

*Central Houghton Neighborhood Association (CHNA) Meeting
Tuesday September 11, 2018, 7:00 PM
Fire Station 22 on 108th Avenue NE*

1. Introductions/ Comments from the Audience

Dan and Liz Montgomery joined us – In the past, Dan served on the Houghton Community Council (HCC) and Parks Board. He was interested in the function of the Central Houghton Neighborhood Association (CHNA) and its relationship to the HCC. Larry explained that the HCC is elected and was formed as part of the merger of Houghton with Kirkland 50 years ago. The CHNA is a volunteer organization focused on enhancing our neighborhood and keeping people informed on issues affecting the neighborhood. More information on the history of CHNA and its role in the community, its relationship to the HCC, and contact information can be found at the following link on our website (below link). Dan also asked about the background on the annexation of Finn Hill, Juanita, and Kingsgate areas into Kirkland.

<http://www.houghtonlives.com/history.html>

Tom Kreinbring, of Hopelink, shared information on this year’s Turkey Trot (the 18th Annual) which will take place Sunday November 18. The 5k run/walk starts at Kirkland’s Marina Park. More information can be found on the CHNA web site:

<http://www.houghtonlives.com/home/18th-annual-hopelink-turkey-trot-coming-sunday-november-18>

2. Police Command Staff – Captain Ursino

Captain Ursino introduced himself and provided some information on police calls related to possible mental health issues, noting that these types of calls average almost 2 per day within Kirkland.

3. Enhanced Safety For a Thriving City Ballot Measure – Assistant City Manager, Jim Lopez

At the City Council meeting on April 17, 2018, public comment was provided that requested Council to adopt a resolution to “Save Lives through Gun Safety” which called for the City to take action on gun safety and community safety and to engage the community for input on these topics. From this input, City Council resolved to put the Safety Ballot Measure out to vote this November. Key items that would be funded with approval of the ballot issue include:

- 4 officers for a ProAct Unit (a ProAct unit analyzes crime data to help target certain types of activities, such as illegal drugs, car prowls, burglaries, shoplifting, mail theft and others.)
- 4 Student Resource Officers in Kirkland Middle Schools – Kirkland, Kamiakin, Finn Hill Middle Schools and the International Community School.
- 1 Neighborhood Resource Officer and 1 Mental Health Professional to help address police and fire calls involving mental health concerns. These can include domestic violence, suicide attempts, homeless persons, and code enforcement needs.
- \$350,000/yr. funding for mental health and human services including suicide prevention, domestic violence prevention, drug addiction services, and after-school programs.

- \$100,000/yr. for the women and family shelter.
- Gun safety training and subsidized trigger locks and gun safes.

Ballot issue calls for a 0.1% increase in the City sales tax (a penny on \$10 purchase). This is expected to raise approximately \$1.8 million annually. If approved, specific funding decisions will be made by the City Council as part of the City budget process. Please see this page for details on the ballot measure

https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Residents/Public_Safety/Enhanced_Police_Services_and_Community_Safety_Ballot_Measure.htm.

4. Emergency Preparedness – Christina Brugman

Christina Brugman, a volunteer from Kirkland CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and the Office of Emergency Management, came to share a wealth of information and tips on preparing ourselves for disasters and emergency situations. The basic is to prepare for 1.Survival 2.Safety then 3.Comfort. The following web page offers loads of information on how and what to prepare yourself, your home, and your business for any possible emergency. And don't forget about your pets!

https://www.kirklandwa.gov/depart/Fire_Services/prepare.htm

It may seem overwhelming and Ms. Brugman advised us to take little steps a little at a time. Set up stored water this month; buy extra canned food next month; make sure you have flashlights and batteries. Before you know it you'll be ready!

If you would love to do more, you can sign up for CERT classes this Spring (Fall classes have started and are full).

<http://kirklandcert.com/>

5. Other Announcements and Discussion Items

- Houghton 50th Celebration Recap** – Wonderful celebration and well attended. Kudos to Lisa McConnell for developing the idea, planning the event, and successful implementation!!!

We are working to get pictures and the event materials up on our web site:

<http://www.houghtonlives.com/>

- Safety Program 2019 Projects** - Phyllis Needy Park Crosswalk Rapid Flashing Beacons will be our primary safety project as it was delayed from the 2018 program for confusing patent issues. Those issues are resolved now and flashing beacons can again be installed by the City. The costs of these traffic controls has increases significantly over the past several years. Our secondary project is likely to be crosswalk/pedestrian streetlights to better illuminate crosswalks on NE 68th Street, proximal to the recent tragedy. We will discuss this project with the Everest Neighborhood because it directly serves both communities.

- c. **2019 Capital Improvement Program** – Sewer Main and Water Main Replacement Projects scheduled for 2019-2021 on 108th Avenue NE. are proposed for funding for construction. Construction is planned to start in 2019 for the 108th Avenue Sewer Main Replacement (project SS 0052), between NE 53rd Street and NE 68th Street. Construction of the 108th Avenue Water Main Replacement project (WA 0052), between NE 60th and NE 68th Streets is planned to start in 2020.
- d. **Costume Swap** - Trade your old costumes for ones that are new-to-you! Donate costumes, masks, and accessories at Kirkland City Hall the week of September 25-29. Then, complete the swap by selecting a donated costume at City Hall on Saturday September 30! The event is fun and easy – it’s not an exchange program where you must bring in a costume to get one, but residents are encouraged to donate if you’d like to take a costume too. Give what you can, and take what you need.

Donate Costumes
 September 25-29
 8am - 5pm
 Kirkland City Hall

Swap Costumes
 September 30
 10am - 11:30am
 City Hall - Peter Kirk Room (downstairs)

Costumes of all sizes - from baby to adult - will be accepted. Items should be clean and in good, wearable condition (e.g. no broken zippers, not mildewed, torn only if intentional). Accessories accepted as well. Sound like fun? Volunteer at the costume swap to help set up and organize costumes, then break down after the event. Contact recycle@kirklandwa.gov if you're interested!

Development Projects – Larry noted that no new major development projects or changes to prior projects have been provided by the City. John Jordon, CFO of Northwest University, was asked about the status of the University’s Master Plan application. He noted that they were still waiting for the City to issue their report. We will let the neighborhood know as we get any updated information from the City.

**If you have any questions,
 comments or suggestions,
 please contact us at:**
centralhoughton@gmail.com

Our web site is:
<http://www.houghtonlives.com/>

6. CHNA Business Items

- a. **CHNA Survey Results** – Larry briefly summarized the input from the online survey that CHNA conducted in June/July of 2018. He noted that most respondents liked the meeting notes and that is how they mostly accessed information from CHNA. Attendance at meetings, Facebook, and the Web page were all secondary resources. The survey respondents were mostly interested in topics related to land use, development projects, transportation, and the Houghton Community Council activities. People also noted that they like it when we have presenters from the City or other agencies, or on development projects at the meetings.

- b. **Meeting Schedule** – based on the input from the surveys, the Board opted to switch to meeting every other month (September, November, January, March, and May). Additional meetings can be held, as needed to timely address specific topics, development projects, or other items of interest to the neighborhood.
- c. **Open Board Positions** – We still have open officer positions – Treasurer and Vice President. Please contact us if you are interested in finding out more about these positions. (centralhoughton@gmail.com)
- d. **Treasurer Report** – Larry noted that the costs of the 50th Anniversary Celebration were primarily covered by the City’s matching grant. However, we will be using approximately \$130 from the CHNA bank account to cover the total expenses of the event and web site. Our balance is currently over \$2,400.
- e. **2019/2020 Neighborhood Matching Grant Ideas** – Possible ideas for next year’s matching grant program included continued funding of the CHNA webpage, possible community projects, or funding participation in the July 4th parade or another event. This will be discussed and decided at next meeting on November 13.
- f. **Next Meeting – November 13** – CHNA meeting topics 2018/2019
 - Neighborhood Matching Grant Program
 - Neighborhood Safety Program Projects