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*The City of
Shoreline Council
and staff wish you
a happy and safe
holiday season!*

City Hall Project

Design for Shoreline's Civic Center/City Hall Project is underway.

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Aurora Corridor Project environmental process finalized

Shoreline is in the final stages of the environmental review process for the Aurora Corridor Project, N. 165th to N. 205th Streets.

On November 21, the City issued a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS) after reviewing the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist for the project. This means the project will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

This summer the City Council unanimously adopted a design for the final two miles of Aurora. The adopted "flexible" alternative, which includes a Business Access and Transit (BAT) lane and two general-purpose lanes in each direction with sidewalks, curbs, gutters and amenity zones on each side of the road; a landscaped center median with left- and U-turn pockets; intersection improvements with marked pedestrian crossings at signalized intersections and new signals at N 182nd Street and Firlands Way N/N 196th Street; improvements to Echo Lake Place (north of N 195th Street); new street and sidewalk lighting; underground utilities; and improved stormwater

facilities. Shoreline completed improvements to the first mile of Aurora between N 145th and N 165th Streets earlier this year.

The City is accepting public comment until **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007.**

Please send comments to:

City of Shoreline
Attn: Joseph W. Tovar, SEPA
Responsible Official
17544 Midvale Avenue N,
Suite 100
Shoreline, WA 98133
Fax (206) 546-8761

The MDNS, SEPA checklist and all supporting documents are available for review at City Hall Annex (1110 N 175th Street, Suite #107), www.cityofshoreline.com, both local libraries and the Shoreline Neighborhood Police Centers listed on page 8. For specific project questions, please contact Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese at (206) 546-0791.



The design for the Aurora Corridor Project, N 165th to N 205th Streets, includes Business Access and Transit (BAT) lanes like the ones on the first mile.

City Hall design options presented at final meeting

Shoreline residents learned about design options for the new Shoreline Civic Center/City Hall at the final public meeting for the project October 25 at Meridian Elementary. LMN Architects and OPUS Northwest presented two designs, with the "enhanced option" drawing the most public

favor. Although it is more expensive than the first option, residents supported spending a bit more to build a quality, long-lasting facility for the future. Support was also strong for a parking structure and additional space for future growth.

Property has already been

purchased on the corner of N 175th Street and Midvale Avenue N for the new building which includes the site of the existing City Hall Annex.

On December 17, the Shoreline City Manager will update the City Council on the project's progress and request to move forward with design and construction. Staging is expected to begin in January with construction in May 2008 and final completion in the third quarter 2009.

For more information on the Civic Center/City Hall project including the latest design schematics, visit www.cityofshoreline.com, contact Project Manager Jesus Sanchez at (206) 546-2519 or email cityhallproject@ci.shoreline.wa.us.



This preliminary conceptual illustration shows one potential design for a city hall looking toward the corner of N 175th Street and Midvale.

Committee to help develop long-range strategies

The City of Shoreline's long-term financial forecasts indicate that by 2010 the City's current resources will not be adequate to continue to provide the current level of basic services to the Shoreline community. Although the City has implemented budgetary reductions and service efficiencies for the last several years, inflationary costs for fuel, asphalt, jail, the police contract and other items are growing faster than the City's primary revenue sources such as the property tax (capped at 1%) and sales tax.

The City Council will be forming a community advisory committee to recommend long-term strategies on service reductions, efficiencies and funding options.

The goal is to form a group

of about 24 to 28 volunteers representing a broad range of Shoreline residents and interests.

The first phase of the group's process will be to learn more about current City services and finances and to identify unmet community needs.

The second phase will involve refining the list of City services and list of unmet needs and look at financing options for those services to present as a recommendation to the City Council.

This may include identifying services that the committee recommends be maintained at current service levels, increased to meet community needs, reduced to shift funding to more critical services, or eliminated as the service is a lower priority and pro-

jected funding is not adequate. Staff will provide information on revenue sources available to provide services, analyze potential impacts of reduced service levels and information on service delivery alternatives.

The goal is for the City Council to review recommendations and make a decision on next steps during summer 2008.

For more details about applying for the committee, visit the City's website at www.cityofshoreline.com or call the Shoreline City Clerk's Office at (206) 546-5042. For more information about Shoreline's long-range financial projections, contact Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 546-0787.

CleanScapes to provide solid waste services to Shoreline beginning March 1

At its October 22 meeting, Shoreline City Council unanimously authorized the City Manager to sign a contract with CleanScapes to provide solid waste services for the City of Shoreline beginning March 1, 2008.

Staff recommended CleanScapes not only because they provided the lowest bid, but also because they offered the City of Shoreline a service package with a high level of customer service, innovation, sustainability and effective use of technology.

"CleanScapes has given a lot of thought to maximizing waste reduction and recycling and we are excited to bring their services to Shoreline," said Shoreline City Manager Bob Olander.

Based on Council direction, community input from a telephone survey conducted this summer and other community comments, the new contract offers new and expanded services in these areas:

1. Universal garbage carts will save money and reduce employee back injuries, time and noise in neighborhoods.

2. Organic material, such as food and compostable paper, will be added to yard debris to minimize solid waste rates.

3. Expanded recycling will include plastics #3-7, motor oil, scrap metal and fluorescent light bulbs.

4. Multi-family residential recycling service is provided to all multi-family residential garbage customers at no additional cost, just as it is for single-family residential service.

5. Businesses will receive recycling

service as part of their solid waste service.

The City of Shoreline's current solid waste services contract with Waste Management Northwest was for seven years and expires February 28, 2008. Under all proposals the City received, rates for most residential and commercial customers will increase compared to current costs. The major factors for this include:

- An increase in the King County tipping fee at transfer stations from \$82.50 to \$95 per ton effective January 1, 2008.
- Inflationary increases for

labor, fuel and materials since the last contract was authorized in 2000.

- An increased administration fee to help fund City-sponsored Clean Sweep Recycling and storm debris events.

CleanScapes will be providing more detailed information to Shoreline residents and commercial customers about the transition before taking over service in March 2008. For more information about the City of Shoreline's contract, contact Environmental Programs Coordinator, Rika Cecil at (206) 546-0460.

Transfer station opening early 2008

The Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station closed last year for major renovations and upgrades. Due to inclement weather last winter, the projected November 2007 reopening has been postponed until early 2008. Improvements to the transfer station include:

- A separate yard waste recycling area.
- An enclosed transfer building with larger, easier-to-use waste unloading areas.
- Environmental enhancements to protect Thornton Creek and promote public health.
- A new site layout that will reduce neighborhood impacts, improve traffic flow and reduce wait times.
- Improved waste compaction that will reduce the number of transfer trailer trips to and from the station.
- A sustainable "green" building design that will improve energy efficiency and reduce operating costs.

While the transfer station is closed, residents may want to try curbside collection or use an alternate transfer station:

- Curbside collection: Waste Management Northwest, 1-800-592-9995. Recycling is free with curbside service.
- Snohomish County's Southwest Recycling & Transfer Station, 21311 61st Place W., Mountlake Terrace.

To report illegal dumping of garbage, call the King County hotline at (206) 296-7483 or toll free at (866) 431-7483 or Shoreline's Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

Shoreline Police **Crime Stopper Tips**

New Memory Impaired Assistance Program

It's estimated that 59 percent of those with Alzheimer's disease will wander and become lost. Other conditions, such as Autism, Down Syndrome or traumatic brain injuries, may also cause people to wander away from their homes or caregivers.

The Shoreline Police Department is offering a free Memory Impaired Assistance Program (MIAP) to assist in the recovery of those with memory problems.

To register for the program, call one of the Shoreline Neighborhood Police Centers on page 8. A trained volunteer will meet

with you and your memory impaired person to take a digital photo, complete a registration form and provide a wristband on the registered person.

If a missing person wearing the MIAP band is found, the reporting party will call 911, identify the missing person by giving the dispatcher the band ID number. The dispatcher will contact an officer to notify the caregiver or family.

The King County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Association also offers a recovery program called Project Lifesaver that provides 24-hour tracking via a bracelet that emits a radio signal. For more information, call the Sheriff's Office at (206) 406-2607 or visit www.kingcountyprojectlifesaver.org.

If you're out...

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it appears that someone is home.

- Lock all doors and windows even if you'll be gone for only a few minutes.

- Don't leave packages or gifts near windows or in visible areas.

If a stranger comes to the door...

- Stay alert for suspicious-looking couriers delivering packages to you or your neighbors.

- Many con artists take advantage of holiday generosity by seeking donations door-to-door. Shoreline has a Municipal Code governing solicitors. Contact the City Clerks's Office at clk@ci.shoreline.wa.us or (206) 546-5042 if you have questions.

Tree recycling event January 5 and 6

Shoreline is hosting a Christmas Tree Recycling Event on Saturday, Jan. 5, and Sunday, Jan. 6, at Meridian Park Elementary School, 17077 Meridian Avenue N, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Since this free event is open to Shoreline residents only, please bring proof of residency.

Youth groups offering tree pickup service as a fundraiser often bring the trees to this event. Trees will be chipped on-site, and the wood chips offered to residents who bring a container. Remaining chips will be taken to Cedar Grove Compost Facility.

Remove all hooks, ornaments, tinsel and tree stands before bringing your tree to be recycled. No flocked trees, wreaths, swags or artificial trees will be accepted. If there is snow or ice on the road that weekend, call (206) 546-0614 on the day of the event to find out if it is cancelled.

For more information about the Christmas Tree Recycling Event, call (206) 546-1700.

Holiday safety tips

Don't let the spirit of this holiday season lull you into giving thieves an easy target.

If you're shopping...

- Stay alert and be aware of everything around you.

- Park in well-lighted areas. Lock your car doors and hide packages in the trunk or under a seat. Thieves have been known to watch for this activity so do it before you get to the stores/mall.

- Don't carry large amounts of cash. Pay with a check or credit card.

- Carry your purse close to your body, not in the baby seat of a shopping cart or dangling by the strap.

- Just take your wallet shopping and carry it in your front pocket.

Don't make it easy for car thieves

Last year, Shoreline Police kicked off an anti-auto theft program. In addition to more aggressive prosecution by the King County Prosecutors Office, police encouraged citizens to help combat auto theft through prevention tips. Police also began selling the "Club," a steering wheel lock device, at a substantial discount. Contact the main precinct or one of the two Neighborhood Police Centers on page 8 to purchase one.

Follow the link for "Police" under the departments menu at www.cityofshoreline.com for more crime prevention tips.

New local sales tax change expected to increase City of Shoreline's tax revenue

"This bill helps level the playing field between in-state and out-of-state retailers, helps Washington businesses compete with online businesses, and allows us to recover sales taxes from out-of-state retailers." – Governor Chris Gregoire

The Washington State Department of Revenue is helping retailers prepare for a coming change in how local sales tax is coded when they deliver products to customers. The changes don't take place until July 1, 2008, but the department wants to give retailers, including Shoreline's many businesses, plenty of time to prepare for this shift from origin- to destination-based sourcing.

The department is mailing preliminary information to retailers, convening a business advisory group, and posted details on its website: <http://dor.wa.gov>. Workshops, tutorials, and other assistance are being provided.

The sourcing change stems from legislation enacted during the 2007 legislative session that conformed Washington's sales tax system to the national Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (SSUTA). The SSUTA seeks to preserve the economic vitality of brick-and-mortar businesses by reducing unfair competition from out-of-state sellers who don't charge sales tax.

Businesses currently code local sales tax to the city or unincorporated county from which a product is shipped. Fifteen months from now, they will begin

coding local sales tax to the destination of the delivery. The coding is used to determine which city or county receives the local share of the sales tax. It does not affect shipments to out-of-state customers, nor purchases when customers take possession at the selling location.

A business will only be affected if it delivers items outside of the City or County in which the items are located, for example, a furniture store located in Shoreline which delivers the items to a buyer in Edmonds. Currently if the purchaser came to the Shoreline store and purchased the items, regardless if they delivered the items to Edmonds, the local sales tax revenue (0.85%) would be given to the City of Shoreline. Beginning July 1, 2008, the sales tax would be credited to the City

of Edmonds, as the sales tax will be credited to the "destination" jurisdiction of the items. If the customer were to pick up the items at the Shoreline store, then the sales tax remains in Shoreline as the items are considered to be delivered within Shoreline.

The majority of Shoreline businesses will not be affected as there are not that many that deliver outside the City. The Washington State Department of Revenue has estimated that Shoreline will actually benefit from the SSUTA, as residents within Shoreline have more items delivered from outside of Shoreline than we have items leaving Shoreline for other destinations. As a result, the City is estimated to increase its sales tax revenue by \$50,000 in 2008, with this amount growing in future years.

2007 Shoreline Employee of the Year

Each year, City of Shoreline employees nominate colleagues as Employee of the Year for going above and beyond in practicing the organizational values. Senior Maintenance Worker David LaBelle, far left, was awarded the 2007 title. Finalists this year included, from left of LaBelle, Executive Assistant Carolyn Wurdeman, Aurora and Interurban Trail Project Manager Kirk McKinley and Permits Services Manager Jeff Forry.



Off-Leash Dog Area Study Group update

The City of Shoreline provides space for a variety of recreation possibilities including soccer, baseball, tennis, basketball, walking, running and swimming to name just a few. But one recreation facility the City does not have is an off-leash dog park for the many Shoreline residents who want to exercise, play and socialize with their dogs.

Thanks to the Parks and Open Space Bond passed by voters in 2006, the City has \$150,000 to build an off-leash dog park. In June 2007, the

PRCS Board selected 11 volunteer community members and three PRCS Board members to participate in the subcommittee.

The new Off-Leash Dog Area Study Group has been meeting since July to develop recommendations to the PRCS Board for a system-wide program to provide off-leash sites. The program will include guidelines for site selection, rules, design, public participation, citizen partnerships for maintenance and operation, en-

vironmental considerations and maintenance expectations.

The PRCS Board will share the proposed program with the community in a series of public meetings in spring 2008. The meeting notes and agendas for past meetings will be posted on the City's website beginning in January 2008. For more information, contact Parks Project Coordinator Maureen Colaizzi at mcolaizzi@ci.shoreline.wa.us or (206) 546-0232.

City begins no-idling campaign

Did you know that according to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency:

- *Vehicle exhaust is the leading source of hazardous air pollution in Washington State?*
- *Idling your car or truck gives you zero miles per gallon?*
- *It's more efficient to turn-off most warmed-up vehicles than to idle for more than 30 seconds?*



Energy conservation, public health and climate protection are high priorities to the City. In April 2006, the Mayor signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, and the City Council adopted a citywide goal in 2007 to "create an environmentally sustainable community."

To promote all these priorities, the City has initiated a No-Idle Zone pilot program in several City facility parking lots. New No-Idle Zone signs will be posted in the City Hall and City Annex parking lots, as well as in the City's Maintenance Yard. In addition, Public Works staff will be instructed to turn off City vehicle engines, unless they are in-transit or have a specific health, safety or operational reason.

To reduce idling further, City trucks with flashing light bars on top have been retrofitted with additional batteries, in order to allow staff to turn off the truck engines and still be able to flash the safety lights while working in the field.

Idling reduction in the City and at home will save fuel, extend the life of the engine, improve air quality, decrease noise, protect our climate, and provide a healthier community environment. Please help by not idling unnecessarily or when you are in our City facility parking lots that are posted as No-Idle Zones.

It's Happening in Shoreline

Saturday, Dec. 8: Breakfast with Santa

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. or 10:45 - 11:45 a.m., Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, Craft Room, 18560 1st Avenue NE

This delicious breakfast with Santa includes games, prizes and activities for the entire family. Two breakfast seatings are offered and reservations are required. Cost is \$6 per person (\$4 with Resident Discount).

Register: Online at www.cityofshoreline.com/parks or call (206) 418-3383.

Monday, Dec. 10: Christmas Ships Visit

7:30 to 8:50 p.m., Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190th Street

Enjoy school choirs, coffee and cookies by the bonfires while waiting for and watching the Argosy Christmas Ship to arrive. Ships arrive at 8:20 p.m. **More info:** Spartan Recreation Center (206) 418-3383.

www.cityofshoreline.com

What you need to know when the power goes out

Making sure everyone in your family knows these few basic safety tips for when the power is out can help prevent tragedy.

- If traffic lights go out, treat all intersections as four-way stops as required by law for safety.
- Stay away from downed power lines and sagging trees with broken limbs.
- Never use gas ovens, gas ranges, barbecues and most portable or propane heaters for indoor heating. These units use oxygen and create carbon monoxide that can cause suffocation.
- Use generators only as independent power sources. Keep them outside and run a cord in-

side. Don't connect generators to main service panels. This could injure or kill utility workers trying to restore power.

- Minimize driving to conserve fuel. You cannot refill the tank during a power outage.
- Turn off lights and electrical appliances except for the refrigerator and freezer. Leave one lamp on so you will know when power is restored. Wait at least 15 minutes after power is restored before turning on other appliances.

What you'll need

- Flashlights and extra batteries. Keep them where you can

find them in the dark.

- Battery-powered radio.
- Canned or dried non-perishable foods and a manual can opener.
- Extra blankets and warm clothes.
- One gallon of bottled drinking water per person per day.
- A gallon of liquid chlorine bleach for sanitizing utensils and dishes.
- A regular (not cordless) phone.

Tips courtesy of Washington State Department of Health. For more details, visit [www.cityof-shoreline.com Emergency Management](http://www.cityof-shoreline.com/EmergencyManagement) page.

Get Ready, Shoreline! Emergency Preparedness "Prepare in a Year" by gathering documents

The 12-month preparedness plan was created by the Washington Emergency Management Division, and asks you to devote one hour each month to complete an activity to prepare for an emergency or disaster.

Month five of the "Prepare in a Year" campaign focuses on locating, organizing and storing important documents you will need after a disaster. After a major disaster, you may need financial assistance and will want to document any property loss for insurance and income tax purposes. Having ready access to the documents necessary for completing application forms, as well as those which could be difficult to replace, will help reduce delay and frustration.

At a minimum

1. Make copies of property insurance papers (home, auto, boat, etc.).
2. Make copies of health insurance papers (medical provider, dental provider, life insurance, extended disability, etc.).
3. Make copies of financial papers like bank statements, investment and retirement documents.
4. Make copies of wills, powers of attorney and estate papers.
5. Take photos or videos of all valuables as documentation for insurance claims.
6. Store copies and photos in a safe deposit box or in a Ziplock bag in your freezer. You may want to disguise the documents by putting them in a clean box like a frozen pizza box.

Don't forget to document phone numbers

Because it may be difficult to think during the stress of a disaster and because normal routines may be disrupted, take a few moments to create a written record of important phone numbers. Include work numbers for members of your family and extended family and friends, school numbers for your children and cell phone numbers.

For more information about emergency preparedness, log on to http://emd.wa.gov/preparedness/prep_prepare_year.shtml, or visit www.cityofshoreline.com.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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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

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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

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
(206) 546-3636

Eastside Neighborhood Police Center
Officer Sue Sherwood
521 NE 165th St.
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