

# CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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## Giving is central at Shoreline's Community Garden

A casual stroll through the City's Community Garden at Twin Ponds Park quickly testifies to its early success. The 38 raised beds are literally overflowing with life. A large shed houses shovels and buckets, wheel barrows and gloves. Hoses hang on stands at intervals along the paths and at the center of it all is the Giving Garden.

The "Giving Garden" is an area roughly 20'x80' in the heart of the garden that grows organic vegetables and herbs for Hopelink Food Bank. To date, approximately 600 pounds of cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, beans, peas, and more have been donated. More than the produce it generates, "The Giving Garden is an extraordinary opportunity for those who love to garden to give something back to their community--helping hundreds of people living on limited incomes supplement their diets with fresh, organic, locally grown fruits and vegetables," says Jeanne Powell, Giving Garden Coordinator. "It's a place to garden for others with our neighbors, to grow community and a healthier urban environment."

The Giving Garden is run entirely by volunteers. The large garden plot is divided into smaller areas, each devoted to a specific crop identified by Hopelink as desirable for food bank families. Approximately 20 volunteers sign up with Giving Garden Coordinators Jeanne Powell or Nancy Short to



Coordinators Jeanne Powell and Nancy Short



600 pounds of vegetables and herbs were donated to Hopelink

work an area of the garden or adopt a particular task such as watering or harvesting in the garden as a whole. "The volunteers work together as a team, regularly meeting at the garden, working side by side, with much of the discussion being around schemes and dreams of bigger and better vegetables for next year," says Nancy. "We share our knowledge about gardening, but more importantly we share our lives for a worthy cause." The Giving Garden is also the recipient of help from Lakeside School and Evergreen School, giving over 60 kids the opportunity to get their hands dirty, learn to grow food, and participate in a community that gives.

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# City of Shoreline Proposition No. 1: Acquisition and local control of Seattle water services in Shoreline

Shoreline's vision is to provide high quality public services, utilities, and infrastructure that protect public health and safety, accommodate anticipated growth, and enhance the quality of life. As part of that effort, on August 6, the Shoreline City Council passed Ordinance No. 644 concerning Shoreline's acquisition and operation of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) water services within Shoreline west of Interstate 5.

If approved by Shoreline voters, Proposition No. 1 would authorize Shoreline to acquire and operate the SPU water system in Shoreline. The \$26.6 million acquisition in 2020 and \$14.2 million in pre-acquisition improvements (without adjustment for inflation) would be financed by water rates in the acquired service area. As part of the City's due diligence process, the City Council found the cost to acquire, operate, and maintain the system would result in rates equal to or lower than SPU's projected charges. In addition, acquisition would not impact property taxes, nor would it impact the service and rates in areas served by the Shoreline Water District.

Shoreline ratepayers would have local control over rates and services, upgrades and investments. Currently, these decisions are made by Seattle elected officials. Acquisition of the SPU water system would also mean Shoreline residents would no longer pay a surcharge to the City of Seattle to help subsidize Seattle ratepayers' rates and they would no longer pay a utility tax to the City of Seattle, which goes directly into Seattle's general fund to help fund Seattle parks, police and fire.

Acquisition would also allow revenues to be reinvested in Shoreline instead of the entire SPU system and enable the City to focus on system improvements to help improve Shoreline's commercial districts and increase water flow for firefighting throughout the City. Shoreline's acquisition would make permitting for property improvements easier and less expensive by reducing the number of government entities involved.

## 2013 Budget adoption schedule

Shoreline's budget adoption process began with a preliminary 2013 budget update presentation to the City Council at its September 17 meeting. The full schedule is below. All meetings are Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

- October 15:** Transmittal of Proposed 2013 Budget
- October 22:** Department Budget Reviews
- November 5:** Public Hearing
- November 13:** Public Hearing on Property Tax Levy and Revenue Sources
- November 19:** Final 2013 Budget Discussion
- November 26:** Adoption of 2013 Property Tax Levy and 2013 Budget

For more information and to view budget documents, visit [shorelinewa.gov/budget](http://shorelinewa.gov/budget).

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# Sustainability Forum: *Climate change in the Puget Sound region*

**Wednesday, Oct. 24, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Shoreline City Hall Council Chambers**

In order to facilitate community discussion about sustainability issues, the City will host a presentation by Jay Manning, co-chair of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification, to share the findings of their report, which will be released in October. The world's oceans absorb carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from the atmosphere. As the oceans soak up excess carbon emissions, the chemistry of the seawater changes — both lo-

cally and globally. This absorption alters the ocean's natural acid-base balance, and the move toward a lower pH value is called ocean acidification. Find out how potential changes will affect the Puget Sound region and what you can do about it. Hilary Franz, Executive Director of Futurewise will also give a presentation on land use and sustainability issues.

To learn more about the City's sustainability efforts, visit [shorelinewa.gov/forevergreen](http://shorelinewa.gov/forevergreen).



## **Council unanimously supports two measures on November ballot**

At its September 4 meeting, the City Council unanimously adopted two resolutions supporting two separate ballot measures that will appear on the November 6 general election ballot.

### **King County Proposition No. 1 Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS)**

AFIS is a valuable public safety tool that allows criminal justice agencies to fingerprint and identify arrested individuals or suspects of crimes. The AFIS program is funded by a voter-approved levy and provides the technical platform for fingerprint identification services throughout the county with links to other state, regional, and federal databases. The program allows the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), its contract cities, the Seattle Police Department, and the suburban police departments within the county to access fingerprint identification information.

From 2007 to 2012, AFIS has been utilized in over 36,000 investigations. In 2011 alone, it assisted detectives in processing 18,959 pieces of evidence for finger and palm prints; identified 732 individuals who gave false names at the time of arrest; and matched 3,930 crime scene fingerprints and 216 palmprints. In Shoreline, AFIS was instrumental in identifying a suspect in the sexual assault of a 12 year old girl.

If approved, the six-year levy will be at a rate of 5.92 cents per \$1,000 assessed value in 2013, or approximately \$20.72 a year for the average homeowner. The levy will increase annually by the percentage increase in the consumer price index or 1%, whichever is greater, with a maximum increase of 3%, for the five succeeding years. King County voters have approved every levy to support AFIS since 1986.

Council unanimously supports the AFIS levy.

### **Referendum Measure 74 Marriage Equality**

During the 2012 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6239 relating to marriage equality. On February 13, 2012, Governor Chris Gregoire signed the bill into law, ending discrimination in marriage based on gender and sexual orientation in Washington and allowing all persons in Washington state the freedom to marry on equal terms, while also respecting the religious freedom of clergy and religious institutions to determine for whom to perform marriage ceremonies and to determine which marriages to recognize for religious purposes.

Immediately after the Governor signed the bill into law, opponents of marriage equality filed notice with the Washington State Secretary of State's Office that they intended to gather enough signatures to place a referendum on the general election ballot to reject the bill. On June 12, 2012, the Secretary of State certified that enough signatures had been turned-in from Washington voters to place Referendum 74 (R74) on the November 6 general election ballot. R74 asks Washington voters to approve or reject the marriage equality law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. The law has been stayed until the results of the election have been determined.

Council unanimously adopted Resolution 331 supporting approval of R74.





# Greening Shoreline – the Briza Apartments

Located in the south-east corner of Shoreline, the residents of Briza apartments are working hard to do their part in making Shoreline a sustainable city. Perhaps it's the fact that the Briza Apartments have evolved from a place where residents went home each day to their individual apartments without interacting with neighbors to a community that knows each other and tries to live sustainably. Residents watch their dogs play in the off-leash dog area and scoop the poop into the plastic bags that are provided. They recycle their food scraps into the on-site composter, and grow vegetables in their community garden.

To a large degree, many of these opportunities for residents to connect with each other and to live sustainably are a direct result of the environmental commitment of the current on-site property manager, Greg Urban. Since he was hired in 2010, Greg has added the on-site



food scraps composter to recycle food scraps from the residents' vegetable garden; replaced incandescent lighting with LEDs on the walkways; and recycled aluminum cans from the residents to generate money for future Briza amenities.

To recognize the outstanding

teamwork of the residents and property manager to live sustainably, the City and CleanScapes awarded Briza Apartments a Champion Award and gave each resident a recycling tote to carry their co-mingled recycling to the community bin.

## Kruckeberg Botanic Garden's Fall Tree & Shrub Sale

**October 19-21 and 26-28, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, 20312 15th Ave NW**

Celebrate the fall planting season at Shoreline's Kruckeberg Botanic Garden! During KBG's annual Fall Tree and Shrub Sale, the onsite MsK Rare and Native Plant Nursery marks down prices on all trees and shrubs in stock by up to 75 percent. Since the plants are also on display in the garden, you can see how your trees and shrubs will look as they mature. All proceeds support operation of the KBG and its programs for the community.

For more information about the sale or Kruckeberg Botanic Garden visit [kruckeberg.org](http://kruckeberg.org) or call (206) 546-1281.

## Community Garden

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"It has been meaningful and fulfilling to play a part in growing food for people who would otherwise not be able to afford much in the way of fresh fruits and vegetables," says Jeanne. "Because I also volunteer with the Hopelink food bank, I am able to see the faces of those who receive this bounty. I can tell you it is a joy to see the mixture of hope and excitement in their eyes."

The Giving Garden welcomes all volunteers who have a desire to grow healthy organic food for a community cause. Information about how you can get involved can be found at [shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden](http://shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden).

Home gardeners can also donate extra garden harvest to Hopelink. All donations are accepted but a list of the most desired foods is available on Hopelink's website. For more information and drop-off times, visit [hope-link.org/take\\_action/plant\\_a\\_row\\_for\\_hopelink/](http://hope-link.org/take_action/plant_a_row_for_hopelink/).

# Vision 2029: Updating the Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan is the general, long-range, guiding policy document for the City, and addresses the following elements: Land Use; Housing; Transportation; Parks, Recreation, and Open Space; Capital Facilities; Utilities; Natural Environment; Economic Development; Community Design; and Shoreline Master Program. Every city is required to update their plan periodically, and the City Council set a goal to have Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan updated by December 2012. Staff has been working with the Planning Commission, residents, and local and regional organizations to remove policies that are outdated and add ones that reflect the City's Vision 2029 and other goals and aspirations.

At 17 years old, the City continues

to mature, and the Comprehensive Plan Update is a way to highlight upcoming changes, like those associated with Light Rail Station Areas and the potential acquisition of the Seattle Public Utility's water system within City boundaries. Shoreline is evolving from a suburban fringe to a more self-sustaining city, which will offer more jobs, goods, services, and housing and transportation options. In the past there has been a focus on environmental sustainability, but based on citizen input and Council goals, in the future, sustainability initiatives will also encompass economic, financial, and social equity issues.

Throughout 2012, the Planning Commission has reviewed each element of the Comprehensive Plan

and made revisions. It plans to hold a public hearing at City Hall on the entire draft document on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m.. Following their recommendation, the draft document will be forwarded to Council, who will hold one or more study sessions on it during November, with a potential adoption date of December 10, 2012.

For questions about the process contact Miranda Redinger at (206) 801-2513 or [mredinger@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:mredinger@shorelinewa.gov). To find more information about the Plan, videos from Speaker's Series events associated with the update, and materials from Planning Commission meetings, including various iterations of elements of the Comprehensive Plan document, visit [shorelinewa.gov/2012update](http://shorelinewa.gov/2012update).

## Improving Echo Lake Park

Between 2008 and 2013, Shoreline will have received approximately \$655,000 from the 2007 voter approved King County Trail Levy. These funds are for acquisition and development of regional trails in Shoreline. When determining how to allocate the funds, City staff identified three main projects along the Interurban Trail/Burke Gilman Trail that would meet the funding requirements:

- **Master Planning for the Park at Town Center – Completed**
- **Interurban-Burke Gilman Trails way finding signage improvements – Ongoing**
- **Echo Lake Park Master Plan and Phase I Improvements – Ongoing**

Echo Lake Park is a great northern trailhead destination in Shoreline along the regional Interurban Trail. Developing a master site plan will help identify and locate needed improvements for the park. Over the past year, a draft master site plan has been created with input from the community, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service Board and City Council. City Staff will present the proposed final master site plan to the community at the Echo Lake Neighborhood Association meeting on November 20. Staff will then present the proposed final

plan to the PRCS Board and City Council this winter for adoption. In 2013, design and construction of a first phase project will begin.

For more information visit [shorelinewa.gov/echolake](http://shorelinewa.gov/echolake) or contact Parks Project Coordinator Maureen Colaizzi at [mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2603.



*Echo Lake Reflection by resident Tom Downer*





# Shoreline Fire Department



## Fire Prevention Week

If you woke up to a fire in your home, how much time do you think you would have to get to safety? According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), one-third of Americans thought they would have at least six (6) minutes before a fire in their home would become deadly. Unfortunately, the time available is often much less.

That's why Shoreline Fire Department is teaming up with NFPA during Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, to urge residents to "Have Two Ways Out!"

This year's theme focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice.

In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,350 civilian injuries, 2,640 civilian deaths, and \$6.9 billion in direct damage.

"One home fire was reported every 85 seconds in 2010," says Melanie Granfors, Information Officer for Shoreline Fire. "Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than most people realize. Having a tried and true escape plan with two ways out is essential to ensuring your family's survival when there is fire and smoke in your home."

Shoreline Fire recommends the following tips for planning your family's escape:

- **Make a map of your home. Mark a door and a window that can be used to get out of every room.**
- **Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. This is where everyone can meet once they've escaped. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan.**
- **Keep your escape plan on the refrigerator.**
- **Practice your escape plan with everyone living in your home at least twice a year.**

To learn more about "Have Two Ways Out!" visit NFPA's Web site at [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org).



## Shoreline Fire Dept Open House

**Saturday, Oct. 13**

**11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Training and Support Facility  
17525 Aurora Avenue N**

Shoreline Fire Department will be hosting a fire safety open house at its Training and Support Facility located at 17525 Aurora Ave. N. Come join us!

## Help prevent falls

Did you know that falls are the leading cause of injury and the most common cause of non-fatal trauma-related hospital admissions among those over the age of 65? Falling in the home is life changing AND life threatening among senior citizens. Shoreline Fire responded to over 350 "fall calls" in 2011. The Fire Department also supports education and exercise programs to help seniors prevent falls – and stay healthy and independent in their own homes for as long as possible. Shoreline Fire and the Shoreline Senior Center invite you to learn more about what YOU can do to "stand up against gravity"! Visit the Senior Center soon and ask about exercise classes and fall prevention.

**Shoreline - LFP Senior Center  
18560 1st Avenue NE  
Shoreline, WA 98155  
(206) 365-1536**

# Help prevent flooding and protect Shoreline water quality

There are more than 7,000 storm drains in Shoreline. City crews work to keep storm drains clear, but we could use your help! During the months of October through March, residents can volunteer to “adopt” a storm drain, and remove leaves and other debris that accumulate on top of drains after storm events.

By joining the Adopt-A-Drain Program you help:

- **Prevent localized flooding in your neighborhood by keeping drains free of debris.**
- **Protect fish and other wildlife by keeping pollutants from entering streams, lakes and Puget Sound.**

Volunteers will be provided with instructions and tools to care for a storm drain or multiple drains on their street. Volunteers will be asked to monitor and remove debris from the storm drains at least once a week during the storm season. Hours will be tracked by the volunteer and submitted to the City after each clean-up or at the end of December and March. The commitment term is for six months, October through March.

To learn more about the program, or to sign-up, please visit [shorelinewa.gov/adopt-a-drain](http://shorelinewa.gov/adopt-a-drain) or call Surface Water and Environmental Services at (206) 801-2450.



## Did you know?

The City has a hotline for reporting spills or dumping of oil, paint, chemicals or dirt into a storm drain. Dumping these materials into a storm drain is illegal, because anything that goes into the drain enters our lakes, streams and Puget Sound untreated. You can help keep our waters clean by reporting suspicious materials or activities to the City. To report an issue, please call (206) 801-2700.

Household hazardous materials such as oil, oil-based paint and chemicals can be safely disposed of at the North Seattle Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, free of charge. Call (206) 296-4692 or visit [lhwmp.org](http://lhwmp.org) for more information.



## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, Oct. 13

8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Monster Mash Dash family 5k fun run/walk. More info at [shorelinewa.gov/5k](http://shorelinewa.gov/5k)

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Shoreline Fire Department Open House. Details on pg. 6.

6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

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

### Friday, Oct. 19

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Hamlin Halloween Haunt - free spooky fun at Hamlin Park

### Tuesday, Oct. 23

6:30 p.m.

Diggin' Shoreline monthly meeting at City Hall room 301. All are welcome!

### Wednesday, Oct. 24

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Sustainability forum on climate change in the Puget Sound at City Hall. More information on pg. 3.

### Saturday, Oct. 27

3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Community Association Halloween carnival at Syre Elementary School.

### Wednesday, Oct. 31

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Indoor Playground Halloween for children ages 1-4 at Spartan Recreation Center. Come in costume! \$2 per child.

## Quick Start

## Shoreline

Free Small Business Workshops

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