

# CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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## City seeks members for Comprehensive Housing Strategy advisory committee

Shoreline is considered a “first-tier suburb” with 45 percent of its single-family homes built before 1960. As some of these homes age and are torn down to make way for new homes and as Shoreline’s population changes, how does the community want to see its neighborhoods develop?

The City is looking to the community to help answer that question and the first step is forming a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). Shoreline is now accepting applications for residents interested in helping develop a housing vision statement for Shoreline and implementation strategies. The goal is for the CAC to include a good cross-section of members of the community – longtime and newer residents, older and younger residents, singles, people

with school-age children, business owners, residential builders and nonprofit housing sector representatives.

Applications are available in the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall or at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com). Completed applications are due to the City of Shoreline, 17544 Midvale Avenue N., Shoreline, WA 98133, Attention Steve Cohn, by Wednesday, October 4, at 4:00 p.m.

The CAC is just one part of the process that will help the City develop a Comprehensive Housing Strategy, one of its goals for 2007-2008. Other parts include an inventory of Shoreline housing and a review of

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## North City Project complete



The City of Shoreline celebrated the completion of construction of the North City Project at a ribbon-cutting ceremony August 17. From left are Shoreline City Councilmembers Ron Hansen, Keith McGlashan, Cindy Ryu, Deputy Mayor Maggie Fimia and Mayor Bob Ransom with former Councilmember John Chang and Shoreline's first mayor Connie King.

## Community presentations now at Council meetings

The City Council recently changed its Council rules of procedure to include "community presentations."

These presentations will be scheduled during the second study session meeting each month. The intent of the presentations is to provide a means for nonprofit organizations to inform the Council, staff and public about their programs or efforts in the community to address a specific problem or need.

The presentations are available to individuals who are affiliated with a registered nonprofit organization.

In order to schedule the presentation, two City Councilmembers must sponsor the request. The presentations are scheduled for 30 minutes with approximately 15 minutes for the presentation and 15 minutes for questions.

For more information regarding scheduling community presentations contact Assistant City Manager Julie Modrzejewski at (206) 546-8978 or [jmodrzej@ci.shoreline.wa.us](mailto:jmodrzej@ci.shoreline.wa.us).

## Housing strategy

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applicable regulations.

The City Council will appoint committee members in October. The first meeting is planned for early November, with the group meeting twice a month. The committee should complete its work by April or May.

The CAC will host a public workshop shortly after convening to present existing housing conditions, discuss current and future housing needs, and to ask for ideas. Another public workshop will be held in the spring to discuss proposed strategies.

Some of the questions the CAC will address include: Whom do we need to serve? What kind of housing mix do we want? How active should the City be in implementing new housing? How do we make housing accessible to families with limited incomes?

The Comprehensive Housing Strategy will cover many topics including Shoreline's housing needs, economic drivers and community values.

For more information about the City's Housing Strategy Citizen Advisory Committee, contact Senior Planner Steve Cohn at (206) 546-1418.

## Aurora moves to new stage of construction

The next few months will be the busiest yet on the Aurora Corridor Project with crews working on everything from finishing utilities and installing light poles to paving the roadway and constructing medians.

Beginning the final paving moves the project into the last phase of construction. The paving is done in layers or "lifts." Some of the sections of Aurora already have the first lift completed but still need the final lift. Since weather is critical to paving as it is best done during the dry season, the goal is to have all paving completed by mid-October. Expect traffic delays and interrupted access to and from driveways during paving.

Another effort crews will be concentrating on over the next few months is median work.

Building the medians involves shutting down the two-way left-turn lane and removing the asphalt to make way for the landscaping. Next, concrete edges are built to outline the left- and U-turn pockets and medians. Finally, the landscape areas will be filled with soil and planted.

While the medians and turn pockets are under construction, please remember that U-turns are allowed at all intersections unless otherwise signed

There will be a total of 16 turn pockets between N. 145th and 165th Streets. They are located for maximum safety and convenience based on signals, side streets and existing business entrances. Once completed, all turn pockets will allow both left and U-turns.

The underground utility structures are nearly completed,

but switching the overhead utilities underground is one of the last steps of construction.

Consequently, removing the poles is also one of the final stages of construction. One odd thing you might notice is utility poles in the middle of asphalt paving. Some poles are also located where sidewalks will eventually be. Once overhead utilities are switched to underground, the poles will be removed, the asphalt for the road will be patched and final sections of sidewalk and curb will be poured. Once this is done, buses will be able to use the outside lane and will not stop in the travel lane

to pickup and drop off passengers.

"You can now see the improvements taking shape and these next few months represent a big push toward completing the first mile of the Aurora Corridor Project," explains Shoreline Mayor Bob Ransom. "We appreciate everyone's patience up to this point and ask you to extend it just a little longer. In just a few more months, we'll be past much of the mess and inconvenience of construction and can start enjoying the first completed mile of Aurora. In the meantime, I urge Shoreline residents to continue to patronize Aurora business – they need your support."

## Officer Mark W. Brown Memorial

**On August 8, the City of Shoreline honored the service of Deputy Mark W. Brown who died in the line of duty on February 27, 1999. Deputy Brown was memorialized with a bench in the newly completed North City business district. Participants in the ceremony included the King County Sheriff's Office Color guard (pictured), Congressman Jay Inslee, Sheriff Sue Rahr, Mayor Robert Ransom, the Brown family and many family friends. The ceremony ended with a fly-over by Guardian 1, the King County Sheriff's Office helicopter.**



## Shoreline Police report crime's down in 2006

Traffic accidents and Part I crimes (property crimes) are down this year compared to the same time period last year.

This was just one of the pieces of good news the City Council heard at its August 28 meeting when Police Chief Tony

public education and crime prevention," Burt says.

As a result, there has been a 10% decrease in Part I crimes in the first eight months of 2006 compared to the same time period in 2005. Police have also stepped up traffic enforcement resulting in

45% more traffic citations and 19% fewer traffic accidents this year.

Highlights of the 2005 SEA Report include:

- In 2005, Shoreline officers handled 14,115 dispatched calls for service and responded more quickly than in 2004 when they handled 13,037 calls.

- Shoreline has the lowest cost per capita (see table) and ratio of officers per thousand citizens while maintaining one of the lowest crime rates compared to benchmark cities.

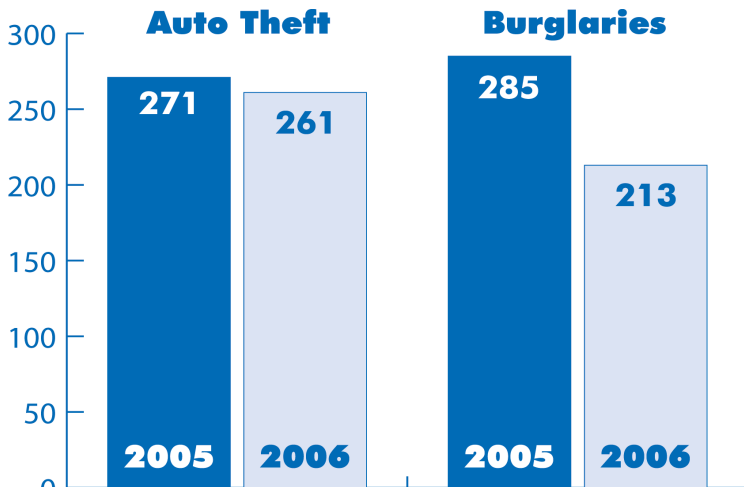
- A total of 331 locations are now included in the enforcement phase of the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP), which is a collaborative effort between Shoreline's Police and Public Works Departments. During 2005, officers worked 954 hours of enforcement and issued 673 citations as part of NTSP. Portable radar trailers are being used by neighborhood volunteers almost 100 percent of the time.

- Citizen traffic complaints were down from 292 in 2004 to 188 in 2005. Complaints include chronic traffic violations and requests for traffic enforcement.

- Police purchased an in-car video system and six portable breath test analyzers to enhance DUI enforcement. Two state-of-the-art moving radar systems were also purchased for school zone enforcement. All new equipment was purchased through grants.

- A new Senior Interaction Group was created in 2005. Volunteers are trained in detecting and dealing with elder abuse, fraud, domestic violence and adult protective services.

For more information or a copy of the report, visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) or call Shoreline Police at (206) 546-6730.



Crime is down this year compared to last year's figures for the same time period of January to August.

Burt presented the Shoreline Police Department 2005 Service Efforts and Accomplishments report. It is the sixth annual report prepared by the Police Department and includes crime information for the past year as well as department accomplishments from 2005.

According to Burt, the City experienced an increase in crime of 3.9% from 2004 to 2005 primarily attributed to an increase in property crimes such as auto theft and burglary. Violent crime rates were down significantly over the same period.

"We've made a concerted effort to reduce property crimes through aggressive investigations,

### Cost per capita

Aurburn	\$330.46
Seattle	\$311.87
Lynnwood	\$271.33
Olympia	\$258.03
Kirkland	\$250.21
Renton	\$239.61
Bellingham	\$235.86
Lakewood	\$230.21
Redmond	\$221.59
Edmonds	\$197.19
Kennewick	\$171.50
<b>Shoreline</b>	<b>\$149.24</b>

**Shoreline has the lowest cost per capita for police services compared to all benchmark cities.**

## New walkways completed in time for school

Some Shoreline streets are sporting brand-new walkways this fall, just in time for back to school. New walkways were installed on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from NE 167<sup>th</sup> to NE 175<sup>th</sup> Street, 3rd Avenue NW from Richmond Beach Road to just south of NE 195<sup>th</sup> Street, and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW from Richmond Beach Road to NE 195<sup>th</sup> Street. The three segments are primary walking routes for Shoreline elementary and middle school children.

Sidewalk priority routes were identified by the community in the Transportation Master Plan adopted by the City Council in July 2005. The Sidewalk Priority Routes Program in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is funded through 2011 to build walkways along some of the priority routes each year. The 2007 CIP budget is \$785,000.

Some of the criteria the City uses in determining which routes will be built each year include nearness to schools, parks, community centers, transit and trails; geographic distribution throughout the City; and minimal utility conflicts.

Since the cost of construction work and materials is constantly shifting, the City builds as many of the priority routes as the budget allows each year. Routes that aren't built are carried over for consideration for the following year.

This fall, staff will recommend the 2007 Sidewalk Priority Routes to City Council. The proposed routes will include segments along Dayton Avenue N., Fremont

Avenue N., and N. 195<sup>th</sup> Street, carried-over from 2006, and possibly one or two additional routes depending on available funding.

For more information about priority sidewalks routes or construction schedules visit the project Web site at [http://](http://www.cityofshoreline.com/)

[www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/sidewalks/](http://www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/sidewalks/) or contact Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 546-1678. To inquire about new sidewalks on



non-priority routes or report maintenance problems on existing sidewalks, call City of Shoreline at (206) 546-1700.

**The new pathway on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW is now complete.**

## September is Emergency Preparedness Month

### *Are you ready?*

September is Emergency Preparedness Month in the City of Shoreline, and now is a good time to take stock of how you and your family would fare in an emergency or disaster situation. All Shoreline residents should increase their awareness of actions they can take at home, at work or school, even in their cars, to prepare for emergencies. The goal is to make yourself and your family self-sufficient for a minimum of three days – ideally seven days – following a natural or man-made disaster or act of terrorism.

The City has an emergency preparedness plan developed in conjunction with Shoreline Police and Fire, utility providers, the Shoreline School District and other local agencies to make sure the City is prepared in an emergency. The City also created an Emergency Management Council made up of community partners and citizens to give guidance on preparation and mitigation efforts.

For additional information about preparing for emergencies including educational opportunities for you or your organization, click on the "Emergency Preparedness" link on the City's Web site, [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) or contact City of Shoreline Emergency Management Coordinator Gail Marsh at (206) 546-7873 or [gmarsh@ci.shoreline.wa.us](mailto:gmarsh@ci.shoreline.wa.us).

## Council adopts hazardous trees ordinance

After several public meetings, almost 100 written comments and hearings before the Shoreline City Council and Planning Commission, Council adopted a permanent hazardous trees ordinance in July. The ordinance, which went into effect August 2, 2006, clarifies the new code for homeowners while protecting Shoreline's sensitive environmental areas.

"The new code allows tree cutting, but establishes a list of

'targets' or hazards in critical areas to help determine whether the trees should actually be removed. This list of 'targets' is one of the most significant changes in the code that also establishes a City-approved list of arborists," said Shoreline Mayor Bob Ransom. "City permission is still required to remove trees in wetlands and wetlands buffers, stream areas or steep slopes. Outside critical areas, the typical homeowner may cut six significant

trees every 36 months without a permit and without the need to contact the City."

The new code reads: "Approval to cut or clear trees (in critical areas) may only be given upon recommendation of a City-approved arborist who agrees that the condition constitutes an actual threat to life or property in homes, private yards, buildings or public or private streets and driveways, sidewalks, recreational trails, improved utility corridors, or access for emergency vehicles and any trail as proposed by the property owner and approved by the (Planning and Development Services) Director for purposes of this section."

Residents may call the City of Shoreline Planning and Development Services Department directly at (206) 546-1811 for permission to remove trees that pose an immediate threat to life or property, including tree limbs or trunks that are cracked, leaning toward overhead utility lines, or are uprooted by flooding, heavy winds or storms. After hours, residents may call the Customer Response Team (CRT), leave a message and a phone call will be returned within 15 minutes. CRT has the permission of the Planning and Development Services Director to act on his behalf regarding hazardous trees. The 24-hour CRT number is (206) 546-1700.

For more information about the hazardous tree regulations, contact City of Shoreline Planner Matt Torpey at (206) 546-3826.

## Shoreline co-hosts Odyssey Days

The City of Shoreline is one of the sponsors of the 2006 Washington State Odyssey Days hosted by Shoreline Community College and the Puget Sound Clean Cities Coalition. Odyssey Days is a national event showcasing alternative transportation and fuel technologies. This is the first time it has come to Washington state.

The free two-day event is scheduled Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13 and 14, on the Shoreline Community College campus, 16101 Greenwood Ave. N. Creating an environmentally sustainable community is one of the City Council's goals for 2007-2008 so the event's timing is fortuitous.

Odyssey Days will focus on alternatively-powered vehicles, advanced fuel technologies and the viability of healthier transportation choices and sustainable energy sources. Participants will have a chance to talk with alternative technology professionals, test drive "green" electric or biofuel-powered cars and trucks, attend educational workshops and presentations and see new hybrids and alternatively fueled vehicles.

Speakers include Jerome Ringo, President of Apollo Alliance and Chairman of the Board of the National Wildlife Federation, and other experts in global warming, biofuels and advanced technology vehicles. Local legislators and City officials will also be on hand.

"We are fortunate that Odyssey Days is taking place in Shoreline," says Shoreline Mayor Bob Ransom. "It's a good fit with our goal to build a greener, environmentally friendly City. We can all learn something by attending this important event and its emphasis on renewable energy of solar, wind and biodiesel."

## Traffic calming devices installed in Shoreline

By late fall, Shoreline residents should see a difference in how traffic moves through residential neighborhoods. Seven speed humps and 27 traffic circles are scheduled for installation from now through mid-October.

The Shoreline City Council set aside funds in last year's Capital Improvement Program budget to address traffic issues. City staff met with Shoreline Police, the fire department, local schools, representatives from Shoreline's Council of Neighborhoods and consulted the City's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NSTP) records to identify problem locations and how best to address issues of speeding, poor visibility and heavy traffic. Past collision history, speed and traffic volume were also considered in identifying locations to install the traffic calming devices.

The devices are considered temporary and will be monitored for a year. If successful, they will become permanent. If not, they will be reevaluated, and possibly removed or replaced with another type of device.

Traffic circles are designed to slow traffic and prevent collisions at intersections. The circles will be installed on successive streets to slow traffic and to discourage through traffic on residential streets. The circles are designed to accommodate school buses and fire trucks.

The speed humps are split in the middle to reduce the impact on fire trucks, motorcycles and bicycles.

Speed and volume data are

being collected and will be compared after the devices are installed for a "before and after" snapshot of effectiveness.

Residents can expect lane closures of just a few days while each device is installed.

A list and map of where the

traffic calming devices will be installed is available at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) under "Traffic Calming Devices." For more information, contact City of Shoreline Associate Traffic Engineer John Marek at (206) 546-4223.

## Back-to-school safety tips

With school back in session, the City of Shoreline and Shoreline Police encourage drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists to pay special attention in school zones and to obey all general traffic laws.

### Drivers

- Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on residential streets is 25 m.p.h. and 20 m.p.h. in school zones.

- Drivers must yield to pedestrians; pedestrians have the right-of-way at intersections even if there is no painted crosswalk.

- It is illegal to pass a car stopped at a marked crosswalk. You must stop.

### Pedestrians

- Cross streets only at crosswalks and intersections and never run across the street.

- Don't try to beat oncoming cars – they are moving faster than you think.

- Before crossing, look left,

right and then left again. Keep looking both ways until safely across the street.

- Make eye contact with the driver before crossing in front of a car. If you're not sure the driver sees you, wait and let the car pass.

- Walk facing traffic on sidewalks or paths.

- If your child walks to school, walk the route at least once together to offer safety advice.

### Bicyclists

- Always wear a helmet and ride with traffic on the right-hand side of the street. Obey all traffic laws and use proper hand signals.

- Stop at intersections and walk your bike across if the intersection is particularly busy.

- Bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

For more information about traffic safety in Shoreline, contact Shoreline Police at the Eastside Neighborhood Center at (206) 363-8424 or the Westside Neighborhood Center at (206) 546-3636.

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

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

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

Regular Meetings  
Second and fourth Mondays  
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Agenda Line  
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Shoreline, WA 98177  
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Shoreline, WA 98155  
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### 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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