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Shoreline Police offer easy things you can do to protect your vehicle from theft.

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Thank you, Shoreline!

70% say "Yes" to parks

At the May 16 election, 70% of Shoreline voters approved the City's \$18.5 million bond levy request to purchase open space properties, make park improvements and develop trails.

As of May 17, King County elections reported 100% of the 8,784 votes counted, well over the number needed to validate the election. The 6,160 votes

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Interurban Trail bridge girder installation draws a crowd



On May 19, Shoreline residents, business owners and City staff turned out to watch the installation of the girders for the Interurban Trail bridge across Aurora.

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Shoreline voters pass park bond levy *from page 1*

approving the bond — 70.17% — was also well over the 60% super-majority needed to pass the levy.

“We are grateful that Shoreline voters recognized the importance of this bond measure and turned out to vote yes,” said Shoreline Mayor Bob Ransom. “This will greatly increase our park and recreation services. Now we’ll have 29 parks and 375 acres of park land for Shoreline residents to enjoy.”

Open space acquisition accounts for over half of the bond including \$6 million to purchase 12.6 acres of South Woods Property, \$3.3 million to purchase 8.3 acres adjacent to Hamlin Park and \$950,000 to purchase and make improvements at the four-acre Kruckeberg Botanic Garden.

South Woods is located on the corner of NE 150th Street and NE 25th Avenue. The City purchased three acres of the 15.6-acre property in December. The bond will allow the City to purchase the remaining property from the School and Water Districts to preserve it as an urban forest.

The other piece of property that will also be preserved as urban forest is 8.3 acres currently owned by Seattle Public Utilities. Located roughly on the corner of NE 165th Street and 16th Avenue NE, this property is adjacent to the northern boundary of Hamlin Park.

The third property acquisition financed by the bond is for the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden on 15th Avenue NW. This property is home to the plant collection of Dr.



The bond will allow the City to purchase and preserve urban forest like the Seattle Public Utilities property above, make park improvements and improve trails throughout Shoreline’s parks system.

Art Kruckeberg, University of Washington Botany Professor Emeritus, and his late wife Mareen. The Kruckeberts devoted their lives to collecting and growing rare and native plants on their four-acre property. A group of volunteers formed the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation to preserve the property for community educational, cultural and aesthetic enrichment. Besides purchasing the property, the City will be making some minor improvements.

Examples of park improvement and other projects the bond will fund include development of an off-leash dog park, new field turf at Twin Ponds, improvements at Cromwell, Hamlin and Richmond Beach

Saltwater Parks, lights for the tennis courts at Shoreline Center and developing and improving trails in the City.

Since voters approved the levy, the next step is for the City to begin the process of selling the bonds. The City will also begin negotiations for the property acquisitions. The park improvement and trail projects will be determined with help from the community through public participation processes.

The estimated levy rate for the bond will be 28.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The tax impact on a Shoreline home valued at \$289,000 would be \$82.36 per year or \$6.86 per month.

Shoreline Police Crime-Stopper Tips

Targeting auto theft in Shoreline: Lock your car

Thirty-eight percent of Shoreline auto thefts happen when car owners leave their car doors unlocked. This surprising statistic is one Shoreline Police want to make residents aware of as officers step up crime prevention throughout the City.

Although auto thefts in Shoreline are 30 percent lower than in the overall Puget Sound area, Shoreline Police are aggressively pursuing car thieves and kicking off a public education effort to share anti-theft tips with residents. Arrests for auto theft and possession of stolen property were up 68 percent from 2004 to 2005, and officers plan to continue the increased attention in 2006.

The department works with regional agencies, including Seattle's North Precinct Auto Theft Detectives, to identify and arrest suspects impacting Seattle and Shoreline. Shoreline detectives also attend monthly regional meetings with other law enforcement agencies to share information and to look for stolen car trends. This allows police to provide patrol officers with the most current information possible and focus on high-impact areas.

In addition, a weekly "hot sheet" listing all Shoreline stolen cars is provided to officers. Officers use Voyager wireless technology to enter license plate numbers through a system that links stolen cars warrants with a specific car or registered owner. Many of the vehicles are recovered by police as a direct result of running license plates

through this system.

Earlier this year, a detective saw a suspicious car in the Old Country Buffet parking lot. Using the new Voyager system on his laptop, he ran the car's license plate. It came back stolen. Following a vehicle pursuit and K-9 tracking, two Seattle juveniles were arrested and booked into the King County Youth Center for investigation of auto theft and attempting to elude police.

Because one of the most effective ways to reduce auto theft is prevention, Shoreline Police are focusing on community education.

Three basic tips go a long way in protecting your car from theft: close all windows, lock your car and never leave your car running unattended.

The two Shoreline police storefronts are actively getting the word out. Officers speak about auto theft prevention when they

attend Block Watch meetings and they have published a number of articles in Block Watch publications.

After learning that 28 percent of Shoreline auto thefts occur from apartment complexes, Storefront Officer Leona Obstler put together an auto theft prevention brochure with a list of tips and information specific to Shoreline. These brochures are now supplied to each apartment complex manager in the City and are available at the Shoreline Police precinct and each storefront location (see page 8 for addresses).

Officers are now working on a program that will allow Shoreline residents to purchase "The Club" steering wheel device at a reduced price of \$10 to \$15. Details will be available soon.

For more information about auto theft in Shoreline, visit www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/departments/police/index.cfm.

You can help keep your vehicle safe from thieves

1. Lock your car
2. Close all windows
3. Never leave your vehicle running unattended
4. Install a steering wheel locking device
5. Install an alarm system with a kill switch
6. Install an ignition or fuel kill switch
7. Park in busy, well-lit locations
8. Install a locking fuel cap
9. Remove all valuables
10. Install a vehicle tracking system

City Council signs U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

At its April 24 meeting, Shoreline City Council adopted a resolution supporting the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

The agreement urges the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the goal of reducing global warming pollution levels by 2012 to 7% below 1990 levels as set out by the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption.

"We all need to do our part to reduce greenhouse gases and the City of Shoreline is proud to take the lead in our community," says Shoreline Mayor Bob Ransom. "It is

the right thing to do."

As part of the agreement, the City of Shoreline will strive to meet or exceed the pollution reduction targets by taking actions in its own operations and community. Shoreline staff does not anticipate any significant financial impact from adopting the agreement because many of the measures listed as examples are already underway in Shoreline. Just a few examples of the measures listed in the agreement that the City is already doing include preserving open space, promoting transit options such as bicycle trails, creating walkable urban

communities, using hybrid cars in the City's fleet and recycling.

Although the United States is not participating in the Kyoto Protocol, many state and local governments as well as many leading U.S. companies have adopted greenhouse gas reduction programs in response to the measure.

Some of the things you can do to reduce greenhouse gases include carpooling and using public transportation, avoiding idling your car, recycling and conserving energy by using Energy Star appliances and energy-efficient lighting.

Fireworks ban reminder

As you make plans to celebrate the Fourth of July, please remember that all types of fireworks are illegal in the City of Shoreline.

Shoreline Police will be enforcing the City's year-round fireworks ban by confiscating fireworks and writing tickets for possession. Shoreline residents may report offenders by calling 911 or (206) 296-3311.

If you have fireworks that you want to dispose of safely, please call the Police Communications Center at (206) 296-3311 to make arrangements.



Hopelink food bank accepts homegrown produce

Do you have a summer garden overflowing with veggies you'd like to share with your community? If so, the Hopelink food bank in Shoreline would be happy to take them off your hands.

Donations of homegrown produce should be fresh and ready to eat. To ensure that your donation can be distributed to families in need while it is still fresh, please call the Shoreline Hopelink food bank at (206) 440-7300 to find out when to deliver your donation.

Hopelink moved into its new location at 15809 Westminster Way N. (Aurora Square Shopping Center) last Thanksgiving and provides a host of services to families in need. Besides fresh produce, the food bank welcomes donations of canned food, pasta and rice, peanut butter, vegetable oil and other nonperishable, packaged food. Grocery store gift certificates and cash donations are the most useful for the food bank as they are able to stretch each dollar to buy exactly what is needed to serve our community's families in need.

For more information about how you can support Hopelink or to find out how to access the services it offers, call the number above or visit www.hope-link.org.

Interurban Trail North Central Segment moves toward construction this summer

The landscape is changing between N 175th and N 192nd Streets in Shoreline in preparation for construction of the last segment of the Interurban Trail this summer.

Final 90 percent design plans for the segment are under review by City staff, and construction bids are being accepted for the project. City Council is scheduled to award the construction contract later this month with construction to begin in July.

The North Central portion of the trail runs on the east side of Sky Nursery and the west side of Midvale Avenue bordering Walgreens Pharmacy and Gateway Plaza. These private entities are making their own property improvements according to City of Shoreline standards. Proposed design for the City's portion includes concrete trail surfacing with scoring patterns that suggest a historical nod to the old Interurban Trolley and well-developed landscaping and trees to offer seasonal color and interest.

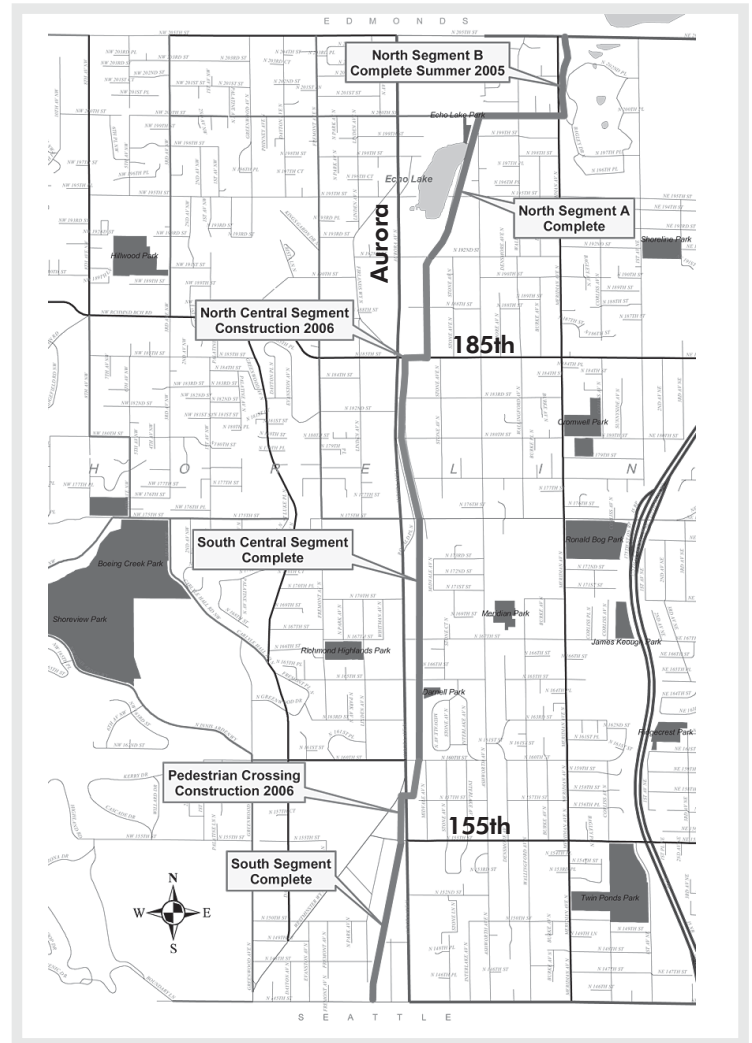
The portion of the North Central segment on Aurora Avenue from N 175th to N 185th Streets is often referred to as the "heart" of Shoreline. There is land near N 178th Street for a new public gathering space although no specific plans have been developed.

Design also includes potential additional enhancements made possible by reallocating funds from other City projects. They are being bid as "additive alternates"

and will be completed only if funding is available. The enhancements may include: trellis and pedestrian lighting, a 20-stall parking lot at N 178th Street and Midvale Avenue, new sidewalk on the east side of Midvale Avenue from N 185th to N 186th Streets and safety enhancements along the entire trail.

The other remaining unfinished section of the trail — the pedestrian bridges — is under construction and scheduled to be complete by the end of this year.

By the beginning of 2007, Shoreline residents will be able to enjoy a three-mile, non-motorized transportation system with access to shopping, services and employment, plus access to transit centers at Aurora Village and the Shoreline Park and Ride. Shoreline's trail connects to the Snohomish County Interurban Trail



For funding and construction purposes, Shoreline's Interurban Trail has been built in segments. The last two segments are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2006.

that runs all the way to Everett.

For more information about the Interurban Trail's North Central Segment, contact Capital Projects Manager Dave Buchan at (206) 546-2005.

City to address flooding issues downstream of Ronald Bog in Thornton Creek project

Last summer, the Shoreline City Council approved the Surface Water Master Plan and the 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Both of these plans included several projects near Ronald Bog that are scheduled to begin this year, including a newly created Thornton Creek Corridor Project.

Over the past five years, several CIP and maintenance projects have been implemented in the Upper Thornton Creek basin to address flooding. The focus of the Thornton Creek project is to evaluate flooding problems downstream of Ronald Bog, recommend solutions and identify ways to benefit water quality, habitat and the community. In April, Council approved a contract for RW Beck, Inc., to provide preliminary engineering design for this project. A 30 percent design plan will be submitted to the regulatory permitting agencies for review in October.

Ronald Bog is a visible part of the Thornton Creek Watershed. The Creek runs through Shoreline and into Seattle before discharging into Lake Washington at Matthews Beach. Flooding problems in Shoreline's area of the watershed — which have affected up to 20 homes — are caused primarily by inadequate and out-of-date infrastructure.

While the City developed the Surface Water Master Plan, short-

term improvements were completed, including:

- Clearing debris and roots from the storm drainage pipes in two locations: south of Ronald Bog and the vicinity of 10th Avenue NE at NE 175th Street. Both pipes were checked for damage via videotaping devices and cleared by mechanical root cutting.
- Creating a temporary berm of eco-blocks at the outlet of Ronald Bog to provide winter flood protection.
- Repairing and/or replacing pipes in two locations: NE 175th

Street between 10th and 12th Avenues NE and north on 10th Avenue NE from NE 175th Street to NE 177th Place and; NE Serpentine Place from 5th Avenue NE west to NE 175th Street.

- Building sidewalk on the south side of NE 175th Street between 10th and 12th Avenues NE where the drainage improvements were made.

For more information about the Thornton Creek Corridor Project, contact Shoreline Surface Water and Environmental Services Manager Jerry Shuster at (206) 546-5745.

Party Patrol hits the streets

Each year in June, Shoreline Police join law enforcement agencies throughout King County to keep high school students safe. The annual Party Patrol program is in effect every weekend this month to discourage underage drinking parties before, during and after graduation season.

Shoreline is contributing two officers to this year's program, and Shoreline Police Captain Dan Pingrey says that local patrols will be stepped up each weekend throughout the City. Officers will shut down parties, take teens into custody and notify parents.

Shoreline Police ask that parents of teenagers talk to them

about the risks of drinking and driving. If parents are planning to be away for the weekend, ask a responsible adult to keep an eye on things. Parents may also contact Shoreline Police and make arrangements for officers to drop by as time permits.

If you or your children hear about a drinking party, please contact the Shoreline Police Department at (206) 546-6730 or (206) 296-3311. For more information about the Party Patrol, contact Captain Pingrey at (206) 546-6730.

A summer full of fun planned in Shoreline

Summer Lunchtime Music Series in July and August



Join us each Tuesday at noon for a free lunchtime concert for all ages located at either Hamlin Park (1 6006 15th Avenue NE) or Richmond Beach Saltwater Park (2021 NW 190th Street).

July 11: Roberto the Magnificent, comedy and juggling, Saltwater

July 18: Duwamish Dixieland Band, Dixieland jazz, Hamlin

July 25: Anzanga Marimba Ensemble, traditional African folk music, Saltwater

August 1: Eric Herman, cool tunes for kids, Hamlin

August 8: Jazz for You, jazz for all ages, Saltwater

August 15: Panduo, Steel drums, Hamlin

Swingin' Summer Eve

Wed., July 26

5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Cromwell Park
179th Street &
Meridian Avenue N.**

Come join the fun on July 26 for a delightful summer evening full of music, games, inflatables, face painting, a book sale and a BBQ. This joint effort between the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council is a perennial favorite. Kids will enjoy the pre-concert games and activities in the wide open field at Cromwell Park. The whole family will enjoy the BBQ provided by the Shoreline Fire Department, followed by an evening of music by the Rainy City Riff Raff band.

Celebrate Shoreline August 18-20

A weekend of fun is planned for Celebrate Shoreline. If you are interested in participating in the parade, having a community booth at the festival or entering the car show, you may download the applications online from www.cityofshoreline.com. For more information, please call (206) 418-3383.

Friday, Aug. 18

Noon – 5 p.m.

Teen Skate Competition and Party

Connie King Skate Park at
Paramount School Park
15300 8th Avenue NE

Saturday, Aug. 19

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

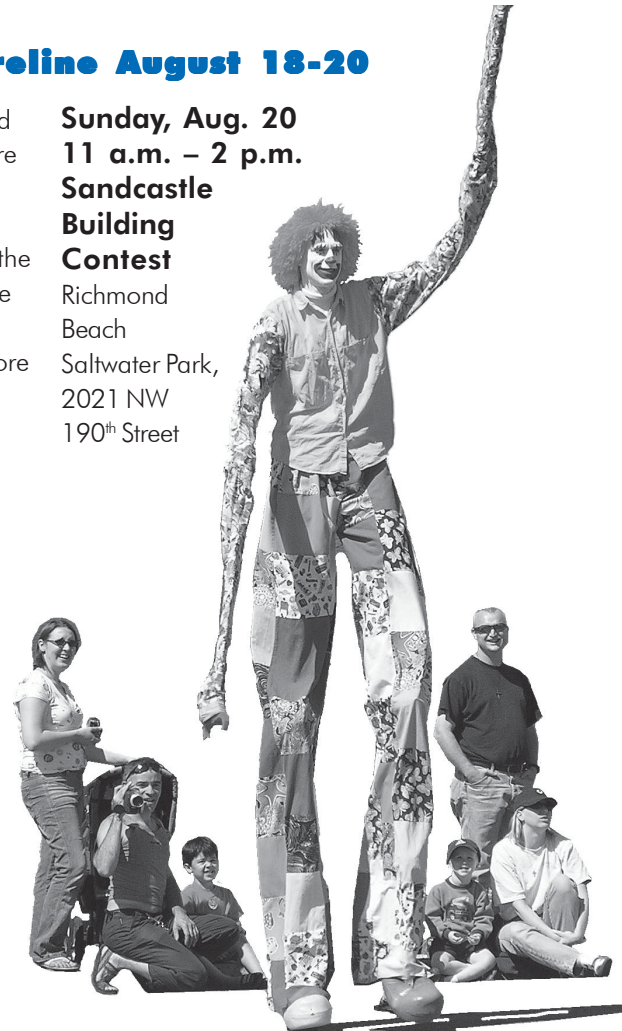
Parade and Festival

Parade on 15th Avenue NE in
North City and Festival at
Ridgecrest Elementary, 16516
10th Avenue NE

Sunday, Aug. 20
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sandcastle Building Contest

Richmond Beach
Saltwater Park,
2021 NW
190th Street



For more information about Shoreline summer programs and events, call the City of Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 418-3383.

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

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

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City of Shoreline Web site

Information about meetings,
projects and programs is
available online.

www.cityofshoreline.com



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