

# CITY OF SHORELINE **CURRENTS**

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## How has Shoreline weathered this economic cycle?

The current economic climate has not been easy for individuals, businesses or government agencies trying to get by on leaner budgets.

Although Shoreline is no exception, the City ended 2002 in a better financial position than expected.

"We have budgeted conservatively since incorporation by not allowing our expenditures to grow faster than our revenue," says Shoreline Mayor Scott Jepsen. "Now we are seeing the benefit of that conservative approach."

Shoreline's 2002 operating expenditures were 4% (\$1.1 million) less than projected and operating revenues were 3.7% (\$940,000) greater than projected. The City's 2003 adopted operating budget is 4.4% less than the 2002 operating budget.

Shoreline has maintained the balance between revenue and expenditure growth by reducing expenditures for lower-priority services and looking for less expensive ways to provide other services.

However, this balance will be difficult to maintain in 2004 due to the slow economy and voter-approved initiatives that limited prop-

erty tax increases to 1% and eliminated vehicle excise taxes for cities.

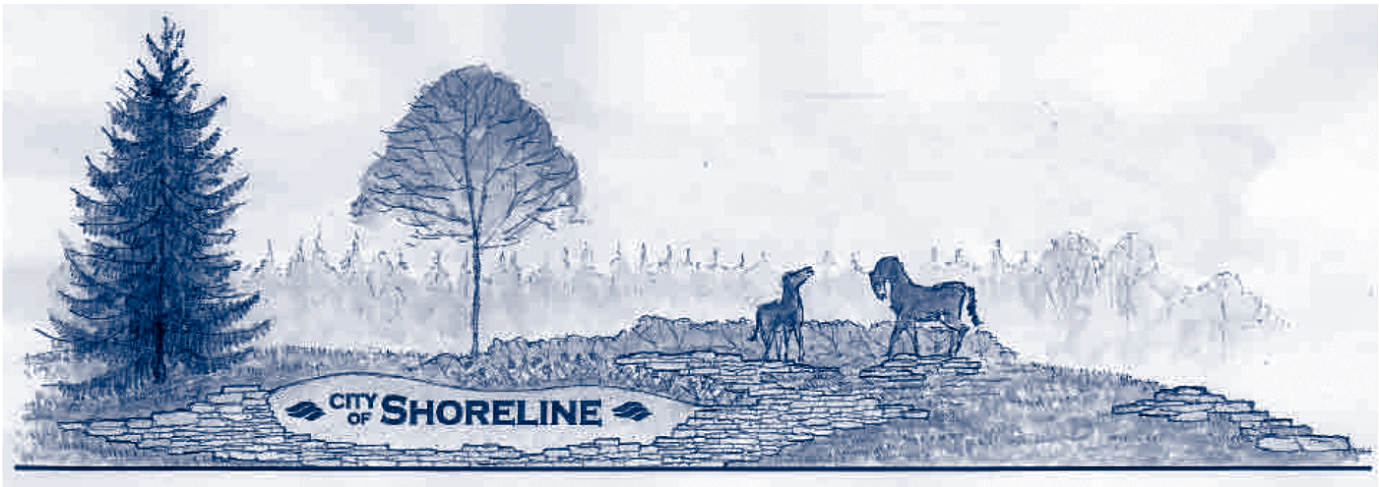
"State law requires Shoreline to adopt a balanced budget so we'll need to bring expenditures and revenues in line," says City Manager Steve Burkett. "We will have to look at a variety of ways to do this such as reducing expenditures, increasing revenues or a combination of both."

## Protect, enhance and enjoy Shoreline's "Great Outdoors"

Summer sun beckons northwesterners outside to explore the natural beauty surrounding us. In honor of the season, this issue of Currents is dedicated to Shoreline's great outdoors.

More time spent outdoors often inspires a greater appreciation for the unique environment we live in. It may also spark curiosity about what we do to care for our environment. During its day-to-day work, the City of Shoreline follows many practices aimed at not only protecting the environment, but at enhancing it. To find out more about just a few of the things the City does on a regular basis, read the story on page 4 about keeping our waterways clean.

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The two locations where Gateways will be built this year are at Ronald Bog on N. 175th St. near The Ponies (above) and on the east side of I-5 and N. 175th St.

## Two Shoreline Gateways to be built this year

This spring the City Council gave the green light to proceed with two of the City's Gateways projects. Building welcoming "Gateways" at Shoreline entry points is a City Council Goal for 2003.

At its April 14 meeting, Council chose two sites from the six "priority locations" identified in the Gateway Policy and Design Manual. The first gateway will be installed near The Ponies sculptures at Ronald Bog Park on 175th St. The second will grace the east side of I-5 and 175th St. on the southeast corner of the intersection. The gateway will be visible to eastbound travelers.

Both gateways will be constructed using 2003-2005 Capital Improvement Program funds. The City budget limits this year's CIP projects to \$100,000, so two of the proposed six gateways will be

completed in 2003.

According to Andrea Spencer, Gateways Project Manager, the Ronald Bog gateway was chosen as the first to construct because it is in an area of town that the community already closely identifies with.

"The Ponies are already a landmark in Shoreline. It makes sense to build upon their strong presence, especially since it is in the center of the community near a major entry point to the City," says Mayor Scott Jepsen. "With the second gateway welcoming people traveling east from I-5, Shoreline will begin to create the sense of place envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan."

One benefit of the Ronald Bog location is that it is City-

owned property. Much of the proposed area for the second gateway is within the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) right-of-way. The final design may change slightly due to negotiations with WSDOT.

Spencer said both gateway sketches are preliminary. Minor modifications may be made as the City moves toward construction.

The Gateway Policy and Procedure Manual is available for review at Shoreline City Hall Annex, 1110 N. 175th St., Suite 107. For more information about the Gateways project, call Spencer at (206) 546-1418, or visit the City of Shoreline Web site at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com).

## You can make a difference to the environment

### Car Wash Program

The City of Shoreline is offering community groups a way to make car wash fundraisers more environmentally friendly. A Vacu-boom is available on loan from the City by calling (206) 546-2659. The Vacu-boom device collects soapy water and pumps it to a lawn, a sink or to another drain that leads to the wastewater treatment system. Usually when a car is washed in a driveway, the waste water flows down the driveway, along the street and into a storm drain. From there, the soapy water flows directly into Shoreline's waterways and streams where it can harm plants and animals.

To help prevent pollution of Shoreline's lakes and streams, try these ideas:

- Wash your car over your lawn, not your driveway. The soapy water will soak into the soil instead of ending up in a storm drain. The mild soap will not hurt your lawn.
- Choose a biodegradable soap, low in phosphates with no chlorine bleach.
- Use a commercial car wash that discharges its water into the sewer system or recycles it.
- Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose to reduce the amount of soapy water that is diverted to the sanitary sewer system or grassy/gravelly area.

For more information and to reserve the Vacu-boom for your next group car wash, call the City of Shoreline Recycling Program In-tern at (206) 546-2659.

### Storm drain stenciling

To keep harmful substances out of Shoreline's lakes and streams, community and school groups can stencil storm drains with the message "No Dumping, Drains to Stream." The City of Shoreline will loan stenciling kits and instructions to interested groups. For information call (206) 546-2659.



### Natural lawn care

By making some simple changes in how you care for your lawn you can save money on water and chemicals, save time spent on yard care and do something good for the environment. The following five steps will make your piece of the planet a healthier place to live.

1. Mow higher (1-2 inches) and leave the clippings on the lawn.
2. Fertilize moderately in May and September with a natural organic or slow release fertilizer.
3. Water deeply, to moisten the whole root zone, but infrequently. Let the soil dry between waterings to prevent lawn disease

and save water. Lawns only need about one inch of water a week in midsummer to stay green.

4. Improve poor lawns with aeration, overseeding, and topdressing with compost. Aerate in spring or fall to improve root development and water penetration.

5. Think twice before using "weed and feed" or other pesticides. Accept a few weeds and crowd out problem weeds by growing a dense healthy lawn.

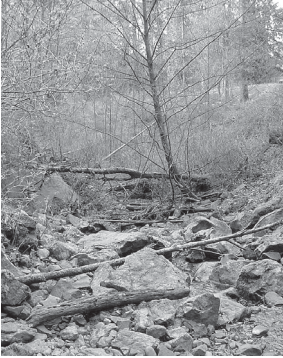
For more information, call the Natural Lawn and Garden Hotline at (206) 633-0224, or visit [www.cityofseattle.net/util/rescons](http://www.cityofseattle.net/util/rescons) or [www.dnr.metrokc.gov/topics/yard-and-garden](http://www.dnr.metrokc.gov/topics/yard-and-garden).

## Shoreline's outdoors continued from page 1

For residents inspired to look for new ways they can have a positive impact on the environment, the story on this page offers tips and suggestions.

Shoreline's summer calendar is filled with family activities that take advantage of the seasonal weather. Celebrate Shoreline, the City's birthday parade and festival, is set for Aug. 16. See page 7 for a listing of Concerts in the Park, Beachwalks and other family events offered this summer in Shoreline. Or pick up a copy of the Summer Rec Guide at your local library or at City Hall, 17544 Midvale Ave. N., for a complete listing of summer activities for the whole family.

## Keeping road dirt out of stream beds



Boeing Creek

On the surface it may appear that road maintenance has little connection with water quality. But the way street surfaces are maintained can have a big impact on the health of our waterways.

Petroleum products and heavy metal particles released from vehicles bind to sand and dirt on the road surface. When it rains, this sediment can be washed into our natural waterways via the storm drain system. If it collects on streambeds and the water surface, it can smother micro-invertebrates (fish food) and fish eggs.

"The City has the dual responsibility of operating a transportation system while protecting water quality," says Shoreline City Councilmember Rich Gustafson, who serves on a regional watershed forum. "Two of the ways we do this are by following Best Management Practices for road maintenance and maintaining a regular street sweeping schedule."

### Best Management Practices

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are guidelines the City of Shoreline follows during road maintenance to reduce pollution and erosion, and to provide habitat protection in waterways.

When Shoreline maintenance crews work on or near the side of the road or in drainage ditches, they use a variety of materials such as hay bales, absorbent jute fabric and silt fences to keep soil

out of the water and to direct sediment-filled water away from streams. These materials not only act as a screen to filter out sediment, but they slow the water flow to prevent erosion and to allow time for the ground to absorb water. This is the basic function vegetation provides in drainage ditches.

The guidelines for the BMPs were developed by a regional forum of road maintenance professionals including those from the City of Shoreline in conjunction with the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### Why clean streets?

"Street sweeping helps capture much of this sediment at the source, before it has a chance to enter the storm water system," explains Councilmember Gustafson. "The remaining sediment that makes it into the system collects in the catch basins."

Catch basins are box structures that function as connection points for pipes in the storm drain system and usually include a sediment collection sump below the outlet pipe.

On an annual basis, the City sweeps almost 2,000 lane miles of streets and cleans approximately 4,500 catch basins. The contaminated material collected from catch basins and streets is taken to a King County facility to be processed to remove garbage, petroleum products and heavy metals.

### Keeping the oil out

Dumping used motor oil down a storm drain, on the ground or in the trash is illegal. It can contaminate drinking water

and kill fish and wildlife. Residents are encouraged to take used motor oil to locations where it can be either safely disposed or recycled.

The City of Shoreline has collected over 6,000 gallons of used motor oil from residents at Clean Sweep Recycling Events over the past few years. The City noticed that most of the oil collected arrived in re-used motor oil or antifreeze containers - containers with small mouths. This means oil was collected in a pan then poured into these containers, a transfer that may cause a spill.

In response, City of Shoreline began distributing oil drain-tainers at the Recycling Events in 2000. Oil drain-tainers decrease the chance of spills because the oil is collected in and recycled from the same container.

With grant funds from King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, the City has purchased and distributed over 200 oil drain-tainers to residents and local high school auto-shop classes. Shoreline plans to distribute 110 additional oil drain-tainers to residents at Special Recycling Events in 2003. Oil drain-tainers can also be purchased locally at many auto parts stores.

Recycling is an environmentally safer way to dispose your used motor oil. A list of locations to drop off used motor oil in King County can be found at: <http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/oildisposal.html>. Or call the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Site at (206) 296-4692 for an appointment at our local hazardous waste collection shed.





**Shoreline's spring Clean Sweep Recycling Event helped residents dispose of tons of garbage and recyclables.**

## You don't have to wait for Clean Sweep to recycle

Twice each year, the City of Shoreline sponsors a Clean Sweep Recycling Event to help residents dispose of items that cannot be picked up by their curbside garbage service. At this year's spring event on May 3, Shoreline residents cleaned their homes and properties of tons of garbage and recyclables, including: 110 gallons of antifreeze, 142 computer monitors, 955 pounds of household batteries, 61 propane tanks, 440 gallons of oil and three and a half tons of scrap lumber.

But you don't have to wait for these special events to properly dispose of recyclables or hazardous waste. Below are just a few of the opportunities available in our area. For more information download "Where to Take It" from Shoreline's Web site at [www.city-ofshoreline.com](http://www.city-ofshoreline.com), pick up a copy of Shoreline's "Guide to Recycling" at City Hall (17544 Midvale Ave. N.), call Shoreline's Recycling Intern at (206) 546-2659 or visit [www.metrokc.gov/swd](http://www.metrokc.gov/swd),

**Hazardous Materials:** The Aurora Hazardous Waste Collection Site is located at 12550 Stone Ave. N. and is open Sunday,

Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call (206) 296-4692 to schedule an appointment. The Wastemobile also visits Shoreline a few times each year with the next visit scheduled for October 2003. The Collection Site and Wastemobile accept pesticides, oil-based paint, toxic cleaning products, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze, hobby chemicals, thinners, solvents, automotive products, aerosols, glues and adhesives.

**Appliances:** The 1st NE Transfer Station at 2300 N. 165<sup>th</sup> St., (206) 296-6542, accepts appliances with CFC coolant including refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners as well as non-CFC appliances such as washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, water heaters and furnaces. Customers can recycle a maximum of three appliances per trip for \$24 per CFC appliance and \$10 per non-CFC appliance in addition to regular garbage fees.

**Cardboard, papers, glass and cans** can be recycled for free at the 1st NE Transfer Station.

## Preventing the spread of the West Nile Virus

The City of Shoreline and Seattle-King County Public Health are teaming up to prevent the spread of West Nile virus in our area. Shoreline's Public Works Operations staff took part in an April workshop to learn about the virus and how to prevent it within King County.

West Nile is a mosquito-borne virus that is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. Since mosquitoes carry the virus, getting rid of standing water where mosquitoes breed is a key to preventing the spread of the disease.

The virus causes West Nile fever, encephalitis and meningitis. A mosquito becomes infected with the virus by biting a virus-infected animal. The virus is not spread by person-to-person contact, nor is it transmitted from birds or other animals to people. West Nile virus can infect birds, mosquitoes, horses and other animals. The virus was found in a crow in Snohomish County last year and is expected to be confirmed in King County in 2003. Mosquito season, when West Nile virus is of most concern, runs from spring through late fall.

Seattle-King County Public Health plans to manage the virus through education and surveillance of mosquito breeding areas. If necessary, larvicides may be sprayed on water surfaces under a Department of Ecology permit obtained from the National Pollution

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## Two big milestones for the North City Project

In May, Shoreline reached two major milestones on the North City Project. The first was on May 1 when the City of Shoreline received 60 percent design plans and specifications for the project from project consultants. The 90 percent design is due in late July and construction is expected to begin late this year.

The second major event was on May 20, 2003, when the City of Shoreline approved the first Planned Action Project for North City, the North City Apartments, a

five-story, 88-unit building on the southwest corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and NE 180<sup>th</sup> St.

To encourage redevelopment in North City, Shoreline developed a streamlined permitting process through an environmental review tool called the Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS completed by the City in 2001 provides impact analysis of proposed land uses so that any future project consistent with the Plan can move through the permitting process more

quickly and easily.

"Since the proposal for North City Apartments exceeds all of the requirements and criteria established in the North City Subarea Plan, the approval entitles the applicant to apply directly for an expedited permit," says Shoreline Planning and Development Services Director Tim Stewart. "All of the zoning and environmental issues for this type of development were resolved during the subarea planning process including administrative appeals."

The City of Shoreline completed the North City Subarea Plan in 2001 to encourage redevelopment in this neighborhood business district. The City committed to investing in infrastructure improvements – sidewalk, roadway and streetscape improvements – that would stimulate business and attract new development. Shoreline's North City Project not only includes improvements to the commercial area aimed at revitalizing the shopping district, but also rechannelization and pedestrian safety improvements along the entire 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE corridor.

### Shoreline volunteers honored

Shoreline volunteers were honored at the May 2 "Grand Slam" Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at the Shoreline Conference Center. Over 100 volunteers enjoyed a full breakfast buffet and listened to speakers from the Everett AquaSox George Schaefer and Dan Lewis (pictured at right with Mayor Scott Jepsen and volunteers Kellie Swenson and Dwight Stevens). Last year, Shoreline volunteers donated over 14,000 hours to the City.



## West Nile Virus *continued from page 5*

Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The City of Shoreline can be covered under this permit if high-risk areas are identified within City limits.

Shoreline's coordination with King County efforts allows a quicker turnaround time if spraying is needed and saves the City the time and expense of obtaining its own permits. Cities applying for

individual NPDES permits face a wait of 30 days or more – too long a wait during mosquito breeding season.

Seattle-King County Public Health will collect complaints and comments from King County residents and share information with Shoreline officials if spraying is warranted within its boundaries. To prevent West Nile virus in Shoreline, residents should watch for

dead birds, particularly crows, and note areas with mosquito problems. To report problems or a dead crow, call Public Health at (206) 205-4394.

For more information about West Nile Virus, contact Seattle-King County Public Health's West Nile hotline at (206) 205-3883, or visit [www.metrokc.gov/health/westnile](http://www.metrokc.gov/health/westnile).

## Summer Events in the City of Shoreline

### Tuesday Lunchtime Music Series Noon to 1 p.m.

July 8: Richmond Beach Saltwater Park (2021 NW 190th St.), Brian Waite Band - reggae, jazz, folk rock

July 15: Hamlin Park (16006 15th Ave. NE), Anzaga Marimba Ensemble - African marimba

July 22: Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, Shows by Beau - maritime music

July 29: Hamlin Park, Panduo - steel drum band

August 5: Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, Jazz 4 U - American jazz, blues, folk & rock



### Celebrate Shoreline Saturday, Aug. 16 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

It's time again for Shoreline's annual birthday celebration. This year our City turns eight. The annual parade begins at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark's School (180th St. and 15th Ave. NE) and will travel south on 15th to 165th St. The parade will disperse at Ridgcrest School, the site of the Celebrate Shoreline Festival.

Here's what's in store for this year's celebration: live music, food vendors, community booths, face painting, hands-on art projects, inflatables and an arts and crafts market. The festival also includes the Cruise in Car Show at Ridgcrest Elementary from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



### Swingin' Summer Eve Wednesday, July 23 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Don't miss this free community concert and BBQ at Cromwell Park (Meridian Ave. & 179th St.) featuring the Afro/Celt world music of Guarneri Underground. Members of the Shoreline Fire Department are hosting the BBQ, the Council of Neighborhoods is holding a used book sale and children will enjoy the face painting, clowns and games that are planned. Swingin' Summer Eve is sponsored by the Shoreline/LFP Arts Council and the City of Shoreline.

### Low-tide beach walks

Explore the fascinating world of marine beaches during low tides and observe sea stars, crabs and others who live in Puget Sound. Join beach naturalists trained by the Seattle Aquarium for these free, fun and informative beach walks at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park (2021 NW 190th St.). Dress for the weather. Waterproof footwear is recommended. All ages are welcome.

Beach walks are from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the following days: Saturday, June 28; Sunday, June 29; Saturday, July 12; Sunday, July 13; Sunday, July 27; Sunday, Aug. 10



All events are brought to you by the City of Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. For more information, call (206) 546-5041 or visit our Web site at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com).

## Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

### City of Shoreline

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• Public Works Department  
Highland Plaza  
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Meeting Location  
Shoreline Conference Center  
18560 First Ave. NE  
Mt. Rainier Room

Workshop Meetings  
First and third Mondays  
beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meetings  
Second and fourth Mondays  
beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Line  
(206) 546-2190

Televised City Council Meetings  
Cable Channel 21  
Wednesday through Sunday  
6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.

### Shoreline Police

#### Emergency: 911

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1206 N. 185th St.  
Shoreline, WA 98133  
(206) 546-6730

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### City of Shoreline Web site

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projects and programs is  
now available online.

[www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com)

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