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Council studies Police accountability

EVENTS OVER the past year, both locally and nationally, have heightened the public's interest in policy issues, as well as proposals for change, related to law enforcement. On February 22 and March 1, the Shoreline City Council heard from a diverse array of panelists on topics related to police accountability. The Council is seeking to learn more about current policy discussions at the state level as well as better understand some of the current efforts at the regional and local level.

At the February 22 meeting, Council hosted representatives from Not This Time, a community organization dedicated to improving police training and the conduct of law enforcement, and the Association of Washington Cities, which advocates on behalf of cities across the state. These panelists discussed legislation being debated in the Washington State Legislature related to police accountability.

The February 22 meeting also welcomed an academic researcher from Seattle University who shared her thoughts on the challenges of collecting and interpreting data to inform law enforcement policy. While quantitative data can be helpful, it is challenging to capture the full picture of a complex situation. To fully understand the context for that information, it takes a companion effort to gather qualitative information that tells the story of why specific law enforcement activity leads to the particular picture represented by the quantitative data.

The March 1 Council meeting focused on community engagement and civilian oversight of law enforcement as a means of building trust between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. The Council also took an in-depth look at the benefits and challenges of body worn cameras. The King County Sheriff's Office is currently evaluating their use by their deputies, including Shoreline Police. Panelists included representatives from the King County Sheriff's Office, the American Civil Liberties Union, and two citizen oversight organizations –the Citizen's Advisory Committee for King County's Office for Law Enforcement Oversight and the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.

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Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

City Council establishes independent Council Salary Commission

ON FEBRUARY 22, City Council adopted Ordinance 919 establishing an independent Council Salary Commission. The Commission will be composed of a diverse group of Shoreline residents. They will oversee a comparative compensation study and provide recommendations for future adjustments to Council salaries and benefits.

When setting the level of compensation, the Commission will consider the requirements and duties of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councilmembers. This includes representing the needs and interests of the community at regular and special meetings, as well as duties that often extend beyond the weekly Council meetings. Councilmembers serve on regional and national committees; represent the City on cross-jurisdictional commissions; participate in state and national conferences; and attend additional regular meetings with City staff and community members.

The Commission will also consider the City's commitment to building a community that embraces diversity, encourages participation, and promotes equity. This includes removing barriers that may hinder, deter, or create inequities for people interested in running for election as a councilmember.

Since the City's incorporation, salaries for Councilmembers have been set by Council action. Under that system, any salary changes enacted by Council did not take effect until the expiration of Councilmembers' terms. This delayed implementation meant Councilmembers were paid different amounts depending upon when their term of office begins and ends.

Currently, councilmember salaries are set at \$1,000 per month, the Deputy Mayor's salary at \$1,100 per month, and the Mayor's salary at \$1,250 per month. Councilmembers also have the option of either signing up for health insurance or receiving a retirement benefit.

State law also allows municipalities to establish a Salary Commission for the purpose of reviewing and determining elected officials' compensation. These commissions are composed of appointed citizens who serve a designated term to perform this work. The City will begin accepting applications for the Salary Commission in 2022.

BALLOTS DUE APRIL 27



Two ballot drop boxes in Shoreline

King County Elections has provided two secure ballot drop boxes in Shoreline. Drop boxes will be open 24 hours a day beginning April 8.

LOCATIONS:

Shoreline Library
345 NE 175th Street

Shoreline Park & Ride
18821 Aurora Avenue N

City to assume full control of wastewater utility April 30

AFTER MORE THAN 18 years of planning, the City will assume full control of the wastewater utility in Shoreline beginning April 30. At that time, your bills will say City of Shoreline Wastewater Utility and you will make your payment out to the City of Shoreline. The City Council will become the governing body for the utility and the Ronald Wastewater District will cease to exist.

Assumption of the utility started in 2002 when the City and the Ronald Wastewater District signed an agreement calling for the City to assume ownership of the utility in October of 2017. Due to several legal issues, the full assumption has taken longer than originally anticipated. However, thanks to the hard work of City staff and Ronald Wastewater District staff, who are now City staff, and the commitment of the Ronald Wastewater District Board of Commissioners and City Council, the assumption has gone smoothly.

The City entered into a service contract with the District in 2017 to operate the utility on behalf of the District. While the District's Board of Commissioners continued to approve the annual budget, set rates, and provide oversight for the utility's capital improvements, the City conducted the day-to-day operations for the utility. As a result, the final assumption will be a seamless transition for you, the ratepayers. The only real change you will notice is that the bills will come from and you will make your payment to the City beginning April 30.

MORE INFORMATION
shorelinewa.gov/wastewater

Your Wastewater Utility bills will have a new look beginning April 30. Payment methods haven't changed apart from making your payment to *City of Shoreline Wastewater Utility*.

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

AS WE MOVE into spring, we are preparing for the upcoming construction season. Here are the City's capital projects you can anticipate seeing this year:

Pump Station 26

This surface water pump station in the North City neighborhood (10th Avenue NE at NE 185th Street) needs upgrading. We will rebuild the existing pump station. We will also fill in the current pond and all storage will be contained underground. We anticipate construction occurring in the second half of the year.

New Sidewalks - 1st Avenue NE from NE 193rd to NE 195th Streets

We will install new sidewalks on the east side of the street. This is the first sidewalk project from the voter approved sidewalk prioritization program to begin construction. We anticipate beginning construction in late summer.

Ballinger Maintenance Facility (20031 Ballinger Way NE)

As part of the City's Distributed Maintenance Facility Plan, we will make improvements to provide new facilities for a variety of City maintenance services, including fueling and snow removal. This work will begin in late 2021 and will continue into 2022.

NE 148th Street Infiltration Facilities Project

This drainage project will improve drainage on NE 148th Street between 12th Avenue NE and 15th Avenue NE by

constructing infiltration facilities that allow the runoff to soak into the ground.

Annual Road Surface Maintenance

This year, we will be doing a chip seal treatment (aka BST) on select local streets in the Richmond Beach neighborhood. We will do this work in July or August when the weather is hot and dry.

Surface Water Pipe Repair and Replacement projects

In this annual program, we perform repairs to surface water pipes and catch basins at locations throughout the City. We also address minor drainage problems. We will complete this work later in the year.

MORE INFORMATION
shorelinewa.gov/projects



COVID-19 UPDATE

AT THE TIME this issue was printed, the full details of the State's Healthy Washington Plan Phase 3 were not yet available. Any updates or changes to the information in this story will be published on the City's COVID-19 information page at shorelinewa.gov/covid.

Healthy Washington Plan Phase 3

The State of Washington moved to Phase 3 of the Healthy Washington Plan on March 22. While previous changes to phases in the plan were based on regions, criteria will now be evaluated on the metrics of each individual county every three weeks.

Phase 3 allows up to 50% occupancy or 400 people maximum, whichever is lower, for all indoor spaces. This applies to all industries and indoor activities allowed under Phase 2 including restaurants, gyms, fitness centers, and movie theaters.

Visit coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start for the most up to date information.

Parks and recreation facilities and activities

We will publish updated recreation and field use guidelines for Shoreline on the City's website at shorelinewa.gov/covid and will send an eNotification once these guidelines are finalized. To sign up for eNotifications, visit shorelinewa.gov/alert.

Vaccine information

Washington is in Phase 1B tier 2 of

vaccine distribution, which includes:

- All workers at risk of acquisition or transmission of COVID-19 in health-care settings; long-term care facility staff and residents; and home health and care aides.
- Anyone age 65 years and older
- Anyone age 50 and older if they live in a household where two or more generations live, (such as an elder and a grandchild), and meet these qualifications:
 - Cannot live independently and receives support from a relative or caregiver (paid or unpaid) or who works outside the home
 - Lives with and cares for a young child, like a grandparent with a grandchild.
 - This does NOT include someone 50 and older who cares for a partner or friend or who is able to live independently and is taking care of their own children.
- All pre-K educators, K-12 teachers, and licensed childcare workers.
- High-risk critical workers who work in certain congregate settings: Agriculture; fishing vessel crews; food processing; grocery stores; corrections; prisons, jails or detention centers; public transit; remaining first responders.
- People 16 years or older who are pregnant or have a disability that

puts them at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness.

At the time of printing, Washington was expected to expand vaccine availability again on April 12 to Phase 1B Tier 3 which includes:

- People 50 years or older with 2 or more co-morbidities or underlying conditions.

President Biden has directed all states, Tribes, and territories to make all adults eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine no later than May 1.

Visit findyourphasewa.org to check your COVID-19 vaccine eligibility. Contact your health provider if you are currently eligible for the vaccine. Additional vaccine information and clinic locations are available at covidvaccinewa.org.

COVID-19 Testing

If you have a primary care physician, please ask their office about testing availability. Public Health - Seattle and King County maintains a list of free testing locations that are open to anyone.

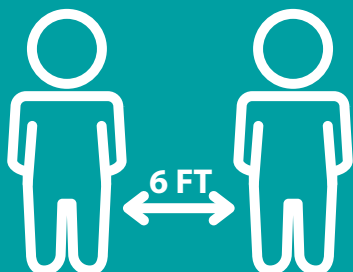
Remote Learning Camps

The City is offering weekly remote learning camps for students in all grades in the Shoreline School District. FREE for qualifying families. Payment plans and scholarships are available. Learn more at shorelinewa.gov/camps.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/covid

PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE



WEAR YOUR MASK



WASH YOUR HANDS



Photo courtesy William Wright Photography

City does its part to address homelessness

HOMELESSNESS continues to be a significant issue in the region and throughout the state. For the past several years, the City has been doing its part to help address this difficult issue. We have been working on a number of fronts to ensure there is access to shelter and housing for all in our community.

Shoreline Severe Weather Shelter

Following last winter's inaugural effort, City staff again partnered with the North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA) and Lake City Partners to site and operate a severe weather shelter. This year, St. Dunstan's Church in Shoreline has stepped in to provide the accommodations. The Severe Weather Shelter is activated when overnight temperatures are forecast to be 33 degrees or below for a period of at least 4 hours. The Shelter is staffed by trained volunteers and provides snacks and overnight accommodations only. NUHSA activated the shelter for 10 nights this winter with an average of six guests per night.

North King County Enhanced Shelter at the Oaks

The former Oaks Nursing Home in Shoreline has been undergoing numerous repairs and facility improvements in preparation to begin operations as an Enhanced Shelter. The



King County Housing Authority purchased the property last year and is now leasing it to King County. The County, in turn, is contracting with Lake City Partners to develop and operate a 24/7 shelter for single adults. In addition to facility improvements, Lake City Partners has hired and trained the onsite case management and outreach staff. One of the final hurdles to occupancy had been the installation and testing of an updated fire alarm system. This work was completed in early March and the shelter was set to open and begin housing residents at the end of March.

This site will serve up to 60 adults experiencing homelessness. The initial population at the facility will be lower and allow staff and residents to successfully open and operate the facility before more residents move in.

198th Affordable Housing Project

The affordable housing project planned for the corner of N 198th Street and Aurora Avenue will provide 100 units of supportive housing to individuals either exiting homelessness or at risk of becoming so. The project was initially to be developed by Community Psychiatric Clinic. However, due to consolidation in the healthcare arena, Catholic Housing Services took control of the project. This, along with the pandemic, has resulted in significant delays for this project. Site work and construction is expected to begin later this year. We anticipate it opening by mid-2022.

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Room ready to serve residents at the North King County Enhanced Shelter.

Photo courtesy William Wright Photography



CLIMATE ACTION TIP

April 22 is Earth Day!

You can help protect our community and environment by taking action to fight climate change. Did you know that 40% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions come from our individual, everyday actions? That means our daily actions can make a big difference in fighting climate change!

This Earth Day, visit ShorelineClimateChallenge.org to calculate your household's climate impact and learn about actions you can take that will make a difference.

Help save our salmon

Every fall, more than half of the Coho salmon returning to urban streams in Puget Sound die before they can spawn – in some streams, all die. Tire wear particles carried by rainwater has been found to be the primary cause.

Along with tire particles, car leaks and copper brake pads are two other significant sources of water pollution that affect our local waterways, Puget Sound, and wildlife. You can be part of the solution and help reduce water pollution from cars by taking the following actions:

Proper Maintenance

- Check regularly for car leaks – look for stains where you park your car.
- Fix leaks as soon as you detect them (your car & Puget Sound will thank you).
- Choose copper-free brake pads.
- Use a commercial car wash – never allow car wash water to flow into streets, storm drains, or ditches.

Drive Less

- Combine errands and trips to reduce total distance driven.
- If you can do so safely, walk or bike to places within a mile of your home.
- Choose an alternative transportation, whenever possible, such as a carpool, bus, or bike!

Always report vehicle leaks and any other spill to the City's Customer Response Team at 206-801-2700.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY FROM HOME!

THIS APRIL, we invite you to learn about the many ways you can help protect the Earth, fight climate change, and create a Sustainable Shoreline while at home. From reducing waste to shifting your ride or growing your own vegetables, our everyday actions can make a big difference for the health of our community – and our planet!

Join us for weekly online classes with sustainability experts. They will share ideas and inspiration to treat every day like Earth Day. Each class will feature family-friendly activities for you to try at home. There will also be and sustainability-themed raffle prizes. Classes will run from 7:00 – 8:30 pm each session.

MORE INFORMATION

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Thursday, April 1 – Recycling and Low-Waste Living

Get your recycling questions answered and discover strategies to recycle more and create less waste! Register by 4/1 to receive a free kitchen compost caddy (one per household, while supplies last).

Wednesday, April 7 – Composting at Home

Learn how to turn your food scraps into nutrient-rich garden soil using home compost systems including worm bins and off-the-shelf systems. Register by 4/7 to receive a free kitchen compost caddy (one per household, while supplies last).

Wednesday, April 14 – Safer Cleaning for a Healthy Home

Skip the chemicals with these safer cleaning tricks and recipes to make your own cleaning products! Register by 4/14 to receive a free safer cleaning kit that includes everything you need to get started (one per household, while supplies last).

Wednesday, April 21 – Creating a Climate-Friendly Community

Learn about local climate change impacts and opportunities, including key steps we can take as a community to both reduce emissions and build resilience.

Wednesday, April 28 – Vegetable Gardening for Beginners: Learn how to grow your own salad greens and tomatoes in containers

Register by 4/28 to receive a free vegetable start to plant at home, courtesy of Diggin' Shoreline (while supplies last).

Council approves Preferred Concept Design for 175th Corridor Improvements

ON FEBRUARY 1, City Council approved the preferred concept design for the 175th Corridor Improvement Project. Using feedback received from over 1,500 participants through public outreach during the past two years, we were able to establish the community's top three priorities for the corridor: (1) pedestrian walkability, (2) flow of traffic, and (3) transportation safety. The community provided feedback on how the initial design concepts met these priorities and we combined this feedback with technical analysis to develop the preferred design concept.

Preferred Concept Design for Corridor (Stone Ave N to Meridian Ave N)

The corridor improvements from Stone Avenue N to Meridian Avenue N will provide a shared-use path in the westbound (uphill) direction and an on-street buffered bike lane and a widened sidewalk in the eastbound direction (downhill). The design also includes a center median which allows for a new signalized pedestrian crossing at Ashworth Avenue N and safety

enhancements to the existing crossing at Wallingford Ave N. Landscape buffers, or amenity zones, will provide safe separation between the roadway and sidewalk. Additional improvements will also be done to connect bicycle users to the Interurban Trail.

Preferred Concept Design for the Intersection of Meridian Avenue N and N 175th Street

The preferred concept for the intersection at Meridian Avenue N and N 175th Street is to replace and update the traffic signal system. The concept includes additional length of turn lanes, accommodations for bikes, enhancement of pedestrian facilities, minimizes environmental impacts at Ronald Bog, and maintains connectivity to the recently constructed sidewalks at Meridian Park Elementary.

Preferred Concept Design for Corridor (Meridian Ave N to Interstate 5)

Corridor improvements between Meridian Ave N and Interstate 5 will include shared-use paths along both

sides of the roadway. Additional coordination with WSDOT is necessary to finalize the layout of this segment; however, shared-use paths will be used to enhance safety through the I-5 interchange.

The N 175th Street project, from Stone Avenue N to Interstate 5, will support growth and promote safety and mobility by widening the roadway, constructing pedestrian and cyclists improvements along the full length of the corridor, and improving the intersection at N 175th Street and Meridian Avenue N. With the preferred concept approved, the project will proceed with design. Currently the design phase is fully funded through a federal STP grant and Traffic Impact Fees. Additional funding is needed for Construction.

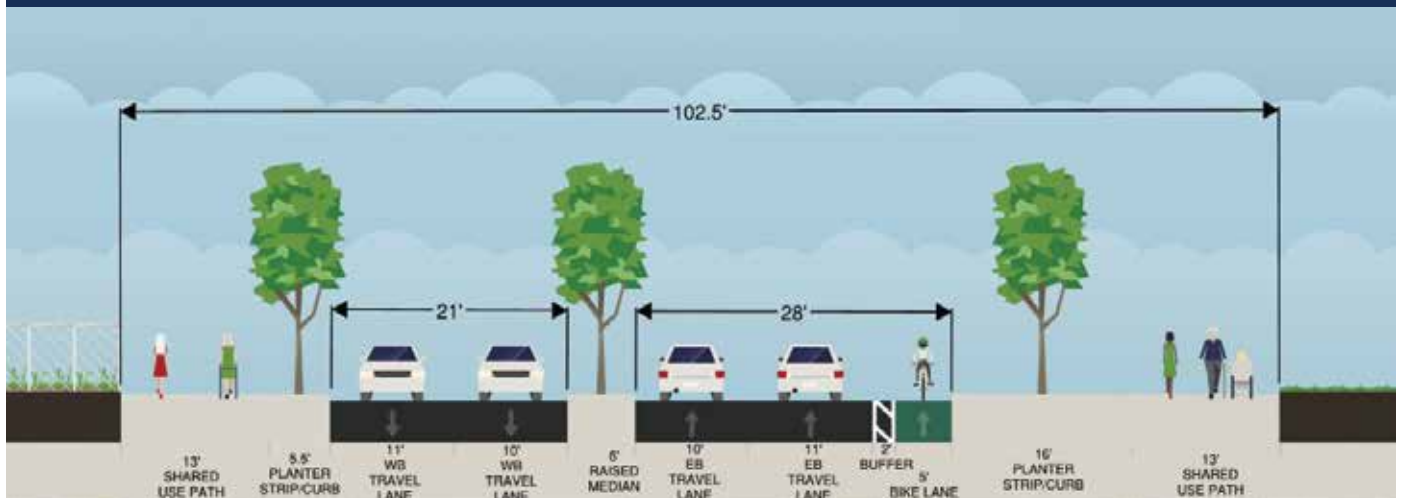
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Preferred Concept Design - Wallingford Avenue N to Meridian Avenue N

The design below shows the corridor from Wallingford to Meridian facing east. The design for this segment is similar to the segment from Stone to Wallingford. In this segment the sidewalk on the south side of the road expands from 10' to a 13' shared use path. Planter strips on both sides of the road provide a buffer zone between vehicles and pedestrians. The eastbound on-street bike lane will also be buffered from vehicle traffic.

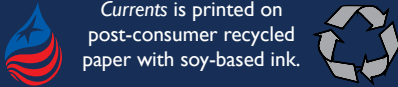
View other segment designs at shorelinewa.gov/175corridor



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Join us on a walk! Explore neighborhoods, parks and trails on some of the best walking routes in Shoreline.

NEW walks start in April!

Walk Schedule: ShorelineWA.gov/ShorelineWalks

*Face Masks Required



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Contact us for more information about becoming a walk leader and leading free community walks around Shoreline.

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