

CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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Future park preserved through collaborative effort

For decades, residents of the Ballinger neighborhood and the surrounding areas have enjoyed using the open space at the Shoreline School District's Aldercrest Annex property for sporting and recreational activities. On March 28, the City Council unanimously approved amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and the Development Code that will ensure the open space will be preserved for a future city park if a future owner wishes to develop the site.

The 16 acre site has historically been zoned for single family (R6) and institutional use. Years ago, the School District relocated Kellogg Middle School from the prop-

Special City Planning Issue

Some of the most important functions of city government, and among the least understood, deal with long-range planning, land use and permitting. This issue of Currents is dedicated to the work of the Planning and Development Services Department. To find out more about any of the issues raised, visit the City's website.

erty and in 2008 declared it surplus. The School District wishes to sell the property and direct the proceeds to serve its educational mission. The Friends of Aldercrest, a grassroots citizens organization motivated to permanently secure the open space, approached the City and the School District with a plan.

In June 2010, the Shoreline City Council directed City staff to explore the Friends of Aldercrest's plan in more detail. A task force with representatives from the Shoreline School Board, the Shoreline City Council, the Ballinger Neighborhood Association and the Friends of Aldercrest came together to find a way to preserve open space while ensuring the School District remained financially whole.

The proposed solution adopted by City Council increased the allowable density on the northern portion of the property in exchange for six to seven acres of the southern portion of the property being dedicated to the City for a future park. This change should make the property more attractive to potential buyers and have the School District realize the same value, if not more, for the property.

The proposal is a win for the City, the School District and the neighborhood. For more information, visit shorelinewa.gov/Aldercrest.



Shoreline School District's Aldercrest Annex

Planning the future of Shoreline:

Role of the Planning Commission

The volunteers who serve on the Shoreline Planning Commission provide recommendations to the City Council on land use, growth and development issues. They are charged with reviewing and providing recommendations regarding amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, development regulations and major development proposals. The Commission addresses key questions that affect the quality of life in Shoreline, such as: How should we balance new commercial and residential development with the desire to maintain the character of existing neighborhoods? How can we encourage developers to use green building practices?

The Planning Commission hosts public workshops and hearings to gather public input about a wide range of growth and development matters. The City Council is the ultimate decision making authority on these issues and relies on the Planning Commission to develop the record reflecting both technical information and resident input, and to provide a thoughtful recommendation for Council's consideration.

There are several ways you can stay informed on and provide input into the Commission's work. Visit the Plan-



Front Row (from left): Vice Chair Ben Perkowski, Chair Michelle Linders Wagner. Back Row (from left): Janne Kaje, Donna Moss, Cynthia Esselman, John Behrens, and Michael Broili.

ning Commission page at shorelinewa.gov/plancom to see topics scheduled for upcoming meetings. The Agenda Line at (206) 801-2236 also provides up-to-date information.

Planning Commission Meetings

1st and 3rd Thursday of the each month
7:00 p.m., Council Chamber, Shoreline City Hall

Contact Information

- Planning Commission Clerk Jessica Smith
(206) 801-2514 or jsmith@shorelinewa.gov
- Planning Commission, plancom@shorelinewa.gov

Sound Transit North Corridor Transit Project

Sound Transit has begun the planning process to extend high capacity transit 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. 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 cre-

ates 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 soundtransit.org or contact Senior Transportation Planner Alicia McIntire at (206) 801-2483 or amcintire@shorelinewa.gov.



Town Center

A neighborhood for the entire city

In 2009, Council adopted the 2029 Vision that identifies an emerging Town Center as the “heart” of Shoreline. Town Center is the area between N 170th and N 188th Streets and between Linden and Stone Avenues. The area includes the improved Aurora Avenue, City Hall, the new Shorewood High School and the Interurban Trail as well as expectations for property redevelopment over the next 20 years. Town Center is envisioned to be a neighborhood for the entire city.

For the last several years the City has been working with the community to draft a subarea plan and development code for Town Center. The proposed plan will encourage redevelopment that does not change the current residential potential and encourages a greater variety of services, amenities, and community building opportunities.

Design standards will greatly



improve the area’s attractiveness and encourage people to gather, walk, and shop. This includes ample sidewalks, plazas, storefronts, and green spaces.

After four neighborhood meetings, three citywide open houses, two surveys, a workshop, and a walking tour, staff presented the proposed subarea plan to the Planning Commission in April. The Planning Commission will hold public

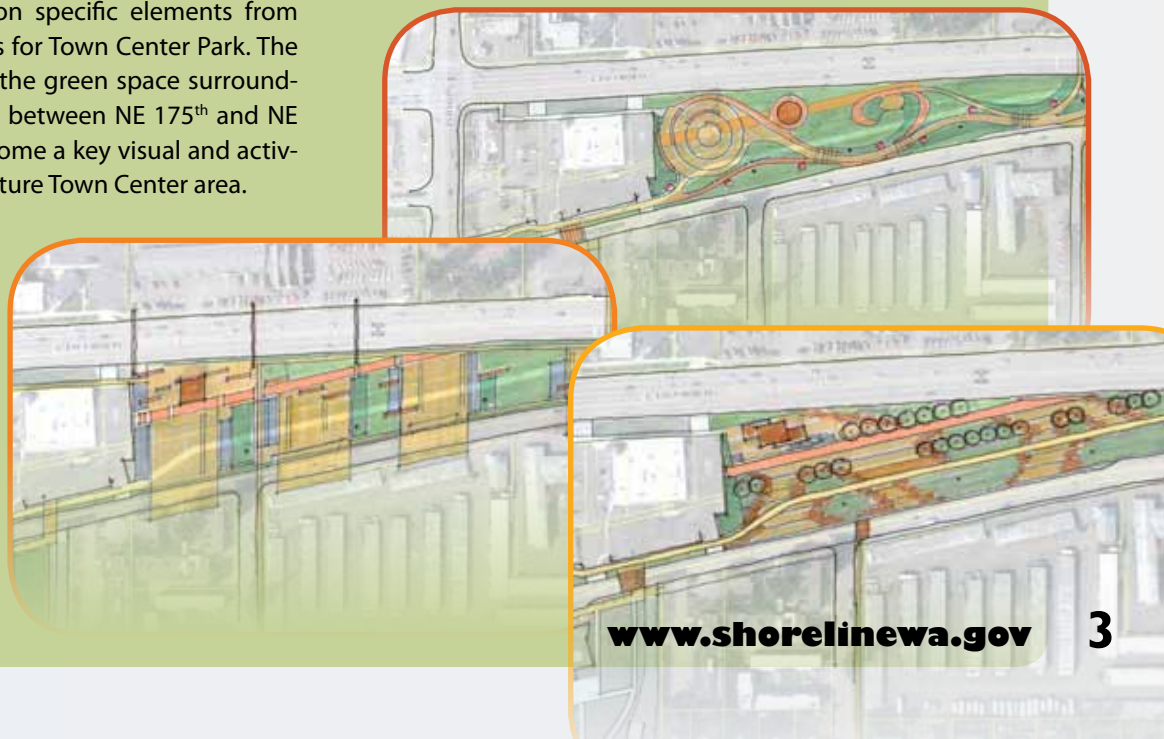
hearings to gather further input from the community before sending its recommendations to the City Council. The first public hearing was held May 5. If needed a continuation will be held on May 19.

To learn more about the Town Center Subarea Plan, visit the City’s website or contact Senior Planner Paul Cohen at pcohen@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2551.

Park at Town Center design alternatives

Provide your input on specific elements from three proposed designs for Town Center Park. The park will be located in the green space surrounding the Interurban Trail between NE 175th and NE 185th Streets. It will become a key visual and activity focal point for the future Town Center area.

The proposed designs include elements such as outdoor rooms, water features, historical interpretation, performance space and winding trails. The survey is available on the City’s website until June 1.



Planning 101

Did you ever wonder how the City determines land use designations or makes the rules that govern building height and design? How about how the City creates priorities for public investments in parks or transportation systems?

All of the City's land use and public infrastructure decisions occur within a framework of state, regional and local laws. The most tangible and visible part of this decision-making process are the specific capital projects (i.e., roads and parks), or private projects (i.e., new homes or stores) that you see around the city.

To understand the where, how and why of a project, you need to trace the decision-making process "upstream."

Every project requires a **permit**, which must comply with the re-

quirements of the City's **Development Code**. The Development Code governs specific project details such as location, height, setback, parking and building design.

The Development Code, in turn, must be consistent with the provisions of the City's **Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan)**, a community-wide "blueprint" for where and how the City should grow in the coming decades. The Comprehensive Plan speaks in broad and even aspirational terms, painting a picture of a desired future Shoreline.

A major component of the Comp Plan is the section containing the **Vision/Framework Goals**, which was updated in 2009 after an extensive community outreach effort. Community members came together and shared their ideas about what

Shoreline looks like today and how they want it to look in 20 years.

The adopted 2029 Vision also incorporated the major policies contained in earlier adopted **Strategic Plans** for Economic Development, Environmental Sustainability and Housing.

Finally, the Comp Plan is subject to many specific goals and requirements of the **Growth Management Act (GMA)**, including population and employment targets assigned to the City by county-wide planning policies. The GMA requires county-wide planning to avoid uncoordinated and unplanned growth.

For more information, contact Shoreline Planning Director Joe Tovar at jtovar@shorelinewa.gov

Make your voice heard Participate in City planning

Resident participation is crucial in the City's planning process. It ensures that Shoreline continues to grow and develop as a great place to live. However, it is at the beginning of the planning process where resident input will have the most impact on development in Shoreline.

By the time a specific project is submitted to the Planning and Development Services Department for permit approval, the opportunity to affect the project's outcome is limited. Providing input into the development of the different master plans and the Comprehensive Plan that shape permit regulations is more effective and has a much broader impact on what is developed in Shoreline rather than waiting until a property owner/developer starts seeking permits for a project.

Several plans are currently in the process of being created or updated, including the Comprehensive Plan. Make your voice heard by participating in one of the public meetings or by submitting written comments.

Your input helps shape Shoreline's future.

Comprehensive Plan Update Begins

The City is about to begin an update of the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan), outlining the City's goals with a time horizon of 20 years. The plan articulates the community's vision and is a reflection of the community's values.

There will be many opportunities to be involved during the 18 month update process; check the City's Comp Plan page on the City's website to track progress and find upcoming opportunities for resident input to the Planning Commission and the City Council.

For more information, contact Senior Planner Steve Cohn at (206) 801-2511 or scohn@shorelinewa.gov.

Planning Roadmap



What do "land use" signs mean?

Land use signs serve a valuable purpose. They provide notice to the public about how residents can find out more about a proposal and it helps the City receive comments and concerns about a proposed land use action.

When a land use notice sign is posted on a property, what does it mean?

Public input is an important part of Shoreline's review process. When residents see such a sign posted, it often indicates that the City is considering a proposed land use change to that site. It may also mean that a permit application has been submitted for review, that a public hearing will be held to gather input on a proposed action or that a decision has been made.

In addition to posting the sign onsite, nearby property owners receive notification by mail and a notice is placed in the Seattle Times. The purpose of public notification is to gather comments from people impacted by a proposed land use action.

For example, it's common to see a posting indicating that the parcel is being proposed for a short plat, which is the division of land into four or less lots, tracts, parcels, sites, or divisions for the purpose of sale, lease or transfer of ownership. If the property owner can meet certain criteria such as minimum lot size, setbacks, zoning, etc., the property may be granted a short plat. This change may then trigger a new home construction.

What should I do to find out more about a proposal or if I have a comment?

The best way to find out more about a land use action is to contact the city staff person who is listed as the project manager on the sign. When contacting the City, have the name of the project, an address, or the project number available. If you're unsure about the project in-



formation, a land action notice listing is posted on the Planning and Development Services website.

For all decisions, the question to be decided is: Does the proposal comply with clearly identified criteria within the Development Code? When providing comments, it is helpful to identify why you believe that the proposal does or does not comply with the criteria. Anyone who submits written comments will automatically become a party of record and will be notified of any decisions made.

The decision authority for land use actions is dependent on the land use action itself. Some actions, such as preliminary short plat decisions and SEPA threshold decisions, are decided by the Planning and Development Services Director. These decisions can be appealed to the Hearing Examiner. Other decisions, such as zoning changes and street vacations, are decided by the Council and are based on a recommendation from the Planning Commission. These decisions can be appealed to Superior Court.

Thank you Shoreline volunteers!



Shoreline City Council honored City volunteers with a reception at City Hall on April 13 during National Volunteer Week. City of Shoreline volunteers donated over 17,000 hours of service in 2010 working in parks, serving on citizen advisory groups, staffing police neighborhood centers, assisting with recreation programs and many other valuable projects.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities with the City, visit the City's website.

City pursues options for Point Wells

For the past several years, the City has been closely following plans for development at Point Wells and has been working to ensure the City's interests are protected. Point Wells is an unincorporated portion of Snohomish County, bound on the west by Puget Sound, on the north and east by the Town of Woodway, and on the south by Shoreline. It has been an industrial site for over 50 years and, most recently, has served as an asphalt plant.

Proposed Development

The Point Wells property owner, Blue Square Real Estate (BSRE), has applied to Snohomish County for permits to build approximately 3,100 housing units and 100,000 square feet of commercial space. A development of such magnitude would have significant negative impacts on nearby single family neighborhoods, and especially on Shoreline's road network. The only vehicular access to the area is Richmond Beach Drive, a two-lane road running through the Richmond Beach neighborhood.

The City continues to pursue several options for dealing with this proposed mixed use development.

Council amends road designation

At the February 14 Council meeting, the Council unanimously approved an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan to reclassify Richmond Beach Drive from a "Neighborhood Collector" to "Local Street." The amendment also stated that any future re-designation of this road segment will not be considered unless certain conditions are fulfilled.

The conditions call for a Transportation Corridor Study and Mitigation Plan that shows whether reasonable and safe improvements can realistically be done and provides assurance that funds necessary for mitigating traffic impacts are committed.

Appeal to Growth Management Hearings Board

In mid-2007, the property owner announced an intention to redevelop the site. The proposal required a change to the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan Designation from Urban Industrial to "Urban Center" and a zoning change from Heavy Industrial to "Urban Center." The Snohomish County Council approved the requested changes, despite Shoreline's requests to limit the development density on the site due to the significant traffic impacts.

The County's actions were appealed to the State

Growth Management Hearings Board by the City of Shoreline, the Town of Woodway, and the citizens group Save Richmond Beach. On April 25, the Board issued its final decision and order finding the County's actions do not comply with the Growth Management Act and the State Environmental Policy Act. For a detailed summary of the Growth Board's findings, see the City's website.

Legislative remedy

In addition, Shoreline worked with its legislators in Olympia on a bill that would have ensured our concerns were addressed. The bill would have assigned to the City responsibility for preparing the transportation component of the future Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. The bill was initiated to address the City's primary concern about the

traffic impacts to the Richmond Beach neighborhood. However, the bill did not have sufficient support to move forward and legislators urged the City and County to reach agreement rather than have the legislature intervene.

Working with Snohomish County

On March 4, BSRE submitted a project application to Snohomish County. It is expected that an EIS will be required and further analysis completed in order to quantify impacts and define mitigation requirements.

The City has agreed to a process with Snohomish County to communicate and share information regarding potential impacts of the proposed development on Shoreline's road network. The agreement specifies that the City will be consulted on the selection of the traffic consultant who will prepare that portion of the EIS.

Meeting with developer and Woodway

Staff from Shoreline and Woodway are meeting with representatives of the owners to attempt to negotiate an agreement that addresses traffic impacts and other issues. It is likely that these meetings will take several months before a resolution is achieved.

For further information visit the City's website.



May is National Building Safety Month



To raise safety awareness, the City joins the state and nation in celebrating Building Safety Month during May. Four themes are highlighted during the month: Energy and Green Building; Disaster Safety and Mitigation; Fire Safety and Awareness; and Backyard Safety.

Making and keeping buildings safe requires the participation of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, builders, engineers, the construction industry and property owners.

For more information about building codes and safety in Shoreline, contact Building Official Ray Allshouse at (206) 801-2541, rallshouse@shorelinewa.gov.

Remodeling your home? You may need a permit.

There are several reasons why building permits are needed when remodeling or building an addition to your home.

Safety is the primary concern. The International Residential Code (IRC), as adopted by the State of Washington, sets forth minimum standards of design and construction.

Permitting ensures that a building:

- **Is structurally sound (building code),**
- **Is fire safe (fire & electrical codes),**
- **Is not wasteful of energy resources (energy code),**
- **Does not encroach on neighbor's property (zoning codes), and**
- **Is built by ethical contractors (state law).**

If you do not know whether your project requires a permit, please consult the Planning and Development Services Department. It is quicker and easier to ask questions at the start of a project rather than fix problems later. Be leery of contractors who tell you a permit is not required. Taking the time to begin your project on the right foot will save you time and money



and allow you to feel secure with your remodel project.

Although the permit process may seem a bit daunting, it is important to remember that the purpose of the permit is to protect you. Call the Planning and Development Services office at (206) 801-2500 or visit City Hall to discuss your project.

Modernization Underway

Shoreline's high school projects break ground

After years of planning, the Shoreline School District has started the initial phases of modernization of both Shorewood and Shorecrest High Schools. District voters approved a bond issue for these projects in February 2010.

Shorecrest High School

Shorecrest has received building, right-of-way and fire system permits from the City for preparing the new portable classrooms next year. Site development/grading work for the new portables started in March. A demolition permit has also been issued to take down 11 existing portables and Building H, which are in the location of the future gymnasium/athletic building.

Shorecrest's modernization involves the redevelopment of the high school on half of the 43.9 acre property. The project will result in two new structures (an academic building and an athletic building/gymnasium) and one renovated structure with the addition of a performing arts building. Several existing structures will be demolished, and 18 portable classrooms (ten buildings) will be used while the project's new buildings are under construction. The project will be phased between 2011 and 2014.

Shorewood High School

Shorewood High School has conditional approval from the City to apply for construction permits to redevelop the entire 24 acre site. Redevelopment will include a new school, including the renovated Ronald School, with 419 parking stalls and sports fields and courts. The historic Ronald School received a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Landmarks Commission to construct a new school building and restore elements of the Ronald School. The new building will be attached to the south wall of the Ronald School.

Construction will be phased between 2011 and 2013, with initial grading and demolition beginning in June. The new school will be built and occupied (with temporary parking), then the old school will be demolished, and the remainder of the site will be improved for parking and sports fields. The City is reviewing applications for site preparation on the eastern half of the property, moving portable classrooms and demolishing a wing of the existing school.

To learn more about these projects and to view the phasing plans for both high schools, visit www.shorelineschools.org.



Shorecrest schematic design



Shorewood schematic design

Shoreline receives WellCity Award

The City of Shoreline recently earned a WellCity Award from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Employee Benefit Trust, one of 82 cities receiving the award. The award is based on meeting stringent best practice standards in employee health promotion.

As an award recipient, Shoreline will receive a 2% premium discount on its Regence BlueShield medical coverage for employees in 2012.

Promoting a healthy workforce is an important goal for the City. The Council recognized that improvements to employee health result in better morale, reduced absenteeism and enhanced productivity and performance. It also means lower healthcare costs.

The City will continue to make employee health a priority.

Did you know?

Charity group car washes can harm fish and wildlife? Wash water contains detergents, oil, grime and sediments, and if it is allowed to enter a storm drain, it will flow untreated into our lakes and streams. To prevent this, the City has special kits you can check out for free that divert the water to the sanitary sewer where it is treated. For more information, or to borrow the kit, please contact Water Quality Specialist Jessica Williams at jwilliams@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2453.

Economic Development: Neighborhood Centers

With the City's emphasis on the Aurora Corridor Project and the Town Center subarea plan over the past few years, it might seem as though this is the only area where the City expects to see economic development. In actuality, while the City sees Aurora and the Town Center as the City's economic and civic core, there are a number of "neighborhood centers" around the City that are also important to the City's economic development. The City's 2029 Vision Statement, which is part of the City's Comprehensive Plan, describes these neighborhood centers:

The City has several vibrant neighborhood "main streets" that feature a diverse array of shops, restaurants and services. Many of the neighborhood businesses have their roots in Shoreline, established with the help of a local business incubator, a long-term collaboration between the Shoreline Community College, the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce and the City.

Many different housing choices are seamlessly integrated within and around these commercial districts, providing a strong local customer base. Gathering places - like parks, plazas, cafes and wine bars - provide opportunities for neighbors to meet, mingle and swap the latest news of the day.

As the City updates its Comprehensive Plan, Council will seek input from residents. Think about what you want to see in these neighborhood centers. How can we best utilize these assets to spur economic development in our city?

See the City's website for more information on providing input on the Comprehensive Plan update or to view the 2029 Vision Statement.





Holly by Ellen Witebsky

New exhibit opens at City Hall

Open House ~Tuesday, May 17, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

This month, the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council and the City of Shoreline present the next installment in the City Hall Gallery, *Brush with Nature*, featuring paintings by Fran Holt, d'Elaine Johnson, Jan Pollard and photography by Ellen Witebsky. The exhibit runs through July 29.

Attend an open house at City Hall on Tuesday, May 17, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for an opportunity to meet the artists, ask questions about their art and enjoy some refreshments.



Seattle City Light Public customer forum

Thursday, June 9

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Northgate Community Center

10510 5th Avenue NE

Help plan Seattle City Light's future by joining the discussion about the utility's six-year strategic plan. Seattle City Light would like your input on energy efficiency, rates, power reliability and much more.

Free Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs to everyone who attends. Find more information at seattle.gov/light/strategic-plan.

Wayfinding signs planned for streets and trails

In an effort to improve movement around Shoreline, the City is currently implementing a wayfinding program that will eventually install wayfinding signs throughout the City. For the first phase, four signs were installed around the intersection of N 175th Street and Meridian Avenue N, and one more just south of the intersection of N 185th Street and Meridian Avenue N. The signs point out directions to City Hall, Shoreline Center, the transfer station, Cromwell Park, the Shoreline Police Station and I-5.

This is the first phase of a larger installation of wayfinding signs intended to provide better signage to some of the more popular public places in Shoreline. Phase one will also include installing signs along the first two miles of Aurora Avenue as well as additional signage along the Interurban Trail later this year.



Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation Programs

The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation offers a number of programs to the public throughout the year. Programs include public tours of the Garden and hands-on workshops for anyone interested in learning more about sustainable gardening. The Foundation also offers its popular Garden Tots program for young children. Each week staff offers a simple plant activity, a themed garden exploration and a craft project for children ages 2 to 7.

This year, the Foundation will also add Family Workshops featuring hands-on projects that promote learning about the natural world together. Create fun, sculpted hypertufa planters, make a leaf press and field journal to take on family expeditions, and learn about ferns while you paint beautiful fern prints on t-shirts, tote bags and aprons. All family workshops take place on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the garden and are only \$10/adult and \$5/child ages 5 and older. For more information about the Foundation's programs, visit www.kruckeberg.org.



Upcoming Family Workshops:

May 22	Hypertufa Creation Sensation
June 12	Leaf Press and Family Field Journal
July 10	Fern Print Frenzy

2010 Census data shows Shoreline's population unchanged

In February, the U.S. Census Bureau released population figures for the State of Washington from the 2010 Census. The figures show a very slight decline in Shoreline's population, from 53,025 in 2000 to 53,007 today. This is approximately 1,500 fewer people than the State Office of Financial Management (OFM) had estimated. OFM is responsible for developing the State's official population estimates and projections used for planning purposes and for the allocation of certain state revenues.

One of the reasons why there may be a discrepancy in the U.S. Census data and OFM's estimates is that OFM uses building permits is-

sued in a certain locality to help in its estimates. Over the past decade, the housing supply in Shoreline has increased, which would lead to a higher assumed population. However, what most likely has happened is that while the housing supply has increased, the number of people per household may have decreased.

As more data is released throughout the year, including data on household make up and size, the City will review the housing numbers as well as look at the number of children and number of seniors on a per household basis. This will help the City gain a better understanding of why the population has remained

stagnant while the housing supply has increased.

In spite of the stagnant population growth over the past decade, it is almost certain that Shoreline's population will grow over the next decade. As more of our senior citizens move out of the large homes where they raised their families and into smaller units, and as more young families move in to purchase their first homes, the City will experience increases in population.

For more information about the U.S. Census visit 2010.census.gov/2010census/data/ or contact Senior Planner Steve Cohn at scohn@shorelinewa.gov.

Shoreline completes tree canopy study

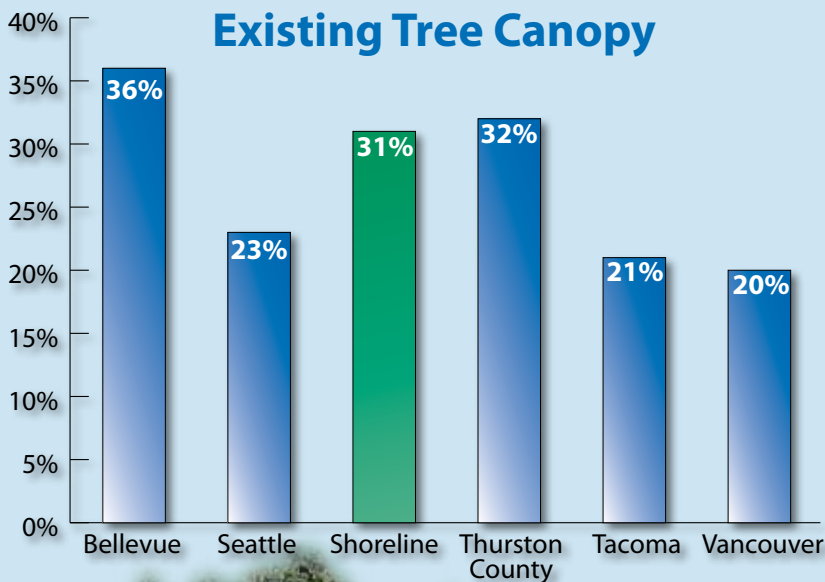


Earlier this year, the City contracted with AMEC Earth & Environmental to analyze the City's urban tree canopy and compare it to data from 1992 and 2001. The results show that Shoreline's total tree canopy of 30.6% remains virtually unchanged from 2001 and has increased slightly from 1992. Shoreline's total green cover, which includes trees, shrubs and grass, is 55.7%.

City Council Goal #1 calls for the implementation of the adopted 2029 Community Vision by updating the Comprehensive Plan. One of the objectives of achieving that goal is to update the City's tree regulations, which required creating a baseline tree canopy study. The baseline study will be used to inform the Council and the public as the City updates its tree regulations and considers other ways to sustain the tree canopy.

Having a healthy tree canopy is an important part of creating an environmentally sustainable community. Trees and other vegetation help reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality, absorb carbon thus improving air quality and provide habitat for wildlife, among other things.

Visit the City's website to read the full study. For questions, contact Senior Planner Paul Cohen at (206) 801-2551 or pcohen@shorelinewa.gov.



Upcoming Events

All meetings located in City Hall Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, May 17

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

City Hall Gallery Open House

Saturday, May 21

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

Park restoration work party at South Woods.

Times vary

Neighborhood garage sales in Meridian Park and Richmond Beach neighborhoods.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day - City Hall, Spartan Recreation Center and Shoreline Pool closed.

Thursday, June 2

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Low-tide beach walks begin at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park.

Saturday, June 4

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

Neighborhood garage sales in Ridgecrest, North City and Briarcrest Neighborhoods.

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

National Trails Day work party at Hamlin Park.

Wednesday, June 8

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Park at Town Center Community Meeting to select the preferred option.

Thursday, June 9

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

Seattle City Light customer forum at Northgate Community Center.

Quick Start

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Free Small Business Workshops
Tuesdays at Noon

Visit the City's website for more event information.

Shoreline Fire Department



City and Shoreline Fire Department team up to share resources

In both the City's and the Shoreline Fire Department's continuing efforts to seek efficiencies and save taxpayer money, we are teaming up to share information. Several times throughout the year, the City will include information from the Shoreline Fire Department in Currents. By sharing a newsletter, the City and the Fire Department will be able to save on postage and printing costs. While these costs may not be significant by themselves, every bit of savings helps. The City and the Shoreline Fire Department are committed to finding efficiencies wherever possible.

What to expect when the Fire Marshal inspects

The Shoreline Fire Department's Office of the Fire Marshal is responsible for fire safety inspections in all businesses and public buildings. Inspections ensure that local fire codes are followed and that employees and customers are protected from fire and safety hazards. The Fire Marshal's Office inspects facilities in our community as part of the Fire Department's mission to prevent fires and educate the public about emergency and disaster planning of all types.

When conducting inspections, business owners and managers are often surprised to learn that they are in violation of safety codes. Our goal is to help businesses avoid the tragedy and financial loss that a fire or natural disaster can cause.

Fire inspectors understand that some violations will take time and considerable expense to fix. Our mission is to work with business owners to find remedies and solutions, not to issue citations or fines.

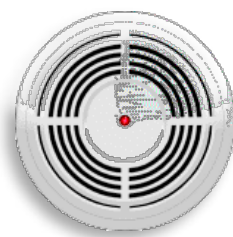
Inspections are a service to the community, and we make every effort to assist business owners in protecting their livelihood and investment. Fire is one type of disaster that almost always can be prevented. Prevention is our main mission in the Fire Marshal's Office.

In addition to ensuring safety code compliance, inspections also help the Fire Department learn the layout of businesses. It is important for the Fire Department to know where sprinkler and electrical panels are located, and any special challenges that may exist at the site. This is called a "pre-fire plan." Pre-fire plans are crucial in helping the Fire Department protect lives and property.

Thank you for helping us do that! You can contact the Shoreline Fire Marshal Todd Malo, or any of the Inspectors by calling us directly: (206) 533-6565.

Here's a look at what the fire safety code requires businesses to know and follow:

- All exits should be passable and clearly marked, and EXIT signs must be in working order. No extra locks on exit doors!
- All storage on shelves should be at least 24" from the ceiling and 18" from sprinkler heads. No storage allowed in exit routes, stairwells or in attic areas.
- Make sure the electrical panels, fire sprinkler risers and fire alarm panels are visible and easily accessible.
- No permanent use of extension cords. No "piggybacking" of power taps. Use a power tap or power strip if necessary. Microwaves must be plugged directly into wall outlets.
- Fire doors should NOT be propped or blocked open.
- Combustibles and flammables must be stored properly.
- Hanging fabric, paper, plastic or wood must be fireproof treated and a Certificate of Proof available for inspection.
- Fire extinguishers must be serviced and tagged by appropriate vendor.
- For restaurants and public kitchens: No altering or changing the kitchen appliances on the cook line (under the hood) without a permit.



Install. Inspect. Protect. Campaign

Smoke alarms save lives

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) launched the Install. Inspect. Protect. Campaign, encouraging people to install and maintain smoke alarms and sprinklers, practice fire escape plans and perform a home safety walk-through.

The USFA recommends installing smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas and on every level of your home; testing them monthly; changing alkaline batteries at least once a year; and installing ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms or dual sensor smoke alarms. For more information, visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms or call the USFA Publications Office at (800) 561-3356.

Family fire safety

A new study by Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Fire Administration shows that 52 percent of all children who die in fires are under the age of five. This age group, along with those over 65, are the most likely to die in a fire. Such statistics are sobering, especially when you consider that most fires and deaths that result from fires are preventable.

One of the easiest ways to protect your family is to ensure your fire alarms are in good working order.

Another way to help protect your family is to have a plan and to test it with a family fire drill. Conduct one at least four times a year. Make it a fun family activity. Put the children in bed. Wait until they are asleep, or have them pretend they are asleep. Press the test button on several smoke alarms. Everyone crawl low and go outside to your family's safe meeting place. Determine how you will call 9-1-1 (cell phone, landline portable or neighbor's house). When safely out and accounted for, congratulate yourselves on a job well done. Perhaps even treat the whole gang to ice cream as a reward!

The Shoreline Fire Department teaches these fire safety procedures to hundreds of children every year at the Shoreline Children's Safety Center in Richmond Beach. Geared to preschool age children between 3 and 5 years old, it is a popular destination with the pre-K crowd. Co-ops, play and day care groups, preschools and families all utilize the center to help educate young children on the importance of fire safety.

Make an appointment for your group by contacting Community Educator Melanie Granfors at melanie@shorelinefire.com.

Business owner basics

Fire and City officials work together to assist businesses

Whether setting up a new business or renovating an old one, it is always important to obtain the proper permits. This ensures you are properly following all of the relevant codes and will not have to make expensive changes down the road to remedy violations. Inspectors from the Shoreline Fire Marshal's Office often meet with business owners who have made structural changes to their business space without obtaining proper permits and without knowledge of the fire and life safety codes that could apply to remodels, design changes or reconfigurations of office or retail/restaurant space.

It is easy to avoid costly mistakes and possible code violations before you make any changes. Contact the City of Shoreline Department of Planning and Development Services to determine if and what type of permit may be needed. The Fire Marshal's Office works in conjunction with the City with permitting, plan reviews, fire alarm and sprinkler system inspections. You can consider it a one-stop shop and be assured that the Fire Department and the City are working together for your benefit.


It is always a good idea to contact the Fire Marshal's Office to update occupancy information as well. That way, if there is ever an "after hours" emergency at your facility, we have quick access to information about owners, occupants and managers who may need to respond to the scene.





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