

N O R K I R K

Neighborhood Association

WELCOME to the NORKIRK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (NNA) NEWS
May 2003

The Norkirk Neighborhood Association (NNA) is a volunteer based organization that works to build a sense of community and make improvements in your neighborhood.



DON'T MISS THE NORKIRK PICNIC

Norkirk Neighborhood picnic is planned for **Saturday, August 30th**.

(Saturday of Labor Day weekend) 12-4 PM.

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- This year's picnic will feature "The Bubbleman" 1 to 2:30 PM. (see <http://www.bubbleman.com>); Art projects for the kids hosted by Kirkland Arts Center and Kirkland Pre-school; live music; free food and beverages.
- Last year's picnic was a great success because of all the wonderful neighbors who volunteered their time and energy the day of the picnic. You can volunteer for a one to two hour slot between 10 and 5 in the following things: Set up; welcome booth; serve hotdogs; serve ice cream; and cleanup. If you would like to help please email Picnic@norkirk.org or call Virginia Woods at 827-7654.

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS

NNA has applied for \$3500 new grant money with a carryover of \$2500 from the previous year. Grant money will be used for communication, neighborhood improvements and events. The grant funds must all be matched with volunteer hours. Join in on an activity, have fun and we can make this even a better place to live.

Neighborhood University

You are invited to attend this year's Neighborhood U (University). Neighborhood U was developed three years ago by the Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods to help inform neighborhood leaders about city processes and programs. This year we will do a series of three workshops around traffic and transportation. This is highly recommended for Neighborhood Association Traffic Committees but is open to all. Neighborhood U: 2003 TRANSPORTATION

SESSION 1: Fire Station 26 (N. Rose Hill) 7 pm Monday, June 2nd

SESSION 2: Fire Station 26 (N. Rose Hill) 7 pm Monday, June 9th

SESSION 3: Fire Station 26 (N. Rose Hill) 7 pm Monday, June 16th

The first session: Some Basics: Hows and whys of signs, markings and signals. Speed limit setting; Sight distance and how to get trees/shrubs trimmed; Case study on the above

topics. Those who participate in the first session will vote to decide what should be at the other two sessions, here are some options that are under consideration: Traffic based review of new developments: Sidewalks and Crosswalks; Neighborhood Traffic Control .

To sign up call Kari Page, *Neighborhood Services Coordinator* 425-828-7973 or email <mailto:KPage@ci.kirkland.wa.us> Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, which neighborhood you live in, and which dates you will be attending. THANK YOU!

NEW NORKIRK BLOCK REP PROGRAM –HELP US GET THE NEWS OUT!

Would you like to drop newsletters and event invites off to your neighbors? Become a block rep for whatever area you would like. Email Cory Sandahl at <mailto:csandahl@norkirk.org> , call 425-576-1177 or sign up at our next meeting.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Traffic studies have shown that the traffic calming features installed this year have been effective in lowering speeds and reducing cut-through traffic. As a result, Council has decided to approve the construction of the remaining projects in Phase One.



ATTENTION PLANT LOVERS!

The NNA is organizing gardeners to work on projects to enhance our neighborhood environment. We have planted hundreds of bulbs and plants; and will be improving gardens at the entrance and neighborhood sign. If you are interested in being notified of dates and activities of projects please email <mailto:elisa@norkirk.org> or call Elisa at 828-1473

ADOPT A TRAFFIC CIRCLE!

Individual gardeners have adopted many of our traffic circles. They are supported in their efforts by NNA grant funds, which provide all materials.

If you are interested in adopting a circle or bumpout call Tracy Burrows, City of Kirkland Neighborhood Traffic Coordinator 828 2238 or email <mailto:tburrows@ci.kirkland.wa.us>

Central Houghton Neighborhood Association - Hosting a Watershed Park Clean-up

May 31st from 9-11 AM. Bring your hand clippers

Come join your neighbors in keeping this native retreat looking its best!

EVERYONE FROM AROUND THE CITY IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO COME HELP!

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY - ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS

On Tuesday night the Kirkland City Council unanimously approved the name of Heritage Hall for the historic former Christian Science Church building at the corner of Market and Central at the entry to Waverly Park from Downtown. KHS is continuing to work with the City with the goal of completing the upper meeting hall by mid-July!

To meet that goal we need to sell more Wilkeson Stone Pavers and obtain donations for landscaping and to continue the work of our great volunteers!

-- During May we are working to get a heritage society member to every Neighborhood Association

meeting to pass out forms for pavers and landscape donations. Forms can also be downloaded from our website: <http://www.kirklandheritage.org> . Please give them an opportunity to explain what we are trying to do. Funds will go to complete the walkway, the renovation of the historic building and grounds and to complete the heritage resource center in the lower floor.

-- On the next four Saturdays, May 10th, 17th and 24th and 31st- at least - we will have work parties starting at 9:30 a.m. and normally going until about 2:00 or so. We will be working on the concrete forms for the terrace north of the building, touch-up paint in the lower floor and beginning to work on scraping and painting some of the existing doors and trim that will be re-used downstairs. We need hammers, carpenter's squares, saws, levels, tools to scrape and sand wood trim and finish paint brushes.

If you plan to help, please call Bob Burke at 828-4095 so we can organize the work better knowing how many people will be there!

ON MAY 28TH AT 7:00 PM AT OUR KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY MEETING WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL PROGRAM! Everyone is Invited! CHRISTINE BERGMAN, Great Great Granddaughter of Peter Kirk PRESENTATION ON FAMILY TREASURES, DOCUMENTS AND STORIES

Kirkland Congregational Church, 106 5th Avenue, Across from City Hall ___

Seven Hills Kirkland

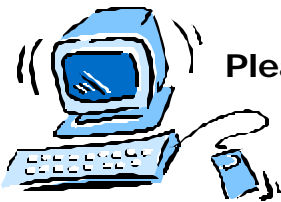
A Bicycle Event with optional 3 and 11 hills routes to benefit Kirkland Interfaith Transitions in Housing <http://www.7hillskirkland.com/> Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2003, 8-9 a.m. start. Beginning and Ending at Kirkland's Marina Park. Free strawberry shortcake for all registered riders!

NNA Meeting Agendas

Wednesday, May 21, 2003 Committee Reports; Dave Ramsey, City Manager, City Update

Next meeting:

September 17th, Wednesday 7 PM City Maintenance Center- Agenda to be announced



Please send this along to your neighbors! If you would like to hand out hard copies of this newsletter to your neighbors, call Cory Sandahl 576-1177 or email: csandahl@norkirk.org

If you are not on our email mailing list for this eletter send an email to <mailto:elisa@norkirk.org> and say "Please subscribe me to the Norkirk Newsletter"

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What issues do you have an interest in? Send us feedback and let us know how we can best keep you informed .

Board Members: Elisa Bakker – Pres., Dan Fisher – VP, Cory Sandahl – Secretary, Becky Klinicke – Treasurer, Pete Bartnick, Rani Taglund , Jason Anderson - members at large

Committees: Membership – Cory Sandahl; Traffic Calming – Jason Anderson

Picnic – Virginia Woods; Neighborhood Improvements – Elisa Bakker