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Prez Says:

Jon Mercer

Here we are in August, and apparently the only part of the country still getting rain. So get out there and enjoy the mild temperatures that we are having. If you like 100 plus, then just head a bit south then east.

Big news out of Microsoft is the Release date of Windows 8 to consumers on October 26th along with a fair amount of new hardware to go with it. Today Microsoft announced the release of Windows 8 RTM (release to manufacturers). This means that the OEM's have received the final version of Windows 8 and will start to make drivers and hardware based around it.

Office 2013 (15) consumer preview (CP) was released to the public this last week; if you go to <http://www.microsoft.com/office/preview/en/try-office-preview>, you can download and install it. Don't let the Office 365 throw you off; it is the Office 2013 consumer preview. It is supposed to do a side-by-side install, so you can still have your office 2007/2010 in case there are compatibility issues. If you use the Home Premium version, you will just need a Microsoft account (Hotmail/live/outlook.com) and Windows 7 or Windows 8 RP (release preview).

On August 6th, NASA's Curiosity probe/rover will be landing on Mars. If you have cable, they will be broadcasting the landing on the Science channel. You can also check out <http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/msl/participate/> which currently has information about were to watch it online. This page though will probably change at any time so you might have to hunt it down.



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For any of you that have ever broken a bone in your arm, you probably know just how useless your arm is for a while after coming out of the cast. There is a group of college students from the University of Virginia that are developing a flexible cast that is said to shorten healing time and cause less loss due to the arm being immobile for so long. It is still waiting for the results from clinical trials so it will be a couple of years before you will see it: <http://www.popsci.com/diy/article/2012-05/modular-cast-shortens-recovery-time-injured-limbs>

If you have ever dropped your cell phone in water, you know that feeling of hoping that it will still work, which it usually doesn't. There are now a couple of companies that you can send your phone to who will waterproof your phone. For around \$59 Liquipel will waterproof your phone by soaking it in a non-conductive material that is so small that it seeps in between the seams of the phone: <http://www.popsci.com/gadgets/article/2012-01/video-clear-nanotech-coating-makes-electronics-impervious-water>

Jon Mercer – President

KEGS GENERAL MEETING AND ASSOCIATED SIGS

KEGS T-shirts/Vests

Remember, you score extra KEGABUCK\$ when you wear your KEGS shirts to SIGS and the General Meetings! (NOTE: This extra credit is not honored at the PIG SIG.)

We still have a few left of various sizes. Then we will order more. So why wait? Pick yours up at the next general meeting.

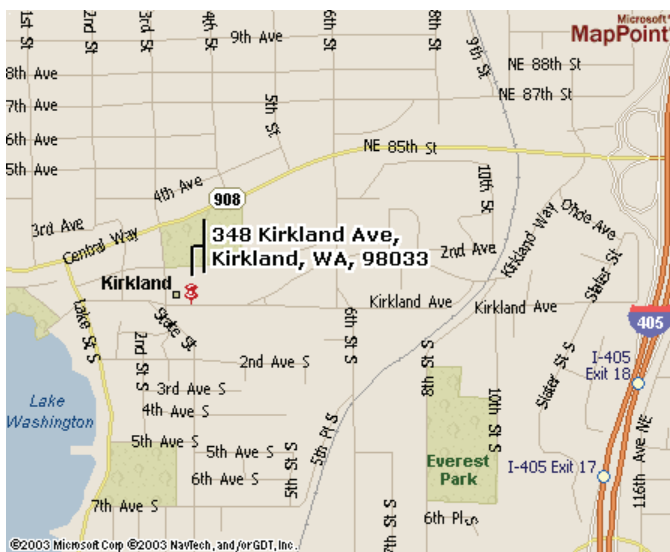
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Kirkland Teen Union Building	Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland Teen Union Building	KEGS General Meeting	
2nd Monday	9:30 PM - ? PM	Outback Steakhouse 12120 NE 85 th, Kirkland	Pig SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-902-7381

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS: From I-405, take the N.E. 85th ST. exit (exit number 18) toward KIRKLAND (headed West). Immediately move to the center lane and take a left at the first light onto Kirkland Way (If you went right you would be on 114th Ave NE). Just stay on Kirkland Way and it will turn into Kirkland Ave.

The Kirkland Teen Union Building is part of a string of connected buildings. Right at the street is Kirkland's Performing Arts Center, then comes the Kirkland Senior Center and farthest from the street is The Kirkland Teen Union Building.

There is a parking area to the West of this building but you can also park in the Kirkland Library's covered parking area just a little farther to the West (1/4 block past the Performing Arts Center).



KEGS SIG MEETINGS:

NEW SIG CHART

Notice that this SIG chart no longer lists actual dates. Please check our KEGS calendar (at <http://www.kegs.org/Calendar.html>) for actual dates AND POSSIBLE CANCELLATIONS of the upcoming meeting that you want to attend.

Contact the SIG leaders to find out what presentations that they have planned for their upcoming meetings.

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Meetings at the North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	HTML SIG jackbewitch@comcast.net	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue j_m_mr@hotmai.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Computer Use and Optimization ctheprof@aol.com	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Servers, Networks and Storage daviddodge1@compuserve.com	David Dodge
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office (SOHO) r_cowger@prodigy.net	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Digital Imaging SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-902-7381
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS Board Meeting r_cowger@prodigy.net	Jon Mercer

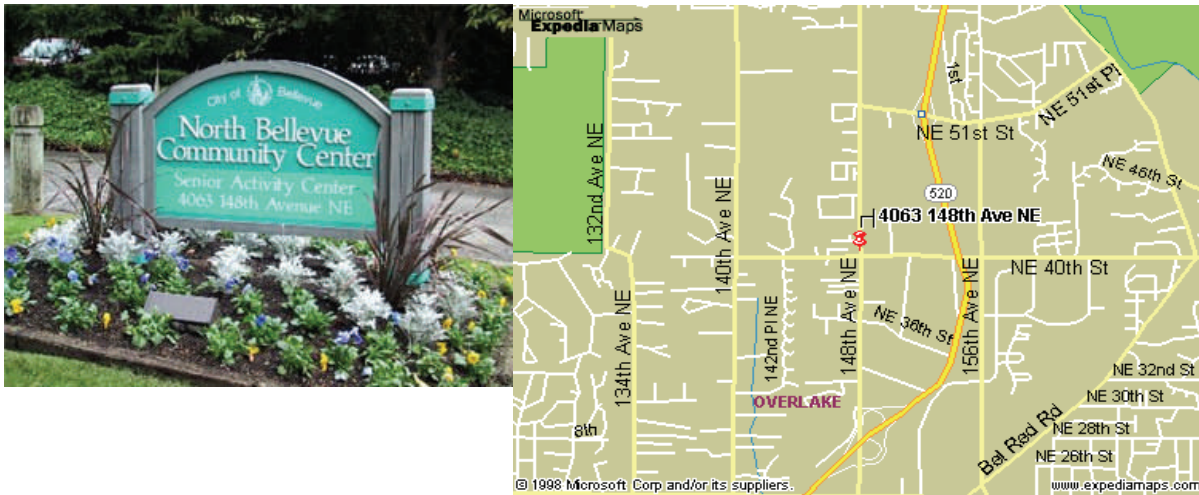
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

Please note that the KEGS Board meetings are not held at our General Meeting or SIG meeting locations

- KEGS Board Meetings are currently held at The North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA Conf. Rm D, 7-9 PM on the 4 Wed. of the month (Board meetings are public and open to anyone who wants to attend.)

Finding our primary SIG meeting location

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS: Thanks to the improvements to SR 520, you may now use the new NE 40th St exit. If you are driving towards Redmond, exit and turn left to go over the overpass. If you are coming from Redmond, exit and turn right. Go to 148th Ave NE, and turn right. In very short order, you will see the North Bellevue Community / Senior Center sign on the left side of the roadway.



HISTORY & CONTACT INFO:

KEGS was formed in late 1996 to meet the needs of personal computer users in the Greater Seattle Area. KEGS is a nonprofit organization that holds its general meetings on the second Monday of each month.

In addition, KEGS sponsors a number of special interest groups (SIGs) that meet regularly to share common interests, learn new techniques, and resolve questions about the use of personal computer hardware, accessories, or software.

For a detailed listing of our SIG's, updated information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

<http://www.kegs.org>.

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