



This Week in Shoreline

June 27, 2005

Highlights from the past week and previews
of coming events



Shoreline – *Seattle Magazine's* #1 Neighborhood!

THE BEST PLACES TO LIVE
84 Neighborhoods Ranked!
 (HOW DOES YOURS RATE?)

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Top Neighborhoods

- > Where to Buy Now
- > Where to Invest
- > Best of the 'Burbs

PLUS: the best schools, safest streets, shortest commutes

+ SOUTH LAKE UNION: THE NEW "IT" ADDRESS

+++ ON THE WATERFRONT: It's not just the viaduct that's got to go

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BACK IN THE SADDLE Where to Hit the Trails on Horseback

A Twilight Stroll Through Seattle's Favorite Alley

Dining Critic Kathryn Robinson on the Central District's latest CRUSH

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Current Hot Neighborhoods

These neighborhoods offer affordability—if barely—along with all the other things that make a neighborhood worth investing in: decent commute times to Seattle or Redmond and parks for strolling or playing. Rising values in these neighborhoods likely will ensure some nice equity in a few years.

Shoreline
MEDIAN HOME PRICE: \$272,000
INCREASE IN MEDIAN, 2003-2004: 11 percent
COMMUTE TO DOWNTOWN: 13 minutes

This enclave of ranches, split-levels and midcentury homes has for years been underappreciated for its affordable prices (median price is \$272,000), great freeway access and good schools. No longer. Buyers have rediscovered the neighborhood, with its not-so-bad drive times to downtown Seattle or Redmond; as a result, homes are sitting on the market only 28 days. Shoreline tops the *Seattle* magazine list of best neighborhoods.

The city has plenty of parks, including, naturally, those on the water (it comes by its name honestly) overlooking Puget Sound and the Olympics. Shoreline boomed after World War II as the demand for family housing exploded. Several major housing developments sprang up to meet the demand, transforming the area from scattered neighborhoods firmly into suburbia. There's plenty of retail in these parts and plenty of restaurants of every stripe.

The community starts just north of the Seattle city limits at N 145th Street, with the eastern boundary at 225th Avenue NE, the western boundary at Puget Sound and the northern boundary at the King-Snohomish county line at 244th Street SW.

hip downtown and a location that puts neither Bellevue nor Seattle very far away. Add the fact that the Lake Washington waterfront is within strolling distance and you've got a recipe for one very desirable neighborhood. "I just love the beach-community feel," Main says. As in much of the Eastside, houses include ranches, split-levels and contemporaries, many with updating.

84 TOP SEATTLE-AREA NEIGHBORHOODS

HOME PRICE AND RESALE VALUE, DIVERSITY, NEARBY AMENITIES, GOOD SCHOOLS, COMMUTE TIME AND CRIME RATES DETERMINE HOW THESE NEIGHBORHOODS RANK

RANK	NEIGHBORHOODS	REAL ESTATE		CRIME		EDUCATION		PARKS		COMMUTE		PEOPLE		
		Median home price	Percentage change in median, 2003-2004	Average days on market	Crimes per thousand residents	Percentage of fourth graders passing math	Park acreage	Commute to downtown Seattle (minutes)	Commute to Redmond (minutes)	Population estimate	Median household income	Percentage of homes that are owner occupied	Diversity (percentage non-Caucasian)	
1	SHORELINE	\$272,000	11%	28	44	79%	335	13	24	52,730	\$15,658	68%	21%	
2	BROADVIEW/WITTER LAKE	\$350,000	17%	24	51	84%	203	15	32	16,064	\$15,199	51%	22%	
3	KIRKLAND	\$339,950	17%	31	40	73%	539	17	14	45,839	\$46,337	57%	17%	
4	WEDGWOOD	\$365,650	16%	17	43	90%	15	10	19	8,166	\$28,117	70%	28%	
5	REDMOND	\$360,245	17%	39	42	71%	1342	18	8	46,480	\$46,338	62%	24%	
6	BELLEVUE	\$350,000	8%	32	39	76%	1000	19	9	116,400	\$43,816	62%	28%	
7	MADISON VALLEY	\$350,000	4%	22	53	66%	127	5	18	6,512	\$46,572	66%	18%	
8	ROTHELL	\$379,895	11%	28	27	74%	189	23	19	30,910	\$39,959	47%	28%	
9	BREMERTON/MANETTE	\$370,000	17%	21	41	61%	497	60	88	38,230	\$41,177	54%	29%	
10	BURLEN	\$230,000	17%	35	68	54%	391	13	18	34,460	\$42,767	60%	15%	
11	MAGNOLIA	\$418,000	17%	25	44	78%	167	7	23	21,690	\$48,298	66%	61%	
12	SEWARD PARK	\$379,000	17%	21	65	50%	328	13	26	4,877	\$38,000	43%	16%	
13	GEORGETOWN	\$273,000	17%	19	104	75%	5	13	22	2,214	\$38,000	74%	15%	
14	LAURELHURST	\$66,000	17%	20	34	81%	30	11	17	3,401	\$81,866	74%	15%	
15	KENT	\$235,000	16%	34	66	66%	1340	24	31	82,110	\$46,260	69%	23%	
16	BENTON	\$462,000	10%	33	84	61%	731	18	21	54,600	\$45,810	59%	21%	
17	MATTHEW BEACH	\$448,000	10%	25	33	59%	49	16	24	2,000	\$74,610	82%	17%	



Aurora Corridor and Interurban Trail Bridges Groundbreaking Ceremony



- The Council invites everyone to attend the ceremonial ground-breaking on Wednesday, July 6 at 1:00 p.m.
- The ceremony will be held on Aurora Ave. North between N. 155th St. and Westminster Way (parking is available on the east side of Pier One Imports)
- Special guests include Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Jay Inslee

Beach Walks July 3-4

- Enjoy free low-tide beach walks at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park with naturalists on hand
- Sunday and Monday, July 3-4 at 10:00 a.m.
- On Sunday scuba divers will bring up sea creatures (starfish, sea cucumbers, crabs, and octopus) for touch tanks





Shoreline's 10th Anniversary Celebration July 14



- Everyone is invited to celebrate Shoreline's 10th Anniversary
- Thursday, July 14, at the Shoreline Historical Museum at 749 N. 175th Street
- Musical entertainment begins at 6:15 p.m. and the formal program starts at 7:00 p.m.
- Birthday cake, refreshments and the opening of the time capsule created in 1995 are part of the festivities



Slurry Seal Program is Underway



- The 2005 Slurry Seal Program began on June 20
- For questions or concerns, please contact Brian Breeden, Roads Supervisor, Public Works, at (206) 363-0749



First NE Transfer & Recycling Station Renovation Postponed Until Spring 2006

- The station will not close until Spring 2006
- The new facility will include expanded recycling opportunities, easier-to-use unloading areas, enhanced protection for Thornton Creek, and sustainable building design features



First NE Facility



Meeting Reminders

- There will be no City Council Meeting on Monday and Tuesday, July 4th and 5th
 - The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission will meet on July 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Shoreline Conference Center Board Room for a public hearing on code enforcement regulations



Good-Bye to Shoreline's First City Clerk Sharon Mattioli

We will all miss you Sharon!
Congratulations on your
retirement!

*“The pain of parting is nothing
to the joy of meeting again.”*
Charles Dickens

