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You're invited: North City ceremonial groundbreaking set for May 21

A new vision for North City begins this month with a groundbreaking event to celebrate the beginning of construction.

The groundbreaking ceremony is Saturday, May 21, at 10:00 a.m. in the Safeway parking lot on 15th Ave. NE. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of the North City Safeway.

Last month, the Shoreline City Council selected SCI Infrastructure, LLC, as the construction contractor for the project.

The North City Project is designed to improve pedestrian

and vehicle safety and revitalize the commercial area. The project includes underground utilities, new street signals, six-foot sidewalks with planting and utility zones, on-street parking, new storm drainage and street overlays, a gateway into the North City area and much more.

Construction is expected to take approximately one year.

For more information about the North City Project, visit www.cityofshoreline.com or call Shoreline Capital Projects Manager Jon Vicente at (206) 546-8903.

Don't miss the Spartan Rec Center re-opening May 17

Come celebrate the completion of the second phase of improvements to Spartan Gym at the May 17 open house. The Grand Re-Opening event is from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the renamed Spartan Recreation Center at the Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 First Ave. NE.

Visitors will get a chance to meet parks staff and instructors, see programs in progress and tour

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A new lobby is just one of the many new features in the Spartan Recreation Center.

Cottage housing: Can it fit in Shoreline?

You're invited to join City staff and your neighbors for a presentation and discussion on cottage housing on Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Shoreline Fire Department Headquarters, 17525 Aurora Ave. N.

The purpose of the meeting is to have the community help the City answer the questions:

- *What's wrong with cottage housing?*
- *Can cottage housing be designed to be compatible with single-family neighborhoods?*

For more information, contact City of Shoreline Planner Paul Cohen at (206) 546-6815.

City Council honors volunteers at April breakfast



Westside Police Neighborhood Center volunteers Phil Oakes and Bob Countryman were just two of the over 100 Shoreline volunteers honored at a thank you breakfast hosted by the Shoreline City Council on April 22.

Last year, volunteers dedicated over 15,800 hours to a variety of City programs, including: Planning Commission; Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board; Library Board; Council of Neighborhoods; Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program; Police Department; recreation programs; park maintenance and beautification; Neighborhood Mini-Grants; Public Works administrative work; and City historian.

The breakfast was held during National Volunteer Week, which was also proclaimed Shoreline's Volunteer Week by the City Council.

Spartan Recreation Center from page 1

the newly remodeled classrooms. Upgrades to the gym include two multi-purpose rooms, a utility kitchen, office and reception areas, support facilities and restrooms.

Through a unique partnership, the City and the Shoreline School District upgraded and renovated the gym to make better use of the public facility. Phase 1 improvements were

completed in 2001 and were funded by the School District. Phase 2 improvements, totaling approximately \$750,000, were funded by the City of Shoreline.

Spartan Recreation Center is staffed by the City and used for a variety of Shoreline School District and City of Shoreline programs as well as by other organizations

such as the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Activity Center.

The center is available for drop-in recreation when other programs are not scheduled and can be rented for special events and programs.

For more information, contact the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 418-3383, or log on to www.cityofshoreline.com/parks.

City advertises for construction bids for Aurora Corridor and Interurban Trail Bridge Projects

Coming soon: A better, safer Aurora. On April 4, the City of Shoreline advertised for bids for construction of the Aurora Corridor Improvement Project from N. 145th to N. 165th Streets and the Interurban Trail Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing Project.

Bids are due to the City in May with City Council review and award scheduled for June. Aurora construction is expected to begin in July with Interurban crossing bridges scheduled for installation in 2006.

"Going out to bid moves us closer to our overall goal to improve the entire length of Aurora that runs through Shoreline," said Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen. "When completed, the Aurora Corridor and pedestrian bridge projects will improve safety and access for pedestrians and motorists and also improve traffic flow."

The Aurora Corridor Project is Shoreline's plan to redesign and upgrade its three miles of Aurora Ave. N. The current project includes improvements to the first mile. The existing four-lane highway will become six lanes including a business access/transit lane in each direction. A center median with landscaping will provide opportunities for left turns and U-turns at intersections as well as at breaks in between.

The project includes construction of 7-foot sidewalks with bus stop shelters and a 4-foot landscaped area for underground utilities, fire hydrants and lighting.

New traffic signals will be installed at N. 152nd and N. 165th Streets. Pedestrian and bicycle bridges will be built over N. 155th St. west of Aurora and over Aurora Ave. N. just south of the Westminster Way intersection.

Improving the entire three miles of Aurora is estimated to cost \$85 million with almost \$50 million already committed from federal, state and local funds. The

City is pursuing additional funds needed to complete the project.

Later this year, Shoreline will begin pre-environmental work and public outreach on the next phase of the Aurora Project from N. 165th to N. 205th Streets. The environmental process is expected to begin in 2006, followed by preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition in 2007.

Banners set to fly in Shoreline

You will soon see these colorful City banners waving from utility and light poles along major streets and intersections throughout Shoreline. The pole banners will be installed this month to commemorate Shoreline's 10th anniversary and to help promote the City's identity.

The 75 banners will be divided between two designs: one is predominantly blue and the other is green, recognizing the importance of water and trees to the community. Both designs are based on the City's logo.

Two places you won't see many of the banners is along the southern portion of Aurora and on 15th Ave. NE in North City. With the Aurora Corridor and North City Projects set to begin construction this summer, the City does not want to install banners only to have to remove them a few months later. Banners will, however, be hung at major

intersections along Aurora such as 145th, 175th and 205th.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$10,000. The banners will be displayed from spring to fall each year.



First Northeast Transfer Station to be closed for one year during construction

In July, King County Solid Waste Division will begin building a new transfer station at the site of the existing First Northeast Transfer Station. The entire station, including the recycling area, will be closed for one year during construction.

The site is located between Meridian and I-5, just off N. 165th St. in Shoreline.

The existing station was built in 1967 on the site of the former Corliss Landfill. The new station will meet current building standards and accommodate projected future growth needs.

King County developed the design for the new station with the help of a citizens advisory committee, station employees and the community at public meetings. The improvements are aimed at increasing efficiency, enhancing safety and service, and reducing impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.

Just a few of the improvements the new station will feature include:

- An expanded recycling collection area;
- Easier-to-use waste unloading areas to reduce wait time;
- Thornton Creek buffer reforestation;
- A new layout to reduce neighborhood impacts and improve on-site traffic flow;
- A pre-load compactor to lessen the number of transfer trailer trips;
- Environmental

enhancements, particularly storm and waste water systems; and

- Solar panels and sustainable building design features to improve energy efficiency and reduce operating costs.

One component of the new station that has not been finalized is the use of the I-5 transit ramps by the transfer trailers. This would allow transfer station trucks hauling the trailers to access I-5 directly from the property instead of traveling along surface streets (Meridian and N. 175th St.) to get to the freeway. This, in turn, would reduce wear on City streets and impacts to the surrounding neighborhood. King County is working with the City of Shoreline and the Washington State Department of Transportation to obtain approval from the Federal Highway Administration for use of the transit ramps.

Other Disposal Options

Waste Management Northwest for curbside collection service
(425) 481-1100

Bow Lake Transfer Station
18800 Orillia Road South
Tukwila, WA 98188
(206) 296-4466

Factoria Transfer Station
13800 SE 32nd Street
Bellevue, WA 98005
(206) 296 4466

For more information about the First Northeast Transfer Station project and other transfer station operating hours, visit <http://www.metrokc.gov/dnpr/swd/>.

Crews begin preparation for summer overlay program



The City of Shoreline is gearing up for its Annual Road Overlay Program to keep City streets in top shape. Shoreline crews began work last month on preparing the surface of streets that are scheduled for overlay this summer.

Council appoints members to Shoreline Parks Board

The Shoreline City Council recently appointed five members to the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board and one alternate. Carolyn Ballo, Herb Bryce, William Clements and Bill Martin were each reappointed to four-year terms and Dwight Stevens was reappointed to fill the remaining two-years of the position held by Michael Broili who is now serving on the Shoreline Planning Commission.

Kevin McAllife was appointed as an alternate for a two-year term. A two-year eligibility list has been established for alternate positions and William Blalock was placed on the list.

The PRCS Board advises the City Council and City staff on a variety of parks and recreation issues including plans and policies, park operation and design, program activities, property acquisition and development of rules and regulations. Members of the PRCS Board are appointed by City Council for four-year terms with one alternate member serving a two-year term.

Committee members are all volunteers who live, work or own property in Shoreline. Meetings are the fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.cityofshoreline.com/parks/info.



The curbs, gutters and sidewalks along 3rd Ave. NW have been completed and landscaping is the next step for construction of the 3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvement Project.

3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvement Project completes major street work

The first phase of Shoreline's 3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvement Project is substantially complete. The new storm drain pipe is installed, the sidewalk along 3rd Ave. NW is complete and Richmond Beach Road is restored. Later this summer, the City will return to place the final layer of asphalt on 3rd Ave. NW as part of its Annual Overlay Program.

The second phase of the project includes improvements to the Boeing Creek Stormwater Facility and mitigation improvements in Boeing Creek Park. The work is scheduled for 2007-8 following King County's construction of its sewer storage facility in Boeing Creek Park.

The 3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvement Project will alleviate chronic flooding to over 20 homes and adjacent streets in the area and provide stormwater detention to help protect Boeing Creek. For more information, visit

www.cityofshoreline.com or call Shoreline Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 546-1678.

Third edition of Shoreline Owner's Manual published

The newest edition of the *City of Shoreline Owner's Manual* is being mailed to all Shoreline residents and businesses early this month.

The 2005 edition includes information on City services, programs and citizen participation. The *Owner's Manual* will also be available at Shoreline libraries, City Hall and police storefronts.

For more information, contact Shoreline Communications Specialist Susan Will at (206) 546-8323.

A big turnout for code enforcement meeting



Shoreline residents helped prioritize significant code enforcement issues at an April 6 community meeting.

Shoreline residents once again prove how much they care about their City.

It was standing room only at an April 6 community meeting on Shoreline's Code Enforcement Program. More than 50 people turned out to share their ideas about the current program and what issues concern them most.

Based on a tally taken at the meeting, the top four significant issues are exterior property deterioration, required periodic (weekly, biweekly, monthly) disposal of garbage, junk vehicles stored outside on private property, and inoperable vehicles and

people living in vehicles parked on the public right-of-way. Issues of lesser concern were sign regulation, mowing and cutting weeds, keeping lots of animals and planting strip maintenance.

Information gathered at the meeting will assist the City Council as it moves forward with proposed code and policy changes. Improving Shoreline's Code Enforcement Program is a priority in the City Council's 2004-2005 Work Plan.

For more information about the City's program, call Code Enforcement Officer Kristie Anderson at (206) 546-0783.

Low-tide beach walks in Shoreline offer a unique view of the underwater world

Join beach naturalists this summer at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park for low-tide beach walks.

Our local marine beaches present a unique opportunity to explore the world of seastars, crabs and other aquatic creatures.

The walks are free and all ages are welcome. Dress for the weather and be sure to wear waterproof footwear.

Touch tanks and scuba divers from Emerald Sea Dive Club will be available at the following walks: June 5, June 12, July 3 and July 23.

Meet the beach naturalists at the park's lower picnic shelter.



Low-tide Beach Walks at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park 2201 NW 197th St.

JUNE

Sat./Sun. June 4 and 5
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sat./Sun. June 11 and 12
1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Sat./Sun. June 25 and 26
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

JULY

Sun./Mon. July 3 and 4
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sat./Sun. July 9 and 10
Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Sat./Sun. July 23 and 24
Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Hybrid cars join City of Shoreline fleet

The City of Shoreline will soon add two new hybrid Toyota Prius vehicles to its fleet.

The gas/electric 2005 Priuses are extremely fuel-efficient with ultra low-emissions. The cars average 60 miles per gallon – more than triple the average gas mileage of the two pickup trucks they will replace in the City's fleet.

The hybrid cars will be assigned to building inspectors in the Planning and Development Services Department. The City's vehicle fleet includes cars, vans, pickup trucks and heavy road equipment such as dump trucks and graders.

The hybrid cars were purchased through a state contract which allows the City to use volume pricing for the lowest

possible cost. The two Priuses were purchased for \$22,274 each through the City's equipment replacement fund.

The 2005 Priuses are second-generation models featuring "Hybrid Synergy Drive" technology with greater power, better fuel economy and lower emissions than the first generation Prius. The cars also include a one-year, round-the-clock roadside assistance program, a three-year warranty, a 10-year battery warranty and an extended warranty on emission control components.

Due to the popularity of the Prius, the vehicles are on back order with the manufacturer and are expected to arrive at the City in late May or June. The Prius was

named 2004 Car of the Year by *Motor Trend* magazine.

For more information about the City's fleet or the new vehicles, contact Shoreline Facilities and Fleet Manager Paul Laine at (206) 546-3698.

Shoreline's Sharon Mattioli named Clerk of the Year

Shoreline City Clerk Sharon Mattioli was recently named 2005 Clerk of the Year by the Washington Municipal Clerks Association. Sharon's husband and son were there to cheer her on at the awards dinner along with City Manager Steve Burkett, Assistant City Manager Julie Modrzejewski and Deputy City Clerk Scott Passey.

Mattioli was Shoreline's first permanent employee, hired Sept. 16, 1995. She was recognized for her leadership and for contributions in organization, administration and public relations.

The award caps a 10-year career with the City that comes to an end July 1 when Mattioli retires. She and her husband plan to move to Port Townsend and spend their time boating and traveling.

Best wishes, Sharon!

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services receives two awards

Shoreline's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department received two Awards of Excellence at the 2005 Washington Recreation and Park Association Conference in Chelan last month.

The department took top honors for the Fall 2004 Recreation Guide and the Music Explosion program.

The Recreation Guide is created three times a year by Shoreline Administrative Assistant Robin Lesh. The Fall 2004 guide was expanded to include more community information and to highlight different divisions within the Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

Music Explosion is an

interactive program designed to provide a variety of arts experiences. The program received a grant in 2004 from the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council. Shoreline Recreation Assistant Jill Rogers is responsible for this program which provides participants with developmental disabilities an opportunity to participate in art, drama and music. Program members created a music CD last year.

The awards are proudly displayed in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office at Shoreline City Hall.



Mattioli's husband and son helped her celebrate her award.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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Shoreline Conference Center
18560 First Ave. NE
Mt. Rainier Room

Workshop Meetings
First and third Mondays
beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meetings
Second and fourth Mondays
beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Line
(206) 546-2190

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Cable Channel 21
Tuesday noon and 8 p.m.
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6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.

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624 NW Richmond Beach Road
Shoreline, WA 98177
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521 NE 165th St.
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(206) 363-8424

City of Shoreline Web site

Information about meetings,
projects and programs is
available online.

www.cityofshoreline.com



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