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With the grand opening of Spartan Gym in October, Shoreline residents will have a new community athletic center thanks to a joint operation plan between the City of Shoreline and Shoreline School District.

The Shoreline School District recently completed a \$2 million renovation of the Spartan Gym athletic facility in the Shoreline Conference Center complex to prepare it for broader community use. Under the joint operation plan, the City will be responsible for operating the gym, paying for utilities and completing \$650,000 in capital improvements. The School District will provide and pay for routine maintenance and repair as well as custodial service. The cost of ongoing major maintenance such as refinishing floors will be shared according to usage.

The new gym will not only be used for City and School District programs. Other community organizations such as the Senior Center will also use the facility.

"The plan to operate the Spartan Gym is a prime example of what we hoped to accomplish when the City and School District developed the joint use agreement for public facilities last year," says Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Wendy Barry. "It allows the School District and City to deliver a community



**Thanks to a joint operating plan between the City of Shoreline and Shoreline School District, Shoreline residents can enjoy a new athletic facility.**

recreation center for many years to come by combining resources of land, building, capital investment, staff and funding for operations and maintenance. Everybody wins, including taxpayers and customers of the gym."

Before renovations, the Spartan Gym was the old high school gym on the grounds of the Shoreline Conference Center that had deteriorated over the years. Paid for by a bond measure passed by the Shoreline School District, the renovation included a major overhaul both inside and out of gym as well as significant improvements to the stadium.

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## Fall Clean Sweep Recycling Event Sept. 15

As you take advantage of the mild weather to clean out around your home, the City of Shoreline is offering an easy way to recycle a variety of household items and dispose of debris that doesn't fit in curbside waste containers.

The City of Shoreline's Fall 2001 Clean Sweep Recycling Event will be held Saturday, Sept. 15, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Park and Ride on N. 192nd and Aurora Ave. N.

Items accepted for recycling include: chippable bulky yard waste; selected appliances; porcelain toilets and sinks; computers; computer monitors; telephones; cellular phones; scrap metal; motor oil and filters; antifreeze; lead acid batteries; household batteries; propane tanks; tires; clean scrap lumber; televisions; and reusable household goods. Bulky residential garbage items that cannot be recycled or picked up by your

curbside garbage service will also be accepted.

Some items such as tires, refrigerators and propane tanks will carry a minimal recycling fee that must be paid in cash. Consult the Clean Sweep flyer mailed to every Shoreline address for more details.

Please do not bring hazardous materials, commercial waste or items infested by bees, hornets or wasps. Hazardous materials such as paint, cleaning products, household chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, solvents and thinners must be taken to the Aurora Household Hazardous Waste Site, (206) 296-4692.

Residents will need to present the Clean Sweep coupon from the flyer and a valid photo ID with a City of Shoreline address to participate. Due to the volume of material, only one trip will be allowed per household. Items will be accepted until the bins are full and the City of Shoreline reserves the right to refuse any item.

This 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 Washington State Department of Ecology. For more information, call the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700 and ask for the Recycling Program.



### Shoreline streets receive summer facelift

Summer means new street surfaces in Shoreline and 155th St. between I-5 and 1st Ave. NE was just one street that benefited from the City's annual overlay program. This summer, about 24 lane miles of Shoreline streets received either overlay or slurry seal as part of the program.

## Subarea planning begins for the heart of Shoreline

What would you like to see at the heart of Shoreline?

This is the basic premise of the Ronald District Subarea Plan. The Ronald District Subarea Plan is part of Shoreline's economic development program and will follow the process used for the North City Subarea Plan recently completed by the City.

With the help of the community and other key stakeholders, the City of Shoreline is developing a vision for the commercial area along Aurora from approximately N. 175th St. to 192nd St. This vision will be further explored during a design charrette Oct. 8 - 11.

In July, City staff, town planners Lennertz Coyle and Associates (the same consultants that helped the City with the North City Subarea Plan) and real estate economist Ed Starkie met with neighborhood associations, the Chamber of Commerce, community groups and City Councilmembers to discuss the process and vision for the Ronald District Subarea Plan. A public meeting was held July 24 to kick off the process and invite comments on the vision for this key area in Shoreline.

Issues discussed during this research phase included the subarea boundary, the name of the subarea and which locations should be studied as demonstration sites.

Because of location, the subarea plan will inform and address two of Shoreline's largest capital improvement projects. It will develop recommendations for alignment and design of the Interurban Trail and generate alternatives for the alignment of Aurora through the subarea.

"The plan will look at ways to use these two projects and other tools to help the City make the statement, 'You have just entered a special place in Shoreline,'" explains Shoreline Economic Development Coordinator Jan Briggs.

The Ronald Subarea Plan seeks to resolve long-standing issues critical to the future development and viability of Shoreline's commercial core.

"The goal is to create an atmosphere that not only attracts new businesses, but where existing businesses feel confident investing in themselves because they know they will be able to support that investment," says Starkie.

The October design charrette will begin putting ideas on how to accomplish this on paper. For four days, a group of architects and designers will set up a studio in Shoreline to draw ideas generated in ongoing meetings with stakeholders. The charrette will have an open house atmosphere where the public can watch and comment on the progress. Formal presentations of each days' work will be held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 and 9 and the final outcome will be presented Oct. 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The goal of the charrette is to create alternative design concepts for the entire subarea as well as the demonstration sites within the subarea. The City will then do market analysis for each of the demonstration sites.

For more information about the Ronald Subarea Plan, please contact Briggs at (206) 546-1700.

## New signal for 15th Ave. NE

This month Shoreline residents will see a new traffic signal at the intersection of 15th Ave. NE and 165th St.

In May, crews completed the street work such as running conduit, installing curb ramps and pouring the foundation for the signal as the first phase of construction. Now that the signal poles and controller have been manufactured and delivered, construction can be completed.

The signal is being installed to improve safety — between August 1992 and July 1995 there were ten accidents at this intersection. Most accidents are caused by vehicles attempting a left turn onto 15th Ave. NE from 165th St.

The signal will also allow the Shoreline School District to reroute buses off residential streets. Since buses leaving the school district lot at 165th St. have difficulty making left turns onto 15th Ave. NE, they travel on side streets to other arterials. The new signal will allow more direct access to 15th Ave. NE.

Once the signal is installed, it must be tested and approved by King County. Traffic delays should be limited to 165th St. during installation.

For more information, please call Project Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 546-1700.

## Four Shoreline parks under construction



Paramount School Park will be the home of the new skateboard park. The photo above shows work on the funbox seat wall footing; left is the drainage for the skateboard park; and below is field drainage.

With the Aug. 20 City Council approval of the construction contract, the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center joins the growing list of Shoreline park properties under construction.

By the end of the year, four park properties will have a completely new look thanks to capital improvement projects now underway: Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, Shoreline Pool, Paramount School Park and Shoreview Park. Here's what is planned for each of them:

**Richmond Highlands Recreation Center** improvements include a single stall uni-sex bathroom built to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; seismic upgrades; new windows; new entryway; upgraded finishes; and mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades.

**Shoreline Pool** improvements include an expanded women's locker room; larger lobby and office space; a family changing room; a restroom off the swimming pool; an upper level meeting room; upgraded finishes; and increasing the life of mechanical components such as the pool filter, electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems.

**Paramount School Park** is receiving a complete overhaul and will be home to the new, much anticipated skateboard park. Improvements include regraded and reconfigured fields; drainage and irrigation; a restroom; a paved parking lot; and reworked pathways.

**Shoreview Park** improvements include a new Little League field; two new restroom facilities;



The lobby in the Shoreline Pool (top) is being expanded and the entrance (top right and above) will be enhanced with patterned concrete. Some of the improvements to Shoreview Park include a new Little League Field (right), better access to the tennis courts (far right) and two new restrooms.



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new play areas; additional parking; new pathways and stairs; a picnic plaza; bus and passenger drop off areas; landscaping; habitat restoration; frontage improvements; and irrigation and drainage.

For more information about improvements to the Richmond

Highlands Recreation Center and Shoreline Pool, please call Project Manager Paul Cornish at (206) 546-0786. For information about improvements to Paramount School Park and Shoreview Park, please call Project Manager John Vicente at (206) 546-8903.



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Visitors will get a chance to take a look at the transformation at an Open House Friday, Oct. 12. Festivities begin with refreshments and tours of Spartan Gym and Stadium from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Shorecrest ver-



sus Shorewood High School football game is from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. followed by an All-City High School Dance at Spartan Gym from 9:00 p.m. to midnight.

Although limited programs have already been held at the Spartan Gym, many more will debut this fall. Look in Shoreline's Fall Recreation Guide for programs that will be held in the facility such as preschool and youth gymnastics and dance, adult health and fitness, and other family activities.

For more information about the open house or Spartan Gym, please call the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041.

## City receives grant for Interurban Trail bridge

In August, the City of Shoreline was awarded a \$534,000 grant from the Target Zone Grant Program for design of a bridge over Aurora Ave. N. near N. 155th St. for the Interurban Trail.

The City of Shoreline is developing the former Interurban Rail Line, currently Seattle City Light right-of-way, into a linear park for non-motorized transportation. The Shoreline City Council approved a design contract for the south segment (N. 145th St. to N. 155th St.) and north segment (N. 185th St. to N. 205th St.) in May and an agreement with Seattle City Light for joint use of the property in July. Construction on the south segment could begin by the end of the year.

To date, Shoreline has received \$2.9 million in state and federal funding for design and construction.

Shoreline may soon see a preview of the Interurban Trail. An adjacent portion of the Trail will be completed as part of the site development for the Top Foods being built on N. 175th St. and Midvale Ave. N. The site development for Top Foods (which includes work on the parking lot, lighting and landscaping — everything except construction on the actual building) is expected to be done by June 2002.

For more information about the Interurban Trail, please call Project Manager Paul Cornish at (206) 546-0786.

## Expanded bus service begins

This month, bus riders in Shoreline will have more options as Metro increases hours of bus service throughout King County.

In June, the King County Council approved an addition of 77,000 hours of bus service beginning Sept. 1. Together with administrative changes, this will result in a total of 124,000 hours of new Metro bus service countywide for 2001. Many of these hours will restore bus service cuts Metro made in response to Initiative 695 which cut transportation funding.

In Shoreline, service will increase for four routes:

- Route 315 serving Richmond Beach and Ridgecrest will run hourly until 10:00 p.m. on weeknights and from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00

p.m. on weekends.

- Route 314, which runs between Shoreline Community College and Lake Forest Park Towne Center, will have two more bidirectional peak trips.

- Route 302 was reoriented and will run between Northgate and Aurora Village Transit Center, serving North Seattle Community College, Shoreline Community College, the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, Shorewood High School, St. Luke's Academy and King's School.

- Route 358 serving Aurora will have increased service during peak travel periods.

For more information about bus routes and schedules in Shoreline, visit King County Metro's Web site at <http://transit.metrokc.gov/> or call (206) 553-3000.

## Aurora Corridor EIS expected in November

With 30 percent of the design complete, the City of Shoreline's Aurora Corridor Project N. 145th St. to N. 165th St. is now undergoing environmental review.

The Aurora Corridor Project is subject to both state and federal environmental review procedures. Shoreline is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement to comply with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and an Environmental Assessment (EA) to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The EIS is a comprehensive document that studies project alternatives, significant adverse impacts and mitigation measures for those impacts. Shoreline expects to release the Draft EIS for public comment by the end of November. The public and agencies will be invited to comment in writing, and the City will hold a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for January 2002.

"Although the City is confident that the proposed improvements to Aurora will not have significant adverse environmental impacts, we also believe that a SEPA EIS is the best way to thoroughly examine all the issues surrounding the project," explains Shoreline City Manager Steve Burkett. "This is one of the largest projects the City of Shoreline is likely to pursue in the coming years and we want to use a process that will carefully address all concerns."

The EA also carefully considers all potential impacts by presenting technical studies on the project for review by the federal government. Just a few of the areas that will be addressed include traffic, water quality, safety and economic impacts.

The goal of the Aurora Corridor Improvement Project is to enhance the safety of pedestrians and motorists and improve the economic development potential of the business district while recognizing the regional importance of the street in the overall transportation network.

The design concept was developed during a yearlong predesign study that included dozens of public meetings with neighborhood and business community members, technical advisors and partnering agencies such as King County Metro and the Washington State Department of Transportation. Following a unanimous recommenda-

tion by the 13-member Citizens Advisory Task Force, the Shoreline City Council unanimously approved the design concept.

The design concept calls for two travel lanes and a business access/transit (BAT) lane in each direction, landscaped medians with left-turn and U-turn pockets, an eight-foot sidewalk separated from the street by a four-foot amenity zone, underground utilities and uniform lighting.

For more information about the Aurora Corridor Improvement Project, please contact Community and Government Relations Manager Joyce Nichols at (206) 546-0779.

## Planning Commission open house

A lot is happening in the planning arena in Shoreline and the Shoreline Planning Commission invites you to learn more at an open house Thursday, Oct. 4, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Historical Museum, 749 N. 175th St.

Shoreline Planning Commissioners will be available to discuss and provide updates on a variety of topics and City projects, including: the 2000-2001 Comprehensive Plan amendment process; upcoming Development Code amendments; the North City Subarea Plan; Ronald Subarea Plan; Westminster/Aurora Square redevelopment analysis; Aurora Corridor Project; and the Interurban Trail.

For more information about the open house, please contact Rachael Markle at (206) 546-6778.

## Red Tide warnings in Shoreline

Red Tide warnings were issued throughout the Puget Sound this summer, including one for the beaches in Shoreline. In early August, signs were posted at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park warning that shellfish are unsafe to eat

due to paralytic shellfish poisoning, or "Red Tide."

For more information about Red Tide warnings around Puget Sound, visit the Department of Health's Web site at [www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/sf/biotoxin.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/sf/biotoxin.htm), or call the Red Tide Hotline at (800)562-5632 to hear a daily update.

## Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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

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

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

**Agenda Line**  
(206) 546-2190

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Channel 21  
Wednesday through Sunday  
6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.

### Shoreline Police

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### City of Shoreline Web site

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