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## Meet your Shoreline City Council

On January 6, returning Councilmembers Will Hall, Keith McGlashan, Chris Roberts, and Shari Winstead were sworn into office by Superior Court Judge Richard Eadie. The Council selected Shari Winstead as Mayor and re-elected Chris Eggen as Deputy Mayor.

As the City's governing body, Shoreline's seven elected part-time Councilmembers establish City policies and laws, adopt an annual budget, and approve contracts for services. The issues involved are often complicated and require Council to review hundreds of pages of data and analysis each week to understand how policies might affect residents and businesses. Council meets most Monday evenings at City Hall.

In addition to Council meetings, Councilmembers represent the City at grand opening celebrations, regional and national association meetings, and in meetings with residents. All of the Councilmembers serve on boards to represent Shoreline and the region on national, state, and local issues. These boards include the Association of Washington Cities, National League of Cities, King County Board of Health, Puget Sound Regional Council, and Sound Cities Association, among others.

While it may seem that Councilmembers serve as full-time elected officials, most work at other full-time or part-time jobs.

Councilmembers direct City policy based on input from residents. In order to receive as much input as possible, Councilmembers regularly attend many of Shoreline's community events. Councilmembers are available by email and phone, and often meet one-on-one with individuals and neighborhood associations.

Visit Shoreline's website or call the Agenda Line at (206) 801-2236 for the latest meeting information. The website also features agenda packets, meeting video archives, Councilmember biographies and contact information.



### PLASTIC BAGS REMINDER

Plastic bag regulations are now in effect for all Shoreline retail locations. In 2013, City Council voted to ban plastic retail carryout bags and require a five cent charge for every grocery sized paper bag. To learn more, visit [shorelinewa.gov/plasticbags](http://shorelinewa.gov/plasticbags).



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Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
Shoreline City Hall, Council Chamber  
Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

## Debbie Tarry unanimously approved as Shoreline City Manager

The Shoreline City Council voted unanimously to appoint Debbie Tarry as the City's new City Manager. Tarry's appointment was the culmination of a 13 week search for a new City Manager after former City Manager Julie Underwood announced her resignation in August.

"We had several well qualified candidates to choose from, but Debbie Tarry's commitment to the City of Shoreline, her understanding of the important issues we are facing, and her experience made her stand-out," stated Mayor Shari Winstead. "We are excited to be working with Debbie, City staff, and the Shoreline community in moving Shoreline forward."

"I am honored to be selected City Manager," stated Tarry. "Shoreline is a great community and I look forward to working with residents, businesses, the City Council, and City employees to achieve the community's long-term vision. I could not be prouder of this opportunity to serve."

Tarry had been the Interim City Manager after Underwood left on October 3. Before taking on that position Tarry was Shoreline's Assistant City Manager and had been in that position since 2011. Prior to that she was the City's Finance Director from 2000 to 2011. Throughout her tenure at Shoreline, Tarry has been intimately involved in most of the critical decisions the City has faced over the past decade. Before coming to Shoreline, Tarry worked as the Finance Director for the City of Mill Creek and the Administrative Services Director for LINK Transit. Tarry has extensive experience working with other jurisdictions in the region.

Tarry has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Pacific Lutheran University. Tarry is a resident of Lake Stevens where she lives with her husband, but they are planning to move to Shoreline. Tarry has two grown daughters.



City Manager Debbie Tarry

## Library Board volunteers needed

The City is now accepting applications for volunteers to serve on the Shoreline Library Board. Board members are volunteers who must live, work or own property in the City of Shoreline. There are currently openings for three adult Board Members to serve four-year terms.

The Library Board acts as a liaison to the King County Library System Board of Trustees, the City Council, and residents of Shoreline. It provides information, makes recommendations, promotes programs, and reviews library policies. Meetings are held bi-monthly. Those interested in being considered must complete a Shoreline Community Services Application available in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall (17500 Midvale Avenue N) or online at shorelinewa.gov/parks. Completed applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21.

For more information contact Sheryle Harp at sharp@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2623.



# Point Wells Transportation Corridor Study workshops begin in February

Located just across Shoreline's border with Snohomish County, Point Wells is a petroleum and asphalt plant currently accessible only through Shoreline's Richmond Beach neighborhood. The property owner, BSRE Point Wells, LP (BSRE), is moving forward with a project to build residential units and commercial space on the property.

A development of the size planned at Point Wells will impact all of Shoreline, with the most direct impacts to the northwestern part of the city, particularly Richmond Beach. Traffic will eventually increase in the area, with ripple effects for a large part of Shoreline.

The proposed development at Point Wells will take up to 25 years to fully complete; however, the project's impacts and mitigations must be identified at this stage of the process.

## Snohomish County's environmental review process

Through Washington's State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), when a proposed project is likely to result in significant adverse impacts, the lead agency is required to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS). In the case of Point Wells, Snohomish County is the lead agency. The EIS reviews the project's impacts and provides reasonable alternatives and possible mitigation. The first step in the process is to conduct "scoping," which is the community's opportunity to comment on the impacts and identify alternatives and how to address the impacts.

At the City's request, Snohomish County and BSRE have agreed to a 30-day scoping comment period, which is longer than the minimum 21-day requirement. The process will begin in early February and Snohomish County will hold two public meetings; including one in Shoreline on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Shoreline Center.

## Transportation Corridor Study Workshops

As part of the agreement between the City and BSRE, the City will conduct a Transportation Corridor Study to focus extensively on the project's transportation impacts to the Shoreline community.

The study will look at time spent waiting at intersections, the ability for residents to safely access their driveways, and safety concerns for pedestrians and bicyclists. To ensure the process is objective, the City has hired a third party facilitator.

The process includes a series of six workshops that will give residents an opportunity to explain and show on maps exactly the kinds of capital investments that will make for a safe and efficient transportation corridor.

For questions or comments, please contact Transportation Planning Manager Kirk McKinley at [kmckinley@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:kmckinley@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2481.

Visit [shorelinewa.gov/pointwells](http://shorelinewa.gov/pointwells) for more information.

## Transportion Corridor Study Workshops

### All meetings:

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Shoreline City Hall Council Chamber  
17500 Midvale Avenue N

### Wednesday, Feb. 12 - Segment A

Meeting #1: Overview and identifying issues

### Wednesday, Feb. 26 - Segment A

Meeting #2: Confirming and prioritizing issues

### Thursday, March 13 - Segment A

Meeting #3: Review proposed design options

### Wednesday, March 19 - Segment B

Meeting #1: Understanding and prioritizing issues

### Tuesday, April 1 - Segment B

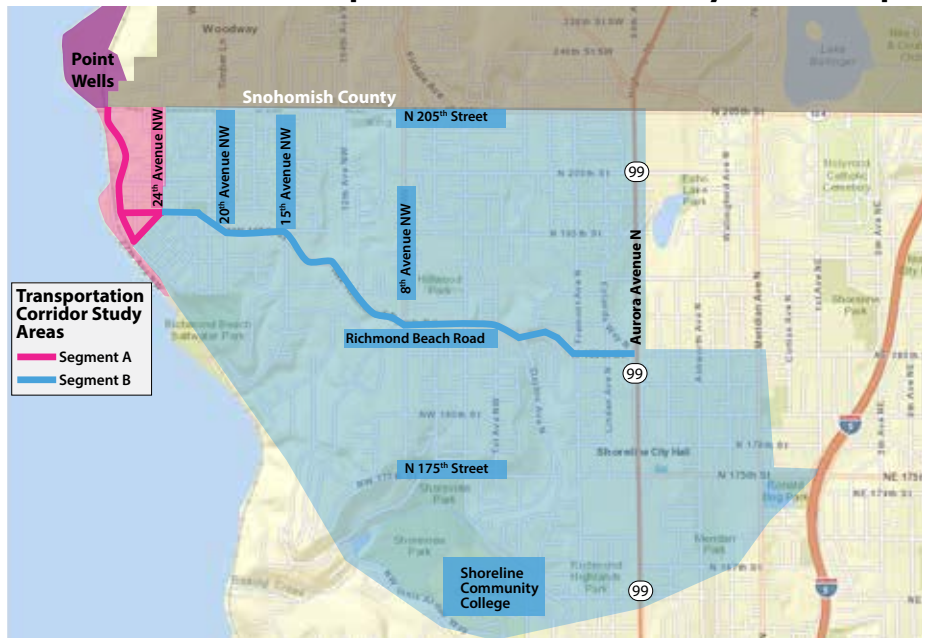
Meeting #2: Review proposed design options

### Wednesday, April 16 - Segments A&B

Final Wrap-Up Meeting

\*The workshop meetings will be divided in focus between the two segment areas shown on the map below.

## Focus areas for Transportation Corridor Study Workshops



## Ronald dismisses lawsuit against City

At their January 14 meeting, the Ronald Wastewater District (District) Board of Commissioners voted to dismiss the District's lawsuit against the City disputing the terms of the 2002 Interlocal Operating Agreement (Agreement).

The Agreement provides for the unification of District operations with the City in 2017. With the District's dismissal of its lawsuit, the City will also move to dismiss its counterclaims against the District.

The City and the District will soon begin working together to ensure the smooth transition of District operations into the City's operations. For more information about the unification visit [shorelinewa.gov/ronaldassumption](http://shorelinewa.gov/ronaldassumption).

## CURRENTS

*We need your input!*

Our front and back covers have a new look but we're not done yet. In order to ensure we're providing the best and most relevant information in *Currents*, we'd like to hear from you. We want to know what you do and don't like and what you would like to see done differently.

Visit [shorelinewa.gov](http://shorelinewa.gov) during the month of February to fill out an online survey. We appreciate your feedback.

## RAPIDRIDE

### Metro Transit RapidRide E Line Service begins in February

This month, Metro Transit will begin providing bus rapid transit (BRT) service known as RapidRide in Shoreline. Named the E Line, this unique form of bus service will run from the Aurora Village Transit Center to downtown Seattle via Aurora Avenue N. The E Line service replaces Route 358.

BRT service is designed to be convenient and easy to use. With service at least every ten minutes during the morning and evening commuting hours and fifteen minute service the rest of the day, bus riders do not need a schedule, as the next bus is due to arrive soon.

RapidRide includes features on the buses and at many of the stops that provide information to riders. All buses have automated 'Next Stop' displays and audio announcements for upcoming stops. Larger, busy stops known as "stations" have electronic signs displaying when the next bus will arrive and maps of the routes showing all stops and destinations.

RapidRide service includes several features that help provide faster service. In addition to the Business Access Transit lanes on Aurora Avenue N, the City installed an integrated intelligent transportation system that allows buses to "talk" to traffic signals and move more quickly through the corridor. ORCA card readers that allow card users to pay in advance and enter through any bus door are located at all of the stations. Buses have low floors and three doors, allowing riders to get on and off quickly, thereby reducing dwell times at stops.

Bus stops are located at every signalized intersection on Aurora Avenue N within Shoreline. Stations are located at N 145<sup>th</sup> Street, N 160<sup>th</sup> Street, N 175<sup>th</sup> Street, N 185<sup>th</sup> Street, N 192<sup>nd</sup> Street and the Aurora Village Transit Center. All stations and shelters have weather protection overhead, interior lighting for safety and visibility, lights on top of station shelters help identify them from a distance and the unique RapidRide style and color scheme.

The new shelters, ORCA card readers, buses, and some of the improvements on Aurora Avenue N in Shoreline and Seattle were funded by a grant jointly awarded to Shoreline, Seattle, and Metro Transit. The City will continue these improvements with the final phase of the Aurora Corridor project.

For more information about the RapidRide E Line visit [metro.kingcounty.gov](http://metro.kingcounty.gov) or contact Senior Transportation Planner Alicia McIntire at [amcintire@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:amcintire@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2483.





## Community Garden registration begins

Applications are now being accepted for community garden plots at Shoreline's new Sunset School Park located at 17800 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and also at Twin Ponds Park at 15401 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE. Interested residents can obtain an application from the Spartan Recreation Center, the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, the Parks Department at City Hall, or online at [shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden](http://shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden). Please limit your application to one plot per household.

All applications received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 will be entered into a lottery. The lottery will take place on Monday, Feb. 24 in the Spartan Recreation Center Cascade Room at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend, but your presence is not required. Four plots are available immediately at Twin Ponds Park and approximately twenty plots will be available this spring at Sunset School Park. Plots will be assigned to the first names drawn at the lottery according to the applicant's preferred location. When all of the plots have been filled, remaining applicants may be placed on a wait list if desired.

Parks Department Staff will notify each applicant by phone or email about the status of their application by March 1. The 10' X 10' raised garden plots are available for a \$30 annual fee. Accessible plots will also be constructed at Sunset for a \$20 fee. Payment is due by March 10.

The Parks Department welcomes your questions and comments at [pks@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:pks@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2602.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Even storm drains need a little love. They sit silently in front of your house, keeping rainwater from flooding neighborhoods; dutifully carrying stormwater runoff to our local streams. You can show your appreciation of the storm drains in your neighborhood by keeping pollutants out. Don't put any soaps (even biodegradable ones), grease, or anything except clean rainwater down the drain. If you notice anything in the drain that isn't rain water, or have questions, contact Water Quality Specialist Jennifer Adams at [jadams@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:jadams@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2453.

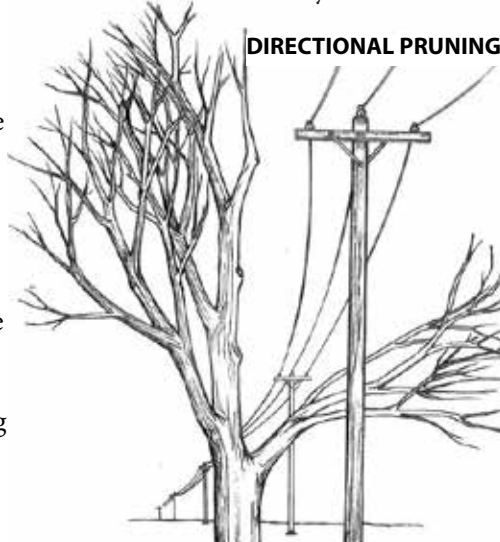
## Seattle City Light tree trimming schedule

Each year, Seattle City Light (SCL) hires qualified contractors to trim trees in our community for safety and to ensure that tree branches don't impact the power supply. SCL trims about a quarter of the trees under and adjacent to power lines, getting through the entire community on a four year cycle.

To view the map of tree trimming locations for 2014 visit [shorelinewa.gov/utilities](http://shorelinewa.gov/utilities). If the trees in front of your home are on the side of the street with power lines and on the tree trimming schedule for 2014, SCL will place a notification on your front door several weeks prior to the tree trimming. The notice will give you a contact phone number to call if you have questions, and briefly explain the type of work that is scheduled. All of this work is coordinated by SCL with the assistance of City staff in acquiring necessary permits.

Utility pruning looks different from other types of pruning because

the objective is different. In most cases the trimming technique used is called "directional pruning". It may look unsightly, but it is the line clearance technique recommended by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). ISA is the agency that tests and certifies Arborists and other tree work professionals. SCL tree work is overseen by ISA Certified



Arborists. Shoreline recently had a tree consultant inventory trees on ten major arterials in town who agreed that the tree trimming work done by SCL contractors to date is to ISA standards.

The City is currently working on an Urban Forest Strategic Plan to ensure the continued health of our urban forest. As part of that process, we will continue to work with SCL to ensure that in the future trees planted in the right-of-way are compatible with the power lines. This will help the health of our urban canopy and help reduce the risk of trees interfering with power lines. Currently, there are many medium and large trees under and adjacent to power lines in Shoreline that require trimming by SCL.

Planting compatible trees will reduce the amount of trimming required.

If you have questions, please contact City of Shoreline Right of Way Inspector Paul Laine at [plaine@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:plaine@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2461.

### Tax Credits can put money in your pocket

Did you know that many families are eligible for valuable tax credits every year? Whether or not you owe any income tax, you could get thousands of dollars in tax benefits.

To get these credits, you must file a tax return. When you file your taxes, make sure you ask about these credits:

- The federal **Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit** for families that pay for child care or for care of a disabled adult while they are working. The tax credit is worth up to \$3,000 per qualifying individual.
- The federal **Child Tax Credit (CTC)** is for families raising children. This credit is worth up to \$1,000 per child, and is refundable for families earning at least \$3,000.
- The federal **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** is designed to boost the wages of eligible families. This refundable credit is worth up to \$6,044 and is available to those with earned income under \$51,567. The average refund to Shoreline residents in 2011 was \$1,593.

There are several free tax preparation locations in Shoreline for households making less than \$52,000 a year. For times and locations, visit the City's website at [shorelinewa.gov/taxprep](http://shorelinewa.gov/taxprep) or call 2-1-1.

For more information, contact Human Services Planner George Smith at [gsmith@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:gsmith@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2252.

### Health Reform update

If you are one of almost 6,000 Shoreline residents between 18 and 64 without health insurance there's still time to enroll in a plan. To compare available health plans and enroll in one that is right for you visit the Washington Health Plan Finder at [wahealthplanfinder.org](http://wahealthplanfinder.org) or call (855) 923-4633. Open enrollment ends March 31, 2014. Depending on your income, you may qualify for public programs, such as Medicaid, or be eligible for subsidies to reduce your premium. If you need help enrolling or have questions, enrollment assistance is available at Hopelink, 15809 Westminister Way N (next to Marshall's) the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Employees Jay Clark, Patti Rader, and Hazel DelaCruz

### City Employee of the Year

Shoreline employees nominate peers as Employee of the Year for going above and beyond in practicing the City's values, providing exceptional customer service, and promoting a positive image of the City.

Finance Manager Patti Rader was this year's recipient. The two finalists were GIS Specialist Jay Clark and Engineering Technician Hazel DelaCruz. The Employee of the Year finalists demonstrate the best in Shoreline's employees. Each of their nominations told a story of deep commitment to our citizens and fellow employees.

An employee team is also selected for a Team of the Year award. This year's recipient was the Home Improvement Workshop Team for putting together an innovative way to help the community with their home improvement permits and plans.

### Comprehensive Plan 2014 Amendment Docket

Every year, the City has an opportunity to amend its Comprehensive Plan. The 2014 proposed docket of amendments was approved by the Planning Commission on January 16 and forwarded to the City Council for review on February 23. The proposed docket contains two amendments. Both amendments were submitted by local residents and address the same issue.

The amendments seek to change the Comprehensive Plan to increase density of the residential neighborhood bounded by Westminister Way N, Dayton Avenue N, and the Community Renewal Area at Aurora Square. If adopted the amendments would change the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation for the area from Low and Medium Density Residential to High Density Residential. Even though the area is located along two arterial roadways that are heavily traveled and connect to activity centers to the north and south, it has retained its single-family residential character.

The two applicants have expressed interest in rezoning their property from R-6 (Residential 6 units per acre) to R-18 (Residential 18 units per acre). Currently, the properties that front Dayton Ave N are zoned R-6 while the properties that front Fremont Ave N are zoned R-8.



## Second Design Dialogue Workshop 185<sup>th</sup> Street Station Subarea Plan

In November 2013, the City hosted a series of workshops with stakeholder groups to discuss design elements for the 185<sup>th</sup> Street Station Subarea, including public spaces, public art, transportation improvements, and neighborhood design character. This second design dialogue workshop will build on suggestions and concepts from the previous workshop series and allow for feedback on new ideas.

### Please come to the workshop to:

- See how the suggestions have been represented through computer models;
- Learn about the subarea planning process, including which decisions have been made and which will be made in the coming months;
- Discuss potential zoning alternatives and provide comments on the scope of elements to be analyzed through the City's Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Consider design and transition standards, and incentives for desired amenities like green building and affordable housing.

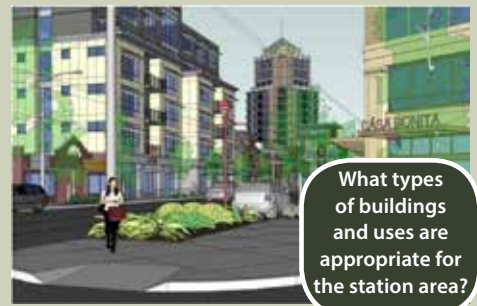
What will encourage more people to ride their bikes to the station?



What makes public spaces inviting and functional?



What types of buildings and uses are appropriate for the station area?



### DESIGN WORKSHOP and OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Feb. 20  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Shoreline City Hall  
Council Chamber  
17500 Midvale Avenue N

### MORE INFORMATION

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## 145<sup>th</sup> Station Citizens Committee

The 145<sup>th</sup> Station Citizens Committee (145SCC) is a citizen-formed group that organized in order to educate and advocate for the community around the future light rail station at I-5 and 145<sup>th</sup> Street. Since the group began meeting in 2013, 145SCC has compiled and submitted comments to Sound Transit on the Lynwood Link Extension Draft Environmental Statement and is now ready to move forward with subarea planning.

145SCC's goal is to work with neighbors in the Ridgcrest and Parkwood neighborhoods to ensure their voices are heard during the planning process. Neighbors interested in learning more about light rail or actively participating in subarea planning are encouraged to attend

regular meetings held the fourth Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall in Room 301.

The planning process for the 145<sup>th</sup> Street station subarea has been staggered from the 185<sup>th</sup> Street subarea because Sound Transit had not made a decision on locating a station at 145<sup>th</sup> until November. The City will now move forward with the 145<sup>th</sup> Street subarea planning process.

Activities to be addressed in 2014 by 145SCC include a tour of the 145<sup>th</sup> station subarea, a Design Dialog Workshop series similar to that held for the 185<sup>th</sup> Street station, and the development of subarea planning alternatives for environmental review, including zoning and design standards.



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