

# CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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## Residents talk about City Hall

Shoreline residents shared ideas about what they want to see in a civic center/city hall at a March 20 workshop hosted by the City of Shoreline.

Residents formed small discussion groups and staff compiled suggestions on topics such as community values, public uses, environmental and financial considerations and architectural features that will help guide design.

From the comments, many themes emerged including the desire for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) aspects in the building, a place that supports community gatherings and meetings, and a place that is warm, inviting and friendly to the public just to name a few.

With the property purchased on the corner of N 175th Street and Midvale Avenue N, the next

step for this project will be selecting the developer. The City will be reviewing candidate proposals and expects to narrow the list down to a final choice by June.

After the developer is selected, design will begin and construction is planned for 2008. For more information about the project, visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) or contact Shoreline Project Manager Jesus Sanchez at (206) 546-2519.

### What do you think?

It's not too late to share your ideas about the City Hall Project. Visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) to answer the same questions asked at the workshop. Click on the headline "Civic Center/City Hall Survey" to submit your ideas electronically.

## A closer look at your property tax bill

April brings warmer weather, spring break, budding flowers and.... taxes. Since property tax notices have been mailed out, now is a good time to review how and why your property tax bill changes year to year.

The table below shows an actual, average Shoreline homeowner's tax bill, courtesy of a City of Shoreline employee who is also a resident. All the taxing districts that levy property taxes are listed with a comparison of their 2006 and 2007 tax amounts. Also on the bill are the assessed values for the property for 2006 and 2007.

Each year, King County assesses property values for the entire district including new construction. The taxing districts are limited to increasing their total levy amount – that's the total

dollar amount collected from the whole district – by 1% (unless a higher amount or a bond is approved by voters). This dollar amount is then divided by the assessed property value for the whole district to get a levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value. The levy rate is applied to the assessed value of your property and that is what you pay in taxes.

This may make you wonder why your tax bill does not simply increase by 1% each year. The key is the assessed value of your property.

Overall, property values increased by 7.9% in Shoreline while the assessed value of the property in the example increased by 18%. This property will have a greater share of the tax than a property whose assessed value decreased or increased by a

smaller percentage.

Another factor that accounts for a change in property tax bills is voter-approved tax levies. Last year, Shoreline voters approved tax levies for both the Shoreline School District and the City of Shoreline that are beginning to be assessed in 2007.

In February, voters approved restoration of the School District's maintenance and operating levy with a projected rate for 2007 of \$2.33 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Voters also approved the issuance of \$149.5 million in general obligation bonds for technology, safety and renovation of school facilities. The 2007 levy rate for this is \$2.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

In May, voters approved \$18.8 million in general obligation bonds for City of Shoreline park and recreation improvements. The 2007 levy rate for this is \$0.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

In the example, \$104.53 of the City increase in taxes is for the park bonds. The remaining \$36 is an increase in the City's regular property tax levy.

For more information, contact Shoreline Finance Director Debbie Tarry (206) 546-0787.

**Below is an example of an actual Shoreline resident's property tax statement.**

Taxing District	2006 Property Tax	2007 Property Tax	Difference	% Change
State	\$789.33	\$867.35	\$78.02	10%
Local School Support	1,301.13	1,693.68	392.55	30%
County	417.87	481.01	63.14	15%
City	371.85	512.79	140.94	38%
Port	73.72	86.38	12.66	17%
Fire	527.80	581.96	54.16	10%
Library	168.82	186.60	17.78	11%
Emergency Med Services	69.46	76.92	7.46	11%
<b>Total Property Tax</b>	<b>\$3,719.98</b>	<b>\$4,486.69</b>	<b>\$766.71</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Assessed Value</b>	<b>\$316,000.00</b>	<b>\$373,000.00</b>	<b>\$57,000.00</b>	<b>18%</b>

## Shoreline Hazard Mitigation Plan updated

Three years ago, the City of Shoreline adopted a Hazard Mitigation Plan to reduce loss and increase safety and resilience in the community if a disaster occurs. The plan has since been adopted by the Washington State Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Hazard Mitigation Plan covers eight hazards identified in Shoreline's Hazard Inventory and Vulnerability Assessment: earthquake, hazardous materials, severe weather, landslides and sinkholes, flooding, wildland fires, volcanoes and tsunamis.

Earlier this year, the City Council was updated on 28 strategies that have been programmed into department work plans in short-term, long-term and ongoing categories. The majority of the strategies are ongoing and require multiple year planning efforts.

Strategies that have already been completed include creating a full-time position for an emergency management coordinator, retrofitting pedestrian bridges, installing backup generators at the police department and backup batteries at traffic signals along evacuation and primary response routes, and removing the Robinson Water Tower.

Long-term and ongoing strategies include: developing a community-wide public education program about hazards and hazard mitigation, creating and maintaining partnerships with utility providers for mutual aid in disasters and state agencies for

coordination before and during disasters, educating homeowners about how to reduce urban flooding, wildfires and how to regulate landslide areas and educating Shoreline business owners about potential hazards.

Nearly every City department plays a role in addressing key strategies for the Hazard Mitigation Plan along with many outside agencies. Shoreline's plan includes partnerships with the following agencies: the Shoreline Fire Department, Shoreline School District, Shoreline Community College, Shoreline's Auxiliary Communications Team, Washington State Department of Public Health Laboratories,

Washington State Department of Transportation, American Red Cross, Center for Human Services and Crista Ministries.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan is available to download at [www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/hazardmitigation/index.cfm](http://www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/hazardmitigation/index.cfm), and copies are available at the Shoreline Police Station, the Neighborhood Police Centers, the Shoreline Library (342 NE 175th Street) and the Richmond Beach Library 19601 21st Avenue NW).

For more information, contact Shoreline Emergency Management Coordinator Gail Marsh at (206) 546-7873 or [gmarsh@ci.shoreline.wa.us](mailto:gmarsh@ci.shoreline.wa.us).

## Report graffiti in Shoreline

The City of Shoreline is experiencing a noticeable increase in the amount of graffiti on public and private property. Shoreline's Customer Response Team has had more reports of graffiti in the last 12 months than in the previous six years combined.

You can help reduce graffiti in our community by following the proven "3 R Method": record, remove and report graffiti vandalism.

### Report it!

Grffiti in progress	Call 911 immediately; graffiti is vandalism.
Grffiti on private property	Call 911 to file a police report.
Grffiti on City property	Call (206) 546-1700 to report the location; the City removes graffiti within 48 hours.

### Record it!

Record the date, time and location of the graffiti. If the graffiti is on your property, take a photograph if you need one for insurance purposes.

### Remove it!

Prompt and persistent removal is the most effective way to prevent graffiti. While this may be difficult, studies show that removal within 24 to 48 hours results in a nearly zero rate of recurrence.



## Natural Yard Care Event April 21

What better way to celebrate Earth Day than by learning how to care for your lawn and garden in a natural way that reduces pollution?

Residents can learn about natural lawn care, sample new products and learn techniques that reduce pollution and save money at the Natural Yard Care Event Saturday, April 21. The event is at Central Market, 15505 Westminster N, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free natural yard care products will be available, and volunteers from the Washington Native Plant Society, the King County Master Recycler/Composter and the Master Gardener programs will be on site to answer questions and provide resources.

Learn how to use mulch and compost to build healthy soil, select the right plants for your particular site, practice smart watering and more about alternatives to using harmful pesticides on the natural environment.

New this year: visit the "Going Native" table to receive one free Vine Maple tree or Red Osier Dogwood per Shoreline household with official identification (bring event flyer or driver's license). Small native plants will also be on sale. Watch for details in the Natural Yard Care Event flyers being mailed to Shoreline residents this month.

The 2007 Natural Yard Care Event is sponsored in cooperation with the King County Solid Waste Division, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, and the Washington State Department of Ecology. For more information, contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

## Ivy OUT for Earth Day

In celebration of Earth Day, the City invites Shoreline residents to attend Ivy OUT (Off Urban Trees) events at Twin Ponds Park, South Woods and Boeing Creek Park from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 21 or a weeding party at Echo Lake from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The Native Plant Society initiated the Ivy OUT program to promote the control and removal of English Ivy through education and plant removal by volunteers. English Ivy can be destructive to trees and plants. It is not native to the U.S. and has no natural predators or pests. When ivy climbs trees, they become more susceptible to disease. Ivy growth reduces the air flow around the trunk and adds weight which ultimately may contribute to trees falling.

The City will give volunteers gloves, refreshments and a goody bag at the Ivy OUT events. Tools will be available, but you may bring your own if you like. For more information, contact Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services at (206) 546-5041.

### Sat., April 21, 9 a.m. – noon

- Twin Ponds – Meet at the north parking lot at NE 155th Street and 1st Avenue NE.
- Boeing Creek Park – Meet at kiosk near NW 175th Street and 6th Avenue NW. Co-sponsored by Shoreline Community College.
- South Woods – Meet at the south parking lot of Shorecrest High School on 25th Avenue NE at NE 153rd Street. Co-sponsored by the South Woods Preservation Group.
- Echo Lake (1-3:00 p.m.) – 200th and Ashworth. Bring gardening tools

## Spring Clean Sweep Recycling Event May 5

At last year's Spring Clean Sweep Event, Shoreline residents recycled 440 gallons of oil, 362 computer monitors, 689 fluorescent light bulbs and much, much more. On Saturday, May 5, the City offers another opportunity for Shoreline households to clean out and recycle the clutter at the 2007 Spring Clean Sweep Recycling Event.

This year's event is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Park N' Ride on N 192nd Street and Aurora Avenue N. To participate, residents must present the Clean Sweep coupon from the event flyer, or a valid photo ID with a City of Shoreline address. Event flyers will be mailed to all Shoreline addresses.

Due to the volume of material, only one trip is allowed per household. Items will be accepted until the bins are full, and the City reserves the right to refuse any item. Please use the following guidelines to plan your trip.

### Do Bring:

- All appliances\*
- Porcelain toilets and sinks\*
- Computers and monitors\*
- Telephones and cellular phones
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Scrap metal
- Motor oil and filters
- Antifreeze
- Lead acid batteries and household batteries
- Propane tanks\*
- Clean scrap lumber & pallets
- Chippable bulky yard waste
- Televisions\*

\* Some items may require a minimal recycling fee that must be paid in cash. Check the Clean

Sweep Recycling Event flyer that will be mailed to your home for more details.

**Don't bring:** Hazardous materials, such as household chemicals; paint; cleaning products; pesticides; herbicides; solvents and thinners; commercial waste; or items infested by bees, hornets or wasps. The Household Hazardous Wastemobile is coming to the Shoreline Aurora Square Sears parking lot May

11 to 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Spring 2007 Clean Sweep Recycling Event is sponsored in cooperation with the King County Solid Waste Division, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, and the Washington State Department of Ecology. For more information, contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

## Aurora 145th- 165th construction nears end

Although weather has delayed construction on Aurora 145th - 165th, most of the work will be done by the end of April.

### By March 31:

- All six lanes including BAT lanes open for traffic (with temporary striping).
- Bridge glass and art panels installed.
- All wooden utility poles removed.
- Some street lights activated.
- Signals completed except N. 152nd Street.
- The trail and bridges will be open for use once the ramps are paved (requires dry weather) with most of the permanent railing in place.
- All construction focused in small areas with minimal traffic disruptions and lane closures.
- Most of the landscaping installed with the medians as the highest priority.
- Concrete medians completed.

### By April 30:

- Completion of all non-weather-dependent elements except final punch list.
- Bridge lighting activated.
- Private property restoration complete.
- All lights and signals fully activated.
- Westminster Way complete.
- Landscaping complete.
- Sidewalk and crosswalk scoring complete.

Items that require warm and dry weather that potentially could go beyond the end of April include:

- Sealing and staining bridge walls.
- Permanent roadway striping.
- Asphalt patching.

For more information, visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) or call Shoreline Capital Projects Manager John Vicente at (206) 546-8903.

## Three more neighborhood Traffic Action Plans

Last year, residents in the North City, Ridgecrest and Briarcrest neighborhoods worked with the City of Shoreline to develop individual plans to make their neighborhoods safer for pedestrians and motorists and to address specific transportation issues. Developing these Neighborhood Traffic Action Plans is a priority for the City Council.

City staff is working with residents to develop a plan for the Echo Lake neighborhood, and is beginning work with the Ballinger and Westminster Triangle neighborhoods. Initial drafts for these plans are expected later this spring. The City's goal is to have plans developed for all of Shoreline's neighborhoods by the end of 2008.

The goal of the Neighborhood Traffic Action Plans is to improve safety, mobility and livability of neighborhoods by working closely with residents to identify key concerns, evaluate possible solutions and develop a list of prioritized recommendations and projects. The recommendations will be used to guide short- and long-term traffic and pedestrian improvements in the neighborhood.

Key issues were identified for the Ridgecrest, North City and Briarcrest neighborhoods by using surveys, neighborhood meetings and information from Shoreline's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program. Reducing speeds and cut-through traffic as well as constructing pedestrian walkways

were key priorities identified by all three neighborhoods. To address these issues, the plans recommend a variety of improvements including increased traffic enforcement and driver education, installation of traffic calming devices such as traffic circles and speed humps, and the construction of walkways.

The City has already completed several low-cost recommendations identified in the neighborhood plans such as clearing vegetation, installing traffic signs and pavement markings, and constructing traffic circles. In addition, a walkway on 10th Avenue NE between NE 175th and NE 167th Streets was installed last year as part of the sidewalk Capital Improvement Program. This was identified as a high priority for the Ridgecrest neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Traffic Action Plans are considered active, working plans and will be revised periodically as new issues and concerns arise. City staff will continue to look for funding opportunities to implement elements of the plan through existing programs and sources, including traffic small works projects, grants, the priority walkway program and City CIP.

For more information about the Neighborhood Traffic Action Plans or the plan development process, contact City of Shoreline Associate Traffic Engineer John Marek at (206) 546-4223, or visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com).

## CERT Classes start April 24

The City of Shoreline and the Shoreline Fire Department are teaming up to help Shoreline residents be better prepared for emergencies. People who live or work in Shoreline are invited to register for a free three-week Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class beginning Tuesday, April 24 at the Shoreline Fire Department Headquarters, 17525 Aurora Avenue N.

CERT is a way for people in neighborhoods, businesses, schools and other organizations to be prepared for a major disaster – and to find ways to cope during the first few days when police and fire will be overwhelmed and unable to meet the demand for services.

CERT classes help residents learn how to rely on each other during emergencies and includes information and hands-on experiences in basic fire suppression, triage and disaster first aid, light search and rescue, psychological effects of disasters, and personal, family and neighborhood preparedness.

The three-week class includes eight sessions: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. (April 24, 26, May 1, 3, 8, 10) and two Saturdays (April 28, 8:00 am to noon and May 5, 9:00 am to noon).

If you would like to register, or have questions about Shoreline CERT classes, please call Shoreline Fire's Community Education Division at (206) 533-6564 or email [melanie@shorelinefire.com](mailto:melanie@shorelinefire.com).



## Boeing Creek Park Improvements in design

Final design is under way for the Boeing Creek Park Improvement Project. By this fall, King County will complete construction of its wastewater storage project and the City of Shoreline will begin park and stormwater improvements to Boeing Creek Park.

In January, the Shoreline City Council authorized a contract with Otak, Inc. to complete the design for improvements to the Boeing Creek Park and Stormwater Facility. The City has already completed a conceptual plan for the improvements and will now begin the public outreach process to help refine it. The Parks Board and City Council will approve the final design prior to construction.

Otak will develop solutions for flooding in the Boeing Creek drainage basin which includes the 3rd Avenue NW and Dayton Avenue drainage sub-basins. The Pan Terra Pump Station improvements are the recommended alternative to reduce flooding downstream of Pan Terra Pond in Happy Valley.

The pump station will pump high flows to the recently constructed 3rd Avenue NW stormwater conveyance system. This system has reduced flooding of private residential properties and public roads between 3rd and 6th Avenues NW. The improvements include bypassing high flows from north of Richmond Beach Road and intercepting stormwater between 1st and 3rd Avenues NW.

Otak found the most cost-effective method to reduce flooding is to pump high flows from Pan Terra Pond into the recently constructed 3rd Avenue storm drainage system. Additional capacity

is required at Boeing Creek Pond to handle increased stormwater peaks prior to discharging to Boeing Creek.

The City considered several alternatives for the 3rd Avenue NW drainage system. Based on cost-effectiveness and public input, the City selected two alternatives: 1) Conveyance improvements along 3rd Avenue NW; and 2) Expand the existing detention facility at Boeing Creek Park.

### Stormwater Facility

The stormwater facility in Boeing Creek Park serves a vital function during storms, retaining runoff from homes, businesses and streets in the area. Stormwater is retained in the detention pond and drains into Boeing Creek through a flow control structure at the northwest end of the pond. The detention pond protects the neighborhood, Boeing Creek and Hidden Lake during large storm events.

With proper vegetation, stormwater detention ponds can function as wildlife habitat and help filter pollutants from rain that washes off buildings, driveways and streets. The City improvements will increase the capacity of the stormwater detention pond and also include native plants to help filter stormwater before entering Boeing Creek.

### Park Improvements

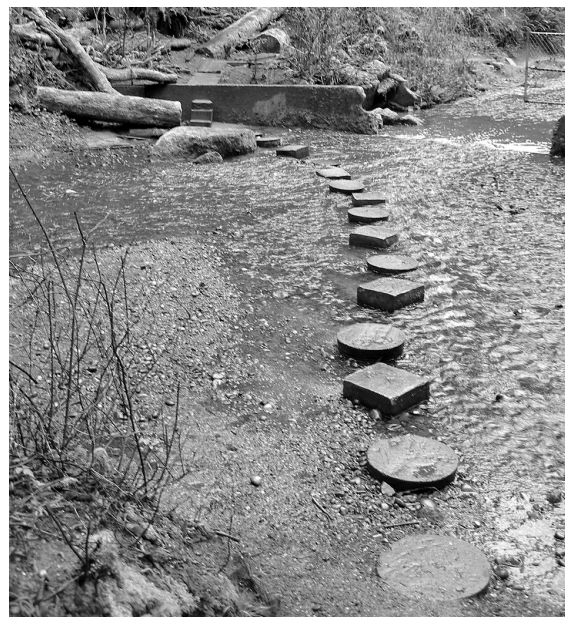
Boeing Creek Park offers a unique opportunity to explore 36 acres of natural forest and streams for an enriching outdoor experience. The City is planning

the following improvements:

- Improved parking and ADA access;
- Adding a new restroom, benches and landscaping;
- Improving trails and building a stream crossing;
- Creating a cascading water feature and stormwater facility;
- Adding directional and interpretive signage throughout the park.

The concept for Boeing Creek Park improvements, originally designed as part of the 3rd Avenue NW Drainage Improvement Project, has been updated to reflect comments from the public.

For more information about this project, contact Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 546-1678, or visit [www.cityof-shoreline.com/cityhall/projects/boeingcreekpark/index.cfm](http://www.cityof-shoreline.com/cityhall/projects/boeingcreekpark/index.cfm).



**These stepping stones are currently the only man-made crossing in Boeing Creek Park. One of the improvements planned is a foot-bridge that will allow park users to cross the stream even when heavy rain raises the water level.**

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

### City of Shoreline

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and Public Works Department  
Highland Plaza  
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18560 First Ave. NE  
Mt. Rainier Room

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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.

### Shoreline Police

#### Emergency: 911

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Shoreline, WA 98133  
(206) 546-6730

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### City of Shoreline Web site

Information about meetings,  
projects and programs is  
available online.

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



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