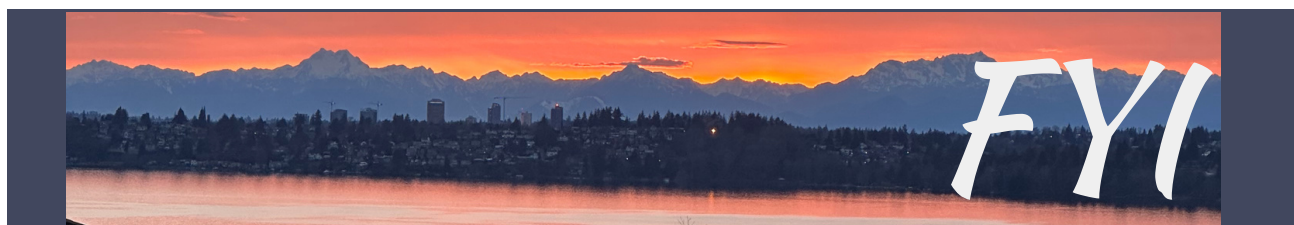


For Your Information

STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT A GLANCE

- City Council candidates declare for 2023 election cycle
- La Quinta Update
- Houghton Village
- *Summer Soiree being planned*
- Transportation Benefit District
- Streets & Grounds clean up and medians



Elections 2023: Three city council at-large* seats are up for grabs this November. All three incumbents are running for re-election and have one or more challengers. Now is the time to start understanding the record and positions of the incumbents and to learn about the background and positions of the challengers. The HNA will be hosting a candidate forum at the International Community School on issues important to Houghton residents.

Save The Date of Monday, October 16th and look for your chance to weigh in on what matters to our community via *survey* in the next couple of months.

Incumbent www.amyfalcone.org vs challenger www.electryanjames.com

Incumbent www.kellicurtisforkirklandcouncil.com vs challenger www.catieforkirkland.com

vs challenger Zoltan Szilagyi

Incumbent www.tobynixon.com vs challenger www.johntforkirkland.com

*city council members are not elected to represent certain jurisdictions within the city.

Please take a minute to fill out the **Land Use and Transportation Survey for 2023-2030** <https://cityofkirkland.research.net/r/transportation-landuse-survey> **Why?** City is asking about types of development and "Houghton Center" is listed. Closes **June 30th**

LaQuinta Update: The lack of activity at the La Quinta after the long and contentious process with the city and King County is notable. We learned recently that the City's human services team has been working with King County on a referral network process over the past two months and that the lack of visible construction activity stems from the fact King County has yet to file construction permits with the City.

Houghton Village Update: HNA has been communicating with the City around activating the Houghton Village site to engage the neighborhoods surrounding Houghton Center this summer. There were various suggestions made by city council members and neighbors on how to do this immediately after the purchase. The City's current plan is to focus on trying to get new tenants into the empty store spots as a first priority (Studio East) and outreach to surrounding businesses. There is no development partner at this time nor active plans for this summer.

We encourage all residents to remain active and vocal about their preferences for the development of the Houghton Village site as the City is still in planning phases.

Houghton Summer Soiree: to be scheduled

Neighborhood maintenance and beautification this summer: Streets and grounds clean up and medians: <https://kirklandwa.gscend.com/ourkirkland> *You can find the Our Kirkland mobile app in the iOS App Store and Google Play Store to easily submit requests on the go*



As property owners **we are responsible** for the walkability of the sidewalks on the perimeters of our property. Now is the time to check that your sidewalks are tidy and clear of obstructions. If you see areas that need attention, there are two things you can do: alert the owner personally or create an *Our Kirkland* service request. The city will reach out to the resident, remind them of the obligation and give them a timeline to remedy the situation per city code.

If you see problematic areas of Houghton that the city is responsible for, please take action and make a service request via **Our Kirkland** and follow it thorough to completion.
<https://kirklandwa.gscend.com/ourkirkland>



Fire Station 22 Update: On-time and on-budget, Chief **Joe Sanford** explained the station will be ready for operation in August with a ribbon cutting ceremony in September. Twenty new recruits will be hired by August, trained and online by January of 2024. HNA extended a word of gratitude for the KFD and BFD response to the large home fire on 105th recently.

Parks Ballot Measure: The City would like to put a "Levy Lid Lift" on the November 7th 2023 ballot to fund a variety of additional park expenditures including a community pool and recreation facility. The Houghton Park and Ride on 70th is a strong contender for the facility. The sale of the property to the City continues to be "pending." You can watch the June 20th city council study session and council meeting discussion on this topic here: <https://kirkland.granicus.com/player/clip/4790> The final configuration of projects included in the ballot measure, ballot language, financing and a call for pro/con statements were discussed.

- Help Wanted: If you are interested in working with up to two more neighbors on either the PRO or CON statement on this funding measure for the voters guide, please reach out to city clerk kanderson@kirklandwa.gov or visit kirklandwa.gov/parks2023ballot

Northwest University update: *Did you know...*that NWU's chief financial officer is the community liaison to the HNA? We appreciate **Ryan Porter's** participation and NWU's positive contribution to the neighborhood. **Welcome Weekend/Move-In Day August 24.** During the morning of August 24, you may notice lots of energy and excitement as we greet our new students and their families to campus, 9am-noon along 108th. **Outdoor Sports Courts.** We welcome our neighbors who use our outdoor sports courts during the summer, but please note that after August 24, they are reserved for student usage.

Thank you to the **International Community School** and **Northwest University** for hosting HNA for our spring neighborhood meetings.



What happened to the "central?" The current board recently voted to simply call ourselves the Houghton Neighborhood Association. We have many neighbors, long and short term, confused by the inclusion of central when there are not other Houghton neighborhoods in Kirkland. That said, *you can call us whatever you want as long as you call us!* You can reach the Houghton Neighborhood Association leadership by email or in person at centralhoughton@gmail.com We want YOU to keep us informed of what is going on in our neighborhood!

Are you a business or commercial property owner in Houghton? HNA leadership would love to meet with you and learn how we can help you be successful. centralhoughton@gmail.com

Instagram: [@HoughtonLives](https://www.instagram.com/HoughtonLives) Tag us in your posts [#houghtonlives](https://www.instagram.com/HoughtonLives) *Send us content to post in our DM's

Houghton Neighborhood Facebook Group: Post information relevant to our immediate neighborhood: cool things going on, incidents where a heads-up makes sense, general discussion.

Nextdoor: Central Houghton

Houghton Neighborhood Association Website: www.houghtonlives.com *past newsletter posted

Our Kirkland: Use this website and application to log reports and service requests with the city.
<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Finance-and-Administration/Our-Kirkland>

Buy Nothing Houghton on Facebook: A great way to pay-it-forward or make a hyper-local ask. Offer up FREE stuff, ask for FREE stuff

Did you know all City Council meetings are open to the public, hybrid and recorded? You can reach out to any city councilperson with comments or concerns: psweet@kirklandwa.gov, jarnold@kirklandwa.gov, nblack@kirklandwa.gov, afalcone@kirklandwa.gov, tnixon@kirklandwa.gov, jpascal@kirklandwa.gov



Thank You for attending

MAY 8, 2023

KIRKLAND PD GUEST SPEAKER



Non Emergency Reporting: 425.577.5656



To request service from the city:

kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Finance-and-Administration/Our-Kirkland and/or download the application



Subscribe to "This Week" kirklandwa.gov/government/subscribe-to-kirkland-email-lists

This summer, consider:

- Starting or updating your neighborhood block-watch list
- Have a small block party with your neighbors
- Contact the city at Our Kirkland about something that needs to be attended to by the city
- Subscribe to: city newsletter and listen to City Council meetings past and present

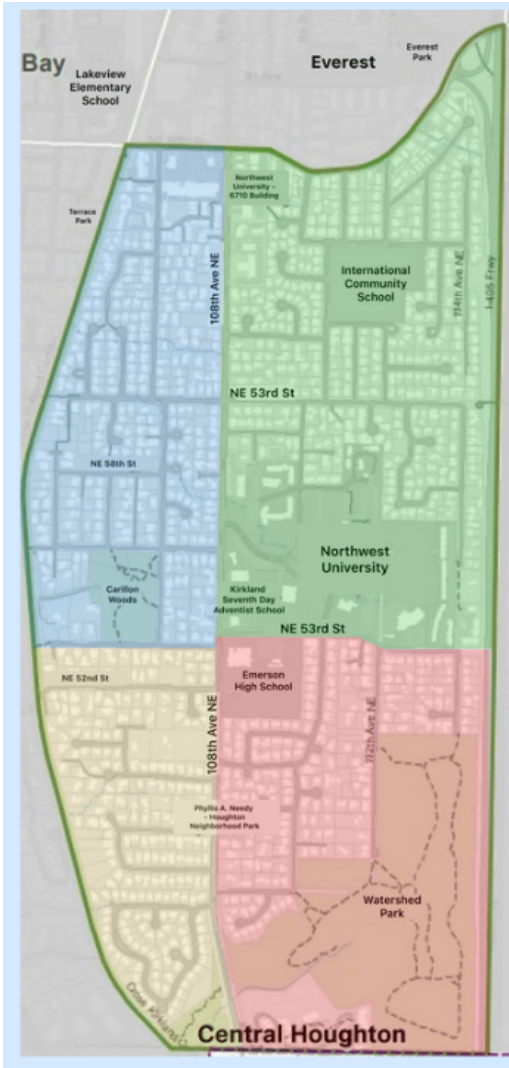
Summer

Want to donate to our 501c3?

Zelle: centralhoughton@gmail.com

Venmo: @CHNA-1

Interested in becoming a micro-neighborhood captain? Please reach out to find out how!



Houghton Neighborhood Association Board and Executive team 2023: Haris Husain & Jennifer Loy Co-Presidents, **Dietmar Schimmel** Treasurer, **Greg Young, Malia McCabe** Executive Committee, **Lisa McConnell, Gary Greenberg**, Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods. We welcome all neighbors with energy or a good idea to participate in the association!

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