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They're back! Sheep, llamas and goats help manage City vegetation

Don't be surprised when you see goats, llamas and sheep around City surface water facilities this summer. As part of an ongoing pilot project, the City will once again use the animals to help manage vegetation at select locations.

Last year's inaugural use provided positive results. The animals effectively removed blackberry and weedy plant species from steep slopes that are difficult to access and maintain. Using goats and similar animals lowers the environmental impacts of vegetation removal. In addition, the animals helped us increase the vegetation control area by 30% at a lower cost relative to conventional methods of vegetation management. They also proved to be very popular with the community.

The City is working with a contractor who is responsible for the care and well-being of the animals. A shepherd will be onsite full-time for larger sites and part-time in fully fenced smaller areas. For animal locations, visit shorelinewa.gov/ llamas. If you have questions, please contact Engineering Technician Chris Berrington at (206) 801-2456 or cberrington@shorelinewa.gov.

Llamas on the job in Shoreline



King County GREEN GLOBE AWARD Recognizing Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Stewardship

City receives King County's Green Globe Award

King County has recognized the City of Shoreline as a leader in pesticide reduction and awarded it the Green Globe Award. The award recognizes projects that excel in fostering the stewardship of our natural resources and benefit the community.

For a number of years, the City's park properties have been managed in a pesticide-free manner. In 2012, the City bid its landscaping services with a requirement prohibiting the use of herbicides and pesticides in vegetation management by City contractors.

Shoreline has been and will continue to be a leader in pesticide-use reduction efforts.



Annual MsK Nursery Mother's Day Plant Sale

Friday through Sunday, May 10-12 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 20312 15th Avenue NW

Held each year since 1987, the Garden's spring sale features a wide selection of native plants and unusual exotics that are well suited for northwest gardens.

Enjoy family activities at the Sprout Spot where kids can dig in the soil, learn about plants, and make a gift for mom.

Participate in free tours of the garden from our knowledgable docents.

Join a free container gardening seminar to learn the tricks to creating a beautiful container garden.

Visit kruckeberg.org for a full schedule of events.



Shoreline Farmers Market - Saturdays at City Hall

Shoreline Farmers Market opens June 15

The Shoreline Farmers Market is excited to kick off its second season! A huge thank you goes to the entire community for supporting the market. Dollars spent at the market support the local economy, dozens of jobs, and a great gathering place for the whole family to enjoy on summer Saturdays at City Hall.

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Another benefit of keeping the market successful is the work done to support those most in need in the Shoreline community. Market vendors donated over one ton of fresh fruits and vegetables to our local food banks. In addition, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) sales increased over the course of the season.

Opening on June 15, the market still has a limited number of spaces available for local artisans, cottage kitchen operations, approved nonprofits, and musicians. The market is also recruiting volunteers who want to get involved with the community.

For up to date market news you can follow the Shoreline Farmers Market on Facebook at facebook.com/shorelinefarmersmarket. For vendor, volunteer opportunities or comments about the market, please visit shorelinefarmersmarket.org or email info@shorelinefarmersmarket.org. See you at the market!

> A recent study found lower pesticide concentrations in urban streams, including our own Thornton Creek. Thank you for choosing natural yard care practices that make a difference! If you are new to natural yard care, start by building healthy soils with natural com-

post and landscape with native plants. Healthy soils need fewer pesticides, keeping our streams clean and full of fish. Native plants provide habitat for song birds, butterflies and other wildlife. You can find more helpful tips at shorelinewa.gov/naturalyardcare.



Spring Recycle Fest Event

Saturday, May 18 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sears Upper Parking Lot 15711 Aurora Ave N

Shoreline's Spring Recycle Fest offers residents the opportunity to recycle items, which would otherwise be difficult to recycle. Styrofoam, plate glass and a variety of construction materials will be accepted, as well as bicycles in any condition, which will be donated to Bike Works.

Bike Works is a non-profit that engages youth and communities through bikes. Youth build their own bicycles by repairing recycled ones. Bike Works also donates bikes to villages in Africa. For more information, visit bikeworks.org.

Bikes beyond repair will be stripped down to their frame, and CleanScapes will recycle the leftover scrap metal.

Recycle Fest is free for all Shoreline residents; event flyers with additional details will be mailed to all residents. Bring the event flyer or your driver's license with a Shoreline address as proof of residence. Note that only pick-up trucks or smaller vehicles will be allowed to enter. If you are hauling items on behalf of a neighbor or want to bring a trailer to the event, you must call (206) 801-2455 for approval prior to the event.

Shoreline's Recycle Fest is sponsored by 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 call (206) 801-2700 or visit shorelinewa.gov/environmentalservices.



Bicycles collected for recycling

MILLION STAIR CHALLENCE

Shoreline parks users surpassed all expectations last year by climbing over one million stairs at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park in only 25 days. The City is challenging residents again this June to log their exercise on the Richmond Beach Saltwater Park steps and exceed last year's final stair tally of 1,238,384.

The stairway at Saltwater Park gains 85 feet in elevation in 188 steps. Log sheets will be available at the top of the steps for people to record their exercise and each day's tally will be posted on the City's website. Join the fun and take the challenge!



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Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

shorelinewa.gov/millionstairchallenge

Exercising on the steps at Saltwater Park



2013 Volunteer Appreciation Event

Thank you Shoreline volunteers!

Our community would look very different if it weren't for the countless hours of service provided by our Shoreline volunteers. In 2012 volunteers provided 16,757 hours of service. That is the equivalent of eight full-time employees.

Shoreline volunteers are an integral part of the City's ability to provide quality services to residents and we are grateful for their willingness to donate their time and talents.

Public Safety Tip

Bicycle theft is an ongoing problem in Shoreline. Help keep your bicycle from becoming a target by following these simple steps:

Lock it: Experts recommend u-type locks secured through both wheels. Remember that the lock is only as secure as the object it is attached to.

Take the seat: Take the seat or wheel when you leave your bike. If its unridable, it's not a good target.

Register it: Bring picture ID, the serial number and a description of your bike to the Shoreline Police Station or storefronts and they'll give you a registration sticker to place on your bicycle.



Council makes PRCS/Tree Board appointments

On April 1, City Council appointed five Shoreline residents to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board. The City wishes to thank outgoing Board members Carolyn Ballo, Boni Biery, William Clements, and Joseph Neiford for their years of service to the Shoreline community.

Congratulations to the following Shoreline citizens for their appointment to the Board:

John Hoey Garry Lingerfelt Betsy Robertson Christine Southwick Jesse Sycuro

The Parks/Tree Board, advises the City Council and City staff on a variety of parks and recreation issues including plans and policies, park operation and design, recreation program activities, public art, property acquisition and development of rules and regulations.

The City Council established the Tree Board in 2012 as part of the Council's decision to become a Tree City USA. Park Board members also serve as Tree Board members. The Tree Board oversees the public trees in the right-ofway and all trees in parks and City owned property. The Board will also conduct an annual Arbor day celebration and work to educate the community on the value and proper care of trees in our community.

Two youth member positions are open. Anyone aged 15-19 who would like to make a valuable contribution to the community and have a great experience, should visit the City's website and apply: shorelinewa.gov/prcsboard.

Council adopts goals for 2013-2015

Every year Council holds a strategic planning and goal setting retreat to monitor progress and determine priorities and action steps for the coming year. The result is the establishment of the Council's goals and workplan. This workplan, which is aimed at improving our ability to fulfill the community's vision, is then reflected in City department workplans, in the City's budget and capital improvement plan and through special initiatives.

At this year's retreat, Council determined to continue the focus of its goals for 2013-2015 towards achievement of Vision 2029 and being a sustainable city in all respects:

- Sustainable neighborhoods ensuring they are safe and attractive;
- Sustainable environment enhancing our built environment so that it protects our natural resources; and
- **Sustainable services** supporting quality services, facilities and infrastructure.

Council also determined the four goals that were adopted in 2012 were still relevant and supportive of Vision 2029 and should continue to be the goals for 2013-2015. Council added a fifth goal that will focus on maintaining a safe community. The goals are:

- 1. Strengthen Shoreline's economic base
- 2. Improve Shoreline's utility, transportation, and environmental infrastructure
- 3. Prepare for two Shoreline light rail stations
- 4. Enhance openness and opportunities for community engagement
- 5. Promote and enhance the City's safe community and neighborhood initiatives and programs

State of City Breakfast: On the Move to Vision 2029

Thursday, June 6, 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. Shoreline City Hall Council Chamber

The State of the City is sound and the future looks bright! On June 6, the City Council will host a State of the City breakfast. City Council would like to engage community members and civic and business leaders in continuing to move Shoreline towards fulfilling Vision 2029.

Since incorporation in 1995, Shoreline residents have supported multiple efforts to create a better community. Public investments such as improved parks, school facilities and roads continue to make Shoreline a great place to live and do business. These investments are helping to lead to more exciting opportunites ahead for our community. This event will be an opportunity to share information about economic development partnerships and the future light rail stations. These are key steps toward achieving Vision 2029, and it will take citywide leadership to make it a reality.

The event is free, but space is limited. Please RSVP to Heidi Costello at hcostello@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2214 by May 30. For more information, visit the City's website.

CAMP SHORELINE





MERIDIAN PARK PLAYGROUND PROGRAM Weekly sessions - June 24 to August 9

ACTIVITY AND SWIM Weekly sessions - June 24 to August 30

LITTLE PLAYGROUND PALS Weekly sessions - June 24 to August 30

SPORT AND SWIM Weekly sessions - June 24 to August 30

CASCADE ELITE GYMNASTICS July 8-12, July 22-26, August 19-23

> SEWING CAMP June 24-28 and August 12-16

SKYHAWKS SPORTS Weekly sessions - June 24 to August 30

TRAVEL TO CHINA CAMP July 8 - 12

AND MANY MORE!

Space is limited! Register now at (206) 801-2600 or shorelinewa.gov/parks.

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Preventative road maintenance coming to North City, Echo Lake, Ridgecrest and Briarcrest streets

Bituminous Surface Treatments (BST) or chip seal will be applied to 8.4 lane miles of arterial and collector streets this summer in the North City, Ridgecrest, Echo Lake and Briarcrest Neighborhoods. The City of Shoreline has 345 lane miles of paved surfaces with an estimated replacement value of \$380 million. Maintaining these roads are a high priority for the City as deferred maintenance can have significant negative and costly impacts over the long-term.

BSTs are widely used to extend the life of a road, create a new wearing course and waterproof existing pavement. Costs are generally 75% less than the cost of a typical asphalt overlay. By using BSTs, the City can maintain and protect four times more City street miles than with traditional asphalt overlays.



The City will work closely with residents and the contractor to ensure everyone knows when the BST applications will take place and what residents can expect. To learn more about what specific areas are being treated, visit shorelinewa.gov/publicworks



Bike lanes coming soon to NE 185th Street

As part of the City's continuing efforts to improve bicycle mobility, this summer street crews will reconfigure the travel lanes on NE



185th Street from 1st Ave NE to 10th Ave NE to allow for bicycle lanes. This work will fill in a gap between the existing bicycle lanes west of 1st Ave NE and the sharrows installed on 10th Ave NE last year. In order to fit the bicycle lanes, we will need to remove street parking on one side of the street. Reconfiguring will be done in conjunction with this summer's BST work planned between 8th Ave NE and 10th Ave NE (see page 6 for more information).

The City will meet with residents along NE 185th Street who will be impacted by the reconfiguration to provide information and gather input. For more information contact Traffic Engineer John Marek at (206) 801-2432 or jmarek@ shorelinewa.gov.

Light Rail Station Area Planning: What is it? Who is involved? How can I participate?



Wednesday, May 22 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chamber

Please join us for the first in a series of public meetings to discuss and plan for two light rail stations in Shoreline along I-5 at NE 185th and 145th Streets. Trains won't be running until 2023, but the City will spend the next couple years working with the community to establish a vision and regulations for station areas.

The focus of the first meeting will be to explain roles, process, timeline, expectations, and opportunities for participation. Meet the City and Sound Transit staff, consultant team, Planning Commissioners, and neighborhood organizations that will be working to coordinate this transition. Learn about the environmental analysis being prepared by Sound Transit and the City process that begins with defining boundaries of areas to study with regard to mobility and zoning. Find out how transit service and station development could impact you and how to get involved in decision-making. Come ask questions and provide comments.

For more information, visit shorelinewa.gov/lightrail or contact Senior Planner Miranda Redinger at (206) 801-2513 or mredinger@shorelinewa. gov, or Senior Planner Steve Szafran at (206) 801-2512 or sszafran@shorelinewa.gov).

Upcoming Events

Friday - Sunday, May 10-12

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Mother's Day Plant Sale. More information on page 2.

Saturday, May 11

12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Richmond Beach Community Association's Strawberry Festival at Richmond Beach Community Park

6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Free Tween Night for 5th and 6th graders at Richmond Highlands Rec Center

Saturday, May 18

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Residential Recycle Fest Event. More information on pg. 3.

Monday, May 27

City Hall, Spartan Recreation Center, and Shoreline Pool will be closed in honor of Memorial Day

Thursday, May 30

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Home improvement project consultations. By appointment only; visit shorelinewa.gov/ homeimprovement for more information.

Saturday, June 15

10:00 *a.m.* **to 3:00** *p.m.* Shoreline Farmers Market returns to the upper level of City Hall's garage for its second season! More information on page 2.

Quick Start

Free Small Business Workshops *Tuesdays at Noon* City Hall Council Chambers. Visit the City's website for topics.



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Shoreline Pool 19030 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline 98155 (206) 801-2650

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