

*Central Houghton Neighborhood Association (CHNA) Agenda
Tuesday February 11, 2020, 7:00 PM
Fire Station 22 on 108th Avenue NE*

1. Introductions/ Comments from the Audience

- Audience member came and spoke briefly about her concerns of the health risks of 5G telecommunications antennas and the petition her group is planning to send to Kirkland City Council asking them to ban these in Kirkland. She also suggested sending letters to the City Council. A copy of her group's handout is attached to the email and is available with the meeting notes on our website –<http://www.houghtonlives.com/> .
 - For more information, email kirkland4safetech@gmail.com.
 - Their petition is at <http://chng.it/jhtbzHJ9>

2. 2020 Census and Census Jobs

- The US Census is this year and coming up soon – the official census day is April 1. An accurate census count is important. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. Your response matters. Health clinics. Fire departments. Schools. Even roads and highways. The census can shape many different aspects of your community. It is also used to allocate congressional representatives for each state.

Anita Price from census.gov came to encourage us to take the time to respond to the census. Also the Census is hiring workers in King County at \$23/hr. right now. The materials that were handed out at the meeting are attached Visit: <https://www.census.gov/>

Other materials are attached to the meeting notes at houghtonlives.com

3. Kirkland Downtown Association (KDA) – Michael Friedline

- Michael Friedline of KDA was introduced. He noted that KDA and its members work very hard to represent downtown Kirkland businesses and provide the fun events we've come to associate with our hometown. KDA leads or assists with several fun events and activities throughout the year: the 4th of July parade, Wednesday markets, concerts in the Park, Winterfest, Google Lights, and Pumpkins in the Park to name a few. KDA has an upcoming Pride event June 20th at Juanita Park.

- They are looking to expand their reach in the City and helping other organizations. He noted what he wanted most from our neighborhood association was to support the events and help getting the word out. He also noted that people can donate or better yet, volunteer!

For more information see - <https://kirklanddowntown.org/>

4. Kirkland Senior Council – Susan Harris

- Susan Harris came and handed out the incredible East King County Resource Guide for Older Adults and Their Families. Paper copies of this invaluable resource can be found at the Library, at the Senior Center behind the Kirkland Performance Center downtown, in the lobby of City Hall, and other locations on the Eastside. CHNA also will have copies available at our upcoming meetings.

Or you can browse the online copy here:

<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Parks/Parks+PDFs/East+King+County+Resource+Guide+for+Older+Adults+and+their+Families.pdf>

- For more information on the Kirkland Senior Council see their web site at https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/parks/About_Parks_and_Community_Services/Senior_Services/Senior_Council.htm

5. Neighborhood Safety Program (NSP) and Other Transportation Projects

a. NSP 2019/2020 Program Safer Routes to School

Our project from 2018, installing rapid flashing beacons at the Phyllis Needy Park crosswalk, is moving ahead, with the City Council very much interested in seeing this project completed despite just missing the scoring to qualify for funding in 2018.

CHNA's priority project submitted for this year's NSP cycle was for a traffic study for the area in the vicinity of the entrance to the International Community School (ICS). The City has decided to incorporate this study into their current Safer Routes to School Program, so it was no longer included in the NSP evaluation. Students at ICS are also involved in the study.

Thank you all for submitting your ideas for improving our neighborhood through Suggest A Project. They do get done! If you have an idea go here (they cover all types of projects –capital or maintenance, transportation, parks, street lights, etc.): https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Public_Works/Construction_Projects/Capital_Improvements/Suggest_a_CIP_Project_form.htm

b. 108th Avenue NE Water and Sewer Line Upgrade Projects

Just when the City got 6th Street (north of NE 68th Street) finished and working, we have a new sewer, water, and road repaving project slated for 108th Avenue from 68th Street south to 53rd Street.

The project has three schedules of work.

***Schedule A:** Sanitary Sewer Main – 108th Ave NE from NE 68th Street to NE 53rd Street includes, but is not limited to, the replacement of approximately 4,132 LF of 8-inch concrete sewer main. In addition, the schedule includes the replacement of 19 manholes and 34 side sewers, restoration of asphalt section and sidewalk sections disturbed by project construction, removal and replacement of three traffic islands, repair of water mains damaged by work, and other general restoration work.*

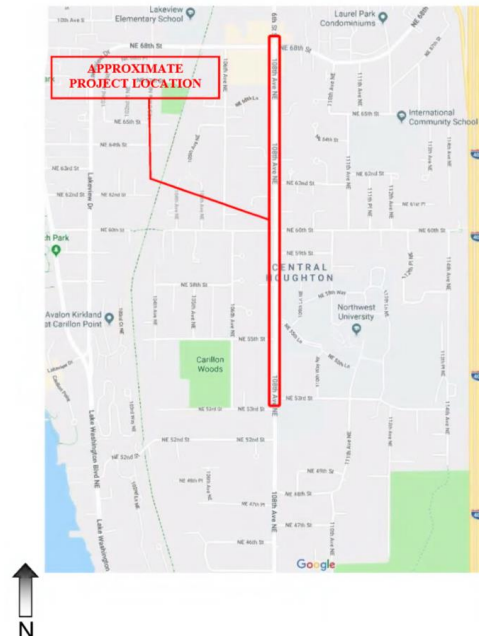
***Schedule B:** Water Main – NE 68th Street to NE 60th Street includes, but is not limited to, the replacement of approximately 2,412 LF of 8-inch water main and 2,152 LF 12-inch diameter water main within 108th Avenue NE. In addition, installation of seven fire hydrant assemblies, replacement of all water services, restoration of asphalt section and sidewalk sections disturbed by project construction, and other general restoration work.*

***Schedule C,** Road Overlay and ADA Ramp Replacement, includes, but is not limited to, the replacement of nine concrete curb (“ADA”) ramps, full pavement overlay of 108th Avenue NE from NE 68th Street to NE 60th Street, two lanes of pavement overlay of 108th Avenue NE from NE 60th Street to NE 53rd Street, and other general restoration work.*

For more project details, see:

http://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Public_Works/Construction_Projects/108th_Avenue_Northeast_water_and_sewer_upgrade.htm

City staff will be at our March 10 meeting to give an overview of the project and will be available to answer questions.



6. Postal Service Mailer/Other CHNA Communication Programs

- We are working on getting out a new informational mailer to all Central Houghton neighborhood residents and businesses. This mailer is to let our neighbors know who we are and what we do at CHNA, as well as all the ways to find out what's going on in our part of the City. With so many new residents or longtime residents who may not know about us, this will be a nice introduction and invitation to find out more. Funding is provided by our Neighborhood Matching Grant. If you are interested in helping us put this together, please contact us at centralhoughton@gmail.com

7. Other Announcements and Discussion Items

- a. **Fire Station 22 Parking Lot/Walkway Lighting** – the pedestrian pathway directly north of Fire Station 22 has some lights out for a while now and we have contacted the City. They have said they are working on finding and installing replacement fixtures for these lights. (This project was submitted to the City as part of the Suggest a Project web page – [see link in item 5a.](#))
- b. **Expanded School Resource Officer (SRO) Program Video**
This video provides an update on the SRO program that is supported through the voter approved Prop 1.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQkkWUf-PwM>
- c. **Sign Compliance Volunteer Opportunity** – If you are interested in helping reduce sign clutter (for example political signs, real estate, or other illegal businesses) along our streets and sidewalks the City is requesting help from neighborhood volunteers.

Please contact the City if you are interested or have questions. The City contact is -- Patrick Tefft (City of Kirkland volunteer coordinator, PTefft@kirklandwa.gov).

- d. **Tree Code Revisions** – City Council

The City Council is discussing various parts of the update of the Tree Code over several meetings. The following links can be used to hear what the Council has discussed so far. The Council will be discussing more of the Tree Code at their March 3 meeting.

- January 21 City Council Meeting for discussion

https://kirkland.granicus.com/player/clip/4190?view_id=24

- Council meeting video February 18th, at time 3:00:00

https://kirkland.granicus.com/player/clip/4204?view_id=24

For more general information:

https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/planning/Code_Updates/Projects/Tree_Code_Updates.htm

- e. **Rooftop Appurtenances** – Public Hearing **February 13**
January Packet
<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Planning/Planning+PDFs/Planning+Commission/Rooftop+Amenity+Amendments+-+CAM19-00502.pdf>

The Planning Commission and Houghton Community Council held a joint hearing on these code changes on February 13. The City Council will likely take action in March 2020.

- f. **Middle Housing and Accessory Dwelling Unit Codes**
- Planning Commission Recommendation – **February 13**

Following the Planning Commission's recommendation at their February 13 meeting, the City Council is scheduled to take action on the code changes at its March 3 meeting.

g. Development Projects

i. 6700 108th Office (Taco Truck Site) –

The applicant is proposing to construct a 3-story building with two stories of office above a level of structured parking and office space. The project was discussed at the January 6 meeting of the City’s Design Review Board. The materials for that meeting are available at: <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Assets/Planning/Planning+PDFs/Design+Review+Board/6700+108th+Ave+Office+Building+-+DRV19-00677.pdf>

8. Houghton Community Council New Member – The Houghton Community appointed Larry Toedtli to serve the remainder of Neal Black’s term through December 2021. Neal Black was elected to the City Council in November 2019.

9. CHNA Business Items

- a. **Board Reports** – Larry noted that he had submitted the Annual Report, as required by the State of Washington. The cost of the submittal is \$10. A copy has been posted to the CHNA website.
- b. **Open Officer Positions** – As noted above, Larry Toedtli (CHNA’s President) has been appointed to the Houghton Community Council in the seat vacated by Neal Black. While Larry is available and plans to continue on the Board, we will need a new President to head CHNA.

We also have open positions for Vice President and Treasurer. These are great ways to get involved in your community without requiring much time.

If you are interested in serving, please contact us at centralhoughton@gmail.com

c. *Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday March 10*

i. *Topics of Interest?*

10. Adjourn

Potential future agenda items include – *Communication Strategies, Welcoming week, Transportation, transit, Pedestrian and Bicycle Programs/Projects, Planning Staff – plan development and/or development review, Fire Marshall/ Emergency Services*
Other Ideas?

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[**http://www.houghtonlives.com/**](http://www.houghtonlives.com/)