

CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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Shoreline voters approve acquisition of SPU water system

By a vote of 70%, Shoreline voters have authorized the City to purchase Seattle Public Utilities' (SPU) water system in Shoreline, creating a City operated water utility. We can now move forward with negotiating a final agreement.

Over the next year, the City will be working closely with the City of Seattle to finalize a purchase agreement. We anticipate having an agreement ready for review by Shoreline and Seattle city councils in the spring. The goal is to approve an agreement by fall of 2013.

Once the purchase agreement has been signed, Shoreline will begin developing operation plans and preliminary work on the initial capital improvements that need to be completed before the transfer of the system in 2020. Planning work will take place over several years. In 2016, the City will prepare a Comprehensive Water Plan as required by the state, with planned adoption in 2017. Construction of ini-

tial capital improvements and separation of the water system will begin in 2018.

In the meantime, the City will work closely with Ronald Wastewater District (RWD) to prepare for merging the wastewater utility with the City in 2017. The agreement between the City and RWD calls for a transition period to start in 2015. Planning for and integrating RWD with City operations at the same time we are planning for acquiring the water utility will allow the City to look for mutual operational efficiencies that benefit both utilities. These efficiencies or savings to the utilities could come from sharing the cost of billing services, equipment, facilities and personnel.

The City will continue to keep residents informed throughout the SPU acquisition process. There will be a number of opportunities along the way for residents to provide input. While moving into the water utility businesses is a big step for the City, we are confident it

will be a substantial benefit to the community.

For more information, visit shorelinewa.gov/spu.

Holiday Schedule

City Council • • • • •

Recess: December 17 - January 6

First meeting of 2013: January 7

Facility Closures • • • • •

City Hall:

December 25 and January 1

Spartan Recreation Center:

December 24, 25 and January 1

Shoreline Pool:

December 24, 25, 31 and January 1

Kids Camp • • • • •

Camp Shoreline Holiday Camp

December 20, 21, 27 and 28

Register by calling (206) 801-2600 or online on the City's website at shorelinewa.gov/onlineregistration

City to purchase King County's maintenance facility

After several years of looking for a suitable location for an expanded public works maintenance facility, Council has authorized the purchase of the former King County maintenance facility located next to Brugger's Bog Park in the Ballinger neighborhood.

Since incorporation, the City has used the one-acre Hamlin Park maintenance site to house both the Parks and Public Works maintenance operations. Over time, as the City has taken on more maintenance responsibilities instead of contracting with King County, the Hamlin site has reached its maximum capacity.

The future acquisition of the Seattle Public Utility

(SPU) water system places additional demands on the need to find a bigger site.

The purchase price with upgrades total approximately \$3.3 million. Initial improvements will be made in 2013 and 2014 with further development occurring closer to the final acquisition of the SPU water system in Shoreline in 2020.

Working with the community, the City would like to develop a master plan for the site along with Brugger's Bog Park and the proposed future park at the Shoreline School District property formerly known as the Aldercrest Annex.

Creative ways to connect with your neighbors

Research by the Young Foundation has found knowing your neighbors promotes well-being. Neighborly contact promotes feeling happy and secure about where we live. All over Shoreline, residents are making neighborly connections by sharing music, food, tools, chores and parts of their lives.

North City waffle breakfast

On a quiet dead end street in the North City neighborhood, one family has opened their doors to share waffles, coffee and camaraderie with their neighbors almost every Saturday morning for the last couple of years. What started as a small gathering of a few neighbors has blossomed into a connected network of friends who know each other's kids, help each other with painting or mowing, and keep an eye out in the neighborhood. "It's an easy way to make sure our house gets cleaned every week!" quips Bryce Lathrop, who hosts the waffle gath-

ering with his wife Amy. A simple gesture to meet the neighbors has turned into a weekly community event that has truly strengthened the neighborhood.

Ridgecrest family dinner

When new younger families moved onto Diane Bunce's block in Ridgecrest, it took awhile to act on the well-intentioned greeting "we should get together sometime." A couple of years later a barbeque got scheduled with several families on both sides of her block. "We hit it off," says Diane. Now six families, have dinner together every week! "It's more like it used to be when you knew and could rely on your neighbors," says Diane. "We're older folks and younger folks and we all get along."

Richmond Beach Bluegrass jam

For over 12 years, the Little Store in Richmond Beach neighborhood at the corner of Richmond Beach Road and 20th Ave NW has hosted a public Bluegrass music jam the first Sunday of the month from noon to about 5:00 pm. The event attracts up to 25 primarily Shoreline musicians of all ages, genders, abilities, and ethnicities playing Bluegrass, Country, Blues, Folk, Celtic and Ragtime. Tom Petersen, mandolin player, says, "The jam attracts several regular fans, including people from the nearby group homes for the elderly and disabled, and always gets the attention of store patrons, particularly children." Between songs, the jammers and fans catch up on neighborhood news and each others' lives.

To learn more about the City's Neighborhoods Program and find contact information for your neighborhood association, visit the City's website at shorelinewa.gov/neighborhoods.



Building relationships over weekly waffles

Sharing the road

This fall, a new improvement has been made to Shoreline's bicycle system. As part of the City's efforts to expand bicycle facilities, 35 sharrows were installed on three miles of roadway, letting cyclists and drivers know that they are traveling along designated bicycle routes. These routes include portions of N 180th Street, 10th Avenue NE and N 175th Street east of 15th Avenue NE.

"Sharrows" (a hybrid of the words "share" and "arrows") are directional pavement symbols indicating where bicyclists should ride in the lane and informing drivers that the lane must be shared with riders. Sharrows are installed in areas where the traffic volumes and speeds are low or the travel lanes are a bit wider than normal.

In 2011, the City adopted a long range Transportation Master Plan (TMP). One element of the TMP is a Bicycle System Plan. Developed with the assistance of the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, the Bicycle System Plan identifies a complete bicycle system



that connects neighborhoods to destinations such as schools, parks, public buildings, commercial areas and transit. Routes in Shoreline will be marked or constructed in several ways, including directional signage, sharrows, bicycle lanes and separated trails.

You can view the City's Transportation Master Plan at shorelinewa.gov.

Submit your comments on coal train export terminal

Public comment and discussion

City Council Meeting

Monday, Jan. 14, 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

The City will be collecting comments until January 21, 2013, regarding the proposed coal export terminal being built in Bellingham and the accompanying coal trains that will move through Shoreline.

The US Army Corps of Engineers, the Washington State Department of Ecology and Whatcom County are the co-leads for the environmental impact study being conducted. Your comments will inform the co-leads on what should be covered in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Once these scoping comments have been compiled, they will be used to help design the draft EIS.

The City has scheduled a discussion regarding the coal train proposals for the January 14 City Council meeting. The City will incorporate public comments received during that meeting into its scoping comments.

To learn more about the proposal, scoping process and how to submit your comments, visit eisgatewaypacificwa.gov.

Be Storm Ready: Prepare for winter weather

Be prepared for inclement weather. Wind, rain, and snow are all part of the season and with proper preparation we can minimize the impacts of bad weather on our community.

During a Storm

Unless there is an emergency, stay home. If you must travel, please use public transportation whenever possible. You can sign up with Metro Transit to receive snow routing alerts at metro.kingcounty.gov/signup/.

Snow Removal

When it snows, City plows will concentrate their efforts on primary routes first to accommodate fire, medical and police response, as well as Metro transit, school buses and commuter traffic. As long as it continues to snow, these primary routes will be plowed. Once the snow has stopped and all primary roads are clear, plows will move to secondary routes, and once those are clear, neighborhood streets will be plowed. If it starts snowing again, the process of clearing main roads will start over. Please keep in mind that, during a heavy, continuous snowstorm, it may take several days before all City streets are cleared. Snow plowing route maps are available at shorelinewa.gov/stormready.

Resident Responsibilities

Shoreline homeowners and business/property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice off driveways and sidewalks near their property, including the ridge of snow left along the edge of driveways by the snow plow. Please clear storm drains and catch basins in order to help clear melting snow and avoid pooling water.

During a storm



For life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

Non-emergency issues, such as downed trees, signs or problems with drainage due to rain or snow, should be reported to the City 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (206) 801-2700.

Check the City's website and Facebook pages for information about facility closures and progress updates on snow plowing.

Solid Waste Collection

Missed collections of garbage, yard waste and recycling due to winter weather will be rescheduled for the following week. Please protect your materials from blowing away by making sure bins are closed. To learn more about Cleanscapes' adverse weather and holiday policies visit cleanscapes.com or call (206) 763-4444.

Power Outages

The Seattle City Light website allows you to check the status of a power outage at seattle.gov/light/sysstat/. Contact Seattle City Light for more information at (206) 684-7000.

Protect Your Pipes

Every winter, frozen pipes cause damage in homes, apartments and businesses. To avoid this, keep your heat on at least 40 degrees, especially when on vacation. When frozen pipes thaw they can cause cracks, flooding and water damage.



Greening Shoreline Electric vehicle charging stations coming to City Hall

As electric and electric hybrid vehicles (EV) become more popular, the need to develop the support infrastructure increases. As part of its continuing effort to promote sustainability in our community, City Council recently approved a one-year pilot program with ECotality to install two Blink EV charging stations on the upper deck of the parking garage at City Hall. The charging stations will be open to the public;

however, charges will cost \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hour. To learn more, visit blinknetwork.com.

Currently, there are four public EV charging stations in Shoreline. One is located at the Walgreens on Aurora Avenue N and N 175th Street and the others are at Sears at Aurora Square. All of them charge a fee for use. Shoreline Community College is in the process of installing four charging stations on campus.

Celebrating the City's newest park improvements

On Saturday, Nov. 17, the City celebrated Shoreline's ongoing commitment to improving and maintaining our valuable park space by planting trees and celebrating recent park improvements.

While Arbor Day is traditionally celebrated in April, the City celebrated in November by planting 27 new trees in the Park at Town Center. The Park at Town Center is at the heart of the Shoreline community. Planting the new trees marks the first steps in fulfilling residents' vision for the park.

The City also celebrated the recent completion of pedestrian and vehicle improvements made at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden (KBG). Because the site was originally a private residence, it was not designed to accommodate public parking. As part of the master plan for the park, the City, the KBG Foundation and KBG neighbors worked together

to create a public entry for the garden with environmental sensitivity, care and attention to detail. The improvements, paid for with money from the 2006 Open Space, Parks and Trails Bond, allow for easier and

safer access to the garden while still maintaining and respecting the garden's natural setting.

To learn more about the Garden and to plan a visit, go to kruckeberg.org.



Cutting the ribbon on entry improvements at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

Planning for light rail in Shoreline: The roles of the City and Sound Transit

Over the past few years, the City of Shoreline has been working closely with Sound Transit as they determine preferred rail alignments and potential station locations for the future Lynnwood Link light rail expansion. The City has also provided input on the design of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which analyzes the potential environmental impacts from light rail construction and service.

In 2013, Sound Transit will complete the DEIS and designate its preferred alternatives for alignment and station locations. Once

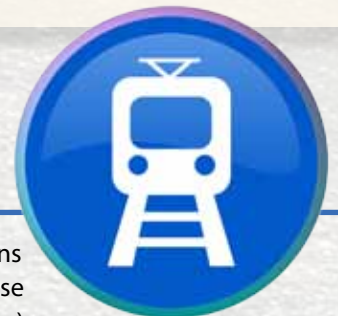
the alignment and the station areas have been determined, Sound Transit will narrow its focus to just the designated light rail corridor and stations. At the same time, the City will begin a new planning effort in anticipation of light rail serving Shoreline.

The City will focus on long range planning for the areas surrounding the stations. It will be looking at land use and zoning, and planning for the impact of light rail to the area. While light rail alignment and station locations are Sound Transit decisions, what happens around

the stations (land use and zoning)

are our decisions. The City Council will want to know how you think the station areas should look and function. Your participation is very important to the success of the station area planning process. The City will hold public planning meetings starting in 2013 so residents can examine the station area options and gather input.

To learn more, visit shorelinewa.gov/lightrail.



Healthy and Fit: Activities for ages 50+

Sir Isaac Newton famously said, "A body in motion stays in motion," and we couldn't agree more. As part of our "Healthy City Strategy," we are working to create more opportunities for adults ages 50+ to stay active and moving. New events, fitness classes and outdoor trips and hikes are just the start. Pick up the Winter 2013 Recreation Guide next month for a whole range of fitness and outdoor recreation opportunities and together we'll stay healthy and fit for 2013!



Winter Rec Guide

The Winter Recreation Guide will hit homes soon and registration will begin on Thursday, Jan. 3.

On the cover of the guide is a photograph by resident Jennifer Holt titled, "Ellie Eats Snow." Ms. Holt's photo received the most Facebook "likes" in the City's recent Choose the Cover contest. Congratulations to all of the finalists whose photos may be featured in other City of Shoreline publications.

For more information about recreation programs, visit the City's website or call (206) 801-2600.

2011 Christmas Tree Recycling Event



Free Christmas Tree Recycling Event

Saturday, Jan. 5, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 6, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Meridian Park School parking lot

17077 Meridian Avenue N

Inclement weather event info (recording): (206) 801-2450

The City is hosting its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Event to help Shoreline residents recycle their holiday trees.

Please remove all hooks, ornaments, tinsel and tree stands. Please do not bring flocked, artificial or garden trees, branches, wreaths, or swags.

Trees will be recycled by CleanScapes, but they won't be chipped on-site at the event.

If there is snow or ice on the road that weekend, call (206) 801-2450 on the day of the event for a recorded message on the event status.

If the event is cancelled or you cannot make it to the event, other options for disposal of holiday trees in Shoreline include:

- If you have CleanScapes yard debris collection, recycle your tree curbside. Cut your tree in half if it is taller than 4 feet, and place it next to your yard debris container at the curb for collection at no cost. No flocked, tinsel or artificial trees are accepted; and trees without a yard debris cart next to them will not be collected.
- If you have a flocked, tinsel or an artificial tree, and you have CleanScapes curbside garbage collection, cut it to fit inside your garbage cart for free collection. If the tree is taller than 4 feet, cut it in half and put it next to your garbage cart for a collection cost of \$3.92.
- Recycle your tree for a cost at the Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station at 2300 N 165th Street. Please call (206) 296-4466 for information on rates.

For more information about the Christmas Tree Recycling Event, call (206) 801-2700 or visit the City's website.

Recycling Center to reopen

King County has announced that the Recycling Center at the Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station will be restored in early 2013. When it opens, residents will be able to recycle the following items at no cost: newspaper, cardboard, mixed paper, glass, tin, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles, tubs and jugs.

The Shoreline Transfer Station is located at 2300 N 165th Street and is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and weekends from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Visit your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/transfer.asp or call (206) 296-4466 to learn more.

Locating an east-side off-leash dog area

Thursday, Jan. 24, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

With the success of the two west-side sites at Shoreview Park and Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, excitement builds to locate an off-leash area east of I-5. Join City staff and the members of the Off-Leash Dog Area Study Group to review the process for finding a location on Thursday, Jan. 24. Immediation following this meeting, the study group will present to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board at their monthly meeting from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Did you know?

Most dog owners do a great job picking up after their dogs on walks or before lawn mowing. But during the rainy season, Fido's yard is less likely to be clean. It may seem like the rain magically washes the poop away, but it is being flushed into our streams, potentially creating a health hazard to us, wildlife and our pets. Even in the winter months, remember: scoop it, bag it and trash it! Fido and the fish will thank you for it.



Upcoming Events

Monday, Dec. 24

Spartan Recreation Center and Shoreline Pool closed

Tuesday, Dec. 25

City Hall, Spartan Recreation Center and Shoreline Pool closed

Monday, Dec. 31

Shoreline Pool closed

Tuesday, Jan. 1

City Hall, Spartan Recreation Center and Shoreline Pool closed. Happy New Year!

Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 5-6

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

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Tree Recycling Event at Meridian Park Elementary. Details on page 6.

Saturday, Jan. 12

6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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

Monday, Jan. 21

City Hall and Shoreline Pool closed in honor of MLK, Jr. Day

Thursday, Jan. 24

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

East-side off-leash dog area planning meeting at City Hall

Friday, Feb. 8

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Teen Career Day fair at Richmond Highlands Rec Center

Quick Start Shoreline

Free Small Business Workshops

Tuesdays at Noon

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

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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.