

# Currents – News from the City of Shoreline

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## **Shoreline recertified as a Salmon-Safe City**

On June 21, 2024, Shoreline achieved recertification as a Salmon-Safe city! Shoreline is Washington's first Salmon-Safe municipality. Being Salmon Safe means the City is reducing pollutants and pesticide use, improving erosion control, conserving water, and installing green infrastructure. To learn more about this new five-year certification, visit [shorelinewa.gov/salmonsafe](https://shorelinewa.gov/salmonsafe).

## **Glassblowing demonstration and glass art pop-up**

Watch local favorite artist, Dan Friday, sculpt hot molten glass into something awesome right before your eyes! This event is more than just a show – it's an interactive experience. You can ask Dan questions, learn how he adds colors to glass designs, and buy glass art from local artists. This event is FREE. See the magic for yourself!

Sunday, October 20

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Cafe Aroma

509 NE 165th Street

The first one hundred folks to arrive will receive a special gift!

If you would like to reserve a seat, visit [gotoshoreline.eventbrite.com](https://gotoshoreline.eventbrite.com). There will be standing areas open to the public as space allows. All ages are welcome to attend. ADA Accessible. The event will be held even if it rains.

## **Reminder: Garbage service is mandatory in Shoreline**

Did you know all single-family residences in Shoreline must receive and pay for garbage service? Garbage collection is a required and essential service to keep our city clean and safe. When you enroll in garbage service, food and yard waste and recycling are also included at no added cost.

### *How much does it cost?*

The amount you pay depends on the amount you throw away. Garbage cart sizes range from a 10-gallon micro-can (\$17.50 monthly rate\*) up to a 96-gallon cart (\$60.80 monthly rate\*). Call Recology at 206-763-4444 or visit [Recology.com/Shoreline](https://Recology.com/Shoreline) to learn more and sign up.

### *Going on vacation?*

If you are a residential property customer, you may temporarily suspend your garbage service due to vacations or other reasons. To temporarily stop service, call Recology's customer service at 206-763-4444 or fill out a vacation hold form at [Recology.com/Shoreline](https://www.recology.com/Shoreline). Recology will not bill you for stopped collections if you make the request at least one week before the affected collection day. The first week of vacation hold service is free, but Recology will charge you \$1/week for every week after.

\*Rates are based on the 2024 Recology rate schedule and do not include fees such as the 2024 King County Fixed Disposal Charge. Visit [Recology.com/Shoreline](https://www.recology.com/Shoreline) to view all current Shoreline garbage service rates.

### **Residential development in Shoreline: Middle housing**

In 2023, the state enacted a new law that requires cities to allow more middle housing in residential zones. In response, the Shoreline Planning Commission is now discussing what middle housing will look like and where it will go.

Middle housing is a term for homes at a middle scale between detached single-family houses and large multifamily complexes. Examples include multiplexes, courtyard apartments, stacked flats, cottages, and townhomes.

### *What does this mean?*

These changes mean you will see middle housing throughout Shoreline's residential neighborhoods. This will require changes to Shoreline's land use and zoning maps as well as changes to residential development regulations.

The Planning Commission is studying draft land use maps and draft development regulations. The current proposal allows middle housing throughout the city's residential neighborhoods but allows more types of middle housing and more units per lot near transit stops and commercial centers.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

[engage.shorelinewa.gov/shoreline2044](https://engage.shorelinewa.gov/shoreline2044)

### **Shoreline 175th Street Corridor Project - Progress Update**

Phase 1 of the 175th Street Corridor Improvements Project is approaching the 90% design milestone. The corridor is Shoreline's most active east-west arterial road. Improvements will include two traffic lanes, new bike lanes, improved sidewalks, and seismic improvements to make the road safer in case of an earthquake. These improvements will increase mobility for all transportation modes, enhance pedestrian safety, and address predicted population growth and heavier traffic.

The project will also address the road's vulnerability to seismic events. Based on soil sampling and analysis, experts found areas of N 175<sup>th</sup> Street near Ronald Bog Park that are susceptible to movement. A significant earthquake could lead to a partial collapse of the roadway and damage to utilities. To help the City mitigate this risk, the Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded the project a grant to help build more resilient infrastructure in the areas of the project susceptible to seismic events.

We are planning for construction in two phases, with the first phase scheduled to begin in 2026. We have centered the first phase around the intersection of N 175th Street and Meridian Avenue N and Ronald Bog frontage. The rest of the project's improvements are slated for a later phase.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

[shorelinewa.gov/175corridor](https://shorelinewa.gov/175corridor)

### **Lime launches a two-year scooter and bike share pilot program**

In August, Lime launched its two-year pilot program for its scooter and bike share mobile app service in Shoreline. This new program supports our commitment to sustainable transportation options.

The program will run for two years. Lime started the program with 200 devices, including 50 bikes. Lime can increase the number to a maximum of 400 devices.

Riders must be 18 years or older. Lime requires riders to use helmets, and the City strongly encourages them. You can get a 10% discount by verifying that you are wearing a helmet through the Lime app.

Lime will manage all operations including device deployment, maintenance, recovery/rebalancing, and responses to community reports.

Report all issues to Lime at [Support@li.me](mailto:Support@li.me) or 1-888-546-3345

Learn more about the City's commitment to sustainable transportation by visiting [shorelinewa.gov/climateaction](https://shorelinewa.gov/climateaction).

### **ELECTION DAY - TUESDAY, NOV. 5**

King County Elections provides two secure ballot drop boxes in Shoreline. Drop boxes will be open 24 hours a day beginning October 17. They will close on Election Day, November 5 at 8:00 p.m.

#### **Locations:**

Shoreline Library  
345 NE 175th Street

Shoreline Park & Ride  
18821 Aurora Avenue N

**Info:**

[kingcounty.gov/vote](http://kingcounty.gov/vote)

**2024 Budget adoption schedule**

October 14	Transmittal of Proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Budget and Proposed 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
October 21	Department Presentations (All depts except public works)
October 28	Department Presentations (public works and CIP)
November 4	Public Hearing
November 18	Adoption of 2025-2026 Biennial Budget and CIP

**6th Annual Shoreline Music Summit**

September 21, 2024  
London Bridge Studio  
20021 Ballinger Way NE, Suite A

Sonic Guild Seattle and The Recording Academy Pacific Northwest Chapter present the 6th Annual Shoreline Music Summit. The Summit will bring together music industry experts to discuss tools and strategies for building music careers. Listen to music producers and local and national artist managers discuss their craft and give helpful advice on how musicians can move their careers forward.

In addition, attendees will experience a deep dive into some historic recordings and the people that made them. There will also be live performances by amazing local musicians.

The event is free, but you need to RSVP at [bit.ly/3WCBQmp](https://bit.ly/3WCBQmp). Admittance is based on available space. Get there early to snag your seat!

Shoreline Music Summit is brought to you by Sonic Guild, The Recording Academy Pacific Northwest Chapter, City of Shoreline, Port of Seattle, and King County Creative.

**New roundabouts coming to the 145th Street corridor: What you need to know**

Get ready for a new way to get around in Shoreline! We are building two multi-lane roundabouts as part of improvements to the NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street (SR 523) and I-5 interchange. The 145th Street Corridor and I-5 Interchange Project will replace

signalized intersections on either side of I-5 with multi-lane roundabouts and updated lanes, pedestrian crossings, and bike lanes to make the area safer and more efficient.

### *Why roundabouts? A safer, greener choice*

When the City and its partners first looked at this section of the 145th Street Corridor they considered widening the 145th Street bridge, building a new I-5 on-ramp, and adding new traffic lights at key intersections. However, they found that multi-lane roundabouts would be a better choice for improving safety and road capacity.

### *Roundabout benefits*

- **Efficient:** Reduction in travel delays and vehicle stops.
- **Greener:** Less idling and stopping/starting means less fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Cost effective:** Though construction costs are similar, there are no ongoing signal maintenance and electrical costs.
- **Pedestrian safety:** Crosswalks are set back from the vehicle intersection simplifying the driver and pedestrian task by allowing drivers and pedestrians to focus on one conflict point and one direction at a time. RRFBs (rectangular rapid flash beacons) create more visibility, with bright flashing lights showing the presence of a pedestrian. RRFBs are pedestrian activated.

### *Three tips to get you started*

Using a multi-lane roundabout for the first time can be an intimidating experience. With a few tips and some practice, you will be a pro in no time.

**Tip #1:** Slow down! Roundabouts are designed for speeds between 15 and 25 mph.

**Tip #2:** Yield to all traffic in the roundabout. There will be a gap in traffic for you to enter the roundabout.

**Tip #3:** Never drive next to buses or freight vehicles in a roundabout. Large vehicles can straddle both lanes and use the center island or truck apron to make the turn.

### *What's next?*

In the coming months, we'll provide more roundabout safety tips and information about how to navigate a roundabout for different users, like pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. Keep an eye out on our social media pages, at local events, and future issues of Currents for helpful resources and to learn more about roundabouts. Don't miss the opportunity to ask questions and get hands-on at CityLearn on October 2 at City Hall.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

[engage.shorelinewa.gov/145corridor](https://engage.shorelinewa.gov/145corridor)  
[shorelinewa.gov/roundabouts](https://shorelinewa.gov/roundabouts)

## **N 145th Street closure update: End of seven-month closure draws near**

As we look ahead to the fall season, construction crews continue to make steady progress on the 145th Street Corridor Project. And while the 145<sup>th</sup> Street closure between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Interstate-5 will soon end, construction will continue through 2025. The construction area will expand to the intersection of 5th Avenue and the I-5 northbound off-ramp.

Crews are preparing the area for future improvements, including two multi-lane roundabouts, updated lanes, pedestrian crossings, and bike lanes. This work will bring us closer to a safer and improved multimodal corridor that will better connect neighborhoods and provide easier access to the new Link light rail Shoreline South/148th Street Station.

Thank you for your continued patience; your safety and the safety of construction crews depends on it.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Info: [engage.shorelinewa.gov/145corridor](https://engage.shorelinewa.gov/145corridor)

Email: [145thproject@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:145thproject@shorelinewa.gov)

24/7 project hotline: 206-899-5127

## **City Council unanimously passes resolution in opposition to I-2117**

On Monday, August 5, the Shoreline City Council unanimously passed Resolution 529, expressing their collective opposition to Initiative-2117, which is on the November ballot. Known as the “Prohibit Carbon Tax Credit Trading Initiative,” I-2117 would repeal the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) passed by the Washington State Legislature in 2021. It would bar the state from engaging in the “Cap and Invest” program intended to reduce carbon emissions in Washington State. You can learn more about the CCA at the Department of Ecology’s website at [ecology.wa.gov](https://ecology.wa.gov).

The CCA requires the state to invest revenue generated from the auctions in climate projects across the state. In 2023, the state received \$1.8 billion for reinvestment. The CCA divides the money into three primary accounts for specific projects: the Carbon Emissions Reduction Account, Climate Investment Account, and Air Quality & Health Disparities Improvement Account. The Washington State Office of Financial Management reports approximately 43% of funds are directed to overburdened communities and 7.3% to tribes.

In 2023, the City of Shoreline received or had set aside climate-related State funds made possible by the CCA, including \$10 million in capital funding (via Move Ahead Washington) for the 148th Street Non-Motorized Bridge project, and \$700,000 for climate planning from the Department of Commerce, which is currently available through 2029.

If passed, I-2117 would repeal the CCA and prohibit any state agencies from implementing a cap and trade or cap and tax program.

To learn more, you can find Resolution 529 at [bit.ly/3SFEqly](https://bit.ly/3SFEqly).

## **Join us for an Open House on the 160th and Greenwood/Innis Arden Intersection Project**

Wednesday, September 25

6:30 p.m.

Pagoda Student Union Main Dining Room  
Shoreline Community College

Improvements are coming to the intersection of N 160th Street, Greenwood Avenue N, and Innis Arden Way. This project will replace the existing stop signs with a roundabout. Join us for an open house to hear about the project, ask questions, and learn how to safely navigate the new roundabout on foot, bicycle, or by car. If you're unable to attend in person, we're also holding an Online Open House, from September 25 to October 9.

In 2019, the City conducted a study with public input to find the best improvements for this important intersection to improve safety and mobility for all people. The study determined a roundabout design would best meet the needs of the community. That design is now underway. We would like to invite you to join the project team to learn more about the project history, design, construction schedule, and the benefits this project will bring to the neighborhood.

### **More information**

[shorelinewa.gov/160intersection](https://shorelinewa.gov/160intersection)

Project Manager Zachary Evans

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## **Eastside Off-Leash Dog Area to close at the end of the year**

Since 2013, the City has had an agreement with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to use their land at Fircrest for an off-leash dog area (OLDA). That agreement is ending and the Eastside OLDA will close permanently at the end of this year. DSHS is looking to make improvements to their property and use the land for other purposes.

The closure of the Eastside OLDA follows the temporary closure of the Shoreview Park OLDA, which the City closed until the summer of 2025 for construction of improvements. We understand how important these dog-friendly areas are in our community. Fortunately, we have a new off-leash dog area on the eastside at Ridgecrest Park that opened over the summer.

The 2022 park bond helps fund improvements to our local parks and off-leash dog areas. After completing all the 2022 park bond projects, we will have three year-round OLDAs and one seasonal OLDA in Shoreline.

Current locations:

- Ridgecrest Park, 108 NE 161st Street
- Richmond Beach Saltwater Park (seasonal Nov. 1 – Mar. 15), 2021 NW 190th Street

Upcoming locations:

- Shoreview Park (reopening Summer 2025), 700 NW Innis Arden Way
- James Keough, 2350 N 167th Street

Learn more about 2022 Park Bonds Projects at [shorelinewa.gov/parkbond](https://shorelinewa.gov/parkbond).

## Resident Satisfaction Survey

For over twenty years, the city has conducted a biennial resident satisfaction survey. Over those twenty plus years, Shoreline residents have consistently rated Shoreline as a good or excellent place to live. In this year's survey, 89% of respondents rated Shoreline as a good or excellent place to live. Residents also expressed high levels of satisfaction with City parks and recreation programs and facilities (81%), the overall quality of police services (66%), and the overall quality of services provided by the City (67%).

The City conducts a random sample survey every other year to measure satisfaction with services and to help find community priorities. ETC Institute, a professional research company that works with local governments across the country, sent surveys to a random sample of Shoreline households asking residents for their opinions on topics such as maintenance, public safety, customer service, and quality of life. We received 871 completed surveys. Other key findings:

- 70% of residents are satisfied with the overall image of the City; 8% were dissatisfied; and 23% were neutral.
- 77% of residents said they felt safe in Shoreline; 19% were neutral; and 4% felt unsafe.
- 57% say the City is moving in the right direction; 20% say the City is not moving in the right direction; and 23% don't know.

When compared with results nationally, satisfaction ratings for the City were above the U.S. average in 29 of 35 areas assessed. We rated significantly higher (a difference of 5% or more) in 27 of these areas. Regionally, satisfaction ratings for the City rated above the average for the Northwest Region in 31 of 35 areas and significantly higher in 26 of these areas.



To see the full survey results, visit [shorelinewa.gov/satisfaction](https://shorelinewa.gov/satisfaction).

## CityLearn

After summer break, CityLearn resumes this fall. Meetings run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Join in person at City Hall or online. We post the Zoom links on the City Calendar and at [shorelinewa.gov/citylearn](https://shorelinewa.gov/citylearn).

### *September 4*

Come hear about the Shoreline Human Services Strategic Plan, adopted by the City Council in April 2024. We will also share more about how the City promotes individual and community well-being by increasing self-sufficiency, reducing the negative impacts of adverse life events, and helping people reach their full potential.

### *October 2*

Roundabouts are coming to the 145th Corridor! Learn more about the project and how to navigate roundabouts by vehicle, bicycle, or on foot.

### *Hamlin Haunt*

October 18, 2024

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Hamlin Park - 16006 15th Avenue NE

Join us for Shoreline's annual Hamlin Halloween Haunt!

Listen to spooky songs and stories around a campfire, ride the hay wagon, pose in your costume in the photo booth, and play Halloween games. We dedicate the first half hour to activities with reduced sensory stimulation.

Hamlin Halloween Haunt is a free Halloween event held outdoors at Hamlin Park.

### *Dia de los Muertos*

November 2, 2024

2:00-5:00pm

Spartan Recreation Center

202 NE 185th Street

Join family and friends as we remember and honor special people from our lives who have passed away. Enjoy music, dance, and hands-on activities. Come prepared to buy food from the food truck onsite.

We appreciate the support from ShoreLake Arts for this event.