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Meet Your Shoreline City Council

On January 3, new City Councilmember Jesse Salomon and returning Councilmembers Doris McConnell and Chris Eggen were sworn into office by Superior Court Judge Richard Eadie. Likewise, the Council unanimously selected Keith McGlashan as Mayor and Chris Eggen as Deputy Mayor.

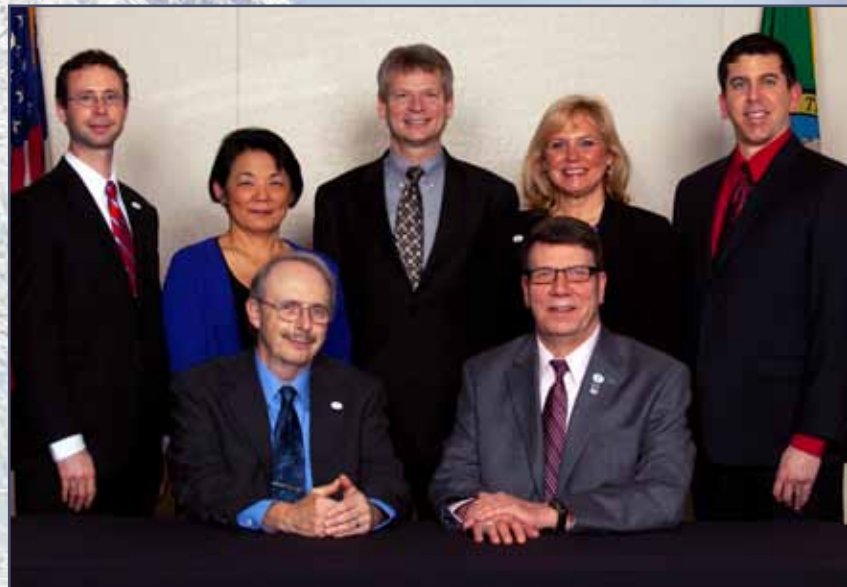
As the City's governing body, Shoreline's seven elected part-time Councilmembers establish City policies and laws, adopt an annual budget and approve contracts for services. The issues involved are often complicated and require Council to review hundreds of pages of data and analysis to understand how policies might affect residents and businesses. Council meets every Monday evening at City Hall.

In addition to Council meetings, Councilmembers represent the City at grand opening celebrations, regional and national association meetings and in meetings with residents. Some Councilmembers currently serve on the board of the Suburban Cities Association and National League of Cities caucuses. The City is also fortunate to have Councilmembers on the Seashore Transportation Forum, enterpriseSeattle and Puget Sound Partnership. One councilmember noted attending over 200 meetings and City functions in 2011 alone.

While it may seem that Councilmembers serve as full-time elected officials, most work at other full-time or part-time jobs.

Councilmembers direct the City of Shoreline based on input from residents. In order to receive as much input as possible, Councilmembers regularly attend many of Shoreline's community events. Councilmembers are available by email and phone, and often meet one-on-one with individuals and neighborhood associations.

Visit Shoreline's website or call the Agenda Line at (206) 801-2236 for the latest meeting information. The website also features agenda packets, meeting video archives, Councilmember biographies and contact information.



Back row, from left: Jesse Salomon, Doris McConnell, Will Hall, Shari Winstead, Chris Roberts. Front row, from left: Deputy Mayor Chris Eggen, Mayor Keith McGlashan

Hearing from residents is a priority

Shoreline City Council recognizes the importance of two-way communication with Shoreline residents.

There are opportunities for public comment at the beginning of every Council meeting. In addition, individuals can comment on agenda items prior to Council meetings without having to give in-person testimony. Visit shorelinewa.gov/CouncilMeetings and click the comment link from any upcoming Council agenda to complete an online form. Your comment will become part of the official agenda packet that Council receives prior to the meeting.

If you would like to communicate more generally with Council, you can find contact information for every Councilmember on the back page of Currents.

Sound Transit Board Selects I-5 for Light Rail Alignment



On December 15th, the Sound Transit Board of Directors identified Interstate 5 as the only alternative to be evaluated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for extending light rail north of Northgate. The North Corridor extension is part of the 2008 voter approved Sound Transit (ST) 2 funding plan that will connect Shoreline to the light rail line.

Although the ST2 plan identified a light rail alignment along I-5, in order to qualify for federal grants Sound Transit was required to evaluate multiple alignment and mode alternatives before making a final decision.

This evaluation work was performed over the past year and the recent board decision was based upon the results of the alternatives analysis.



The EIS will evaluate a mix of alignment and elevation alternatives along the east and west sides of the Inter-

state 5, as well as in the median (north of Shoreline). Alternatives will look at elevated or at-grade stations, as well as a combination of the two.

Options for two station locations in Shoreline that will be evaluated include the east side of I-5 at NE 145th Street and NE 155th Street and both the east and west sides of I-5 at NE 185th Street.

For questions about light rail serving Shoreline, contact Senior Transportation Planner Alicia McIntire at (206) 801-2483 or amcintire@shorelinewa.gov.

New Artwork at the Spartan Recreation Center



Twirl Spin Jump by Virginia Paquette

Greeting visitors to the Spartan Recreation Center is the newly installed sculpture, *Twirl Spin Jump* by artist Virginia Paquette.

The welded and painted steel work is based on repeated linear shapes of circles and ovals "in motion." These relate to the equipment and physical activities happening inside the recreation center.

Paquette grew up in the Richmond Beach neighborhood and graduated from Shoreline High School, now the Shoreline, Senior and Spartan Recreation Centers. Her artwork is also viewable in the Richmond Beach library where *Foglie, Foglio* graces the beams. The City is pleased to have Paquette's latest work at Spartan added to its Public Art Collection.

Twirl Spin Jump was made possible by the City's 1% for Public Art program. For more information about this or other public art pieces in the City contact Ros Bird at (206) 801-2661 or rbird@shorelinewa.gov.

Did you know?



You can recycle your computers, monitors, laptops, e-readers and TVs for free!

Electronics often contain toxic materials such as lead, cadmium and mercury that can harm human health and the environment. Residents, small businesses, school districts and charities may take them to the Shoreline Goodwill store at 14500 15th Avenue NE or to Deseret Industries at 17935 Aurora Avenue N for easy and convenient recycling. Please

limit donations to five items per donor, per day. Working electronics will be diverted for reuse whenever possible. For questions about recycling, contact Environmental Programs Assistant Tina Han at (206) 801-2455 or than@shorelinewa.gov.



April is Eats4Health Month



Kickoff Event • Wednesday, March 28 • 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. • City Hall

In Shoreline's Vision 2029 Statement, a 20-year community vision, Shoreline is described as a "healthy community." To further this vision, Council adopted a Healthy City Strategy that supports and encourages community members to make healthy lifestyle choices.

A primary component in healthy lifestyles is nutritious food. Access to sources of healthy food and knowing how to prepare healthy meals provides the foundation for nutritious diets and lowers the risk of obesity and diabetes. 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.

To kick off Eats4Health month, please join the City and partner organizations at a Healthy Eating Event on Wednesday, March 28, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall. After a keynote address, residents can sample

food, pick up new recipes and get information on making healthy food and lifestyle choices at a vendor fair of local companies and organizations.

Tobacco-Free Parks Survey

As another way to further the Healthy City goal, Council is considering the establishment of a Tobacco-Free Zone in all of Shoreline's parks. Council would like feedback from residents on this proposal. Please visit the City's website and provide your input by taking a short survey.

For more information about the Healthy City Strategy or tobacco-free parks, please contact Management Analyst John Norris at (206) 801-2216 or jnorris@shorelinewa.gov.

Customer Response Team on-call 24-hours a Day

The City's Customer Response Team (CRT) is ready to answer and address residents' concerns. In the case of an emergency, residents should call 911. For those other important but non-emergency issues, such as downed power lines, flooding, a downed Stop sign or traffic signal that is not working, a call to (206) 801-2700 will

initiate a response from the CRT. CRT staff and/or staff from Public Works and Parks are able to respond any time day or night. CRT responds to citizen complaints, emergency issues and investigates and resolves 95% of the code enforcement violations in the City.

During the last quarter of 2011 the

top three request types were:

- **Abandoned Vehicles** (237)
- **Zoning violations** (46)
- **Litter and Illegal dumping** (45)

In the last 12 months CRT has responded to 186 after hours calls and dispatched staff to 61 of them. Dispatched incidents typically involve public safety, like a tree in the roadway or an accident that closes a street.

Some requests generate a response the next working day. These typically involve non-emergency inquiries like zoning/building questions, pot holes, a downed street name sign or a fallen tree that is not blocking the roadway. In either event, you can expect a call back from CRT even outside of business hours.

Remember, City staff are available 24 hours a day and a call to CRT will initiate a response from the City.



Call (206) 801-2700.

Workshop for Neighborhood and Environmental Mini-Grants

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 • 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall, Council Chambers, 17500 Midvale Avenue North



During the past year, Echo Lake residents installed a walking path, Sunset Elementary neighbors organized a community art party and over 150 participants toured backyard wildlife habitats in Shoreline with the intention of creating their own wildlife habitat. These projects were organized by Shoreline residents who applied for Mini-Grant funding. Is there a neighborhood or environmental project that you would like to do this year?

A how-to workshop on February 29 will give you the information you need to apply for either a Neighborhood or Environmental Mini-Grant. Grants of several hundred dollars up to \$5,000 are available on a first-come first-served basis for both types of grants.

Environmental Mini-Grants are used to create a sustainable community through stewardship projects, collaborative community activities and implementation of regional initiatives that protect our environment.

Neighborhood Mini-Grants are used to create neighborhood improvements, increase community involvement and raise the visibility of neighborhood associations.

For more information contact Neighborhoods Coordinator Nora Smith at (206) 801-2253, nsmith@shorelinewa.gov or Environmental Programs Coordinator Rika Cecil at (206) 801-2452, rcecil@shorelinewa.gov.



Police Citizen's Academy Begins March 21



Shoreline, Kenmore and Woodinville Police Departments and the King County Sheriff's Office are sponsoring a Citizen's Academy Wednesday nights March 21 through May 23 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m at Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, Kenmore.

The Academy is a great way to gain a better understanding of police

operations. Those who complete the course are eligible to sign-up for a ride with a patrol officer.

The 10-week course covers a variety of topics, including: defensive tactics; major accident investigations; homicide and major crimes; and Guardian One Helicopter and Marine Patrols.

Registration and an application are



required. Applications are available at www.shorelinewa.gov/police. To have an application sent to you and to register, contact Shoreline Police Officer Leona Obstler at (206) 546-3636, Leona.Obstler@kingcounty.gov.

Speaker Series 2012: Shoreline's Vision

Speaker Series Topic: Transportation
Sara Schott Nikolic
Puget Sound Regional Council
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers



Author Lewis Carroll stated, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there."

In the fall of 2008, the City of Shoreline began working with the community to create a Shoreline Vision for the next 20 years. More than 300 Shoreline residents participated in the process generating over 2,500 individual comments. With the community's input, the Shoreline City Council adopted Shoreline's Vision 2029 statement. The residents of Shoreline know where they want to go, now the goal is to create a map to that future.

Throughout 2012, the City will be setting goals and creating policies that are intended to support the realization of Shoreline's vision.

Each month for the next four months, a speaker will present a topic relating to the Comprehensive Plan component that will be before

the Planning Commission the following week. The speakers' series will bring enlightening and inspiring speakers to Shoreline with hopes of growing ideas within the community that will lead to actualizing Vision 2029.

On January 25, the City kicked off the speaker series with Charles R. Wolfe, a land use expert who focused on issues related to Community Design. February's speaker, Sara Schott Nikolic, will focus on Transportation issues. Nikolic is a senior planner with the Puget Sound Regional Council and staffs the Growing Transit Community Corridor Task Force. Video of each presentation will be available the following day on the City's website.

Following each 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. The Comprehensive Plan is the primary tool used by local governments to guide decisions regarding the use of land, housing, transportation, community design, economic development, infrastructure and natural resources.

As stated in the City's vision, "the people of Shoreline are committed to making the City even better for the next generation." Some of Shoreline's residents are featured in a new video that highlights the 2029 Vision. Watch the short video and learn more about the Vision at shorelinewa.gov/Vision2029.

Check the City's web calendar and future issues of Currents to participate in the speaker's series and other Comprehensive Planning events in 2012.

Earned Income Tax Credit a Boost for Working People

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a financial boost for working people in a recovering economy. The EITC program brings an estimated \$4 million to eligible Shoreline residents. The average refund last year in Washington State was \$1,987. The maximum refund is \$464 with no qualifying children and up to \$5,751 with three or more qualifying children.

Save even more by using one of the free tax preparation sites. Families with children may also qualify for the Child Tax Credit. The volunteer tax preparers will ensure filers get all credits for which you are eligible. Be sure to bring photo ID, social security cards and birth dates for each person on the return, W-2s or other proof of income, 1099 forms for interest income

from retirement, social security or unemployment, name, address and taxpayer identification number of child care provider, if you pay for daycare, bank account number for direct deposit and a copy of last year's return, if you have it. If filing jointly, both filer and spouse must be present to file electronically. If you are a home owner bring property tax and mortgage statements.

Free Tax Sites

Richmond Beach Library

19601 21st Avenue NW
February 3 to April 13
Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Call Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Senior Center at (206) 365-1536 to schedule an appointment.

Walk-ins on space available basis

Hopelink Shoreline

15809 Westminster (Aurora Square next to Marshalls)
January 10 to April 12
Wednesdays 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Thursdays 1:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Saturdays 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
No appointment necessary.
Language services: Vietnamese Wednesday and Thursdays, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese Saturdays.

Shoreline Library

345 NE 175th Street
February 4 to April 14
Thursdays 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
No appointment necessary.

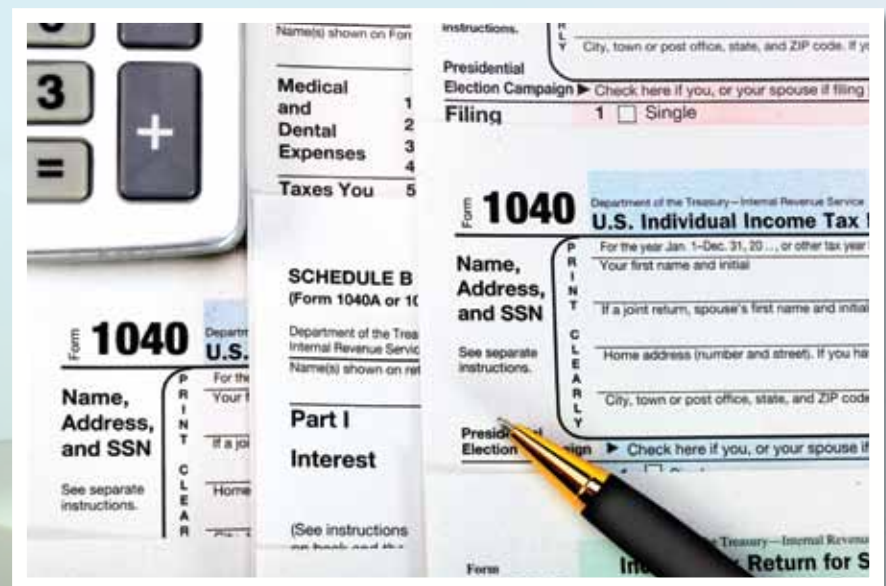
For a list of all free tax preparation sites in King County Call 2-1-1.

To Qualify

To qualify for the EITC, tax filers must have incomes under the limits listed below.

- \$43,998 (\$49,078 married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children
- \$40,964 (\$46,044 married filing jointly) with two qualifying children
- \$36,052 (\$41,132 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child
- \$13,660 (\$18,740 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children

Investment income must be \$3,150 or less.



Robert Hartwig selected as Shoreline's new Administrative Services Director

City Manager Julie Underwood has selected Robert Hartwig to be City's new Administrative Services Director. Hartwig's selection is the culmination of an extensive search after Debbie Tarry, the former director, was appointed by Underwood to be the new Assistant City Manager in May.

Hartwig is the current Finance and Human Resources Director for the City of Erie, Colorado. Before taking his position with Erie, Hartwig was the Finance Director and City Administrator for the City of Fremont, Nebraska. Hartwig is an accomplished financial executive with over 15 years of experience leading top-level operations in governmental and private businesses alike. Prior to his service in Fremont, Hartwig served as the Finance & Administrative Services Director for the City of Lafayette, Colorado, where he was successful in improving the City's bond rating. Hartwig has extensive experience in managing and obtaining funding for capital projects including water and sewer utility projects.

Hartwig has a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance from the University of Iowa, a master's degree in business administration from Regis University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Hartwig started as Administrative Services Director on January 30.

SPU Acquisition Steering Committee

On November 9, 2011, the City announced that the City of Shoreline and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) had negotiated tentative terms for the purchase of the SPU water system located within Shoreline. Prior to a final decision by the City Council regarding the acquisition, the City is entering the due diligence engineering and financial review process. As part of the due diligence review process, the City Manager has formed a citizens steering committee to provide a recommendation on whether the City should move forward with the acquisition of the system.

When forming the committee, the City Manager wanted to balance diverse backgrounds and perspectives, and wanted to include citizens that are engaged in our community and interested in Shoreline's long-term success. While having a technical or engineering background is not necessary, several citizens do in fact come with this experience.

The City would like to thank the following citizens for volunteering their time for this effort: Jim Abbott, Gretchen Atkinson, Joe Bozick, Mark Bunje, Bill Clements, Cynthia Esselmen, Kevin Grossman, David Harris, Marcia Harris, Bruce Hosford, Joseph Irons, Warren Johnson, Jeff King, Cynthia Knox, Lee Michaelis, William Montero, Edie Loyer Nelson, Les Nelson, Rick O'Leary, Sis Polin, Johanna Polit, Diane Pottinger, Bob Ransom, Kyle Roquet, Jesse Sycuro, Dan Thwing, and Mark Torrance.

All committee meetings are open to the public. To learn more about their schedule, agendas and meeting notes, visit shorelinewa.gov/SPUsteering.

Upcoming Events

Monday, Feb. 20

City Hall and Spartan Recreation Center closed for Presidents Day holiday.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Echo Lake Park design review meeting at City Hall Council Chambers.

Friday, Feb. 24

6:30 to 11:00 p.m.

Teen Program's annual Break Battle at Richmond Highlands Recreation Center.

Saturdays, Feb. 25 and March 10

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

Habitat restoration project work parties at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park.

February 27 to March 3

Shoreline Pool closed for annual maintenance.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

7:00 p.m.

Diggin' Shoreline community gardening group meets at City Hall, room 301.

Wednesday, Feb. 29

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

How-to workshop on applying for a City Mini-Grant. More information on page 4.

Saturday, March 10

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Barter Party hosted by Meridian Park Neighborhood Association at Meridian Park Elementary School cafeteria.

Quick Start

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Free Small Business Workshops

Tuesdays at Noon

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Spartan Recreation Center
 202 NE 185th Street, Shoreline 98155
 (206) 801-2600 Fax (206) 393-3380

Shoreline Pool
 19030 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline 98155
 (206) 801-2650 Fax (206) 362-8450

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 Comcast Cable Channel 21 & Verizon Cable Channel 37
 Tuesday noon & 8:00 p.m., Wednesday - Sunday 6:00 a.m., noon & 8:00 p.m.