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EARTH DAY is April 22

Earth Day provides an opportunity to remember that our everyday choices affect the community, environment and planet. Whether it is choosing to recycle, take public transportation or turn off a light to conserve energy, everything we do matters and every little bit helps.

The City is actively working to be more sustainable through implementation of its Environmental Sustainability Strategy. You can also help make a difference in creating a more sustainable Shoreline:

Participate in stewardship: Look for service opportunities or help out in Shoreline Parks by joining a work party to help restore ecosystems. Throughout the year, there are a number of Ivy Out and other events that clear invasive species from our parks. You can also plant a backyard garden or join a community garden.

Recycle: Shoreline's solid waste provider, CleanScapes, provides the City with curbside recycling and yard waste service. Ensuring that your recyclable materials, garbage and yard waste are properly sorted is important to ensure recyclabes are not contaminated. In addition to curbside recycling, it is important to properly dispose of electronics, medications and toxic substances. Improper disposal of these items can cause harmful substances to leach into our ground water affecting our water quality and marine ecosystems in the Puget Sound.

Conserve: Our homes can be big consumers of energy. Luckily there are a number of simple things that can be done to help conserve energy. Using energy efficient light bulbs and appliances, unplugging computers and other electronics when not in use and turning off lights are just some of the small things you can do to conserve energy.

Homes also lose a lot of energy through windows, doors and walls that are not adequately insulated. SustainableWorks is currently conducting reduced cost energy audits for Shoreline residents. A good energy audit will help you find ways to save energy and money over time. To learn more about SustainableWorks efforts in Shoreline visit sustainableworks.org.

Visit the City's website to learn more about each of these different opportunities to create a more sustainable community.



City of Shoreline Earth Day Work Party

Saturday, April 23 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Richmond Beach Saltwater Park 2021 NW 190th Street

In celebration of Earth Day, help remove invasive weeds and plant native species at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. Join the efforts of the University of Washington Restoration Ecology Network in partnership with the City of Shoreline to restore a Puget Sound coastal bluff ecosystem.

Please wear sturdy footwear and bring your own water and gloves. Meet at the lower parking lot near the restroom. Minors under 14 are welcome with a parent/guardian.

For information, please contact Parks Project Coordinator Maureen Colaizzi at mcolaizzi@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2603.

Council Goal #7: Acquire SPU water system in Shoreline

Sixteen years ago, residents incorporated Shoreline as a City so they could receive better services for their tax dollars and have a greater say in decisions that affected their community. Since that time, Shoreline residents have taken charge of their future in many ways. However, there are still some areas where Shoreline residents do not have a direct say in how vital services are delivered. One such area is the delivery of water service on the west side of the city.

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) provides water service to Shoreline residents living west of I-5. Council Goal #7 for 2010-2011 is: "Acquire Seattle Public Utilities water system in Shoreline." Currently, Shoreline residents receiving service from SPU are assessed a 14% surcharge for simply being outside the City of Seattle limits. In addition, Shoreline residents

have no direct representation in the utility's decision-making process, including the rate structure and infrastructure improvements. The Seattle City Council is the governing body of SPU and Shoreline residents do not vote in Seattle City Council elections.

While SPU generally provides good service to the City of Shoreline, its focus is not on Shoreline but on a much larger system, which includes direct retail water service to about 630,000 people. As a result, the level of investment in new infrastructure and maintenance is not at a level that is in Shoreline's best long-term interest. By owning the utility, the City can make strategic investments aiding in the redevelopment of certain parts of the City, upgrade infrastructure to better address fire protection, and improve overall coordination between street work and utility construction in the public rights-of-way. In pursuing this goal, the Council is interested in providing better service for the same rates as SPU currently charges while also addressing long-term maintenance issues.

Acquiring a utility is a complex process that will take place over a number of years. An informed citizenry is essential to ensure a successful acquisition of SPU. As the City continues to pursue Council Goal #7, it will do so in a transparent manner and create resident participation opportunities that will help shape the decision making process. To learn more about this goal, the Council will discuss it at their April 18 study session. For more information contact Public Works Director Mark Relph at mrelph@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2401.

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

Mother's Day Plant Sale and Open House

Enjoy your local botanic garden on Mother's Day weekend

Friday through Sunday, May 6 through 8 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 20312 15th Avenue NW

At the Garden's spring plant sale you'll find an abundance of native plants and hardy exotics for your garden, as well as inspiration for wildlife-friendly and sustainable gardening. All proceeds support operation of the Garden and its programs for the community.

In addition to the sale, enjoy a free tour of the Garden on May 7 at 1:00 p.m. and family educational activities all day on May 7 and 8.

Due to limited parking at the Garden, driving visitors are asked to use the offsite parking locations and shuttle service provided. Visit kruckeberg.org for more information.



New Recycle Fest Event!

Saturday, April 30 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Shoreline Park & Ride 18821 Aurora Ave N

In order to provide new opportunities for residents to recycle, the City is updating the annual Clean Sweep events with a new name and a new focus. At Recycle Fest, you will be able to recycle items that don't normally go in your recycle bin. Bring the Styrofoam you have been saving, as well as the bicycle that your children out-grew many years ago. If you recently remodeled your home, you will be able to bring that old toilet, carpet and roofing material to recycle.

Recycle Fest will be free for all Shoreline residents. Proof of residency will be required. Note that only pick-up trucks or smaller vehicles will be allowed to enter. If you are hauling items on behalf of a neighbor or want to bring a trailer, call (206) 801-2455 for approval prior to the event. Garbage and yard waste will not be accepted. Check the event flyer coming in the mail for acceptable items.

Recycle Fest is sponsored in cooperation with the King County Solid Waste Division, the Local

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Home remodeling debris: carpet, porcelain and drywall
- Scrap metal: lawn mowers, ovens, stoves, hot water heaters, washers, dryers and barbeques. (Remove all non-metal parts and drain all liquids. No refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners.)
- Concrete, asphalt and rock
- Roofing shingles: asphalt and wood
- Small electronics: phones, computer mice, keyboards, printers, adapters, etc. (No TVs, computers or monitors.)
- Cardboard
- Plate glass
- Bicycles
- Motor oil, antifreeze and filters
- Styrofoam blocks and packing peanuts

Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County and the Washington State Department of Ecology. For more information, visit the City's website or contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 801-2700.

Did you knowo

Trees help combat climate change and improve water quality at the same time. In addition to absorbing carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas) from the air, they also remove pollutants from water as they absorb, circulate and release water through the roots and leaves. Planting a tree offers a two-fold benefit for the environment. For more information on tree selection, care and planting visit the Arbor Day Foundation at arborday.org or call the City at (206) 801-2450.

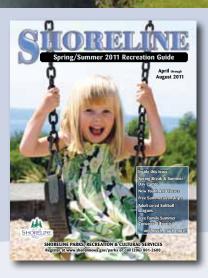
Register now for your favorite Spring/Summer recreation program

The Spring/Summer 2011 Recreation Guide is here and registration is currently underway.

Returning favorites include programs like Froggy Holler Outdoor Preschool, Camp Shoreline's Spring Break and Summer Day Camps, free Tuesday lunchtime concert series, Teen Treks on Tuesdays and Fridays and Shoreline Gator's Summer Swim League.

New activities include Q-it for Teens on Wednesdays at Cromwell Park, a boating safety class, garden produce canning and more.

Register early, space is limited. Visit shorelinewa.gov/parks to browse programs and register or call (206) 801-2600.



Stretching resources while maintaining quality of City roads

The City of Shoreline has 345 lane miles of paved surfaces with an estimated replacement value of \$380 million. The Council has made maintaining this infrastructure a high priority, recognizing negative impacts of deferred maintenance over the long-term.

In the past, the City has largely relied upon the use of thin asphalt overlay applications to maintain City streets. However, with the cost of materials escalating significantly every year, the City's ability to sustain the level of service in asphalting roads has been greatly diminished. It is critical to look toward maintaining the City's roads through alternative means such as a pavement preservation program utilizing Bituminous Surface Treatments (BSTs).

BSTs in Shoreline will consist of a two-part application of asphalt and cover aggregate (small rock). BSTs are widely used to extend the life of a road, create a new wearing course and waterproof existing pavement. Costs are generally 75% less than the cost of a typical asphalt overlay, allowing for greater road coverage.

However, unlike an asphalt overlay, BSTs tend to have a coarser finished road surface. This can be controlled with the right combination of aggregate size distribution. Through testing, the City will work to ensure the right mix is found for Shoreline's streets and that it closely matches what is seen with past overlays. Even so, residents may notice a difference. As the City begins BSTs this summer in the Echo Lake neighborhood, staff will reach out to neighbors in impacted areas to provide more information and education.

The asphalt binder will be a "rapid set" that promotes a quicker cure time and allows traffic back on the street within a few hours. The final sweeping and surface treatments happens a few days later. By using the BSTs, 10 to 15 miles are maintained and protected annually versus two to three miles, within the existing budget. With this approach, the City is able to stretch its resources while maintaining pavement quality.

For more information, contact **Public Works Operations Manager** Jesus Sanchez at (206) 801-2421 or jsanchez@shorelinewa.gov.

Provide Feedback

on Comprehensive Plan Amendments

As part of the State's Growth Management Act, the City Council creates a docket, or list, of potential Comprehensive Plan amendments that may be studied and ultimately adopted in the upcoming year. The Council adopts the docket in a public meeting, currently scheduled for April 25.

The Council is considering the following amendments for inclusion in the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment docket:

- Adding the Town Center Subarea Plan
- Adopting Goal, Policy, or map revisions to the Comprehensive Plan based on approved changes to the Transportation, Parks, and Surface Water Master Plans and Shoreline Master Program. (Earlier this year, the Council modified the Point Wells Subarea Plan and reviewed the Aldercrest Subarea Plan.)

If you have comments about whether these items should be included as potential Comprehensive Plan amendments, send them to Senior Planner Steven Cohn at scohn@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801ne Highlan 2511.

Transportation Master Plan Update

Open House Wednesday, April 20, 6:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

The Transportation Master Plan is a long-range plan that helps guide how the City develops its Capital Improvement Program, coordinate transportation improvements with land uses and better plan what is needed to respond to growth. Join City staff at an open house to learn more about the plan and provide feedback.

For more information, visit the City's website or contact Senior Transportation Planner Alicia Mc-Intire at (206) 801-2483 or amcintire@shorelinewa.gov.

CleanScapes Reward Five new benches for the Interurban Trail

In April 2010, residents living in CleanScapes' Friday solid waste collection area, which includes Highland Terrace, Meridian Park, Parkwood, Richmond Highlands (south of N 175th Street) and Westminster Triangle, were awarded \$10,000 for a community project. CleanScapes awarded the community project to residents in the Friday collection area for having the greatest reduction in overall waste, as compared to the City's four other collection areas.

A group of neighborhood representatives invited project ideas and decided on benches for the Interurban Trail for everyone to enjoy. The five new bench-

es, purchased by CleanScapes, were recently installed by the City Parks Department staff along the Interurban Trail between N 145th and N 175th Streets.

Interested in helping your neighborhood win? The 2011/12 competition will launch in April, giv-

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ing neighborhoods the chance to compete again for a \$10,000 community project. Contact educationoutreach@cleanscapes. com for ideas on how to help your community and the environment by reducing waste.

Organizations committed to sustainability in Shoreline

If you are interested in getting involved with an organization in Shoreline dedicated to sustainability, there are a number of opportunities for you. Below are four organizations working towards a more sustainable Shoreline:



Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation kruckeberg.org



Shoreline Green
Business Program
shorelinegreenbusiness.com



Sustainable Shoreline Education Association sustainableshoreline.org



Shoreline Solar Project shoreline solar.org

Shoreline Historical Museum Grand opening in new space

Saturday, April 30 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 18501 Linden Avenue N

On Saturday, April 30, the Shoreline Historical Museum will celebrate the grand opening of its new exhibit space at 18501 Linden Avenue N. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the new space.

There are two existing buildings located at the new museum site, one of which has been converted into the Museum's new office space and archives. The building on the corner will serve as the Museum's interim exhibit building.

The Museum is in the process of designing a new, permanent state-of-the-art building that will ultimately occupy the property, with room for the collections, archives, exhibits and community gathering spaces.

To learn more about the Shoreline Historical Museum visit shorelinehistoricalmuseum. org.

Earth Day Every Day Event



Saturday, April 16 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Central Market 15505 Westminster Way N

Celebrate Earth Day and learn how to make a difference throughout the year. On Saturday, April 16, Central Market and the City of Shoreline invite you to sample products and learn about new ecoliving tips and tools for your home and yard that will reduce pollution, protect our climate and save you money.

New this year, residents will be able to sign-up for a low cost energy audit of their homes with SustainableWorks. Watch your mail for additional details or visit the City's website.

Landmarks Commission Special Member Position Now Open

The City of Shoreline is accepting applications for the City's "Special Member" on the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission. The Special Member serves on the Commission only when the Commission reviews and designates Shoreline buildings and structures nominated for landmark status.

The Special Member of the Landmarks Commission is appointed by the City Council for a four-year term and must have a demonstrated interest and competence in historic preservation. Applications are available in the Clerk's Office at City Hall or on the City's website and must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6.

For more information contact Management Analyst John Norris at jnorris@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2216.

Save energy - Reduce your bill

Sign-up for reduced cost energy audits and retrofits with SustainableWorks, a Puget Sound non-profit. SustainableWorks is partnering with City of Shoreline, Washington State University Energy Management, Seattle City Light, Puget Sound Energy and others to bring this energy saving opportunity to Shoreline residents.

The purpose of this federal stimulus-funded program is to help homeowners and renters (with landlord approval) make home improvements that reduce their energy use and energy bills. Participants will be able to save on items like furnaces, air sealing, insulation and hot water heaters, reducing energy costs by 20 to 40%.

The deadline to register for an audit is June 30. To learn more about the program, or to register for an energy audit, please visit sustainableworks.com or contact SustainableWorks at (206) 575-2252.

SustainableWorks Conserving Energy, Creating Jobs.

Get Ready Shoreline!

Shoreline Emergency Preparedness and Safety Fair

Saturday, May 7 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Central Market, 15505 Westminster Way N



It is never too late to begin preparing for an emergency. Come to Shoreline's Emergency Preparedness and Safety Fair to learn how you and your family can get ready and stay safe. Representatives from Police, Fire, Emergency Management, Animal Rescue, Community Emergency Response Team, Amateur Radio and other organizations will be available to discuss preparedness and safety tips. There will also be small give-aways for children and raffles for preparedness equipment.



City moves closer to environmental sustainability

In July 2008, the City Council adopted Shoreline's Environmental Sustainability Strategy. The strategy includes 50 specific recommendations for achieving the City's goal of becoming an environmentally sustainable community.

At this point, over two-thirds of the recommendations have been initiated, are underway/ongoing, or have been completed. Beyond the specific recommendations, numerous other projects and programs are underway that further the mission of the strategy.

The City has taken an innovative, decentralized approach to implementing the strategy since its adoption. An interdepartmental team (the Green Team) coordinates city-wide policy development and implementation, while City projects, programs and regulatory changes make progress towards achieving the strategy's goals. This approach allows the work of transforming Shoreline into a sustainable community to occur at all levels and in all departments of the City, and maximizes the amount of work that can be accomplished with existing staff levels and resources.

Below are just a few of the projects the City has been working on over the past two years:

Green Team goals for 2011

- Implement performance measures to track progress towards sustainability goals
- Complete City's environmentally preferred purchasing policy
- Develop and implement sustainable office policies, procedures and decision-making processes
- Continue development of Green Building Program

City projects and planning that achieve sustainability goals

- Construction of Green Streets demonstration project
- Surface water treatment infrastructure along second mile of Aurora Corridor Project
- Tree canopy baseline study
- Engineering Development Guide update
- Updates of Comprehensive Plan and Master Plans to include sustainability components
 For more information, visit shorelinewa.gov/forevergreen.

Shoreline walks 4 Health



Saturday, May 7 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Shoreline City Hall and adjacent Interurban Trail 17500 Midvale Avenue N

Walking Programs
Geocaching

- Interpretive tours Kids' Bike Parade
- Decoration booth: 10 to 10:30 a.m.
- Parade: 10:30 a.m. Resource Fair

Join the springtime fun! All ages are invited to participate in a family-oriented walk and resource fair in Shoreline. The fair will include health oriented hands on activities for you to try, active family games with Deano the Clown, geocaching demonstrations and ideas about how you and your family can Walk, Play, Learn and Move this summer.

Upcoming Events

All meetings located in City Hall Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, April 16

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Earth Day Every Day event at
Central Market

Saturday, April 16

8:00 to 11:30 p.m.

Teen Program spring break basketball tournament at Shorecrest High School

Wednesday, April 20

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Transportation Plan Open House

Saturday, April 23

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Work party at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

Saturday, April 30

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Recycle Fest at Shoreline Park & Ride

Saturday, April 30

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

National Pharmaceuticals Takeback Day at Shoreline Police Station

Quick Start Shoreline

Free Small Business Workshops Tuesdays at Noon

April 12

Branding in the Restaurant Industry and Beyond

April 19

Qualifying Your Business for a Loan

April 26

Take Control of Your Email; Free Up Time for Sales Calls and Customer Service



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Spartan Recreation Center 202 NE 185th Street, Shoreline 98155 (206) 801-2600 Fax (206) 393-3380

Shoreline Pool 19030 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline 98155 (206) 801-2650 Fax (206) 362-8450

Shoreline Police Emergency: 911

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Eastside Police Neighborhood Center Officer Greg McKinney 521 NE 165th Street Shoreline, WA 98155 (206) 363-8424

Westside Police Neighborhood Center Officer Leona Obstler 624 NW Richmond Beach Road Shoreline, WA 98177 (206) 546-3636

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