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COVID-19 Update

AT THE TIME OF PRINTING, the 7-day rolling average of confirmed case counts for COVID-19 across Washington was beginning to decline from the summer peaks. This includes King County. However, they are still too high to move to Phase 3 of the State's Safe Start Plan.

Staying home is still safest. If you do go out, keep it quick, keep your distance, and wear a face covering. Recreate and do business locally to avoid spreading the virus across county lines. Limit the number of people outside your household that you gather with every week. If you feel symptoms of COVID-19, get tested.

Current phase of reopening – Phase 2

The Governor has extended indefinitely the pause placed on counties moving ahead in the Safe Start Washington Plan. King County will continue to be in Phase 2 of the Safe Start plan for the foreseeable future. Governor Inslee has also rolled back some of the activities originally permitted under Phase 2. For more information about what is permitted in Phase 2 and what activities have been rolled back, visit coronavirus.wa.gov.

City facilities and services

While City facilities are still closed to the public, we continue to provide most City services. City services are being offered remotely by telephone, email, and online. Visit the City staff directory for individual staff contact information.

City Parks and Trails

- Playgrounds are CLOSED and will remain closed until Phase 3.
- Parks, trails, and beaches are OPEN. You are allowed to enjoy the park with up to five people from outside of your household as long as you maintain social distancing and wear face coverings.
- Richmond Beach Saltwater Park is OPEN to vehicle access.
- The Skate Park, tennis/pickleball courts, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and basketball courts are OPEN; however, games and scrimmages are not allowed. Limited practices by permit only on soccer fields and baseball diamonds.
- Picnic shelters are OPEN; however, we will not take reservations until Phase 4.

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Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

Impact of COVID-19 on City finances and City response

DURING THE CURRENT PANDEMIC, we have been focused on managing the needs of the community while seeking to respond to the financial impacts of an event that is completely unprecedented. The City is experiencing significantly reduced revenues due to business closures and changed behaviors in response to the pandemic.

In April, we began developing plans to address these financial impacts. In July, we estimated the budget shortfall for 2020 to be over \$6 million. We estimated the impact on 2021-2022 biennium budget to be over \$3 million. To address the 2020 shortfall, we implemented a strategy that included reducing operating costs, delaying one-time project investments, and filling the remaining shortfall with budget surplus from 2019, where revenues collected exceeded the projected amounts.

As a first step to address the anticipated 2021-2022 shortfall, City Council made the difficult decision to not reopen the Shoreline Pool. Closure of the pool one year earlier than anticipated will save more than \$1.6 million over the 2021-2022 biennium. Additionally, City Council supported the potential use of Rainy-Day or General Fund reserves to address anticipated revenue losses that were shorter term in order to maintain the service levels to the Shoreline community.

As Council begins discussing the 2021-2022 budget, we continue to closely monitor 2020 revenues and manage costs in order to respond to the changing situation as quickly as possible.

CARES Act Funding

While carefully managing our routine operational and project expenditures during this time, the City has also incurred many unbudgeted and critical expenses to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Costs include grants to support our small businesses and non-profit organizations, as well as increased costs to run programs and support telecommuting staff while City Hall is closed. Fortunately, the City anticipates that most of the additional costs incurred before November 30 will be reimbursed by the Federal CARES Act. We recently received \$845,000 in additional CARES Act funding. This will help ensure that the costs to address the pandemic do not make the financial impacts of the economic downturn worse.

2021-2022 Budget Process

The City Manager will present her Proposed 2021-2022 Budget to the City Council on October 12. The schedule for the budget process is found in the table below. All meetings will be held on Zoom and the public is encouraged to attend. The public hearings are specifically focused on soliciting input on the proposed budget from the public; however, residents are welcome to visit shorelinewa.gov/budget to review the Proposed Budget and provide input at any Council meeting.

2021-2022 Budget Calendar

OCTOBER 12	Presentation of the 2021-2022 Proposed Biennial Budget and Proposed 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to Council
OCTOBER 19	Department Presentations and Discussion of the Proposed Budget
OCTOBER 26	Department Presentations and Discussion of the Proposed Budget and the CIP
NOVEMBER 2	First Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and 2021-2029 Revenues; Budget Discussion
NOVEMBER 2	Second Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and the CIP; Budget Discussion
NOVEMBER 9	Third Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and the CIP; Budget Discussion
NOVEMBER 16	Adoption of the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget, the 2021 Fee Schedule, the 2021 Salary Schedules, and the 2021-2026 CIP

198th Affordable Housing Project design update

TWO YEARS AGO, the City began working with King County and Catholic Housing Services on developing a 100-units of permanent supportive housing for people that were homeless or experiencing housing instability. The project, located at N 198th Street and Aurora Avenue N, is nearing final design. The first floor layout and uses have been refined. The ground floor design initially included a community behavioral health clinic. It would have used the majority of the space at the Aurora Avenue level. That clinic is no longer a part of the project. This has allowed the service program for the residents to expand and the ground floor now includes more offices for the increased services staff onsite and a larger community space for residents to socialize and interact.

The remaining 5,500 square feet on the ground floor will be commercial leased space. The City and Catholic Housing Services are searching for future commercial tenants that would be appropriate for the residents of the building and the neighborhood.

Half of the residents living at the building will be at or below 30% Area Median Income and half of the residents will be at or below 50% Area Median Income. Many of the residents will be exiting homelessness and receiving services from Catholic Community Services in partnership with King County. The development of the site is a pilot project using modular construction techniques in a partnership between the City, King County, and Catholic Housing Services.

Timeline

Permit application – late summer 2020

Site work – Fall 2020

Garage and ground floor construction – Winter 2021

Module placement for 2nd through 5th floors – Summer 2021

Construction completion – Winter 2022

MORE INFORMATION

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Northgate Link & Lynnwood Link Connection

SOUND TRANSIT has reached a major milestone in the project to connect the Northgate Link Extension to the Lynnwood Link Extension. This connection was recently made near Northgate Way and 1st Ave NE where both projects meet.

The Northgate Link Extension adds three new stations in Seattle, two underground (U District and Roosevelt stations) and an elevated station at Northgate, which will feature frequent bus connections, a park-and-ride, and a bicycle/pedestrian bridge to North Seattle College.

After the Northgate extension opens in 2021, the Lynnwood Link Extension extends light rail into Snohomish County, serving four stations, Shoreline South/145th, Shoreline North/185th, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood City Center. Upon opening in 2024, riders enjoy fast, frequent and reliable service between south Snohomish County and the University of Washington, downtown Seattle, the Eastside, Sea-Tac Airport, and more.

MORE INFORMATION

Subscribe to updates: soundtransit.org/subscribe

Report Issues: 24-hour construction hotline - 1-888-298-2395

ST Community Outreach: 206-398-5300, lynnwoodlink@soundtransit.org

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Special Use Permits

The City is not issuing any special use permits for events in our parks or any of our facilities. These will not resume until Phase 4.

Fall recreation programming

We continue to look for ways to provide recreation programming that meets the needs of our community while also abiding by social distancing guidelines. Our current recreation programming for the fall/winter focuses on:

- Remote Learning Camps – Full-day camp opportunities for children and teens that support remote learning and other activities. These camps will help working parents who are unable to work from home and do not have access to other childcare options. *Students need to be enrolled in the Shoreline School District to register for the Remote Learning Camps.
- Contracted general recreation programs that you can take part in virtually.
- Several on-line Specialized Recreation Programs. These programs will provide an opportunity for participants to interact with friends and to play games online together.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/remotelearning
shorelinewa.gov/registernow

VOTE!

Two 24-hour secure ballot drop boxes are available in Shoreline, opening October 15.

Drop your ballots by Election Day, Nov. 3 at 8:00 p.m.

LOCATIONS:

Shoreline Library
345 NE 175th Street

Shoreline Park & Ride
18821 Aurora Avenue N

SHORELINE COLLABORATES WITH LAKE CITY PARTNERS ON 24/7 ENHANCED SHELTER

THE CITY and Lake City Partners have announced plans to work in partnership with King County to turn the former Oaks Nursing Home at 16357 Aurora Avenue N in Shoreline into a 24/7 enhanced shelter for homeless individuals. The shelter will help address an unmet need in North King County for a 24/7 shelter.

“After many years of coordinating services for people experiencing homelessness in the north King County area, Lake City Partners is very pleased with the opportunity to expand shelter to a 24/7 year-round model,” said Melanie Neufeld, Director of Lake City Partners. “Our housing outreach, day center, and winter shelter programs have built relationships with people living without homes with the goal of ending homelessness one household at a time. Last year we supported 124 households from homelessness into permanent housing. The Aurora Oaks facility provides a real opportunity to create safety for people living outside during this pandemic and offers a setting to be solution-focused in the work of transitioning people into safe and affordable housing.”

When the Shoreline City Council adopted its 2020-2022 Council Goals, it made siting a 24/7 shelter to serve homeless single adults in North King County a priority. In early July, the owner of the Oaks Nursing Home notified the City that they were planning on selling the facility. Since this is an unanticipated opportunity, the City in partnership with King County have had to move quickly to secure the site.

Its prior use as a nursing home makes the facility particularly well-suited to provide a safe housing option. Separate rooms are the best way to protect both residents and staff from spreading Coronavirus or other airborne illness. In addition, having a shelter with individual rooms provides more dignity to individuals as they work to stabilize their health and find

permanent housing. The facility is already fully accessible and is equipped with basic fire safety requirements, including an alarm and sprinkler system. In addition, it is on a major arterial and close to a bus stop. Being presented with a facility that needs little work to make it shelter-ready is a unique opportunity to quickly provide a resource that has been missing in our community.

“The City of Shoreline is deeply committed to taking on the challenge of homelessness in our community, but it is no less committed to ensuring that all of our neighborhoods are safe and healthy. We believe this shelter can provide a needed service to our community while also being a good neighbor.”

- Mayor Will Hall

Enhanced Shelter is a particular type of Emergency Shelter that serves guests seven days a week around the clock. It recognizes that individuals need to have safe and stable shelter to effectively address the challenges preventing long-term housing stability. Access to the shelter will be based on an individual’s ability to maintain behaviors that are safe in a community setting. The Shelter will also provide case management, meals, hygiene, health services, and laundry. Drug and alcohol use will not be allowed in the facility. Local first responders; social service agencies in Shoreline and North King County; and outreach staff employed by the program will refer individuals to the facility.

Lake City Partners will run the facility. This organization, formed out of a neighborhood taskforce beginning in

2007, has coordinated a winter shelter for the last five years. Since 2018, they have partnered with the City to provide homeless outreach services and last winter supported the operation of the severe weather shelter in Shoreline. Lake City Partners works with a network of more than 600 volunteers including members of the faith community, social service organizations, homeless advocates, governmental agencies, and neighbors to provide shelter and housing navigation services to help bring stability to individuals facing homelessness.

King County is providing funding to purchase the property for use in the near-term as a 24/7 enhanced shelter, with a long-term plan to re-develop the property for permanent supportive housing. Operational funding for the enhanced shelter is expected from King County, pending approval of a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce. The City of Shoreline will provide additional operational funding.

The Shoreline City Council’s decision to collaborate with King County is driven, in part, by the rising number of people experiencing homelessness in Shoreline and our neighboring North King County communities. There is a demonstrated need for more shelter space, both locally and regionally. The annual “Point-In-Time” count in 2020 found 260 people experiencing homelessness in North King County, with 56 of them unsheltered.

City Council is scheduled to discuss interim regulations that would allow the operation of the shelter on October 12 during their regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

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shorelinewa.gov/NKCEnhancedShelter

Resident Satisfaction Survey

SHORELINE RESIDENTS

CONTINUE to give their community high marks according to the results of the most recent Resident Satisfaction Survey. Ninety-one percent of residents rate Shoreline as an excellent or good place to live. Residents also expressed high levels of satisfaction with City parks and recreation programs and facilities (76%) and overall quality of services provided by the City (64%).

This year's results show a decrease in satisfaction levels compared to 2018 in some City service areas including maintenance of landscape in City rights-of-ways; City's parks and recreation programs and facilities; and police services. This could be due in part to the fact that the survey was conducted in June and July when protests against racial injustice erupted across the country and the region and cases of COVID-19 were beginning to dramatically increase again. ETC Institute, who conducts the survey for us, indicated that many cities experienced the same decrease in satisfaction levels during this time. Although there

was a decrease in satisfaction levels, there wasn't a corresponding increase in dissatisfaction level necessarily. More people switched from satisfied to neutral.

The area where residents felt the City should place the most emphasis over the next two years was the overall response to homelessness. Other issues that residents felt should receive more emphasis were the overall quality of human services offered by the City; the overall efforts to promote diversity and inclusiveness in the community; the overall quality of police services; and the overall effectiveness of City's efforts to sustain environmental quality.

The City conducts a random sample survey every other year to measure satisfaction with services and to help determine community priorities. ETC Institute, a professional research company that works with local governments across the country, sent surveys to 4,000 Shoreline households asking residents for their opinions on topics such as maintenance, public safety, customer service, and quality of life.

Nine hundred forty-six households returned the surveys.

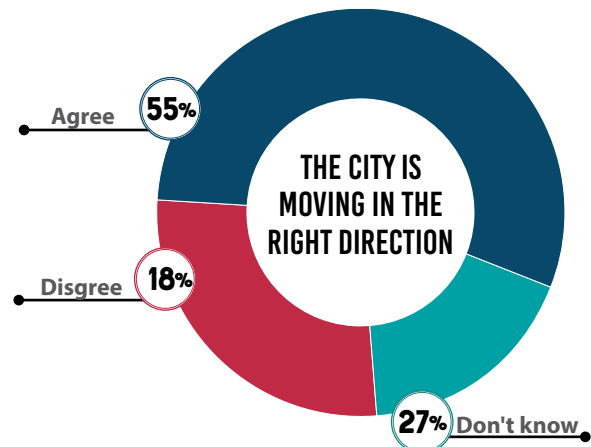
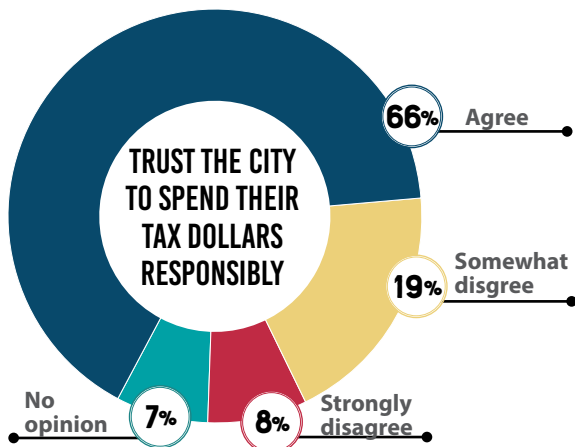
COVID-19 Impacts

In addition to asking our usual questions, we also asked residents about the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on their households. While the majority of households said they would be able to pay for necessities during the pandemic, 14% said they would have trouble and 23% of respondents felt their financial situation will get worse as the pandemic continues. Twenty-three percent said that someone in their household had filed for unemployment.

MORE INFORMATION

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Full survey results:
shorelinewa.gov/satisfaction



74%
Satisfied with the overall image of the City

91%
Rate Shoreline as an excellent or good place to live

69%
Very satisfied or satisfied with the quality of Police services

90%
Get their information about the City from Currents

81%
Rate their overall feeling of safety in Shoreline as very safe or safe



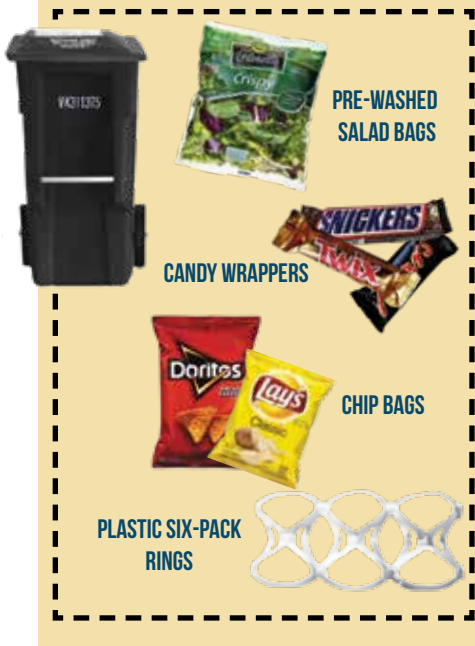
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PLASTIC FILM

Plastic that is two dimensional and doesn't hold its shape is called plastic film and can't be recycled in your curbside cart. This includes frozen food packaging, chip bags, candy wrappers, and plastic wrapping around items like paper towels and toilet paper. This film is difficult to sort and remove at the recycling facility and ends up getting baled with mixed paper, contaminating the supply. Please place these items in your garbage bin.

You can take some plastic film and grocery bags to the Shoreline Transfer Station. Accepted materials include plastic film, wrap, and bags including bubble wrap, plastic grocery bags, and plastic wrap from such things as beverage cases, toilet paper, paper napkins, and paper towels. No biodegradable or compostable bags.

Packaging like this goes in your black, garbage bin:



Adopt-A-Drain to Keep Shoreline's streams, lakes, and Puget Sound healthy and clean

LOOKING FOR a socially distanced volunteer opportunity for you or your family? Each fall, Shoreline residents can support clean, healthy waterways by "adopting" a storm drain or two near them! Shoreline's Adopt-A-Drain program volunteers sweep up leaves, pine needles, and debris from storm drains, which reduces pollution in nearby streams, lakes, and Puget Sound.

Even though leaves and pine needles are natural, the volume that flows into nearby waterways during storms is not. This natural debris can smother fish and insect eggs, and cause erosion in waterways. In some areas, keeping storm drains clear can also help reduce flooding in your neighborhood.

Interested volunteers can sign-up to adopt the storm drain outside their home or a series of drains in their neighborhood! We ask that volunteers commit to clearing their adopted storm drains during fall, winter, and spring.

MORE INFORMATION

Sign up by contacting:

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Give us your input on proposal to prohibit feeding waterfowl in parks

FECAL BACTERIA in lakes and ponds can occur from several sources, including dog, geese, and duck feces. High fecal bacteria levels in water means there is a higher risk that waters contain specific types of bacteria and viruses that can make humans, pets, and wildlife very sick (e.g., E. coli, Giardia, Cryptosporidium). The City works to keep waters safe for recreation and for wildlife. We have placed new educational signs at several of Shoreline's parks to remind park-goers to pick up pet waste and to not feed ducks or geese. These two actions can dramatically help keep fecal bacteria levels low and keep our beaches open and safe for park users.

To further support this effort, the City is proposing to update the Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC 8.12) to expressly prohibit feeding waterfowl in Shoreline Parks. Code requiring pet waste pickup already exists (SMC 8.12.280). Human feeding of waterfowl can cause unnatural increases in population size, which leads to larger volumes of feces; result in overfed animals that produce larger volumes of feces; and can cause waterbirds to spend more time at beaches where they are fed, resulting in more feces on beaches where park-goers recreate.

If you would like to provide input on this proposed ordinance, go to shorelinewa.gov/waterquality.

MORE INFORMATION

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JOIN THE SHORELINE CLIMATE CHALLENGE

Save Money and Fight Climate Change!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to join the Shoreline Climate Challenge! We need your help to reduce annual carbon emissions by 150 tons by October 31!

The Challenge makes it easy and fun to learn about ways to reduce your climate impact while saving money. One of the most cost-effective energy saving measures is to seal air leaks in your home. Simple steps, such as caulking windows and installing weatherstripping around doorways, can help keep your home warmer while lowering your energy use and costs. You can find more heat-wise tips and weatherization resources for both renters and homeowners on the Challenge website.

Prizes are available for the first 250 households that sign up and complete at least one action in the Challenge. Households that earn at least 5,000 points will also have the chance to win a \$100 Shoreline Chamber of Commerce gift card for use at participating member businesses! City Council will recognize the teams, community groups, and neighborhoods that earn the most points for their carbon reduction actions as well.

MORE INFORMATION

Learn more and sign up at shorelineclimatechallenge.org.

SHORELINE CLIMATE CHAMPIONS SERIES

Be the Change you want to see – become a Climate Champion!

The City is partnering with Washington State University to offer a free, online climate change education and action series this October! Learn about zero waste, renewable energy, sustainable food, and climate communications with local experts.

All sessions will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

- **October 6** – Zero Waste Life Hacks
- **October 13** – Electrify Your Life and Your Ride
- **October 20** – Food and Climate: A Recipe for Success
- **October 27** – Communicate Like a Champion

MORE INFORMATION

Learn more and register at shorelinewa.gov/climate

N 148th Street Non-Motorized Bridge Project

A ped/bike bridge connecting people to neighborhoods and regional transit

Please participate in our online open house and online presentation (webinar) later this fall.

We want to share designs for the three main parts of the project, including the bridge span over I-5, the west trail connection, and the east bridge landing. The project team has been refining the design to address the feedback you shared with us last spring.

Public input is important to this project and will help ensure the new ped/bike bridge serves our diverse community. We want to hear what you think as we moved towards a final design.

The exact dates of online open house and online presentation are still being determined. Please visit shorelinewa.gov/148thbridge for more information and to receive updates.

We look forward to your participation!

About the project

The City of Shoreline is building a new pedestrian and bike bridge crossing over Interstate 5 (I-5) at N 148th Street. The N 148th Street Non-Motorized Bridge will improve safety for everyone, improve travel times for people walking and biking between the east and west sides of I-5 in Shoreline and connect to an expanding pedestrian and bike network.

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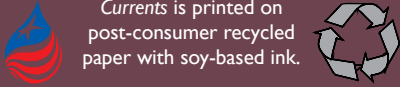
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(Meridian Park neighborhood)

709 N 150th Street
(Westminster Triangle neighborhood)

**LEARN MORE &
PROPOSE A NAME:**

shorelinewa.gov/nameapark