

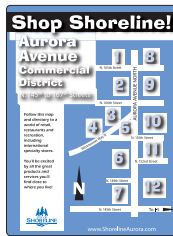
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Aurora Business Directory

Find out more about the world of shopping and entertainment you can find in the Aurora Commercial District.



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Two community meetings about next two miles of Aurora

With construction on the first mile of Aurora nearing completion (see story on next page), the City of Shoreline's preliminary work on Aurora Avenue from N. 165th to N. 205th Streets (the next two miles) is picking up speed with the environmental process now underway.

In October, the Shoreline City Council awarded the environmental review contract to consultant firm Jones & Stokes. The purpose of the environmental review is to analyze the impacts of design alternatives in a variety of areas, such as traffic, land use, air and noise, socio-economics and cultural/historical. Additional analysis will be done on economics and alternative stormwater/water quality approaches.

The first step in the process includes two community forums/scoping meetings (see box). At the meetings, the public will have an opportunity to review and discuss the community vision for Aurora. The City will also present the alternative designs that will be reviewed, describe the environmental process and gather

input from the community on what topics are important to them to be included in the scope of the environmental review.

The meeting doors will open at 6:30 p.m. to offer an opportunity for those attending to look at display materials and ask questions before the formal program begins at 7:00 p.m. Forms will be available for written comments and a court reporter will be on hand to record verbal comments. The format for both

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Aurora community forum/scoping meetings

Thursday, Nov. 30
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Meridian Park Elementary
17077 Meridian Ave. N

Wednesday, Dec. 6
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Shorewood High School
17300 Fremont Ave. N

Shoreline receives its first bond rating

The City of Shoreline recently received its first bond rating and is pleased with the results. With "AAA" being the highest rating, Shoreline's "AA-" rating is very good.

"We are very pleased with this rating," says Shoreline City Manager Bob Olander. "It's a reflection of our Council's 10-year history of conservative spending,

solid balance sheet and long-range financial planning."

In May, Shoreline voters approved the issuance of \$18.795 million of bonds to purchase open space and complete park projects. Since this is the first time the City has issued bonds, it needed to obtain a bond rating to help potential purchasers – called underwriters — understand the

risk that they are taking and set the interest rate accordingly.

A higher "bond rating" usually means a lower interest rate. The lower the interest rate, the better for taxpayers, as more of the tax levy proceeds can be applied towards the repayment of principal rather than interest.

The City applied for its bond rating from Standard & Poor's, one of three rating agencies in the United States. The Standard & Poor's report says Shoreline's "AA-" rating with a "Stable" Outlook reflects the City's underlying economy; above-average wealth and income indicators; good financial performance, with a strong general fund position; and strong financial management policies and practices. Comparable jurisdictions that have the same rating include Tacoma, Kent, Lynnwood and Sea Tac. Seattle is the only Washington city with a "AAA" rating.

The City is holding a competitive bond sale with bids due on Nov. 29. The City Council will select the bid offering the lowest interest rate and the agreement with the successful bidder will close Dec. 13.

The bids will determine the levy amount that will appear on property tax bills next year. The City will begin repaying the bonds next summer.

For more information about the bond rating process, contact Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 546-0787.

Home stretch for Aurora Corridor Project 145th - 165th

The Aurora Corridor/ Interurban Trail Bridges Project is in the final stretch of construction, with an early 2007 completion date enticingly near.

Final paving was completed in October, and crews are now working on construction of the center median and landscaping. Limited left and U-turn opportunities will be available during median construction. There will be a total of 16 left- and U-turn pockets between N. 145th and

N. 165th Streets. New traffic signs will be installed this month along with the installation of final pavement markings.

Sidewalks and driveways continue to be poured on both sides, and power poles are coming down, as power and telecommunications complete their overhead-to-underground conversions. The new light and signal poles are being set this fall and crews are hoping to have all the old utility poles down by end of year.

Crews continue to work on the areas between the Aurora project and private properties. In some locations, the new elevation of Aurora is higher or lower than the previous elevation, requiring the installation of concrete block retaining walls.

Watch for the glass panels on the Aurora Bridge and the glass/ mesh barrier on the N. 155th Street Bridge, which should be in place by Thanksgiving.

For more information, contact Capital Projects Manager Maggie Brown at (206) 546-1921.



Landscaping in the storm water swale along Aurora between the Interurban Trail bridges includes sustainable, low-maintenance plantings that have year-round seasonal interest.



Excited? So Are WE!!!
Everything you want from A to Z!

 www.ShorelineAurora.com

Shoreline's Aurora: A World of Shopping & Entertainment

At left is just one of the "A to Z" ads appearing on Metro buses and in local publications.

Shop Shoreline's Aurora Commercial District

The City is sponsoring an advertising campaign to help residents locate and shop at restaurants and retail stores along Aurora in support of Shoreline businesses during and after construction of the Aurora Corridor Project.

Ads with the slogan "We've got everything from A to Z!" can be found in local newspapers, in a new direct mail coupon brochure and on the sides of Metro buses. The City also created an Aurora Avenue Business Directory listing all businesses from N. 145th to N. 167th Streets which was distributed to stores in

the area. (See pages 4 and 5). This information is also available on the City Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com.

The marketing effort is called the "alphabet campaign" and includes two sets of ads: "Everything from A to Z," and "As simple as ABC." Both feature pictures or lists of the variety of items and services that may be found locally with the tag line "A world of shopping and entertainment can be found within Shoreline's Aurora Avenue Commercial District – all at prices and convenience you'll enjoy."

According to Shoreline

Economic Development Manager Tom Boydell, the marketing efforts not only support businesses, but the economic health of the larger community.

"This is a good opportunity to remind residents to support their local businesses – to have patience with traffic and take a few extra minutes to visit these stores," he says. "Many business owners and employees on Aurora Avenue are also Shoreline residents. Shopping locally really means supporting your neighbors."

Free promotional items will be available in stores around Thanksgiving.

Next two miles of Aurora *continued from page 1*

meetings will be identical, so it is not necessary to attend both.

The deadline for submitting comments about the environmental scope to the City is Tuesday, January 2, 2007. Please send comments to Kris Overleese, City of Shoreline, 17544 Meridian Avenue N., Shoreline, WA 98133.

Another way community members can be involved in the environmental process is by volunteering to serve on the Aurora Business and Community (ABC) Team. This group will meet

January through May 2007 to help during the environmental process. The ABC Team will be appointed by the City Manager and will include 12 to 15 people.

Those interested in serving on the ABC Team need to submit a completed Community Service Application by 4:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 to the Shoreline City Clerk's Office, 17544 Midvale Avenue N. Applications are available in the Clerk's Office or

at www.cityofshoreline.com.

Construction on the next two miles is expected to begin in late 2008. The next steps following the environmental process include design and right-of-way acquisition.

For more information, contact Shoreline Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese at (206) 546-0791.

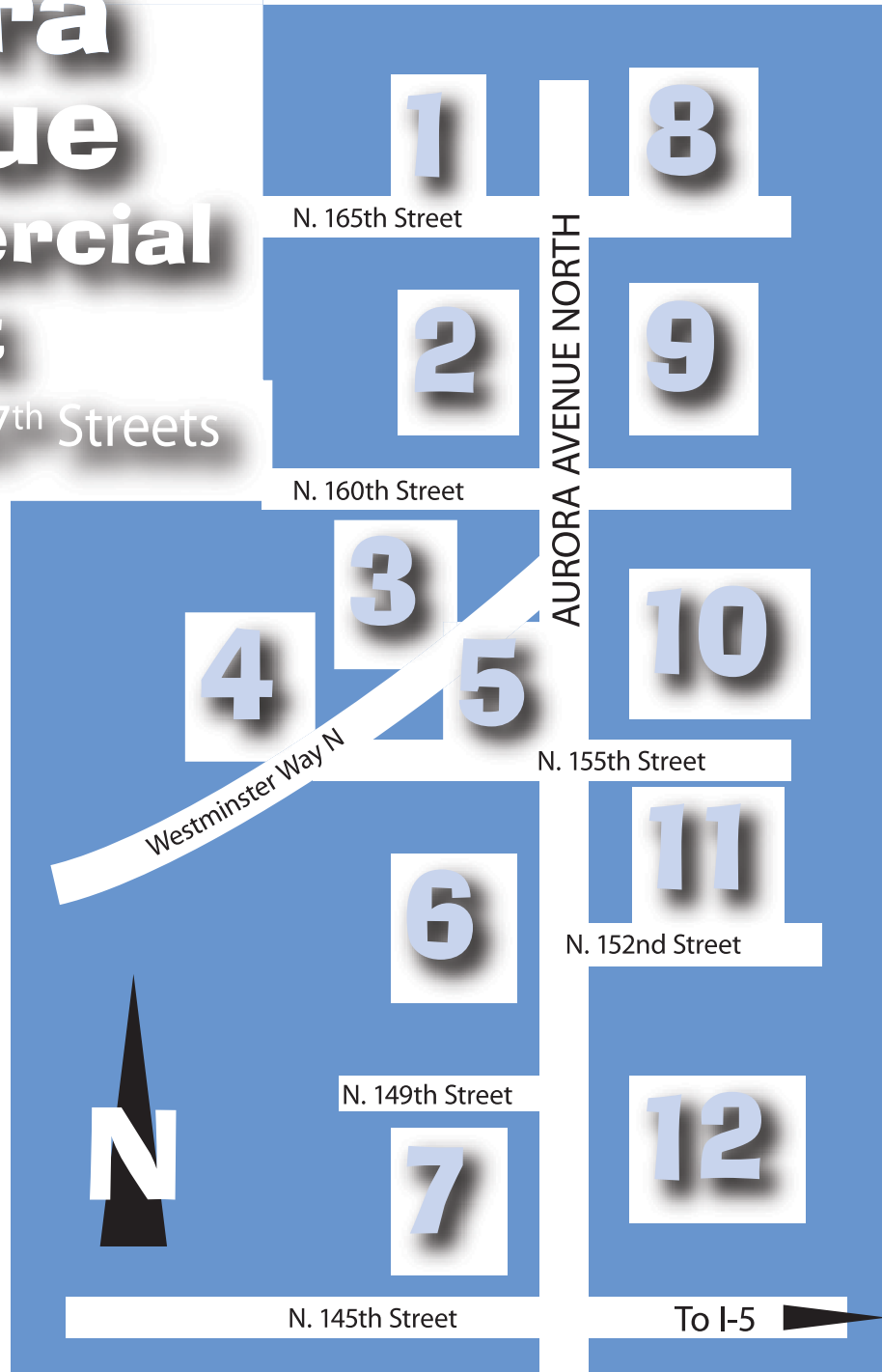
Shop Shoreline!

Aurora Avenue Commercial District

N. 145th to 167th Streets

Follow this map and directory to a world of retail, restaurants and recreation, including international specialty stores.

You'll be excited by all the great products and services you'll find close to where you live!



www.ShorelineAurora.com

Everything from A to Z

At prices and convenience you'll enjoy!

145th to 167th Aurora Avenue Business Directory

north to south

1
Gerber Towing
Old Country Buffet
Mann's Welding
A2Z Auto Sales & Financial
U-Haul
School of Baseball (on 165th)

2
On Aurora
Arden Rehab &
Healthcare Center
Mandarin Palace
Sweet Spot Café
Master Hair
Dollar Bazaar
Cingular Wireless Dealer
J&M Smokeshop
AA Repair & Networks
Tienda Guerrero
La Traila Mexican Food
Shoreline Veterinary
Dental Clinic
European Motors
East to West Auto Repair
Mo's Auto Detail
Shoreline Bank

On 160th Street
7-11 Store
Olympic Pool & Billiards
Gin Go Kae Korean BBQ
John's Hairstyling
SCC Campus Salon &
Training Center
Kam Rai Thai Cuisine

3
Aurora Square Lower Plaza
Pier 1 Imports
Paper Zone
Aaron Brother's
Subway
Rent-A-Center
Cash Advance
West Coast Beauty
Systems
Children's Hospital
Thrift Store
Casual Male Big & Tall
Hopelink
Marshalls
Sears Tools
Sears Auto Center
Avis Car Rental

4
Aurora Square Upper Plaza
Sears
French Nail Salon
Midnight Sun Tanning
Central Pizza
Central Market
Moon's Hair Design
Cigar Land
Panda Dry Clean
Super Cuts
Curves
Big Lots
Bank of America
US Bank
China Buffet

5
Pizza Hut
Sherwin Williams
Denny's Restaurant

6
Sun Insurance Agency
U Grill Restaurant
Pho Thien Ky Restaurant
Save On Tobacco
Maddy's Automotive
McDonald's
Ryu/Westover Plaza
Nora Bistro
Wells Fargo Financial
Central Chiropractic
Ce Ci Bon
Allstate Insurance
Hana Travel
Qualstar
Nursing Assistant Training
Program
Family Dentistry (J. Lee)
Lupe's Tienda Mexican
Grocery
Salon La Bella
Gem Star Jewelers
Hae Nam Kalbi & Calimari
Seattle Ski and Snowboard

7
Enterprise Car Sales
Auto Shine Detail
Econo Lodge
Pepper Hill Center
Allstate Insurance
Primerica Financial Services
AAA Tax Planning
Muscle Energy Health Center
Contemporary Medical

8
Club Hollywood Casino
Drift On Inn Casino
Honest Auto Service
Echo Lake Transmission
Evergreen RV Supplies &
Service
Shoreline Motel
Tacqueria La Carreta
76 Gas Station
Shoreline Auto Care
B&Y Auto Repair

9
Watermark Credit Union
Von's Plaza
Shoreline Family Dentist
Inspired Memories
Carlson Wagonlit
Travel
Mirage Hair Salon
Video Hop
Dana Waterproofing
Payless Auto Sales
Brown Bear Car Wash
76 Gas Station
Rich's Car Corner

10
On Aurora
Shay's Restaurant
Four Seasons
Chau's Nails
Deals on Wheels
Shoreline Family Auto
Care & Sales
Aurora Corridor Office
P.C. Doc
Chevron Gas Station

On 155th Street
Clean Express Laundromat
& Drycleaning
Canine Groomers



11
Starbucks
Safeway Food and Drug
Alaska US Federal
Credit Union
Parkwood Plaza
Shari's Restaurant
Wendy's Restaurant
Thriftko
Lifeway Christian Store
Jo Ann Fabrics
Liquor and Wine Store
Dollar Express
Check Into Cash
Fil-Am Food and Gifts
Morning Glory
Royal Bakery
Dr. Kim's Clinic
Aurora Video (Korean)
Aurora Oriental Market
Old Village Korean
Restaurant
Mom's Teriyaki
Kim's Photo
Fast Signs

12
24 Hour Fitness
Mamas Mediterranean
Grocery & Deli
Goldie's Casino
Taco Bell
Aurora Vision Center
Seattle Restaurant Store
Public Storage
AAMCO Transmission
Jiffy Lube
Lane's Hardwood Floors
Aurora Storage
Walgreens at 145th

Equipment
Care Plus Medical Center
Mary's Top Nails
Quizno's Restaurant
Teen Haven Drop In Center
Dance Lab
Oreck Vacuums
Apex Appliance, Parts
& Service

Tandy Leather
Northwest Family Chiropractic
Ren Gae Bridal Shop & Salon
Lg DeBon Cosmetic
Toshi's Teryaki
Magic Cleaners & Alterations
The Hideaway Casino
Pho Thanh Restaurant
Golden Nugget Casino

Proposed off-leash park sites evaluated

In response to community requests, a group of residents appointed by the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board has been evaluating the need for an off-leash dog park in Shoreline.

According to PRCS Director Dick Deal, the presence of dogs off-leash is the most common complaint about the Shoreline park system. Park regulations allow dogs in Shoreline parks, but they must be on a leash. Many communities in the Seattle area have created off-leash dog parks in the past decade.

The Off-Leash Study Group has evaluated several potential sites in Shoreline and recommended for further consideration a three-plus acre site in Hamlin Park to the PRCS Board in September. On October 14, approximately 100 people attended an open house designed to gather input on the proposed Hamlin site. A survey was also conducted.

While some people supported the idea, the majority expressed concerns about potential damage to the park environment and increased park use as a result of

developing an off-leash area. The PRCS Board focused on the Hamlin site at its October 26 meeting and will continue general off-leash discussion at its November meeting, Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cascade Room at the Spartan Recreation Center, 18560 1st Ave. NE. Comments from the community on this topic are welcome and encouraged.

No action on the proposed site is expected until next year. For more information on the proposed off-leash area, visit www.cityofshoreline.com/parks or call (206) 546-5667.

Police urge residents to join "The Club"

The Shoreline Police Department is making it easier for Shoreline residents to protect themselves against car theft. On November 1, the department began selling an anti-theft steering wheel device to residents at a reduced cost of \$10 plus tax, or \$15 plus tax for the larger truck model. The device sells for \$35 or more at retail stores.

According to Shoreline Police Officer Deneese Elfenson, the Club Anti Auto Theft device is the number one police-recommended device to deter car theft and the bestselling anti-theft device. "If a car thief looks inside a car and sees the Club on the steering

wheel, they usually move on," she says.

The Club makes vehicles undriveable by locking onto the steering wheel to prevent it from turning. It can be attached in seconds each time you park.

In the United States, a car is stolen every 26 seconds, and in Shoreline last year, 38 percent of stolen cars were unlocked.

Winter is an especially dangerous time, says Officer Elfenson, because many people warm up their cars before work. The cars sit in driveways or apartment parking lots, running and ready for car thieves to jump in and drive away. The fine for leaving a running, unattended car is \$101 if parked on the public right-of-way.

To prevent car theft, remember to remove the keys from the ignition and lock all doors, close windows completely, park in well-lit areas and remove valuables and mail from view.

The Club may be purchased at the Shoreline Police Station, 1206 N. 185th St. (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), or at the Eastside Storefront, 521 NE 165th St. (206) 363-8424, or the Westside Storefront, 624 Richmond Beach Road, (206) 546-3636. If you would like to purchase the Club at a storefront office, please call ahead to make sure an officer will be available.

For more information about the Club program, contact Officer Elfenson at the Eastside Storefront at (206) 363-8424. Additional auto theft prevention information is available on the City Web site, www.cityofshoreline.com.

Volunteers needed for Trail Corridor Study

The City of Shoreline is seeking volunteers to on a Trail Corridor Study Group to develop a strategy for making improvements to the trail system in Shoreline.

The Park Bond approved by voters in May, provides funding for trail improvements. The study group will help identify and prioritize a list of sites for improvements to recommend to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board. According to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Dick Deal, improvements are needed to the soft surface trails in several parks, neighborhood trails and connections from the Interurban Trail to parks, schools and neighborhoods. "We're looking for residents to help us with this process."

For more information, visit www.cityofshoreline.com/parks or call (206) 546-5041 to request an application.

Holiday events in Shoreline

North City Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m. Les Schwab, 180th & 15th Ave. NE

Get into the holiday spirit at the annual North City Tree Lighting Festival. Santa will be there for visits and pictures along with performances by local musical groups and a sing-along. The event is cosponsored by the North City Business Association, North City Neighborhood Association, Ridgcrest Neighborhood Association, Shoreline Water District and the City of Shoreline.

Christmas Ship™ Visit and Bonfire

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m., Ships arrive at 8:20 p.m.

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190th Street

Don't miss this annual tradition at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. The Christmas Ship™ will be brilliantly decked out with shimmering lights followed by a fleet of vessels, private yachts, sailboats and other small craft, combining to create the world's largest holiday flotilla. Aboard the ship, harmonious voices from the Northwest's finest choirs serenade the beach gathering. Special "on-the beach" vocal performances by Syre Elementary and Einstein Middle School students. People of all ages enjoy this event. For more information, please call (206) 418-3383.



Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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Development Services Department
and Public Works Department
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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
Tuesday noon and 8 p.m.
Wednesday through Sunday
6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.

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City of Shoreline Web site

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