

# CITY OF SHORELINE **CURRENTS**

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## **Future Strategies**

Make sure Shoreline's strategies for comprehensive housing and environmental sustainability reflect community values by attending public meetings this fall.

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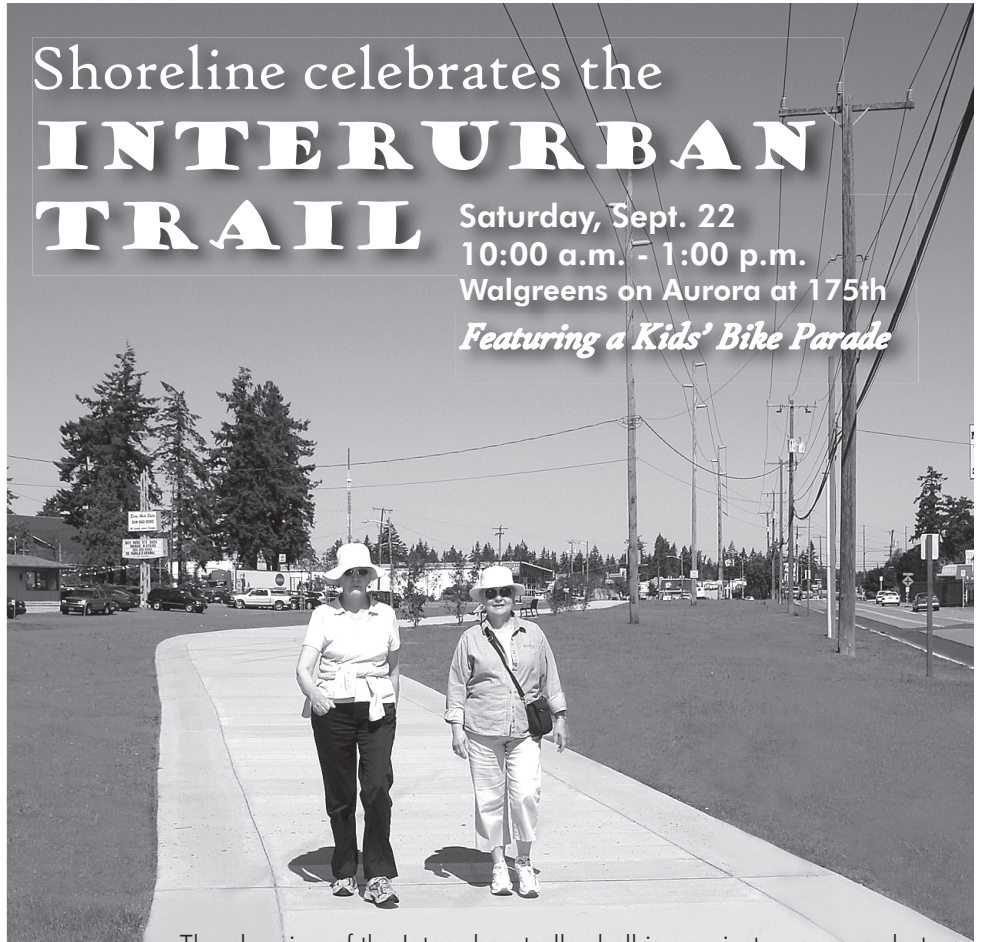


## Shoreline celebrates the **INTERURBAN TRAIL**

Saturday, Sept. 22  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Walgreens on Aurora at 175th

*Featuring a Kids' Bike Parade*



The clanging of the Interurban trolley bell is now just a memory, but the historic corridor that brought people and communities together almost a century ago is bringing them together again. The trolley bell is being replaced with bike bells as the City of Shoreline celebrates the completion of the Interurban Trail. "Making Shoreline more pedestrian and bike friendly has long been one of our goals," says Shoreline Mayor Bob Ransom. "We are hearing rave reviews from people who are already using the Trail and we are proud to provide such a valuable resource to our community." Join the City of Shoreline in celebrating the completion of the Interurban Trail at a special festival Saturday, Sept. 22, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Interurban Trail and in the north Walgreens parking lot on Aurora just north of N 175th Street.

See **Interurban** page 3

## City Hall/Civic Center is beginning to take shape

Over the summer, the City invited the community to a series of meetings to discuss the design of a new Civic Center/City Hall.

A schematic design configuration based on comments gathered at those meetings will be presented for review at a final public meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Meridian Park Elementary School cafeteria, 17077 Meridian Avenue N. The meeting will focus on how the building footprint will be located on the property.

Last year Shoreline purchased 2.95 acres on the corner of N 175th Street and Midvale

**City Hall/Civic Center  
Community Meeting**  
**Monday, Oct. 2**  
**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Meridian Elementary  
School Cafeteria**  
**17077 Meridian Avenue N**

for a civic facility.

"Shoreline has been saving and planning for a City Hall since almost day one. Owning a building rather than paying rent for office space makes better sense financially," says Shoreline City Manager Bob Olander. "Like everyone who works for the City,

I am excited and proud about the very real prospect of finally having a place we can call home. We want the community to be proud, too, which is why we have encouraged the public to be involved in the design process."

Design is expected to be complete by the end of the year with construction beginning next summer.

Visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) to learn more about the project, submit suggestions online and sign up to receive email updates. For more information, contact Project Manager Jesus Sanchez at (206) 546-2519.

## Preferred alternative selected for Aurora 165-205

The next two miles of the Aurora Avenue Improvement Project are moving forward. At its meeting on July 23, Shoreline City Council unanimously selected the "Draft Recommended Flexible Alignment" as the preferred alternative for the Aurora Corridor N 165th to N 205th Streets Project. The City Council conducted a public hearing on the Aurora Project alternative alignments where an overwhelming majority

of citizens spoke in favor of this option.

The City of Shoreline is in the process of hiring a consultant to complete the design. This month, land surveyors will be in the area to survey the street and map features on private property that border the roadway such as buildings, parking areas, driveways, landscaping, signs and utilities. Property and business owners were notified in August that survey crews would be assessing the area. The field survey will take several months and will be used to develop the final corridor design.

Now that a preferred alternative has been selected, the City will prepare NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) and SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) environmental documents, which are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. The next

step is right-of-way acquisition for N 165th to N 185th Streets. Construction on this second mile of Aurora is expected to begin in 2009.

Shoreline has secured approximately \$42 million in funding towards the estimated cost of \$93.4 million for design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of the next two miles, not including utility improvements. One possible source of funding is the Regional Transit Investment District (RTID) and Sound Transit transportation funding package going before voters this November, which includes \$40 million for Shoreline's Aurora Corridor Project.

For more information about the Aurora Corridor Project, visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) or contact Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese at (206) 546-0791.

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## Interurban Trail celebration September 22 *from page 1*

A ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. will be followed by a children's bike parade down the trail. Come at 10:00 a.m. to decorate your bike with fun stuff provided by the City.

Live music will set the festival atmosphere as you visit booths sponsored by REI, Walgreens, Washington Health Foundation, Cascade Bicycle Club and others providing information and special giveaways geared towards those who ride their bikes and walk the Trail.

Coffee will be provided by the Gateway Starbucks and REI will have a bike mechanic on hand to perform minor adjustments. Low-cost bike helmets will be for sale and experts will make sure your helmet is properly fitted. At 11:30 a.m. REI invites kids to participate in their PEAK (Promoting Environmental Awareness in Kids) game.

Shoreline's Interurban Trail, which runs through the center of town from N 145th to N 205th Streets, is already actively used. Devoted to non-motorized transportation, the Trail is built on the Seattle City Light right-of-way and follows the old Interurban Rail corridor. Communities to the north and south of Shoreline are building portions of their own Interurban Trail with the dream of one day linking Seattle to Everett.

"Completing the Trail is a major stepping off point toward making it easier for residents to walk and ride their bikes around town," says Mayor Ransom. "Now our Trail Corridor Study Group is looking at other

connections such as to parks to build upon this accomplishment."

Shoreline broke ground on the first segment of its Trail in 2003 and completed its final segment this summer. Earlier this year, Shoreline celebrated the completion of two bridges over Aurora and N 155th Street that were built in conjunction with the Aurora Corridor Project, N 145th to N 165th Streets. The last piece of Trail including display gardens between N 185th and N 192nd Streets along Midvale will be built by Sky Nursery as part of their redevelopment.

Project partners for Shoreline's Interurban Trail include the Federal Highway Administration; Interurban Trail Art Jury; King County; Puget Sound Regional Council; Seattle City Light; Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board; Washington

Department of Transportation; Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board; and the Washington Wildlife Recreation Coalition.

"A project of this scope is never done alone and we are grateful to all the public agencies, elected representatives, business owners and community members who supported the project through the years," says Mayor Ransom. "Seattle City Light deserves a great deal of thanks. The enthusiasm and assistance from our colleagues at City Light helped make this a very successful public partnership."

For more information about the Interurban Trail, contact Project Manager Kirk McKinley at (206) 546-3901. For more information about the celebration, contact Communications Specialist Susan Will at (206) 546-8323.



## Celebrate Shoreline 2007

Thanks to community sponsors such as Central Market pictured above, the 2007 Celebrate Shoreline was a great success. Congratulations to parade winners NW Junior Bag Pipes (Band), Lake City Drill Team (Drill Team), Senior Center (Float), Shorenorth Cooperative Preschool (Neighborhood), Aurora Raiders Cheer and Dance (Specialty), Top Foods (Vehicle) and Shoreline School District/ Shoreline Community College (Best of Parade). See the Celebrate Shoreline story in the news section of [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) for more parade photos.



## Trail Corridor Study Group Open House Oct. 22

The Trail Corridor Study Group has been meeting all year to identify which trail improve-

ments will be funded by the May 2006 bond issue. After much discussion and work with consultant, The Berger

Partnership, the group is ready to share its findings with Shoreline residents and gather feedback. A public open house is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 22, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Cascade Room at the Spartan Recreation Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE.

The 15-member trail study group includes three Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board members and 12

other Shoreline residents. The group will share the routes that have been identified for restoration and improvement, including soft surface walking and hiking trails in Hamlin, Southwoods, and Boeing Creek Parks and Innis Arden Reserve. The group has also identified areas where trails require rerouting, closure or enhancements by adding bridges and other features.

The group presented its recommendations to the PRCS Board and will present its report to the City Council this month.

**Trail Corridor Study  
Group Open House**  
Monday, Oct. 22  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Cascade Room  
Spartan Recreation Center  
18560 1st Avenue NE

## Review draft housing strategy at Oct. 9 community meeting

How active should the City be in shaping new housing to be built in Shoreline? What kind of housing mix does the community want? How does the City make housing accessible to families with limited incomes?

These are some of the questions Shoreline's 16-member Comprehensive Housing Citizen Advisory Committee has been discussing and addressing since being appointed last November.

Now the committee has a set of draft strategies to share with the community at an open house on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Shoreline Fire Department Training Facility, 17525 Aurora Avenue N.

The open house is a chance for the community to learn more about and provide comments on the draft plan and operating assumptions that have guided the plan. The committee will use input gathered at the meeting to finalize a recommended plan

that will be presented to the City Council by the end of the year.

Developing a Comprehensive Housing Strategy is City Council Goal No. 5 for 2007-2008. The process also included reviewing Shoreline's housing stock and regulations.

For more information about the Comprehensive Housing Strategy, visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) or contact Shoreline Senior Planner Steve Cohn at (206) 546-1418.

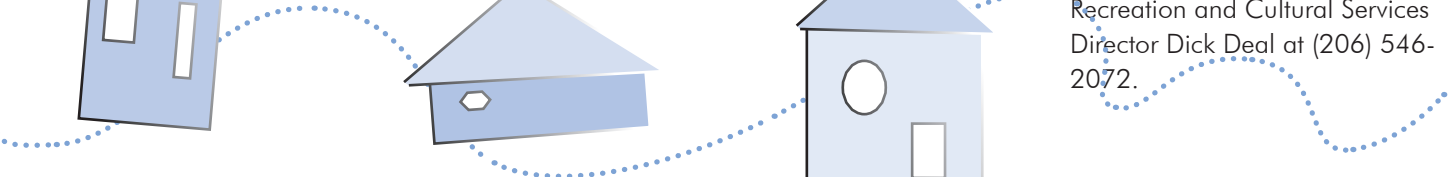
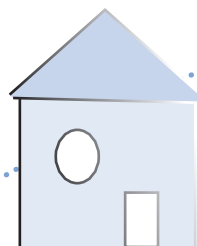
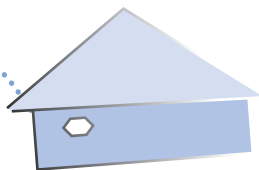
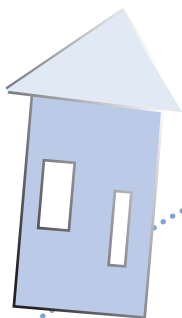
**Draft Comprehensive  
Housing Strategy  
Community Meeting**  
Tuesday, Oct. 9  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Shoreline Fire Training  
Facility  
17525 Aurora Avenue N

### Overview & History

In 2006, Shoreline voters approved a bond issue to acquire park property and improve parks throughout the community. One element of that bond was to restore and improve trails within Shoreline's wooded parks and build other trail connections throughout the City.

To improve access and safety for walkers, hikers and cyclists in parks and connections to other trails, this project will identify and construct trail corridors throughout the City for connectivity and recreation purposes. Trails within Shoreline's wooded parks will be restored and improved.

For more information about the trail improvements, or the Trails Corridor Study Group, visit [www.cityofshoreline.com/city-hall/projects/acquisitions/trail.cfm](http://www.cityofshoreline.com/city-hall/projects/acquisitions/trail.cfm), or contact Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Dick Deal at (206) 546-2072.



## Shoreline develops environmental strategy; community meetings scheduled this fall

Living and working in harmony with the environment is a focus for the City of Shoreline. In June 2006, the Shoreline City Council adopted 10 work plan goals for 2007-2008. Goal No. 6 is to create an "Environmentally Sustainable Community."

Last month, the City Council approved a contract with consultant AHBL to develop an Environmental Sustainability Strategy for management and stewardship of natural resources and environmental assets. The goal is to preserve, restore and enhance Shoreline's natural resources for present and future generations.

The City has a number of programs and events already in place as well as several that are in the planning stages that support this goal.

The City is asking residents for input at two Community Con-

**Community Conversations**  
**Thursday, Oct. 11**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 14**  
**6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**Shoreline Room**  
**Shoreline Center**  
**18560 1st Avenue NE**

versations on Thursday, Oct. 11, and Wednesday, Nov. 14. Both meetings are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Shoreline Conference Center, Shoreline Room, 18560 1st Avenue NE.

The City will work with the AHBL consulting team and Shoreline residents to develop an overarching strategy for "Creating an Environmentally Sustainable Community." The strategy will include:

1. Criteria for environmentally sustainable decision making;
2. Define the existing and

potential green infrastructure system for the City;

3. Assessment of how the City is doing so far and suggestions for improvement;

4. Measures for tracking progress towards environmental sustainability;

5. Financial, staffing and community involvement requirements of implementing the strategy.

For more information about Shoreline's Environmental Sustainability Strategy, visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com)

or call Project Manager Juniper Nammi at (206) 546-8805 (pictured above).



**The first 50 citizens at each of the two Community Conversations will receive a City of Shoreline "Living Sustainably" blue canvas grocery tote.**

## Learn more about and comment on a proposal to allow increased residential density in commercial zones close to Aurora and Ballinger Way

The Planning Commission recently proposed that the City amend its code to allow increased residential density for existing commercially zoned properties within a quarter-mile walk of bus transit on Aurora Avenue and Ballinger Way.

An informational public workshop on the proposal will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Shoreline Fire Training Facility, 17525 Aurora Avenue N. Citizens will have a chance to review the proposed text change and ask questions and the City staff will have an opportunity to hear citizen suggestions and concerns prior to making a final recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council.

Both the City staff and interested citizens may provide input to the City Council and Planning Commission at their joint Public Hearing on this subject scheduled for Monday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rainier Room of the Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE.

For more information, contact Shoreline Associate Planner Steve Szafran at (206) 546-0786.

**Public Workshop**  
**Thursday, Sept. 27**  
**7:00 p.m., Shoreline Fire**  
**Training Facility**  
**17525 Aurora Avenue N**

**Public Hearing**  
**Monday, Oct. 8**  
**7:30 p.m., Mt. Rainier**  
**Room, Shoreline Center,**  
**18560 1st Avenue NE**

## Fall Clean Sweep Recycling Event October 13

At the last Spring Clean Sweep Event, Shoreline residents recycled 440 gallons of oil, 356 computer monitors, 610 fluorescent light bulbs and much, much more. On Saturday, October 13, the City offers another opportunity for Shoreline households to clean out and recycle the clutter at the 2007 Fall Clean Sweep Recycling Event.

This year's event is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Park & Ride on N

192nd Street and Aurora Avenue N. To participate, residents must present the Clean Sweep event flyer or a valid photo ID with a 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\*
- Household goods and clothes for donation

*\* 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; tires; commercial waste; or items infested by bees, hornets or wasps. Goodwill Industries will not accept items in need of repair, mattresses and furniture. Take household hazardous waste to the Aurora Hazardous Waste Facility. For an appointment call (206) 296-4692.

The Fall 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.

## It's Happening in Shoreline

### September 25: Emergency Preparedness

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Richmond Beach Library, 19601 21st Avenue NW

Learn to be prepared for emergencies as an individual, family, in your neighborhood, at work and in your vehicle at this free class. **More info:** Emergency Management Coordinator Gail Marsh (206) 546-7873.

### September 26: Cromwell Park Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Zion Presbyterian Church, 17920 Meridian Avenue N

Conceptual design options for Cromwell Park will be presented for community review and comments. **More info:** Project Manager Maureen Colaizzi (206) 546-0232.

### October 16: 15th Avenue NE Public Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Tabernacle Baptist Church, 16508 8th Avenue NE

The City of Shoreline is hosting a Town Hall Meeting to talk about traffic operations on 15th Avenue NE. City staff will present the results of traffic studies conducted along 15th Avenue NE and surrounding streets. Please join us and share your thoughts and ideas. Your input will be used to help identify future improvements for the corridor.

**More info:** Traffic Engineer Rich Meredith (206) 546-2408.

## Get Ready, Shoreline! Emergency Preparedness "Prepare in a Year" by storing water this month

This spring, we introduced the "Prepare in a Year" campaign from the Washington Emergency Management Division. The plan for personal and family preparedness asks you to devote one hour each month to complete a preparedness activity.

Over the past two months, you have prepared an action plan for yourself and your family and developed an out-of-area contact list. This month, you will prepare an adequate supply of stored water.

Water is essential for survival. Earthquakes can crack or break the lines that bring fresh water to your house. You may have to rely for three days or more on the water you have stored. Three gallons for each person in your household is the minimum amount required for cooking, drinking and hygiene needs for the first 72 hours after a disaster.

### Containers

- Plastic containers with screw caps such as two-liter soda bottles or food-grade plastic jugs work well. If you use two-liter bottles, plan to store at least six for each person in your household.
- Do not use glass bottles, plastic milk jugs or any container that has held toxic substances (such as bleach). Glass breaks too easily and toxic substances can leach into the plastic containers. Plastic milk jugs are difficult to seal and the plastic becomes brittle over time.

### Storing water

- Thoroughly rinse out the container and the lid with water and fill it to the very top. For extra safety, thoroughly rinse the container with a weak solution of liquid chlorine bleach (8 to 10 drops in two cups of water). Empty this solution out and fill the container right to the top with fresh water.
- Seal the container tightly, and label it "drinking water" with the date. Store it in a cool, dark place such as a closet or under the bed.

### Purifying water

If you cannot access your stored water, you may need to purify available water for drinking and other uses.

1. Filter the water to remove as many solids as possible. Coffee filters, cheesecloth or several layers of paper towels work well.
2. Bring the water to a rolling boil for a full 10 minutes.
3. Let it cool for 30 minutes. Water must be cool or the chlorine you add next will dissipate and be useless.
4. Add 1/8 teaspoon of liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of cool water, or 8 drops per two-liter bottle. The only active ingredient in the bleach should be 6.00% sodium hypochlorite with no added soaps or fragrances.
5. Let the water stand for 30 minutes.
6. If it smells of chlorine, you can use it. If it does not, add 16 more drops of chlorine bleach per gallon, let it stand for another 30 minutes and smell it again. If

it smells of chlorine, you can use it. If it does not, discard it and find another source of water.

7. Other chemicals, such as iodine or products sold in camping stores, have a short shelf life and should not be used to purify water.

8. The only accepted measurement of chlorine is the drop. Other measures, such as a capful or scant teaspoon, are not uniformly measurable and should not be used.

For more information about emergency preparedness, visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com).

## Memorial benches available for purchase

As part of the planned improvements to Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, the City of Shoreline is offering residents an opportunity to donate memorial benches to be installed throughout the park.

Fifteen benches are available for purchase for \$1,500 each. Residents may choose the location of their bench from a plan established for the park and designate the name or names of those memorialized on each. The benches will be installed in late spring or early summer of 2008 at the same time other improvements are made to Richmond Beach Saltwater Park.

If you would like to purchase a bench, contact Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Dick Deal at (206) 546-2072.



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

### City of Shoreline

Shoreline City Hall  
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Shoreline, WA 98133-4921  
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Fax (206) 546-7868  
[www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com)

City Hall Annex  
Home of Planning and  
Development Services Department  
and Public Works Department  
Highland Plaza  
1110 N. 175th St., Suite 105  
Shoreline, WA 98133

Spartan Recreation Center  
18560 1st Avenue NE  
Shoreline, WA 98155  
(206) 418-3383

Shoreline Pool  
19030 1st Ave. NE  
Shoreline, WA 98155  
(206) 362-1307

### City Council

Mayor Bob Ransom  
Deputy Mayor Maggie Fimia  
Rich Gustafson  
Ron Hansen  
Keith McGlashan  
Cindy Ryu  
Janet Way

Meeting Location  
Shoreline Conference Center  
18560 First Ave. NE  
Mt. Rainier Room  
Agenda Line: (206) 546-2190

Study Sessions  
First & third Mondays 6:30 p.m.  
Business Meetings  
Second & fourth Mondays 7:30 p.m.

Televised City Council Meetings  
Cable Channel 21  
Tuesday noon and 8 p.m.  
Wednesday through Sunday  
6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.  
Also on [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com)

### Shoreline Police

#### Emergency: 911

Shoreline Police Station  
Chief Tony Burt  
1206 N. 185th St.  
Shoreline, WA 98133  
(206) 546-6730

Westside Neighborhood Police Center  
Officer Leona Obstler  
624 NW Richmond Beach Road  
Shoreline, WA 98177  
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Eastside Neighborhood Police Center  
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