

City maintenance during COVID-19

Improvements to Sunset Park

Even during the pandemic, we have continued to upgrade and improve our park system. We recently installed new play equipment at Sunset School Park to replace aging play equipment that was part of a former elementary school site. In 2019, staff conducted an extensive public process to select the new play equipment. The project cost \$324,000, which included demolition of the old equipment, purchase of new play equipment, resurfacing the play area, and installing the new structure.

We also made improvements to the aging parking lot, pathways, and sports court areas of Sunset Park. As a former school site, the asphalt areas received heavy usage from school buses and students and were in need of repair. We used an overlay and chip sealing to maintain and improve the asphalt and accessibility at the park.

Right of way tree planting

The City planted 62 new street trees on the east side of Shoreline in October. The trees are Zelkova and Pacific/Norwegian Sunset hybrid maples, which are known for their fall colors. They are both suitable street trees that will help us maintain our urban tree canopy.

Funding for the trees came from fees collected in lieu of property owners replacing trees removed from their property. The City's tree code has tree replacement requirements. However, sometimes it is not always possible to replant trees on the same property. In such cases, property owners must pay a fee for each tree not replanted. The fee is dependent on the size of the tree to be replaced, but averages about \$2,500. The City uses fees collected to purchase, plant, and maintain trees around the City. The City used \$11,000 from the tree fund to purchase and plant the 62 new trees.

Urban forest restoration

With funding from the King County Conservation Futures Levy, we will have an opportunity to continue restoration work of our urban forest. We have created a plan that will allow us to restore around 5 acres annually until 2025 resulting in 20+ acres being restored.

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Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

Annual Traffic Report

ON OCTOBER 5, City Council reviewed the 2019 Annual Traffic Report. The report provides an annual review and analysis of data collected by Traffic Services staff and Police. It summarizes collision, speed, volume, transit, pedestrian, and bike data, highlighting noteworthy trends. The data is used to help guide the City's prioritization of Traffic Services capital improvement project resources and identifies potential projects for the upcoming year's Transportation Improvement and Capital Improvement plans; it supports our pursuit of grant opportunities; and it identifies target education and enforcement areas for Shoreline Police.

In 2019, Washington State released its fifth version of the Target Zero Plan, the State's road map for achieving zero deaths and serious injuries on Washington's roadways by 2030. This most recent update shows that Washington's traffic fatality and serious injury trend is going in the wrong direction, also mirroring a national trend. With 2019 data, Shoreline's serious and fatal injury accidents are also trending upwards.

Injury collisions are ticking up at a concerning rate along the Aurora Corridor. In 2019, collisions along the corridor accounted for more than 30% of the City's injury collisions, roughly doubling 2010 proportions. Traffic services will look at several ways to help address this increase. This could include looking at speed limit reductions if speed is found to be a significant factor in injury collisions along the corridor.

Traffic counts in Shoreline showed daily trips increased significantly in 2019, up 3.5% in comparison to 2018. However, with the impacts of COVID-19 on travel, Shoreline saw large dips in trips from March to May of this year, which is similar across the region. It is unclear at this time whether trip patterns and volumes will return to relative "normal" or whether travel has shifted in a more permanent way, with many employees continuing to work remotely. The 2020 Annual Traffic Report will provide more context on the pandemic's impact.

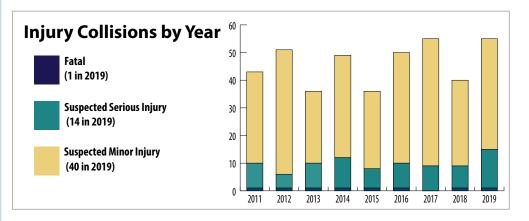
Traffic collisions have considerable impact not only on the people directly involved in the collision but also on the community. The Washington State Department of Transportation assesses motor vehicle collision costs by severity. The information provides estimates for the average economic cost per death, per injury, and per property damage collision. The economic cost estimates are a measure of the productivity lost and expenses incurred because of the collision; they do not reflect what society is willing to pay to prevent a statistical fatality or injury. The total societal costs for collisions in Shoreline in 2019 was \$31,860,000.

Beginning later this year, the City will start the process of updating the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Updating the TMP presents a unique opportunity for shaping how Shoreline addresses transportation safety, access, and mobility citywide, setting updated policies and priorities for all modes of travel. As the City experiences growth over the next 20 years, we are faced with a significant challenge – to balance the efficient movement of people and goods with the safety of roadway users.

MORE INFORMATION

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2021-2022 PROPOSED BIENNIAL BUDGET

CITY MANAGER Debbie Tarry presented the 2021-2022 Proposed Biennial Budget to City Council at its October 12 meeting. Tarry noted that, "The Proposed Budget honors our commitment to financial sustainability and Council Goals while maintaining priority services and service levels, and recognized the need to be able to respond quickly to the uncertain economic impacts of COVID-19." The proposed budget of \$232.4 million includes appropriations for the City's operating, debt service, internal service, capital, and utilities funds. The total represents a 10.8% increase from the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget, primarily resulting from increases in budgeted capital projects and debt service requirements.

The City's budget plays a critical role in achieving the community's Vision 2029 and Council Goals by allocating resources to services and projects. During its planning work each year, Council reviews feedback from the community to update Council Goals and identifies priority action steps to achieve those goals. For 2020-2022 Council has identified the following five goals:

Goal 1: Strengthen Shoreline's economic climate and opportunities

Goal 2: Continue to deliver highlyvalued public services through management of the City's infrastructure and stewardship of the natural environment

Goal 3: Continue preparation for regional mass transit in Shoreline

Goal 4: Expand the City's focus on equity and inclusion to enhance opportunities for community engagement

Goal 5: Promote and enhance the City's safe community and neighborhood programs and initiatives

More information about Council goals can be found at shorelinewa. gov/citycouncil.

COVID-19 Impacts

The economic impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic significantly influenced the preparation of the 2021-2022 budget. Staff have been working diligently to identify and respond to the potential immediate and long-term impacts to our financial forecast. As a result, Departments were asked to only submit requests for new or enhanced services where the item supports a specific Council Goal, addresses an emerging issue, is contractually required, or is critical to maintaining service levels. As a result, the amount of investments proposed for this biennium are more modest than usual.

In certain areas, such as the Jail Services budget, reductions are possible as the City's jail costs have decreased as a result of fewer jail housing days being billed to the City in the past two years. The City monitors this piece of its budget closely as it is an area that has had a volatile history. The Council also made the difficult decision to not reopen the Shoreline Pool, which results in net cost savings of about \$800,000 per

Despite these cost reduction efforts, the combination of reduced revenues and necessary cost increases still reflects a budget shortfall of approximately \$1.4 Million over the biennium.

The City Manager's proposed budget includes the use of fund balance, or reserves, to address this shortfall in order to maintain priority service levels. Despite the COVID-19 economic impacts, the City has maintained excellent reserve levels and anticipates a small increase in reserves at the end of the 2019-2020 biennium. The City budgets both its revenues and expenditures conservatively and will monitor the actuals closely in 2021. Should the economic impacts prove worse than anticipated the City will make the

necessary cost and service level reductions to maintain long term financial sustainability as it did in 2020. The City Manager is also holding several positions vacant to provide flexibility in responding to the changing economy.

One notable service level enhancement that is included in the proposed budget, is the increase in Human Services Funding. In 2015, Council made the decision to increase Human Services Funding each year with the goal of dedicating 1% of the City's ongoing general fund revenues. Each year Council has increased the Human Services Funding 0.05% and the 1% goal will be reached in 2022. Additionally, the budget proposes the addition of a Housing and Human Services Coordinator to help address the increasing demand in this area.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Operating Budget \$103.3 million Capital Budget \$66.5 million **Enterprise Funds** \$30.0 million **Debt Service** \$31.6 million Internal Services funds \$1.0 million \$232 MILLION Total

ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Monday, Nov. 16 7:00 p.m. Online meeting

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/budget shorelinewa.gov/calendar

POLICING IN SHORELINE

Over the next year, we will be sharing articles on policing in Shoreline. The goal is to try to answer many of the questions residents have about policing, such as how use of force policies are made and enforced, how police officers are held accountable, what police do with information they collect from people who they stop for traffic violations or for other reasons, and what types of training our Shoreline police officers go through.

Several of our officers will also introduce themselves to the community and explain their role in the department. This month Shoreline Police Chief Shawn Ledford will introduce himself.

Shoreline Police Chief Shawn Ledford

I have been the police chief for the City of Shoreline for the past eight years. It has been a rewarding job and at times very challenging. I am fortunate to serve in a community that prioritizes public safety.

I grew up in Marysville where I played sports and spent a lot of time outdoors - water skiing, snow skiing and on the Puget Sound. I am a member of the Tulalip Tribes. I feel fortunate to be part of a Tribe whose leadership (past and present) has provided so many opportunities for their tribal members and the community.

I graduated from Western Washington University and three weeks later started the police academy for King County. I have been in law enforcement for 32 years. My first year was as a reserve deputy for the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office. I have been with the King County Sheriff's Office for over 31 years. Like many police officers, I feel like it was in my blood to do this job. I love doing a job that's rewarding and important, helping people every day. I also understand the dangers of the job.

I spent the first six years of my career as a patrol deputy working graveyard in South King County. I was then selected for a detective position in the special assault unit and then major crimes, robbery/homicide. I continued to learn the importance of listening, treating people with compassion, and doing my best to help victims and hold offenders accountable based on evidence and facts. I was promoted to patrol sergeant. After a couple of years I was selected by the City of Newcastle to be their police chief. After five years in Newcastle I was promoted to captain. I worked a variety of assignments within the Sheriff's Office, including

precinct operations, administration, the contracting unit, and the criminal investigations division. In 2012, I was selected to be the Shoreline police chief, which is a major's position within the Sheriff's Office.

In Shoreline we have worked on several initiatives over the years to make improvements. In 2016, we developed and implemented RADAR - Response Awareness De-escalation And Referral. It's an effort to provide officers with more information to avoid a misunderstanding with people suffering from mental illness and to reduce use of force incidents. RADAR also pairs a mental health professional with a Shoreline officer to follow-up and help people in need by connecting them to services to reduce repeat calls for service.

We have also developed and held nine Nurturing Trust workshops over the years to improve trust and build a relationship with the Hispanic/Latino community.

We have worked to improve community policing and on average have held 50 community crime prevention meetings each year since 2014. Our priorities are school safety, park safety, neighborhood traffic safety, and preventing property crimes. Shoreline officers and detectives have worked hard with the community on crime prevention and encouraging residents to call 911 when they see suspicious activity in their neighborhood. We have seen a 50% reduction in burglaries in Shoreline over the past five years. We will continue to listen and work hard on community priorities.

These are extremely trying times for law enforcement and we must continually work to build and maintain trust, and do better. I am still proud to be in law enforcement and even more proud



of the men and women within the Shoreline PD who do their best every day. It's a difficult job. We're human beings that must go into chaotic scenes, often with limited information, and do our best to make the right decision to keep people safe. Officers must see and deal with things that are traumatic, clear the call, and then respond to the next call for service. I expect the Shoreline officers to always do their best and be professional at all times. Sometimes that requires taking a step back and listening, or just letting people vent.

I also know that we make mistakes. I'm still trying to do better as a chief and have made plenty of mistakes in my time in Shoreline. I hold people accountable to a reasonable standard and set expectations on treating the public compassionately in a fair and objective manner while also upholding everyone's Constitutional rights. It's not about making arrests. Often it's about going out of our way to help those most in need to try and get them the help they need to solve an underlying problem.

It's an honor and a pleasure to serve as your police chief. I look forward to continuing to work with the community, City leadership, and community partners to keep the City of Shoreline safe for everyone.

EMERGENCY SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER

St. Dunstan's Church, 722 N 145th Street Activation Hotline: 206-801-2797

FOR THE SECOND WINTER SEASON, the City is working in partnership with the North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA) to operate an emergency severe weather shelter. St. Dunstan's Church has offered space to house this important program at their parish. NUHSA is recruiting and training volunteers and providing needed shelter supplies. The City is handling the permitting process. It is also assisting with volunteer recruitment and training as needed.

The shelter officially 'opened' in early November. The threshold for activation will be a prediction of four-plus hours of temperatures at or below 33 degrees overnight or snow accumulation of two or more inches. When activated, the shelter will be open from 8:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. A recorded Severe Weather Shelter hotline, 206-801-2797, will be updated when the shelter is activated.

Volunteer

To make the shelter successful, we need volunteers to help staff it during activation. Committed and compassionate volunteers must be over 18 years old and commit to being on-call for a certain number of nights each month between November 1 and March 30. Volunteers will be trained and then will be responsible for welcoming guests and supervising the shelter overnight (partial shifts can be arranged). Volunteers will be paired with another person during shelter activation.

If you would like to volunteer, email staff@nuhsa.org or call 206-550-5626.

Overnight Winter Shelters

In addition to this emergency severe weather shelter, a few overnight winter shelters operate at different times over the winter in Shoreline and the surrounding area. These shelters open at 7:30 p.m. each night they are in operation.

Winter Shelter Dates and Locations:

- October 13 November 29 Lake City Presbyterian Church 3841 NE 123rd Street Seattle
- November 30 TBD Seattle Mennonite Church 3120 NE 125th Street, Seattle

For information on space availability, call 425-677-9370.

Family Shelter:

Mary's Place operates shelters year-round for families with children. Contact them at 206-245-1026.

MORE INFORMATION

To volunteer: North Urban Human Services Alliance staff@nuhsa.org, 206-550-5626

General information: Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn bwolbrec@shorelinewa.gov, 206-801-2331



Prepare for winter weather

FALL AND WINTER

storms are very common in the Pacific Northwest and we are committed to creating a community of resilience through advanced planning, education, and awareness. We urge residents to learn about the hazards that weather events can create so you can be prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws our way. Residents should be prepared with a plan and emergency kit containing all necessary items to survive for at least five to seven days. Keep in mind that response and recovery efforts for a weather-related event can be delayed due to hazardous conditions. COVID-19 impacts and safety guidelines may hinder response as well. Please visit shorelinewa. gov/StormReady to find out how you can better prepare for winter storms.

Snow removal

When it snows, our plows concentrate their efforts on arterial roads (primary routes) to accommodate fire, medical, and police response, as well as Metro transit and school buses. If snow continues to fall, we will only plow primary routes. Once the snow has stopped and all primary routes are clear, plows will move to secondary roads before moving into neighborhoods. If at any time it starts snowing again while plows are clearing secondary or neighborhood streets, the plows will return to the primary routes and the process of clearing streets will begin again. While we will eventually get to all streets but it might take several days after the final snow before residents see a plow on their street.

MORE INFORMATION

Shorelinewa.gov/stormready



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For the first year of restoration we will focus on some of our smaller parks, including Darnell and Meridian Parks and Richmond Reserve. These parks were chosen because of their similarity in size, allowing them to be restored and put in their maintenance phase by the end of the year.

- **Darnell Park:** This park has already received some restoration work involving the CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design) program. With the surface water amenity within the park and its high visibility, restoring this park will have immense environmental and public impacts.
- Meridian Park: Meridian has had extensive restoration work done to improve its surface water capacity and water quality. Restoring the rest of the park will be a great addition to its current amenities and initial investment.
- **Richmond Reserve:** This park has mature canopy and a great native understory. This combined with the small size of the park will allow us to get it into maintenance phase quickly.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/parks



View salmon safely near Shoreline

It's Salmon SEEson! Adult salmon are currently swimming upstream to reach their spawning grounds, after spending a few years out in the ocean. Look for returning salmon at Carkeek Park in NW Seattle in November and early December or along North Creek in Bothell from September through November. Visit safely with members of your household, making sure to recreate responsibly (learn how at recreateresponsibly.org).

A map of sites (including virtual viewing opportunities!) and more information can be found at: bit.ly/salmonseeson.

MORE INFORMATION

bit.ly/salmonseeson

Help our local aquatic wildlife be Salmon-Safe!

As part of the City's Salmon-Safe certification, we have committed to avoiding the use of uncoated zinc and copper for any new building cladding. Building materials with uncoated zinc and copper can leach pollutants into stormwater. Those pollutants are toxic to salmon and aquatic life. You can be Salmon-Safe too! Take these steps to reduce zinc and copper pollution in Shoreline's waterways and Puget Sound:

- Avoid zinc and copper-bearing building materials at your home or business
- Switch to copper-free brake pads
- Fix car leaks as soon as you detect them
- Reduce the use of garden chemicals, including fertilizers; weed and feed; and pesticides
- Choose zinc and copper-free moss removal products

MORE INFORMATION

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COVID-19 Update

This Season a Flu Vaccine is More **Important than Ever!**

Getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever during the 2020-2021 flu season to protect yourself, your family, and your community. A flu vaccine this season can help reduce the burden on our healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and save medical resources for care of COVID-19 patients. If you haven't already gotten a flu vaccine, it's not too late.

The more people vaccinated; the more people protected. Do your part. Get a flu vaccine this fall.

Cozy up for fall - but minimize your risk for COVID!

Fall is upon us. The days are shorter, the nights are longer and cooler and many of us start to spend more time inside. Over the summer, guidance was if you are going to gather with friends and family, do it outdoors. Socializing outdoors is less risky than indoors for two main reasons. First, natural outdoor airflow rapidly dilutes viruses floating in the air. Second, sunlight kills viruses. It is also easier to physically distance ourselves!

Now, with fall, closed windows decrease fresh airflow, which can increase risk, particularly the more people you have inside. And, if people are not wearing masks and are doing activities that involve speaking loudly, singing, or

exercising, that can add even more risk. But the good news is, there are ways to reduce the spread and stay healthy while indoors.

- First, wear masks. Snug, wellfitting cloth face masks should be worn indoors when others are present regardless of the distance between people. (You do not need to wear a mask indoors at home with your household members).
- · Second, limit the number of people you are with and length of time you are with them indoors. Stay as far apart as possible. Remember, the guidance is not "mask up OR stay 6 feet or more of distance." Rather, the safer thing to do is to wear a mask AND stay 6 feet or more apart from others.
- · Third, do what you can to improve ventilation in indoor spaces, including opening windows when possible. More fresh air means lower risk.

And of course, washing hands frequently and cleaning surfaces often is always important.

Business owners, be sure that your workers are following the Washington Labor & Industries guidance for personal protective equipment. Businesses should also review CDC guidance for workplaces and buildings.

Sporting Activities

The Governor's Office has updated regulations related to team sport activities. They have categorized different sport activities into different risk levels and are basing the level of activity that can occur in a county on specific COVID measurements of cases per 100,000 over the previous two weeks and positive case rates. The State Department of Health will review these metrics on the 1st and 15th of the month and, if necessary, issue new guidance based on them. This means what sports are allowed on the fields may shift regularly.

Tournaments, league games, and organized team practices/training are only allowed with a City of Shoreline permit. Failure of individuals, leagues or other organizations to comply with the COVID-19 guidance issued by the State and Public Health - Seattle and King County could result in the closure of athletic fields, tennis courts, picnic shelters, and other park areas to the public.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/covid

CITYWISE PROJECT

Since launching as a pilot in 2017, the CityWise Project has provided participants insight into the wide range of services provided by the City. This coming year, CityWise will be offered as an online experi-

Applications will be available in January 2021, with sessions beginning in February. Watch for details in the Winter Currents and on the City website at: shorelinewa.gov/citywise.

MORE INFORMATION

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ADOPT A DRAIN

Help prevent flooding and protect Shoreline's water quality

Looking for a great sociallydistanced volunteer activity? Volunteer to keep your street's storm drains clear of leaves and debris. City crews sweep streets to keep drains clear, but we could use your help especially after storms!

INFORMATION & SIGN UP:

shorelinewa.gov/ adopt-a-drain

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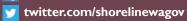
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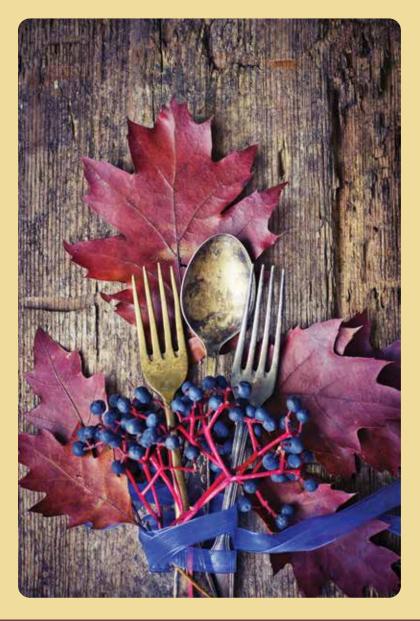
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SHORELINE'S FOOD & Traditions

Nothing about 2020 has been usual. The upcoming months will not be usual either. We already miss gatherings with family and friends. Whatever we celebrate this time of year just won't feel the same.

Even if we aren't sitting around large tables and enjoying special food together, we can still cook our favorite fall and winter meals. Comforting food, seasoned with memories and prepared with hope for the future, is more important than ever.

What do you enjoy preparing this time of year? Is there a special occasion that calls for your special dish? Do you cook with family recipes handed down through generations? Have you blended traditions to create something new? This is your chance to spread some joy this season by sharing a recipe. The City of Shoreline has a new recipe sharing section on our website so we can celebrate the season together.

Share your recipes!

Please send us your recipe with a photo if possible. We want to know what significance it has to you, so tell us the story of this dish. Tell us: where you got the recipe, when you prepare it, and why it is meaningful to you.

Send your recipe and story to:

cperenyi@shorelinewa.gov

See the community's recipes at:

shorelinewa.gov/recipes