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Shoreline voters vote to approve Proposition 1

SHORELINE VOTERS passed Shoreline Proposition 1 with 63% of the vote. Approval of Proposition 1 will help fund police and neighborhood services; maintain our parks; and provide human services. Proposition 1 restores the City's 2016 maintenance and operations levy, which expires at the end of the year. Proposition 1 authorizes Council to increase the City's regular property tax levy rate up to \$1.39 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which remains under the \$1.60 legal limit, and tie it to inflation for the next six years instead of the 1% cap imposed by State law.

"Passage of Proposition 1 allows the City to maintain the level of services residents have come to expect," Shoreline Mayor Keith Scully stated. "It will also allow the City to create an even more robust system of support for individuals in our community who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. The RADAR program has proven to be an effective public safety and behavioral health program that benefits the entire community."

Passage of Proposition 1 addresses the structural imbalance for 2023-2028 by addressing the 1% limit on increasing property tax revenues. Property tax revenue is the City's largest revenue source, but absent the levy lid lift, the 1% cap prevents it from keeping pace with inflation. Passage of Proposition 1 allows the City to maintain current levels of police and community safety services, including neighborhood safety patrols; traffic enforcement in school zones and neighborhoods; and community crime prevention programs. It will also enhance the RADAR Program (soon to become the RCR Program – see story on page 2) by adding mental health professional teams to provide 24/7 response with police to community members in behavioral health crisis. It will also preserve safe, well-maintained, and accessible parks and trails; playgrounds and play equipment; and playfields and restrooms. Recreation programs for youth, adults, families, and seniors will also be preserved.

Proposition 1 will continue funding for community services for seniors, youth, and individuals and families in need, including homelessness response services. The levy also sustains the City's code enforcement and customer response programs.



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Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

RADAR expands to become Regional Model Crisis Response (RCR) Program

SHORELINE, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell, and Kirkland have agreed to form a regional agency to oversee the work of the successful RADAR Program. The new agency will provide 24/7 response to individuals in behavioral health crisis.

In 2016, the Shoreline Police Department started a pilot program called RADAR (Response Awareness, De-escalation and Referral), after being one of seven successful applicants out of over 100 to receive a United States Department of Justice grant. When the program was first envisioned, the overall goal of RADAR was to enhance community and first responder safety through relationship-based policing, community care-taking, and procedural justice. RADAR provides police officers with response plans designed to assist in the field with de-escalation and crisis intervention response. It also provides resources for officers to follow up with a Mental Health Professional (MHP) Navigator for at-risk individuals in the community.

The program proved to be very successful and in 2019, the Cities of Bothell, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Kirkland, and Shoreline entered an Interlocal Agreement to expand the program into the North Sound RADAR Navigator Program. The purpose was to provide the member cities with an efficient administration and coordination of a RADAR program for use in the event of a behavioral health crisis. The goals were to strengthen community/police partnerships, to increase the connection of at-risk individuals with effective behavioral health services and treatments, and to enhance community and first responder safety by reducing the potential for police use of physical force.

While RADAR's goals have remained the same, the program has expanded to include the ability for co-response. Co-response means Police and MHP Navigators respond together to persons in mental health crisis during a RADAR shift instead of having MHP Navigators respond after deputy referral. RADAR MHP Navigators currently spend roughly 25% of their time responding to in-progress calls with Police across the five cities.

The five member cities have now agreed to expand the program further to allow 24/7 response to people in crisis. This expansion would build from the 2019 North Sound RADAR program and allow for the merger of the 2021 Kirkland Community Responder Program. This will provide for expanded crisis response coverage in the five cities and align their efforts to site a crisis stabilization facility in north King County.

The cities have proposed creating a separate non-profit regional agency (Agency) to oversee the program. The Cities have agreed to have Kirkland hire the staff and loan them to the Agency and provide all the fiduciary responsibilities for the Agency. As such, the employees of RADAR who are currently City of Bothell employees would transfer to the City of Kirkland and would be subject to the City of Kirkland's policies and bargaining agreements. Kirkland would also charge an administrative fee for the services provided.

Community Court and Resource Center Call for Volunteers

THE CITY and King County District Court are seeking volunteers to help with Shoreline's Community Court and Resource Center. The success of this program depends on the hard work of community volunteers. Volunteers help set-up and take-down the court and the resource center; greet people; help connect people with service providers; and answer questions. If you would like to volunteer, contact King County District Court Community Court Coordinator Karra Wilson at karwilson@kingcounty.gov or 206-296-0594.

MORE INFORMATION
shorelinewa.gov/communitycourt

2023-2024 BIENNIAL BUDGET ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

ON NOVEMBER 21, City Council adopted the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget. Even in the face of unprecedented inflation and concerns about a potential recession, the City continues to maintain a healthy financial position. As a result of strong financial policies, diligent financial management, and conservative budget planning, the City was able to quickly respond to the challenges presented to us in 2020. We continue to maintain our AA+ bond rating and a Standard & Poor's (S&P) ratings outlook of "stable." The budget follows our financial and reserve policies.

The budget maintains priority services and addresses and balances furthering Council goals and community priorities. These include addressing the highest priorities identified in the 2022 Resident Satisfaction Survey –the overall response to homelessness, the overall quality of human services offered by the City, and the overall quality of police services. Passage of Proposition 1, the levy lid lift, will allow the City to maintain service levels through 2028.

It also invests in projects to help our surface water and wastewater utilities

fulfill their master plans; supports and addresses impacts from the anticipated operation of the new light rail stations; and continues to address critical transportation projects throughout the City. The Budget continues to deliver sidewalk expansion projects supported by the voter approved 0.2% transportation benefit district sales tax and sidewalk rehabilitation supported by vehicle license fees. It also implements the park improvements approved by voters in February 2022.

The Biennial Budget is balanced in all funds and totals \$361.175 million. The budget can be divided into five types of funds as shown in the chart below.

Operating Funds (\$128,197,832) represent the cost of providing services to the Shoreline community on a day-to-day basis and includes such items as public safety (police, court, jail), park maintenance, recreation programming, grounds maintenance, street maintenance, street lighting, land use planning, permitting, communications, emergency management, and administration. The Operating Funds also include some special revenue funds

that the City must use for designated purposes such as police services.

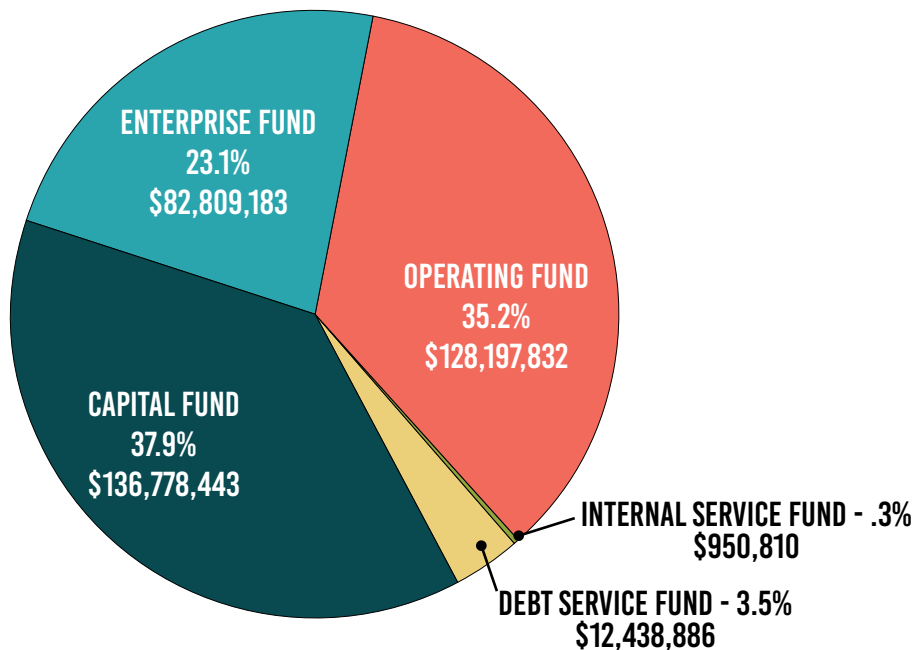
Debt Service Funds (\$12,438,886) account for the annual repayment of the voter approved park bonds, and the bonds approved by the City Council to pay for a portion of City Hall, acquisition of property for a maintenance facility, and construction of new sidewalks. These Funds also account for the bond anticipation notes issued to acquire properties for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan.

Enterprise Funds (\$82,809,183) consist of the operation and capital improvements of the surface water utility and wastewater utility. It includes revenues and expenditures developed based on the personnel and maintenance and operations costs necessary to operate utilities and support their capital master plans.

Capital Funds (\$136,778,443) represent the cost of making improvements to the City's facilities, parks, and transportation systems.

Internal Service Funds (\$950,810) represent transfers between funds to fund maintenance and replacement of City equipment, installation of public art, and unemployment claims.

2023-2024 BIENNIAL BUDGET BY FUND



Shoreline's biennial budget is the City's plan for allocating resources to a variety of programs necessary to keep the community safe; enhance the quality of life; and maintain and develop quality facilities, parks, roads, and the wastewater and stormwater systems. Included in the budget is the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP provides a multi-year list of proposed major capital expenditures and associated operating costs for the City. It sets funding strategies for the next five years.

MORE INFORMATION

To review the 2023-2024 Biennium Budget and the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan, go to shorelinewa.gov/budget.

CITYWISE

Have you ever wondered who maintains our parks? Or how the City creates a budget or plans for changing traffic volumes?

Since launching as a pilot in 2017, the CityWise Project has provided participants insight into the wide range of services provided by the City. In 2023, we will offer CityWise as an online experience, with the possibility of in-person field trips. This series of eight informational sessions starts with an introduction to Shoreline's form of government. At the end, participants will use what they have learned about City operations to write a budget.

Applications will be available on February 1, 2023. Deadline for submitting applications is February 21. 90-minute sessions run on Tuesday evenings from February 28 through April 18. CityWise is free of charge, and open to residents, employees, business owners, and students aged 16 and older in Shoreline. Class size is limited to 30 participants, chosen to represent the community. Applicants who are Shoreline residents will receive priority.

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State legislative priorities

ON JANUARY 9, the Washington State Legislature will start its annual legislative session. This is a "long session," lasting 105 days, and is scheduled to adjourn on April 24. Long sessions are particularly impactful. This is when legislators set the State's operating, capital, and transportation budgets for the next two years. We pay close attention to the activities in Olympia, tracking issues and advocating for resources that can help the City tackle issues for residents in our community. Each year, the City Council sets out a list of legislative priorities that articulate City values and guide Shoreline's interaction with the state legislative session.

For 2023, the City seeks and supports state funding for key investments in Shoreline's neighborhood park system; capital and other costs to stand up a crisis receiving center in north King County; as well as increased funding and legislative guidance needed to enable Shoreline and other cities to effectively comply with the Blake decision. The Blake decision changed the law around drug possession and, as a result, has driven the need for more investment in drug treatment and related functions within the court system.

But beyond financial support, the City Council has also expressed its interest in important policy goals. Some of the key policy areas include:

- Support legislation that advances efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector and across all other sectors.
- Direct state and federal resources toward effective on-the-ground implementation of key climate action steps, such as electrification of buildings and vehicles.
- Advocate for state/local collaboration on a watershed-based approach to improving fish-blocking culverts, including improved coordination and funding.
- Improve local government financial sustainability and flexibility, with secure funding sources that rely less on regressive revenue options.
- Support efforts to continue to address homelessness and affordable housing, including enhanced protection for tenants, equitable access to housing, and support for local efforts to accommodate additional housing development, including affordable housing.

MORE INFORMATION

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Snow plow routes

WHEN FORECASTS PREDICT freezing temperatures or snow, the City pre-treats road surfaces with an anti-icing agent. When it snows, City plows will concentrate their efforts on primary snow removal routes first to accommodate emergency response, as well as transit, school buses, and commuter traffic. If it continues to snow, plows will stay on these primary routes. Once the snow has stopped and all primary roads are clear, plows will move to secondary routes, and once those are clear, they will plow neighborhood streets. If it starts snowing again, the process of clearing main roads will start over.

Please keep in mind that, during a heavy, continuous snowstorm, it may take several days before we can clear all city streets.

In major snow events, we will close several roads that have traditionally had problems. They are identified on the Snow Event Road Closure map that you can find on the StormReady webpage.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/stormready



SHARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND PUBLIC ART IN SHORELINE

WE ARE UPDATING the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Arts (PROSA) Plan. This plan, which we update every six years, provides a 20-year vision and framework that will help decide what services the City will offer. This plan will incorporate earlier work done for a separate Public Art and Cultural Services plan.

The last time we updated both plans was in 2017. Since that time, our city has grown and changed. Through this planning effort, we will better understand changing community needs and set a plan to meet those demands.

We are developing the PROSA Plan in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan and will comply with the Washington State Growth Management Act for Parks and Recreation.

What does it include?

When adopted, the PROSA plan will include:

- City and regional demographics, trends, and resources
- Summary and assessment of current City parks, facilities, events, public art, and recreation services
- Environmental reviews and studies
- Review and analysis of community needs and wants
- New list of priorities (Strategic Action Initiatives) informed by community input

What does it inform?

The PROSA Plan will guide our decisions about:

- Buying land for parks and natural areas
- Developing new recreation facilities
- Offering recreation and cultural programs and events
- How best to maintain the parks, natural spaces, and facilities
- What public art should look like in our community and where it should be placed

How can you give input?

Head to our online open house (QR code below) to take a survey, play with the interactive map, and/or leave general comments. You can also check the City's website for the most up-to-date information. This is truly the community's plan and we want to hear from the entire community. We are looking to develop and expand our engagement opportunities to ensure the final plan reflects the needs and wishes of all residents.

MORE INFORMATION

Shorelinewa.gov/prosaplan



Parks Bond Projects Update

We want to hear from you on the design of our new park improvements! The Parks Bond Project has been moving through preliminary information gathering over the last two months and is now coordinating those existing site conditions with the goals of the Parks Bond levy.

Take the survey

Earlier this month, we opened an online survey to get feedback from community members on what they want the parks to look like. We want your input on the identity and character of the parks. How do you want them to look and feel?

To take part in the survey, go to shorelinewa.gov/parkprojects.



Soak-It-Up!

Noticing flooding in your yard? Want to change up your garden in the spring? Winter is the time to plan and enhance your yard with a Soak It Up rebate! The city offers rebates up to \$2,000 to help Shoreline property owners plant native landscaping beds and rain gardens. These gardens are distinctly for the Pacific Northwest and are far less maintenance than grass lawns. We love them because of all the environmental benefits they provide! Visit shorelinewa.gov/soakitup to learn more, see if your yard qualifies, and apply!

MORE INFORMATION
shorelinewa.gov/soakitup

Create Your Shoreline Story through the Art of Mosaics

Bring your personal story and join artist Laura Brodax on January 7 to make something visually impressive in this four-hour FREE mosaic workshop, sponsored by the City of Shoreline Public Art Program. Watch Laura demonstrate how to work with ceramic mosaics then create your very own design! Listen to other introspective stories that make Shoreline a rich creative neighborhood. The City will display the works in a special public exhibit. **To reserve your seat, go to <https://bit.ly/3zJUKbk>**
Limited to 10 people.



Emergency Severe Weather Shelter

St. Dunstan's Church, 722 N 145th Street
Activation Hotline: 206-801-2797

FOR THE FOURTH winter season, the City is working in partnership with the North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA) to operate an emergency severe weather shelter. St. Dunstan's Church again has offered space to house this important program at their parish. NUHSA recruits and trains volunteers and provides needed shelter supplies. The City handles the permitting process and assists with volunteer recruitment and training as needed.

The shelter officially 'opened' for the season in early November and has already been activated several times. The threshold for activation is a prediction of four-plus hours of temperatures at or below 33 degrees overnight or snow accumulation of two or more inches. When activated, the shelter is open from 8:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. The recorded Severe Weather Shelter Activation Hotline will be updated when the shelter is activated. On average, the Severe Weather Shelter is open 10-12 nights per season.

Volunteer

To make the shelter successful, we need volunteers to help staff it during activation. Committed and compassionate volunteers must be over 18 years old and commit to being on-call for a certain number of nights each month between November 1 and March 30. NUHSA will train volunteers who will then be responsible for welcoming guests and supervising the shelter overnight (partial shifts can be arranged). Volunteers will be paired with another person during shelter activation.

Other severe weather shelter options

- **King County Crisis Line:** Connects people to the most up-to-date shelter options during severe weather at 866-427-4747
- **For Families:** Families can access help by calling the King County Emergency Family Shelter Intake Line at 206-245-1026. Arrangements can be made for transportation.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/shelter
To volunteer, email bwolbrec@shorelinewa.gov

Holiday Tree Collection

Recology will collect natural, undecorated, unflocked trees in four-foot lengths from customers who subscribe to compost (food scraps and yard debris). No special arrangements are necessary; just put your tree curbside on your regular food scraps and yard debris collection day.

Recology will not accept flocked trees in food scraps and yard debris collection. The flocking can often contain non-compostable materials including adhesives, flame retardant, or additives to make the flocking glitter and shine. Flocked trees are considered garbage and are not accepted at tree recycling facilities.

MORE INFORMATION

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SAFETY AND SENIORS

SENIORS TODAY are more active, independent, and in better health than ever before. Still, many criminals target older populations, so it is important to stay alert and safe.

Make your home safe and secure

- Install good locks on doors and windows and use them. Don't hide keys in mailboxes and planters or under doormats. Instead, leave an extra set of keys with a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Ask for photo identification from service or delivery people before letting them in the door. If you are the least bit worried, call the company to verify.
- Be sure your street address number is large, clear of obstruction, and well-lighted so police and other emergency personnel can find your home quickly.
- Consider a home alarm system that provides emergency monitoring for burglary, fire, and medical emergencies.

Get involved in the community

- Report any crime or suspicious activities to law enforcement.
- Join a Shoreline Watch to look out for each other and help the police.
- Work to help improve your neighborhood by volunteering.

Be alert when out and about

- Go with friends or family, not alone.
- Carry your purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Don't carry credit cards you don't need or large amounts of cash.
- Use direct deposit for Social Security and other regular checks.
- Keep car doors locked, whether you're a passenger or driver. Be particularly alert in parking lots and garages. Park near an entrance.
- Sit close to the driver or near the exit while riding the bus, train, or subway.
- If someone or something makes you uneasy, trust your instincts and leave.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/shorelinewatch

CLIMATE ACTION TIP

WHILE THE WINTER season brings holiday cheer for most people, it also brings a lot more waste and harm to our environment. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, Americans toss 25% more trash and send an additional 1 million tons of trash to our landfills every week. But all hope is not frost! Here are some tips to help you make the most of your winter celebrations while reducing your waste:

- ★ **Look for gifts that are package-free.** Give your loved ones memberships, subscriptions, tickets, and electronic gift cards. These options don't add to the waste stream and make for memorable experiences.
- ★ **Wrap gifts reusing materials you already have at home like newspapers, magazine pages, or even brown paper bags.** You can also avoid paper entirely and use reusable baskets, boxes, or cloth bags. Metallic wrapping paper, ribbon, and tape can't be recycled and should be reused or thrown in the trash.
- ★ **Compost your food scraps and natural holiday trees and greenery.** When you keep food scraps and yard debris separate from your garbage you extend the life of our landfill and help create nutrient-rich soil. As you clean up after large holiday meals, place your food scraps in your green compost cart. For trees and greenery, remove ALL lights, ribbon, string, and decorations and cut the tree into two-foot lengths to fit in your cart. Synthetic and flocked trees must go in the garbage.



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Shoreline Walks

Know some great walking routes in Shoreline? Help lead free community walks as a volunteer walk leader. Walk routes available. April - November.



Greenhouse Gardener

@ Richmond Highlands Rec Center
Help w/ greenhouse. Works with CHOICES program for adults with developmental disabilities. Weekdays/Weekends.



Twin Pond Giving Garden

@ Twin Ponds Park
Help fight food insecurity by growing, harvesting and donating produce to area food banks. Tue./Thur. 10am-12pm Weekdays/Weekends.



Green Shoreline

Keep our forests and greenspaces healthy through restoration projects / invasive plant removal / planting of native plants. Saturdays/Sundays. GreenShoreline.org