

Everest Neighborhood Association – September E-Newsletter

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Hello everyone! We hope you will take the time to glance through some Everest and Kirkland-related news! See you at the picnic this Sunday!

Events:

- **Everest Neighborhood Picnic this Sunday!** September is here! Let's get together to celebrate the end of the summer together as a neighborhood: remember to **RSVP to everes...@outlook.com** and join us for lunch, live music and games with your neighbors! See you this Sunday from noon - 3pm! Bring drinks for yourself and something to share if you'd like. We are providing burgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers!
- **Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB) is Re-Opening!** The City of Kirkland is excited to announce the grand re-opening of the KTUB as a drop-in teen center! The grand re-opening party and ribbon cutting is on Wednesday, September 18th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Starting now, KTUB will offer free drop-in activities, programs, late-night events, and behavioral health services for middle school and high school teens. Learn more at www.kirklandwa.gov/KTUB. Instagram: @kirkland.teens.ktub for updates on programs and events.

Volunteer Opportunity:

- **Green Kirkland Steward Orientation:** Are you passionate about preserving Kirkland's natural beauty? Green Kirkland Steward are volunteers who share their love of green spaces by leading other volunteers in restoration projects in their local parks. A new steward orientation will be held in September 2024, with a blend of online and in-person sessions covering topics in urban forestry, habitat restoration, and volunteer management. The orientation is free and open to the public. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend, even just to learn more about caring for natural area restoration.
 - Session 1: Program and Urban Forestry Overview (Online) - Thursday, September 19, 6:00-8:00 PM
 - Session 2: Field Training in Restoration Practices (In-person) - Saturday, September 21, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM. Kirkland Park TBD
 - Session 3: Site and Volunteer Management (Online) - Thursday, September 26, 6:00-8:00 PM

To learn more about the Steward role, visit the Ongoing Volunteer Roles page at www.greenkirkland.org, or contact Program Coordinator Jeremy Jones at jjo...@kirklandwa.gov or [425-681-9246](tel:425-681-9246).

City Updates:

- **Kirkland 2044 Comprehensive Plan Update - Housing Element:** The City of Kirkland is currently updating its Comprehensive Plan, including the Housing Element. This plan will shape the future of housing in Kirkland, addressing critical issues such as affordability, availability, and equity. The city has released draft goals and policies for the Housing Element, which are available for review on the city website. A public hearing on the Housing Element and other topics related to the Kirkland 2044 Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for **Thursday, September 26th, 2024**. The open house begins at 4:00 PM, and the meeting will start at 6:00 PM.
- **The Kirkland Initiative:** This program aims to make City Hall accessible and encourage civic engagement by providing residents with a deeper understanding of local government. The Initiative is an 8-week course that will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, starting September 26th. This course will cover a range of city government topics, from City Council to Public Works to Community Responders and more. **The application for the 2024 Kirkland Initiative is now open! Apply here: <https://us.openforms.com/Form/1cb7dca3-0c81-4e5e-924d-fee9ac4c255a>.**

Stay Connected:

- Join the [Everest Neighborhood Facebook page](#) to learn more about events and news pertaining to our area.
- Sign up for the [monthly Green Kirkland newsletter](#) to stay up-to-date on their initiatives.
- **Get the latest news from the City of Kirkland through their weekly newsletter and podcast "This Week in Kirkland."**
 - Subscribe to the [newsletter here](#) to receive updates on City Council meetings, capital projects, transportation improvements, City events, health and safety recommendations, and opportunities to provide feedback on upcoming projects.
 - Listen to the [official podcast](#). Hosted by Deputy City Manager Jim Lopez, this podcast covers timely topics and noteworthy news every week.

Meet Your Everest Neighborhood Association Officers

- Recently Appointed Chair: Owen Paulus (after serving as Vice chair)
- Recently Appointed Vice Chair: Kurt Dresner (new officer!)
- Treasurer: Walter Jaccard
- Secretary - Nate Paczan
- At-Large Board Member - Rowena Toguchi (New board member!)
- At-Large Board Member - Ray Jonas

COMING SOON! Be on the lookout for our new neighborhood website!

Have a great September!