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April 17 ribbon-cutting ceremony to open South Section of Interurban Trail

Walkers, runners and bikers, get ready! On Saturday, April 17, the South Section of Shoreline's Interurban Trail will officially open for use. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for 10 a.m. at the Interurban Trailhead near St. Dunstan's Church and everyone is invited to join in the celebration.

The South Section is between N. 145th and N. 155th Streets. Visitors are asked to park in the St. Dunstan's east parking lot at the trailhead entrance on N. 145th St., or find street parking to the south on Linden Ave. N. To reach

the church parking lot, take the driveway that slopes west as you drive into the trailhead area.

"This is just the first of many milestones we'll be celebrating this year as a City," says Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen. "We're looking forward to completing other sections of the trail this year and seeing the project completely finished soon."

Construction continues on the first half of the North Section (Schedule A) between N. 192nd and N. 200th Streets near Echo

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The City of Shoreline will soon begin repairing damage due to erosion at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park near the concrete pathway that was caused by heavy foot traffic, children digging into the slope and wave action. Repairs are needed to ensure safety and prevent deterioration of the walkway.

Erosion control begins soon at Saltwater Park

Earlier this year, the City of Shoreline received approval from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to begin restoration work at Saltwater Park in Richmond Beach. The goal of the project, which begins this month, is to restore the eroded slope near the park's concrete pathway and to prevent future erosion at the site.

Slope erosion is primarily due to heavy foot traffic, children digging into the slope and by wave action at the bottom of the slope. Erosion has worsened to the point where it is a safety concern and

failure of the walkway is certain without intervention.

The Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Nearshore Restoration Project is funded from the City's General Capital Fund. It includes:

- A decorative wood handrail to guide visitors along the concrete pathway from the pedestrian bridge down to the beach.
- A rounded gravel berm at the bottom of the steep sandy slope to protect the slope from tides and waves.
- Planting native beach grasses and other vegetation to stabilize the steep slope and create a natural beach habitat area.

- A fenced greenbelt around the planted slope to keep people on the path and off the slope to allow the plants to grow.

The park will be open during construction, but visitors should expect some delays when construction equipment is crossing the bridge. Access to the beach will also be controlled to allow for construction activity.

According to Project Manager Jon Jordan, the project should be completed in June, but planting of native beach grasses and plants will take place this fall as part of a community volunteer project.

If you are interested in helping with the planting, contact Sheri Ashleman, Richmond Beach Community Association, at (206) 542-9147. For more information about the Saltwater Park project, contact Jordan at (206) 546-1678.

Serpentine Drainage Project ready for spring

Serpentine Place Drainage Improvements are now complete, just in time to provide some relief from spring flooding.

Contractor Pivetta Brothers and City crews have been hard at work over the past few months improving storm drainage along NE 175th St. between 10th Ave. NE and 12th Ave. NE and along 10th Ave. NE from 175th to 178th Streets.

New storm drainage pipe was also installed along Serpentine Place from NE 175th to 5th Ave. NE. A new pump station is scheduled to be installed later this month along 5th Ave. NE. The drainage improvements also include new sidewalks, curb and gutter along NE 175th St.

According to Project Manager John Vicente, "Residents living just south of NE 175th St. should see some improvement in drainage capabilities now that the work is complete."

The Serpentine Drainage Improvements were done as a short-term answer to flooding problems in the Thornton Creek Watershed area and as part of the larger Ronald Bog Drainage Improvement Project. After the City's Storm Drainage Master Plan is completed later this year, additional drainage improvements to the Ronald Bog area will be considered.

For more information about this project, contact Vicente at (206) 546-8903. For information

about the Ronald Bog Drainage Improvements, contact Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese at (206) 546-1700.



The Serpentine Drainage Improvement Project included new sidewalks, curb and gutter along NE 175th St. as well as installation of storm drainage pipe and a new pump station.

Interurban Trail ribbon cutting

Lake. The base has been laid for the trail and retaining walls, rocky work, drainage and sidewalks are complete. In addition, most of the concrete work is complete where the trail intersects with N. 195th Street, N. 200th Street and Ashworth Avenue N. According to Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese, all work should be substantially complete by May, weather permitting.

Construction on Schedule B of the North Section (from N. 200th to 205th Streets) and the South Central Section (from N. 160th to 175th Streets) of the trail will begin in late spring or early summer. Next month the City will advertise for a contractor for the construction package, and Coun-

cil is expected to award the contract in June.

"The big push for the South Central and Schedule B sections now is right-of-way certification," explains Overleese. "We've been working with Seattle City Light on review of the design plan and working with property owners to get permanent and temporary construction easements."

The City hopes to advertise for a contractor for the construction package in May and award the construction contract in June. Advertisement for a contractor is contingent upon receiving all needed easements and authorizing the grant funds needed for construction work.

The Pedestrian Bridge and Bicycle Crossing Project over Aurora

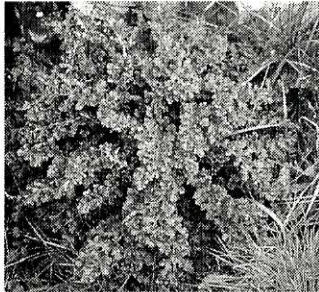
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ward as well. Council approved the contract with CH2M Hill in February and design has begun. CH2M Hill is also working on the Aurora Corridor project in this area which allows for significant design savings and coordination of both projects. City staff is investigating opportunities to combine the Interurban Pedestrian Bridge Project with the first phase of the Aurora Corridor Project for construction.

Visit the City of Shoreline Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com for more information about this project, or contact Overleese at (206) 546-0791. You may sign up to receive email updates about the project on the Interurban Trail Project Web page.

Spring spraying program keeps weeds at bay

We all know how troublesome weeds can be in a vegetable garden or flowerbed. But weeds can also do serious damage to streets and create obstacles for residents walking or biking along the shoulder.



In May, the City will begin its annual roadside weed control program which includes applying small amounts of herbicides along the gravel shoulder of City streets

on a carefully controlled basis.

Following the City's alternating two-year spray cycle, the area west of Aurora Ave. N., except for the Richmond Beach neighborhood, will be sprayed this year. The eastside of the City was sprayed last year.

The City's spraying program prevents root systems from damaging roadways and reduces sod buildup that causes road flooding and icy conditions in winter. Fire prevention is another benefit of the program as uncontrolled vegetation and overgrowth can catch fire easily in dry weather.

The City contracts with King County Roads Services Division for this service. Trained and certified technicians use only those herbicides approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Food and Drug Administration and the state Department of Agriculture.

No herbicide spraying is conducted near water including rivers, streams, wetlands, bridge abutments, guardrails near water, ditches, levees, back slopes or in moratorium zones.

The City of Shoreline also has King County Roads Services Division remove all tansy ragwort from rights-of-way because the flowering weed is a danger to animals. State and local laws require the removal of tansy ragwort and other noxious weeds. Residents who maintain their own right-of-way are asked to place vegetation that may contain tansy ragwort in sealable bags to prevent the spread of the weed.

As a pilot project, the Rich-

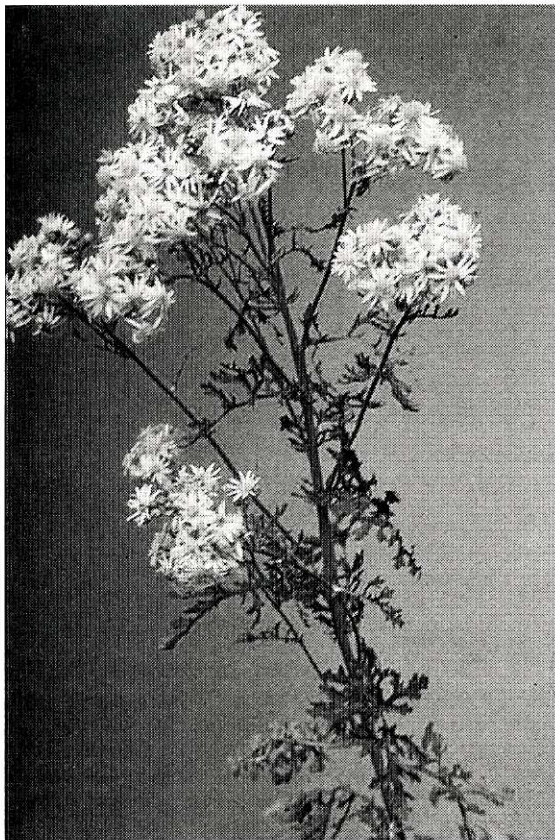
mond Beach neighborhood has been designated a no-spray zone at the neighborhood's request. To be a successful pilot project, residents will need to remove grass and weeds that grow on the top of or next to the edge of the road in front of their property. Weed growth will be monitored by the City to determine the project's success.

This summer, the City will offer training to residents on how to maintain a weed-free area. In the meantime, City staff is available to answer questions and explain non-toxic maintenance techniques such as edging, mulching and pulling weeds by hand. For more information, contact City of Shoreline Recycling Intern Scott Sutherland at (206) 546-2659.

Residents who do not want crews to spray City right-of-way that abuts their property may fill out a form agreeing to maintain the right-of-way adjacent to their property. When the maintenance agreement is submitted, the City will provide "Owner Will Maintain" signs for residents to post along the property so crews will not spray.

The maintenance agreement is available by calling (206) 546-1700 or on the City's Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com. The City needs to receive maintenance agreements no later than April 20, 2004, for this year's spraying schedule.

For more information about noxious weeds, visit King County's Noxious Weed Control Program Web site at dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/lands/weeds/index.htm.



Tansy ragwort is one of the noxious weeds King County removes from the right-of-way because of its danger to animals. The photos above show the weed in its early growth stage as well as with flowers which are bright yellow.

School Board approves Spartan Gym Phase II

Last month, the Shoreline School Board authorized the City of Shoreline to move forward on Phase II of the Spartan Gym improvements.

The project architect was given the go-ahead to complete the design and plans for the improvements, which include construction of multipurpose rooms, a utility kitchen, additional restrooms and locker room upgrades. The project is expected to go to bid in June with construction slated to begin this fall.

"We're transforming the Spartan Gym into a true community center," says Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen. "The Phase II improvements will give us the opportunity to go from a one-dimensional facility, offering mostly athletic activities, to a multi-dimensional facility offering social, arts and cultural activities."

The gym is currently used for a variety of Shoreline School District and City of Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services programs, such as gymnastics, aerobics, weight training, yoga, basketball and volleyball, as well as by other local organizations such as the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center.

According to Mayor Hansen, the joint-use gym agreement and partnership between the City and the School District is unique and unlike any in Washington.

"By working together, the Shoreline City Council, the Shoreline School Board and both administrations are creating a valuable addition to the community and giving Shoreline tax-

payers the most for their money," says Mayor Hansen.

Spartan Gym is owned by the Shoreline School District and operated by the City of Shoreline. The City will pay for all Phase II improvements. A total of \$650,000 has been budgeted for this project.

The gym is located in a separate building on the southeast corner of the Shoreline Conference

Center campus between the senior center and Shoreline Stadium at 18560 First Ave. NE.

For more information about the current Spartan Gym schedule of activities, call (206) 418-3383. For information on Phase II renovations, contact Dick Deal, Shoreline Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, at (206) 546-2072.

Leash laws strictly enforced in City parks this spring

Spring's warmer weather brings an increase in park use by Shoreline residents and their pets. The City of Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and King County Animal Control would like to remind you that dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times when visiting Shoreline parks.

Keeping your dog on a leash protects other users of the parks, the environment and your dog, too. The leash law is part of Shoreline's Park Ordinance and is enforced by Shoreline Police and King County Animal Control. The goal is to make sure everyone feels safe and comfortable in Shoreline parks.

King County Animal Control officers have begun stepping up patrols in Shoreline parks. Early emphasis will be placed on education, with officers sharing brochures and information with dog owners about the many off-leash dog parks available for use in Se-

attle, King County and Edmonds. Beginning in April, violators of the leash law will receive a \$66 ticket.

When enjoying City parks with your dog, please remember to be a good poop-scooper.

For more information about the Shoreline Parks Ordinance, call the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041.

Nearby off-leash dog parks

Edmonds Dog Park

The dog park is located south of Marina Beach Park, which is south of the marina on Admiral Way.

Northacres Park

West of I-5 at 1st Ave. NE and NE 130th St. The off-leash area is the northeast section of the park.

Woodland Park

West of the tennis courts on Greenlake Way N.

Sand Point Magnuson Park

6500 Sandpoint Way NE.

Spring Clean Sweep Recycling Event May 15

At last year's Spring Clean Sweep event, Shoreline residents recycled 110 gallons of antifreeze, 142 computer monitors, 955 pounds of household batteries and much, much more.

On Saturday, May 15, the City offers another opportunity for Shoreline households to clean out and recycle the clutter at the 2004 Spring Clean Sweep Recycling Event.

This year's event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shoreline Park N' Ride on N. 192nd St. and Aurora Ave. N. To participate, residents must present the Clean

Sweep coupon from the event flyer, or a valid photo ID with a City of Shoreline address. Event flyers will be mailed to all Shoreline addresses.

Due to the volume of material, only one trip is allowed per household. Items will be accepted until the bins are full, and the City reserves the right to refuse any item. Please use the following guidelines in planning your trip.

Do bring:

- Chippable bulky yard waste
- All appliances*
- Porcelain toilets and sinks*
- Computers and monitors*

- Telephones and cellular phones
- Scrap metal
- Motor oil and filters
- Antifreeze
- Lead acid batteries and household batteries
- Propane tanks*
- Tires*
- Clean scrap lumber
- Televisions*

*Some items may require a minimal recycling fee that must be paid in cash. Check the Clean Sweep Event flyer for more details.

Don't bring: hazardous materials, such as: household chemicals; paint; cleaning products; pesticides; herbicides; solvents and thinners; or commercial waste or items infested by bees, hornets or wasps. The Aurora Household Hazardous Waste Site will take some of these items by appointment only. Please call them at (206) 296-4692 for an appointment.

The Spring 2004 Clean Sweep Recycling Event is sponsored in cooperation with the King County Solid Waste Division, the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health and the State Department of Ecology. For more information, contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

Update for recycling customers

If you subscribe to curbside residential solid waste and recycling service, you can now put your glass into the same container as all your other recyclable materials.

A busy spring for roads crew

Shoreline's Public Works Department has been hard at work this spring keeping City streets in top condition and helping prevent damage and controlling stormwater runoff. The Roads Crew has been involved in the following projects:

• **Roadway crack sealing and berm installation** - Crews sealed cracks in several areas throughout the City. Also, have been installing berms along many of the cities roadways to minimize degradation and ruts in the roadway edges and containing surface flows in the rights-of-way.

• **Yearly Overlay Project** -This project is contracted through the King County Department of Transportation, but City crews perform the prep work of cutting out potholes, broken edges and settled spots in the street and replacing them with new asphalt. This initial step provides a stronger base for the new asphalt and prolongs the life of the roadway.

• **Catch basin installation** - Crews have been repairing catch basins, and installing some new catch basins throughout the city during the dry weather.

• **Paving** -The roads crew have been busy paving small projects that can be handled by our crews and are designed to fix pot holes and minimize surface water flowing to private properties.

New compost facility nearly complete

Work continues this spring on the City of Shoreline's new composting facility located on the campus of Shorecrest High School at 25th Ave. NE. The facility is a collaborative effort between the City and the Shoreline School District and fulfills a goal in the County's Solid Waste Management Plan to reduce and recycle waste rather than taking it to a transfer station.

As a joint project of the City and the Shoreline School District, the facility will be used by both to recycle green debris for later use to enrich City parks and school district property.

"The new facility helps us keep the organic matter we generate within the community and, at the same time, provides material to improve our soils. It will also save the City money by reducing solid waste dumping fees," said Rika Cecil, City of Shoreline Environmental Educator.

The compost facility is the first of its kind in King County. It features state-of-the-art "aerated composting" technology with a



special grid and forced air that speeds the decomposition process. It is mostly enclosed to control moisture and temperature, to ensure high-quality compost.

Eventually, the school district and City hope to use the composting facility for science lessons and other educational activities at the high schools.

The compost facility is funded through a King County Waste Re-

duction & Recycling grant and a state Coordinated Prevention Grant. For more information about the facility or recycling, please call Rika Cecil at (206) 546-0460.

This facility is for City and school district use only. Shoreline residents will have an opportunity to recycle yard waste when the upgrade to the First Ave. NE transfer station is completed in 2005.

Celebrate Earth Day at natural yard care event

In celebration of Earth Day 2004, the City of Shoreline and Central Market invite you to explore natural yard care for use year-round.

On Saturday, April 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Central Market (15505 Westminster N.), Shoreline residents will be able to sample natural yard care products and learn simple techniques that will reduce pollution and save money. Volunteers from the King

County Master Recycler Composter and the Master Gardener Programs will provide educational resources and answer questions.

You can learn how to:

- Build healthy soil with compost and mulch;
- Plant right for your site;
- Practice smart watering;

- Think twice before using pesticides; and

- Practice natural lawn care.

Free samples of natural yard care products will be available.

For more information, contact Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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Second and fourth Mondays
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