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Prez Says:

Jon Mercer

It is now February; according to Punxsutawney Phil, we are in for another 6 weeks of winter, which given our current snow pack level might be a good thing. <http://news.msn.com/us/handlers-punxsutawney-phil-predicts-longer-winter?gt1=51501>

The big news out of Microsoft today was the announcement of Satya Nadella as the new CEO to replace Steve Ballmer and that Bill Gates is leaving the chairmanship roll to take a roll as technology adviser. <http://news.msn.com/us/microsoft-names-satya-nadella-its-next-ceo>

Here are eight do-it-yourself lighting accessories you can make for an external camera flash using things around the house. <http://www.popphoto.com/DIYLighting>

If you are looking at getting a new camera soon and want one that can go for a swim with you but also can have changeable lenses, Nikon has a new camera for you. The Nikon 1 AW1 is water resistant up to 49 feet under water and is drop resistant up to 6.5 feet. Its lowest operable temperature is only 14 degrees Farenheit so you won't be taking it to the Arctic in the winter. <http://www.popsci.com/article/gadgets/waterproof-interchangeable-lens-camera>

If you have large picture windows which cause your house to get really hot in the summer, Sonte Film has a device that goes over the window and then plugs in to the wall. When power is applied, it can change the tinting level of the material based on settings done through a phone app. <http://www.popsci.com/article/gadgets/smart-windows-lighten-and-darken-cue>

JAXA (Japanese Space Agency) astronaut Koichi Wakata has been posting daily tweet photos of life around the space station. They are some really impressive photos. http://www.universetoday.com/108923/ghostly-moon-crowns-pictures-beamed-to-earth-in-astronauts-twitter-feed/?utm_content=buffer578cf&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer#ixzz2sJKYynMS



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Some company's patent terms are original and as such should be protected. Others like King.com (think candy crush and such) are just greedy. They are trying to patent terms such as Candy and Saga. So there are indie game developers asking people to develop games with those words in them. It should be interesting to see what comes out of it. <http://www.cnet.com.au/indie-devs-take-on-king-com-with-candy-jam-339346546.htm>

The KEGS' Auction is just around the corner, so start gathering things that you would like to donate. The list of what will and won't be accepted will be posted soon.

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 Peter Kirk Community / Senior Center - 325 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Kirkland's Peter Kirk Community Center	Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland's Peter Kirk Community Center	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 Peter Kirk Community Center / Senior Center is part of a string of three connected buildings. At the street (Kirkland Way) is Kirkland's Performance Center (350 Kirkland Ave.), then comes the Peter Kirk Community 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
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue j_m_mraz@hotmail.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

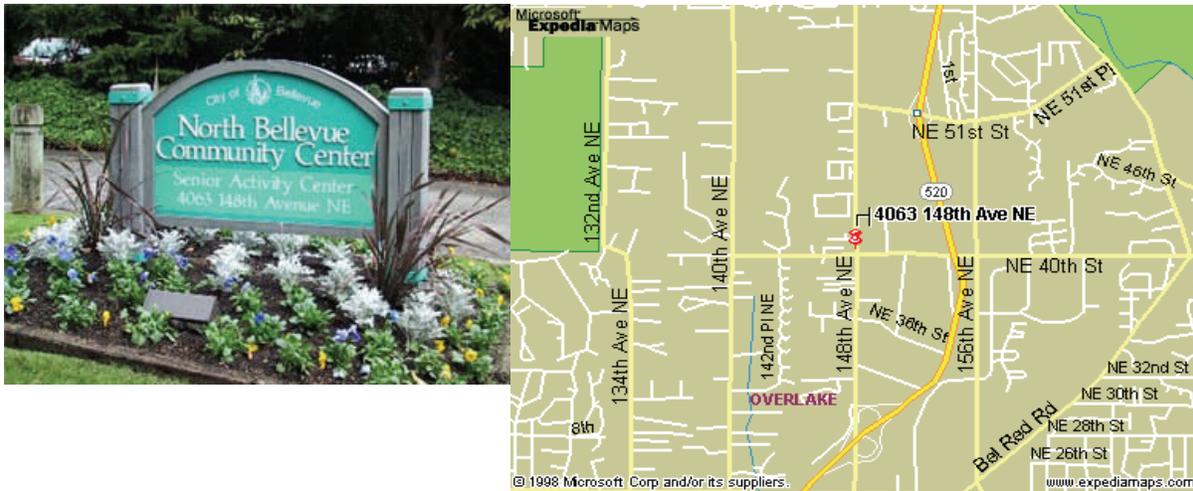
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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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