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Council names Shoreline's two newest parks

ON APRIL 19, City Council adopted names for Shoreline's two newest parks. The park to be located at 709 N 150th Street will be named Westminster Park and the park to be located at 1341 N 185th Street will be named Edwin Pratt Memorial Park. The City acquired both properties in 2020 using funds from King County Conservation Futures Tax grants and the City's Park Impact Fees paid through new development.

The park naming process began with the City soliciting potential park names from the public for both parks. Taking all of the submitted suggestions, City staff sent recommendations to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board. The Board deliberated and forwarded their recommendations of Westminster Park and Edwin Pratt Memorial Park to the City Council.

The property located at 709 N 150th Street sits almost in the middle of the Westminster Triangle neighborhood. Naming it Westminster Park reflects the neighborhood, the community, and its geographical identification.

The property located at 1341 N 185th Street is named in honor of civil rights leader and Shoreline resident Edwin Pratt. The location is close to both the home where Edwin Pratt lived with his family and the church they attended. Naming the park after Edwin Pratt honors his legacy and the impact he has had on our community. It will also serve as a place for reflection. As part of the requirements for using the Conservation Futures Tax grant, the City can only develop 15% of the park with hard surfaces, so the remaining portion will be a natural refuge.

As future funding is identified for the designs of these parks, the public will have an opportunity to comment.

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Washington State Legislative wrap-up

On April 25, the State Legislature concluded its regular legislative session for 2021. It was a busy time, as the House and Senate drafted, debated, and passed a broad range of new measures, some of which will have direct impacts on Shoreline. Some of the biggest issues addressed by the legislature this year have been COVID relief, police accountability, a carbon tax, and transportation.

Below are several Shoreline-specific highlights to relate:

- The City will receive \$412,000 to help complete our renovation of restrooms at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, Cromwell Park, Paramount Park, Kayu Kayu Ac Park, Richmond Highlands Park, Shoreline Park, and both the upper and lower restrooms at Shoreview Park.
- The City will also receive \$361,000 to build a picnic pavilion at Shoreline Park, which will make it easier for residents to enjoy the park year-round.
- The Department of Health received over \$20 million to expand and improve operations at the Washington State Public Health Laboratory, on the southern portion of the Fircrest Campus.
- Also on the Fircrest Campus, the Department of Social and Health Services received funding to build a new 120-bed nursing facility at the Fircrest Residential Habilitation Center.
- At Shoreline Community College, the State provided funding to build the Allied Health, Science and Manufacturing Building, which will provide training for careers in biomanufacturing.
- The State also created a special, Shoreline-only, pilot program for the City to use in the emerging dense urban neighborhoods around our light rail stations. The program will see if offering a 20-year multi-family tax exemption will help encourage the development of more affordable housing in the area.
- In transportation, the State provided a \$5 million Regional Mobility Grant to Shoreline for its project to rebuild the interchange at N 145th Street and I-5.

Building an Anti-Racist Community – Community Listening Sessions

On November 30, 2020, Shoreline City Council adopted Resolution 467 declaring the City's commitment to building an anti-racist community. The Resolution calls on the City to address and undo all the ways racism is maintained in individual, institutional, and structural levels by changing policies, behaviors, and beliefs. The Resolution states:

- The City will work with members of the community to co-create a vision and identify the outcomes and activities of an anti-racist community.
- The City will facilitate community listening sessions to hear directly from Shoreline community members about their expectations and desired outcomes for City services, policies, and practices.

An Equity and Social Justice Community Workgroup, composed of City staff and community consultants, will work together to plan the listening sessions. The Community Consultants are all Shoreline residents who represent diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives and have connections to and knowledge of Shoreline organizations and/or resident groups. We anticipate the first listening sessions taking place later this month.

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Shoreline Pool to be used for firefighter training before demolition

IN 2020, City Council made the difficult decision to permanently close the Shoreline Pool. The City sought proposals from third parties to continue operating the pool; however, no organization submitted a workable proposal. The Council made the decision to move forward with demolition of the pool facility. We have spent several months preparing the facility for demolition. We have retained and repurposed all reusable items that we can use in other facilities. We auctioned off and removed all remaining items of value. The facility is now completely empty. Staff have been working to sever the power, water, sewer, and gas utilities at the site.

The City has offered use of the pool facility for training by the Shoreline Fire Department and other local Fire Departments.

“Training with real buildings is the most valuable training we can provide our firefighters,” stated North King County Training Consortium Training Officer Andres Orams. “It reduces the number of simulated components in a training event and adds a level of realism that we cannot duplicate with our fixed training facilities. Using donated buildings also reduces the financial burden that would otherwise be required to simulate such training by purchasing supplies and materials.”

More than 250 firefighters will be able to receive training at the facility before demolition.

The Shoreline School District owns the land where the pool is located. We have been working closely with the District on how to use the land in the future as it sits next to Shoreline Park. The City recently received approval for a Department of Commerce grant to place a picnic pavilion in Shoreline Park. We are working with the School District to see if locating it on the site of the former pool makes sense.

The picnic pavilion at Shoreline Park will allow year-round outdoor recreation and extend park usage to the entire year. Shoreline Park serves the public in both a regional and neighborhood capacity. There is regional draw for park patrons who use the lighted all-weather turf fields and tennis and pickleball courts for tournaments and sporting events. The park also serves the neighborhood with play equipment, wooded trails, and picnic tables. The proposed pavilion would provide beneficial recreational activities to a variety of park patrons on a local and regional basis.

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Shoreline voters show strong support for park bond; however, measure fails to meet validation requirements

SHORELINE VOTERS showed strong support for Proposition 1, a park bond levy for park improvements and park land acquisitions on the April Special Election ballot. Over 72% of those casting ballots approved the measure. Bond measures require 60% approval to pass. However, State law also requires that for a bond measure to 'validate,' at least 40% of the number of votes cast in the previous general election, which was in November 2020, need to be cast in the election in question. The votes must be from uncontested ballots. Ballots can be contested for several reasons, including lack of signature or signatures that don't match records. As such, total ballots received may need to exceed the minimum 40% number. For Proposition 1 to have reached validation requirements, there needed to be a minimum of 14,092 votes cast. The certified election results show 13,908 votes cast, 184 votes short of the amount needed for validation.

You can see below the votes required and those received:

- Active registered voters in Shoreline - 40,105
- Voters who voted on 11/3/2020, the last general election - 35,231
- 40% of valid votes cast needed to validate - 14,092
- Votes cast in April 27 special election - 13,908

Passage of Proposition 1 would have authorized improvements to eight parks and the acquisition and improvement of new park land. The City Council will discuss whether to place the bond measure on a future ballot on June 14, 2021.

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COVID-19 UPDATE - VACCINE INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AND SUMMER EVENTS

New guidelines for those who are fully vaccinated

In mid-May, the CDC published new guidelines stating that fully vaccinated people can resume pre-pandemic activities, both indoors and outdoors without wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart. Governor Inslee stated that the state will follow the CDC guidelines and will move to fully reopen on June 30. The state may fully reopen sooner than June 30 if 70% of residents 16 and over have received their first vaccination dose. Until that time, King County remains in Phase 3 of reopening. Businesses have the right to continue to require masks even if the county moves out of Phase 3.

We continue to strongly urge all residents to get vaccinated. If you are not yet fully vaccinated or are medically unable to be vaccinated, we urge you to continue to follow all COVID-19 safety protocols including wearing a snugly fitted mask, maintaining social distancing, avoiding crowds, and gathering primarily outdoors.

Vaccine information

On May 13, children aged 12-15 became eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. Everyone 16 and over has been eligible to get vaccinated since mid-April. Vaccines are free of charge to everyone no matter your insurance or immigration status.

Where can I get a vaccine?

- UW North King County Vaccination Site at Shoreline Center - No appointments required.

Location: 18560 1st Avenue NE.

As of this printing, clinic hours are:
Mondays - Fridays 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Appointments:

uwmedicine.org/schedulevaccine
or call 844-520-8700. Walk-ups are also accepted.

- Call your doctor or health provider to see if they have available appointments.
- Use Washington State's Vaccine Locator to find appointments at local clinics, pharmacies, and fixed vaccination sites.
- The VA is offering vaccines to veterans at local VA clinics.
- In home vaccination is available for those with disabilities or medical conditions that make it difficult to leave the home. Appointments are limited and individuals with the greatest challenge leaving their homes will be prioritized. To request an appointment, call the King County COVID-19 Call Center at 206-477-3977, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Interpretation is available.

Need help making a vaccine appointment?

- For those without internet access or who require language assistance, call 1-800-525-0127, then press #.
- For telephone-to-text relay service dial 7-1-1 or 800-833-6384.
- Tactile interpretation – seattledbsc.org

Need help getting to your vaccine appointment?

Find A Ride: Use Hopelink's Find A Ride website at findaride.org to search free and low-cost transportation options to vaccine appointments. The site allows you to search by region and accessibility need.

Coordinated Vaccine Transportation Helpline: Created by Hopelink Mobility Management to support individuals experiencing transportation challenges in reaching their vaccine appointment. Call the Helpline at 425-943-6706, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Flyers are available in nine different languages.

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. To apply, call FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 1-844-684-6333. Learn more at You can find FEMA's Funeral Assistance FAQs at: fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq

There have been reports of scams targeting applicants for FEMA's Funeral Assistance program. Please note that you must call FEMA directly to apply for this assistance. FEMA will not contact anyone until they have begun the application process. Do not disclose information such as the name, birth date, or social security number of any deceased family member to any unsolicited telephone calls or e-mails from anyone claiming to be a federal employee or from FEMA.

King County Rental Assistance

King County is starting the next round of the Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Program (EPRAP). The program helps people experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 and at risk of housing instability or homelessness. The Tenant Pool opened on May 17, 2021, for individuals or households needing rental assistance.

King County is also accepting landlord submissions of properties with five or more tenants behind in rent. All tenants must qualify independently for assistance.

To apply, visit: kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/COVID/eviction-prevention-rent-assistance.aspx.

Summer Activities and Events

Celebrate Shoreline and Noon Concerts Cancelled

Earlier this year, we made the difficult decision to cancel Celebrate Shoreline and the Noon Concert series. While guidelines have recently changed for those who are fully vaccinated, caution is still urged for those who are not. Events of this size require months of planning and we were required to make this decision based on the guidelines and forecast in place earlier this year. We hope to be able to hold large community events again soon.

Summer Camps

Registration is now open for summer camps. All camps have been modified to meet CDC and Public Health recommendations for group sizes, social distancing, and sanitation.

Camp offerings include Camp Shoreline at Spartan Recreation Center and Ridgecrest Elementary; The OC (outdoor camp) at Hamlin Park; Nature Vision Camps; Skyhawks Camps; Lego Camps; and many more. Bravo Sports Camp and 'Let off S.T.E.A.M' Tween/Teen camps will also be back this summer. Check out the options on our Camp Shoreline page at shorelinewa.gov/campshoreline.

Other Recreation Opportunities

Shoreline WALKS has started back up offering a safe, fun way to both get moving as well as connect in person (safely distanced) with your community.

Community Gardens are up and running, with the Giving Garden looking forward to being able to donate fresh produce again this year to local foodbanks.

Spartan Recreation Center is open for COVID safe adult exercise activities and weight room in the evenings. Pre-registration is required in order

maintain a safe environment for participants.

All programs and facilities are designed for your enjoyment and safety. We take your health seriously, both in providing engaging programs to move and exercise as well as safe and clean environments in which to do so.

Find more information on summer activities and events at shorelinewa.gov/summer2021. See page 7 for June events.

Shoreline Business Assistance

Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF)

The federal RRF will provide \$28.6 billion to eligible restaurants. Eligible restaurants may receive a tax-free federal grant equal to the amount of its COVID 19 pandemic-related revenue. For more information on how to apply for a Restaurant Revitalization Fund grant visit SmallBizHelpWA.com. Eligible businesses are encouraged to get started now, registering can take up to two weeks!

Outdoor Dining Permits

We have made it easy for Shoreline businesses to use their parking lots and public outdoor spaces like sidewalks and on-street parking areas for outdoor dining. Permitting fees have been waived and the process has been streamlined.

To create an outdoor seating area on private property, simply fill out the Temporary Outdoor Seating form.

To use public property, apply for a Right of Way Permit. Permit fees and the periodic use fees have been waived. It should only take about seven business days to process your permits.

Find forms and learn more at shorelinewa.gov/c19bizresponse.

MORE INFORMATION shorelinewa.gov/covid

Seattle City Light to install new public EV charging stations near City Hall

Seattle City Light is partnering with the City to install a public electric vehicle (EV) charging station near City Hall. The project includes four EV fast chargers in the parking lot located at the southwest corner of N 175th Street and Midvale Avenue N. Construction will start this summer and last approximately six to eight weeks.

City Light estimates that these chargers could be open for public use by this fall. Parking will be limited to one hour while cars are charging. Drivers will have to pay per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to use the charging station (see 2021 fees below).

Monday – Saturday (7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.) - \$0.35 (per kWh)

All Other Hours - \$0.21 (per kWh)

The installation is part of a program that provides publicly accessible EV fast chargers throughout City Light's service area to ensure that communities have equitable access to EV charging. The program also supports the City's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which has goals to remove EV adoption barriers and reduce pollution and carbon emissions across the transportation sector.

MORE INFORMATION

seattle.gov/city-light/current-projects

seattle.gov/city-light/electric-vehicles

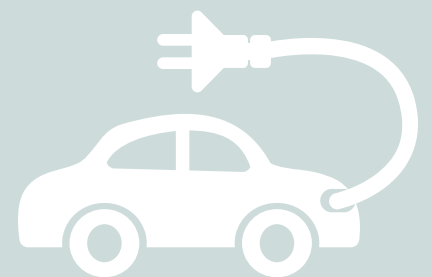
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CLIMATE ACTION TIP

Planning a road trip this summer?

Be sure to properly inflate your car tires to save money on gas and reduce the climate impact of your travels! Underinflated car tires can increase fuel consumption by as much as 6% and accelerate wear and tear. If everyone in the U.S. properly inflated their tires, we would save an estimated 1.2 billion gallons of gas a year!

It's easy to properly inflate your tires. First, check the correct tire pressure needed for your vehicle by looking in the owner's manual or on the yellow sticker inside the door jamb on the driver's side. Then, use an air gauge and pump at a gas station to check your tires' actual pressure and fill them to the recommended PSI.

Keeping your car tires properly inflated can not only save you money on gas, it can help fight climate change too! See how much you could save and learn about other actions to fight climate change at ShorelineClimateChallenge.org.



ATTENTION TOWNHOME RESIDENTS: DON'T BLOCK THE WALK!

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for making sure your garbage, recycling and compost carts don't block the sidewalk. Blocking the sidewalk with carts creates a hazard, especially for the elderly, disabled, small children, and other vulnerable members of our community who may be unable to pass or be forced onto the street.

You should place Recology carts out for collection by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day and remove them as soon as possible after they have been emptied. If you live in a townhouse unit, store your carts in your garage.

Do your part to help keep our sidewalks clear for all to pass!

If you wash in your driveway or on the street, it's like washing right on the beach.



Wash right this car wash season

This summer, we can make our cars, streams, lakes, and Puget Sound cleaner by taking our cars to commercial car washes or by washing them on our lawns. Dirty car wash water contains soap, grease, brake dust, oil, and dirt – all of which are bad for natural waterways and wildlife. When cars are washed in driveways or on the street, dirty wash water flows into the nearest storm drain. From there, it's a short trip to the nearest stream, lake, or even Puget Sound. Remember to always keep wash water from all cleaning activities out of roads, storm drains, and ditches.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE: PLANNING FOR TOMORROW'S TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Outreach Series 2 - Online Open House June 22, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

The City has started the process of updating its Transportation Master Plan (TMP), last updated in 2011. The TMP is a long-range plan that guides the City's transportation improvements over the next 20 years. Citywide improvements affect all community members, so we want to hear from you! The City will be hosting Outreach Series 2 from mid-June through mid-July.

Join us for an online open house to learn more about transportation networks and mobility hubs for various modes of travel throughout the City and beyond. You will also have an opportunity to tell us your ideas for improvements.

There will also be an online survey where you can provide feedback. The links to the open house and the survey will be available at shorelinewa.gov/tmp by mid-June. The Outreach Series 1 presentation, which introduced the TMP Update and asked about travel needs and habits, and a summary of public input for Outreach Series 1 are available online.

MORE INFORMATION

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JUNE EVENTS

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Also known as Freedom Day, Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and read General Orders, Number 3 informing the people of Texas that all slaves were free. President Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves in the Confederate States almost three years before. Juneteenth was quickly followed by the ratification of the 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery. Juneteenth became a holiday in Texas in 1980 and is celebrated today for the ways in which it shows how far we have come as a nation in the past and how far we have to go in the present. This past session, the Washington State Legislature approved Juneteenth as a state holiday.

In recognition of Juneteenth and its importance for all Americans, Shoreline Public Art is curating a gathering of voices celebrating the holiday and exploring its significance. For a sneak peek at what to expect, visit the 2020 Shoreline Juneteenth Exhibition on Facebook curated by Shoreline Public Art. Find the link at shorelinewa.gov/art.

PRIDE MONTH

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and anyone else who enjoys working with fiber!

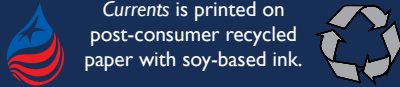
Every June, we celebrate our LGBTQIA community by raising a Pride flag at City Hall. This year, a dedicated group of volunteers spread the celebration throughout the Park at Town Center, across from City Hall along Aurora. They decorated trees throughout the park with colorful rainbow tree wraps! If you would like to help celebrate Pride, create a rainbow tree wrap for a tree near you. Please contact Neighborhoods Coordinator Constance Perenyi for more information at cperenyi@shorelinewa.gov.

We are working with community partners to plan additional safe and fun activities in June for Pride. To learn more, go to shorelinewa.gov/summer2021.

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