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## Council adopts Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan

ON JULY 31, after an 18-month process involving hundreds of Shoreline residents, the City Council unanimously adopted the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, 2017-2023. The Plan is a blueprint for Shoreline's parks, recreation, and cultural services for the next six years and it lays the groundwork for many years after that. Investments made by previous generations created a great system of parks, open spaces, and programs that offer something for just about everyone. We know that change is coming to Shoreline. Parks, open spaces, and recreation opportunities play a critical role in the City's future. Two key themes drove development of the Plan: Securing our Foundation and Shaping our Future.

- **Securing our Foundation** - Take care of what we already have and make current facilities work for us.
- **Shaping our Future** - Plan for growth through smart development and the purchase of needed park space.

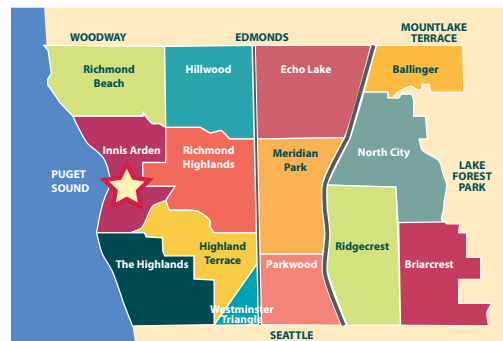
The Plan's eleven Strategic Action Initiatives will set our direction for the future. See page 3 for information on the initiatives.

Successfully implementing the PROS Plan means maintaining the investments we have already made while at the same time providing residents with opportunities to play in new and creative ways. They will be able to connect with nature close to where they live; breathe easier knowing the urban forest is being actively tended to; enjoy cultural activities that include all people; and celebrate the beauty of their community through new public art.

To see the full Plan, visit [shorelinewa.gov/prosplan](http://shorelinewa.gov/prosplan).



**Shoreline Farmers Market**  
Saturdays through October 7  
Aurora Square, 15300 Westminister Way N  
[shorelinefarmersmarket.org](http://shorelinefarmersmarket.org)



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APWA Region XI Director Jill Marilley presents accreditation award during the August 7 City Council meeting

## City's Public Works Department awarded American Public Works Association accreditation

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION (APWA) recently awarded accreditation to the City's Public Works Department. The prestigious APWA Accreditation program recognizes public works agencies in the United States and Canada whose management practices exceed established requirements. APWA evaluated Shoreline on 324 practice areas and we were "Fully Compliant" on every one of them, which is a rare feat.

Achieving accreditation means the Public Works Department complies with recommended practices set forth in the Public Works Practice Manual, the nationally recognized manual for public works agencies.

"The awarding of the APWA Accreditation shows we have dedicated ourselves to concepts of improvement and in-depth self-assessment of department policies, procedures, and practices," stated Shoreline Public Works Director Randy Witt. "The heroes of this prestigious APWA award are the public works staff whose mission is to provide public works services and programs that contribute to making City of Shoreline a great community."

Shoreline initially applied for accreditation in August 2014 and worked diligently to complete the self-assessment process over two plus years.

The Shoreline Public Works Department is responsible for improving and maintaining city streets, sidewalks, and drainage systems. New facilities and improvements are planned and built through the Capital Improvement Program. The Operations Program maintains and operates the City's street and drainage infrastructure, and provides right-of-way management.

The Shoreline Public Works Department is the 126<sup>th</sup> agency in North America to be awarded APWA Accreditation and is the eighth accredited agency in Washington. In addition to Shoreline, the other accredited agencies in Washington are Anacortes, Bellevue, Clark Regional Wastewater District, Kitsap County, Pierce County, Tacoma, and Thurston County.

# PROS PLAN STRATEGIC ACTION INITIATIVES

**THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE (PROS) PLAN'S** eleven Strategic Action Initiatives are designed to respond to the needs of the community. When implemented, they will make a visible and measurable difference in the parks, recreation and cultural services provided to Shoreline residents and visitors.

## RECREATION PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES

Build a community/aquatics center	Place a proposal for a new community/aquatics center before the voters by 2020. Open a new facility in 2022.
Expand opportunities to connect with nature	Integrate nature-based programming into new and existing recreation offerings so that at least 35% of program offerings include a nature-based component.
Expand recreation facility opportunities	Provide at least 1 community garden, 2 basketball courts, 2 multi-purpose/Pickleball courts, 1 playground, 1 swing set, 1 paved loop path, 1 spray park, and 1 adventure playground by 2023.
Serve the full spectrum of aging adult recreation needs	Develop a strategic plan by 2019 for meeting the aging adult recreation needs of Shoreline.

## CULTURAL SERVICES AND ART

Support diverse communities	Participation in Shoreline sponsored special events reflects the diversity of the community
Enhance place making through public art	Install at least one permanent, significant piece of art by 2019, three permanent smaller pieces of public art by 2023 and provide temporary graphic or performing arts annually in Shoreline neighborhoods.

## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Ensure adequate park land for future generations	Add five acres of new parkland by 2023 and 20 additional acres by 2030.
Maintain, enhance, and protect the urban forest	Restore 10 acres of degraded forest land by 2023 and or convert appropriate parkland into natural areas by 2023.
Enhance walkability in and around parks	Create 2 miles of new nature trails within parks and 2 miles of enhanced pedestrian access to parks by 2023.

## ADMINISTRATION

Secure sustainable funding	All programs, facilities and initiatives are funded with an appropriate mix of fund sources
Ensure administrative excellence	Attain certification from the Commission for the Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Stormwater runoff flows through over 7,000 storm drains in Shoreline and is untreated before it empties into our streams, lakes, and Puget Sound. City crews work to inspect, maintain, and clean storm drains year-round. You can also help protect water quality and reduce flooding in Shoreline this fall by volunteering to remove the leaves and debris that accumulate on storm drains in your neighborhood. For more information about the Adopt-A-Drain program, contact Environmental Program Specialist Cameron Reed at [creed@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:creed@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2455. You can also visit [shorelinewa.gov/adopt-a-drain](http://shorelinewa.gov/adopt-a-drain).

## Planning and Community Development moving to third floor of City Hall

As part of the project to move the Shoreline Police Station into City Hall, the Planning and Community Development Department (PCD) is moving to the third floor. Construction began in June on the third floor and the City anticipates moving PCD in early October. If you are coming to the Permit Center at City Hall, you will no longer go to the first floor, but will make your way to the third floor instead. Look for signs in the lobby to tell you where to go.

Once PCD has moved, construction of the new police station will begin on the first floor. Construction of the first floor addition to City Hall as part of the police station has already started. We anticipate the new police station at City Hall will open in early 2018.

# NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

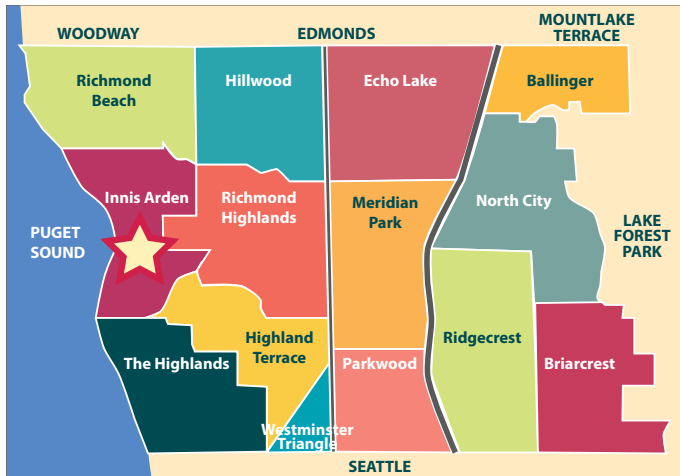


Photo courtesy Shoreline Historical Museum

## Innis Arden Neighborhood

*"The first time I saw Innis Arden or had even heard of it was on a beautiful clear day in the month of May, 1946. We were out for a Sunday drive looking for new territory to explore and there we were at the entrance to this new development. Wide open spaces of scenic land, which I understand was at one time part of the Boeing Estate. Driving down the empty, winding roads all one could see was lovely unobstructed views of the Sound and the Olympic Mountains, breathtaking and serene."*  
- Mrs. Cecil M. (June) Swanson

**SIX MONTHS AFTER DISCOVERING INNIS ARDEN**, the Swansons began construction of their home and raised their family on land that had indeed been part of William Edward Boeing's holdings. Born in Detroit in 1881, Boeing arrived in the Northwest in 1903 and began building his empire with timber. He experimented with boat design, and became fascinated with aircraft after having seen a manned flying machine at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle in 1909. The rest is written into Northwest history, from the first plane built here through the establishment of Boeing Airplane Company.

As a resident of the Highlands, William Boeing and his wife Bertha acquired a large tract of land, which would eventually be subdivided. What we now know as Innis Arden was Boeing's private reserve, where he could hunt for birds raised by an on-site gamekeeper and fish for trout raised in a hatchery near Hidden Lake. In 1942, as they prepared to move to a 500-acre farm in Redmond, the Boeings began developing their land. They named the subdivision just north of their home Innis Arden, which translates to "High Grazing Meadow". It was also the name of Bertha's aunt's estate in Connecticut.

Three plats filed by the Boeings in the 1940s set aside 675 acres for Innis Arden. Today, there are 534 residences, all on parcels capped at four single-family houses per acre. Crisscrossed by walking and hiking trails available to residents, a master stewardship plan ensures maintenance of seven natural reserves. Although there have been significant changes since June Swanson first visited Innis Arden, she would still recognize the greenbelts, watershed park, private beach, and stunning vistas. As a Homeowner's Association, Innis Arden continuously updates bylaws to govern landscaping and housing additions that could interfere with views.

Members have many opportunities to connect with each other at the Innis Arden clubhouse, pool, and tennis courts. For years, families have developed lifelong friendships around the pool, watching their children learn to swim, and later cheering for them in competitive meets. Led by a group of volunteers, the Activities Committee organizes activities for the community, including salmon barbecues, a tradition dating back at least 45 years, as well as holiday events, wine tastings, and a ladies' tea. An annual rummage sale helps finance social as well as community projects. To learn more about Innis Arden, past and present, visit [innisarden.org](http://innisarden.org).



Gamekeepers House, built in 1908.



View from Innis Arden Reserve

# TEEN/TWEEN RECREATION PROGRAMS

THE SHORELINE YOUTH & TEEN Development Program is gearing up for fall with a variety of offerings including their drop-in afterschool teen center, middle school programs, and a new special event to kick off the school year.

## Teen Center at the Rec

**Tuesdays - Thursdays 2:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Fridays 2:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.**

**Saturdays 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.**

**Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, 16554 Fremont Avenue N**

The Shoreline Teen Center provides space for young people to spend time together as well as explore their interests, get service hours for school, and more. There is free food and Wi-Fi provided daily, in addition to activities like basketball, pool, ping-pong, music, art, and video games. It is available for kids in middle school through age 18.

## Middle School After School Programs

**Einstein: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Kellogg: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Hang Time is on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays right after school, located at both Kellogg and Einstein middle schools. There are fun clubs, including Sports Club and others that meet around special interests. Join us for relaxation with your friends and a fun place to be once school is out.

## Back to School Carnival

**Friday, Sept. 15, 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, 16554 Fremont Avenue N**

The Back-to-School Carnival at the Shoreline Teen Center is the perfect way to start the year off right. There will be food, music, tournaments with prizes, a photo-booth, and more. All for free! Keep an eye out for more details.

## More Information

If you have questions regarding our programs, please contact us as follows:

**Shoreline Teen Center and Carnival:** Austin at (206) 801-2643

**Kellogg Hang Time:** Waldo at (206) 801-2644

**Einstein Hang Time:** Angela at (206) 801-2645

# THANK YOU!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who contributed to the success of our Celebrate Shoreline activities, especially the sponsors and volunteers, without whom we could not continue to make these events happen. Thank you also to our many artists and performers who make this event so special.

If you would like to be involved in next year's Celebrate Shoreline activities, please contact the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services office at (206) 801-2600.



# Back to School Traffic Safety

**IT'S SEPTEMBER**, which means kids are heading back to school. Please take a moment to review the traffic and safety reminders below to help everyone stay safe in Shoreline.

**SPEED...** Slow down in school zones. Shoreline Police strictly enforce the posted 20 mph speeds.

**CROSSWALKS...** Stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk. It is illegal to pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.

**PEDESTRIANS...** Always try to use a marked crosswalk. Be aware of obstructions where drivers may not see you. Do not suddenly enter the roadway. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.

**CROSSING GUARDS...** Law requires you obey school crossing guards and school safety patrols.

**SCHOOL BUSES...** It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus.

**SEATBELTS...** Stay buckled until the vehicle stops! Drivers are responsible to ensure all children less than 16 years old are properly buckled up. Visit [800buckleup.org](http://800buckleup.org) for more info.

**CELL PHONES...** Washington's new law related to cell phone use in automobiles took effect on July 23. It is now **ILLEGAL** to use hand-held cell phones while driving, stopped in traffic, or at a stop light. The first infraction costs at least \$136 and the second ticket within five years costs at least \$234. But more importantly, distracted driving is dangerous. Across the state and here in Shoreline, we have seen a significant increase in accidents caused by distracted drivers over the past few years.

Be aware, be safe, buckle up, slow down, and put your phone down.

# Sidewalk Advisory Committee meetings underway

**SIDEWALKS!** Year after year, residents tell us they want more sidewalks near their homes. Unfortunately, sidewalks are expensive and currently there is not a dedicated funding source at the City to construct them. We rely on highly competitive, yet small, grants to do much of our new sidewalk construction.

To help address this issue, the City Manager has appointed 16 Shoreline residents to a Sidewalk Advisory Committee. The Committee members represent a diverse cross section of Shoreline neighborhoods and have a broad range of backgrounds and interests.

Over the next several months, the Committee will play an instrumental part in the City's development of a Sidewalk Prioritization Plan. They will review the City's sidewalk network, see where gaps exist, and learn about the

different ways the City can potentially address the gaps.

A primary goal of the Committee will be to look at how to prioritize and fund different sidewalk improvements in Shoreline. They will consider pedestrian and other non-motorized access to destinations such as schools, parks, transit stops, and businesses. They will also consider the needs of different segments of our community, such as youth, the elderly, people with physical disabilities, and under-represented communities.

In addition to the Committee's input, City staff will seek the broader community's feedback through public meetings in the fall of 2017 and in the winter of 2018. City staff will use input from the Committee and the public as well as technical analysis from experts to develop a Sidewalk Prioritization

Plan to recommend to the City Manager in the spring of 2018.

The Sidewalk Committee will meet monthly on the last Thursday of each month (there will be no meeting in December) from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chamber. Interested individuals who are not on the Committee are welcome to observe the meetings, but may not address the Committee while in session. However, guests can provide comments in writing.

City staff will be preparing summary notes of every Committee meeting and will be posting them on the City's website at [shorelinewa.gov/sidewalks](http://shorelinewa.gov/sidewalks).

For more information about Shoreline's Sidewalk Prioritization Project, contact Senior Transportation Planner Nora Daley-Peng at [ndaleypeng@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:ndaleypeng@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2483.

## Youth Park Board member appointed

**THE CITY COUNCIL** unanimously appointed Erik Ertsgaard as the newest youth member of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board on July 24. Erik joins Natalia Ablao Sandico as one of the two youth members appointed to offer a youth perspective on a variety of parks and recreation issues, including recreation programming, park design and operation, property acquisition, public trees, and development of rules and regulations. A Council subcommittee selected Erik from a pool of applicants to serve up to four one-year terms on the Board.

The PRCS/Tree Board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. January through October and the first Thursday of December. The public is always welcome to attend PRCS/Tree Board meetings.



**SUMMER 2017**

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## REDESIGN OF SHORELINEWA.GOV

**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE** that later this fall the City will launch its newly redesigned website. The redesigned site will use the same shorelinewa.gov address, but it will have a new look and feel. The homepage will provide quick access to the most popular services, such as registration for recreation programs and requesting information on permits. Based on analytics and other tools, the City has created a more user-friendly site that is easier to navigate and responsive in design. Regardless of what type of device you use to view the website, it will be optimized to fit your screen.

The City's website is an important source of City information for residents and others. In 2016, it had almost 800,000 unique pageviews. Forty-one percent of people visiting our site used a phone or tablet.

## Upcoming meetings

### **Richmond Beach Road Rechanelization – 60% Design Meeting**

**Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Shorewood High School commons, 17300 Fremont Avenue N**

Please join us later this month for a public meeting to go over the City's plan for the Richmond Beach Road corridor. For more information on the project and meeting specifics please visit [shorelinewa.gov/RBRechanelization](http://shorelinewa.gov/RBRechanelization).

### **Westminster Way N and N 155<sup>th</sup> Street Design**

Design for improvements to the intersection of Westminster Way N and N 155<sup>th</sup> Street is starting. City staff will host a public open house this fall. For more information on the project and details about the open house, please visit [shorelinewa.gov/westminster](http://shorelinewa.gov/westminster).

## Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Display Garden

A NEW DISPLAY GARDEN at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden invites visitors to experience the beauty and wonder of Alpine Heights to the coastal lowlands along a winding stream in the heart of Richmond Beach. Enjoy the sound of water as it winds through a new streambed inviting birds and wildlife to this garden oasis.

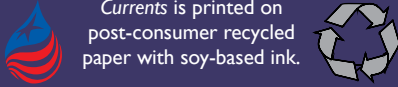
The citizens of Shoreline approved a Parks, Open Space and Trails bond in 2006, which enabled the City of Shoreline to purchase the Garden from Art Kruckeberg in January 2008. The Garden Foundation and the City have formed a partnership to support ecological education and parks opportunities in Shoreline.



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**OCTOBER**

**8:00 A.M.** REGISTRATION & COSTUME PHOTOS

**9:00 A.M.** RUN/WALK START

**9:30 A.M.** RUNNER AWARDS

**10:15 A.M.** COSTUME AWARDS

**COSTUMES PRIZES MUSIC ACTIVITIES**

**REGISTER: SHORELINEWA.GOV/5K**

