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Phase 1 limited reopening of City Hall and Police Station lobby to continue

ON JULY 6, the City began a phased reopening of City Hall and the Police Station lobby. That reopening has gone well. We anticipated moving to a Phased 2 reopening on September 7, which would have allowed for broader public access. However, given the escalation of COVID-19 cases driven by the delta variant, we are delaying our move to Phase 2. We now anticipate moving to Phase 2 reopening on November 1, 2021. This could change if conditions do not improve or get worse.

During Phase 1, we are continuing to maintain health and safety protocols, including face covering and social distancing requirements. We require any visitor coming into City Hall or the Police Lobby to wear a face covering. Lobby monitors are 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 Hall staff who have been working remotely continue to do so, some staff are rotating through City Hall to ensure we have sufficient support to meet your needs if you want to conduct City business in person. However, we still 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.

City Council and all boards and commissions will continue to meet virtually through Zoom. Public groups are not allowed to reserve or use City Hall during Phase 1 reopening. 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.

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Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

Shoreline's Proposition 1 will not appear on November general election ballot

ON JUNE 28, City Council voted to place Proposition 1, a bond measure to make park improvements and acquire and improve park land, on the November 2 general election ballot. Regrettably, City staff did not submit the required documentation to King County Elections by the required deadline of August 3, 2021. As a result, Proposition 1 will not appear on the November ballot.

Filing deadlines are set by State law and are clear in their intent. King County Elections notified the City that they are unable to make exceptions.

We appreciate how frustrating this is and deeply regret it. Many people have worked so hard to advance a park bond proposition to this point. As an organization, we pride ourselves on our professionalism and the hard work we do for this community. However, on this occasion, we missed the mark and let down the Shoreline community. We are committed to learning from our mistake to ensure that it doesn't happen again. This is reflected in our organizational value of integrity – Act with honesty, openness, and accountability.

We anticipate that the City Council will discuss whether to place the bond measure on a future ballot in the next few months. Again, we apologize that this error occurred and that the park bond will not appear on the November ballot.

City Maintenance Facility Project

SINCE 1996, the maintenance operations for our Parks and Public Works Departments' have shared space at Hamlin Yard (located in Hamlin Park at 16006 15th Avenue NE). Over time, our maintenance responsibilities have grown. Hamlin Yard can no longer fully accommodate the maintenance operations of both departments safely and efficiently.

After thoroughly studying the issue, City Council approved a strategy in 2019 to move forward with a plan to disburse maintenance operations between four permanent sites: Hamlin Yard, North Maintenance Facility (located at 19547 25th Avenue NE), Linden Maintenance Facility (formerly the Ronald Wastewater Facility at 17505 Linden Avenue N), and Ballinger Maintenance Facility (located at 20031 Ballinger Way NE). The first phase of the larger project includes creating temporary facilities at North Maintenance Facility, designing and constructing Ballinger Maintenance Facility, and starting preliminary design of permanent improvements at Hamlin Yard and North Maintenance Facility.

We will begin construction on Ballinger Maintenance Facility at the beginning of 2022. Construction will last approximately six to eight months. That site will focus on facilities that support vehicle fueling and washing, snow and ice removal, and decanting of waste materials. It will include the following improvements:

- An enclosed 950 square foot, single-story building with rooms for equipment storage, utilities room, a restroom, and break room with a workstation.
- Three canopy structures totaling approximately 7,300 square feet to facilitate:
 - Salt and other deicer storage
 - Vehicle washing
 - Vehicle fueling
 - Bays for decanting of wet and dry materials
- Site improvements such as new pavement, fencing, and underground utility connections for sewer, water, power, communications, and surface water.

MORE INFORMATION
shorelinewa.gov/projects

SHORELINE PLACE COMMUNITY RENEWAL AREA

SHORELINE'S NEWEST

pedestrian-friendly street opened to all modes of traffic in July. The redesigned Westminster Way features street trees and landscaping in 12-foot-wide amenity zones, expansive 14-foot-wide shared use paths on both sides, and a raised crosswalk to serve the community access into the Shoreline Place Community Renewal Area (CRA), including the future residents of residential buildings on both sides. Improvements provide safety and comfort to pedestrians and bicyclists while reducing hazards related to motor-vehicle traffic.

Trammel Crow Residential, developer of "The Current" (the 330-unit apartment building formerly known as the Alexan), began work on the street in 2019 when its contractors removed the old road to construct underground utility upgrades. This was necessary for the hundreds of new residents who will live at The Current following the building's completion, expected later this year. Once the utility work was complete, the road was rebuilt to the specifications developed by the City with input from the community over the course of several years. The project includes a new 157th Street and a one-way (eastbound) connection from Westminster Way to Aurora Avenue.



Now Open: Westminster Way!

On the west side of Westminster Way, Merlone Geier Partners plans to construct 16,000-square feet of retail space and a public plaza, known as Block E, and a mixed-use Block D, which will include more retail space, another public plaza, and apartments. Construction of Block D will also include the partial demolition of the Sears building, construction of C Street, a new "East Plaza" public space, and a continuation of the new 157th Street across the CRA, as well as improvements to 160th Street.

This year also marks a milestone for what we envisioned as phase zero of the CRA – the Shoreline Farmer's Mar-

ket is celebrating its 10th season with a temporary but prominent location at the corner of 155th and Westminster. Coming out of the disruption of the pandemic limitations imposed on the market in 2020, the Farmer's market enjoyed its strongest start to the season ever and will continue providing fresh food and wares through October 2.

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North King County Enhanced Shelter Update

THE NORTH KING County Enhanced Shelter at the Oaks opened on April 1, 2021. The 24/7 shelter is located at the former Oaks Nursing Facility at 16357 Aurora Avenue N and is managed by Lake City Partners. The Shelter can serve up to 60 individuals at any time. In April, the first 18 residents moved from the Lake City Partners overnight-only winter shelter. During the first week of operations, staff reported that residents expressed both gratitude and relief for the space and the 24/7 access to being indoors.

By the end of June, 36 total individuals were housed at the Oaks; by mid-July, there were 56. From April through June, the Shelter served 10 Shoreline residents. There is a core of stable residents as well as a number of individuals who have come for a short time and opted out or who have succeeded in obtaining more permanent housing.

The Enhanced Shelter model recognizes that individuals need to have safe and stable shelter to effectively address the challenges preventing long-term housing stability. Referrals to the Shelter come from local first responders,

social service agencies in Shoreline and North King County, and from Lake City Partners outreach staff. Participation in the program is based on an individual's ability to maintain safe behaviors and residents are provided case management, meals, hygiene, and other services. Drug and alcohol use is not allowed at the Shelter.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Help keep our students safe

IT'S SEPTEMBER and kids are heading back to school. Please take a moment to review the traffic and safety reminders below to help everyone stay safe in Shoreline.

SPEED... Slow down in school zones. Shoreline Police strictly enforce the posted 20 mph speeds.

CROSSWALKS... Stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk. It is illegal to pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.

PEDESTRIANS... Always try to use a marked crosswalk. Be aware of obstructions where drivers may not see you. Do not suddenly enter the roadway. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic. Remember to put down your phone, especially when crossing the street.

CROSSING GUARDS... Law requires you obey school crossing guards and school safety patrols.

SCHOOL BUSES... It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus.

SEATBELTS... Stay buckled until the vehicle stops! Drivers are responsible to ensure all children less than 16 years old are properly buckled up.

CELL PHONES... Drivers may not use hand-held cell phones while driving, stopped in traffic, or at a stop light. The first infraction costs at least \$136 and the second ticket within five years costs at least \$234. But more importantly, distracted driving is dangerous.

Be aware, be safe, buckle up, slow down, and put your phone down.



175th Street Corridor Improvements Online Open House

Wednesday, Sept. 15 – Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021
175corridor.participate.online

CITY COUNCIL has approved a design concept for the 175th Corridor Improvement Project. As one of Shoreline's most heavily traveled east-west arterials, the City has prioritized improvements to the corridor between Stone Avenue N and I-5. Improvements will support growth and promote safety and mobility for all corridor users.

We are committed to meaningful and collaborative public participation. We want to be sure that the corridor design reflects the community's vision while meeting the technical needs of the project. Using your previous feedback, we were able to establish your top three priorities for the corridor and develop a hybrid of the two alternative concepts presented last summer.

In this next phase, we are asking the community to share feedback on art, landscaping, and urban design elements for the Council-approved concept through our online open house.

MORE INFORMATION

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Sidewalks Program Update

IN 2018, voters approved a program to build twelve new sidewalks throughout Shoreline. The City is now constructing the first of the twelve sidewalks! The 1st Avenue NE Sidewalk Project will add new sidewalks between NE 193rd Street and NE 195th Street, filling a critical gap in the City's sidewalk network.

More sidewalks are coming soon! The City is currently designing sidewalks for 5th Avenue NE between NE 175th Street to NE 182nd Court. The sidewalks will connect NE 182nd Court to additional sidewalk improvements Sound Transit is currently building to the new Link Light Rail North Shoreline/185th Street Station. The City is also finalizing an implementation plan for the remaining ten sidewalk projects. The plan will be shared on the City's sidewalks web page at shorelinewa.gov/sidewalks.

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WELCOME NEW OFFICERS

We are excited to welcome some of our newest members to the Shoreline Police Department: (left to right) Officer Mores Gluaymai Na Ayudhaya, Officer Han An, and Officer Kimberly Swanson

Northgate Link Extension opening and Metro service changes

ON OCTOBER 2, Sound Transit will open three new light rail stations as part of the Northgate Link Extension. The 4.3-mile extension has three stations: two underground serving the U District and Roosevelt neighborhoods, and one elevated station at Northgate.

To correspond with the opening of light rail, King County Metro will change several bus routes on October 2 to support this new service. The following is a summary of the Metro changes.

New Peak Route 16 to replace 5X and 355:

In Northeast Seattle and Shoreline, a new Peak Route 16 will replace 5X and 355 and will operate along Greenwood Avenue N from N 145th Street to Downtown Seattle.

Routes 301 and 304:

Routes 301 and 304 will be re-oriented to the new Northgate Link Rail station. Route 301 will run from Aurora Village Transit Center via Aurora Avenue, N 175th Street, and I-5. It will also benefit by a large increase in peak-hour trips. Route 304 will no longer operate from Richmond Beach to Downtown Seattle and instead will operate as a peak-hour express route with an increase in the number of trips from western Shoreline to the Northgate Station.

New peak-hour express Route 302:

A new peak-hour express Route 302 (complementing route 303) will run from Richmond Beach via Aurora Village Transit Center to the Northgate Station and then to First Hill with four trips in both the morning and afternoon. Route 303 will have minor route changes with a small reduction in the number of trips. Metro will upgrade peak service on local routes 331, 345, 346, 347 and 348.

MORE INFORMATION

King County North Link Connections Mobility Project: publicinput.com/B1882
Sound Transit Blog: soundtransit.org/blog/platform/its-happening-northgate-link-opens-october-2

ALERT SHORELINE

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You can choose the news categories you would like to receive including Council agendas, project updates, neighborhood news, and more.

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SEPTEMBER IS "PUGET SOUND STARTS HERE" MONTH!

PUGET SOUND starts with you! The City works with organizations across Puget Sound to spread awareness about Puget Sound's pollution problems and to highlight everyday actions people and businesses can take to help reduce pollution.

What do we mean by "Puget Sound Starts Here?" When it rains, water flows over hard surfaces like roofs, parking lots, streets, and lawns. As rainwater flows towards storm drains and ditches, it picks up garden chemicals, pet waste, chemical leaks from cars, and many other pollutants along the way. That polluted rainwater flows without treatment straight into our local streams, lakes, and ultimately, it all drains to Puget Sound. When we say "Puget Sound Starts Here" we mean that everyday choices we make can be a source of pollution - or they can be part of a solution!

Be the Solution to Water Pollution

- **Soak It Up Program:** Make your garden a bit more PNW – add a rain garden or native plant beds. Rebates and workshops available.
- **Natural Yard Care Program:** Reduce the need for garden chemicals by using natural and effective gardening methods.
- **Adopt-a-Drain volunteer team:** Reduce local flooding by keeping storm drains in your neighborhood free of leaves and debris.
- **Spill response:** Report spills and illegal dumping to City Hall 206-801-2700.

Visit shorelinewa.gov/surfacewater to more about these City programs.

photo courtesy Andrea Snyder/City of Burien



More Ways to Take Action

- Choose copper-free brake pads.
- Check for car leaks and fix them as soon as you detect them.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on the lawn – never let soap water, even biodegradable soap, flow into the road, storm drains, or ditches.
- Pick up pet waste every time, even in your own backyard. Scoop it, bag it, and throw it in the trash.
- Remove invasive plants like Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, and holly. Replant with native plants.
- Plant trees and keep existing trees healthy. Trees help keep Shoreline cool, capture carbon dioxide, and help prevent flooding.
- Live next to a stream? Contact Christie Lovelace (clovelace@shorelinewa.gov) to get connected to free restoration resources through King Conservation District.

MORE INFORMATION

PugetSoundStartsHere.org
Facebook: @PugetSoundStartsHere
Instagram: @pugetsoundstartshere

In the market for a new car?

Consider switching to an all-electric vehicle (EV) to fight climate change. Over 50% of greenhouse gas emissions in Shoreline come from gasoline or diesel vehicles. Since Shoreline's electricity comes from very low-carbon hydropower, switching to an EV is one of the most impactful climate actions you can take! EVs aren't just great for the climate – they are also convenient, fun to drive, and more affordable than ever. Ranges are increasing to over 200 miles and there are over 20 public charging stations in Shoreline alone. With significantly lower fuel and maintenance costs, tax credits and rebates up to \$10,000, and more used options available, EV's can be surprisingly affordable! Visit normalnow.com for more info about electric vehicles and available incentives.



Lummi glass artist Raya Friday will offer a glass blowing demonstration in Shoreline on October 16. See article below for details.

Celebrate Indigenous art in Shoreline

Shoreline public art by Indigenous artists

WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY on Monday, October 11, 2021, the Public Art Program once again celebrates the artwork in the City's collection that reflects the vitality and resilience of indigenous cultures, from James Madison's (Tulalip) "Salmon Hunt" (2010) at Kayu-Kayu-Ak Park, to Andy Wilbur (Skokomish), Joe Gobin (Lushootseed: Hik Stubs; Tulalip), and Steven C. Brown's "Welcoming Figure" (1997) at Saltwater Park, owned by King County. A short field guide is available online with additional content on artist statements and cultural context for a deeper understanding of each artwork at shorelinewa.gov/art.

Glass blowing demonstration in Shoreline as part of REFRACT: The Seattle Glass Experience

Saturday, Oct. 16, 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cafe Aroma, 506 NE 165th Street

Free ticketing information: shorelinewa.gov/art

Lummi artist Raya Friday will offer a glass blowing demonstration with her team at Cafe Aroma on Saturday October 16, 1-7 pm, as part of "REFRACT: The Seattle Glass Experience," a multi-day, region wide festival celebrating the Pacific Northwest's reputation as a glass mecca. Raya's team may include Tim Charles (Cowichin) and Shoreline resident Alex Cain; final lineup will be announced closer to the event.

Residents will be invited to submit ideas for glass objects to be created by Friday's team with the selected pieces added to the City's Portable Works Collection. The event is free but will be controlled to meet current safety protocols with limited tickets for watching times; updated information will be available on shorelinewa.gov/art and Shoreline Public Art's Facebook page. Funding is made possible by a generous Creative Economy grant from Port of Seattle and the Shoreline Office of Economic Development.

MORE INFORMATION

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WELCOMING WEEK

SEPTEMBER 10-19, is Welcoming Week, an annual national initiative to build safe and inclusive communities for all. By creating opportunities to increase understanding and community building, Welcoming Week aims to bring people together despite differences for all to thrive. To recognize Welcoming Week and support City Council's Resolution 467, Committing Shoreline to Becoming an Anti-Racism Community, the City will hold community listening sessions, Hate Crime reporting training, and other workshops to learn how to move belonging and inclusion into action.

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Statewide plastic bag ban takes effect October 1

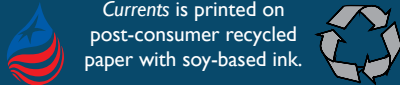
RESPONDING TO growing plastic bag pollution, the Washington State Legislature passed a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags in 2020. Originally scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2021, Governor Jay Inslee and the Legislature delayed implementation of the plastic bag ban due to supply issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The statewide ban on single-use plastic bags is now scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2021. While Shoreline has banned thin, single-use plastic bags since 2014, local retailers will need to comply with the new state law once it takes effect. You can learn about specific bag types allowed with the new law, review frequently asked questions, submit reports of noncompliant businesses, and download point of sale graphics and fliers at: ecology.wa.gov/Bag-Ban.

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WALK SCHEDULE: shorelinewa.gov/ShorelineWalks

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