

Blackberry Preserves

The Journal of the
Kirkland Heritage Society



Sleigh Bells Ring, Are you Listening?

THE JOSTEN FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF JUANITA
OUT FOR A SLEIGH RIDE C 1915/1916

Photo courtesy of Elaine Josten McKenna, Kirkland Heritage Society Collection



Kirkland Heritage Society

PRESIDENT'S LETTER
by
BOB BURKE

City Budgets \$22,000 for Inventory

THIRD TIME IS THE CHARM!! After 2 other attempts, our budget request to start the detailed historic property inventory on which **Velda Wilson** and **Lynette Friberg** have done so much work was approved by City Council !! In 1998 about 210 more properties will be done. This information is necessary in our continuing effort to place structures on the City's List of Recognized Properties and is valuable for future neighborhood planning efforts and to individual property owners. **Thank you! Kirkland City Council for your support!!**

It has been an extremely active and successful year for KHS! January's *Blackberry Preserves* will have a special supplement -reporting what has been done - a State of KHS Report.

I have been most impressed this year by two aspects of KHS membership.

First, as in any organization, there is an extremely dedicated core of people who work very hard! This group has very broad interests ranging from oral history, newspaper research, buildings and sites, and City policy and plans.

Second, most of the people who support KHS with their membership are very active in the Community. They see KHS efforts to preserve the history of Kirkland as being complementary to their concerns and efforts to maintain the long-term quality and character of our City and its neighborhoods!

**Thanks to everyone for your effort in 1997!
Happy Holidays and All the Best for 1998!!**

CITY / NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON

by
Bob Burke

So much is happening with the City of Kirkland and Neighborhood Associations, I thought it might be a good idea to start a monthly column highlighting what has happened and alerting people to up coming events.

- **Patrick and Shannon Harris** took the lead in organizing the Norkirk Neighborhood Association. **Bob Burke** made a presentation on KHS at their organizing meeting. He also talked to the Kirkland Association of Neighborhoods.
- **Christina Brugman** is working with the South Juanita Neighborhood Association on their history which will be included in a brochure.
- **Alan Stein and Bob Burke** are working with the Central Houghton Neighborhood Association on their Historic Interpretive Marker - **A Place Called Houghton** - which is scheduled to be installed next February.
- **City Council** - Adopted in November the Community Character Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan with strengthened Historic Preservation Policies.
- **Planning Commission** - reviewed Historic Properties regulations on December 11th.
- **City Council** - Final Public Hearing regarding the regulations and policies relating to the height and mass of buildings in downtown Kirkland. Various amendments to the design regulations will also be considered. December 18th, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chamber, 123 Fifth Avenue.

In this most joyful season, we want to express our sincere wishes for your happiness.



Burke and Farrar

Tales of the East Side Journal

BY ALAN J STEIN

In the late 1920's, Kirkland was struggling hard economically. Even before the Great Depression hit, most Kirklanders were accustomed to living lean. Local businesses came and went, each trying to remain viable in the Kirkland economy. The struggle to keep local money in town was most apparent during the Christmas season, when store owners begged residents to do their shopping here at home.

The following article appeared on the front page of the Dec 16, 1926 edition of the East Side Journal. It was written by J. P. McEvoy, manager of the local lumber company. In it, he paints a tongue-in-cheek image of the doleful hazards of NOT shopping in Kirkland.

Tells of Heroic Adventures of Seattle Christmas Shopper

Once upon a time there was a Bozo from the fair city of Kirkland who filled with Christmas Spirit (not spirits), bethought to hie himself to the big wicked city and bright lights and there do his Christmas shopping. He was filled with grim determination to dash in - get his gifts and dash right out, total estimated time to be consumed about one hour. He met his first set back as he was doing the 100 yard dash down the ferry dock in nothing flat. The only street car in sight jerked itself up the hill. We will pass lightly over his trip to town on the next car which was given over to none too pleasant opinions of street railways in general and this one in particular.

We next see our hero as he is about to enter a large department store where he knows he will have it all over soon. With his bank roll in one hand and his list in the other he passes inside. From the sight that greeted his eyes he could have easily thought that they were playing the Army-Navy football game over again and that someone had just made a

touchdown. As we said before the same grim determination that was written on his face had not yet been erased. With a hastily sketched road map toward his objective, a word of cheer and an encouraging slap on the back the floor walker sent him into the scrimmage. He tried to be a gentleman and worked his way through but no luck. When he took his bearings he had lost five yards. Now thoroughly aroused he reared back and tried to make yardage through the line but like they say of the good old college game, "he was held for no gain". A little strategy was brought into play and he made a dash around the right end only to find himself headed straight for the elevator shaft. The ladies were holding the line wonderfully. He assayed a clever criss cross only to bump against a lady of no mean proportions and the conversation was on, which ended with a sally from the lady to the effect that "If I was your wife I would put strychnine in your coffee".

With the last spark of spirit that was in him he roared, "yes, sister, and if I were

your husband, believe me, I'd drink it, too". With that the lights went out. A short up-percut put our hero on the canvas. When he came to the janitor was sweeping out. He passed slowly out into the cold winter evening, stopped long enough to get a bottle of linament and dragged his battle scarred body homeward.

Moral - Do your Christmas shopping here - they play too rough in the Big Town!

The bells ring out their special greetings of joy and happiness for everyone this holiday season.



M. W. Bryant Hardware



In the good old-fashioned sense of the word - may you have a rollicking, gay Christmas... a joyous New Year.

Kirkland Boathouse

Editors note: Alan has provided us with advertisements from the East Side Journal c December 1933.

What is Historic in Downtown Kirkland?

The Kirkland Heritage Society Board has adopted a list of structures and sites of Historic or Architectural significance to the Central Business District. The Society utilized lists from King County on age of structures, conducted visual inspections of the exterior of buildings, photographed them and reviewed them against accepted National and State Historic Preservation guidelines. This list, pictures and a map have been submitted to the City Council for inclusion in the Urban Design section of the Downtown Plan as essential elements of the character of downtown Kirkland.

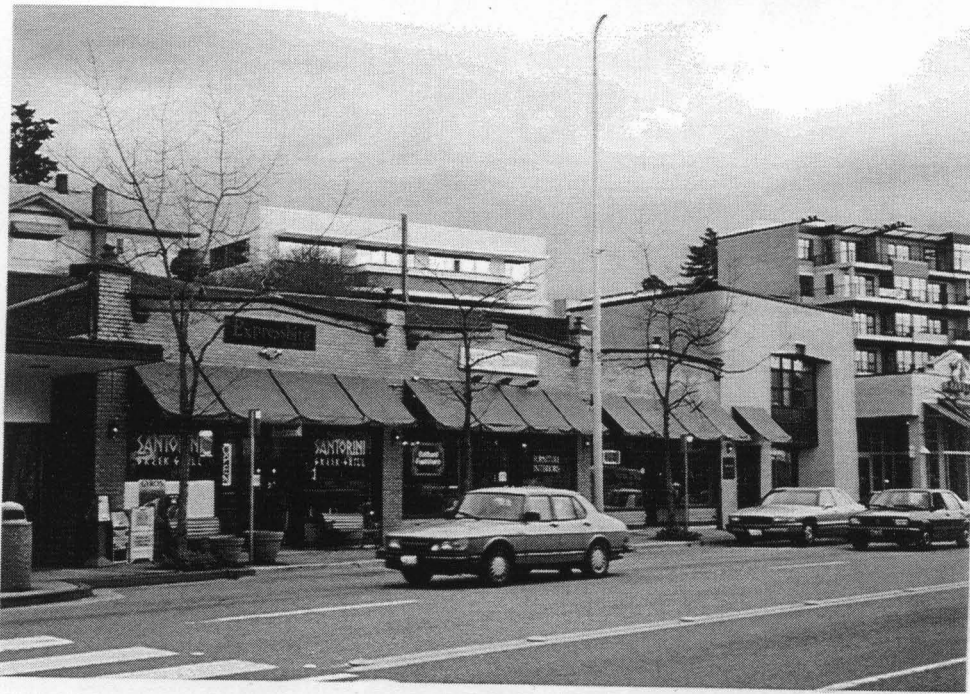
Buildings which meet historic criteria for age and contribute to the architectural interest and variety of Kirkland's Central Business District have the highest priority to be preserved. (Because of space constraints only some of these buildings are pictured here.)



**JJJ's AND THE ADJACENT STORES IN THE BUILDING
CENTRAL WAY AND LAKE STREET
BUILT IN THE 1930's**



**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
FIRST STREET
BUILT 1922**



**GATEWAY THEATER
BUILDING
CENTRAL WAY
BUILT 1926**

**WILLIAMS BUILDING
KIRKLAND AVE / LAKE STREET
BUILT 1928**



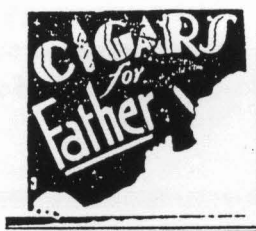




**WEBB BUILDING
KIRKLAND AVENUE
BUILT 1930**

Seasons Greetings from the Kirkland Merchants of 1933

Advertisements from a December Eastside Journal c 1933

 <p>Merry Season</p>	 <p>EAST SIDE FURNITURE</p>	 <p>ROSE BEAUTY SHOPPE</p>	 <p>YULETIDE GREETINGS SAMPLE CHEVROLET COMPANY</p>	 <p>EAST SIDE BAKERY</p>
 <p>LAKE WASHINGTON TELEPHONE CO.</p>	<p>A MERRIE CHRISTMAS</p>  <p>MILES STUDIO</p>	 <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS PASTIME CAFE</p>	 <p>PUGET SOUND POWER & LIGHT CO.</p>	 <p>HILLCREST FUEL CO.</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS GREETINGS</p>  <p>REX DRUG CO.</p>	<p>Merry Christmas</p>  <p>MacMARRS No. 166</p>	 <p>SAFEWAY STORES</p>	 <p>EAST SIDE MARKET</p>	 <p>KIRKLAND MERCANTILE</p>
 <p>Greetings</p> <p>LOY JEWELRY STORE</p>	 <p>SIMPSON MOTOR SERVICE</p>	<p>EVERY MERRY CHRISTMAS</p>  <p>LOTUS CAFE</p>	 <p>SEASONS GREETINGS</p> <p>PIONEER FUEL CO.</p>	 <p>HOLIDAY CHEER</p> <p>NATIONAL SUPPLY COMPANY</p>

FOR THE MAN OF THE HOUSE

 <p>CIGARS for Father</p>	<p>KODAKS</p>	<p>CIGARETTE LIGHTERS</p>	<p>STATIONERY</p>	<p>BOOKS</p>
				

**UPDATE ON
HISTORIC MARKERS**

The Houghton marker - A Place Called Houghton - and the marker on Louis Marsh - Marsh Park and Metal Airplanes - are going into production month. Both will be installed in February or March. We are trying to find information for the plaque at the end of 2nd Street sponsored by West Water Development. **Christina Brugman** is working on a grant request to King County for a marker for Mickelson Pond near Evergreen Hospital. We also have had interest in two additional markers but the themes and locations are not set. The idea of doing a marker on World War II's impact on Houghton and Kirkland has been put forth. Anyone interested in doing research on this one?? If you want information on the program contact Bob Burke 828-4095.

CALENDAR

December
No KHS Board Meeting
or Program

**Happy Holidays from the
Kirkland Heritage Society**



1998

January 12
Oral History Meeting
7:30 p.m.

*Christina Brugman's house: 11122
NE 132nd. Call Christina 821-3605
for more information.*

January 28
KHS Program 7 p.m.
To Be Announced

*Unless otherwise noted KHS meetings
are held the last Wednesday of the
month at 7p.m., Kirkland Congrega-
tional Church, 106-5th Ave., Kirkland.*



Membership

Thank you for your renewal:
Inge Theisen
Bev Hoerlein

MEMBERSHIP FORM

July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

- Individual \$20
- Family \$25
- Senior/Student \$15
- Supporting \$100
- Life Member \$1,000
- Organization/Government \$100
- Professional/Business \$125
- Corporate \$250

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Your membership is the first important step in helping achieve our goals. Interested in helping on other projects? Please indicate the areas in which you would be able to volunteer.

Serve on a Standing Committee:

- _____ Archives and Collections
- _____ Education and Research
- _____ Membership and Funding
- _____ Monthly Programs
- _____ Oral History

Work on specific activity:

- _____ Exhibit at Community Events
- _____ Home Tour
- _____ Do Photography / Update Slides
- _____ Install Original Street Name Signs
- _____ Video on Kirkland History
- _____ School Education Program

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home# _____ Work # _____
 Organization/Firm _____

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:
Kirkland Heritage Society, 235 - 10th Ave. W.,
Kirkland, WA 98033. Phone: (425) 889 - 9120

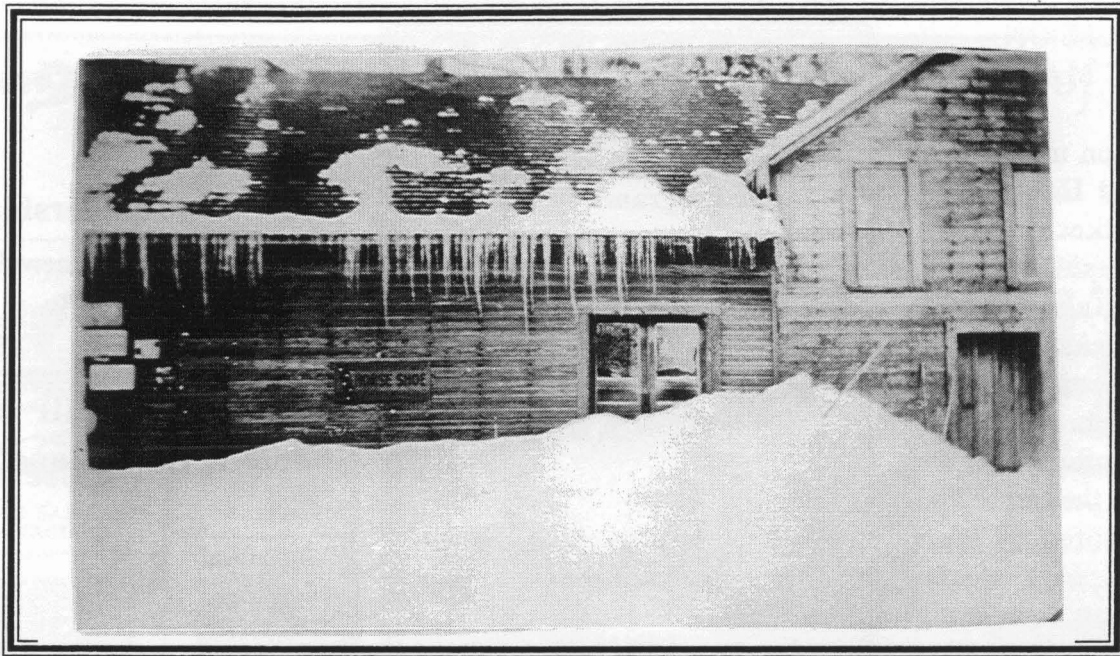


OLD MAPS OF KIRKLAND

During this past year we have been given maps of Kirkland from 1946 and 1953. The first was from a directory published right after WW II. The second, donated by George Harris was titled:

**THE EAST SIDE JOURNAL'S
LOCATOR, BUSINESS DIRECTORY AND MAP
OF KIRKLAND**

These are wonderful resources to understanding the development of Kirkland over the years. If you have an old map, aerial photograph or brochure of Kirkland which you would be willing to contribute, we could copy it and return it to you, or will preserve the original in our collection. Please call Bob Burke, 828-4095 or 827-6550.



Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

THE BIG SNOW, WINTER OF 1915/1916

HARRY LANGDON'S STORE IN JUANITA

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