

# CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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## SeeClickFix: Free smartphone app



Reporting non-emergency issues to the City just got easier! A new smartphone application will allow residents to report a pothole or other problem to the City, without having to search for phone numbers or addresses.

The SeeClickFix application can report problems to the City instantly. The app uses GPS to get the coordinates of the problem and also allows residents to take a picture and submit it with the report. Residents can also provide a brief description and contact information in case follow-up is necessary.

When a problem is reported using SeeClickFix, an email will be sent instantly to the responsible City department who will investigate the issue. See the status of the issue on the City's website at [shorelinewa.gov/onlineservicerequest](http://shorelinewa.gov/onlineservicerequest).

The application is free to download and can be found by searching for "SeeClickFix" in your smartphone's application marketplace. If you don't have a smartphone, issues can be submitted on the web at [shorelinewa.gov/onlineservicerequest](http://shorelinewa.gov/onlineservicerequest). If you would prefer to speak with someone directly, call the Customer Response Team at (206) 801-2700 or visit City Hall.

## Concerned about traffic speeds in your neighborhood?

The City's Traffic Services Division is pleased to offer portable radar speed display carts for Shoreline residents to check-out and use in your neighborhoods. The City has four radar carts that can be reserved for up to two weeks. City staff will even deliver them to your home. Simply wheel them to a safe place off the street, turn them on and test the display, lock them securely, and wheel them inside at night. If you are concerned about traffic speeds and pedestrian safety in your neighborhood and would like to check-out a radar cart please contact Traffic Engineer John Marek at (206) 801-2432 or [jmarek@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:jmarek@shorelinewa.gov). For more information, visit the City's website.

## Shoreline School District Proposition 1

The November 8 General Election ballot will include Shoreline School District Proposition No. 1, asking voters to approve a property tax levy to support class size. With State budget cuts to basic education in Shoreline totaling approximately \$6.2 million annually, the School District believes more revenue is necessary to maintain the current classroom staffing model beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

The levy would be for three years with approximately \$1.3 million collected in 2012, \$1.4 million in 2013 and \$1.5 million in 2014. The impact to the average homeowner in Shoreline would be approximately \$36 per year for three years. This supplemental levy is in addition to the maintenance and operation levy approved by the voters in the February 2010 election.

Visit [shorelineschools.org](http://shorelineschools.org) for more information.

***Remember to vote by November 8***



## New pavement treatment extends life, reduces cost

Early in July, the City's contractor, Doolittle Construction Company, applied the first application of Bituminous Surface Treatment (BST) to Shoreline streets in the Echo Lake Neighborhood. Approximately 8.1 miles of road surface received surface treatment.

Pavement preservation prevents deterioration of surface roads that are rated good or better. By applying a surface treatment to good roads, the City is able to increase the life of the road by 8 to 10 years, at 25% to 30% of the cost of a new asphalt surface or overlay.

In the past, the City has largely relied upon the use of thin asphalt overlays to maintain the City's streets. However, over the last five years the cost of asphalt has increased significantly. In order to continue preserving and maintaining the City's investment in roads it was necessary to find a different method, such as BST.

Generally, the biggest problem faced during the BST application process was access to driveways. Fortunately, due to the fact that roads with BST can be driven on within five minutes, any delay was very minimal.

The City would like to thank Echo Lake Neighborhood residents for their patience and for being the first neighborhood in Shoreline to have BST on their local streets.



*Echo Lake neighborhood street after final surface treatment*

## Did you know?

Leaves that fall into the street can cover storm drains and block the flow of stormwater into catch basins, which can lead to flooding. To reduce the chance of flooding in your yard or home, you can help remove the leaves and debris from drains.

If you join the City's Adopt-a-Drain program, you will be provided with instructions and tools to care for storm drains in your neighborhood. For more information, please contact Tina Han at (206) 801-2455.

## LEDs now in use in Shoreline streetlamps

On September 20, Seattle City Light (SCL) began replacing the high-pressure sodium lamps used in Shoreline's residential streetlamps with LED lamps. LED streetlights use significantly less energy than the high-pressure sodium lamps and last longer. Once all 40,000 streetlights are installed across SCL's service area, the combined energy and maintenance savings will be approximately \$2.4 million per year.

The LED lights produce a white light that is comparable to moonlight making it easier to identify colors and smaller objects than the amber glow produced by the high-pressure sodium lamps. LED lights are also Dark Sky friendly, reducing the amount of light pollution in the night sky.

SCL began testing LEDs in several residential neighborhoods in Seattle in 2010 to determine the best fixtures to use. After receiving very favorable results from follow-up surveys, SCL settled on the LEDs now in use in Shoreline.

To learn more about the program visit [seattle.gov/light/streetlight/led](http://seattle.gov/light/streetlight/led). For questions or concerns, call SCL's customer service line at (206) 684-7056.

# Light rail planning process begins

Sound Transit has begun the planning process to extend light rail from Northgate to Lynnwood. This extension is part of the 2008 voter approved Sound Transit 2 funding plan. The North Corridor Transit Project will connect Shoreline to Northgate and points south by 2023.

Voters approved a light rail alignment on I-5, with stops at 145th and 185th Streets in Shoreline. However, in order to qualify for federal funding, Sound Transit is required to examine both bus rapid transit and light rail modes, along with their corridor alignment alternatives and potential station locations. This will be done through an environmental scoping process that may lead to a preferred alignment alternative. The Sound Transit Board is scheduled to select the alternatives that

will be evaluated by early 2012. Sound Transit will make a final alignment decision in 2014.

Once the final station locations have been determined, the City will begin a planning process that creates a vision for how the area around the stations in Shoreline should be developed and accessed in the future. Issues that will be examined will include land uses, traffic, bicycle and pedestrian transportation, transit connections to the stations and impact mitigation.

For more information about Sound Transit's planning process, visit Sound Transit's website or contact Senior Transportation Planner Alicia McIntire at (206) 801-2483 or [amcintire@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:amcintire@shorelinewa.gov).



## PRCS Board welcomes new youth member

At their August 8th meeting, the Shoreline City Council appointed Ellen Anderson to one of two youth positions on the PRCS Board. The oldest of two children, Ellen is a senior at Shorewood High School where she is Drum Major for the Shorewood Marching Band. She enjoys hiking, kayaking, skiing and windsurfing, and she is a midfielder for the Seattle United soccer team. Ellen loves the outdoors and she is eager to explore the new territory of municipal government. She hopes this experience will broaden her understanding of how decisions are made on a civic level and aid her discernment about next steps in her life.



*New PRCS Board youth member, Ellen Anderson*

## Finding an east-side Shoreline dog off-leash area

This fall, the City will begin a public process to find a suitable east-side dog off-leash area (OLA) in Shoreline. With the success of the two west-side sites at Shoreview Park and Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, the City is anxious to locate an OLA east of I-5. Starting with the list of potential future sites that were screened using the selection criteria by the former Off-Leash Dog Area Study Group, the City will evaluate these and any potential new sites that meet the criteria to identify a suitable site. There will be a public meeting this winter to discuss the proposed sites with the community.

To learn more contact Parks Project Coordinator Maureen Colaizzi at (206) 801-2603 or [mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov).



## Help restore understory vegetation in Hamlin Park

On Saturday, Nov. 12, the City of Shoreline, EarthCorps and Kruckeberg Botanic Garden invite you to participate in planting native plants in a ¼ acre site in Hamlin Park. The planting project is the next step in revegetating areas in Hamlin Park that are devoid of significant understory.

Habitat mapping conducted by EarthCorps Science in 2007 showed that six separate areas are devoid of understory vegetation. These areas total approximately 15 acres. The understory is the lowest level of the wood's ecosystem and is made up of seedlings, saplings and shrubs. A healthy understory is crucial to the health of the woods as it is here that future trees get their start.

EarthCorps established six vegetation study plots to determine which plants would grow best in the park. After three years of study, the shrub and herbaceous plants that had the highest survival rates will be used in the planting in addition to a number of other native shrubs and tree species.

To sign up to volunteer for the November 12 planting please visit the EarthCorps website at [earthcorps.org/volunteer.php](http://earthcorps.org/volunteer.php) or contact EarthCorps Volunteer Coordinator Chris LaPointe at [chris@earthcorps.org](mailto:chris@earthcorps.org). To learn more about the overall project contact Parks Project Coordinator Maureen Colaizzi at (206) 801-2603 or [mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov).



One of six areas in Hamlin Park that are devoid of understory

## 2012 Budget adoption schedule

Shoreline's budget adoption process begins with the presentation of the 2012 Proposed Budget to the City Council at its Monday, Oct. 17 meeting. The full schedule is below. All meetings are Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Transmittal of Proposed 2012 Budget	October 17
Department Budget Reviews	October 24
Public Hearing & Budget Discussion	November 7
Public Hearing on Revenue Sources & 2012 Property Tax Levy	November 14
Final 2012 Budget Discussion	November 21
Adoption of 2012 Property Tax Levy	November 28
Adoption of 2012 Budget	November 28

Call the Agenda Line at (206) 801-2236 or check [shorelinewa.gov](http://shorelinewa.gov) for budget information, agenda details and meeting updates.

## Echo Lake Neighborhood park planning

Join the Echo Lake Neighborhood Association and the City of Shoreline on October 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

We will begin discussing ideas for improvements to Echo Lake Park located at 1521 N 200th Street. A plan will guide the design and construction of identified and prioritized improvements in 2013. The plan and phase 1 improvements are funded by the King County voter approved trail levy. Visit [www.shorelinewa.gov/parks](http://www.shorelinewa.gov/parks) for more details.

# Balancing City assets is a careful process

Shoreline is known for its beautiful trees, and the City takes great pride in safeguarding these valuable assets. This requires a careful balance with maintaining its other valuable infrastructure assets, such as sidewalks, gutters and pavement. The City's first priority is safety for pedestrians, vehicles, transit and bikes, including meeting the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements.

Unfortunately, poor decisions made decades ago are having ongoing negative effects on City infrastructure. In a number of locations, previous infrastructure projects did not leave enough space between the curb and sidewalk to allow for the long-term growth of trees planted there. Inappropriate trees were often planted, with shallow roots that compromise the safety of sidewalks and gutters by making surfaces uneven.

Often the City is able to grind down the sidewalk to make it level without touching the tree. This is the preferred alternative and hundreds of panels of sidewalk have been modified this way to allow safe pedestrian passage. However, in severe cases, a different strategy is necessary.

When a tree's root system has buckled sidewalks, gutters or pavement, the City sends a certified arborist to evaluate the root structure to see if it is possible to remove enough of the root system to replace or realign the infrastructure while still maintaining the health of

the tree. If the damage to the tree will be too significant, the tree is removed and replaced with a suitable tree. This approach addresses the City's responsibility for safe infrastructure and maintains its long-term commitment to a healthy tree canopy as detailed in Shoreline's Urban Forest Management Plan (available on the City's website).

If a tree requires removal, the City sends a notification letter to nearby residents two weeks in advance and follows up with in-person visits. Residents are encouraged to call with questions and concerns. The City will also meet with neighborhood associations and install signs on the trees selected for removal.

Through the City's 2011 Curb Ramp, Gutter and Sidewalk Program, 31 trees were identified for removal along N 155th Street. However, because of the City's efforts, about half of those trees were saved.

For more information about tree removal and replacement, contact Roads Supervisor Brian Breedon at (206) 801-2551 or [bbreedon@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:bbreedon@shorelinewa.gov).



*Sidewalk damage caused by tree roots*

## Kruckeberg Botanic Garden annual sale

**October 7 - 9 and 14 - 16**

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

**Kruckeberg Botanic Garden**

**20312 15th Avenue NW**

Fall is the best time to plant trees and shrubs in the Northwest! At the Garden's annual Fall Tree and Shrub Sale, all trees and shrubs in the onsite MsK Rare and Native Plant Nursery will be on sale at discounts of 10-75%. The Nursery specializes in native plants and non-natives that are well suited for Northwest gardens. All sale proceeds support the Garden.

For more information visit [kruckeberg.org](http://kruckeberg.org) or call (206) 546-1281.



# Shoreline Employee of the Year



From left: Mary Anne Kelly, Richard Moore, Sandy Chastain

Every year, Shoreline employees nominate peers as Employee of the Year for going above and beyond in practicing the City's organizational values, providing exceptional service and promoting a positive image of the City.

Congratulations to this year's recipient, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Administrative Assistant Sandy Chastain. Spartan Recreation Center Manager Mary Anne Kelly and Senior Human Resources Analyst Richard Moore were finalists.

## Mark your calendar for these fall events

### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamlin Haunt

Friday, Oct. 21, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hamlin Park, 1606 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE

Listen to spooky songs and stories, roast marshmallows, ride in the hay wagon, play Halloween games and have your face painted. Free to all.

### Indoor Playground Halloween

Monday, Oct. 31, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Spartan Recreation Center

202 NE 185<sup>th</sup> Street

Children ages 1 to 4 are invited to attend the annual Halloween Costume Carnival. There will be special games and art projects as well as regular indoor playground activities and fun. \$2 per child.

### City Holiday Closures

#### City Hall and Shoreline Pool

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 24/25 – Thanksgiving Holiday

#### Spartan Recreation Center

November 24/25 – Thanksgiving Holiday

### Thank You Veterans!

Friday, Nov. 11, 2:00 p.m.

City Hall

All veterans of any U.S. military service, regardless of the duration of their service, are invited to attend along with family and friends.

### Holiday Crafts Market

Saturday, Nov. 19

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Spartan Recreation Center

Begin your seasonal shopping at this winter wonderland of wares. There are 65 juried artists selling beautiful and original crafts and wares.



## Upcoming Events

Visit the City's website for more event information.

### Friday, Oct. 21

4:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Get ready for a night of spook-filled fun at Wild Waves! Ages 12-18, \$30/resident. Call (206) 801-2600 to register.

### Saturday, Oct. 22

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

Boeing Creek Open Space work party to remove ivy from the park.

### Sunday, Oct. 23

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Council of Neighborhoods volunteer event weeding and beautifying the Interurban Trail.

### Saturday, Oct. 29

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

National Pharmaceuticals Take-Back Day: Bring your unwanted medications to the Shoreline Police Precinct for disposal, 1206 N 185<sup>th</sup> Street.

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Community Association's annual Halloween carnival at Syre Elementary School.

## ARTS *Crush*

Arts Crush is an October-long regional celebration of all the arts. Visit [artscrush.org](http://artscrush.org) for a full list of events in Shoreline and throughout the Puget Sound region.

### Quick Start

---▶ Shoreline

Free Small Business Workshops

Tuesdays at Noon

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



# Shoreline Fire Department



## It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!

Come learn the best practices for home fire prevention and safety! Pick up educational materials and enjoy hands-on activities! Sunday, Oct. 23 is Safety Sunday at Shoreline Fire Headquarters, located at 175th and Aurora. Join us from 11:00 am to 1:30 p.m. and hang out with your firefighters and paramedics!

*Sponsored by IAFF Local 1760 Shoreline Firefighters and your Shoreline Fire Department. Parking is limited.*

### Home Smoke Alarms:

- Interconnection of smoke alarms is highly recommended to ensure an alarm in one part of the house can be heard throughout the entire house. An electrician can install either hard-wired or multiple-station alarms. Wireless alarms, can be installed by the homeowner.
- There are two types of smoke alarms: ionization and photoelectric. Ionization smoke alarms are more responsive to flaming fires while photoelectric alarms are more responsive to smoldering fires. To ensure maximum protection, install both types of alarms or combination alarms.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years or when they fail a monthly test.

### Preventing Home Fires

In 2009, 2,565 people died in home fires in the US. Those deaths could have been prevented by taking a few simple precautions like having working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan. Preventing house fires requires a few simple strategies that everyone in the family should know.

- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Use deep, wide ashtrays on a sturdy table.
- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.



## Smoke alarms for special needs

Smoke alarms are a critical part of your home fire survival plan. They can cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half. For most of us, hearing the "beep – beep – beep" of our smoke alarm is a clear signal to get out and stay out. But what if you couldn't hear the sound of the beep?

People who are deaf or hard of hearing can't rely on sound to alert them to smoke or fire. Because the majority of fatal fires occur when people are sleeping – and because smoke can put people into a deeper sleep – it is important to have the necessary early warning of a fire to ensure that they wake up.

There are technologies that alert other senses. Smoke alarms that use strobe lights are available for people who are deaf. Also, you can install vibration equipment – like pillow or bed shakers – which are activated by the sound of the smoke alarm.

Unfortunately, many homes in Shoreline still do not have the appropriate level of smoke alarm protection. Research shows that two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no working smoke alarms. If you are unsure about your family's level of protection, contact Shoreline Fire's Education Division at (206) 349-7074 or melanie@shorelinefire.com.

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