

CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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Shoreline takes steps to become a Tree City USA

In response to enthusiastic resident support for Shoreline's urban forest, the City Council took the first official step toward becoming a Tree City USA by designating a Tree Manager and establishing a Tree Board. Over the coming year the City will work toward putting the rest of the required pieces in place so that Shoreline can assume official status as a Tree City USA city in 2013.

The Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs around the country. The Arbor Day Foundation has identified many benefits of Tree City USA recognition, including:

- Better care of community forests;
- Increased public awareness of the many social, economic and environmental benefits of strong urban forestry practices;
- Educational opportunities to improve current urban forestry practices;
- Provision of a blueprint for planting and maintaining community trees;
- Publicity opportunities through presentation of the Tree City USA award and the celebration of Arbor Day; and
- Regional and national branding through community signage that shows the community cares about its environment and supports tree preservation and planting.

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Earth Day Every Day Event



Saturday, April 21
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Central Market Shoreline
15505 Westminster Way N

Celebrate Earth Day and learn how to make a difference throughout the year. On Saturday, April 21, Central Market and the City of Shoreline invite you to try new eco-living tips and tools for your home and yard that will reduce pollution, protect our climate and save you money.

To promote natural yard care, we will be giving away Safer Brand's 3-in-1 garden spray that effectively controls insects and fungi without adding toxins to our environment and food scraps compostable bags.

A limited supply of yard debris compost bins will also be available for purchase at the event. In addition, visit the City's booth to learn about pet waste and protecting our water quality.

Watch your mail for an event flyer with additional details.

Tree City USA

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To qualify as a Tree City USA, cities must meet four standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. These standards were established to ensure that every qualifying community would have a viable tree management plan and program. The standards are as follows:

1. Designate a responsible tree manager: The City Council has appointed Park Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Director Dick Deal as the acting tree manager. In addition, the PRCS Board has been designated as the Tree Board. In consultation with staff arborists and community experts, the Tree Board will provide oversight of the City's annual public tree care and management activities.

2. Adoption of a Tree Ordinance: The tree ordinance will provide clear guidance for tree management on public property.

3. Creation of a community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita: The City's current budgeted amount designated for tree management easily fits this criteria.

4. Establishment of an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation: The City will officially observe Arbor Day in April and encourage the community to join the City in recognizing the importance of trees in our community.

Environmental sustainability indicators tracking website Launching in April!

As part of the City's efforts to become a more environmentally sustainable community, the City has been developing a webpage to track a wide-variety of environmental sustainability indicators over time. Development of the webpage is funded by a portion of the City's federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. The webpage will help the City and residents gauge the community's progress in becoming more environmentally sustainable.



The City's Green Team, an interdepartmental team of City staff, has spent the last several years implementing recommendations from the 2008 City Council adopted Environmental Sustainability Strategy. Most of the work has focused on internal City operations. The environmental sustainability indicators webpage will represent a bridge between City initiatives and community involvement. The community will be able to track metrics related to City projects, such as environmental benefits from tree planting and natural stormwater management, as well as efforts by residents, such as the number of certified backyard habitats and green buildings constructed. It will include information on City and community carbon footprints. It will also help identify trends so we can all see where our efforts are making a difference and where more attention is needed.

The site will be organized by five focus areas originating from the sustainability strategy. The five areas are: Climate Protection, Natural Habitat, Resource Conservation, Built Environment, and City Initiatives. It is intended to be an engaging way to publicly inventory many disparate efforts, paint a holistic picture, and provide for public education and involvement.

The website will replace the current sustainability page at www.shorelinewa.gov/forevergreen beginning April 16. Look for future announcements in Currents for opportunities to get involved with projects or make household decisions that will truly make Shoreline a sustainable community!



Bluff Trail at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park



South Woods

Celebrate the opening of the City's new community garden

Saturday, April 14
10:00 a.m.
Twin Ponds Park
15401 1st Avenue NE




Join the City in dedicating the new community garden at Twin Ponds Park. In order to create a healthy community, residents need access to sources of nutritious food. One way to ensure access is through community gardens. Community gardens provide residents with a means to grow fresh, healthy food, and strengthen community bonds while creating recreational and therapeutic opportunities.

As part of its adopted Healthy City Strategy the City has installed a new community garden at Twin Ponds Park. The garden design was created from community input received at a brainstorming session held in February.

For more information visit shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden or contact the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at pks@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2602.

Did you know?



You can do something for Earth Day without even leaving your yard! Help protect the environment by building healthy soil with natural compost and gardening with native plants. Since healthy soil requires less water, pesticides and fertilizers, it helps keep our streams clean and full of fish. Native plants in our backyard provide food and shelter for song birds, butterflies and other wildlife. For more information, please visit the City's Natural Yard Care website at shorelinewa.gov/naturallyardcare.



Eats4Health Month

Celebrate a new start in April!

Are you ready for a change to a healthier way of eating? Looking for inspiration or new ideas as you plan your meals? Need help with healthy meal preparation techniques?

During the entire month of April the City and many community partners will celebrate Eats4Health month by highlighting learning opportunities, specials on nutritious foods at local stores, and lifestyle changes that can help residents lead a healthy life. See the entire calendar of events and specials on the web at shorelinewa.gov/Shoreline4Health.



Join the conversation

Join fellow residents of Shoreline who are committed (or newly committing) to living a healthy lifestyle.

- Share your favorite exercise spots and run routes
- Find new recipes
- Recommend a class or resource
- Ask questions from fellow Shoreliners

Become part of the conversation at the City's new healthy living Facebook page:

 facebook.com/Shoreline4Health



City employees read Dr. Seuss to local school kids as part of Read Across America.

Shoreline Farmers Market launches Saturday, June 16

It's coming! On Saturday, June 16, the Shoreline Farmers Market Association (SFMA) will hold the first Shoreline Farmers Market.

The market will be located on the top floor of the City Hall garage from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each Saturday through September. SFMA plans to engage a relatively small number of vendors for the inaugural season and let the number grow as the market gains customers and experience.

"Supporting efforts to cultivate a farmers market in Shoreline is a stated goal in our Healthy City Strategy," stated Mayor Keith McGlashan. "We are so happy that the market is emerging from Shoreline residents who not only care, but are working to improve their community and environment. The City Council enthusiastically supports the Shoreline Farmers Market Association, and you can count on us to be there, ready to fill our reusable bags!"

Volunteers and sponsors are critical to the market's success. Volunteers are needed for both on-going and short-term positions, and sponsorship opportunities are available for individuals and businesses.

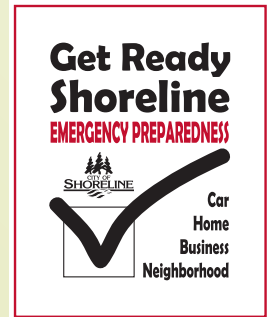
Please visit shorelinefarmersmarket.org for details.



Get Ready Shoreline!

Are your family and neighborhood ready to be self-sufficient for at least three days in the event of an emergency? Think about an earthquake the size of the 2011 Japanese event striking the Puget Sound Region or a major wind storm that causes damage and knocks power out for several days. Do you have a plan to get through it?

The City is offering two events in May to help you learn how to keep your family, your neighbors and your business safe in Shoreline.



Emergency Preparedness Fair

Saturday, May 5

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Central Market

15505 Westminster Way N

Come to Shoreline's Emergency Preparedness and Safety Fair to learn how you and your family can get ready and stay safe. Representatives from Police, Fire, Emergency Management, Animal Rescue, Community Emergency Response Team, Amateur Radio and other organizations will be available to discuss preparedness and safety tips.

There will also be small giveaways for children and drawings for preparedness equipment.

For more information call (206) 801-2260.

Ready Neighborhoods, Ready Radio, Ready YOU

Thursday, May 10

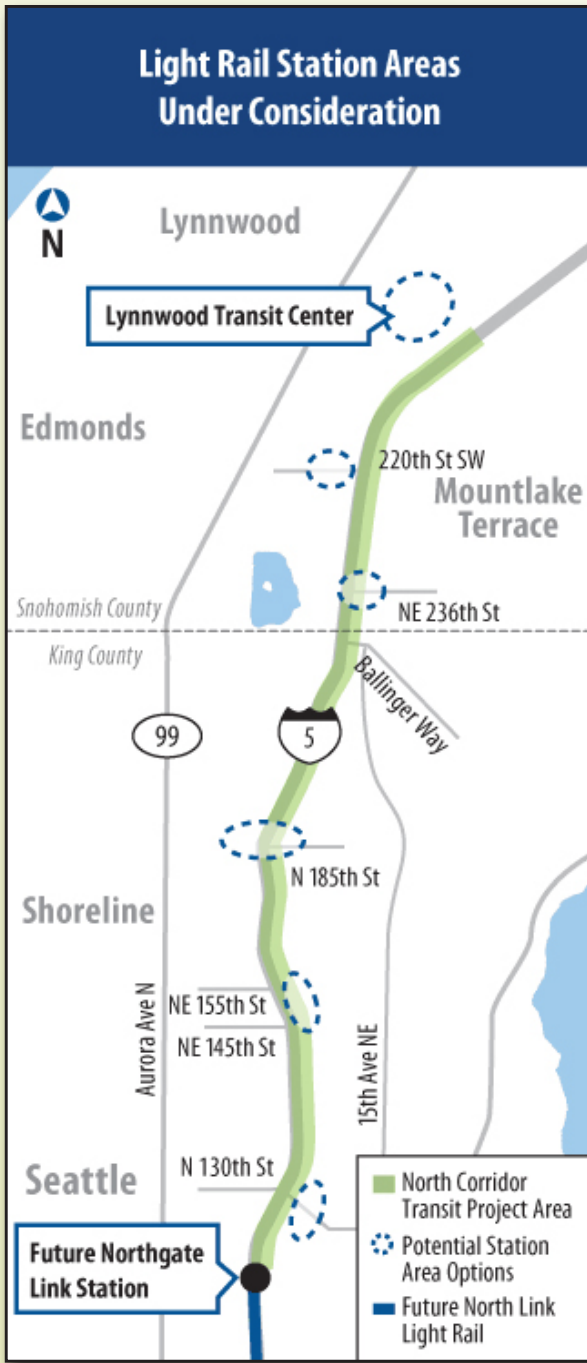
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

Come to a night of learning and fun as you meet your neighbors, identify resources and skills that you share and how to use simple radio communication in a disaster.

Become a Ready Neighborhood, using the State of Washington's award winning Map Your Neighborhood tool. Learn how to communicate injuries and damages from your neighborhood to the City's Emergency Operations Center using the Communications HUB concept.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 8 to ShorelineOEM@shorelinewa.gov.



Light rail planning is underway

Framework Policies Open House
Monday, April 16
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Shoreline City Hall Council Chambers

Sound Transit, in conjunction with the City, is in the planning and environmental review stage for the North Corridor light rail project, which will run north along I-5 from Northgate in Seattle to Lynnwood. Shoreline is likely to have two stations on this line at N 185th Street and either N 145th or N 155th Street.

Light rail stations often include the rail facility, parking facilities and improvements to connect buses, cars and pedestrians to the trains. Sound Transit will analyze the different alternatives in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) study. The study will be conducted throughout 2012 with completion in 2013. Construction is scheduled to begin in the North Corridor in 2017 with service opening in 2023.

In support of and response to this project, the City has begun the early stages of planning for the proposed station areas. The first step the City is taking in this planning process is the development of framework policies to guide the City's future discussions and decisions regarding the planning and development of the areas surrounding light rail stations. On Monday, April 16, the City Council will hold an open house to receive public input on the framework policies, followed by a study session at their regular meeting on the same evening, with possible adoption on May 14.

The City's framework policies will look within a ½ mile radius of the proposed stations as the areas to encourage development that supports the use of light rail, housing, services and employment to absorb Shoreline's future growth. Using the framework policies, Shoreline's station area planning will begin in 2013 with a robust public process to inform and receive your input on this important project.

Visit shorelinewa.gov/lightrail to read the draft framework policies and provide feedback.

Speaker Series 2012: Natural Environment

Thursday, April 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

In January, the City kicked off a five-month speaker series on themes related to the City's Comprehensive Plan Update. Each month a speaker will present a topic relating to the Comprehensive Plan component that will be before the Planning Commission. The third speaker, Jenny Pell, will focus on Food Forests.

Following each speaker's presentation, attendees will be invited to mingle and share ideas with staff and other participants. These ideas will be transformed into new goals and policies for the Comprehensive Plan that will guide future decisions made by the City Council.

Learn more about the Comprehensive Plan update and watch previous speaker series presentations at shorelinewa.gov/2012update.

Why is the City considering buying the SPU water system in Shoreline?

Since announcing the tentative purchase, some residents have wondered why the City is even considering buying the Seattle Public Utility (SPU) water system in Shoreline.

In 2009 the Shoreline City Council adopted the goal of acquiring the SPU water system. After two years of negotiating, last November we announced a tentative purchase.

Taxation without Representation

Currently, there is no direct control over how utility decisions are made, including setting rates and charges, service standards, and capital investment.

For Shoreline residents and businesses purchasing water from SPU, these decisions are made by the City of Seattle. A frequently heard concern is that if Shoreline were to take over the water utility the City could impose a utility tax that would go into the City's general fund. Most SPU ratepayers are unaware that they are already paying over 15% in Seattle utility taxes as part of their SPU bill, and that money goes into Seattle's general fund to pay for Seattle parks and police for Seattle residents. The 15% utility tax is on top of the 14% surcharge Seattle imposes on Shoreline ratepayers.

Recall why Shoreline incorporated – control over how our money would be spent; more attention to infrastructure needs to address the problem of flooding and safety of Aurora; and greater public oversight and input in government decisions.

Improve the System for Better Fire Protection and Planned Growth

Currently, revenue earned by SPU

from Shoreline ratepayers is reinvested into the entire SPU system. Because Seattle has a much larger system to maintain (Shoreline only accounts for about 4% of the water consumed in the SPU system), their maintenance and capital investments have not been focused on the Shoreline system.

City ownership would provide the appropriate level of maintenance and system improvements over time to address such issues as fire protection and utility upgrades to facilitate redevelopment of our key corridors. Ownership means better coordination of general maintenance, leading to longer service life. Preventative maintenance is usually cheaper than repairing a system that is broken. In addition, owning utilities can improve our coordination of construction projects with other city capital projects through long-term planning.

Better Customer Service and Operational Efficiencies

One-stop permitting reduces confusion, shortens the processing time and lessens the expense of obtaining the necessary permits for home improvements or property redevelopment. Instead of working with several governmental entities investors would have a single point of contact with the City.

Sharing equipment and administrative services, such as finance, human resources, and legal services, will allow the utilities to achieve operational efficiencies. As resources continue to become more limited,

consolidation of utilities makes good sense. The City will move closer to consolidation as we prepare for Ronald Wastewater District (RWD) joining the City in 2017.

Water and sewer utility ownership in comparable cities

Own both utilities	Do not own either utility
Auburn	Burien
Edmonds	Federal Way
Kent	Lakewood
Kirkland	Shoreline
Lynnwood	University Place
Mountlake Terrace	
Olympia	
Redmond	
Renton	

Nine out of 13 of Shoreline's comparable cities own their water and sewer utilities. Consolidating utilities under the control of cities has been a regional goal for some time. The Growth Management Act states, "In general, cities are the units of local government most appropriate to provide urban governmental services." RCW 36.70A.110(4).

While the City believes owning the SPU water system is in the long-term best interests of our community, it will be up to the voters of Shoreline, like it was back in 1995 when we incorporated.

To learn more about the SPU acquisition, visit shorelinewa.gov/spu.

Meet your new Planning Commissioners

On February 21, the City Council unanimously appointed four new members to the Shoreline Planning Commission: Easton Craft, David Maul, William Montero and Keith Scully.

Commissioner Craft has been a resident of Shoreline for eight years and is a professional in the field of real-estate development and construction. Commissioner Maul is a five year resident and a practicing architect. Commissioner Montero is an 18 year resident and is the owner and president of an electronic and architectural sign company. Commissioner Scully has lived in Shoreline since 2010 and is an employment law and litigation attorney who has experience with land use, open government and environmental law.

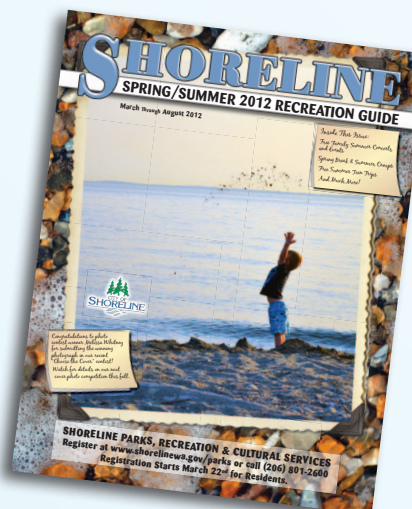
The City received seventeen applications to fill four Commission positions. A subcommittee of City Councilmembers consisting of Deputy Mayor Eggen and Councilmembers McConnell and Winstead interviewed eight candidates and recommended the four be appointed. Commissioner Craft was selected by the subcommittee to fill a vacant position and started on March 1. Commissioners Maul, Montero and Scully's first meeting is April 5.

The City Council would like to recognize and thank outgoing Commissioners John Behrens, Michael Broili, Janne Kaje and Ben Perkowski for their outstanding service to the community.

Spring/Summer Recreation Guide

The Spring/Summer 2012 Recreation Guide is in homes and registration is currently underway. Check the guide for returning programs such as Froggy Holler Outdoor Preschool, Camp Shoreline's Spring Break and Summer Day Camps. Also included are special events such as the free Tuesday lunchtime concert series, Low-Tide Beach Walks and many more.

On the cover is a photograph by Melissa Whitney titled, "Celebrate Summer." The photo is of her son Carter playing in the sand as they celebrated the end of last summer at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. The photo was the winning image in the City's Choose the Cover contest, receiving the most Facebook "likes" of the five finalists. Congratulations to all of the finalists whose photos may be featured in other City of Shoreline publications.



The City will feature this contest again for the Winter 2013 Recreation Guide. So keep your camera handy and poised to capture all of the great things that Shoreline has to offer. Watch for more details this fall.

Upcoming Events

April is Eats4Health Awareness Month! See shorelinewa.gov/Shoreline4Health for events.

Thursday, April 12

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Shoreline Speaker Series:
Jenny Pell on Food Forests at
Shoreline City Hall

Friday, April 13

6:00 p.m.

Karaoke-BINGO night at the
Shoreline-Lake Forest Park
Senior Center. Ages 21 and
over, reservations at (206) 365-
1536.

Saturday, April 14

10:00 a.m.

Ribbon cutting celebration
at the City's new community
garden in Twin Ponds Park

Saturday, April 14

6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Free Tween Night for 5th and
6th graders at Richmond
Highlands Recreation Center

Saturday, April 21

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Earth Day Every Day event at
Central Market

Wednesday, April 25

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

SPU Steering Committee
meeting at City Hall room 301

Saturday, April 28

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Work party at Ronald Bog Park

Monday, May 7

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Low-tide beach walks begin at
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

Quick Start

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Free Small Business Workshops

Tuesdays at Noon

City Hall Council Chambers. Visit
the City's website for topics.

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Shoreline Pool
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 Tuesday noon & 8:00 p.m., Wednesday - Sunday 6:00 a.m., noon & 8:00 p.m.