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Homelessness Services Update

IN 2015, Shoreline City Council adopted Resolution No. 379 supporting King County’s proclamation of emergency regarding homelessness in King County. Addressing homelessness isn’t just a Seattle issue, it is a regional and even national issue. While the homeless individuals we find in Shoreline come from all over, including Seattle, other parts of Washington, and even out of state, many are from our area and have roots in Shoreline. Of the 96 individuals served at The Oaks Enhanced Shelter in Shoreline since it opened last year, 34 indicated that they last resided in Shoreline. Currently, there are approximately 210 individuals in King County’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) who have identified Shoreline as the location of their last residence.

Working together

Since 2015, the City has worked in partnership with other governments and regional organizations to help address homelessness. We have worked with the North and East Funders Group to coordinate programming; the North Urban Human Services Alliance and St. Dunstan’s Church in the activation and operation of Shoreline’s Severe Winter Weather Shelter; and the North King County Shelter Task Force on siting and operating the first 24-hour shelter in north King County.

Additionally, King County and the City of Seattle entered into an interlocal agreement to create the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA). The purpose of KCRHA is to address homelessness throughout King County through the consolidation of funding and coordination of services county-wide. KCRHA operates as a unified planning and coordination agency that connects all the different efforts and ensures that they are all working together for the same goal of addressing and ending homelessness.

A long-term goal of KCRHA is to ensure that every community in King County has the infrastructure necessary to support the number of people experiencing housing instability and homelessness in that particular community. This will help eliminate the need for individuals to move around the County to find services. There currently is a hyper concentration of services in downtown Seattle, which means people from across the region have to travel there to receive services. Many people who aren’t from Seattle don’t want to travel there to receive those services; they want to stay in their own communities.

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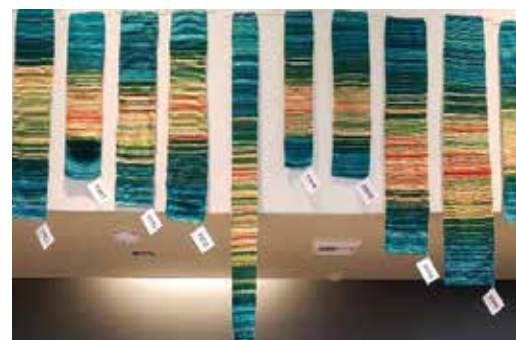
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Danielson Grove, Kirkland

Photo courtesy Cottage Company

Cottage housing ordinance

AS PART OF the City's efforts to address the need for more housing and housing choice in Shoreline, we are studying cottage housing regulations to identify potential locations, densities, and designs for such developments. Work is beginning with a goal of final City Council action in the spring of 2023.

Cottage housing is a type of missing middle housing that generally allows for small 1 or 2 story houses that may be attached or detached. They are often arranged around a common courtyard. Houses are small, generally 700-1,200 square feet. Those dimensions may allow for naturally moderate-income housing that is well suited to seniors and small families. They blend easily in single family neighborhoods, appearing like single family houses from the street. They also fit well into large lots or assemblages of 2-3 small lots.

The City's Housing Action Plan identified cottage housing regulations as a high priority for implementation. The Housing Action Plan, adopted in 2021, explores possible City-led actions and initiatives to encourage the production of sufficient affordable and market rate housing within the City of Shoreline.

MORE INFORMATION

*Learn more, sign up for notifications, or provide your input:
Cottage Housing webpage found at shorelinewa.gov/projects.*

COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF

Interim Shoreline Police Chief Ryan Abbott held the first Coffee with the Chief on May 25 at Aroma Café in the Ridgecrest Neighborhood. Chief Abbott met with Shoreline residents, answered questions, and provided information on public safety in Shoreline.

This will be an ongoing event at different locations throughout the year. It will be an opportunity for Shoreline residents to meet with Shoreline Police in an informal setting to ask questions and get to know each other. Check shorelinewa.gov/police to find upcoming dates.

Stop by, grab some coffee, and talk to the Chief!



Homelessness Services Update

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Two of the most significant steps we have taken in the past few years has been partnering with King County and Lake City Partners on the opening of The Oaks Enhanced Shelter, and partnering with the County and Catholic Housing Services to develop 100 units of permanent supportive housing for people exiting homelessness or on the verge of homelessness. This includes individuals dealing with chronic mental health issues.

198th Permanent Supportive Housing Project

Shoreline owns the property, located at Aurora Avenue and 198th Street, on which the 198th permanent supportive housing project will be developed. Catholic Housing Services will develop and manage the property as well as coordinate the wraparound support services for residents. Supportive housing provides not only housing, but also connects individuals receiving housing to support services to improve long-term success in moving out of homelessness. The project recently received the final funding needed to begin moving forward with construction, which will begin later this year.

The Oaks Enhanced Shelter

Located in the former Oaks nursing home on Aurora Avenue N, The Oaks Enhanced Shelter opened for services on April 1, 2021. After an initial ramping up period, the facility's 60 beds have remained full throughout, with an average of 25 people on the waiting list to get in. The model Lake City Partners is using at The Oaks is one of the most progressive in the region.

The facility itself provides individuals respite and stability from living on the street; some of whom have been on the street for years. One of the most surprising discoveries is the number of people being referred to The Oaks who don't have any recent contact with the homelessness system. For some, that means this is their first connection to shelter services in years.

The facility has 60 individual rooms, common spaces, and an interior courtyard that allows residents to get

fresh air without being vulnerable to others on the street. This stability, along with case management and nursing care, helps individuals become ready for housing. Without this period to become stable, many individuals would find it hard to be successful in permanent housing whatever its structure.

While there are numerous reasons why an individual may become homeless, the number one reason is the lack of affordable housing. Creating enough affordable housing is the best way to end the homelessness crisis. One of the biggest challenges Lake City Partners faces in getting people into housing when they are ready is the lack of housing availability. Whether it is moving someone into an affordable apartment or moving them into something with more structure such as permanent supportive housing, the supply isn't there to meet the demand. Many units that are available are in south King County. That means that to take advantage of those units, individuals would have to leave the connections and community they have here, which can lead back to instability. It is important to find housing in the communities that people are familiar with and have connections to have a better chance of success.

Completion of the 198th Project will help with some of the need, but a lot more housing needs to be built. Hundreds of affordable housing units have been built in Shoreline through the Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program and requirements for affordable housing in the light rail station areas will ensure inclusive affordability for the life of those buildings. The City continues to look at other ways we can create more affordable housing in Shoreline such as building more "missing middle" housing.

Outreach

In addition to the work done inside The Oaks to stabilize individuals most in need, Lake City Partners also does outreach and diversion work to address the needs of those on the waiting list who aren't yet in the shelter. While some individuals need prolonged

stability in the shelter setting before they are housing ready, others just need to address some basic needs, such as obtaining identification. Many people don't realize that after living on the street for a long period of time, in some cases years, and being out of the "system", getting something as basic as identification, which is needed to get housing, can be a challenge.

Shoreline provides funding to support a Housing and Outreach Specialist through Lake City Partners. This role was originally funded as a pilot with King County funding but is now supported through Shoreline Human Services funding. The position provides street outreach on a part-time basis and works with City staff to respond to specific circumstances of camping within the City right-of-way or parks. The Outreach Specialist also provides additional support whenever the severe weather shelter is opened. She knows many of the people who have used the shelter, so it provides another opportunity to connect and get them the help they need. One such individual was able to move into housing in Florida with the help of the Outreach Specialist. Providing support to those on the waitlist can help those who are housing ready but for one last barrier skip shelter altogether, thus saving space for those who really need it.

Emergency Calls

One of the community concerns expressed around the opening of The Oaks was that there would be a large amount of emergency response calls being made to the facility. From April through December 2021, 911 received 19 calls for an average of 2.11 calls per month. For comparison, when the facility operated as a nursing facility there were 43 calls made in 2018 and 60 calls made in 2019 to 911 for an average of 4.29 calls per month.

MORE INFORMATION

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Shoreline Farmers Market announces new location

Saturdays, June 4 - October 1
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Shoreline Bikelink Park & Ride
N 192nd Street and Aurora Avenue N

After many wonderful years in Aurora Square, the Shoreline Farmers Market is excited to be moving north to 192nd Street and Aurora Avenue N. In partnership with King County Metro, the Shoreline Farmers Market will be turning the BikeLink Park & Ride parking lot into a lively space open for everyone in the community to enjoy. With plenty of parking you can drive, walk, or hop on the bus!

Local and regional vendors will be selling seasonal produce, organic meat, eggs, local honey, baked goods, and handcrafted items. This year there will be even more hot food vendors, food trucks, and live musical performances. This family friendly event will offer a Kids PoP Program every other week featuring activities for kids to learn about local food. The Shoreline Farmers Market proudly accepts SNAP/ EBT/WIC and Senior FMNP. Stop by the information booth to learn more and double your SNAP transactions with the SNAP Market Match program.

MORE INFORMATION
shorelinefarmersmarket.org



Shoreline – A Welcoming Place for All

WE ARE A community of people that come from a multitude of backgrounds and beliefs, but we all share a desire to feel welcomed and valued. Celebrating our diversity creates cultural awareness, which helps create spaces of inclusion and fosters a sense of belonging where people feel valued.

For Celebrate Shoreline week in August 2021, we asked community members to share what “A Welcoming Place for All” looks like with a drawing, a photo, a statement, or short video. Many thanks to those who submitted art and statements,



Celebrate Shoreline artwork by Jade Lauw

including Jade Lauw, who created a beautiful art piece. She wrote: “I wanted Shoreline’s diverse community to become the centerpiece of this artwork, comprising of different shapes and shades of brown and in the end creating this extraordinary tree that produces a rainbow of fruits - our ideas, values, beliefs, and art. Nourishing fruit that can be shared amongst the community.”

The community input was used as inspiration to design a citywide Welcoming Place for All logo. Graphic designer Elyas Beria created three design options. We asked community members to vote for their favorite. Jade Lauw’s art inspired Elyas. He said, “Rather than using colors that are literal interpretations of skin tones, I really like the idea of using different shapes to abstractly represent people of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds all coming together to form something beautiful.”

Many thanks to everyone who participated in sharing ideas and voting on the design! We will be handing out window clings with the logo at events this summer. If you would like to pick one up, a limited number are available in the City Hall lobby.



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Keep ditches empty to prevent flooding!

Do you have a ditch in front of your home? Be sure to keep it empty! Ditches are critical to moving water away from homes and neighborhoods and returning it to nearby streams, lakes, and Puget Sound. Never put soil, leaves, grass clippings, debris, or fill of any kind into the ditch near your home. This can clog the pipes that carry rainwater away from your home and cause flooding in your neighborhood. Be sure to keep yard debris out of the streets, as well. Once in the street, it can flow into and clog storm drains, which can also lead to flooding in your neighborhood. Please throw out yard waste in your green bin.

Filling or modifying ditches in any way requires City approval and a Right-of-way Use Permit under SMC 13.10.200.



MAINTAINING SHORELINE'S LEVEL OF SERVICE

IN 2010, Shoreline voters passed a six-year maintenance and operation levy lid lift for basic public safety, parks, recreation, and community services. They voted to renew it in 2016. Passage of the lid lifts allowed the City to maintain the basic level of services Shoreline residents have come to expect.

The lid lifts were necessary to address the structural imbalance that exists due to a state law that limits cities to a 1% increase in property tax revenue per year, unless voters approve a larger increase. Over time, a 1% annual increase in property tax revenues simply does not keep pace with increased costs needed to maintain basic services. Inflation continues to increase at rates higher than 1% every year. As the gap grows, it becomes necessary for the City to find ways of making up for the diminished revenue or cut basic services.

Shoreline's 2010 and 2016 levy lid lifts reset the levy rate and limited the annual increase to the rate of inflation. The lid lifts provided funding to pay for the basic public services residents depend on every day, such as police; park and athletic field maintenance; recreational programs; neighborhood support; streetlights, traffic signals, and traffic control equipment maintenance; jail services; social service funding; and emergency management, just to name a few.

It also assisted in maintaining important community services, including the Shoreline Senior Center, the Shoreline Historical Museum, and basic human services that address such issues as homelessness, domestic violence, hunger, and teen suicide.

State law limits a levy lid lift to six years. As such, the 2016 six-year levy lid lift is set to expire at the end of this year. As part of the City's 10-year Financial Sustainability Plan, the City Council included renewal of the maintenance and operations levy lid lift in its list of recommendations on how to provide sustainable funding so that the City could provide basic services.

When Shoreline taxpayers pay their property taxes, 11% goes to the City's operating funds. An additional 2% will go towards the City's recent voter approved park bond. The remaining 87% goes to other agencies such as the Shoreline School District, King County, and the State of Washington. For the owner of a median priced property (\$625,000) in Shoreline, they will pay approximately \$6,668 in property taxes to all taxing districts in 2022 with approximately \$707, or \$59 per month, going to the City's operating fund.

Hidden Lake Dam Removal Construction

STARTING THIS summer, the City will close portions of the Hidden Lake loop trail within Shoreview Park for removal of the Hidden Lake Dam and restoration of Boeig Creek within the existing lakebed. The work is part of a two-phase project with numerous safety, environmental, and maintenance cost reduction benefits.

Following completion of Phase One later this fall, residents will be able to enjoy a new loop trail to the restored creek. Phase Two will replace the existing culverts below NW Innis Arden Way. We expect to begin that work in the summer of 2024.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/hiddenlake

YOUR RESOURCES AT WORK IN THE CITY

THE CITY'S 2021-2022 Biennium Budget totals \$232.4 million. Almost 44% of the total (\$103.3 million) is spent on the City's operating budget. The operating budget represents the cost of providing services to the Shoreline Community on a day-to-day basis:

Public Safety: Police services; domestic violence assistance; prosecuting attorney; public defender; municipal court; and jail services.

Parks: Parks and open space maintenance; and street trees.

Recreation, Cultural, and Community Services: Recreation programs; public art program; cultural services; emergency management; equity and social justice; community engagement; neighborhoods; environmental services; and human services.

Planning and Community Development: Permitting; zoning; development code regulation; long-range planning; building and permit inspection; and Comprehensive Plan updating.

Public Works: Street and right-of-way maintenance; grounds maintenance; and traffic management and planning.

Customer Response Team and Code Enforcement: 24-hour customer response and code enforcement.

Support Services: Budget and financial reporting; accounts payable/receivable and payroll; grant writing; maintaining network; computer and telephone systems; administration; legal services; communications; records management.

City-Wide and Contingencies: Liability and property insurance; equipment and vehicle maintenance, operations, and replacement.



Celebrating and honoring Juneteenth

In June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced that all enslaved people were free. That day, which became known as Juneteenth, was about two and half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Some historians believe that since the Civil War wasn't over, the lack of Union army in Texas made it hard for Lincoln's proclamation to be enforced. After hearing the news, many people left to reunite with family or escaped north. Many others continued to be terrorized and killed before they could escape. The 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which abolished slavery, was approved in December 1865.

Also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, African Americans traditionally celebrated Juneteenth with barbecues, singing spirituals, and religious sermons. Strawberry soda, red fruit, and desserts like strawberry pie and red velvet cake were served to commemorate the blood their ancestors shed during slavery. Celebrations often include parades and festivals. Last year, to signify the importance of Juneteenth for all, the Washington State Legislature, the King County Council, and Shoreline City Council made Juneteenth a paid holiday for employees.

In partnership with ShoreLake Arts and other community members, the City is planning to add to the Juneteenth mural north of City Hall on Midvale Ave North and 178th, created by artists Myron Curry and Cynnear Easley in 2021. To learn more and see the online Facebook Juneteenth Exhibition curated by Shoreline Public Art, go to shorelinewa.gov/art.



Shoreline Tempestry Project

THE SHORELINE Tempestry Project is a collaborative effort of 11 local fiber artists to present global warming data in visual form. Tempestry combines the words "temperature" and "tapestry" to describe knitted and crocheted pieces visualizing climate change.

The artists created the Tempestries using specific colors to show daily high temperatures for a year. Multiple works are displayed together to show change over time. The Shoreline Tempestry Project spans the years 1950 to 2021. The artists created patterns from National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data collected from Seattle Tacoma International Airport.

20 Tempestries will hang in the lobby of City Hall through July 15. Visit City Hall and see how the artists have interpreted climate change in yarn.

This exhibit brings attention to Shoreline's Climate Action Plan as we update it. The City of Shoreline is grateful to the following participants who donated their time, talent, and Tempestries to the City's Public Art Collection:

Alaina Boomer
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Anna Hall
Christina Arcidy
Constance Perenyi
Juliet Lovejoy

Juliet Scarpa
Karen Camp
Kathy Plant
Sarah Dilling
Tiffany Megargee

The Tempestry Project began in 2017 in Anacortes. It has since spread throughout the country and around the world. To learn more, visit tempestryproject.com.

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

EVERY JUNE the Pride flag is raised at City Hall in celebration of Pride month and in support of our LGBTQIA community members. Pride month commemorates the Stonewall riots that began on June 28, 1969. Patrons decided to resist the police harassment that took place regularly at the Stonewall, a gay bar in New York City. Previously, when raids happened, customers would leave the premises. However, this time the LGBTQIA community held their ground and started a spontaneous demonstration that spawned additional demonstrations over several days. The riots were a tipping point and marked a significant point in the movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against the LGBTQIA community, which continues today.

Back by popular demand, the colorful rainbow tree wraps will decorate the Park at Town Center on Aurora by City Hall and throughout Shoreline. Feel free to celebrate Pride and decorate a tree near you! If you have any questions, please contact Neighborhoods Coordinator Constance Perenyi at cperenyi@shorelinewa.gov.



Shoreline Community Court returns to City Hall

KING COUNTY District Court will be returning to Shoreline City Hall with Community Court and the Community Resource Center after offering those services virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic. A Community Court is an alternative problem-solving court. It differs from traditional court in that it seeks to identify and address the underlying challenges of court participants that may contribute to further criminal activity. Its goal is to build stronger and safer neighborhoods and reduce recidivism.

Community Court addresses the specific problem of repeatedly cycling through the criminal justice system non-violent misdemeanants who experience mental health issues, substance abuse issues, and extreme poverty. For these individuals, the criminal justice system – the intent of which is to punish and deter criminal behavior – is

not working. It is not working because the criminal justice system does not address the root causes of the criminal behavior: substance abuse, mental health issues, poverty, and homelessness. These individuals are repeatedly arrested, booked, released, and the cycle repeats with no change in the behavior of the defendants.

The co-located Community Resource Center consists of community partners who provide a wide array of services, including connections to healthcare/insurance; education; job training; and mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment services. The Community Resource Center is available to all members of the public in addition to the Community Court participants.

Volunteers are critical to the success of Community Court, helping court participants feel welcome, introducing

them to service partners, and generally aiding participants in their success. The District Court is recruiting volunteers. They must pass a King County District Court background check. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Community Court Coordinator Karra Wilson at 206-310-6572 or karwilson@kingcounty.gov.

Community Court and the Community Resource Center will be on the first floor of City Hall every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. starting Tuesday, June 28.

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Please join us for the
STATE OF THE CITY
BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Thursday, June 9, 2022
7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue N
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A complimentary continental breakfast will be followed by a program at 7:30 a.m.

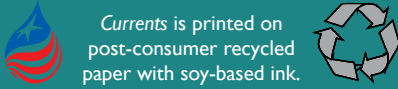
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connectivity along 145th Street.



JOIN THE VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE TO:

- Learn about the current challenges along 145th Street and how we plan to address them.
- Review the latest project designs and updated visuals.
- See the latest design and construction schedule.
- Watch a video to see how construction will be staged over time.



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