

Currents – News from the City of Shoreline

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Shoreline's Parking Enforcement Program Will Kick Off This Summer

Shoreline's new Parking Enforcement Program is kicking off this summer. You will soon see our two Parking Enforcement Officers out in the electric parking enforcement vehicle. They will be educating drivers about where and how to park legally on Shoreline streets. While they will focus heavily on educational efforts this summer, they will also be writing citations for violators of current parking laws. Examples of violations include parking too far from the curb, parking in bus or bike lanes, parking too close to intersections or mailboxes, or not observing parking signage. The Parking Enforcement Officers will shift away from education and towards more enforcement later this fall.

Enforcement efforts will be occurring citywide. Our enforcement priorities will be safe parking, vehicles causing obstructions, enforcing the restricted parking zone(s), and ticketing and towing abandoned and inoperable vehicles. Remember, you can't use Shoreline streets to store your boats, RVs, or extra vehicles. Items stored in the public right-of-way are subject to towing and impoundment at the owner's expense.

If you receive a parking ticket, you can pay the fine or dispute it with the King County District Court. Visit kingcounty.gov/districtcourt to see your options. The website also includes ways to set up a payment plan. You will not be able to pay or dispute your parking ticket at Shoreline City Hall.

shorelinewa.gov/parkingenforcement

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May is Asian Pacific American (APA) or Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month. It is a time to celebrate the broad diversity of cultures, histories, and achievements of Asians and Pacific Islanders. which includes all of Asia and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia.

Learn more about APA Heritage Month at asianpacificheritage.gov.

A free screening of She Marches in Chinatown (chenaniganfilms.com) will be held at Shorewood High School on Tuesday, May 28 in the evening. The documentary film tells the history of the Seattle Chinese Community Drill Team and the role of local Asian Women leaders Ruby and Cheryl Chow.

We are planning more events in partnership with Shoreline Community College, Shoreline School District, Seattle Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Shoreline Historical Museum,

the Korean Community Service Center, and community volunteers. Visit shorelinewa.gov/calendar for more information.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact Equity and Social Justice Program Coordinator Suni Tolton
stolton@shorelinewa.gov
206-801-2556.

Home Improvement Workshop and Vendor Fair

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Shoreline City Hall

RSVP to meet with a technical reviewer about your upcoming project:
shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement

Vendor fair

There will be several outside vendors and resources available to meet with to discuss your project. No appointment is necessary to meet with these vendors.

Deck 101

May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn more about residential deck permitting for new decks and deck replacements.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement
Permit Services Manager Jarrod Lewis
jlewis@shorelinewa.gov, 206-801-2521

Keeping Summer Fun and Safe at Echo Lake

Echo Lake is a favorite summer spot for fishing, swimming, and boating. To help keep Echo Lake safe, we watch for new algae growth. Algae is part of lake life and is often not harmful. However, some algae are toxic. When suspicious algae growth is observed or reported, we test it. If it is harmful, King County Public Health posts warning signs and will potentially limit access to the lake.

Year-round, there are signs at Echo Lake that say, "Look out for Harmful Algal Blooms." These signs are educational only and help people know when to report algae. They do not mean the beach is closed.

Find out if Echo Lake swimming conditions are unsafe due to toxic algae or bacteria by visiting shorelinewa.gov/waterquality.

Choices you make at home can help reduce toxic algae blooms! Rain can carry fertilizer from gardens into storm drains, which carry water directly to streams, lakes, and Puget Sound. This water is not cleaned, which means the fertilizer ends up in waters like Echo Lake. The fertilizer feeds algae and can create toxic algae blooms.

Learn how to grow beautiful, bountiful gardens with fewer garden chemicals at naturallyardcare.org.

Climate Action Plan

Learn about our recent progress in reaching our Climate Action Plan goals in our 2023 Year in Review! This report highlights our successes during our first full year of putting our plan into action as well as upcoming activities.

Electrify Everything!

Have you been looking for air conditioning, energy savings, or a way to support Shoreline's climate action goals? You're in luck! This year, we are launching Energize Shoreline, a pilot program to educate residents about heat pump technology, provide information about available incentives/rebates to install heat pumps, and make heat pump technology accessible to all residents in Shoreline. Heat pumps provide highly efficient, all-electric space heating and cooling. They are a key element in the transition to a safe climate and healthy environment.

The Energize Shoreline program will launch in early summer and run through the fall. Energize Shoreline will support your switch to a heat pump by offering educational workshops and program-exclusive incentives for Shoreline residents.

Energize Shoreline features the following benefits:

- Additional \$1,000 savings for the first 20 participants
- Installation and site assessment by a vetted heat pump installer
- Streamlined installation and customer support
- Guidance on available incentives and financing options

To learn more about the program, scan the Electrify Everything QR code, visit shorelinewa.gov/goelectric, or email us at environment@shorelinewa.gov. To learn more about how to electrify your home, visit WA.SwitchIsOn.org, and put in your zip code to find out which incentives and rebates are available to you now!

Upcoming Events:

Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 8

12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Community Park

[State of the City](#)

Thursday, June 13
7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue N

[Pride Celebration](#)

Saturday, June 15
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Shoreline Farmers Market

[Juneteenth](#)

Wednesday, June 19
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Ave N

[Evening Concerts in the Park](#)

June 19 through August 10
Multiple locations and times

shorelakearts.org

[Karaoke in the Park](#)

Tuesdays, July 9 through August 6
5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Cromwell Park Amphitheater

[Lunchtime Concert Series](#)

Tuesdays
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Free lunchtime concerts for all ages!

July 9: Johnny Bregar Music – Original Kids Songs
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

July 16: Chikiri – Taiko Drummers
Cromwell Park

July 23: Mpanist – Steel Drum Performer
Cromwell Park

July 30: AlakaSam – Magic
Spartan Recreation Center Field

[Swingin' Summer Eve](#)

Wednesday, July 17
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Cromwell Park

[National Night Out](#)

Tuesday, Aug. 6
Multiple times and locations

shorelinewa.gov/NNO

[Celebrate Shoreline](#)

Saturday, Aug. 17
12:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Cromwell Park

shorelinewa.gov/celebrateshoreline

[Locations](#)

Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Avenue N
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190th Street
Richmond Beach Community Park, 2201 NW 197th Street
Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Avenue N
Spartan Recreation Center Field, 202 NE 185th Street

Shoreline to Adopt King County Animal Code

Regional Animal Services of King County (RASKC) provides animal control services in Shoreline on behalf of the City. As part of this agreement, we will be updating our animal control regulations, along with other King County cities, to mirror King County Code. This ensures we all have uniform regulations. King County updated its code in August 2023.

Many changes are the result of King County residents wanting stricter regulations for both animal welfare and overall resident quality of life. The updates include new sections related to public health, general safety, and animal welfare. These changes introduce new requirements and fees for potentially dangerous and dangerous animals, nuisance violations related to adequate care, and increased civil penalties for animal cruelty convictions.

For example, RASKC can prohibit a person from owning or residing with animals for up to two years if a person is found to have failed to provide adequate care to animals, left animals in unattended motor vehicles, or dogs tied in their yard barking that become public nuisances. And failing to “scoop the poop” could result in fines of up to \$1,000 for repetitive violations. With the new regulations, RASKC will offer pet microchipping services for \$25.00. Shoreline’s leash law will remain in effect as part of the update.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

kingcounty.gov/raskc

145th Street closure enters second month

On April 1, crews closed 145th Street between the southbound I-5 ramps and 1st Avenue NE. We're now in the second month of this seven-month long closure and work is progressing at a steady rate. Utility crews working for multiple agencies, including the City, Seattle Public Utilities, Puget Sound Energy, Lumen, and Seattle City Light, are relocating infrastructure and utilities along this section of 145th to prepare the corridor for construction. This work is especially complex and time intensive, which is why closing the road completely was necessary to limit the duration of the entire project and save taxpayer money. Once the utility work is complete, construction crews can begin roadway improvements and construction of the roundabouts at each end of the overpass.

Ever since the closing of 145th Street to the west of the I-5 interchange, we've seen travelers adjust their habits and take alternate routes. We appreciate everyone's patience and thank you for planning ahead. Here are some reminders as we work toward finishing this preliminary utility work safely.

Access I-5 from the east

The closure is on the west side of I-5 but access to and from the freeway ramps is still available via the east side of the overpass. Signed detours take drivers east and west on N 155th and N 130th Streets. Northbound and southbound travel on Meridian Avenue N, 1st Avenue NE, and 15th Avenue NE is still available.

Drive slow

As you navigate the detours and other nearby routes, remember that we all have a role in making sure everyone gets home safely. The detours are shared with bicyclists and host several crosswalks, so slow down and stay aware at the wheel. If entering or exiting I-5, be aware of active construction and workers in the area. The I-5 overpass is limited to one lane in each direction, which means tighter turns and more congestion. Workers will be close to live traffic so it's critical that we all set aside the distractions and focus on the road.

MORE INFORMATION

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. If you just want to get an update about the project, visit our webpage.

Contact information:

24/7 hotline: 206-899-5127

Email: 145thProject@shorelinewa.gov

Project information: engage.shorelinewa.gov/145corridor

Investing in our future: Capital projects in design and construction

8th Avenue NW New Sidewalks Project

We're designing a new sidewalk for construction on 8th Avenue NW between NW Richmond Beach Road and NW 180th Street near the north side of Sunset Park.

shorelinewa.gov/8AveSidewalk

148th Non-Motorized Bridge

Preparations continue for Shoreline's future pedestrian and bicycle bridge that will cross I-5 at N 148th Street. Work will begin soon on the ramp and shared path leading to the bridge on the west side of I-5.

shorelinewa.gov/148bridge

Meridian Avenue Safety Improvements

In June, we will begin construction on safety improvements to Meridian Avenue N between N 155th Street and N 175th Street. This project will enhance safety at pedestrian crossings, add bicycle lanes, and modify the lane configuration along the Meridian Avenue N corridor.

shorelinewa.gov/MeridianAve

N 175th Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement

This fall, we are replacing the wastewater mainline and connecting side sewers along N 175th Street between I-5 and Wallingford Avenue N and Meridian Avenue N between N 172nd and N 178th Streets.

shorelinewa.gov/175sewer

Crack seal pavement maintenance

This summer, as part of the City's pavement preservation efforts, we will be applying sealant on local and arterial roads throughout Shoreline.

CityLearn

Shoreline School District Update

Wednesday, June 5, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall Council Chambers, or on Zoom

Join us as we host Dr. Susana Reyes, Superintendent of Shoreline School District, for an informative update session. Dr. Reyes will provide an "Update on Shoreline School District Funding and Projections."

Mark your calendar and be part of this insightful meeting with Dr. Susana Reyes.

Find the zoom link at: shorelinewa.gov/citylearn

Picture It: Shoreline 2044

Comprehensive Plan Update

The City is updating its Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a document that captures a vision of Shoreline for the next 20 years. How will we grow, how will we live, how will we gather, how will we make Shoreline a welcoming place for all? We need your input on the draft goals and policies to achieve the vision.

These goals and policies help the City make decisions and determine City priorities over a long period of time. The Plan is the primary tool to guide decisions regarding the use of land, housing, transportation, natural environment, economic development, infrastructure, and utilities.

The Planning Commission has started their review of the proposed goals and policies in preparation of the draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan. In addition, we have started the environmental review process for preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the impacts of three growth alternatives. The EIS will evaluate a no action alternative, a slower paced growth alternative, and a growth alternative based on accelerated change.

Staff anticipates that the draft EIS will be ready for public review and comment in June. Shortly after completion of the Draft EIS, the complete draft of the Comprehensive Plan will be available for review. We have tentatively scheduled the Planning Commission to start the public review of the draft Comprehensive Plan starting in September with a public hearing in October.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/shoreline2044

Police Services Report

Every year, Shoreline Police provide the community with an Annual Police Service Report. The report tracks crime data; service efforts and accomplishments; crime trends; and budget information. Police Chief Kelly Park presented the 2023 Report to the City Council on April 1.

The Shoreline Police Department consists of 53 full-time employees assigned to the city. Fifty are commissioned officers. However, as of the end of March of this year, nine of those positions were unfilled. The King County Sheriff's Office is experiencing the same issues around recruitment that law enforcement agencies across the country are experiencing. Getting full staffing is a priority and Shoreline Police are doing several things to increase recruitment efforts, including having officers in training immediately assigned to Shoreline to complete their training here.

Crime Data

Crime data falls into three categories: Crimes Against Society; Crimes Against Property; and Crimes Against Persons. While trends in crime data are mixed, with some crimes increasing and

others decreasing, it is important to remember that Shoreline continues to be relatively safe for a city its size.

Definitions

Aggravated Assault – An unlawful attack wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury.

Simple Assault – An unlawful physical attack where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury.

Intimidation – To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm by use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

Arrests

Shoreline Police made 795 arrests in 2023. That was a 6.3% increase from 2021, but a 31% decrease from 2019. We can partly attribute this to the changes in drug offense laws.

Hate Crimes

Hate crimes are considered a crime against a person. Shoreline saw a slight increase in the number of hate crimes in 2023 to a total of eleven as compared to nine in 2022 and twelve in 2021. A hate crime is a criminal offense that is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender’s bias(es) against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

Use of Force

In 2023, Shoreline Police had 24,054 contacts and made 795 arrests. Out of these contacts, Shoreline Police used force, or there was a report of force, in 18 incidents. This equates to 0.075% of Police contacts. “Physical force” means any act reasonably likely to cause physical pain or injury or any other act exerted upon a person’s body to compel, control, constrain, or restrain the person’s movement. “Physical force” does not include pat-downs, incidental touching, verbal commands, or compliant handcuffing where there is no complaint of physical pain or injury.

Crimes Against Persons

	2019	2021	2023
Aggravated Assault	51	61	49
Simple Assault	190	200	168
Intimidation	85	81	124

Crimes Against Persons offenses include such things as murder, assault, and sex offenses. We saw a 17% decrease in assault offenses from 2021, but a 53% increase in intimidation offenses. See definitions.

Crimes Against Society

	2019	2021	2023
Drugs/Narcotics	141	46	45
Prostitution	6	6	3
Weapons	4	26	22

Crimes Against Society include such things as illegal drug activity, prostitution related offenses, and violations of weapons laws. Drug offenses continued to be low because of changes made to state law in 2021 that significantly limited when police could arrest someone for a drug offense. The state legislature revised the law in 2022 and Shoreline has adopted those changes; however, there hasn't been a noticeable change in offenses from 2021.

Crimes Against Property

	2019	2021	2023
Commercial Burglary	112	188	210
Residential Burglary	120	150	105
Property Destruction/Vandalism	179	450	389

Crimes Against Property includes such things as robbery, fraud, burglary, shoplifting, and vandalism. We continue to see an increase in commercial burglaries, with a 12% increase from 2021, but an 87.5% increase from 2019. And while vandalism was 117% higher than in 2019, there was a 13.6% decrease from 2021. Residential burglaries decreased by 30% from 2021 and 12.5% from 2019.

MORE INFORMATION

View the full report at shorelinewa.gov/police.

Shoreline Farmers Market

Local Farms, Live Music, Kids Programming, Food Trucks, Fresh Flowers, Baked Goods, Local Honey, Eggs, & So Much More!

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

June 1 through Oct. 5

Shoreline Park & Ride

Aurora Avenue & N 192nd Street

shorelinefarmersmarket.org

We proudly accept SNAP/EBT/WIC & offer SNAP Market Match!

Changing World

Are you ready for a change? Is your business?

Businesses at risk of displacement due to redevelopment; home-based-businesses; those with questions about safety and security; businesses interested in serving government agencies; and more are encouraged to attend this event in partnership with the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce and Washington Small Business Development Center.

Wednesday, May 22

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall

17500 Midvale Avenue N

Learn more and register at shorelinechamber.org