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This Shoreline neighborhood is celebrating results of hard work and vision by its community leaders.

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Creating Shoreline's future

Last year, the City of Shoreline reached two major milestones in its young history: adoption of a Comprehensive Plan and a Capital Improvement Program.

This year, the City is beginning to implement these two important planning documents with several concrete steps that will begin to turn the plans into realities.

The Comprehensive Plan is our guiding policy for how we will develop as a city for the next twenty years. It provides not only the philosophies and goals for physically improving such things as our transportation system, business community and neighborhoods, it also provides guidelines for how we deliver day-to-day services.

Since it reflects community values on growth and development, so it will change as the community changes. It is not a static document.

The Capital Improvement Program is updated each year. It uses community feedback to prioritize future projects to improve or repair the City's infrastructure — roadways, parks, drainage system and facilities. It also identifies funding sources and estimates costs.

The focus this year is on projects moving Shoreline down the road to realizing the potential expressed in the Comprehensive Plan and Capital Improvement Program.

- The first big step in that direction is creating a land use development code to implement Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan. With the assistance of citizens

through the Planning Academy (see page 7), staff will review and consolidate the various codes and regulations adopted from King County for the interim that determine how our physical environment is built, e.g. homes, commercial buildings, streets, etc. Shoreline should have its first permanent development code, that reflects our community's values, by the end of the year.

- The Aurora Pre-Design Study (see page 3) is nearing completion this summer, and Shoreline will soon have a plan for the future of its "main street." With a preferred design and cost estimates in hand, the City will step up its search for construction funding that will transform Aurora Avenue North into a safer, traffic-moving, pedestrian-friendly thoroughfare.

- 1999 is the third year Shoreline has budgeted significant funds to improving the City's surface water (flooding) management system (see page 7). Small drainage projects scheduled for this year will continue to repair and improve this vital system and enhance flood and erosion control in areas throughout the City.

- Economic redevelopment is a hot topic, and nowhere is it more evident than in the North City Business District. Read the story on page 2 to see how this neighborhood is being transformed.

Citizen participation and input are what tie many of these projects together and make them possible. We need your ideas and thoughts to continue shaping the future of Shoreline.

North City vision becomes a reality



The grand opening of Walgreens gave community leaders in North City a chance to celebrate their accomplishments. Cutting the ribbon, from left, are Shoreline Urban Design Planner Paul Cohen, North City Business Association President Gretchen Atkinson, Walgreens Store Manager Brian Miller and Shoreline Mayor Scott Jepsen.

Conventional wisdom that says what you can imagine, you can create is being proven in the North City Business District. Shared visions and hard work are transforming this district into a revitalized area.

"The North City community should be proud of what their planning, effort and vision for the North City Corridor have produced," says Shoreline Mayor Scott Jepsen. "This is a result of the North City Business Association, North City Neighborhood Association, City of Shoreline and Walgreens working together

to attain everybody's goals."

The March 15 dedication ceremony at the new Walgreens on 15th Ave. NE and 175th St. marked the fulfillment of one of the main goals of attracting new, vibrant businesses. On hand to cut the ribbon were Mayor Jepsen, North City Business Association President Gretchen Atkinson, Walgreens Store Manager Brian Miller and Shoreline Urban Design Planner Paul Cohen. Councilmember Rich Gustafson, North City Neighborhood Association President Charlotte Haines and Walgreens Regional Manager Kermit Crawford as well as other community members and Walgreens staff helped celebrate.

Revitalization of the North City business district began as a key concern of the business association with strong support from the City Council. The top priority recommended by an economic development consultant was to prepare a plan to address the area's most needed physical improvements and set design guide-

lines. The theory is that a business district which looks clean and is nicely landscaped sends a message that it is a good place to do business. In a series of design workshops, community members met with consultants to create design guidelines.

Now the community is making those guidelines a reality.

"The North City Business Association has partnered with the neighborhood association and garden club to do what we can within our limited means to improve the appearance of the area," says Atkinson.

When the hanging baskets of flowers and banners go up next month, it will be the third year 15th Ave. NE has been decked out. New street trees, benches and garbage receptacles will be added as funds allow. North City hosted a successful tree lighting and holiday celebration last December and is planning a bigger and better one for this December 4.

As the first new business to open since the North City design guidelines were in place, Walgreens sits as an example of what businesses could be in North City. Trees with decorative grating surrounding them line the street, an inviting bench, and an awning to shield pedestrians from the rain are just a few components of the overall design. A new "North City Business District" sign in burgundy and gold set amid planters and a bench is the beginning of what Atkinson says they hope will become a gateway intersection.

"One thing that every neighborhood in Shoreline should know is we are willing to share information about our projects," says Atkinson. "You can do this in your neighborhood, too."

Annexation vote in May

This month, residents in Annexation Area A-2 will vote on whether to become a part of Shoreline. The mail-in ballots are due May 18 and certified results of the election will be available May 28. If the voters favor annexation, Shoreline will have an estimated 920 new residents effective Aug. 1, 1999.

Open house to show three designs for Aurora

Aurora Avenue continues to be one of Shoreline's biggest challenges.

It is our highest speed surface street and the location of the City's most significant automobile and pedestrian accidents. It is also Shoreline's primary business corridor, and as such holds the greatest promise for our community's economic revitalization.

It is, for all intents and purposes, Shoreline's "main street" even if it doesn't resemble a stereotypical downtown thoroughfare.

Three possibilities for the future of Shoreline's "main street" will be visually displayed at the Aurora Corridor Transportation Solutions Open House, Tuesday, May 11, 4 to 8 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church, 17418 8th Ave. N.E.

"We want to present the public with three distinctly different street design alternatives and an analysis of each alternative so they can understand the whole spectrum of possibilities," says Shoreline Transportation Manager Kirk McKinley. "Each alternative has a different emphasis on moving people, vehicles, buses and providing safety features such as commercial property driveway access or pedestrian crossings."

The three alternatives will also include analysis of how well they meet the criteria approved by the City Council. Alternatives received scores on criteria such as transit and traffic operations, safety improvements, capital cost, property access and right-of-way impacts, pedestrian access and environmental impacts as well as qualitative issues such as the effect on economic development.

Two previous open houses on the Aurora Corridor drew over 100 people each to look at plans, meet with professionals working on the project and give input. The Aurora Corridor Transportation Solutions project was created by the City Council to implement the Comprehensive Plan goals for

Aurora. The study will determine the preferred design and estimate costs so the City can apply for federal and state funding to build the improvements.

Community priorities for improvements are also beginning to emerge. Issues identified as important to the community include safety for pedestrians and cyclists, aesthetic improvements, environmental quality, congestion relief, security through street lighting and increased visibility, bus operations and access, traffic safety and minimizing traffic impacts on neighborhoods.

The Council-appointed Citizens Advisory Task Force, City staff and consultants have used this input from the community to create the three corridor design alternatives.

"It is likely that we will not end up with any one of the three alternatives, but a hybrid of all three," says McKinley. "We also expect the final plan may be different in different sections of the road, depending on land use and projected land use in each area."

McKinley says that there are certain features they assume will be included in a final design. Some of these include uniform street lights, underground utility lines, mitigation of storm water, transit signal priority technology, optimum signal operation, landscaping and sidewalks.

"The design will reflect and support community visions for

Shoreline's 'main street'," says McKinley.

After gathering input from the community, a preferred alternative will be selected by the City Council this summer. Depending on funding, construction of Phase One could begin as early as 2001.

Descriptions of the alternatives are available on Shoreline's website at www.cityofshoreline.com.

For more information, contact Transportation Manager Kirk McKinley at (206) 546-3901 or Public Works Capital Project Manager Chuck Purnell at (206) 546-0774.

Shoreline honors volunteers

Volunteers are the heart that animates community spirit. They provide invaluable services to our community, bringing energy to projects which would often not otherwise be possible.

In honor of volunteers throughout Shoreline, the City Council proclaimed April 18-24 as Volunteer Week in the City of Shoreline to correspond with National Volunteer Week. Over 150 citizens who volunteer for the City on a regular basis were invited to a breakfast hosted by the City Council April 23. In 1998, these volunteers collectively contributed more than 8,763 hours to the City.

"Our volunteers are integral to the functioning of the City. Without our volunteers, we would be unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the Planning Commission, Parks Committee and Library Board," says Shoreline Deputy Mayor Linda Montgomery. "Our volunteers are what make possible our Neighborhood Police Centers, upkeep of some of our neighborhood parks and the development of our neighborhood council and communities."



Volunteers such as Hilmer Jaeger make the Neighborhood Police Centers possible.

Introducing new City of Shoreline employees

One of the greatest investments this community has is in the people who serve you. They have chosen a life-long vocation that focuses on public service. We are proud to introduce some recent additions who, together with you, will likely make a major impact on our community for some time to come.

Meet Wendy Barry:

Shoreline's new Director for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

"It's exciting to join the City at this early stage of development and to figure out the strategic role the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will have in this City's future," says Shoreline's new Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Wendy Barry.



Barry brings 15 years experience with Mountlake Terrace Recreation and Parks Department to Shoreline: six years as maintenance superintendent and nine as Recreation and Parks Director. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Park and Recreation Administration from the University of Nebraska.

During her time with Mountlake Terrace, Barry successfully acquired grant funding for Mountlake Terrace's portion of the Interurban Trail. But what she is most proud of, she says, is seeing the impact her department had on people's quality of life.

Barry says she will begin by becoming familiar with the City and its functions, but also with the community.

"Shoreline has made great strides so far and we need to build on those successes," Barry says.

Rob Beem Manager

Health and Human Services

As principal planner with the City of Bellevue, Rob Beem developed a variety of special projects and research assignments including health and human services.

"Health and human services went from a special project to an ongoing part of the city's operation," he says. "I developed the initial set of policies, oversaw

implementation then managed it for eight years."

Beem says the new health and human services manager position is an opportunity to build an important piece of what makes a city whole. "A strong community does a good job of meeting everybody's needs, but that doesn't mean the city has to do it all. In fact, I think the city shouldn't do it because individuals and organizations in the community are often better placed to deliver direct services to one another," he explains. "The city's job is to ensure those resources are accessible to its citizens and to attract the necessary resources to the area."

Marty Gillis

Building Official Planning and Development Services

Marty Gillis brings much experience to her new position as building official. Most recently she was lead plans examiner and acted as building official for the building division of Kitsap County. "They were without a building official, so I was pitch hitting," she says.

In addition to more than 15 years experience in construction and code enforcement, Gillis holds a degree in building inspection technology as well as a general business degree. She is certified as a building official, plans inspector, building inspector, mechanical inspector and plumbing inspector.

The building official is responsible for enforcing all construction related codes. Formerly part of another staff member's set of duties, building official was made into a separate position in Shoreline this year.

"I'm doing a combination of backing myself up and seeing what has come before, and jumping in with both feet to see where I can do the most good right now, both in production and in looking at how management issues should be dealt with," she explains.

Sherri Dugdale

Code Enforcement Officer Planning and Development Services

Originally from Colorado, Sherri Dugdale says she fell in love with Shoreline when she worked as a King County Police Officer. "I wanted to be assigned here," she says. Her diverse background also includes jobs in banking and archaeology. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

One of the appeals of becoming Shoreline's code enforcement officer was that it was new position, Dugdale says. "I'll spend the first several months developing the program, laying out procedures and a policy manual, and learning how code enforcement fits in with the rest of the City," she says.

The Code Enforcement Officer is responsible for the development of a code enforcement program reflective of the City's values. The code controls how we handle complaints having to do with garbage, abandoned cars, noise, health and safety, and other similar problems. When Shoreline incorporated in August of 1995, it adopted most of its codes from King County because there was no time to create a new code from scratch. Now, it is time for the City to adopt its own codes that better reflect community values — that means we need to determine what is acceptable and what is not acceptable in Shoreline — so our codes truly represent the people who live and work here.

City summer events invite you outdoors

Mild weather, easygoing attitudes and the spirit of vacation — characteristics of summer that make outdoor activities so appealing, especially when shared with others. The City of Shoreline is presenting several opportunities this summer for residents to join their neighbors at open air community events.

Celebrate Shoreline 1999

Bring the family to celebrate Shoreline's fourth birthday by watching the Twilight Parade down Aurora Avenue Saturday, Aug. 21. The new, earlier time for the parade is 5 p.m. followed by live music, kids' entertainment and food booths from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The annual Antique Car Show will be held at the Shoreline Historical Museum parking lot from noon to 9 p.m.

Call the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041 for more information.

Swingin' Summer Eve

Cromwell Park at N. 179th and Meridian Ave. is the site of the annual City-wide picnic offering the best of summertime fun. Enjoy kids and family participatory activities on Wednesday, July 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Shoreline Arts Council will

sponsor Sparky and the Starfires performing rock and roll, while the Shoreline Firefighters will offer freshly grilled hamburgers and hot dogs as well as ice cream treats.

Second Annual Clean Sweep

Plans are in the works for Shoreline's second annual Clean Sweep, a series of events bring-



ing people together to accomplish needed work in the community. The City is developing ideas for this year's projects based on the input received from neighborhood associations. A calendar of events will be distributed in May.

Last year's events included:

- Eastside Clean Sweep Day cosponsored by North City, Briarcrest and Ridgecrest Neighborhood Associations: Eastside Shoreline residents received coupons allowing them to bring large, non-recyclable items to a central location for disposal.

- Ronald Bog Landscape Planting Project cosponsored by Meridian Park Neighborhood Association: Volunteers removed non-native blackberries from Ronald Bog and replanted native groundcovers and trees on a portion of the site.

- Community Beautification Awards: Residential and commercial developments that made a positive contribution to the

aesthetics of the community were recognized.

- Neighborhood Sponsored Events: Neighborhood groups had special clean-up events that were publicized to coincide with the Clean Sweep events.

Summer Lunchtime Music Series

Enjoying professional entertainment at two of the City's most beautiful parks is the perfect way to take a midday, mini-vacation. All performances are on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. and are free.

July 13 — Kickshaw, a cappella
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

July 20 — Lora and Sukutai, African marimba and dance
Hamlin Park

July 27 — Deems Tsutakawa, jazz/percussion
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park



August 3 — Cowboy Buck and Elizabeth, cowboy and country western music
Hamlin Park

August 10 — Rhys Thomas, kids comedy and juggling
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park



Police offer Landlord Training Program

Tenants who destroy property or engage in other illegal activities aren't just a problem for landlords — their misdeeds erode the quality of life of the entire community.

Helping property owners spot potential problem tenants — both before and after they sign a lease — is the goal of a new training program being launched by the Shoreline Police Department.

As its name implies, the "Landlord Training Program: Keeping Illegal Activity Out of Rental Property" gives landlords the knowledge they need to pre-

vent and eliminate illegal activity, particularly drug related activities, on their rental properties.

"The training focuses on prevention, but we also want to develop a team effort between landlords and the police department," says Shoreline Detective Brad Ray who will be one of the instructors. "We know despite prevention and enforcement we will still have a few problems and want to develop a rapport with the people we are dealing with so we can work cooperatively."

The program hopes to build on the success such cooperation

has already achieved. In the past three years, 128 drug houses have been closed down in the City of Shoreline thanks to the police department and landlords working together. The training provides a way for the police department to help landlords before they have a problem.

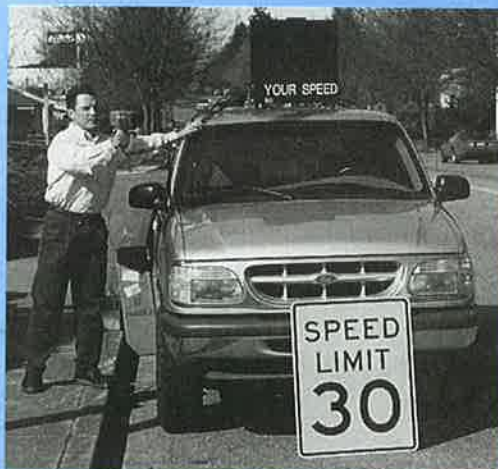
The program details prevention tips such as applicant screening, rental agreements and ongoing management, but also includes chapters on the warning signs of drug activity, what to do if you discover a drug lab and crisis resolution.

"There is a lot of misinformation out there about landlord and tenants' rights," says Ray. "This program spells those out and cuts through the myths. It offers straightforward and common sense ideas that have worked very effectively for many different landlords."

Developed by Campbell Delong Resources in Oregon, the Landlord Training Program will be conducted by the Street Crimes Unit of the Shoreline Police Department. Ray says they plan to accommodate as many property owners and managers who want to attend. The program is free and those attending will receive a free manual outlining the training information. Depending on demand, the police department may offer several sessions each year.

The first training session is planned for early summer. For more information or to sign up for the Landlord Training Program, contact the Shoreline Police Department Street Crimes Unit at (206) 546-6638 or (206) 546-8286.

Eastside Police Neighborhood Center volunteer Thomas VeCera demonstrates the radar reader board.



Portable radar reader boards available

Is neighborhood speeding a problem in your area? Take advantage of Shoreline's radar reader boards to alert neighbors and those passing through how fast they are driving down your street.

Available for checkout at both Shoreline Neighborhood Police Centers, the radar reader boards are easy to use. A radar gun is attached to a reader board that displays the traffic speed of passing vehicles. All you need is a car on which to place the equipment, a car cigarette lighter plug to run it and someone willing to point the radar gun. A 10-minute training video is available to take home or watch at the Neighborhood Police Center, and most Center volunteers are familiar with how to operate the equipment.

Checkout is generally for 24 hours, but arrangements can be made for longer periods. To schedule a time to use the radar reader boards or for more information, contact the Eastside Neighborhood Police Center, 521 NE 165th St., (206) 363-8424 or the Westside Neighborhood Police Center, 630 NW Richmond Beach Rd., (206) 546-3636.

Drainage projects provide flood relief

As summer approaches and residents' concerns with flooding begin to ebb, the City of Shoreline will take advantage of dry weather to work on projects preparing for the next rainy season.

In March, the City Council approved a priority list of 18 projects that would solve long-standing and recently identified flood and erosion problems on both private property and City rights-of-ways. The 1999 Capital Improvement Program budget includes \$500,000 for design and construction of these small surface water projects. The larger, more comprehensive flooding capital projects that reach into the millions of dollars for each (e.g., Ronald Bog), are in a separate plan also found in the Capital Improvement Program.

Small drainage projects usually are those that cost \$100,000 or less and address localized drainage problems. Typical projects include adding catch basin inlets to local drainage systems to relieve roadway and residential

property flooding; increasing capacity of existing pipes; repairing failing drainage structures such as broken pipes; and correcting road-side erosion problems.

The first project on the list will relieve a long-standing flooding problem at N. 183rd and Dayton Pl. N. by increasing pipe capacity.

"Seven homes have consistently had flooding problems in this area — four of them include flooding in the basement," says Edward Mulhern, Shoreline Surface Water Coordinator. "The problem was identified by King County in its 1980 study of Boeing Creek Watershed. Neighbors are thrilled that the City of Shoreline now has funds to fix the problem."

This will be the third year Shoreline has dedicated significant funds to constructing surface water system improvements. Many of the projects completed over the last two years solved long-standing problems residents experienced prior to incorporation. Total cost for construction of these 34

projects in 1997 and 1998 was \$838,805.

Residents are already noticing results: 1998 saw a decrease of 30 percent from previous years in the number of customer response requests about drainage problems. Construction alone has not been the only reason for improvement. Shoreline is monitoring and maintaining the surface water system more actively and has a clearer sense of community needs.

One of the ways the City is doing this is through the Drainage Task Team. This group reviews citizen complaints and addresses drainage issues, helping to prioritize projects. It also will be looking at how the current drainage code inherited from King County should be amended to fit with Shoreline's land uses.

Drainage or erosion problems? Call the

**Shoreline
Customer
Response
Team**

(206) 546-1700

Planning Academy takes on development issues

With two sessions of the Planning Academy completed, Shoreline is on the road to a permanent development code.

The development code controls decisions such as how many homes (or other types of uses) may be built on a lot, what distances — or setbacks — are required from neighboring properties, what types of drainage improvements are needed, what types of sidewalks and road improvements are required as well as many other aspects of the design and function of new development.

Shoreline is required to adopt permanent regulations implementing the Comprehensive Plan by August 1999. Currently, the

City operates under an assortment of regulations adopted from King County upon incorporation. By reviewing, revising and consolidating these regulations, Shoreline will create a customized development code for the City of Shoreline.

The Planning Academy was formed as a way for staff to learn more about values and opinions of the community and for the community to learn more about the technical and legal issues involved in the preparation of a development code.

Planning Academy members are: Lucille Baldwin, Gary Batch, Boni Biery, Ginger Botham, Dave Buchan, Alan Carey, Dennis Chivers, Gary Cooper,

Frank "Jim" Granger, Ronald Gregory, Ted Roe, David Hart, Kenneth Howe, Alverna May Jackson, Dennis Lee, A.R. "Bob" Mascott, Russell McCurdy, Frank Meyer, Peter Neuschwander, Patricia Peckol, Robert Shields, Gail Diane Steele, Kristina Stimson, Kathi Urie and Elizabeth Welsh. Council of Neighborhoods representatives are: Darlene Feikema, Paulette Gust, Barbara Guthrie, Walt Hagen, Kathy Halliburton, Naomi Hardy, Bonnie Mackey, George Maurer, Dick Nicholson, Peter Schwindt, Kellie Swenson and Al Wagar.

The two final Phase One sessions are May 13 and 27. All sessions are held at the Shoreline Conference Center at 7 p.m. and open for public observation. Session materials are available for review at both Shoreline and Richmond Beach Libraries, Neighborhood Police Centers and Shoreline's Planning and Development Services Department.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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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.

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