

# CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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Ivy OUT Events are scheduled for Shoreline parks each month throughout the rest of the year.

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The photo above shows the cornerstone of the Aurora Bridge ramp with the art panels forming the outside walls. Crews will continue work on the walls supporting the bridge ramps over the next few weeks and the girders for the Aurora Bridge will be set in place on May 19.

## The bridges are coming! The bridges are coming!

The first dramatic – and history-making – step of the Aurora Corridor, N. 145<sup>th</sup> to N. 165<sup>th</sup> Streets and Interurban Trail Pedestrian Bridges Project is set to happen May 19.

The project includes two Interurban Trail bridges – one over Aurora and the other crossing N. 155<sup>th</sup> Street. For the past few months, crews have been constructing bridge footings, concrete column supports and walls made of concrete art panels to support the bridge ramps. This month, the girders will be put in place for the bridge over Aurora,

marking an important step in the construction of a future landmark.

Aurora will be closed between N. 155<sup>th</sup> and N. 160<sup>th</sup> Streets at 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 19, until 6:00 a.m. the next morning. Detours will be in place.

The two 130-foot concrete girders and the cranes needed to place them will be on site earlier in the week. Once Aurora is closed, crews will begin the delicate process of moving everything into place. The actual

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Above is an illustration of the Aurora Bridge, looking north from about N. 155th Street.

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setting of the girders on the columns is not likely to take place until 10:00 p.m. or later.

Several businesses in the vicinity intend to stay open during the event so people can shop or eat while waiting for the big event. Police will be on site throughout

the night to help maintain safety and keep people out of the construction zone.

The Aurora Corridor Project, N. 145<sup>th</sup> to 165<sup>th</sup> Streets, features underground utilities, sidewalks, an improved stormwater system, two travel lanes and a business

access/transit lane in each direction, landscaped medians with left- and U-turn pockets and roadway and pedestrian-level lighting. The goals of the project are to improve safety, traffic flow, transit efficiency and economic development potential for the corridor.

The Interurban Trail Pedestrian Bridges Project constructs the bridges over N. 155<sup>th</sup> Street (west of Aurora) and on Aurora Avenue N. (at approximately N. 158<sup>th</sup> Street), and completes the trail connection between N. 155<sup>th</sup> and N. 160<sup>th</sup> Streets.

For more information about the Aurora Corridor and Pedestrian Bridges Project and to check for updates about the girder placement, visit [www.shorelineaurora.com](http://www.shorelineaurora.com) or call the project hotline at (206) 546-5680 to hear a recorded message. On the Web site, you can also subscribe to receive email updates about the project.

## **Hazardous Wastemobile visits Shoreline May 19-21**

The Household Hazardous Wastemobile is coming to Shoreline May 19-21. It will be in the Aurora Square Sears parking lot from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

Dropping off items at the Wastemobile is free and for King County residents only. No commercial or business waste will be accepted.

For everyone's safety, please keep products in their original container or label them if they are not; don't mix products; secure products from leaking; and stay in your vehicle during unloading.

Examples of the types of things the Wastemobile accepts include cleaners, pesticides, hobby chemicals, oil-based paint, propane tanks, weed killers and aerosols.

For a complete list of what to bring and what not to bring or for more information about disposing of household hazardous waste, call (206) 296-4292 or visit [www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house/disposal](http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house/disposal).

## King County to begin construction of Hidden Lake sewer project in June

King County's Wastewater Treatment Division is scheduled to start construction of the Hidden Lake Sewer Improvement Project in Shoreline in June. A public open house to discuss schedule and construction activities will be held Wednesday, May 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Sunset Elementary School, 17800 10th Avenue NW.

To ensure the safety and reliability of the sewer system in Shoreline, the County is replacing the Hidden Lake Pump Station and part of the Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer, and building a new underground storage pipe in Boeing Creek Park (see map). The project will further protect public health and water quality and replace facilities and pipelines that are more than 40 years old in the Richmond Beach and Innis Arden communities.

King County's contractor, Frank Coluccio Construction Company, plans to begin work at the Richmond Beach Pump Station at 19911 Richmond Beach Drive NW. Work will then progress south along the Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer (see map). About 12,000 feet of County sewers will be replaced. A widened asphalt shoulder will be added to the north and east sides of the road along the sewer route.

In addition, the County is working with Seattle Public Utilities on improvements to the water utilities. The County is replacing 5,000 ft. of water mains and six hydrants impacted by the sewer

upgrades. Seattle Public Utilities is replacing another 1,100 ft. of water mains, six hydrants and upgrading service connections. The service connection work will take place ahead of the County work.

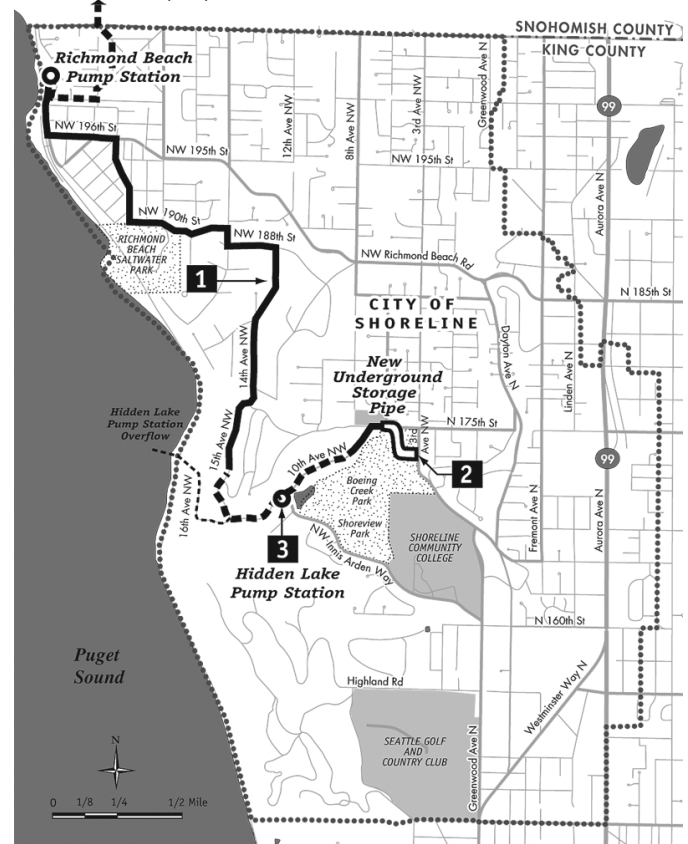
Construction of the projects will overlap and altogether will take about two and a half years to complete.

Work at the Richmond Beach Pump Station early in the project will allow the City to move forward with plans to build a park at this location. King County is providing land for the park as part of a mitigation agreement with the City. For more information about park planning and design, call Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Dick Deal at (206) 546-2072.

During the design phases of the project, King County held public meetings and worked with community groups and neighbors to plan for upcoming construction. King County will continue to work closely with the community as work progresses. Project team members will meet individually with residents and provide advanced notice of work.

Jennifer Kauffman, King County community relations manager for the project, can be

reached at (206) 263-6029 or Jennifer.Kauffman@metrokc.gov. A 24-hour construction hotline is also available at (206) 205-5968 to address concerns and answer questions. The project Web site is <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd/projects/hiddenlake.htm>.



- 1** Replace part of the Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer.
- 2** Construct a new underground storage pipe and sewer.
- 3** Replace Hidden Lake Pump Station.



## North City moving toward grand finale

May promises big visual changes for North City as the City of Shoreline reaches the final weeks of construction.

This month, as overhead utility wires start coming down, crews will begin removing utility poles. 15th Ave. NE will be repaved. Decorative concrete work will be poured at the corners of intersections. The new traffic light signals will be turned on. And landscaping will be planted.

"This stage of construction involves dramatic changes such as the poles coming down and the trees going up," says Shoreline City Manager Bob Olander. "It is exciting to start seeing how the final project will look when it is all done."

The tree grates are already in place, protecting the deep holes waiting for the trees. The two species of trees featured along 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE – Autumn Applause Ash and Chanticleer Pear – were selected because they are both narrow-growing trees with spectacular fall color. The pear also has white flowers in spring.



**The decorative concrete work at the corner of the intersections is being poured for the North City Project.**

Other landscaping includes rhododendrons, heather, fescue, lavender, sage, geraniums and bulb flowers such as tulips and daffodils.

One construction activity happening this month that may appear to be moving the project backwards is the replacement of inadequate concrete in select areas. The contractor is required to ensure all the concrete work meets the City's specifications. Some portions were damaged and

some failed, so the contractor will be replacing those sections this month at its own expense. It is not expected to delay completion of the project which is set for late June.

One of the last stages of construction that will likely be saved for June is painting the stripes for the four lanes that will run through the business district. This is to avoid wear on the stripes from construction traffic and to allow crews to channel traffic to one side of the street if work is needed along the side of the road.

"We urge the community to continue to support the businesses during this final stage of construction and come see the changes that will be happening every day," says Olander. "When the Celebrate Shoreline Parade rolls down 15<sup>th</sup> in August, the North City business district will have a lot to be proud of and we hope the whole city will turn out to see the transformation and help us celebrate."

## It pays to live green in Shoreline

Seattle City Light provides cash incentives to encourage both residents and businesses to conserve resources and promote clean air and water. These programs include everything from a \$20 rebate for purchasing Energy Star Lighting Fixtures to \$100 for purchasing a resource-efficient washing machine. Business incentives apply to industrial refrigerators, efficient lighting and vending machines. Being a good citizen and making money was never so easy! For more information on these programs, visit Seattle City Light's Web site at <http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/light/conserve/>.

## Residents share ideas to improve Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

The first public meeting to help develop a Master Plan for the Richmond Beach Saltwater Park was well attended with more than 50 Shoreline residents turning out for the open house at the Richmond Beach Library and two site tours of the park.

The City of Shoreline is working with the design team, Hewitt Architects, to develop a Master Plan for the park to guide its growth and development. The plan will provide the City with a long-range management tool for upgrading park facilities and help the City develop a vegetation plan to control erosion problems and restore the park to a more natural state.

The main goals of the plan are to protect and maintain park assets, build on and improve existing facilities, connect the different areas of the park, create a cohesive park experience and establish appropriate vegetation and habitat.

The March meeting gave residents a chance to share their ideas and concerns with City staff and consultants and to learn about potential park improvement projects.

Common issues included:

- Preserving the upper bluff trail
- Increasing park maintenance and restoring habitat
- Fire prevention
- Improving ADA (disabled) accessibility
- Increasing general and view parking

• Using caretaker's residence for events or concessions/rest rooms

- Improving beach access
- Providing new activity areas for fishing, scuba diving, etc.

• Adding general and interpretive signs

Public comments will be considered in the design plans for the park. Additional public

meetings will be scheduled for this summer. Preliminary Master Plan recommendations are scheduled for presentation to the City Council later this year.

For additional information about Richmond Beach Saltwater Park or development of the Master Plan, contact Capital Projects Manager Dave Buchan at (206) 546-2005.



## Thank you Shoreline volunteers!

Shoreline Police Neighborhood Center volunteers (from left) Bob Swanson, Dan Henry and Joel Watkins gathered on April 28, as the City of Shoreline hosted its annual Volunteer Breakfast. Mayor Bob Ransom thanked volunteers for the over 13,500 hours they devoted to the City in 2005. Just a few of the areas volunteers help the City include the Police Department, Parks programs and events, advisory groups and neighborhoods. Jet City Improv provided entertainment. In keeping with the theme "Volunteers: Helping Shoreline Bloom," volunteers took home gardening gloves and forget-me-not seeds as a token of the City's appreciation.

## Engineering documents now available online

As part of an ongoing effort to streamline services, the City of Shoreline began offering its Engineering Development Guide (EDG) for download on the City Web site last month. This document was previously available only at City Hall and cost almost \$10.

Shoreline residents installing driveways, catch basins or other construction projects on City right-of-way are required to follow specific requirements outlined in the EDG. The guide establishes minimum engineering standards for surface water management, traffic control and safety markings, and other improvements within the City right-of-way. It also contains design specifications and standard drawings for construction within the City of Shoreline.

Now that the EDG is online, residents can pick and choose only the forms they need, such as standard drawings of mailbox stands or fencing, instead of printing out or paying for the entire guide. Another new feature is a comment form asking for feedback on the City's requirements. Public comments and proposed changes will be reviewed each year in September, and the requirements may be updated accordingly by City staff.

The EDG is in PDF format. Hard copies are still available for \$9.79 and CD-ROMs are also

available for \$3 at the City Hall Annex Building, 1110 N. 175th Street, at the Planning and Development Services Department front counter.

For more information, contact

City of Shoreline Engineering Technician Jim Curtin at (206) 546-0324, or log on to [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) and click on "engineering standards" under popular links.

## Red Cross Disaster Supply Relief Center celebration



On April 24, (from left) Shoreline Community College Board of Trustees Vice Chair Gidget Terpstra, Red Cross Board Chair Judy Holder and Shoreline Deputy Mayor Maggie Fimia cut the ribbon at the new Red Cross Disaster Relief Supply Center (DRSC) located on the Shoreline Community College campus.

The DRSC will play a critical role in helping the Red Cross be prepared for catastrophic disasters in King County. The building is outfitted with a solar-powered system, interior/exterior lights, an alarm and enough cots, blankets and hygiene kits for 500 to 800 people. Other sites are in Carnation and Federal Way.

The Shoreline DRSC was paid for through a donation from the Joshua Green Foundation. Shoreline Community College provided a location for the building on the northeast corner of the campus at no charge.





In honor of Earth Day, volunteers gathered at Shoreline parks and open spaces to remove invasive plants such as this huge pile of ivy at South Woods. Shoreline has Ivy OUT Events planned through the rest of the year to help combat this growing problem.

## Ad-hoc Human Services Allocations Committee volunteers needed

The City of Shoreline is seeking residents interested in serving on the Ad Hoc Human Services Allocations Committee. The Committee is advisory to the City Manager, who relies heavily on the committee's work in preparing the staff recommendations to the City Council, which makes the final decision.

Residents who have an interest in or knowledge of human service needs and programs are encouraged to apply. This year an estimated \$313,000 in City and federal Community Development Block Grant funding will be available to fund a variety of services.

The Ad Hoc Allocations Committee will meet during July for two to three evening sessions. Applications to serve on the committee are available at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) or by calling (206) 546-5042.

Completed applications are due by May 26. Applications are available in alternative formats for individuals with disabilities upon request.

For further information contact Rob Beem (206) 546-1933 or George Smith (206) 546-5569.

## Ivy OUT Events carry Earth Day spirit throughout the year

Help save our parks and natural spaces from invasive plants such as ivy that crowd out native species: join the City of Shoreline at an upcoming Ivy OUT Event.

Shoreline began sponsoring Ivy O.U.T. (Off Urban Trees) events in parks last year and held a series of events in honor of Earth Day last month.

Ivy OUT Events are scheduled one Saturday a month from 9:00 a.m. to noon now through October. Everyone 14 years and older is invited to participate. Tools will be provided.

### May 20

Hamlin Park  
16006 15th Avenue NE

### June 17

Boeing Creek Park  
601 NW 175th Street

### July 29

Darnell Park  
1125 N. 165th Street

### August 26

North Crest Park  
827 NE 170th Street

### September 23

North City Park  
19201 10th Avenue NE

### October 21

Brugger's Bog Park  
19553 25th Avenue NE

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

### City of Shoreline

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and Public Works Department  
Highland Plaza  
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Meeting Location  
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

Televised City Council Meetings  
Cable Channel 21  
Tuesday noon and 8 p.m.  
Wednesday through Sunday  
6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.

### Shoreline Police

#### Emergency: 911

Shoreline Police Station  
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Shoreline, WA 98133  
(206) 546-6730

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Shoreline, WA 98177  
(206) 546-3636

Eastside Neighborhood Police Ctr.  
Officer Deneese Elfenson  
521 NE 165th St.  
Shoreline, WA 98155  
(206) 363-8424

### City of Shoreline Web site

Information about meetings,  
projects and programs is  
available online.

[www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com)



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