

CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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Shoreline named a Tree City USA!

The City of Shoreline has recently been awarded the designation of "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Tree City USA is a program that supports the enhancement and preservation of urban forestry management in communities that understand the value of an urban forest canopy.

We have always taken great pride in our trees in Shoreline and preserving our own urban forest is a community priority. Shoreline's tree canopy cover, or the amount covered by trees, is currently 31%. As comparison, Seattle's canopy cover is 23%.

The City continuously looks for ways to add to our tree canopy. Since beginning construction in 2005, we have

planted more than 900 trees along the Aurora Corridor. In 2012, we planted 27 trees in the Park at Town Center. As part of the 2006 park bond we acquired almost 25 acres of undeveloped property that included South Woods, Kruckeberg Botanic Garden and property adjacent to Hamlin Park.

To support Tree City USA efforts, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and Parks recently awarded the City two grants. These grants will enable us to update our inventory of right-of-way trees along major arterials and to develop an Urban Forest Management Strategy.

As a City, we're proud of our growing tree canopy. At 31%, this healthy canopy cover provides many benefits

to the community, including aesthetic appeal that attracts businesses and residents, storm water flow reduction and air quality improvement, wildlife habitat, as well as lowered crime rates and summer shade. The development of an Urban Forest Management Strategy, an updated tree inventory, and the celebration of Arbor Day are all part of the City's commitment to a sustainable and livable Shoreline community.

To learn more about Tree City USA or the City's Urban Forest Management Strategy contact Parks Director Dick Deal at (206) 801-2601 or ddeal@shorelinewa.gov.





Earth Day Every Day Event

Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Shoreline Central Market, 15505 Westminster Way N

Celebrate Earth Day and be inspired to make a difference throughout the year. Central Market and the City of Shoreline invite you to celebrate our Northwest environment by trying new eco-living tools and learning how to protect our climate and reduce pollution.

To promote climate protection, a limited supply of LED light bulbs will be distributed. Watch your mail for an event flyer with additional details.

The event is supported in part by King County Solid Waste Division and the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County.

New electric vehicle charging stations at City Hall

The City has installed two Blink electric vehicle charging stations on the top floor of the City Hall parking garage. The City contracts with ECOtality, Inc., which specializes in alternative fuel, hybrid and electric vehicle infrastructure, to manage the new charging stations. These stations are identified as Level 2 (240 volt AC input) stations, which can fully charge an empty vehicle in approximately eight hours. Customers may be charged a Blink membership fee depending on the option selected. To learn more about using the Blink system visit blinknetwork.com/membership. You can also contact Fleet Supervisor Phil Ramon at pramon@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2411.



Electric vehicle charging stations at City Hall

City named Recycler of the Year!

Shoreline has been named the 2012 Recycler of the Year from the Washington State Recycling Association. The award recognizes public agencies that effectively increase recycling and waste prevention, while being committed to providing environmental and economic benefits to their community.

Being named Recycler of the Year was made possible with the support of our residents, who recycled 163 tons of material at

our 2012 Recycle Fest events, and 9,000 pounds of household batteries at Shoreline libraries. Thank you, too, to the librarians and All Battery Sales & Service for collaborating with the City to collect and recycle the batteries.

Other partnerships include Shoreline School District's implementation of a lunchtime food scraps recycling program; Sears and Central Market's generosity for providing sites for our recycling and Earth Day events;

CleanScapes' Waste Reduction Rewards program for neighborhoods and its distribution of recycling containers to multi-family residents; and Shoreline's businesses that recycle their fluorescent bulbs and Styrofoam at the City's Business Recycling Events.

For information about these or other related programs, visit shorelinewa.gov/Environmental-Services or contact Environmental Services Assistant Tina Han at than@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2455.

Aurora Avenue N and Interurban Trail



Managing the City's vegetation is a year-round job

Shoreline's tree-lined streets, planted traffic circles, and green medians along Aurora are a point of pride for the City. Maintaining this vegetation along the City streets is a year-round endeavor that includes mowing, weed removal, litter removal, pruning, trimming, edging, sweeping and blowing of parking strips, tree wells and sidewalks on approximately 60 curb miles of arterial and collector streets.

Each year, the City goes through a bidding process and hires a contractor at a cost of approximately \$115,000 annually to complete general vegetation maintenance along rights-of way and in traffic circles. The contracted maintenance work is done three times a year during the months of March, May and November.

The vegetation along Aurora Avenue N from N 145th Street to N 192nd Street is also maintained under a separate contract. Aurora vegetation maintenance occurs twice a month, usually on the 1st and 15th. When the final segment of Aurora is completed, the work will extend all the way to N 205th Street.

In May and October of every year, our own Streets Maintenance Team use a slope mower to maintain 78 miles of hillside in order to improve sight lines and reduce the threat of grass fires.

Effective vegetation management requires more than just the City's efforts. We need the community's assistance as well. We ask that you maintain the grass strips and vegetation along the sidewalk or pathways abutting your homes. Overgrown vegetation, trees and

hedges interfere with lines of sight and can impact motorist and pedestrian safety. Also, trees and hedges that grow towards the edge of the street make it difficult for the city sweeper to sweep the entire street width.

In addition to using the methods described above, the City will once again use goats, sheep and llamas in certain areas of the City this year to help with vegetation management. Started as a pilot project last year, the use of animals for vegetation management proved to be very successful. They are green, efficient and fun to watch! Look to the City's website for information on when the goats, sheep and llamas will be working and where to find them.



Shoreline Walks Come Walk With Us

Shoreline Walks begins this month and you are invited to join us!

Shoreline Walks is a new community walking program to help Shoreline adults stay active, meet new people (or connect with old friends) and feel safer and more confident exploring our city by foot.

Walks explore neighborhoods, parks and trails offering great insight into some of the best walking routes in our city. Walks are free to attend and are led by a walk leader.

Each walk is given a difficulty scale rating from "easy" (flat terrain, suitable for strollers and wheelchairs) to "difficult" (longer distances, hills, uneven ground) to help you choose walks appropriate for your fitness level.

For more details about walks including start dates, times and locations, visit shorelinewa.gov/shorelinewalks or contact Recreation Assistant Marianne Johnson at (206) 801-2638 or mjohnson@shorelinewa.gov.



County Councilmember Dembowski and family

Rod Dembowski appointed to King County Council District 1 seat

On February 11, 2013, the Metropolitan King County Council unanimously appointed Rod Dembowski to fill the vacancy in Council District 1 created by the resignation of Bob Ferguson when he became Washington State Attorney General. Council District 1 covers Shoreline, northeast Seattle, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell, parts of Woodinville and Kirkland.

"I am proud and humbled to serve the residents of District 1 and all of King County," said Councilmember Dembowski.

Before his appointment, Dembowski worked as an attorney for Foster Pepper PLLC, Seattle. He has served as a special deputy prosecuting attorney for King, Pierce and Island Counties, and has been named a "Rising Star" six times by Washington Law & Politics Magazine.

Dembowski served under former County Executive Gary Locke as an Executive Office Policy Analyst and was a member of the 2011 King County Districting Committee. A graduate of Renton's Hazen High School, Dembowski has a degree from Georgetown University and he earned his law degree from the University of Washington. Councilmember Dembowski has family ties to Shoreline; his wife's parents are residents.

District 1 is up for election in November 2013. Councilmember Dembowski's current term runs through certification of the 2013 general election.

To contact Councilmember Dembowski, email rod.dembowski@king-county.gov or call (206) 296-1001. On the web, visit facebook.com/CouncilmemberRodDembowski or kingcounty.gov/Dembowski.

Did you know?

Every year, hundreds of tons of petroleum-related products find their way into our lakes, rivers, streams and Puget Sound. Vehicle leaks are one source that contribute to the water pollution problem, and may also shorten the life of your car. This April, participating Automotive Service Association (ASA) qualified mechanics are offering a free visual vehicle inspection. They will identify leaks and offer a discount on repairs – a value of up to \$130! Find a participating mechanic at fixcarleaks.org or call (206) 801-2453 for more information.



E Line construction begins this spring

Beginning this spring, Metro Transit will be installing new bus shelters and signage along Aurora Avenue N as part of its planned bus rapid transit (BRT) service known as RapidRide. This unique form of bus service will run from the Aurora Village Transit Center to downtown Seattle via Aurora Avenue N, replacing Route 358. Named the E Line, service is scheduled to begin in February 2014.

BRT service is designed to be convenient and easy to use. With service at least every ten minutes during the morning and evening commuting hours and fifteen minute service the rest of the day, bus riders do not need a schedule. All buses have low floors and three doors, allowing riders to get on and off quickly, automated 'Next Stop' displays and audio announcements for upcoming stops. Larger, busy stops known as "stations" will have electronic signs displaying when the next bus will arrive, maps of the routes showing all stops and destinations and ORCA card readers that allow card users to pay in advance and enter through any bus door.

All stations and shelters will have weather protection overhead, interior lighting for safety and visibility, lights on top of station shelters help identify them from a distance and the unique RapidRide style and color scheme. Bus stops will be located at every signalized intersection on Aurora Avenue N within Shoreline, with stations at N 145th Street, N 160th Street, N 175th Street, N 185th Street, N 192nd Street and the Aurora Village Transit Center.

When designing and construct-

ing the improvements to the Aurora Corridor, the City of Shoreline coordinated with Metro Transit to install much of the infrastructure and technology that will help make RapidRide service fast and reliable. For example, the City installed an integrated intelligent transportation system that allows buses to "talk" to traffic signals and move more quickly through the corridor.

For more information about the RapidRide E Line, visit metro.kingcounty.gov or contact Senior Transportation Planner Alicia McIntire at (206) 801-2483 or amcintire@shorelinewa.gov.



photo courtesy Metro Transit

Master Planning Aurora Square

Open house ~ Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. ~ Shoreline City Hall

Aurora Square is home to many outstanding businesses, but due to the absence of cohesive planning and investment, the center provides little synergy between them. In the first step of the Aurora Square renewal plan, the City is stepping in to act as the master planning agent.

Our City's master planning is intended to provide a dynamic and flexible framework for guiding public-private partnership projects by allowing each individual property owner to understand and invest in the "big picture" while not needing to control other properties.

Master planning will enable the City and property owners to take a fresh look at the current structures and road network in and around Aurora Square. Planning will emphasize repurposing buildings, increasing land use efficiency and improving traffic flow and pedestrian connectivity, all in an effort to enhance the visitor's experience.

To learn more about master planning Aurora Square and to provide comments on the planning efforts, come to an Aurora Square Master Planning Open House on Wednesday, April 24.





April healthy eating events

Monday, April 8 - 7:00 p.m.
City of Shoreline Spartan Recreation Center
Healthy Eating for Busy People*^{\$}

Monday, April 8 - 7:00 p.m.
Shoreline Library
Book discussion group on *The End of Overeating*
by David Kessler

Wednesday, April 10 - 1:30 p.m.
Shoreline LFP Senior Center
Better Than Store Bought cooking class*^{\$}

Tuesday, April 16 - 7:00 p.m.
City of Shoreline Spartan Recreation Center
Spring/Summer Soups and Salads*^{\$}

Thursday, April 18 - 11:45 p.m.
Shoreline LFP Senior Center
Birthday lunch^{\$}

Tuesday, April 23 - 6:00 p.m.
Dale Turner YMCA
Young Chefs Cooking Class*^{\$}

Thursday, April 25 - 6:00 p.m.
Dale Turner YMCA
Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Class*^{\$}

Saturday, April 27 - 11:00 a.m.
Shoreline Library
Food, Glorious Food: Exploring food in art

Saturday, April 27 - 10:00 a.m.
Dale Turner YMCA
Healthy Kids Day

Tuesday, April 30 - 4:00 p.m.
City of Shoreline Spartan Recreation Center
Kids in the Kitchen cooking class*^{\$}

*Pre-registration required
\$ Fee

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.

Bring farm fresh produce home

Try a CSA program and have produce dropped off for you in Shoreline

As we celebrate Eats4Health month in Shoreline, it is important to remember that there are a variety of ways you can ensure you and your family have access to fresh produce. In addition to local stores and Shoreline's Farmers Market in the summer, residents can also subscribe to a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) drop-off service during the growing season.

CSA programs are great ways to support local, sustainable farms while providing you and your family with weekly supplies of fresh vegetables, fruit, eggs, meat and other products. People participating in CSA programs subscribe to a weekly service. Area CSA farms deliver a box of produce to a designated location and most CSA farms offer a variety of options to fit household sizes and budgets.

A number of CSA farms have drop-off locations in Shoreline. Kruckeberg Botanic Garden has recently partnered with Oxbow Farm (oxbow.org) to provide a drop-off location at the garden. Starting in June, shareholders will pick up their boxes at the Garden on Thursdays between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Other CSA farms that will deliver to Shoreline this growing season are: Van Vuren Farm (vanvurenfarm.com); Boistfort Valley Farm (boistfortvalleyfarm.com); Helsing Junction Farm (helsingfarmcsa.com); Tiny's Organic (tinysorganic.com); and Baron Farms (baronfarms.com).



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STATION AREA PLANNING



Senior Services seeks to encourage community engagement

In the March 2013 issue of Currents, we introduced the 185th Station Citizens Committee, a newly formed community group organized around light rail station area planning. The Committee's goal is to work with neighbors in the Echo Lake, North City and Meridian Park neighborhoods to ensure their voices are heard during the planning process.

Another group has taken the initiative to reach out to other members of the Shoreline community to ensure their voices are heard during the light rail station area planning process. Senior Services, which helps operate the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Senior Center, recently received an Equity Grant from the Growing Transit Communities Partnership and the Regional Equity Network, to work with those communities that have traditionally not been present or engaged during the planning for large development projects. Senior Services will primarily focus its efforts on engaging people with limited incomes, immigrant and refugee communities, and communities of color.

Some of the organizations Senior Services has reached out to include: Senior Housing Assistance Group (SHAG), King County Housing Authority, Shoreline School District, Center for Human Services, HopeLink, faith-based organizations, neighborhood associations and others. Senior Services will continue to reach out to other organizations as the process moves forward.

Senior Services will organize two or three events in 2013 specifically geared towards the groups mentioned above that live near the station areas in Shoreline and east of I-5. The events will provide information on light rail and station area planning, and will be a forum for individuals to ask questions and provide input.

If you would like more information about Senior Services' efforts or know of ways to assist in its outreach, please contact Senior Services Program Manager Dori Gillam at dorig@seniorservices.org.

Free consultation to "jump start" your home improvement project

Tuesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 30, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers



Summer is coming! Do you need some advice or moral support to get started? The City is offering two after-hour events to help Shoreline residents take the next step with their home remodels, driveway replacements, drainage fixes and more. We may be able to suggest alternatives for your home improvement puzzles. Sign up for a one on one consultation with City construction and development staff at shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement.

We will also invite local Shoreline home improvement merchants, contractors and service providers to help answer your questions. So gather your ideas and sketches and sign up today. For more information, please contact Planning Manager Paul Cohen at (206) 801-2551 or pcohen@shorelinewa.gov.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 13

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

Emergency Preparedness and Safety Fair at Shoreline Central Market, 15505 Westminister Way N

1:15 to 3:30 p.m.

April Pool's Day at Shoreline Pool - Free event!

6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 20

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

Earth Day Every Day event at Central Market. More information on pg. 2.

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Teen Earth Day volunteer project beautifying Shoreline's parks

Monday, April 22 through Friday, April 26

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Camp Shoreline Spring Fling day camp for ages 4-12. Register for one day or the whole week on the City's website or (206) 801-2600.

Saturday, April 27

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

National Pharmaceuticals Take-Back Day at Shoreline Police Station

Thursday, May 2

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall Gallery open house and meet the artists event

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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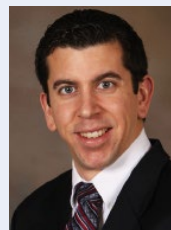
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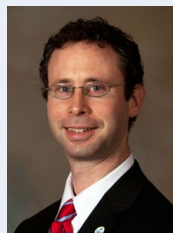
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 Shoreline City Hall, Council Chambers
 Agendas: (206) 801-2236 or shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

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