

Currents – News from the City of Shoreline

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Energize Shoreline brings you savings on heating and cooling

Energize Shoreline is a new City program that connects you to discounts and rebates that can save you thousands of dollars on a heat pump installation. Heat pumps are highly efficient heating and cooling systems that use less energy than traditional electric heating systems. They also have several other great functions, like filtering and dehumidifying indoor air.

In addition to guiding you on incentives, rebates, and financing, Energize Shoreline also connects you with expert installers to simplify the purchasing and installation process.

Through this program, we also offer an exclusive \$1,000 discount* for residents who attend an Energize Shoreline workshop. You can combine this discount with other rebates and incentives to save even more. During these workshops you will learn about heat pump technology, receive details on available funding, and you can ask program experts and installers questions.

Workshops are open to all Shoreline residents! Join us at an upcoming workshop:

July 24, 2024

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom or in person at Shoreline City Hall.

We will have installers, utility companies, and other industry-specific professionals available to answer questions at City Hall for 30 minutes before and after the presentation! Below is the agenda for this workshop:

- 6:00-6:30 p.m.: Vendor Fair (City Hall)
- 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Presentation (online and at City Hall)
- 7:30-8:00 p.m.: Vendor Fair (City Hall)

August 20, 2024

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom only.

Note: Registration is required to attend the workshops

*The City of Shoreline \$1,000 discount is available on a first-come, first-served basis and is available until funds are exhausted. Other terms and conditions apply. See the program website for more details.

MORE INFORMATION

Info and to register: shorelinewa.gov/goelectric

N 145th Street closure update

Thank you for your continued patience as we do the critical work of relocating utility infrastructure as part of the 145th corridor project. Once the utility work is complete, construction crews will begin roadway improvements and construction of the roundabouts at each end of the overpass.

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. When entering or exiting I-5, be aware of active construction and workers in the area. 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

engage.shorelinewa.gov/145corridor

Email: 145thProject@shorelinewa.gov

24/7 project hotline: 206-899-5127

2024-2026 City Council Goals

The Shoreline City Council adopted their 2024-2026 goals and work plan on April 29, 2024.

Goal 1: Strengthen Shoreline's economic climate and opportunities

Robust private investment and economic opportunities help achieve Council Goals by enhancing the local economy; providing jobs and housing choices for all income levels; and supporting the public services and lifestyle amenities that the community desires and expects.

Goal 2: Manage and develop the City's infrastructure, steward the natural environment, and address climate impacts

The City has identified needed improvements to strengthen its municipal infrastructure to maintain public services the community expects through adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, Surface Water Master Plan, Wastewater Master Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Arts Plan. As capital improvements are made, it is important to include efforts that will enhance Shoreline's natural environment and address climate change and impacts, ultimately having a positive effect on the Puget Sound region.

Goal 3: Prepare for regional mass transit in Shoreline

Our community looks forward to increasing mobility options and reducing environmental impacts through public transit services. The Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Extension light rail project, which includes the Shoreline North/185th Station and the Shoreline South/148th Station, is scheduled to open in 2024. The Sound Transit Stride Bus Rapid Transit project includes funding for corridor improvements and service along State Route 523 (N 145th Street) from Bothell Way connecting to the Shoreline South/148th Station. Engaging our community members and regional transit partners in plans to integrate local transit options and connect multi-modal travel corridors, including the 145th Street and 185th Street corridors, into the future light rail service continues to be an important Council priority.

Goal 4: Expand the City’s focus on equity and social justice and work to become an Anti-Racist community

The Council values all residents and does not tolerate any form of discrimination. On January 23, 2017, Council adopted Resolution No. 401 declaring the City to be an inviting, equitable, and safe community for all and to be a leader in protecting human rights, equity, public safety, and social well-being. And on November 30, 2020, Council adopted Resolution No. 467 declaring the City’s commitment to building an anti-racist community through addressing the ways racism is maintained through beliefs, behaviors, and policies. We are committed to co-creating a vision with the community to ensure that Shoreline is an inviting, equitable, and safe community for all.

Goal 5: Promote and enhance community safety, broader community connections, and a coordinated response to homelessness and individuals in behavioral health crisis.

The Council recognizes that supporting stronger community connections and making it possible for residents to meet their needs are critical elements of a safe and thriving community. Maintaining a safe community is the City’s highest priority. The 2022 Resident Satisfaction Survey reflected that 92% of respondents felt safe in their neighborhood during the day and 73% had an overall feeling of safety in Shoreline. The City is continuing a concentrated work plan to enhance our public safety communication and crime prevention efforts to ensure that our residents and businesses continue to find Shoreline a safe place to live, work, and play. The City is also continuing to support those individuals living unhoused in our community or experiencing behavioral health issues by coordinating with regional homeless partners, working to ensure that there is adequate shelter capacity in Shoreline and North King County, and expanding behavioral health engagement and crisis intervention for those in need.

Council adopts 2024-2030 PROSA Plan

On May 6, the City Council adopted the 2024-2030 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Arts (PROSA) Plan. The PROSA Plan outlines the City’s goals and policies around parks, open spaces,

public art, recreation, and cultural services. It does this by looking at our current service levels, our projected needs, and community feedback. The goals and strategies are designed to deliver high quality, equitable services to all current and future residents.

Key Themes

Shoreline is a relatively young city, currently experiencing rapid change in both population and demographics. These changes present both challenges and opportunities. The largest shift in both development and implementation of the new PROSA Plan is our commitment to equity in all aspects of service delivery and community engagement. It is crucial that programs and services continue to align with the evolving needs of all Shoreline residents.

Key themes found in the plan are as follows:

- Ensuring equitable distribution of resources to the community
- Planning for future growth through property acquisition
- Maintaining and expanding a healthy and vibrant urban forest
- Affordability of programs and events
- Accessibility to parks, open space, public art, recreation, and cultural services
- Providing aquatics
- Providing engaging public art and cultural services that reflect the diversity of the community.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/prosaplan

Celebrate Shoreline

Saturday, August 17

Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Avenue N

Celebrate Shoreline is the City's annual birthday celebration! Incorporated in August 1995, this is the City's signature event celebrating Shoreline's cityhood.

The festival has multiple stages with live music and shows, a beer garden, pony rides, children's theater, food, toy workshop, hands on activities and more!

This is a free family friendly festival. There is a cost for food, drinks, and some activities. Come celebrate the City of Shoreline's birthday!

Festival

Noon – 9:00 p.m.

Family Area

Noon – 6:00 p.m.

Beer Garden

1:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Main Stage Schedule

Hula O Lehualani	1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
Vamola	2:30 – 3:45 p.m.
Po’okela Street Band	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Groove Nation	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
The Machine	7:45 – 9:00 p.m.

Family Stage Schedule

Alex Zerbe - Magic	12:30 - 1:15 pm
Reptile Man - Reptile Show	1:45 - 2:30 pm
Harmonica Pocket - Music	3:00 - 3:45 pm
Mike the Rad Scientist – Songs about Nature	4:15 - 5:00 pm

Riding the Link 1 Line: A quick guide

It’s almost here! The Link Light Rail 1 Line extension opens August 30. This is exciting news for our community. With four new stations (Shoreline South, Shoreline North, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood) it’ll be easier than ever to get around.

If you are new to Link light rail, here’s everything you need to know to start riding with ease.

How to Ride ([soundtransit.org/how-to-ride](https://www.soundtransit.org/how-to-ride))

Riding the Link 1 Line is easy! First, plan your trip and locate your nearest station with the Sound Transit Trip Planner. Once you arrive at your station, check the electronic display for the arrival time of the next train. Before entering the platform, make sure to tap your ORCA card on one of the yellow ORCA card readers or purchase a ride ticket.

How to Pay ([soundtransit.org/howtopay](https://www.soundtransit.org/howtopay))

There are several ways to pay for your ride on the 1 Line:

ORCA Card: The easiest and most convenient method is using an ORCA card, which you can purchase and reload at a ticket vending machine located at all Link stations, online at myorca.com, or by phone at 888-988-6722. Simply tap your card on the yellow ORCA card reader at the Link station before boarding your train!

Transit Go Ticket App: You can also use the Transit Go Ticket app to purchase tickets on your Android or iPhone. Once purchased, be sure to activate your ticket.

Ticket Vending Machines: Purchase a one-way, return, or all-day ticket at a vending machine located at all stations.

Sound Transit Fare Ambassadors may request proof of payment, so have your ORCA card, activated Transit Go Ticket pass, or paper ticket ready to show.

Transferring to/from a Bus:

Transferring between the 1 Line and buses is fast and easy with an ORCA card. Simply tap your ORCA card before boarding the train and when boarding the bus. If you transfer within 2 hours, your original fare will be credited toward the next leg of your journey. Most passengers enjoy completely free transfers with their ORCA card.

Saving with Reduced Fare Programs (soundtransit.org/fares)

Sound Transit offers several reduced fare programs to save you money on your trip:

ORCA LIFT: Eligible riders can receive reduced fares through the ORCA LIFT program. To apply, visit info.myorca.com/lift, call the Community Health Access Program at 1-800-756-5437, or visit an authorized enrollment office.

Senior and Disabled Fares: Seniors (65+) and riders with disabilities are eligible for reduced fares with the Regional Reduced Fare Permit. To apply, visit info.myorca.com/senior or info.myorca.com/disabled. You can also call 888-988-6722 or visit any transit customer service office for assistance.

Youth Fares: Riders aged 18 and under ride transit for free! Riders aged 13 and older are encouraged to bring their school ID or a Youth ORCA card, if they have it. Youth may apply for a free Youth ORCA card at info.myorca.com/youth.

The new extension of the 1 Line is a fantastic addition to our regional transit network. With this guide, you're ready to ride smoothly and affordably. Happy travels on Link!

MORE INFORMATION

soundtransit.org/ride-with-us

Customer Service team

8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

888-889-6368

TTY Relay 711

main@soundtransit.org

Free trees for Shoreline Residents

Shoreline residents, businesses, schools, and churches can receive free trees through Communi-trees, the City's community tree giveaway and planting program.

Trees are important for a healthy Shoreline. They clean our air and water, create shade, relieve stress, and make our neighborhoods more beautiful. Communi-trees helps Shoreline grow and maintain a healthy urban forest.

When you join Communi-trees, you receive:

- A free tree
- Help choosing the right tree
- A free water bag and mulch for your tree
- Training on tree planting and care
- Help planting your tree (subject to volunteer availability)
- Ongoing care reminders

New this year! Request a site visit to learn which trees will work best on your property. Those who complete a site visit can apply for more than one tree. Be sure to complete your site visit before applying.

Apply for a free tree between July 15 and August 31! Depending on tree availability and program interest, not everyone who applies will receive a tree. To learn more, request a site visit, or apply for a tree go to ShorelineWA.gov/Communitrees.

2022 / 2023 Annual Traffic Report

On June 10, the City's Traffic Engineer presented the Annual Traffic Report to the City Council. This year's report includes two years of data. The report summarizes collision, speed, and volume data, highlighting noteworthy trends. The data in the report helps prioritize traffic safety improvements and policies.

After record-low pedestrian collisions in 2021 and 2022, an unfortunate spike occurred in 2023 resulting in the highest pedestrian collision year on record for Shoreline roads. Fatal and serious injury collisions were also at all-time highs in 2023. Unfortunately, these distressing collision numbers in Shoreline are reflective of a broader county and statewide trend. Washington Traffic Safety Commission reported in May 2024 that more pedestrians were killed on Washington roadways in 2023 than in any previous year on record. Fatal crashes have nearly doubled in the State over the last 10 years.

Many cities and counties throughout the State have been working diligently toward Target Zero goals. This includes implementing systemic and location-based strategies to better protect vulnerable roadway users. But as noted by Washington Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar, "All of these initiatives to reduce crash rates take time to implement. A change in driver behavior would make a difference immediately."

Shoreline's plan to reduce traffic collisions

The City has identified ongoing and future strategies to help address collision patterns. These strategies use proven methods from Federal and state safety guidelines. Some of the strategies we are considering include:

- Reducing speed limits on roads currently set at 35 mph.

- Installing automated speed cameras in school zones.
- Using the Leading Pedestrian Interval system, which gives pedestrians a three to seven second head start to cross the street before vehicles move.
- Working with Seattle City Light and our Engineering Development Standards to install more streetlights.
- Enhancing our Annual Traffic Report process to include equity analysis, community outreach, and online collision data dashboards.
- Working to secure more resources to address locations identified as safety priorities based on their collision history.

By implementing these strategies and others, Shoreline aims to create safer streets for all residents, ensuring a systematic and equitable approach to traffic safety.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/traffic

Celebrate with the City and Shoreline Chamber of Commerce at the 2024 Shoreline Community & Business Champion Awards

Date: August 16, 2024

Time: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Avenue N.

Register: shorelinechamber.org (please register to ensure an accurate count for the event)

The City of Shoreline Community Champion Award

We invite you to join us to celebrate the community and business leaders who make Shoreline a thriving, vibrant, and welcoming place for all. Presented in partnership with the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, the City of Shoreline Community Champion Award will be presented alongside the Chamber's businessperson of the year award with a reception to follow in the City Hall lobby and plaza.

Community Champion Award acknowledges and celebrates a leader whose contributions to the community make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who live, learn, work, and play in Shoreline.

This free event will bring residents, businesses, city officials, and other community leaders together to celebrate successes, acknowledge contributions, and strengthen community bonds.

Interpreter services can be made available. Please send your request by July 26 for interpreter services along with your contact information to clk@shorelinewa.gov or call 206-801-2700.

Stinging insects and hive removal

It's that time of year again! Picnics, walks in the park, sunny days at the playground...and stinging insects. While many of us might find these insects to be pests, they are important contributors to our ecosystem. That is why when we get reports of hives in our parks, we don't immediately remove them but make several determinations first.

Yellow Jackets and paper wasps are predatory insects that prey on garden insects and help control their populations. And bees are necessary pollinators. To minimize the impacts on these beneficial members of our gardens and parks, not every hive reported will be treated or eradicated. Treatment will be conducted if a hive is verified and meets the following conditions:

- It is close to high-use areas such as picnic shelters and playgrounds.
- It is close to heavily used sidewalks, pathways, or trails.

Reports of hive activity will be investigated within two business days. If treatment meets the above-listed criteria, it will be treated within 24 hours and a sign will be placed notifying the public of the treatment time. If a hive is verified but does not meet the necessary treatment criteria, a sign will be placed to notify the public of an active hive.

Get rolling this summer with Shoreline's new Scooter/Bikeshare Pilot Program!

Shoreline is excited to launch a new dockless electric scooter and bike pilot program this July! You can explore the city in a fun and environmentally friendly way while connecting to public transportation options and reducing your reliance on a car.

The program will be piloted for two years with Lime selected as the service provider. Riders can download the Lime app on their smartphones to locate and unlock available scooters and bikes. For safety, helmets are required when riding, but there's a discount offered to incentivize helmet use. The City has asked Lime to start out with a limited deployment of scooters and bikes to test the service and see how well it works for our residents.

Don't miss this exciting new way to explore Shoreline this summer!

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/walkrideroll

License your pet