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Residents give Shoreline high marks on satisfaction survey

The results of the 2004 Citizen Satisfaction Survey are in, and the news is good.

Of the 500-plus people who responded to the survey, 87 percent said the City of Shoreline was an excellent or good place to live. Residents also rated the quality of City services, feelings of safety and communications very high.

"We're pleased that residents feel Shoreline provides high quality services," says Shoreline City Manager Steve Burkett. "We put an emphasis on quality services and will continue to work to improve our rating."

The City also received high marks on the quality of customer service from residents who had contacted the City regarding a problem, question or service request.

"It is important for us to have current statistical information on how Shoreline residents feel about their City and the services it provides," says Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen. "The survey information helps us decide what changes we can make to better meet the needs and expectations of the community."

Earlier this year, over 2,000 surveys were sent to Shoreline residents asking for their opinions on topics such as services and facilities, public safety, customer service, communications, City leadership, quality of life in Shoreline, City finances and transportation.

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Interurban Trail Ribbon Cutting set for June 12



A Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the Interurban Trail North Segment - Schedule A is set for Saturday, June 12 at 10 a.m. at N. 200th St. and Ashworth. For more information about the Interurban Trail Project, see the story on page 2.

Second Interurban celebration set for June 12

The community is invited to help the City of Shoreline celebrate completion of a second section of the Interurban Trail. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the North Segment - Schedule A will be held on Saturday, June 12 at 10 a.m. at the trailhead on N. 200th St. and Ashworth Ave. near Echo Lake.

This section of the Interurban Trail runs between N. 192nd and N. 200th Streets. Later this summer, construction will begin on the second half of the North Segment (Schedule B) from N. 200th to 205th Streets. At the same time, work will begin on the South Central Segment from N. 160th to 175th Streets. City staff continues to work on the design and right-of-way acquisition for these portions of the trail.

Staff is currently obtaining easements from private property owners and businesses along the South Central Segment while working with Ballinger Commons to obtain temporary and permanent easements for the segment of trail on their property. The goal is to have right-of-way certified this month by the Washington State Department of Transportation.

The Interurban Trail section between N. 155th and 160th Streets is planned to include two pedestrian bridges to take trail users safely over Aurora. City Council approved the "Loop Ramp Option" in fall 2003 that provides a truss bridge over N. 155th Street, just west of Aurora Ave. N. and a

bridge across Aurora Ave. N. at about N. 158th Street. The community had a chance to take a closer look at the bridge project last month at an open house that also featured an update on the Aurora Corridor Project. Bridge information included photo visualizations of the bridges, sketches and public art concepts. Staff will present bridge design, art concepts and cost estimates to City Council for review in July.

Over 150 people turned out to celebrate the first Interurban Trail Ribbon Cutting

"The best part of this ceremony will be when we cut the ribbon and we can all take off down the trail," said Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen at the ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the official opening of the first segment of Shoreline's Interurban Trail.

Approximately 150 people — including bike riders, skaters, those in wheelchairs, parents with strollers and people with dogs on leashes — turned out Saturday, April 17, to celebrate the opening of the Interurban Trail between N. 145th and 155th Street.

On hand to offer congratulations and receive thanks for their support of the project were members of the Shoreline City Council, U.S. Representative Jay Inslee, State Representative Ruth Kagi, King County Councilmember Carolyn Edmonds and Steve Church from Seattle City Light. Representative Inslee was espe-

cially instrumental in helping the City get funds for Shoreline projects; he most recently helped get \$2 million in the federal budget for Shoreline's Interurban Trail.

Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Director and former Snohomish County Executive Bob Drewel and County Councilmember Edmonds presented the City with an award that read: "Congratulations to the City of Shoreline for completing a Destination 2030 project and contributing to the success of a region that has been recognized as the home of America's most outstanding transportation plan: Destination 2030." Puget Sound Regional Council provided a \$1.3 million grant for Shoreline's Interurban Trail.

The ribbon-cutting festivities were held at the trailhead located on N. 145th Street and included refreshments from Hotwire Online Coffeehouse and free bike helmets from Shoreline Breakfast Rotary. St. Dunstan's Church provided parking.

For more information about the Interurban Trail Project, visit the City of Shoreline Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com, or contact Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese at (206) 546-0791.

Shoreline welcomes Sister City delegation

The Shoreline Sister Cities Association and the City of Shoreline recently welcomed a delegation from its Sister City, Boryeong City, South Korea.

It was the second Shoreline visit by a Boryeong delegation, but the first since the City Council designated Boryeong as Shoreline's first Sister City last year. The Boryeong group toured City Hall and attended special dinners and receptions in their honor during the May 12-15 visit.

Boryeong City was the first to extend a formal request to Shore-

line to become a sister city when the Shoreline Sister Cities Association was formed in October 2002. Last fall, a 16-member delegation from Shoreline visited Boryeong to finalize the official Sister City relationship between the two cities.

The Shoreline Sister Cities Association was organized by local volunteers and is a separate non-profit organization from the City.

For more information about the Shoreline Sister Cities Association, contact Cheryl Lee at (206) 234-4412 or cherylmba@yahoo.com.



Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen presents the "Key to Shoreline" to Boryeong City Mayor Si-Woo Rhee and Council Chairman Ok-Sok Cheon at a May 13 dinner honoring the delegation from Shoreline's Sister City, Boryeong City, South Korea.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey results from page 1

The results of this statistically valid survey have a four percent margin of error.

The survey also asked residents to rank what areas should receive the most emphasis in the next two years. The top City services chosen for emphasis were traffic flow and congestion, street maintenance, stormwater control and code enforcement. Sidewalks near schools and street lighting were also ranked highly as areas the City should emphasize.

The following are highlights of the 2004 survey:

- 81% of the people responding were satisfied with the quality of police services, 79% were satisfied with the quality of parks and recreation and 66% were satisfied with the overall quality of customer service;
- Of those who had con-

tacted the City within the past year with questions or concerns, 92% said City employees were usually or always courteous and polite and 72% said they usually or always received prompt/accurate/complete answers to questions;

- Respondents said they received their information about City issues, services and events from the City newsletter, "Currents" (78%), newspaper (57%), television news (32%), City cable channel (14%) and City Web site (11%) (multiple answers were possible);

- 58% of the people responding believed the City of Shoreline is moving in the right direction, 25% don't know and 17% believed the City of Shoreline is not moving in the right direction;

- 86% of the people rated Shoreline as a good or excellent place to raise children and 83% rated the quality of life in Shoreline

as good or excellent;

- 91% of the people felt safe in their neighborhood during the day and 79% rated Shoreline high in an overall feeling of safety;
- 69% rated the condition of their neighborhood as good or excellent, 34% rated it average;
- 75% believed they were receiving average to excellent value from services paid for through City taxes.

"The survey also gives us valuable information about areas we can improve, such as street lighting, traffic congestion, sidewalks, street maintenance and flooding," says Burkett. "Council and staff will be working on these areas and making plans for improvements during the budget process later this year."

For more information about the 2004 City of Shoreline Resident Survey, contact Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Director Joyce Nichols at (206) 546-0779.

Draft Master Plans, Comprehensive Plan update presented at May 13 Open House

The City of Shoreline's Draft Master Plans and Draft Comprehensive Plan Update were released May 6 and a public open house was held May 13 at the Shoreline Conference Center. City staff presented plans for the City's transportation, surface water facilities, parks, recreation and open spaces and asked Shoreline

completed, we need Shoreline residents to tell us what they think," says Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen. "Public input is crucial to the success of this project and its usefulness over the coming years."

Public comment is accepted by verbal testimony at meetings, letter, comment form, voice mail and email.

Draft plans are available at the Shoreline Planning and Development Office, City Hall Annex, 1110 N. 175th St.; Eastside Neighborhood Police Center, 521 NE 165th St.; Westside Neighborhood Police Center, 624 Richmond Beach Road; Richmond Beach Library, 19601 21st Ave. NW; and Shoreline Library, 342 NE 175th St. You may also download the plans at www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/masterplan.

For more information about the Master Plans and Comprehensive Plan Update, visit the project Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com, or contact Project Manager Andrea Spencer at (206) 546-1418. Written comments may be emailed to masterplan@ci.shoreline.wa.us, and verbal comments may be left by calling (206) 542-4499.



Shoreline residents learned more about and gave comments on the Draft Master Plans/Comp Plan Update at a May 13 Open House. Once the comment period ends, the Planning Commission will hold workshops and public hearings to get more community feedback before the plans are finalized.

residents for help in setting priorities for the future.

The 35-day public review comment period ends June 10. The draft plans will then be presented to the Planning Commission at a series of workshops, followed by public hearings and additional opportunities for public comment. At these hearings, Shoreline residents will have an opportunity to express their views regarding the updates and make suggestions to improve the draft plans.

"Now that the drafts are

plans to ensure that they were designed with the needs and expectations of the community in mind.

Meanwhile, the Parks Board was developing the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. The public was invited to attend the workgroup and Parks Board sessions and to submit written comments.

City staff used the input from these sessions to develop the first drafts of the master plans.

The Master Plans and Comprehensive Plan Update Project was launched in October 2003. From October to January 2004, members of the Shoreline Planning Commission met in three workgroups – Transportation, Surface Water and Environment, and Land Use and Comprehensive Plan. These workgroups guided the staff and consultant team during development of the draft



Richmond Highlands resident Naomi Hardy looks at boards explaining the draft Transportation Master Plan.

North City Project moves forward

Although design for Shoreline's North City Business District Project is 100 percent complete, property acquisition has delayed progress. For several months, City staff has been negotiating with property owners for the sidewalk and utility easements needed for construction.

The City needs an additional two and a half feet in front of each property. The combined easement property totals for all the properties is approximately 1,900 square feet and is needed by the City to expand the sidewalk and place utilities underground.

The City obtained easement agreements from 36 property owners before the April 5 City Council meeting where the Council authorized using eminent domain to acquire easements from the five property owners who did not sign easements with the City.

Of the five property owners withholding easements, the City has reached agreements with two and easements have been secured. The City is currently in the process of acquiring the land from the remaining three property owners by way of eminent domain.

The option to use eminent domain, which may be used when a project is deemed necessary for public use and benefit, was the least costly for City taxpayers. The other option was to redesign the project around the properties which would delay construction until 2005 and cost approximately \$170,000 to \$200,000 in professional design services. The delayed construction option also posed a risk of jeopardizing matching

project funds from Seattle City Light for utility undergrounding.

"Given the very low impact to properties and the number of property owners who have already granted the City these easements in support of the project, it seemed unreasonable to spend additional time and tax dollars redesigning around the few who are withholding easements," says Shoreline City Manager Steve Burkett. "One of the goals of the North City Project is to keep existing businesses there while attracting new and diverse businesses to the area. Moving ahead with construction is the best way to meet that goal."

The City is expected to advertise for construction in late June with an expected construction start

in August.

The North City Business District/15th Ave. NE Corridor Project began as a series of capital improvement projects (CIPs) that are now being coordinated into one comprehensive project. The City of Shoreline completed the North City Subarea Plan in 2001 to encourage redevelopment in the neighborhood business district.

The project entails infrastructure improvements, including sidewalks, roadway and streetscape and pedestrian improvements, to stimulate business and attract new development along the 15th Ave. NE corridor.

For more information, contact Project Manager John Vicente at (206) 546-8903, or visit www.cityofshoreline.com.

City dedicates "Ponies" Gateway

Shoreline dedicated "The Ponies" Gateway at Ronald Bog Park on 175th St. at a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, June 7.

The Ponies Gateway is the first of two City gateways scheduled for completion this year. The second location is on 175th Street on the southeast corner of the I-5 interchange. City staff is moving ahead with design and a summer construction schedule. According to Project Manager Andrea Spencer, staff will soon be working with the community to develop conceptual designs for the third gateway at

the Westminster-Dayton Triangle Property located at the intersection of Westminster, Dayton and N. 150th Street. The gateways are funded through the 2003-2005 Capital Improvement Program.



National Night Out brings neighbors together

Shoreline will join communities across the nation on Tuesday, Aug. 3 as it observes the 21st Annual National Night Out (NNO). Shoreline residents are encouraged to organize neighborhood potluck dinners, picnics or parties in a neighbor's backyard, church, social hall or local park to strengthen neighborhood spirit and build police-community partnerships.

The goal of National Night Out is to heighten crime prevention awareness and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

"This is a good opportunity to get re-acquainted with neighbors and a reminder that we need each other to keep our communities and neighborhoods safe and secure. We hope many Shoreline neighborhoods will get involved,"

says Sandy Chastain, City of Shoreline Neighborhoods Coordinator.

If a neighborhood street needs to be closed for activities, a City of Shoreline right-of-way permit is required. Applications must be submitted to the City's Department of Planning and Develop-

ment Services located in the Shoreline City Hall Annex, 1110 N. 175th St., a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. For National Night Out on Aug. 3, the application deadline is Tuesday, July 20.

For more information, contact Chastain at (206) 546-8564.

West Nile Virus monitoring

The City of Shoreline and Seattle-King County Public Health are joining forces again this year on the West Nile Virus surveillance program. There were no confirmed cases of animal or human West Nile Virus detected in Washington State last year or so far this year.

West Nile is a mosquito-borne virus spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. It causes West Nile fever, encephalitis and meningitis. West Nile infects horses, birds, mosquitoes and other animals. A mosquito becomes infected with the virus by biting a virus-infected animal. The virus is not spread by person-to-person contact, and it is not transmitted from birds or other animals to people.

Crows and other corvid birds (magpies and jays) are particularly susceptible to West Nile virus. To help us learn more about West Nile virus, Public Health is tracking the deaths of birds. If you find a dead crow, call Public Health at (206) 205-4349. Information about the crow will be entered into a tracking data base and mapped.

West Nile Virus is of most concern during mosquito season

which runs from spring through late fall. Seattle-King County Public Health manages the virus through education and surveillance of mosquito breeding areas.

Shoreline staff received training on West Nile Virus this spring and will conduct spot surveillance for mosquito larvae at surface water control ponds from June until September. The City has obtained permission to apply mosquito larvicide if necessary under King County Health Department's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

To prevent West Nile Virus, Shoreline residents are urged to take the following three steps: 1) Rid homes of mosquito breeding habitat by emptying containers of standing water and keeping gutters clean of leaves and debris;

2) Keep mosquitoes out of homes by fixing torn window and door screens;

3) Wear long-sleeved shirts when outside at dusk or dawn, and use insect repellent on skin and clothing.

For more information about West Nile Virus, contact Seattle-King County Public Health's West Nile hotline at (206) 205-3883, or visit www.metrokc.gov/health/westnile.

Fireworks ban in effect this summer

As you plan your Fourth of July celebration, don't forget that all types of fireworks are illegal in Shoreline. Shoreline Police will be enforcing the City's year-round fireworks ban by confiscating fireworks and writing \$50 tickets for possession. Shoreline residents may report offenders by calling 911 or (206) 296-3311. If you have fireworks to dispose of, please take them to the police station (1206 N. 185th St.) Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., or call the non-emergency number (206) 296-3311 to request an officer to pick them up.

June Events Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | | Shoreline Community College: June 2-5, 7:30 pm Shoreline Shorts: A New Play Festival, Lobby Theater | Shoreline Community College: 7:30 pm Funkgroove and Jazz Ensemble, Campus Courtyard or theater | Shoreline Community College (SCC): 12:30 pm, Small Ensemble Recital | Beach Walk, 11:30 am-3:30 pm PRCS Dance Recital: 11:00 am at Shoreline Center Auditorium. SCC: 3:00 & 7:00, Choir of the Sound Concert |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Low-Tide Beach Walk, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 12:00-4:00 pm SCC: 3 & 7 pm, Choir of the Sound concert | "Ponies" Gateway Ribbon Cutting, 3:30 pm at Ronald Bog Park, 175th | | | | | Interurban Tail Ribbon Cutting, 10 am, 200th & Ashworth Historical Museum: 11 am- 3 pm History of Speed on Aurora Shoreline Library: Korean-English Stories and Fun. Ages 4 & up |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | | | | | | Low-Tide Beach Walk, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Low-Tide Beach Walk, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 12:00-3:00 p.m. | | Richmond Beach Library: 12:00 pm, Brown Bag Stories in the Park – Bring your lunch! | | Richmond Beach Library: 1:30 pm, Story Time, ages 2-6; 4:00 pm, Annie and the Enchanted Whale, by Zambini Brothers Puppet Co. | Arts for Kids Gala , 5:30 pm Dinner and live auction at Shoreline Center | Shoreline Arts Festival , 10 am - 7 pm at Shoreline Center Museum: 7:30 pm, Smithsonian Exhibit Teens: School's Out Party at The REC, 4-9 pm |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
| Shoreline Arts Festival , 10 am- 5 pm at Shoreline Center Museum: Drop-in ages 4 to 11, 11 am- 3 pm | | Shoreline Library: 11 am Toddler Time, ages 2-3 & parent. Richmond Beach Library: 12:00 pm, Stories in the Park – Bring your lunch! | Shoreline Library: 2 pm Adventures in the Northwest - Live Paint! Richmond Beach Library: 7 pm, Songs and Tales of the Trails | | | |

July Events Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Join the fun at Swingin' Summer Eve, July 28 at Cromwell Park.</p>  | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Shoreline Historical Museum: 1 pm Film <i>Atomic Cafe</i> & discussion. Low-Tide Beach Walk, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 10:30 am-2:30 pm |
| 4 Low-Tide Beach Walk, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 11 am - 3 pm | 5 Richmond Beach Library: 4 pm Trails West! Presented by Seattle Children's Theatre. Please register at the Library. | 6 Noon Concert: Chaopraya Ensemble, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Shoreline Library: 7 pm Pajamarama Story Time | 7 Shoreline Library: 3 p.m., Life in Little House. 7 pm Concert: <i>Maya Soleil</i> at Lake Forest Park's Animal Acres Park, 178 th & Brookside Blvd. | 8 Shoreline Library: 2:00 p.m. Lyrical Juggling presented by Thomas Arthur; 3-4 p.m. Kids' Summer Book Swap. Preschool - age 10. | 9 | 10 Shoreline Historical Museum: 1 pm Author Adam Woog Pacific Northwest Inventions and art contest judging |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Noon Concert: Canote Brothers - Fiddle, country and Swing, Hamlin Park Shoreline Library: 7 pm Pajamarama Story Time | 14 Shoreline Library: 2 pm Learn about the buffalo as an American icon. 7 pm Concert: <i>All-Star Jazz & Shear Jazz</i> , Cromwell Park | 15 Shoreline Library: 12pm Lunch Bunch, bring a lunch. Ages 6-10 Richmond Beach Library: 7 pm Up a Creek, Travels with Lewis & Clark | 16 | 17 Low-Tide Beach Walk, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm |
| 18 Low-Tide Beach Walk, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 11 am - 2 pm | 19 Richmond Beach Library: 7 pm The Ballad of Bigfoot and the Tale of Pecos Bill, presented by Oregon Shadow Theatre. Ages 4 and up. | 20 Noon Concert: The Islanders - Caribbean Steel Drum, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park | 21 7 pm Concert: <i>Los Orchids & the Valley Girls</i> , Cromwell Park Richmond Beach Library: 7 pm "The Prince of the Pond" | 22 Shoreline Library: 2 pm, The Ballad of Bigfoot and the Tale of Pecos Bill, presented by Oregon Shadow Theatre. Ages 5 and up. | 23 7 pm Picnic In The Park Concert: <i>Raven Blue</i> , Lake Forest Park Towne Center, Lower Parking Lot | 24 Shoreline Historical Museum: Drop-in Day for ages 4-11, 11 am-3 pm |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Noon Concert: Duwamish Dixieland Jazz, Hamlin Park Richmond Beach Library: 4 pm Make Pioneer Toys! | 28 Swingin' Summer Eve! Festival & Concert 5:30-8:30 pm: <i>Bobby Medina & the Red Hot Band</i> , & Council of Neighborhoods Used Bood Sale, Cromwell Park. | 29 Shoreline Library: 2 pm Make Pioneer Toys: A Hands-on History Adventure with the Toymaker. Ages 4 to 12 with parent. | 30 | 31 Low-Tide Beach Walk, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm |



August Events Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1 Low-Tide Beach Walk, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 10 am - 2 pm | 2 | 3 <i>Noon Concert:</i> Halau Hula O Napualani, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Richmond Beach Library: 11:30 am The Tall Tales of Paul Bunyan. | 4 7 pm Concert: Wooden O Shakespeare Company's <i>Love's Labour's Lost</i> , Richmond Beach Community Park | 5 Shoreline Library: 7 pm, Songs and Tales of the Oregon Trail; family program. | 6 | 7 Shoreline Historical Museum: 1 pm Special Smithsonian Programs. |
| 8 Richmond Beach Library: 7 pm Professor Payne's Pioneering Prestidigitations. | 9 | 10 <i>Noon Concert:</i> Eric Ode & The Smilin Coyote Band, Hamlin Park | 11 <i>7 pm Concert:</i> The Blue's Torpedoes, Richmond Beach Community Park | 12 | 13 | 14 Shoreline Library: Korean-English Stories and Fun. Ages 4 and up |
| 15  | 16 | 17 | 18 <i>7 pm Concert:</i> Quimbara, Richmond Beach Community Park | 19 | 20 Celebrate Shoreline! Teen program party, 5 pm at Paramount School Park & Skate Park.  | 21 Celebrate Shoreline! 11 am Parade, 12 pm Festival and Volksmarch to follow.  |
| 22 Celebrate Shoreline! Sandcastle contest, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park.  | 23 | 24 | 25 <i>7 pm Concert:</i> Crossfire Bluegrass, Richmond Beach Community Park | 26 | 27 | 28 Shoreline Historical Museum: Drop-in Day for ages 4-11, 11 am- 3 pm |
| 29 | 30 | 31  | Celebrate Shoreline and its ninth birthday with a three-day party! August 20-22. | | | |

Fun Summer Festivals!

Shoreline Arts Festival

Two days of art, entertainment, crafts, food and fun for all ages. Sponsored by the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council. Two stages of live music, dance and theatre performances; hand-on art projects; juried arts & crafts show; festival food and snacks; Phillipine festival, student film festival and more. There is something for the whole family.

This creative, community event will take place June 26 & 27 at the Shoreline Center, 18560 - 1st Ave NE in Shoreline. Call (206) 417-4645 or visit www.shorelinearts.net for more information

Saturday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 27, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Fee: Admission is FREE!

Location: Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave. NE



Swingin' Summer Eve

Imagine a warm summer evening, neighbors and friends gathering together to share stories, music and smiles, kids running, jumping and bouncing with friends, a community BBQ sponsored by the Shoreline Fire Department and live music. Ahhhh! It's what summer is all about! Sponsored by the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council and the City of Shoreline. Proceeds from the BBQ go to the Shoreline Fire Dept. Burn Foundation. The Council of Neighborhoods will also be holding their annual used book sale. All ages welcome!

Wednesday, July 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Fee: Event is FREE! Nominal fee for BBQ and kids' inflatables

Location: Cromwell Park

Celebrate Shoreline

Celebrate the City of Shoreline's ninth birthday with lots of things to do, see and eat. Don't miss out on the fun!

Friday, August 20, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Teen program party at Paramount School Park & Connie King Skate Park

Saturday, August 21 in North City and at Ridgecrest Elementary School

Car Show at Ridgecrest Elementary 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Parade in North City 11:00 a.m.

Festival at Ridgecrest Elementary 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Volksmarch Near festival site, time TBA

Fee: Event is FREE! Fee for food vendors and kids inflatables

Sunday, August 22, time TBA

Sandcastle Building Contest at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park



Free Summer Activities!

Low-tide Beach Walks

Explore and investigate the fascinating world of marine beaches during low tides and observe seastars, crabs and others who live in Puget Sound. Join our beach naturalists at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park for these fun, free and informative beach walks. Dress for the weather. Waterproof footwear is recommended. Touch tanks are available on 5/23, 6/20 and 7/17.

MAY

Sat, 5/22 12:00-3:00 p.m.
Sun, 5/23 12:30-3:30 p.m.

JUNE

Sat, 6/5 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Sun, 6/6 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Sat, 6/19 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Sun, 6/20 12:00-3:00 p.m.

JULY

Sat, 7/3 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Sun, 7/4 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sat, 7/17 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Sun, 7/18 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Sat, 7/31 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

AUGUST

Sun, 8/1 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Summer Concerts in the Parks

Lunchtime Music Series Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

- July 6: *Chaopraya Ensemble, Traditional Thai Folk Music*, at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park
- July 13: *Canote Brothers, Fiddle Tunes, Country & Swing* for the whole family, at Hamlin Park
- July 20: *The Islanders, Caribbean Steel Drum*, at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park
- July 27: *Duwamish Dixieland Jazz, Dixieland Style Jazz*, at Hamlin Park
- Aug. 3: *Halau Hula O Napualani, Pacific Island Dance*, at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park
- Aug. 10: *Eric Ode & the Smilin' Coyote Band, Fun Family Music*, at Hamlin Park

Evening Concerts in the Parks Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

- July 7: *Maya Soleil*, at Animal Acres Park in Lake Forest Park
- July 14: *All-Star Jazz & Shear Jazz*, at Cromwell Park
- July 21: *Los Orchids & The Valley Girls*, at Cromwell Park
- July 28: *Bobby Medina & The Red Hot Band, Swingin' Summer Eve* at Cromwell Park
- Aug. 4: *Wooden O Shakespear Company's Love's Labour's Lost*, at Richmond Beach Community Park
- Aug. 11: *The Blue's Torpedoes*, at Richmond Beach Community Park
- Aug. 18: *Quimbara*, at Richmond Beach Community Park
- Aug. 25: *Crossfire Bluegrass*, at Richmond Beach Community Park

Initiative 864 impacts on the City of Shoreline

If passed, Tim Eyman's latest initiative would mean a 25% reduction of City of Shoreline property tax revenues – a \$1.7 million annual loss– with possibly only a

Shoreline School District and the county-wide Emergency Medical Services levy. In addition, the Washington State Department of Revenue indicates that bonded debt would be exempt as well as jurisdictions such as the Shoreline Fire District and King County Library District that have previously had voter approval for operating levy increases. However, since the City of Shoreline does not qualify under one these exemptions, City property tax revenue would be reduced by 25%.

and Park Maintenance operations; or

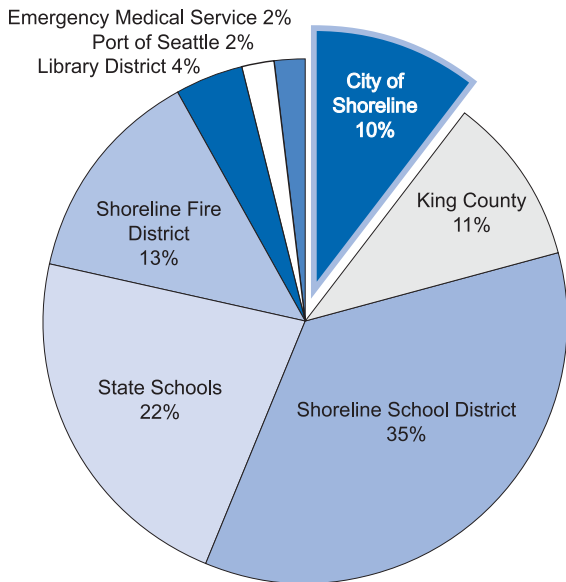
- The City's cost to provide human service allocations, the 24 hour customer response team, police storefront operations, the City's cost for the School Resource Officer program, teen programs, museum and arts council funding, and 10% of parks maintenance; or

- 42% of our support service (City Manager, City Clerk, Finance, City Attorney, Human Resources, Communications & Intergovernmental Relations) costs; or

- The contract cost for 14 police officers.

Please note that these examples are not proposed reduction, only examples of the scale of the potential impact of I-864.

2004 Property Tax



3% decrease in Shoreline residents' property tax bill.

Tim Eyman is currently gathering signatures for Initiative 864 (I-864) that, if certified, will appear on the November 2, 2004, general election ballot. I-864 seeks to decrease property taxes by requiring that regular property tax levies for local taxing jurisdictions be reduced by 25% annually. If this initiative passes it would become effective with the collection of property taxes in 2005.

Though frequently labeled as a 25% reduction in property taxes, the actual impact for Shoreline residents would be significantly less -- perhaps as low as 3%. This is because the state school levy is exempt from the initiative as are voter-approved levies such as the

"The end result of these built-in exemptions would be a much lower reduction in local property taxes -- perhaps only about 3% in Shoreline," according to Shoreline Finance Director Debbie Tarry.

I-864 Impact

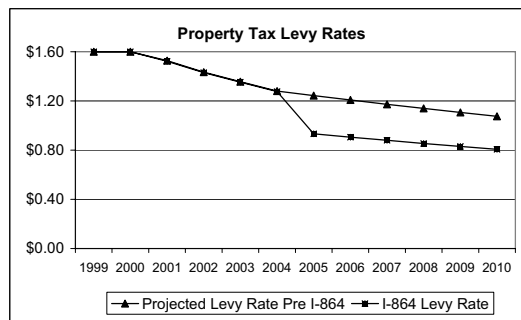
A 25% reduction in property taxes for the City of Shoreline equals approximately \$1.7 million in annual revenue, 7.5% of our General Fund revenues. City property tax levies have been limited to 1% growth since 2002 and therefore property tax revenue increases have been below inflation since that time. A \$1.7 million decrease in revenues could be the equivalent to any of the following groupings:

- The net cost of Recreation

Current Property Taxes

As a result of increasing property tax values and limitations on property tax revenue growth, the City's property tax rate has been declining from the maximum rate allowed by law of \$1.60 over the last several years. The 2004 City property tax rate is \$1.28, with the 2005 property tax rate projected to fall to \$1.24, barring any impacts from I-864. This graph shows the historical rate decline along with the projected

rate over the next six years with and without the passage of I-864.



New members appointed to Shoreline Planning Commission and Library Board

The Shoreline City Council appointed five Shoreline residents to the City's Planning Commission this spring and three residents to the Library Board.

Planning Commission

Will Hall and Chakorn Phisuthikul were appointed to the Planning Commission with terms expiring on March 31, 2008. Incumbents Robin McClelland, David Harris and Carol Doering were reappointed to terms also expiring March 31, 2008. These commissioners join existing members Don Sands, Sid Kuboi, Bill MacCully and Rocky Piro.

Departing Planning Commissioners Marlin Gabbert and Brian Doennebrink were recognized for their contributions to the City at the May 10 Council meeting.

The Planning Commission meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave. NE. The commission provides regular opportunities at each meeting for public input. For the latest meeting and agenda information, call (206) 546-2190.

Library Board

Mary Lynn Potter, Edward Renouard and Yoshiko Saheki were appointed to the Library Board for four-year terms expiring in 2008. They join existing members Joe Phillips and Jaime Holter. Mayor Ron Hansen presented

plaques of appreciation to outgoing library board members Mary Jo Heller and Dale Stirling at the March 22 Council meeting.

The Library Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of odd-numbered months. Meetings are held at the Shoreline Li-

brary (345 NE 175th St.) or the Richmond Beach Library (19601 21st Ave. NW). For more information, contact Shoreline City Clerk Sharon Mattioli at (206) 546-8919, or call the Library Board Agenda Line at (206) 546-2190, ext. 4.

Park volunteers recognized at Trail of Cedars ceremony

Twin Ponds Park has been transformed from a former dumping ground to one of Shoreline's most peaceful spaces thanks to countless hours of work by City staff and volunteers. Volunteers Dick Decker, Kellie Swenson, Ron Post and John Dixon were honored last month for volunteering several hundred hours each to restore the park site and replant native vegetation. When King County first acquired the park site at 1st Ave. NE and N. 155th St., it was filled with old concrete and soil with much of the natural vegetation removed or disturbed.

One of the volunteer improvement projects is the Trail of Cedars, a trail planted with cedar trees in an attempt to re-establish a native tree that most likely covered much of the park site a century ago. The Trail of Cedars was dedicated at a special ceremony May 8, and park volunteers were recognized for their contributions. Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen and his wife, Jan, attended along with



Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen, Councilmember Bob Ransom and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board Members Herb Brice, Patty Hale and Dwight Stevens join other community members in honoring volunteers Dick Decker, Kellie Swenson, Ron Post and John Dixon for their work in restoring Twin Ponds Park.

Shoreline City Council and Park Board members.

"One of our park volunteers has put in more than 3,000 hours of work since 1990. The Trail of Cedars honors their work and the contributions of all volunteers who give their time and efforts to better Shoreline," says Dick Deal, Shoreline Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Shoreline adopts Hazard Mitigation Plan

The City Council adopted a Hazard Mitigation Plan at its April 12 meeting that identifies hazards and recommends ways to protect residents and property from those

hazards. The plan consists of 28 mitigation strategies ranging from retrofitting overpasses to providing emergency training to City staff to hiring a full-time Emergency Man-

agement Coordinator to coordinate efforts with local agencies.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 calls for local governments to develop a hazard mitigation plan by Nov. 1, 2004, to be eligible for assistance and grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). City staff developed Shoreline's plan with help from the University of Washington Institute of Hazard Mitigation.

The draft plan was presented for public review and input as well as review by the City's Emergency Planning Team, the Emergency Management Council, the Council of Neighborhoods, the Planning Commission and the King County Office of Emergency Management.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan is part of the City's Emergency Operations Plan adopted by the City Council in 2003. Funding for the Emergency Management Coordinator position was previously approved by City Council, and City staff will seek grant funding to implement other strategies outlined in the plan.

"We're pleased with the finished product. Developing the plan was a true collaborative effort," says Shoreline Police Chief Denise Turner.

The plan is now under review by the Washington State Office of Emergency Management. Once approved, it will be sent to FEMA for review and adoption.

For more information, or to review the plan, visit the City's Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com.

Natural Yard Care Event celebrated Earth Day



On Saturday, April 24, the City collaborated with Central Market to help residents learn the techniques of natural yard care. Products, such as long-handled weed pullers, Safer Soap to eliminate insect problems, and coupons for 100% Natural Lawn Food, were distributed with educational information. Representatives from the Washington Native Plant Society, Master Recycler/Composters, Master Gardeners and the Noxious Weed Board, were available to answer questions. This year's attendance of 837 residents was nearly a 40% increase over last year's pilot event.

2004 Clean Sweep a success

On May 15, the City of Shoreline offered its twelfth Clean Sweep recycling event, collecting items from 911 vehicles. This is the second highest number of participants since the Clean Sweep began in 1998. For the first time, the City accepted 412 fluorescent light bulbs, which are

now banned from the landfill. Other items included 174 computer monitors and 66.8 tons of woody debris for recycling. Although most residents drove to the event, some walked and rode their bicycles.

Shoreline says goodbye to Police Chief Turner

After four years as Shoreline Police Chief, Denise Turner left the City at the end of May to accept a new position as Bureau Chief at the King County Sheriff's Office in Seattle.

Chief Turner's accomplishments in Shoreline include a strong police presence in City neighborhoods, increased volunteer involvement and a positive police relationship with Shoreline schools. Turner's replacement will be hired in June. Three candidates were selected to participate in interviews with the police depart-

ment, Shoreline department directors and Shoreline City Manager Steve Burkett.

"We wish Chief Turner well," Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen says. "Over the past four years, she created a strong foundation and identity for Shoreline Police, and we hope to build upon that with the new chief."

Turner said Shoreline has been one of the best assignments in her 20-year career with the King County Sheriff's Office. "I have had the unique opportunity to serve an incredibly supportive

community," she says. "Although the Sheriff's Office provides contract services to the City, the City staff and Council have always made us feel a part of the City and the team. Shoreline officers are outstanding, and they all have big hearts. As I reflect back on the past four years, I am proud that Shoreline enjoys a low crime rate and excellent police services at a low cost. I will truly miss working in the City."



Register online for summer parks programs

Don't forget that online registration is available for Shoreline recreation programs. Class information and registration instructions are available on the City's Web site. Log on to www.cityofshoreline.com/parks for a simple and secure way to register 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To register online you'll need your Family PIN, your Client ID number, as well as a credit card, or credit on your account. The Web site guides you through a new account setup form which can then be saved to your desktop for emailing to the City.

After the initial setup, you may register online anytime using a credit card or credit on your account. The system also provides a family history of all registrations.

For more information, contact the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services online registration help desk at (206) 546-2741 or econnect@ci.shoreline.wa.us.

Party Patrol on the job

Shoreline Police will be on the lookout for underage drinking parties in the City this month as part of the annual Party Patrol program. Officers step up weekend patrols in late May and June to make sure that underage drinking and driving don't spoil the joy of high school graduation.

The party patrol is a joint effort of the Shoreline Police Department, King County Sheriff's Office and the Shoreline School District. Since the program began in 1998, arrests have steadily declined, and there have been no fatal, serious injury or alcohol-related traffic accidents during the program period from late May through June.

If you have advance information about a drinking party, you can help by calling (206) 546-6730, or by call (206) 296-3311 to report a party already under way.

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