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What began as a parade and festival has turned into weekend full of fun.



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Council discusses solutions for North City cost increase Aug. 23

Shoreline City Council will face some choices on how to proceed with the North City Project at its Aug. 23 meeting.

The North City Project is scheduled to begin construction this fall. The project entails pedestrian and traffic safety improvements along most of the 15th Ave. NE corridor as well as streetscape improvements to the North City Business District aimed at revitalizing the commercial area.

Construction bids were opened July 1 and came in at \$800,000 over the engineer's estimate for this element of the overall project. While several factors have contributed to the increased cost including additional telecommunications fees and contingency requirements, the primary reason appears to be the rapidly rising cost of materials and labor in the construction market. Staff updated the Council on the project at its July 19 meeting.

At its Aug. 23 meeting, the City Council will consider ways of addressing the cost increase such as appropriating additional funds,



phasing construction or reducing the scope of the project. Staff will be recommending options that would allow the project to proceed this fall.

One important reason to begin construction this year is Seattle City Light's (SCL) funding contribution to undergrounding utilities. SCL has agreed to contribute \$1,175,000 for construction of underground utilities by the City's contractor and \$100,000 toward construction inspection services. However, SCL cannot commit to providing the funding if the contract is not awarded in 2004.

The Monday, Aug. 23, City Council meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Mt. Rainier Room of the Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Ave. NE. For more information, call the Agenda Line at (206) 546-2190.

“Road Diet” for North City and 15th Ave. NE

One of the key results of the extensive six-year public planning to revitalize North City and improve traffic safety was the decision to put 15th Ave. NE on a “road diet”, reducing it from four-lanes to three. While seeming counter-intuitive, such conversions have been successful regionally and nationally in improving pedestrian and motorist safety, revitalizing neighborhood economies, and improving quality of life.

The problem is that four-lane roads frequently generate excess speeds. Since motorists notice that there are spare lanes they drive faster than they should and change lanes frequently, especially during rush hour when frequent right- and left-turn movements occur, which slow lane speed. Last minute, instant lane swapping occurs leading to rear-end crashes and failure to see pedestrians.

Traffic engineering studies indicate that four-lane roads carrying up to 25,000 vehicles per day (average daily traffic) are good candidates for “road diets”. Since 15th Ave. NE carries an average of 17,000 to 19,000 vehicles per day, had pre-conversion speeds in excess of 39-mph (at the 85th percentile – a standard traffic measure), a history of serious pedestrian accidents, and a commercial area ready for revitalization, this corridor was an ideal candidate for conversion.

Last year the section between 175th and 150th was converted to three-lanes and the business district portion from just north of NE 180th to NE 175th is scheduled to

be converted as part of the North City improvement project. The three-lane conversion will also extend north to approximately 24th Ave. NE to serve as a transition into the business district.

Some of the reasons for conversion are:

Safety – A three-lane roadway operates in a safer manner for several reasons:

- Lower Speeds – Reducing the number of lanes in one direction from two to one results in lower speeds overall. Faster drivers are forced to drive the same speed as the slower vehicles in front of them. Conversion to three-lanes on 15th Ave. NE has reduced average speeds by 2% over the past year, bringing speeds closer to the posted 35-mph limit.

- Reduction in Rear-End Collisions – Vehicles looking for a gap in traffic to make left-turns now have a space to wait outside of the higher-speed through-traffic lanes and are crossing only one lane of on-coming traffic.

- Safer Crosswalks – Changing the number of lanes from two to one reduces the “multiple threat” scenario for pedestrians, where a vehicle in one lane stops and a vehicle in the adjacent lane does not. The stopped vehicle often blocks visibility of the pedestrian as they are crossing. This was a factor in the Tia Townsend fatality, a child struck in the crosswalk on 15th Ave. NE at 170th on March 28, 2002.

Capacity – At first glance, it would seem that removing travel lanes from a street would create congestion due to a loss in the

capacity of the street to carry cars. But what we forget is that during rush hour, the inside lanes of a four-lane street are generally used as a left-turn lane and therefore are frequently blocked for use as a through lane. As such, only the curb lane can handle most through trips if the street has no left-turn lane. Consequently, a three-lane street with a left-turn lane handles about the same number of vehicles as a four-lane street. In fact, studies show that four-lane and three-lane streets carry about the same number of vehicles.

The average daily volume on 15th Ave. NE was 16,635 in March of 2003 compared to 16,045 in February/March of 2004 (within expectations for sampling fluctuations), indicating no loss of capacity after conversion.

Travel Time – Average travel times on four- to three-lane conversions does not decrease significantly, and even improves sometimes, due to the dedicated left-turn lane.

Cut Through Traffic – A concern of residents near 15th Ave. NE was that the conversion would force cars to seek faster routes by cutting through nearby residential streets. Traffic counts over this past year have shown no significant shifts to nearby streets. The City’s traffic division continues to monitor traffic flows and has funds set aside to install traffic calming measures to mitigate cut-through traffic if it becomes a problem.

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City Council sets goals for 2004-2005

Determining priorities for the following year is an important annual task for the Shoreline City Council and one of its responsibilities as the legislative and governing body of the City.

In April, Council met with the City Manager and department directors to review and update its annual Work Plan. The group identified six goals from last year's plan plus two new goals (goals 7 and 8).

The goals are adopted as "A" priorities in each City department work plan. Departments then set milestones, adopt performance measures and measure quarterly results.

The 2004-2005 goals are reflected in the current budget and the Capital Improvement Plan except for the two new goals. City staff will develop work plans for these goals for City Council review and approval and seek additional funding if necessary.

2004-2005 City Council Goals:

- 1 Work toward completing the Aurora Corridor and Interurban Trail projects.
- 2 Enhance the City's program for safe and friendly streets.
- 3 Update elements of the Comprehensive Plan including environmental, surface water, transportation, and parks and open space.
- 4 Work with the Bond Advisory Committee to fund capital projects.
- 5 Implement an active economic improvement plan.
- 6 Implement the city hall project.
- 7 Review and consider improvements in code enforcement standards.
- 8 Develop and adopt policies to enhance public participation in City government.

Road Diet for 15th Ave. NE *from page 2*

Cross Traffic – The planned installation of a new traffic signal at 150th and enhanced timing of signals will also help create more regular gaps for traffic crossing or entering 15th Ave. NE.

Quality of Life – Another key component to the long awaited North City Plan is the creation of a pedestrian friendly, safe, "Main Street" commercial district, with slower speeds, attractive sidewalks, landscaping, underground utilities, street lighting and other

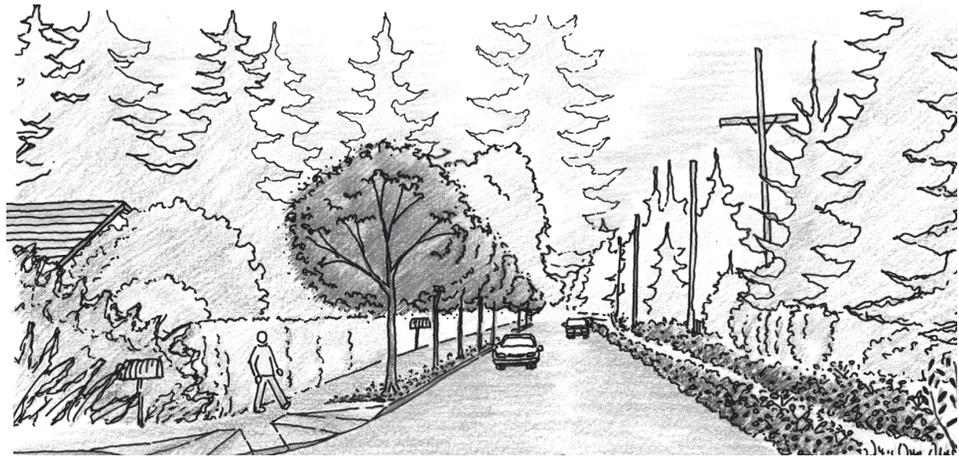
amenities that encourage civic pride and new investment. Bringing new buildings closer to the sidewalk and narrowing the street to three-lanes are crucial components of this community-created vision. Already new business such as the Hotwire Coffee House and a new 88-unit apartment complex have been attracted to North City as a direct result of the North City Plan.

The improvements to North City and 15th Ave. NE are the culmination of years of citizen effort

starting before incorporation in 1995. Extensive public meetings on the Comprehensive Plan, North City Sub Area Plan and on the North City design resulted in a final design for North City and 15 Ave. NE. On Aug. 23 the City Council will consider options for awarding the bid for the North City Business District improvements to bring this long awaited project to reality.

For more details and examples, see "Road Diets - Fixing the Big Roads" at www.walkable.org/download/rdiets.pdf.

Typical road improvements on 3rd Ave. NW north of NW 180th St. include a six-foot sidewalk and four-foot planter strip (where feasible) along the west side of 3rd Ave. NW with landscaping and gravel parking strip along the east side.



3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvements begin

More than 40 Shoreline residents attended an open house last month to learn more about the 3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvement Project scheduled for construction this fall. Neighbors and City staff gathered at the intersection of 3rd Ave. NW and NW 182nd St. to discuss the improvements planned for flood control and right-of-way changes in the neighborhood.

"We had a tremendous turnout, and the meeting was a true information exchange," says Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan. "Residents shared comments and concerns with us, and several neighbors brought up new issues outside the scope of the project. We are now working on addressing these issues."

Areas of concern included: ditches in the project area posing safety hazards to drivers and bicyclists, drivers speeding and "running" the stop sign at N. 185th St., and the change from paved to gravel shoulder along N. 185th St.

In response to concerns raised at the meeting, the City is investigating options for the ditches along the east side of 3rd Ave. NW, and a petition is now circu-

lating in the neighborhood to add a traffic circle at the intersection of 185th and 3rd Ave. NW.

The goals of the 3rd Ave. project are to prevent frequent flooding to around 20 homes and adjacent streets; to identify and evaluate solutions to reduce flooding at N 183rd and Dayton Place N.; to evaluate the impact of these improvements on the capacity of the Boeing Creek Stormwater Facility; and to improve water quality in the Boeing Creek Drainage Basin. The project is divided into three parts: a new stormwater conveyance system (pipe), an expanded stormwater detention area (pond), and a pump station and force main (pump).

The pipe phase begins with a new conveyance line on Richmond Beach Road at 3rd Ave. NW following 3rd Ave. to NW 176th St., west to 6th Ave. NW and south to the Boeing Creek Stormwater Facility. Bioretention landscaping will be installed at the intersection of NW 185th St. and 3rd Ave. NW to manage stormwater runoff and improve water quality.

The pond phase involves re-grading the Boeing Creek Stormwater Facility to accommodate faster filling of the pond from the new pipe system. The work in the pond is being coordinated with the King County improvements to the Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer Upgrades. Because the stormwater facility is surrounded by park land, but is actually on utility property, improvements such as landscaping and walking paths are planned as park enhancements.

The pump phase is under design and would include a pump station in Pan Terra Pond and a force main on NW 185th St. to the new conveyance line on 3rd Ave. NW. Construction timing of the pump phase is uncertain due to rising construction costs and the funds remaining following construction of the pipe and pond phases.

The project also includes

See **Third Ave. NW** page 5

Second and third Gateways move forward

Preliminary work is under way for Shoreline's second Gateway at 175th Street on the southeast corner of the I-5 interchange. City staff dug a test pit at 175th Street to evaluate the soil and design a proper footing for the gateway wall. Staff is reviewing the 90 percent

Gateway Charrette

Wednesday, Sept. 15

5:30 - 8 p.m.

St. Dunstan's Church

722 N. 145th St.

For more info:

Shoreline Planner

Matt Torpey

(206) 546-3826

plans, specifications and cost estimates for the 175th East Gateway. Construction is scheduled for later this summer or early fall.

The City's third gateway, at the Westminster-Dayton Triangle (at the intersection of Westminster, Dayton and N. 150th St.), will be



The first gateway the City completed was "The Ponies" Gateway at Ronald Bog Park on 175th.

designed by Shoreline residents at neighborhood meetings.

"Shoreline residents will make the design recommendations about this Gateway at three charette-type community meetings with direction from City Council," City Planner Matt Torpey explains. "We envision this as a collaborative City design project."

At the first meeting in mid-September, City staff will present general design concepts from

other cities. At the second meeting, residents will select the final design, and at the third meeting, construction drawings and final concept drawings will be chosen by a neighborhood committee. The final design will then be presented to the City Council for approval.

For more information about the Gateways Projects, contact Torpey at (206) 546-3826, or visit www.cityofshoreline.com.

Third Ave. NW Drainage *from page 4*

right-of-way improvements along 3rd Ave. NW, such as sidewalks, that tie into the City's goals of improving pedestrian safety. A curb/gutter will be installed on the west side of 3rd Ave. NW between NW 185th and 178th Streets plus a sidewalk/pathway, and, in some areas, a planter strip with maple trees and ground cover.

The east side of the street will feature gravel parking strips with trees, shrubs and ground cover.

The change from pavement to gravel shoulder is to create a definitive edge to the new 24-foot roadway, which is intended to slow traffic. These improvements are all designed to reduce the amount of impervious surface, increase infiltration, increase pedestrian safety, beautify the right-of-way, provide on-street and off-

street parking, and help calm traffic in the neighborhood.

For more information about the 3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvement Project, contact Jordan at (206) 546-1678, or visit the City's Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com.

City completes Saltwater Park restoration

Beach-goers are enjoying the improvements to the City's popular Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. The Nearshore Restoration project was completed last month.

"You can actually walk on the gravel. I really like that," one

resident said of the newly constructed gravel berm. "I have been on other gravel beaches that were difficult to walk on, but this one is easy."

The restoration project features a porous gravel berm which

is designed to protect the slope and pathway from wave erosion. A porous berm is a "soft" design as opposed to a "hard" design such as a concrete break wall. The new berm is made of rounded river rock specifically sized and shaped to dissipate wave energy by absorbing and soaking up water in void spaces.

"Soft designs blend into the natural environment to preserve and enhance nearshore habitat, while hard designs alter the beach environment and destroy habitat," explains Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan.

The erosion-control/restoration project included construction of a fenced greenbelt bordering the sandy slope. The fences protect the slope from erosion caused by foot traffic and digging and create a wildlife habitat area.

In response to visitor comments, the area surrounded by the greenbelt fence was made smaller, which increased the sandy backbeach area behind the gravel berm and provides more beach area to enjoy.

To complete the improvements, a community volunteer project is planned this fall to plant native beach grasses and plants at the site. If you are interested in volunteering, 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.



The Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Restoration Project focused on repairing and preventing future erosion caused by foot traffic and waves. This fall, volunteers will plant native beach grasses to further restore the area.

Reduce risk of fire this summer

Due to sustained high temperatures and lack of significant rainfall, there is an increased risk to property from fire. It is especially important during this higher risk period to remove and properly dispose of accumulated yard waste and woody debris. These materials can quickly ignite and fuel fires.

If you do not have curbside recycling, there are other options

for disposing of yard waste. For additional recycling options, visit the King County Solid Waste Web site <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/resrecy/composting/yardwaste.asp>.

City Council adopts 2005-2010 Capital Improvement Program

Shoreline's 2005-2010 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was adopted by the City Council July 19. The CIP is a multi-year plan for capital expenditures needed to restore, improve and expand the City's infrastructure, which includes roads, sidewalks, trails, drainage, parks and City facilities.

The plan identifies funding for improvements over the next six years and is updated annually to reflect ongoing changes and additions. Shoreline residents were given an opportunity to comment on the proposed CIP during Council deliberations, specifically during a public hearing at the June 28 City Council meeting.

The 2005-2010 CIP totals \$130.5 million, with \$25 million in General Capital projects, \$97 million in Roads Capital projects, and \$9 million in Surface Water Capital projects. The plan includes spending a total of \$42 million in 2005, \$20 million in 2006, \$10 million in 2007, \$19 million in 2008 and \$20 million in both 2009 and 2010.

"The 2005 – 2010 CIP is designed to implement the City Council Goals, which include completion of the Aurora Corridor Improvements, the Interurban Trail, city hall, and enhancing our program for safe and friendly streets," explains Shoreline Finance Director Debbie Tarry.

The funding to pay for the 30 projects identified in the plan comes from federal and state

grants, capital reserves, the City's General Fund, municipal financing, the Real Estate Excise Tax, fuel tax, surface water fees and Washington State Public Works Trust Fund loans.

2005-2010 Capital Improvement Projects

- Spartan Gym Improvements – A joint project with the Shoreline School District scheduled for completion in 2005; will add two multi-purpose rooms, a utility kitchen, office and reception areas, support facilities and upgrades to the locker rooms.

- Saltwater Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement – Currently being studied; if replacement is required, construction will occur in 2005/2006 depending on obtaining \$1.3 million in grant funding.

- City Hall – Projected cost of \$20 million; construction scheduled for completion by fall 2007.

- Aurora Corridor Project –The City's portion of the cost for the first section from 145th to 165th is \$3.2 million. The total cost for this phase is estimated at \$25 million. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2005 with completion in 2006. The CIP also includes preliminary estimates for the 165th to 205th phase of the



project. Current estimates for this phase total \$60 million with \$11 million of City funds.

- North City Business District – This project implements the North City subarea plan, addresses pedestrian safety along 15th Ave. NE, and includes traffic mitigation for adjacent neighborhoods. The CIP includes a project estimate of \$7.7 million, including costs of undergrounding (\$1.3 million) to be reimbursed to Shoreline by Seattle City Light. Construction scheduled for fall 2004 (see story on page 1).

- Interurban Trail – Construction of south and north segments is complete; construction of south-central segments will be complete by
See **CIP** page 8



2005-2010 CIP *from page 7*

December 2004. North-central segment is dependent on future grant funding with projected construction in 2005-2006. Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing reconstruction scheduled for 2005-2006 in conjunction with Aurora Corridor Project.

- Ronald Bog Drainage Improvements – Project costs reduced to \$5.2 million. Short-term improvements completed in 2004 with additional improvements scheduled for

2006-2007.

- 3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvements – Conveyance, street and pedestrian improvements scheduled for completion in 2004; stormwater facility modifications constructed in 2005-2006 (see story page 4).

The 2005-2010 Capital Improvement Program is available to download from the City's Web site, www.cityofshoreline.com, and is also available on CD by calling Beau Sinkler at (206) 546-0790.

Copies are available for review at: City Hall (17544 Midvale Ave. N.); Shoreline Police Station (1206 N. 185th St.); Eastside Police Center (521 NE 165th St.); Westside Police Center (624 Richmond Beach Rd.); and Shoreline Library (342 NE 175th St.) and Richmond Beach Library (19601 21st Ave. NW).

For more information about the CIP, contact Shoreline City Engineer Jill Marilley at (206) 546-8777.

Shoreline Fall Clean Sweep set for Sept. 25

The City of Shoreline's Fall 2004 Clean Sweep Recycling Event is set for Saturday, September 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shoreline Park N' Ride on N. 192nd and Aurora Avenue N.

To participate, residents must present the Clean Sweep coupon from the event flyer that will be mailed to all households next month, or a valid photo ID with a City of Shoreline address.

Due to the volume of material, residents are requested to make only one trip per household. The City reserves the right to refuse any item.

The following list is a sample of the items which may be accepted. Please check the Clean Sweep Event flyer for more details.

- All appliances*

- Porcelain sinks*
- Toilets
- Computers and computer monitors*
- All phones
- Scrap metal
- Motor oil and filters
- Antifreeze
- Lead acid batteries and household batteries
- Propane tanks*
- Clean scrap lumber
- Televisions*

*Some items may require a minimal recycling fee that must be paid in cash.

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

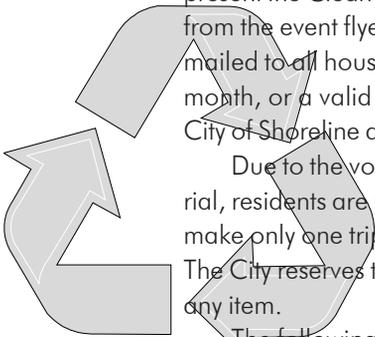
of these items by appointment only. Please call them at (206) 296-4692 for an appointment.

The Fall 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.

Did you know?

In 2003, Shoreline staff cleaned 12,742 linear feet of storm water drainage pipe and swept 921 lane miles of streets.



Annual street resurfacing underway

Shoreline's annual Road Overlay Project is now underway in City neighborhoods. Using the 2004 CIP budget of \$700,000 in the Roads Capital Fund, pavement overlay will be applied on approximately 4.28 lane-miles of streets beginning Aug. 2, and slurry seal will be applied to approximately 7.62 lane-miles of streets beginning Sept. 7. The slurry seal will be performed under a separate contract, which is currently out to bid.

"It's important to remember that not much street maintenance was done before we became a city in 1995," says Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen. "We started out with an aging infrastructure, and we've worked hard to bring our roads up to acceptable levels. Over the years, we've made remarkable progress."

As in years past, Shoreline contracted with the King County Department of Transportation's Road Services Division for the grinding and overlay work. This arrangement allows the City to take advantage of lower bids due to economy of scale and streamlined management of the project.

Streets selected for the overlay program ranked "poor to failing" in the City's pavement inventory and could not be repaired using other treatment options. Pavement overlay is for roads with extensive cracking and pot holes. Approximately two inches of asphalt is added during the process which is designed to last 20 years.

Slurry seal is used for weathered roads that are still structurally sound and is designed to extend road wear for 10 years.

"Factors such as oil and gasoline prices and cost increases in materials always affect how many miles we cover each year," says Public Works Operations Manager Jesus Sanchez. "We try to group streets together and concentrate overlay projects in specific neighborhoods to make the program cost-effective for taxpayers, encourage better bid pricing and to reduce disruptions caused by the road work."

Residents in the affected neighborhoods have been notified and will continue to receive updates from the City as the work progresses. For more information,



City Road crews prepare the roadway for the annual overlay of new asphalt this summer. Cracked road surfaces are removed with a backhoe and replaced with new asphalt.

contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

Shoreline streets slated for overlay

- 2nd NW (from 200th to end of road)
- 2nd NW (from NW Richmond Beach Rd. to NW 189th St.)
- 3rd Ave. NW (from NW Richmond Beach Rd. to NW 205th St.)
- Firlands Way N (from N 185th St. to Aurora Ave.)
- Fremont Ave. N (from N 195th St. to N 205th St.)
- N. 188th St. (from Fremont Ave. N to Linden Ave. N)
- N. 198th St. (from Linden Ave. N to Aurora Ave. N)
- N. 199th St. (from Linden Ave. N to Aurora Ave. N)
- N. 201st St. (from Fremont Ave. N to Whitman Ave. N)
- N. 202nd St. (from Fremont Ave. N to Whitman Ave. N)
- N. 203rd Pl. (from Fremont Ave. N to Park Ave. N)
- N. 203rd St. (from Park Ave. N to Whitman Ave. N)
- N. 204th St. (from Park Ave. N to Whitman Ave. N)
- Park Ave. N (from N 203rd St. to N 204th St.)
- NW 188th St. (from 2nd Ave. NW to end of road)
- NW 189th St. (from 1st Ave. NW to 2nd Ave. NW)
- NW 189th St. (from 3rd Ave. NW to end of road)
- NW 193rd St (from 2nd Ave. NW to 3rd Ave. NW)
- NW 199th St. (from 3rd Ave. NW to 8th Ave. NW)
- 5th Ave. NE (from NE 180th to NE 185th St.)



Celebrate Shoreline 2004

Don't miss Celebrate Shoreline, the City's ninth birthday celebration Aug. 20-22. Shoreline's Larry Blake, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board member, is Grand Marshall of the 2004 Celebrate Shoreline parade. Meet Larry at the parade and festival on Saturday, Aug. 21. Look for more details in the Celebrate Shoreline insert in the *Shoreline Enterprise* on August 20.

Friday, Aug. 20

- 4:30 p.m. Dedication of the Connie King Skate Park, Paramount School Park, N. 155th St. & 8th Ave. NE
- 5 to 8 p.m. Teen Band Show, Paramount School Park

Saturday, Aug. 21

- 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Volksmarch 5K and 10K walks, route begins and ends at Café Aroma, 509 NE 165th St.
- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Cruise-in Car Show, Ridgecrest Elementary, 16516 10th Ave. NE
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Celebrate Shoreline Parade, parade route is south on 15th Ave. NE from NE 180th St. to NE 165th St., disperses at Ridgecrest Elementary
- Noon to 5 p.m.

Festival at Ridgecrest Elementary: Food, inflatables, games, crafts, community booths



Sunday, Aug. 22

- 2 to 5 p.m. All-ages Sandcastle Building Contest, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, registration begins at 1 p.m. FREE!

Shoreline monitoring bacteria levels in lakes

With the warm weather sending residents into area lakes to keep cool, the City of Shoreline is conducting water quality testing each week to make sure those lakes are safe for swimming.

Since May, Shoreline has tested Echo Lake and Hidden Lake each week for e.coli and fecal coliform bacteria levels. The tests are performed each Tuesday and results are posted each Thursday at <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/waterres/lakes/bacteria.htm>. If the results show dangerous levels of either bacterium, the City will immediately post "No Swimming" signs. Neither lake has tested at dangerous levels this year. Tests will be conducted until September 14.

The most common source of these bacteria is from dog feces. Water from sprinklers and rain carries bacteria from the feces into the water system. This is one of the reasons pet owners need to clean up after their pets, especially in public areas.

For more information about Shoreline's water quality monitoring program or how to keep your pet from contaminating Shoreline's water, call Shoreline Water Quality Specialist Andy Loch at (206) 546-1925.

Planning Commission hearing for Comp Plan Update/Master Plans scheduled for fall

This summer, the Shoreline Planning Commission hosted a series of public workshops to gather community feedback about the City's Draft Master Plans and Draft Comprehensive Plan Update before the formal public hearing this fall.

The Plans 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 residents for help in setting priorities for the future.

Written public comments were gathered on the draft plans and were shared with the Planning Commission at the summer workshops. The public was encouraged to participate at the workshops by providing additional

comments either verbally or in writing.

Based on public input and analysis, City staff and the consultant team will prepare a recommendation to the Planning Commission that includes the draft plans and a 20-year Capital Facilities Program. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the plans this fall at which time more public testimony will be taken.

The draft plans are available for review on the City's Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/masterplan/index.cfm or at the following locations:

- Shoreline Planning and Development Services Office, City Hall Annex, 1110 N. 175th St.
- Eastside Neighborhood Police Center, 521 NE 165th St.
- Westside Neighborhood Police Center, 624 Richmond



Shoreline residents turned out for the May 13 Comp Plan Update and Master Plans open house at Shoreline Conference Center.

Beach Road.

- Richmond Beach Library, 19601 21st Ave. NW.
- Shoreline Library, 342 NE 175th St.

For more information about the Comprehensive Plan Update and Master Plans, contact Shoreline Planner Andrea Spencer at (206) 546-1418.

City now offers plumbing permit services

The City of Shoreline now provides plumbing permits. Previously King County issued plumbing permits, plumbing plan checks and inspection services in Shoreline.

On July 1, the City implemented new, state-mandated building codes, including the 2003 International Building and Ancillary Codes (IBC) and the 2003 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) with state amendments.

The codes are also amended locally by the City's Ordinance 355. Adoption of the UPC allows the City to offer all plumbing per-

mit services to residents.

The Shoreline City Council adopted the State Mandated Building Code in May which allowed for consolidation of permit services and streamlined the process for residents.

Permits issued prior to July 1

will be inspected by King County Health Department. Fees are the same or less than comparable services provided by King County in the past.

For more information, please contact Shoreline Building Official Bridget Smith at (206) 546-3386.

Did you know?

Shoreline has 191 miles of City streets – including 36 miles of arterial streets, 148 miles of residential streets, four miles of state roads and three miles of Interstate highway.

Shoreline is updating and improving its Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program

Shoreline's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP) was developed in 2001 to improve pedestrian and driver safety on residential streets. At the July 6 City Council meeting, Shoreline Director of Public Works Paul Haines updated Council members on the status of the program and presented new ideas to make it even more effective.

According to Haines, excessive speeding, cut-through traffic, lack of adequate pedestrian walkways and poor line of sight are the most common safety issues identified by the majority of Shoreline residents. Since the NTSP's inception, residents on approximately 82 residential streets have applied to the program for some type of modification.

Completed NTSP projects include the closure of N. 183rd Street at Dayton Avenue North to reduce cut-through traffic and the realignment of the intersection of Ridgfield Road N.W. and N.W. Springdale Court to reduce the volume and speed of cut-through traffic. In addition, three traffic circles will be installed this fall at N. 183rd St. at Wallingford Ave. N., N. 183rd St. at Stone Ave. N., and 12th Ave. NE at NE 152nd St.

The NTSP program follows a two-phase process. Phase 1 includes the education of drivers and uses targeted law enforcement, radar, brush removal and other tools to improve traffic safety. If unsuccessful, the program moves to Phase 2 which includes the installation of speed bumps, traffic circles and other physical

devices to improve safety. This second step requires 70 percent approval by residents of the affected area. Concerns have been raised about the length of time it can take to work through the two phases of the program.

The following are some of the proposed amendments to streamline the program as developed by the Technical Advisory Committee, the Citizens Advisory Committee and City staff:

- Residential areas with no activity over an 11-month period will be sent a letter asking about the status of their participation. Neighborhoods will have 30 days to respond. Areas that do not respond will be closed out and considered complete.

- Currently, an approval rate of 70 percent of affected residents (based on votes returned) is required for Phase 2 safety changes

within a neighborhood. The approval percentage would be lowered to 60 percent approval of affected residents.

- Phase 2 devices now are considered together. Under the proposed change, Phase 2 devices would be divided into three groups, ranging from least restrictive to most restrictive.

- Installation of a land-use sign is now required before installing a physical device such as a speed bump. The proposed change would require a land-use sign before and during placement of temporary physical devices only.

The NTSP is funded through 2008 from the Capital Improvement Program, Roads Capital Fund. For more information about the program, or a list of proposed amendments, contact NTSP Project Coordinator Kyle Lublin at (206) 546-4223.



Did you know?

For every \$1 you pay in property tax, the City of Shoreline gets 10.2 cents. The rest of your property tax money -- nearly 90% -- goes to the state, county, schools, fire district, library district, emergency medical services and Port of Seattle.

City welcomes new Police Chief and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director

Tony Burtt was recently named Shoreline police chief, and Dick Deal became the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director in May.

Burtt replaced former police chief Denise Turner who was promoted to another position within the King County Sheriff's Office. He began his new job June 1. Burtt brings 24 years of law enforcement experience to his post, and he is already familiar with the City after working as a detective sergeant in Shoreline for more than a year when the department was created in 1996.

"Working in Shoreline as the police chief is an honor," Burtt says. "I have always been impressed with the tremendous public and political support for the police department as well as the quality of the City's leadership. The men and women of the Shoreline P.D. are top-notch."

Burtt served as a police officer in Los Angeles and Bellingham before joining King County 17 years ago. His career includes stints as media relations officer and supervisor of the civil unit, personnel unit and training unit for King County's Technical Services Division.

Burtt was promoted to captain in 1997 and major when he was selected as Shoreline police chief.

Deal served as Interim Director of the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services from March until he was made permanent director in May. He has more than 30 years of experience in parks

and recreation, most recently as the Director of Parks and Recreation with the City of Auburn.

"I'm pleased to be working with City Manager Steve Burkett and the rest of the City team,"

Deal says. "My goal is to seek input from the community and provide the type of parks programs citizens want. I enjoy the challenge of identifying and meeting the needs of a relatively new city."



School Starts September 8

Please drive carefully
near schools and
school zones, and
watch for pedestrians.

Skate Park dedication to Connie King Aug. 20

To kick-off the Celebrate Shoreline weekend, the City of Shoreline is honored to dedicate the Skate Park at Paramount School Park to Shoreline's first Mayor, Connie King. King was the visionary behind the Skate Park and worked tirelessly to make it a reality. Please join the City in honoring our First Mayor at 4:30 on Friday, Aug. 20, at Paramount School Park, (155th & 8th Ave. NE).



Fall Recreation Guide features new programs

Shoreline's fall line up of recreation opportunities features some all-new programs as well as many long-time favorites.

Registration for fall programs begins Monday, Aug. 30 with Fall Rec Guides hitting the streets the week before. Don't forget that you can also sign up for programs online at www.cityofshoreline.com.

New programs this fall include Family Fun Night and Parent's Night Out programs in October, November and December, swarms of new youth programs such as guitar lessons, art classes, and much more.

Don't forget old favorites such as Indoor/Outdoor Playground Program that happens Mondays and Wednesdays at the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center which will begin again Sept. 13. Or try the very popular Indoor Playground at Spartan Gym, Monday through Friday, which begins Oct. 4.

Recreation Guides are available at City Hall, Spartan Gym,

Shoreline Pool, Neighborhood Police Centers and local libraries. If you would like to be added to the

mailing list, please call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 418-3383.

Shoreline Pool **19030 1st Ave. N.E.** **(206) 362-1307**

Regular Hours:

Monday - Friday
5:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sunday 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

"No School" Swim Days:

Sept. 7, Dec. 20-23, and Dec. 27-30, 1:15-3:00 p.m., \$2.25 for youth ages 5-17.

Recreational Swim

Mon/Wed/Fri 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Sat & Sun 1:00-3:00 p.m.

REAL DEAL Swim

Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Family Swims

Monday-Friday and Sunday
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Spartan Gym and Weight Room **18560 1st Ave. N.E.** **(206) 418-3383**

Drop-in Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Drop-in Fees:

Adult: \$2.50 per visit
\$20 per 10-punch card
\$46 per 3-month pass

Youth: \$1 per visit
\$8 per 10-punch pass
\$20 per 3-month pass

Drop-in Restrictions:

- Gym – Children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times
- Weight Room – Participants must be 16 years or older to use the weight room. Participants ages 16 & 17 must be accompanied by a parent.

Annual police report shows low crime rate

The Shoreline Police Department recently released its fourth Annual Police Service Efforts and Accomplishments (SEA) Report. The yearly report serves as a community report card, highlighting trends, crime prevention efforts and customer satisfaction with police services and performance.

Highlights of the report include a 40 percent increase in Block Watch participation, the completion of an Emergency Operations Plan and Terrorist Response program and the implementation of a Retail Theft Program.

According to both the City's 2004 Citizen Satisfaction Survey and prior police surveys, residents continue to feel safe in their neighborhoods and are satisfied with police services. Survey results indi-

cate that 91 percent of residents feel very safe or safe in their neighborhood during the day, and 70 percent of residents feel safe in Shoreline.

Overall satisfaction with the police department and the quality of services was also high with 81 percent of residents responding favorably. Seventy-nine percent of residents were very satisfied/somewhat satisfied with the quality of police protection, and 69 percent were very/somewhat satisfied with efforts to prevent crime.

Last year, Shoreline experienced an increase in property crimes, primarily car prowls, car thefts and general thefts (44.5 crimes per 1,000 residents). However, compared to other cities of its size, Shoreline's crime rate is low.

"There was a concerted effort to increase participation in Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch last year," says Shoreline Police Chief Tony Burt. "Police need residents to be the eyes and ears of the community to help prevent such crimes. We have launched several prevention programs and will continue to reinforce those messages this year. Shoreline continues to be a safe community to live and work in, and we are proud to serve the residents here."

After the report was presented to the City Council, members recommended bolstering the Citizen's Academy and Neighborhood Watch programs, and encouraging Shoreline residents to lock their cars to prevent auto and property theft.

Safety tips as kids head back to school Sept. 8

School buses will soon be a familiar sight on Shoreline streets, and children will be walking to and from school. Now is a good time to brush up on safety tips about driving and walking in and near school zones.

Walking:

- Remind your children to always walk, not run, across streets.
- Stop completely at street corners and only cross streets at intersections and crosswalks. Look left, then right, and left again.
- Never dart out into a street or from between parked cars.
- Walk facing traffic on sidewalks and paths.
- Walk to school with your

children before school starts to identify any problem areas.

Driving:

- When backing out of a driveway or garage, watch for children walking or biking to school.
- Drive slowly and carefully around school bus stops where children may be playing.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may run into the street without looking for traffic.
- Obey bus laws – yellow flashing lights means the bus is preparing to stop. Slow down and prepare to stop your vehicle; red flashing lights and extended stop

arms mean the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off. Stop your car and wait until the red light stops flashing and the bus is moving before you start driving again.

- Obey the 20 m.p.h. speed limit in school zones when children and crossing guards are present, or when lights are flashing.

School zone enforcement is a priority for Shoreline Police. Patrol and traffic units work all of the school zones throughout Shoreline on a rotating basis.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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First and third Mondays
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Second and fourth Mondays
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City of Shoreline Web site

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www.cityofshoreline.com



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