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ROUNDTABLE TOWN HALL City Council Special Meeting ON-SITE ONLY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 || 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Land Acknowledgement to Honor First Peoples

We acknowledge that the City of Kenmore is situated upon the ancestral lands of the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Sauk-Suiattle, Duwamish, Stillaguamish, Tulalip, Suquamish, Muckleshoot, and other tribes who are part of the Coast Salish Peoples. We recognize and express our deepest respect for their enduring stewardship and profound relationship with this land, which they have cherished and protected since time immemorial. We honor the First Peoples, acknowledge their vibrant cultures, and commit ourselves to learning from their wisdom in our journey to promote justice, equity, and mutual understanding. We pledge to stand alongside these communities in acknowledging past injustices and working towards a future that respects and celebrates the diverse heritage of this land.

CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER - 6:00 PM

SCHEDULE

- Public arrives and gets settled. Mayor Herbig calls the Special Meeting to order.
- Mayor Herbig welcomes everyone and describes how the town hall meeting will proceed.
- City Manager Rob Karlinsey gives a brief presentation on City happenings.
- Roundtable discussions with Councilmembers.
- Mayor Herbig thanks everyone for participating and offers any closing comments.
- Mayor Herbig adjourns the Special Meeting.

Presentation

ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL QUORUMS

[Click here for information about Potential Quorums of the City Council.](#) Now found on the City website under City Council Meetings.

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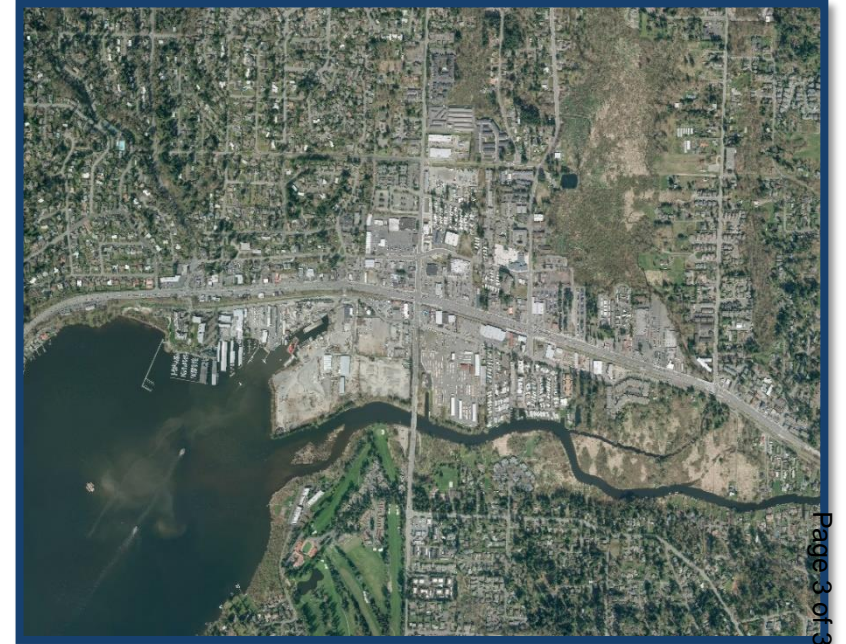
Town Hall Meeting

September 28, 2023



Quick City Overview

- Quick Facts
- Council-Manager Form of Government
- Contract City



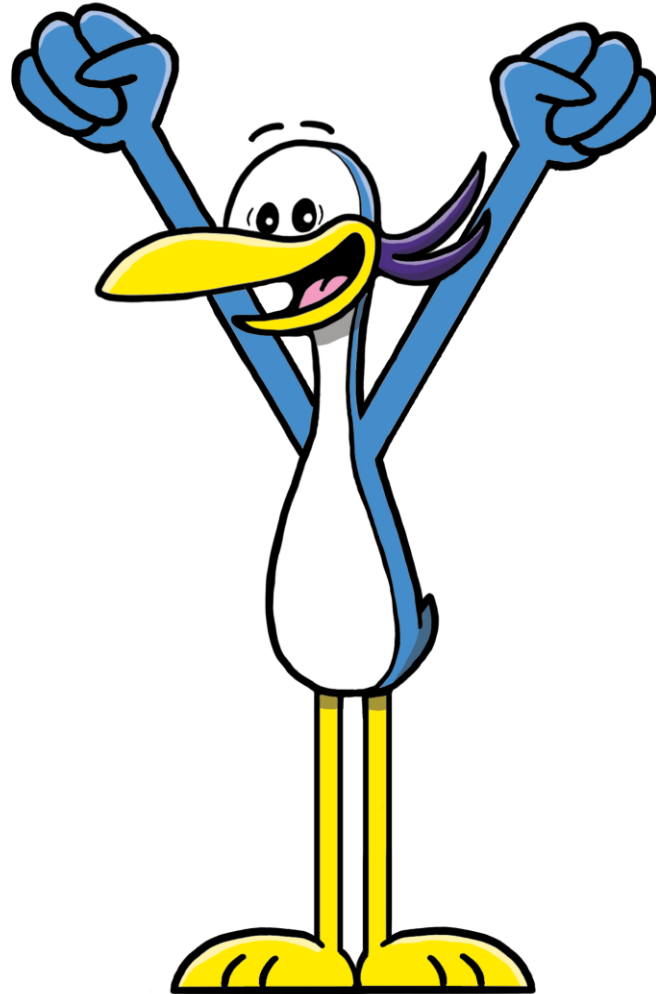
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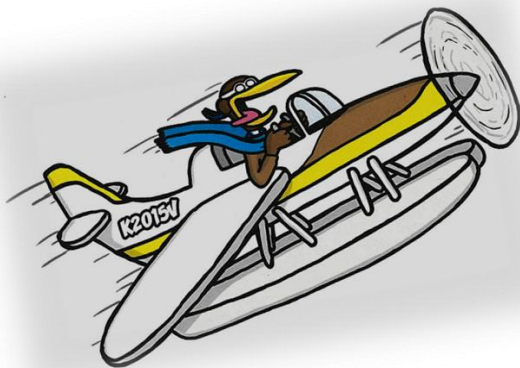
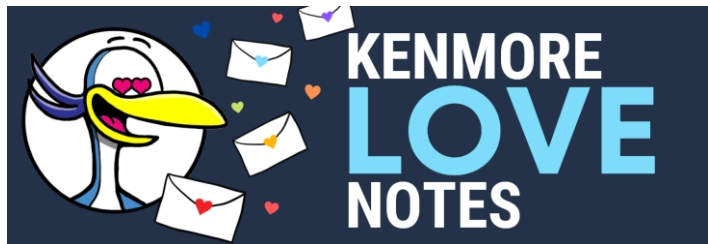
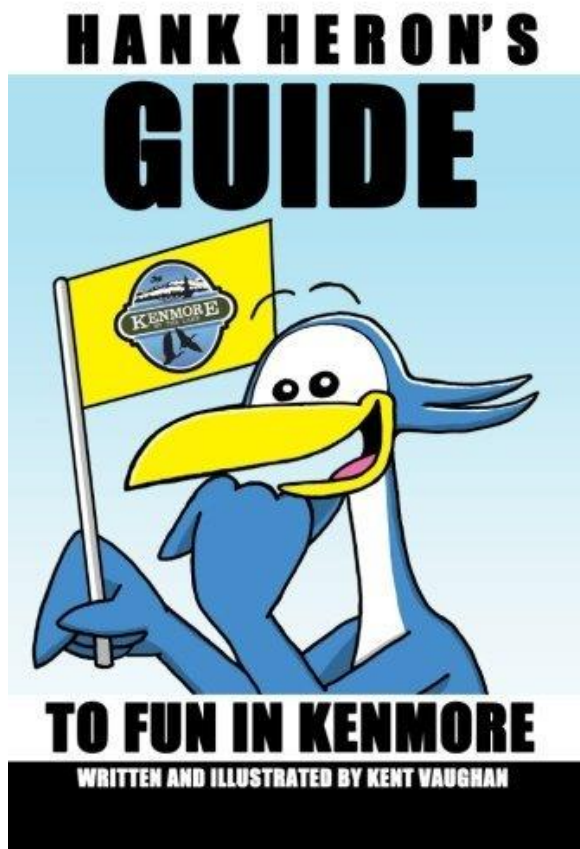
And most important of all . . .



Hank Heron is our mascot!



Hank!



Service Vision



Propelling Kenmore Upward:
We create a thriving community where
all people love where they live.

We are in the business of . . .

1. Building a Sense of Community and a Sense of Place
2. Improving equity and social justice
3. Saving Lives and Reducing Human Suffering
4. Being Stewards of the Public's Resources
5. Facilitating Democracy
6. Protecting the Environment
7. Beautifying Our City
8. Planning for a Better Future
9. Helping Local Businesses Succeed
10. Asking, "Where's the Fun?"





2023 KENMORE CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

1. Implement the adopted Climate Action Plan and promote environmental stewardship, including water, air, forest, and habitat restoration and preservation.
2. Increase and preserve the options for affordable housing stock.
3. Enhance multimodal transportation implementation, including pedestrian and bicycle safety:
 - Pedestrian Facilities Plan
 - Target Zero
 - Bus Rapid Transit 522
 - passenger ferry
 - Kenmore Automated Photo Enforcement (KAPE) Program
4. Develop and implement a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policy and program.
5. Complete Walkways and Waterways projects.
6. Enhance public safety.
7. Continue to seek opportunities to complete a successful Lakepointe project.
8. Seek opportunities to promote economic development.
9. Foster community engagement and participation.
10. Foster and create fun.
11. Respond to the pandemic.





2024 KENMORE CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

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 - Pedestrian Facilities Plan
 - Target Zero
 - Bud Rapid Transit
 - Passenger Ferry
 - KAPE (Photo Enforcement) Program
4. Update the Financial Sustainability Plan.
5. Implement the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Strategic Plan.
6. Continue to seek opportunities to activate the Lakepointe property.
7. Support public safety and social justice reform.
8. Promote sustainable economic development.
9. Foster community engagement, participation, and fun.
10. Support the post-pandemic recovery process.



What the City is Responsible For

- Public Safety & Justice Services: Police, Court, Jail,
- Emergency Management
- Comprehensive Planning and accompanying codes and regulations
- Permits and Inspections
- Code Enforcement
- Animal Control
- Public Works Operations: Streets, surface water, parks, buildings, fleet



City Responsibilities, continued

- Public Works Engineering: Capital projects, right-of-way management; transportation safety; utility franchise agreements
- Recreation, including events
- Environmental Services: Climate Action Plan, Environmental Stewardship, and the Surface Water Utility
- Economic Development
- Housing & Human Services
- Administration: Finances, IT, risk management, HR, public records, communications & public engagement, City Council meetings, etc.



A City's Job: No Small Chore



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A look at some of the City of Kenmore's work in 2022



Kenmore Farmers Market

- 14 Markets with over 14,000 attendees
- \$173,000+ total revenue for local vendors

Special Events

- 17 Total Special Events
- 20th Annual Summer Concert Series had over 4,500 attendees and first ever beer garden
- Over 2,000 attendees at the West Sammamish River Bridge Grand Opening Celebration, which included fireworks, food trucks and live music

Surface Water Utility

- 4,754 Storm Drain Catch Basins Inspected
- 1,083 Maintenance Work Orders Completed
- 433,000 Feet of Stormwater Pipe
- 106 Water Quality Samples Collected

Fun Fact:

45.9 inches of precipitation fell within the City of Kenmore's 6.26 square miles in 2022. This means the City of Kenmore received a total volume of approximately 5 BILLION gallons of precipitation!



Kenmore Police

3,396 Calls for Service
759 Inmate Jail Days
314 Court Filings

City Services

- 1,623 Service Requests from Residents
- 328 Public Records Requests
- 1,105 Permit Applications Submitted
- 256 Code Enforcement Complaints
- 35 Code Enforcement Violations

Public Works

- 134 Lane Miles of Roadway Maintained
- 43 Miles of Sidewalks Maintained
- 2,346 Street Signs Maintained

Fun Fact:

In 2022 the City of Kenmore gave away over 800 high-visibility safety vests to pedestrians and cyclists as part of the Target Zero Initiative. You can pick up free safety vests on Fridays at City Hall!



All About Kenmore

- 23,500+ Total Population
- 56 City of Kenmore Staff
- 1,144 Registered Businesses
- 11,950 Employed in the City



Fun Fact:

3,600 Cubic yards of concrete were poured during the construction of the West Sammamish River Bridge, completed in 2022.

8 Parks
Maintained
Year-Round

That's 93
acres of
park land!

Recreation

- 800+ Adult and Youth Recreation Program Participants
- \$240,000 in Grant Funds Received Provided 10 weeks of Free Summer Camp for 450 kids

Environmental Protection and Climate

- 5,000+ New Native Shrubs Planted Near the West Sammamish River Bridge
- 1 Acre of Wetlands Protected at Log Boom Park
- 5,000+ New Native Trees Planted at Xa'xw'adis (Ti' awh-ah-dees) Park
- 632 Free Trees Given to Residents to Increase Tree Canopy
- Kenmore's First Climate Action Plan was Adopted in May 2022

Communication

- 212 News Bulletins Sent
- 1,056 Social Media Posts
- 192 New Subscribers to Kenmore's Code Red Emergency Alert System

Fun Fact:

It required 1.8 million pounds of sand (910 tons) to create the new sandy beach at Log Boom Park!



Recent Milestones

- Adoption of the Climate Action Plan
- Completion of the Walkways & Waterways Projects
 - Łaǎʷadis (Tl' awh-ah-dees) Park Waterfront
 - Log Boom Park Waterfront
 - Rhododendron Park Boardwalk
 - 68th Avenue Sidewalks & Bike Lanes
 - Juanita Drive Sidewalks & Bike Lanes
- Adoption of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Strategic Plan and Five-Year Road Map
- 25 Years of Cityhood

A Sampling of Other City Happenings

- Aquatic Center Siting Study
 - Climate Action Plan and Housing & Human Services Funding Package
 - Affordable Housing: Shell & Holt Properties; TOD, ADUs, Middle Housing
 - Asphalt Plant
 - Automated Photo Enforcement
 - Public Works Operations Center
 - Love Where You Live Community Engagement Project
 - American Rescue Plan Act
 - Bus Rapid Transit: “Stride”
 - Tree Retention Ordinances
 - Comprehensive Plan Amendments
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City Finances

- 2023-24 Biennial Budget: \$31.2M (General fund)
\$87.3M (All funds)
- Main Revenue Sources in the General Fund
 - Property Taxes - \$11.4M for biennium
 - Sales Taxes - \$7.5M
- Main Expenditure Sources
 - Salaries and Wages - \$12.2M
 - Public Safety - \$9.7M
- Reserve Policy
 - Maintain at least 20% of operating expenditures in reserves

Standard & Poor's
AAA Rating

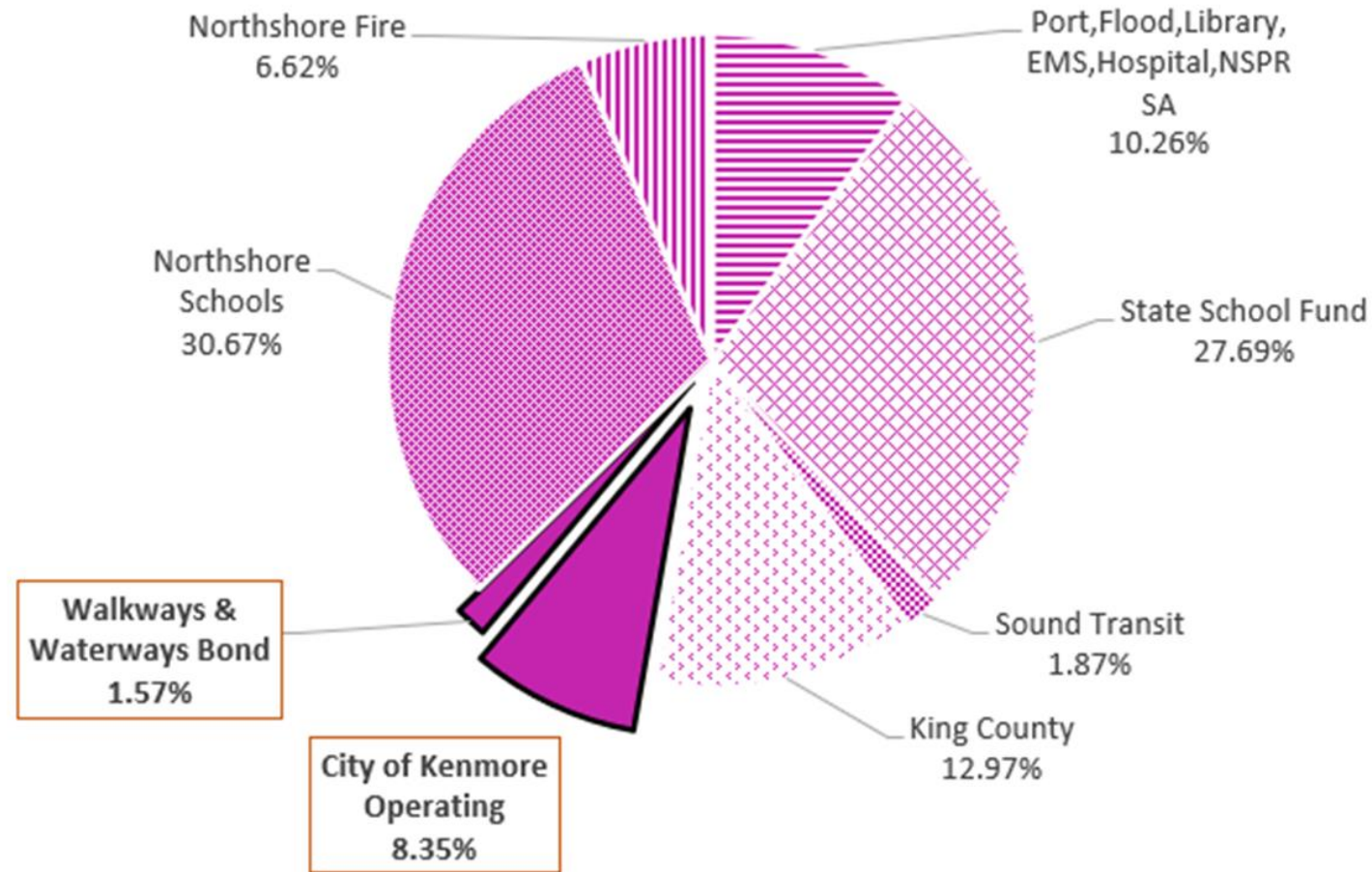


City Finances, continued

- Budget Outlook
 - Cost of doing business is growing faster than revenues—9% inflation last year
 - Police costs saw a big jump: 14%
 - Largest revenue source is Property Taxes which is limited to 1% growth per year (state law)
 - Recent forecasting indicates the City will fall below the 20% reserve policy by 2026.
 - The City will re-convene the Financial Sustainability Task Force to address the fiscal constraints and make new recommendations



The Property Tax Pie



What's Next on the Horizon?

- Next phase of the Climate Action Plan implementation
- DEIA Strategic Plan Implementation
- Funding the replacement of fish-blocking culverts
- Financial Sustainability Plan update
- Implementing new State-mandated middle housing requirements
- Housing & Human Services needs assessment
- More Sidewalk Projects



On the Horizon, continued

- Saving and increasing the tree canopy
- Plymouth & Holt Affordable Housing Developments
- Public Works Operations Center
- Lakepointe
- Aquatic Center siting study results



Tonight's Table Topics

1. Transportation
2. Climate & Environment
3. Housing & Land Use
4. Budget & Taxes
5. Public Safety
6. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
7. Other



Transportation

- Target Zero and Safety for Vulnerable Road Users
- Traffic Safety and Crash Risk Reduction
- Speed Management and Traffic Calming
- Kenmore Automated Photo Enforcement (KAPE)
- Sidewalks, Bike Lanes, and Other Active Transportation Facilities
- Buses, Shuttles, and Other Transit Services
- Parking
- Pavement Management and Preservation
- Upcoming Transportation Projects

Climate & Environment

- Climate Action Plan
- Environmental Stewardship
- Habitat Restoration
- Surface Water Quality
- Air Quality
- Flood Prevention



Housing & Land Use

- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning & Land Use
- Affordable Housing
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Middle Housing
- Affordable Housing Developments. Holt & Plymouth Properties
- Tenant Protections



Budget & Taxes

- Biennium Budget
- Taxes
- Financial Sustainability



Public Safety

- Police Operations
- Crime Prevention
- Court
- Corrections
- RCR Co-Responder Program



Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

- Parks and Park Projects
- Aquatic Center Siting Study
- Recreation Programs
- Events
 - Concerts in the Park
 - Movies in the Town Square
 - Farmers Market
 - Etc.



Other

- Asphalt Plant
- Trees
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Strategic Plan
- Code Enforcement
- Economic Development
- Lakepointe
- Public Outreach & Communications



Submit a Service Request on the City's Website

<https://www.kenmorewa.gov/i-want-to/report-a-concern>



Report a Non-Emergency to Kenmore Police

Emergencies – 911

Non-Emergency Line – (206) 296-3311

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/legacy/depts/sheriff/on-line-reporting/on-line-reporting.aspx>



Town Hall Roundtable Plan

Roundtable Topic	1 st Round Councilmembers	2 nd Round Councilmembers	Staff
1. Transportation	Mayor Nigel Herbig	Councilmember Angela Kugler	Tobin Bennett-Gold, Traffic Engineer
2. Climate & Environment	Deputy Mayor Melanie O'Cain	Mayor Nigel Herbig	Richard Sawyer, Environmental Services Director
3. Housing & Land Use	Councilmember Corina Pfeil	Deputy Mayor Melanie O'Cain	Tambi Cork, Housing & Human Services Manager Todd Hall, Principal Planner
4. Budget/Taxes	Councilmember David Baker	Councilmember Corina Pfeil	Melinda Merrell, Finance & Administration Director
5. Public Safety	Councilmember Joe Marshall	Councilmember David Baker	Brandon Moen, Kenmore Police Chief
6. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space	Councilmember Debra Srebnik	Councilmember Joe Marshall	Debbie Bent, Community Development Director Jennifer Gordon, Public Works Operations Director
7. Other	Councilmember Angela Kugler	Councilmember Debra Srebnik	Rob Karlinsey, City Manager Samantha Loyuk, Development Services Director

Let the roundtable discussions begin!

