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Come celebrate the completion of the North City Project at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, August 17.

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Civic center/city hall site chosen

The new city hall will not be hard to find if you know where the current one is. In fact, it is literally a stones-throw away.

At its June 26 meeting, Shoreline City Council voted to purchase two pieces of property on the corner of N. 175th Street and Midvale Avenue N. as a site for a civic center/city hall.

"Almost since incorporation, City Council and staff have been working toward finding a site for a city hall. Over the years the Council and community have identified and supported a number of criteria and those criteria have survived until today," explains City Manager Bob Olander. "This site meets all those criteria and expectations, and will be able to serve community needs in the years to come."

The first property is the Highland Plaza site where the City Hall Annex is located. The property is 1.74 acres and includes both wings of the building and the garage on the corner. The agreed price is \$5.75 million. The second piece of property is Highland Park which adjoins Highland Plaza to the east. Highland Plaza is 1.21 acres and does not include the Grease

Monkey property. The agreed price is \$3.3 million.

The initial plan is to build an L-shaped city hall of about 57,000 sq. ft. on the Highland Plaza site on the corner of N. 175th Street and Midvale Avenue N. The design would likely include three stories plus surface and underground parking. Building city hall on the corner would allow the City to stay in the current Highland Plaza offices until construction is complete.

The City is purchasing the adjacent Highland Park site for future expansion of the civic center, which may include a police building.

"One of the key motivations to building a civic center/city hall is that we can save taxpayers money over time and that money can go to other services," says Olander. "It will also centralize staff service to the public, not just for now but into the future. One of the best features of this site is its central location. The civic center will serve as a focus and identity for the town and act as an

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City Council adopts 10 goals for 2007-2008

At its June 26 meeting, the Shoreline City Council adopted 10 work plan goals for 2007-2008.

The Council drafted 16 goals at its annual spring retreat then gathered community input before finalizing its list of 10 goals.

The goal-setting process is an important element in making sure the Council's top priorities receive the time and resources needed to accomplish them. These goals will guide the budget process and how the City uses resources for the coming year.

For more information about the community input, visit the City Council page on the City's Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com.

2007-2008 Council Goals

1. Complete the projects approved in the 2006 Parks Bond
2. Implement the Economic Development Strategic Plan
3. Implement an affordable civic center/city hall project
4. Complete the Aurora improvements from 165th to 205th Streets including, but not limited to sidewalks, drainage and transit
5. Develop a comprehensive housing strategy
6. Create an "environmentally sustainable community"
7. Provide safe and affordable transportation options to support land use plans including walking, bicycling, transit and vehicular options
8. Develop a Fircrest master plan in partnership with the state
9. Increase emergency preparedness training and education
10. Increase opportunities for all residents, including our youth, to get more involved in neighborhood safety and improvement programs

City hall/civic center *from page 1*

economic catalyst."

Financing for the purchase of both pieces of property and construction of a civic center/city hall will not require raising taxes since it is based on existing funds and revenue sources.

The total estimate to purchase the Highland Plaza property and build a civic center is \$24.75 million. The City currently has \$10.3 million set aside for the project and has identified an additional \$1.7 million in existing funds that can also be dedicated to it including lease savings and lease payments from existing tenants. The remaining \$12.75 million will be funded through Council-approved bonds or other financing that would be repaid

with the money the City currently pays in lease payments and an allocation of existing Real Estate Excise Tax (REET).

"When I came to Shoreline, we were conducting a survey of 50 potential sites. One by one, most of those properties fell off the list for various reasons," says Olander. "With fewer and fewer properties available and property values continuing to rise, now is the time to invest in the site for a civic center. This is a financially responsible decision for the community."

The City currently spends approximately \$777,000 a year in lease and maintenance costs for City Hall and City Hall Annex buildings. These costs go up each year as the landlords increase the lease rates. It's likely

that lease rates would continue to increase in the future.

When comparing the total cost to purchase property and construct a new civic center with the cost of continuing to lease the current properties over the next 25 years, it becomes evident that the City will save taxpayer dollars in the long-run by owning a civic center facility.

Once a site is purchased, the next steps include a public process, design, bidding and construction.

North City celebrates improvements with ribbon-cutting ceremony August 17

If you haven't visited 15th Avenue NE lately, you are in for a pleasant surprise.

Sidewalks, landscaping, street lights, benches and new signal poles now line the main street of this neighborhood commercial district. And perhaps one of the most visually pleasing changes is what is no longer there: the utility poles.

Completion of the North City Project is right on schedule. As the City finishes the final details, plans



The crosswalks in the North City area have a distinct pattern and color to make them more visible to enhance safety.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

**Thursday, August 17
2:30 p.m.
Southeast corner of
15th Avenue NE
& NE 175th Street**

are underway for a ribbon-cutting ceremony in August.

"We deeply appreciate the patience and cooperation of all the businesses during construction and hope everyone will come by now that construction is complete.

We're also very pleased with the results of the North City Project and how well our construction team – SCI Infrastructure (construction contractor), KBA (construction management) and Shoreline Capital Projects Manager John Vicente – worked together to build such a quality product," says Shoreline City Manager Bob Olander. "I hope the whole community will join us in celebrating the completion of this long-time goal at the ribbon-cutting ceremony and Celebrate Shoreline."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for Thursday, August 17, at 2:30 p.m. on the southeast corner of 15th Avenue NE and NE 175th Street. The event will include opening remarks by Mayor Bob Ransom and comments from North City business owners and community members. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about the North City Project, visit www.cityofshoreline.com or call Shoreline Capital Projects Manager John Vicente at (206) 546-8903.

Rediscover North City

**Thanks for your patience during construction -- it's over!
North City shops, restaurants and services are looking forward to you stopping by and seeing the transformation and all this neighborhood has to offer.**

New sidewalks on the way for Shoreline

Last month, the Shoreline City Council authorized a construction contract with Kemper Construction Company for \$535,193.25 to build sidewalks on three priority routes near schools. The priority routes were identified by the community in the recently adopted Transportation Master Plan.

New sidewalks on 10th Avenue NE and 3rd Avenue NW will be complete before school starts in the fall. Construction on 8th Avenue NW will be completed late August or September.

Work is now under way at 10th Avenue NE. Crews will then proceed to 3rd Avenue NW and finish with 8th Avenue NW in a one-route-at-a-time, start-to-finish approach. This allows more time for utility coordination, relocation and easement acquisition on 3rd Avenue NW and 8th Avenue NW. This approach will also allow for better construction coordination



The asphalt pathway being installed along the east side of 10th Avenue NE (shown both above and below) will be complete before school starts in September.

with the public and help minimize disruptions for pedestrians and motorists.

The Sidewalk Priority Routes program in the 2006-2011

Capital Improvement Program sets aside \$5.4 million over the next six years to build both standard sidewalks and other "pedestrian facilities." The public process to select the 2007 Priority Routes will begin in September.

Since the standard curb-gutter-sidewalk configuration does not easily work in some areas and is costly, the City is considering alternatives that will stretch tax dollars and provide more linear feet of pedestrian improvements. Examples of these alternatives include concrete curbs with asphalt sidewalks and pathways that are separated from the road by a gravel or landscaped strip.

For more information visit the project website at www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/sidewalks/ or contact Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 546-1678.



2006 road overlay and slurry seal complete



Shoreline has inventoried the condition of its streets and has set a schedule to overlay pavement and apply slurry seal to a portion of them each year. After months of prep work by Shoreline roads crews, the overlay and slurry seal contractors completed this year's work in July. Pavement overlay is for streets with extensive cracking and potholes and extends a road's use by 20 years. Slurry seal is for weathered but structurally sound streets and extends use by 10 years.

How do you use the Web site?

The City of Shoreline is updating its technology plan for 2007-2009 and would like to hear from you about how you use the City's Web site. The City is seeking comments through a short survey on its Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com.

The technology plan covers three years and guides how the City invests in technology. Besides planning for hardware replacements such as computers for staff, the technology plan covers major software purchases and implementation needed to provide improved services to the community. One example from the current plan is the software the City uses to provide online parks recreation program registration. This is the fourth time the City has updated the plan.

Staff is planning to present the proposed 2007-2009 technology plan to the City Council this fall.

Volunteers needed

Police Volunteers: Four hours per week

The Shoreline Police Department is seeking volunteers to help staff the two Police Neighborhood Centers. Volunteers assist with vital programs such as court reminder calls and victim call-backs as well as answering questions from residents who call or drop-in. A minimum commitment of four hours per week, the ability to work independently and a King County Sheriff's Office background check are required. For more information, please contact Shoreline Police at (206) 546-6730.

Volunteer Mailroom Assistant Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Help the City Clerk's Office get the job done by processing outgoing mail, sorting incoming mail and assisting various departments with large mailings. A minimum six-month commitment, ability to lift at least 25 lbs. and a Washington State Patrol background check are required. For more information, please contact the City of Shoreline Volunteer Coordinator at (206) 546-8564.

Adopt-a-Road: Four-to-six times per year

The City of Shoreline is seeking groups and individuals who want to help keep Shoreline a beautiful place to live by picking up litter along designated streets (usually about 10 blocks). All safety equipment is provided. A minimum two-year commitment to pick up litter four-to-six times a year is required. For more information, please contact the City of Shoreline Volunteer Coordinator at (206) 546-8564.

Hidden Lake Sewer Project

King County started construction on the Hidden Lake Sewer Improvement Project July 17.

The project includes replacing the Hidden Lake Pump Station, part of the Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer and facilities and pipelines in Richmond Beach and Innis Arden. It also includes building a new underground storage pipe in Boeing Creek Park.

For more information about the project, visit dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd/projects/hiddenlake.htm or call the 24-hour construction hotline at (206) 205-5968 or King County Community Relations Manager Jennifer Kauffman at (206) 263-6029.

Catch basin inserts improve water quality in Shoreline

This summer the City is testing new devices to improve the quality of the water that discharges into Echo Lake and Boeing Creek.

City crews are installing catch basin inserts under storm drain grates to treat water through filtration, settling or absorption.

The inserts fit into existing catch basins and are designed to remove contaminants including coarse sediment, oil, grease, litter and debris. They are usually made of stainless steel frames with fine

mesh filters that act as a sieve to remove particles. Some also have passive oil skimming devices to remove oil and other hydrocarbons from vehicles and wash into the stormwater.

The inserts require regular inspection and cleaning to maintain their filtering benefits. The City will assess the success of the new devices this winter.

For more information, contact Shoreline Operations Manager Jesus Sanchez at (206) 546-2519.

Shoreline Park field resurfacing



The Shoreline Park soccer field resurfacing project is on track, ahead of schedule and expected to be complete by the end of summer.

Crews removed the old sand and pea gravel atop the existing drain lines, added new gravel in each drainage trench and brought the trenches up to the proper grade.

In the photo above, a six-inch

layer of gravel is being added as the final base for the new synthetic turf. The black material shown between the drain lines is poly fabric that will keep the sand below the black material from mixing with the gravels and creating pockets that can trap drain water. This "gravel-to-gravel" contact is important for the best possible drainage.

Shoreline Park is located adjacent to the Shoreline Pool on First Avenue NE.



August 18-20

www.cityofshoreline.com

(206) 546-5041

City receives grant for three school zone flashing lights

Three local school zones should soon be much safer. The City of Shoreline was awarded a \$22,500 grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) to install flashing lights on the school zone signs at three locations.

The City worked with the Shoreline Police Department to identify the following three sites most in need of the safety upgrades:

- N. 175th Street and Wallingford Avenue N by Meridian Park Elementary School
- N. 155th Street and Wallingford Avenue N by Parkwood Elementary School
- 25th Avenue NE and NE 160th Street by Kellogg Middle School

The flashing lights will be programmed to activate in the mornings and afternoons when children are arriving and leaving school. The existing school zone signs, which read "School 20 MPH when children are present," will be changed to read "School 20 MPH when flashing." The City hopes to have the new flashing lights installed by the start of the school year.

For more information, contact City of Shoreline Traffic Engineer Rich Meredith at (206) 546-2408.



As part of routine maintenance, 500 cubic yards of material was dredged from the Hidden Lake forebay and hauled offsite for disposal. Several resident cutthroat trout were relocated to the main part of the lake and a silt curtain was installed across the forebay before the dredging to protect the downstream reaches of Boeing Creek.



Electrical permits available August 1 through City

The City of Shoreline is making good on its goals to provide City customers with more complete services and increase the efficiency of its permitting system.

Beginning August 1, Shoreline residents may apply for and purchase electrical permits at the City Hall Annex permit counter in lieu of going through the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I). Most electrical permits will be issued immediately upon purchase. Residents or their contractors may also continue to purchase permits directly through L&I if they choose and the L&I inspector will continue to perform requested inspections for

all electrical work.

This service option is a result of a negotiated interlocal agreement with L&I recently approved by the City Council. The goal of the new program is to provide a "one-stop shopping" experience for permit customers and also to increase the number of residents complying with electrical permit requirements for work done within the City.

For more information, contact Shoreline Building Official Ray Allshouse at (206) 546-3386 or Permit Services Manager Jeff Forry at (206) 546-8656.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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