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**Jon Mercer**

Welcome to March! It definitely came in like a lion. Our snow pack went from 20 inches at Snoqualmie Pass in the middle of February to over 140 inches this last weekend.

The auction is coming up in June, so start gathering things that you would like to donate. As a reminder, no CRT monitors will be accepted; if your donated item does not receive any bids, you need to take it home with you. Bring your donations to our next General Meeting or give them to a Board Member at one of our SIG Meetings.

Out of Microsoft, there is talk of either a Windows 8.2 or 9 developers preview (both of which they are keeping very much to themselves) being released at [\Build](#) later this year. It sounds like one of the big things is a friendlier environment for keyboard/mouse users.

On the phone side, Windows Phone 8.1 is also supposed to be coming out soon; and according to Microsoft, your windows phone 8.0 should be upgradable to it. The rumor is that it will be announced April second at [\build](#). Also coming with 8.1 is a program code named Cortana which is a beefed up voice recognition program to replace the BING voice program currently on 8.0. It will just be a spinning circle on your screen per latest tech news releases. <http://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/windows-phone-8-1-rumors-news-release-date/#!ykJat>

This last year, Android for the first time outsold Apple consumer tablets though consumer tablets have only been around for about 4 years since the Ipad came out in 2010. It is impressive that Android came from nothing in 2010 to beat out Apple in 2013. Windows devices are a very distant third. <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2454459,00.asp>



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When you recycle your computer, most of the plastics in it are not recyclable, and in some cases get shipped out to other countries where they either just sit, or are broken down by minimal wage workers without any type of protection. There is work now being done to more safely break down the plastics into something that can be reused. <http://www.popsi.com/article/science/garbage-man?dom=PSC&loc=recent&lnk=2&con=the-garbage-man>

*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 <a href="mailto:betacode@hotmail.com">betacode@hotmail.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:j_m_mraz@hotmail.com">j_m_mraz@hotmail.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Computer Use and Optimization <a href="mailto:ctheprof@aol.com">ctheprof@aol.com</a>	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Servers, Networks and Storage <a href="mailto:daviddodge1@compuserve.com">daviddodge1@compuserve.com</a>	David Dodge
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office (SOHO) <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Digital Imaging SIG <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-902-7381
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS Board Meeting <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Jon Mercer

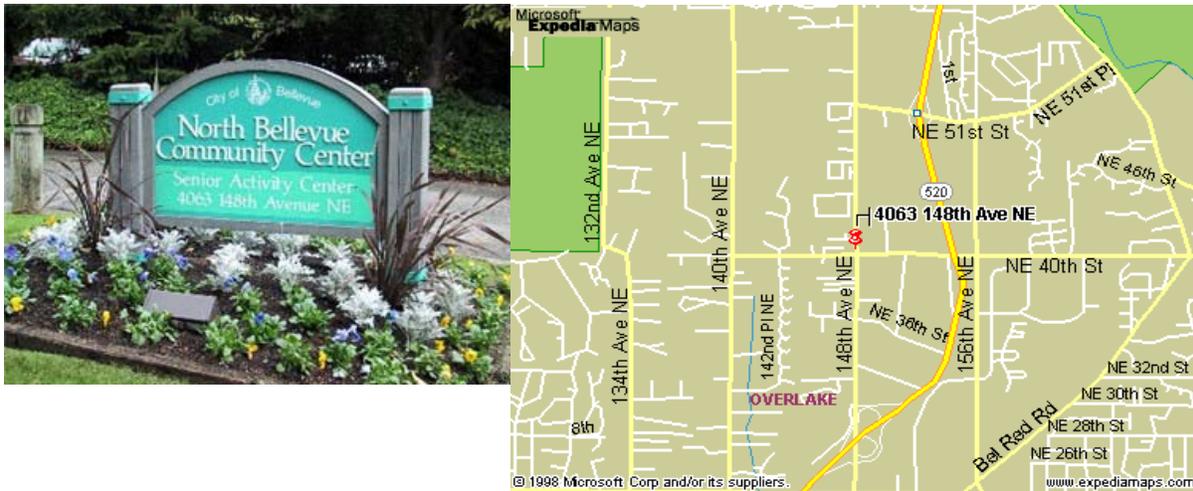
## SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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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**The Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle**  
**PMB# 195**  
**677 120th Ave NE, Suite 2A**  
**Bellevue, WA 98005**  
Or call 425-747-2433 before 9 PM

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