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City Council places Shoreline Proposition 1 on November ballot

Bond measure to make park improvements and acquire and improve park land

ON JUNE 28, City Council approved placing Shoreline Proposition 1 on the November general election ballot. Approval of Proposition 1 will allow the City to make improvements to eight parks and acquire and improve new park land. The City would issue up to \$38,500,000 in general obligation bonds to be paid back through an increase in property taxes.

This measure is identical to the measure that was on the April 27 special election ballot; however, that measure did not have enough voters participate to meet the validation requirement. Under State law, bond measures require 60% approval to pass as well as meeting all validation requirements. For a bond measure to 'validate,' the total number of votes cast in the election in question must be at least 40% of the number of votes cast in the previous general election. The validation requirement for April was set in November 2020. Seventy-two percent of Shoreline voters who voted approved the measure, but it was 122 votes short of meeting the validation requirement.

Five parks that would receive sizeable improvements are: Brugger's Bog, Hillwood, James Keough, Richmond Highlands, and Briarcrest Community (east Hamlin). Park improvements would include such things as playgrounds, splash-pads, multi-sports courts, walking trails, picnic shelters, off-leash dog areas, and a fully accessible play area for people of all physical abilities.

Additional investments in park amenities include constructing a new off-leash dog area and play area at Ridgecrest Park; upgrading the off-leash dog area and converting the dirt soccer field to grass at Shoreview Park; making the education center and children's garden accessible to people of all abilities at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden; and installing public art throughout the City. Park land acquisitions and improvements will expand Paramount Open Space, Brugger's Bog, and Rotary Parks, and will include additional park land acquisitions in the light rail station areas and other parts of the City.

MORE INFORMATION

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Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

City Hall and Police Station Lobby reopen to public on limited basis

ON JULY 6, we started a phased reopening of City Hall and the Police Station Lobby. During this period, we will maintain health and safety protocols, including face covering and social distancing requirements. We will require any visitor coming into City Hall or the Police Lobby to wear a face covering. A lobby monitor will be on hand to help inform people coming into City Hall of the health and safety protocols and to help them find their intended destinations.

While most City staff who have been working remotely will continue to do so during Phase 1, some staff will rotate through City Hall to ensure we have sufficient support to meet your needs if you want to conduct City business in person. However, due to continued remote staffing, wait times for some in-person services may be longer than usual. We encourage you to continue to use the various remote services available to conduct business with the City, including the payment of sewer bills; resolution of sewer bill questions; submission and review of development applications and building permits; payment for business licenses; and other business activities. Find links to remote City Services at shorelinewa.gov/remoteservices.

During Phase 1, City Council and all Boards and Commissions will continue to meet virtually through Zoom. Public groups will not be allowed to reserve or use City Hall during this phase. This includes conference rooms and the art gallery at City Hall.

The Spartan Recreation Center is open for recreation classes and activities through pre-registration and appointment only.

We anticipate moving to Phase 2 of reopening on September 7. Phase 2 may see City Hall and other City facilities operate at near pre-pandemic levels.

Natural weed control along Aurora

YOU MAY NOTICE some large clear plastic sheets placed over planted medians on 175th and Aurora Avenue N near City Hall this summer. We are using an innovative, pesticide free method of weed control in the Aurora Corridor called "Solarization". The plastic is acting like a greenhouse to raise soil temperatures to levels that can kill problem weeds such as field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), common horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*), and quackgrass (*Elymus repens*). During solarization soil temperatures have been shown to get up to 131 degrees F in the top 2" of soil! An added benefit of this weed control method is that it also improves soil structure and increases the amount of available nitrogen in the soil for desirable plants.

To find out more about Solarization and the other sustainable practices we are using to make Shoreline a more beautiful and sustainable place visit shorelinewa.gov/groundsmaintenance.

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Building an Anti-Racist Community Update

LATE LAST YEAR, 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.

In carrying out these activities, the Resolution states the City will:

- Center the voices of those who identify as Black, Indigenous, Hispanic/Latinx, Asian, and other People of Color.
- Work in cooperation with our community partners and leaders to disrupt and dismantle racism and protect the health and well-being of Black, Indigenous, Hispanic/Latinx, Asian, and other People of Color.
- Build trusting, working relationships with community members and provide meaningful opportunities to engage.

An Equity and Social Justice Community Workgroup, composed of City staff and community consultants, is working 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. Listening sessions with various community groups that represent diverse populations in Shoreline are being prioritized to start this summer, with topic specific sessions to be provided in late summer and fall. If you are interested in learning more and would like to participate in the listening sessions, please contact our Equity and Social Justice Coordinator Suni Tolton.

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Three regional agencies team-up for Trees for Rail

THE CITY, Sound Transit, and King Conservation District (KCD) are pleased to announce Trees for Rail, a partnership to re-green the Lynnwood Link light rail corridor through Shoreline with native trees and shrubs.

The first of its kind partnership seeks to reduce the impact on corridor-adjacent homeowners by leveraging the resources of Sound Transit, the flexibility of Shoreline's landscaping requirements, and KCD's expertise in establishing native habitat through its county-wide Urban Tree Canopy Program.

Shoreline requires landscape buffers between the light rail corridor and residential neighborhoods. However, in some locations, there isn't enough space on Sound Transit owned property or in the City right-of-way to plant these buffers. By working together, Shoreline, Sound Transit, and KCD developed a plan to offer trees and shrubs to be planted at nearby homes or adjacent City rights-of-way in the impacted neighborhoods.

Eligible residents along the rail corridor in parts of the Ridgecrest, North

City, and Ballinger neighborhoods can volunteer to receive native trees and shrubs, installed by KCD experts, free of charge. Households also receive training on how to care for their plants with additional assistance if needed.

"This program builds on our existing commitment to plant thousands of trees along the Lynnwood Link alignment," says Sound Transit CEO Peter Rogoff. "We think teaming up with the City of Shoreline and bringing the expertise of KCD to homeowners in these areas will be a big win for residents and the environment."

"We are excited about approaching rail corridor mitigation in this manner," stated Shoreline Mayor Will Hall. "This new approach reduces the number of property acquisitions needed by Sound Transit while still ensuring there are adequate landscape buffers along the light rail corridor."

While construction of Lynnwood Link required removing trees along the corridor, Sound Transit will plant 20,000 new trees to replace them. That is nearly four times as many as it removed. The agency will maintain the newly



Photo courtesy Sam Le

planted trees along the alignment for up to 13 years, greatly improving their survival rates. KCD's role in the Trees for Rail project is to work directly with impacted residents –over 200 Shoreline homeowners in all– who are eligible to have trees and shrubs planted on their property.

KCD will contact eligible homeowners throughout the coming months and will begin planting later this year.

MORE INFORMATION

kingcd.org/treesforrail

SHORELINE POLICE UPDATE



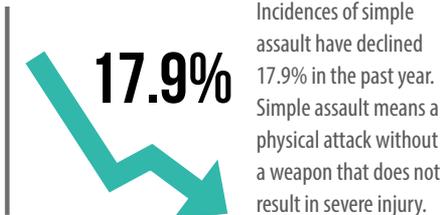
Annual Police Service Report

EVERY YEAR, Shoreline Police provide the community with an Annual Police Service Report. The report tracks crime data; service efforts and accomplishments; and crime trends.

2020 was a challenging year for law enforcement with the COVID pandemic, social justice reforms, and shaken public trust with law enforcement. The issues have impacted police agencies locally and on a national level. Shoreline Police are committed to working with policy makers, community groups, City staff, and other stakeholders to improve public trust and ensure the Shoreline Police Department maintains its high standards and makes improvements the community expect.

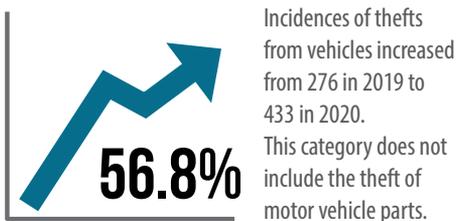
In 2020, Shoreline Police responded to 14,949 dispatched calls for service (911 calls) and initiated 7,741 contacts. The City saw an unusual increase in fraud in 2020 related to fraudulent unemployment claims during the COVID pandemic. Reports of fraud saw a 300% increase, as Shoreline victims were asked to file police reports. This is a one-time event, and we anticipate that if not for this unusual event, fraud crime would have remained consistent with prior years. Shoreline continued to see a downward trend in residential and commercial burglary, with both declining by 3% in 2020. Shoreline also saw a 4% drop in shoplifting crimes and a 23% drop in reported domestic violence incidents. Crimes that saw an increase in 2020 were 'smash and grab' crimes, vehicle thefts, and vandalism. Smash and grab crimes are property crimes often involving items stolen from vehicles. There are several ways to help prevent these types of crimes:

SIMPLE ASSAULT OFFENSES



- Roll up your windows and lock your doors.
- Don't leave valuables visible in your car.
- Set anti-theft measures.
- Park in well-lit, heavily trafficked areas if possible.

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2020 also saw an increase in calls for service related to mental illness, often associated with drug or alcohol dependency. Shoreline Police work closely with mental health professionals to connect people in crisis to available resources. Sometime the proper course of action is the criminal justice system, but often there's an underlying condition better addressed through other means.

Shoreline Police partners with Bothell, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, and Kenmore with a program called RADAR – Response Awareness De-escalation and Referral. It's a co-responder program that pairs a mental health professional (MHP) with a police officer. Partnering with other police agencies is a force multiplier to have an MHP available more often. Our goals are to reduce use of force incidents, avoid misunderstandings, and connect people in need to services.

Last year, we also selected 10 community members to be part of I-940 independent investigation teams (IITs). IITs are used to investigate the use of deadly force by a police officer when it results in death, substantial bodily harm, or great bodily harm. A minimum of two community members will work with an outside agency to investigate the use of force. The process complies with State law and will improve transparency, public trust, and include the community in the investigative process.

Public safety involves more than just police. It requires the whole community working together to ensure everyone feels safe. Shoreline Police will continue to work with community members to build trust and create a safe community for residents.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/police

Hate Crimes

THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL increase in hate crimes in Shoreline in 2020. There were 11 reported hate crimes last year, up from three in 2019. We find this unacceptable. The victimization of people because of skin color, religion, heritage, sexual orientation, or other characteristics causes great harm in a community. The Shoreline Police Department considers bias crimes to be very serious and it is the department's policy to investigate all reports of hate crimes as defined by RCW 9A.36.080. The police must be mindful that it is not only the individual who is personally victimized by these offenses, but it is the entire class of individuals residing in the community who are affected as well.

A hate crime, also known as malicious harassment, is an act that is done maliciously and with the intent to intimidate and/or harass a person based on the perception of the victim's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, mental, physical, or sensory handicap, or sexual orientation.

For a crime to be classified as a hate crime, it must:

- cause physical injury to a person; or
- cause physical damage to, or destruction of property of another person; or
- by words or conduct, place another person in reasonable fear of harm for their safety, or property; or to the safety or property of a third person.

Under Washington State law, speech or acts that are only critical, insulting, degrading, or do not constitute a threat of harm to the person or property of another are not considered criminal.

If you believe you have been the victim of a hate crime, please contact the Shoreline Police and file a report.

2020 Shoreline Police Use of Force Incidents

IN 2020, Shoreline Police had 22,690 contacts and made 865 arrests. Out of these contacts, force, or a report of force, was used in 15 incidents. This equates to 0.07% of Shoreline Police contacts in 2020. A use of force report covers a broad range of force tactics. Pointing a firearm is considered a use of force, as is handcuffing someone if there's a complaint of pain. A taser application and any contact that results in a complaint of pain or injury is reported as a use of force.

In the 15 Shoreline use of force incidents, three resulted in a complaint of pain or injury, and in the other 12, there was no complaint of pain or injury. Of the three that did result in pain or injury, one was an officer involved shooting that resulted in death, one was a complaint of pain because of handcuffing, and one was a control hold that resulted in a complaint of chest pain.

	2020
Physical Use of Force	15
Total Dispatched Calls for Service + On-views	22,690
% Of Incidents Where Force Was Used	0.07%

Complaints against Shoreline Police Officers

COMPLAINTS AGAINST

Shoreline police officers can originate from the public or internal police department personnel. The King County Sheriff's Office Internal Investigations Unit (IIU) reviews all complaints. While the IIU investigates serious complaints, most complaints are far less serious and are handled at the worksites by supervisors. The table to the right shows the number of internal and external complaints investigated for Shoreline Police Officers.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of Complaints	29	56	39	44	31
Dispatched Calls for Service	15,896	16,308	16,567	15,973	14,949
Complaints per 1,000 Dispatched Calls for Service	1.82	3.43	2.35	2.75	2.07

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/police



CLIMATE ACTION TIP

GO PLASTIC-FREE THIS SUMMER!

This summer, you can protect our community and environment by going plastic free. Single-use plastic items, like plastic bags, utensils, straws, and wrappers, cause pollution, are difficult or impossible to recycle, and are made from fossil fuels, contributing to climate change. Fortunately, we can each take steps to reduce these harmful impacts by choosing to refuse single-use plastic items. Start small by choosing just one plastic item to refuse.

Here are a few simple ways to start:

- Try asking for no cutlery or straws when ordering take out.
- Say no to plastic bags and bring reusable bags when shopping for groceries.
- Buy unpackaged produce and use a reusable produce bag instead.
- Carry a refillable water bottle instead of buying bottled water.

Find more ideas and see the impact of your actions at:

ShorelineClimateChallenge.org.

New compost incentive program for Shoreline restaurants

To help protect the environment, encourage sustainable practices, and support local businesses, the City is offering a limited-term Compost Incentive Program for restaurants and food-service businesses. Starting in August, eligible food service businesses in Shoreline may receive free compost service for up to one year through Recology. Composting food scraps instead of throwing them in the garbage keeps valuable resources out of the landfill and reduces carbon emissions. Recycling and composting more can also help businesses save money by downsizing their garbage service.

Food service businesses in Shoreline, such as restaurants, caterers, commissary kitchens, bars, and other businesses serving or preparing food are eligible for assistance under this program.

Eligible businesses may receive up to one year of free compost service from Recology (one 64-gallon cart with weekly collection). Participating businesses will also receive compost collection bins to use inside their restaurant and a starter supply of compostable bags. To help businesses get started, experts from Recology will be available to train business staff and assist businesses with setting up their compost bins.

This limited-time program is available on a first come, first served basis for eligible food service businesses that apply.

MORE INFORMATION

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HAVE A HEALTHY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY LAWN YEAR-ROUND

Lawns in Western Washington don't need extra watering throughout the summer to survive – they just need you to water wisely. If your lawn looks a little yellow in the summer, don't worry – it isn't dead, it's just hibernating. When temperatures cool and rain returns in the fall, lawns snap back to a green shade. Excessive watering not only wastes water but can cause water to flow from lawns to the road and, along the way, pick up pollutants, like fertilizers, herbicides, pet waste, and car leaks. Water in the road flows into storm

drains, which flow directly into streams, lakes, and Puget Sound.

Follow these tips for a healthy and environmentally friendly lawn year-round.

- During the warm months, water deeply once a week. Aim for about 1" of water. You can test by using a tuna can to measure the water.
- Water in the early morning or the evening to avoid losing water to evaporation.

- Mow high, mow regularly, and leave the grass clippings on the lawn (a natural fertilizer!).
- Avoid using chemical fertilizers or weed and feed – instead, lay compost on lawns in the fall. Using chemical products in the heat of summer can sometimes burn grass.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/naturallyardcare

CITY DEVELOPS A HOUSING ACTION PLAN



WITH SUPPORT from a Washington State Department of Commerce Grant, the City recently completed a Housing Action Plan. The Plan identifies our greatest housing needs and looks at different city-led initiatives we can use to help address those needs. The initiatives could help encourage the preservation and development of housing at prices affordable to all of Shoreline's residents, now and in the future.

Housing in the Puget Sound region continues to be in high demand and short supply. As of 2017, over one-third of Shoreline's households were cost burdened. A household is considered cost burdened if they pay 30% or more of their income for housing costs. Among Shoreline renters, 43% are cost burdened, with 22% extremely cost burdened. Among Shoreline homeowners, 29% are cost burdened, with 10% extremely burdened. While the City has adopted regulations and incentives for affordable housing to help address this issue, such as the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program and requirements for affordable housing in the light rail station areas, most of the new housing being developed in Shoreline are market rate townhouses and studio and one-bedroom rental apartments. Under current trends, owner-occupied and family sized housing units will make up a smaller proportion of Shoreline's hous-

ing stock in the future. The number of cost-burdened residents will likely increase without additional action to preserve existing or construct new affordable housing.

In developing the Housing Action Plan, we first analyzed existing housing conditions and then evaluated the effectiveness of current regulations already in use. Using the data and analysis from these first two components, we developed a housing toolkit and prioritized a list of potential actions to address our housing needs. The Plan's focus is on permanent housing and not shelters or other services for those experiencing homelessness.

In addition to public outreach, we also assembled a Technical Advisory Group consisting of architects, affordable and market rate housing developers, a supportive housing provider, and a housing policy agency. The Technical Advisory Group provided policy direction for a range of housing strategies incorporated in the Plan with a focus on strategies that:

- Promote housing that allows less reliance on cars for commuting and accessing routine needs.
- Are deliberate about building a racially inclusive community.
- Allow for a diversity of housing types for different family structures and sizes.

- Identify existing affordable housing and encourage preservation.
- Leverage publicly owned land wherever possible.

With the direction of the Technical Advisory Group, the Shoreline Planning Commission identified the following items as high priorities for near-term implementation:

- Update the Deep Green Incentive Program.
- Develop cottage housing regulations.
- Develop "missing middle" friendly zoning (e.g., duplex, triplex).
- Develop standards for small lot single-family development.
- Partner with affordable housing providers.
- Support Community Land Trusts through incentives or partnerships.
- Identify surplus City property for development of affordable housing.

The Plan and the list of housing priorities will provide a starting point for future City actions related to housing.

MORE INFORMATION
shorelinewa.gov/projects

New paint recycling program comes to Washington

WITH THE nicer summer weather, you may find yourself wondering what to do with leftover paint from home improvement projects or garage cleaning. Fortunately, there is a now a free, safe, and sustainable recycling option for paint in Washington State!

In April 2021, the PaintCare program launched in Washington. PaintCare is a product stewardship program that provides convenient locations to recycle unwanted paint. The industry-

led program reports annually to the Washington State Department of Ecology. The State will apply a small fee, called the PaintCare fee, to all sales of eligible products in Washington, which funds all aspects of the program.

Shoreline residents can now recycle paint products at convenient PaintCare drop-off sites around the county, including Sherwin-Williams Paint Store at 15242 Aurora Avenue N. Accepted products include latex paint, oil-based

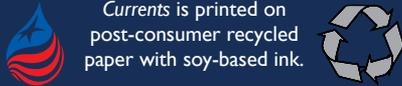
paint, stain, varnish, and more. You must make sure paints are tightly sealed and in their original containers. Collected latex paint is recycled into paint and other products. Some locations offer resale and reuse of high-quality paints.

MORE INFORMATION
paintcare.org/WA

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SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS

Free food for kids and teens all summer long!
Drive through pickup. Kids do not need to be present at meal pickup. No registration or application required. Children do not need to be a Shoreline School District Student. Meals provided by Shoreline School District and the Hunger Intervention Program.

SHOREWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

M-F, July 6 - July 30: 12:15pm to 12:45pm
M-F, Aug. 2 - Aug. 27: Noon to 12:30pm
17300 Fremont Avenue N

NORTH CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

M-F, June 21 - Aug. 27: 11:30am to 12:30pm
816 NE 190th Street

PARAMOUNT SCHOOL PARK

M-F, June 21 - Aug. 27: 11:30am to 12:30pm
15300 8th Avenue NE

MERIDIAN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

M-F, July 6 - July 30: Noon to 12:30pm
M-F, Aug. 2 - Aug. 27: 12:15pm to 12:45pm
17707 Meridian Avenue N

SHORELINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

M-F, June 21 - Aug. 27: 1:00pm to 2:00pm
345 NE 175th Street, lower west parking lot



CAN CASTLE CONTEST

Are you looking for ways to be creative this summer and help the community at the same time? Join the Shoreline Can Castle Contest!

In an effort to help stock the shelves at Hopelink and ensure that our community has access to healthy foods, the City of Shoreline is hosting its second annual competition to create unique structures from donated canned goods.

Start forming your teams and planning your castles!

Register and info: shorelinewa.gov/summer2021

