOWN.ORG
Fridays, through September, 3 – 7 PM	Juanita Friday Market	Juanita Beach Park	WWW.KIRKLANDWA.GOV/JUANITAFRIDAYMARKET
Saturday, Sep. 7, Noon – 3:30 PM	The Hope Walk	Juanita Beach Park	WASHINGTON.HDSA.ORG/EVENTS
Sunday, Sep. 22, Noon – 5 PM	Mabon Festival	Juanita Beach Park	WWW.PNWWITCHESMARKET.COM

PARKS MAINTENANCE DATA

LABOR HOURS BY TASK

Task	Hours
Beach Maintenance	33.5
Brush Clearing	127.5
Cemetery and Burial Services	49.5
Cleaning	158.75
Edging and Line Trimming	220.25
Equipment Maintenance	142
Event Support	59.25
Garbage and Recycling	1550.75
Hand Weeding	489.25
Inspection	111
Installation	72
Inventory Management	4.25
Leading	10
Leaf Removal and Blowing	131.75

Task	Hours
Mowing	457.75
Mulching and Soil Amendments	85
Nursery Management	2
Pesticide Application	35.25
Pruning	179.25
Repair	177.5
Restroom Cleaning	517
Sport Field Game Setup	97
Sport Field Maintenance	252.50
Tree Inspection and Inventory	16.75
Tree Removal and Chipping	96.5
Turf Repair and Maintenance	25.75
Water Chemistry	63.75
Watering	144.5
GRAND TOTAL	5,310.25



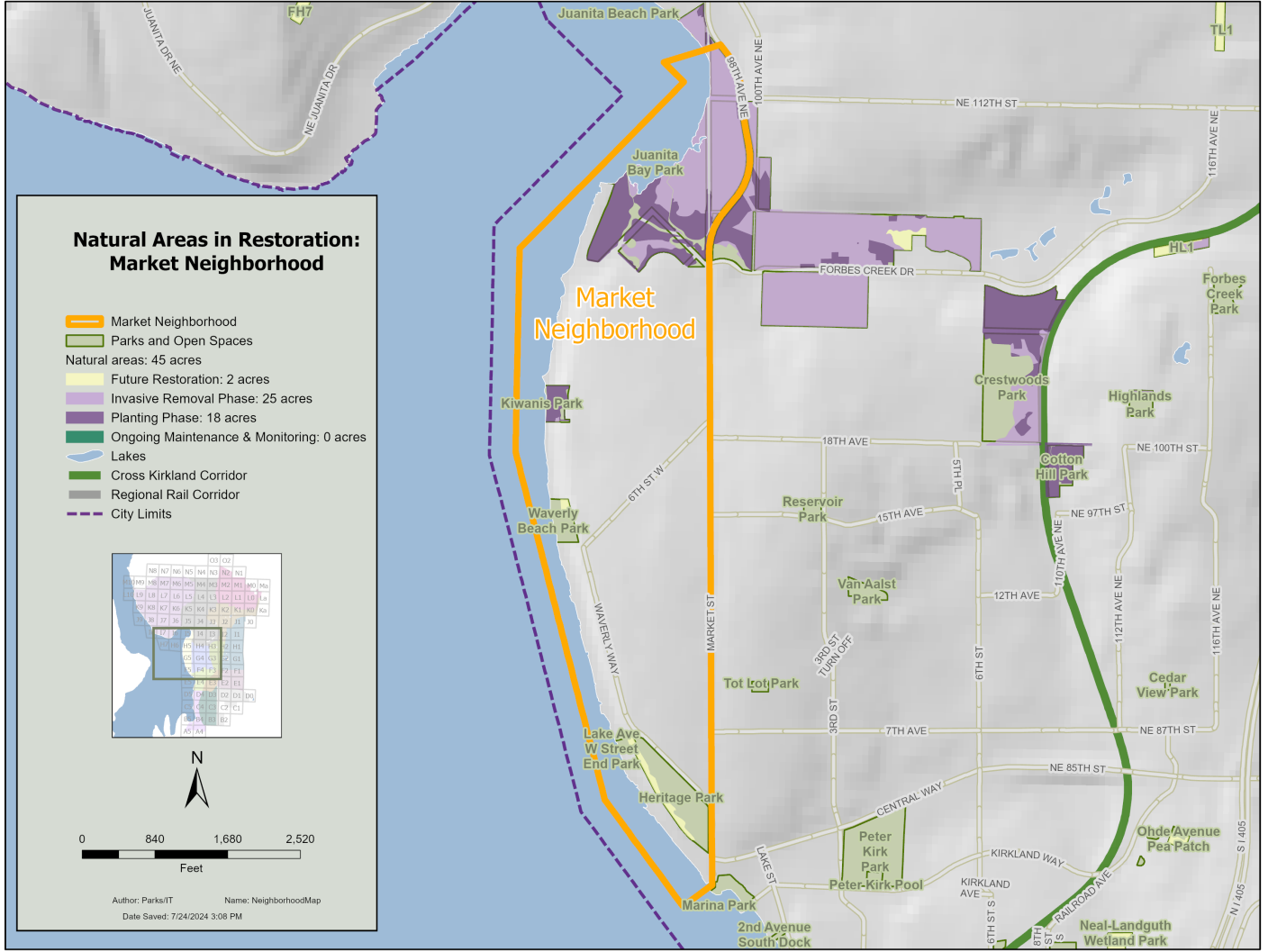
PARKS MAINTENANCE LABOR HOURS BY PARK

Park/Location	Hours
132nd Square Park	259.25
2nd Avenue South Dock	24
Ben Franklin Elementary School Field	20.25
Brookhaven Park	5.75
Bud Homan Park	2
Carillon Woods	13.25
Cedar View Park	8
Cotton Hill Park	8
Crestwoods Park	399.5
David E. Brink Park	47
Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park	198.25
Edith Moulton Park	81.5
Emerson High School Field	21.25
Everest Park	388.25
FH4	3.5
Finn Hill Middle School Field	53.25
Fisk Family Park	13.25
Forbes Creek Park	19.25
Forbes Lake Park	4
Hazen Hills Park	9
Heritage Park	248.75
Heronfield Wetlands	36.25
Highlands Park	7.25
HL1	7.75
Houghton Park and Ride	175.75
Josten Park	14
JU1	9.25
JU2	1
JU4	3
Juanita Bay Park	226
Juanita Beach Park	531.5
Juanita Elementary School Field	24.75
Juanita Heights Park	6.5
KG2	0.5
Kingsgate Park	9.75
Kirkland Cemetery	158.75

Park/Location	Hours
Kirkland Middle School Field	7.25
Kiwanis Park	7
Lake Ave W Street End Park	8.75
Lakeview Elementary School Field	17.25
Marina Park	175
Mark Twain Elementary School Field	25.5
Mark Twain Park	16.75
Marsh Park	115.75
McAuliffe Park	75.25
North Kirkland Com Ctr & Park	86.25
North Rose Hill Woodlands Park	68.5
O. O. Denny Park	358.5
Ohde Avenue Pea Patch	13
Parks Maintenance Center	138.5
Peter Kirk Elementary School Field	12.25
Peter Kirk Park	308
Peter Kirk Pool	78.25
Phyllis A. Needy - Houghton Neighborhood	35.75
Reservoir Park	14.5
Rose Hill Elementary School Field	31.25
Rose Hill Meadows	52.5
Rotary Central Station	9.5
Settler's Landing	24.5
Snyder's Corner Park	66.25
South Norway Hill Park	18.5
South Rose Hill Park	49.75
Spinney Homestead Park	16.75
Terrace Park	8
Tot Lot Park	11
Totem Lake Park	163.25
Van Aalst Park	20
Watershed Park	34.25
Waverly Beach Park	127
Windsor Vista Park	76.5
GRAND TOTAL	5,310.25

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 Market neighborhood.

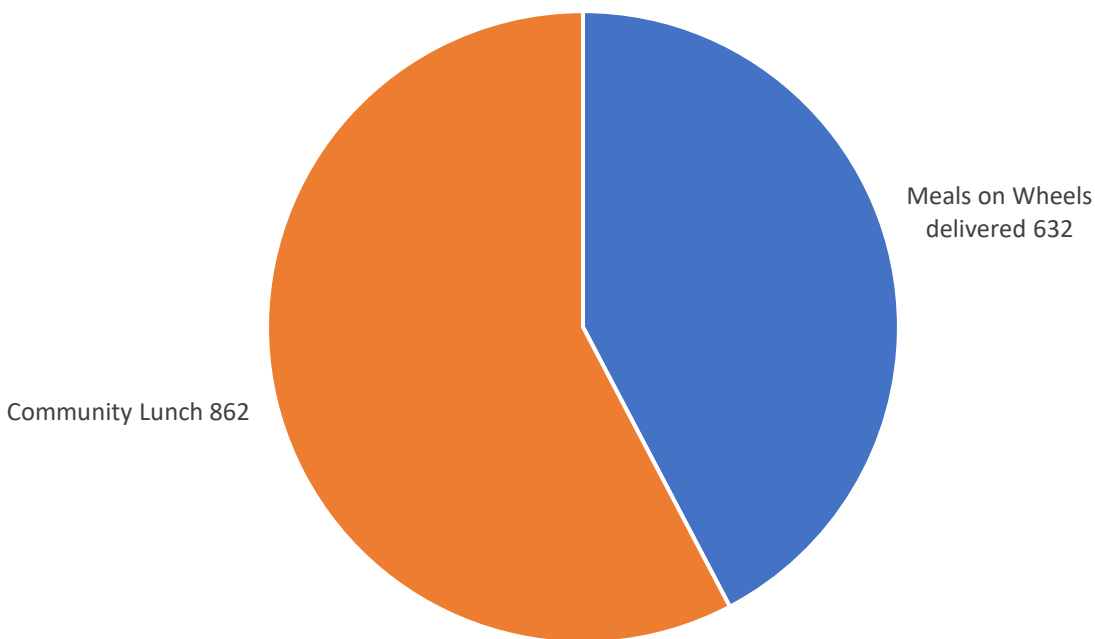


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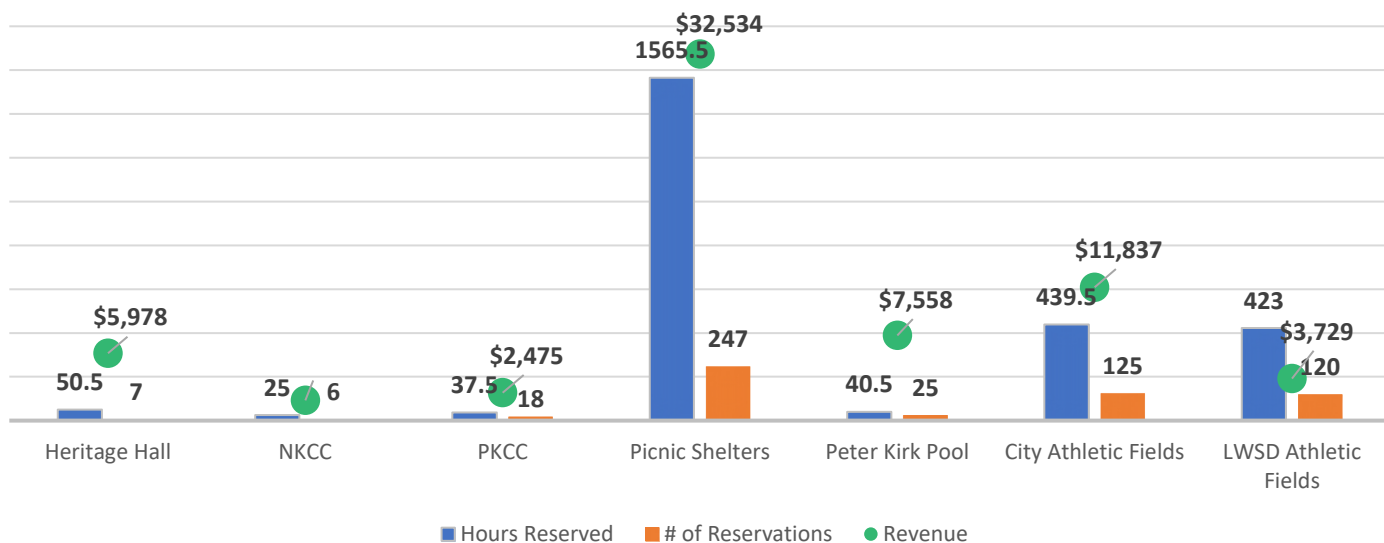
RECREATION DATA

SENIOR SERVICES - JULY 2024

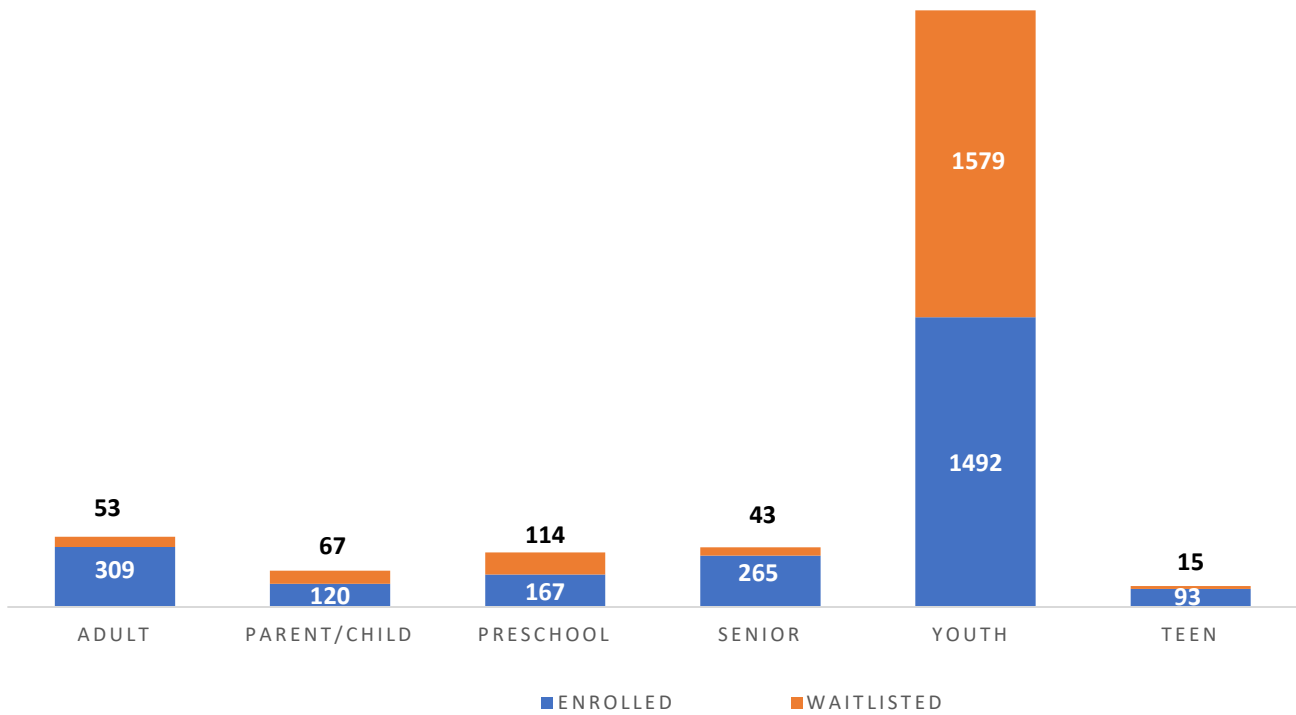


**Senior Services Data reported by agencies the month after services provided*

ALL RENTALS - AUGUST 2024



PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS BEGINNING AUGUST 2024



RECREATION SCHOLARSHIPS		
	August 2024	YTD
Applications approved	6	59
Donation funds used	\$3,004.64	\$21,698.04
Donation funds received	\$726.00	\$6,349.00