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City celebrates service of its volunteers

Every year the City Council and staff honor our City volunteers for the services they provide to the City throughout the year. On April 15, the City held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Soiree. The theme of the event was “Celebrating Service” and we have a lot to celebrate.

Shoreline City volunteers provided 12,653 hours of service to their community in 2013. Some of the many ways volunteers help include serving on citizen advisory groups, staffing the Police crime prevention office, beautifying our parks, supporting emergency operations, assisting with recreation programs, and many other valuable projects. Using the national value of each donated hour, the monetary value of their donated time is equivalent to \$285,325.

Our volunteers demonstrate caring and collaborative commitments of time and energy that allow the City to provide a higher quality and quantity of services than what our annual budget would allow us to buy. “I am very proud of all of our wonderful volunteers and deeply appreciate the hours of service they provide to the community,” stated Mayor Shari Winstead. “They are an integral link in how the City provides services.”

Shoreline volunteers do not just stay here in Shoreline, but also take skills learned here to help others. Fifteen of the City’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members have been volunteering with the Oso mudslide response.

It is the dedication of all of our volunteers that make the Shoreline community such a great place to live.



Shoreline’s healthy economy

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MsK Nursery at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden’s Mother’s Day Plant Sale

Friday through Sunday, May 9, 10, & 11
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, 20312 15th Avenue NW

MsK Nursery offers its largest selection of the year at the 27th annual Mother’s Day Sale, including trilliums, rare natives, unusual bulbs, ferns, and forest floor rarities. Come for kids activities, food trucks, garden tours, crafts and more!

More information at kruckeberg.org.



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

State of the City breakfast

Wednesday, June 4, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Shoreline City Hall Council Chamber

The State of the City is sound and the future looks bright! On June 4, the City Council will host a State of the City breakfast and community members and civic and business leaders are invited to attend.

This event will be an opportunity to share information about economic development partnerships and other key steps toward achieving Vision 2029. It will take citywide leadership to make this vision 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 shorelinewa.gov/stateofthecity.

Investing in a healthy Shoreline economy

Shopping and dining in Shoreline is an easy yet effective investment in Shoreline's economy. Your purchase directly helps the business owner, and it provides services by reinvesting approximately 9% of the sales tax generated back into Shoreline. Those tax dollars are spent building Shoreline infrastructure, policing Shoreline streets, and maintaining Shoreline roads; all essential investments in a healthy economy.

It is exciting to see private investment at work in Shoreline. Each month Mayor Winstead sends welcome letters to new Shoreline businesses: in the past year an average of 55 letters per month were sent which is a clear sign of healthy economic investment.

Many Shoreline businesses are home-based, but others are investing millions of dollars to build and expand facilities that will provide needed jobs, services, and homes:

- **US Biotech** will soon occupy its new offices and allergy testing lab on N 160th Street across from Aurora Square (see picture on page 1).
- Soon **Chuck Olsen KIA** will sell vehicles out of a stand-alone dealership on the corner of N 170th Street and Aurora.
- **Carter Subaru** recently completed the purchase of two small neighboring properties to expand its dealership, which already ranks as the #1 Subaru service and sales dealer in America.
- Rising at Aurora and N 165th Street is the 3-story **International Community Health Services Clinic**, whose mission is to provide "culturally and linguistically appropriate health services to improve health of Asian Pacific Islanders and the broader community."
- Also rising high is **Shoreline Star** on N 152nd Street, which now can be seen from Aurora above Jo-Ann Fabrics and Safeway. Its 130 apartment homes will be completed in 2015.
- Another rising star is North City's **Polaris Apartment Homes** which completely filled its 165 homes on April 9, just weeks after completion.
- The most recent news is that the **Centerpointe** investment team applied for a permit to build 195 apartment homes in Shoreline Town Center along Midvale Avenue N at N 180th Street.

Film opportunities expand at Shoreline Community College

While other colleges are closing film and theater programs, Shoreline Community College is expanding its commitment to students, the arts and the community.

Later this spring, a new and versatile “black box” media production studio will open for college and community-based projects. The college is combining several under-used areas into a flexible space for video production and live performance. When the studio is completed in June, it will include professional lighting, audio and video equipment, a large green-screen wall, and portable risers with seating for about 50 people.

The new studio space supports the Shoreline Film Office (SFO), a collaborative effort of the City of Shoreline’s Office of Economic Development, the college, and the Shoreline Community College Foundation.

The mission of the film office is to



Preparing the new black box media production studio for college and community projects.

make Shoreline a recognized hub of the media industry by providing world-class venues and professional education and training. Launched in May, 2013, the film office acts as broker for both college and city services, incentives, venues and production support for local film, gaming, theater, and sound professionals.

The Shoreline campus studio, venues, and resources are available to media professionals for a nominal charge, especially to those willing to create a laboratory experience for students. To learn more, please contact the SFO at (206) 546-5829 or at filloffice@shorelinewa.gov.

Police volunteers perform vacation house checks



Protect your home this summer

It’s that time of year again when we start opening up our windows and doors to the beautiful weather outside. However, it is important to remember to shut and lock them when you are not home. A large percentage of residential burglaries in Shoreline are non-forced entries. That means burglars found an open or unlocked door or window and walked or crawled in. Do what you can to protect yourself, your family, and your property.

Another important thing to do during the warmer months is clear thick vegetation away from doors and windows. Burglars like to use these to hide when trying to break into a home.


Other ways to prevent residential burglaries include:

- Keeping garage doors shut.
- Fit windows and sliding glass doors with an anti-slide device or snug fitting dowel.
- Don’t leave anything outside the house that could be used to climb to open second floor windows.
- Sign-up for a vacation house check with Shoreline police when going out of town. Call (206) 801-2764 to sign up.
- Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Connect with your neighbors

Social media allows neighbors to communicate directly with neighbors. Look for your neighborhood or area on Nextdoor.com, and find your Neighborhood Association on Facebook or the Web.



Ballinger Neighborhood Association
www.ballingerneighborhood.org

Briarcrest Neighborhood Association 
www.briarcrestneighbors.net



Echo Lake Neighborhood Association  
www.echolakenighborhood.org

Highland Terrace Neighborhood Association  

The Highlands
www.highlandsseattle.org



Hillwood Community Network  

Innis Arden Club, Inc. 
www.innisarden.org

Meridian Park Neighborhood Association  
www.meridianpark.info



North City Neighborhood Association  

Parkwood Neighborhood Association  
www.parkwoodneighbors.org

Richmond Beach Community Association  
www.richmondbeachwa.org

Richmond Highlands Neighborhood Association  
www.richmondhighlands.org

Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association  
www.ridgecrestneighborhood.info

Westminster Triangle Network  

 www.Nextdoor.com

 www.Facebook.com



Shoreline neighborhoods blossom

What makes a neighborhood special? It's neighbors connecting with neighbors to create community. Across Shoreline, residents are making new connections to improve their sense of community, define their sense of local identity, cultivate mutual understanding, and promote safety. Shoreline has fourteen defined neighborhoods, each with its own distinct feel and community. We encourage residents to get involved in their neighborhoods. Here are some examples of recent neighborhood activities:

Parkwood Neighborhood Association has germinated from the seeds of a block watch into a vibrant neighborhood group. They have hosted a World Dance Party, given input on the 145th Light Rail Station, and are learning about neighborhood issues such as: Where does all the rainwater go? What are the options for traffic and better pedestrian safety? The Parkwood group is primarily organized by parents with young families, reflecting an area of Shoreline where homes are turning over to the next generation.

Highland Terrace and Westminster neighborhoods have joined together to learn about what's in the future in their area with educational meetings about the Community Renewal Area at Aurora Square and about homelessness with speakers from Tent City at St. Dunstan's Church. Westminster neighbors are gathering this spring to discuss newly evolving leadership directions and new visions for their neighborhood.

Hillwood neighborhood is sponsoring a series of "community coffees" this spring to share information about the association, hear resident interests, and engage a broader representation of the neighborhood in planning activities and visioning. Hillwood also partnered with Richmond Highlands neighborhood to host a meeting to discuss potential traffic impacts resulting from future development at Pt. Wells and generate ideas for mitigating those impacts.

New leaders are emerging in the Meridian Park neighborhood in the center of the Shoreline. Safety concerns are leading them to learn about crime prevention and traffic solutions. The desire to connect with neighborhoods resulted in a recent neighborhood barbeque.

Echo Lake neighborhood is working to expand its reach beyond single family residents and is planning targeted outreach to multi-family apartment and condo neighbors, as well as new people moving into the neighborhood.

Want to know your neighbors? Explore links at shorelinewa.gov/neighborhoods.



Two events to help with your spring cleaning

Recycle Fest - Saturday, May 10, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wastemobile - Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sears upper parking lot, 15711 Aurora Avenue N

It's spring, which means it is time to do some spring cleaning. Two events in May will help you with your efforts: Spring RecycleFest and Wastemobile coming to town.

Both events are free to Shoreline residents and will be held in the upper parking lot of Sears, 15711 Aurora Avenue N. Event flyers with additional details about what is and isn't accepted will be mailed to all residents. Bring the event flyer or your driver's license with a Shoreline address as proof of residence.

The events are sponsored by the King County Solid Waste Division and the Washington State Department of Ecology. King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program is also a sponsor of the Wastemobile event. For more information about either event, contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 801-2700 or visit shorelinewa.gov/environmentalservices.

Spring RecycleFest

Shoreline's spring RecycleFest 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.

Wastemobile Event

Shoreline residents will have the opportunity to safely dispose of a variety of hazardous chemicals at the first City-sponsored Wastemobile Event. Household cleaners, pesticides, and automobile products, and other items that shouldn't be put in the garbage will be accepted.

See the event flyers or the City's website for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Recycling household batteries reduces the chance that our environment will be contaminated with hazardous chemicals, and it provides needed resources for manufacturing.

You can recycle your batteries at City Hall in the lobby and at the Shoreline Police Station. The City is looking at adding additional sites for your convenience.

Starting June 1, the Shoreline and Richmond Beach libraries will no longer accept household batteries for recycling.

Call Environmental Programs Assistant Tina Han at (206) 801-2455 for additional information.

CleanScapes is now 'Recology CleanScapes'

CleanScapes, Shoreline's recycling and solid waste (garbage) collection company has merged with Recology, and is changing its name to Recology CleanScapes. It's a good match for both companies, since Recology shares the same goal of zero waste with

CleanScapes.

Recology, a San Francisco-based company, established the first and largest curbside yard waste and food scraps collection program in the country. For Shoreline and our region, it will bring additional financial resources, new business opportunities, and a continued focus on communities and the environment. Already, Recology CleanScapes has invested \$6 million to develop a new

Material Recovery Facility in the South Seattle industrial area. Scheduled to open in spring 2014, it will add 100,000 tons of capacity to the recyclables processing capability in our region.

Shoreline's residents and businesses will still be able to call (206) 763-4444 with any service questions and can expect the same excellent curbside service to continue with Recology CleanScapes. Later this year, watch for its spruced-up fleet of trucks with new white paint and blue and green trim to collect your garbage, recycling and yard debris!



Shoreline plans for a financially sustainable future

Open House

Wednesday, May 14

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

City Council Chamber

Strengthening Shoreline's economic base includes having a financial sustainability plan for providing City services to the Shoreline community. This plan is the 10-Year Financial Sustainability Plan (10YFSP).

The 10YFSP has been a two year process which included developing costs for every City service. Services were classified as either core services or quality of life services. City staff examined historical trends, developed future forecasts, analyzed economic development, and ultimately constructed a financial model for Shoreline's future.

As a result of past actions on the part of the State Legislature and Washington's voters, Washington's governments share a common problem. The growth of revenues from things like taxes and fees is now slower than the inflationary cost increases of services. This is true even if no new services are added and existing services are preserved at current levels.

Simple math tells you that if revenues cannot keep pace with inflation, we will have fewer and fewer resources to provide the same level of service. In order to avoid that bleak outlook, the City developed several alternatives to balance revenues with costs. They include options that increase economic development, increase taxes and fees, and reduce the rate of future expenditure growth.

City staff will present the alternatives at the open house. Participants will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire about the models and alternatives before they leave. Their comments will be shared with the City Council. Council will discuss the 10-Year Financial Sustainability Plan at their June 2 meeting. Your participation in this important issue facing our community (as well as every community in Washington) is greatly encouraged.

Environmental review of 185th Street light rail station subarea

Community Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chamber

Over the past year, the City has been working closely with Shoreline residents in planning for the 185th Street light rail station subarea. The process has involved numerous meetings and a series of workshops to gather information on what people want to see as the station area develops over the long-term. Using information gleaned from locals and other stakeholders, the City's consultants created three alternative zoning scenarios and presented them at workshops held in February (see the some growth example on pg. 7). Consultants also created computer renderings of what each scenario could look like fully built out.

Based on comments received at these workshops, the City's consultants are currently creating the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the 185th Street subarea. The DEIS will analyze all three zoning scenarios with regard to land use, housing, transportation, parks and recreation, and utility impacts of potential growth and development in the subarea. It will also identify mitigation measures to address impacts, such as traffic, that could be created.

The City anticipates releasing the DEIS in mid to late May, with a comment period extending at least until the end of June. On Tuesday, June 3, the City will host a community meeting in the Council Chamber at City Hall, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to discuss the DEIS. Next, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on it, and in late July or early August, Council will make a decision about their preferred alternative. This scenario will undergo further analysis, resulting in a Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement that will be adopted with the subarea plan, likely this fall. Stay tuned to the project website (shorelinewa.gov/lightrail) for dates and materials.

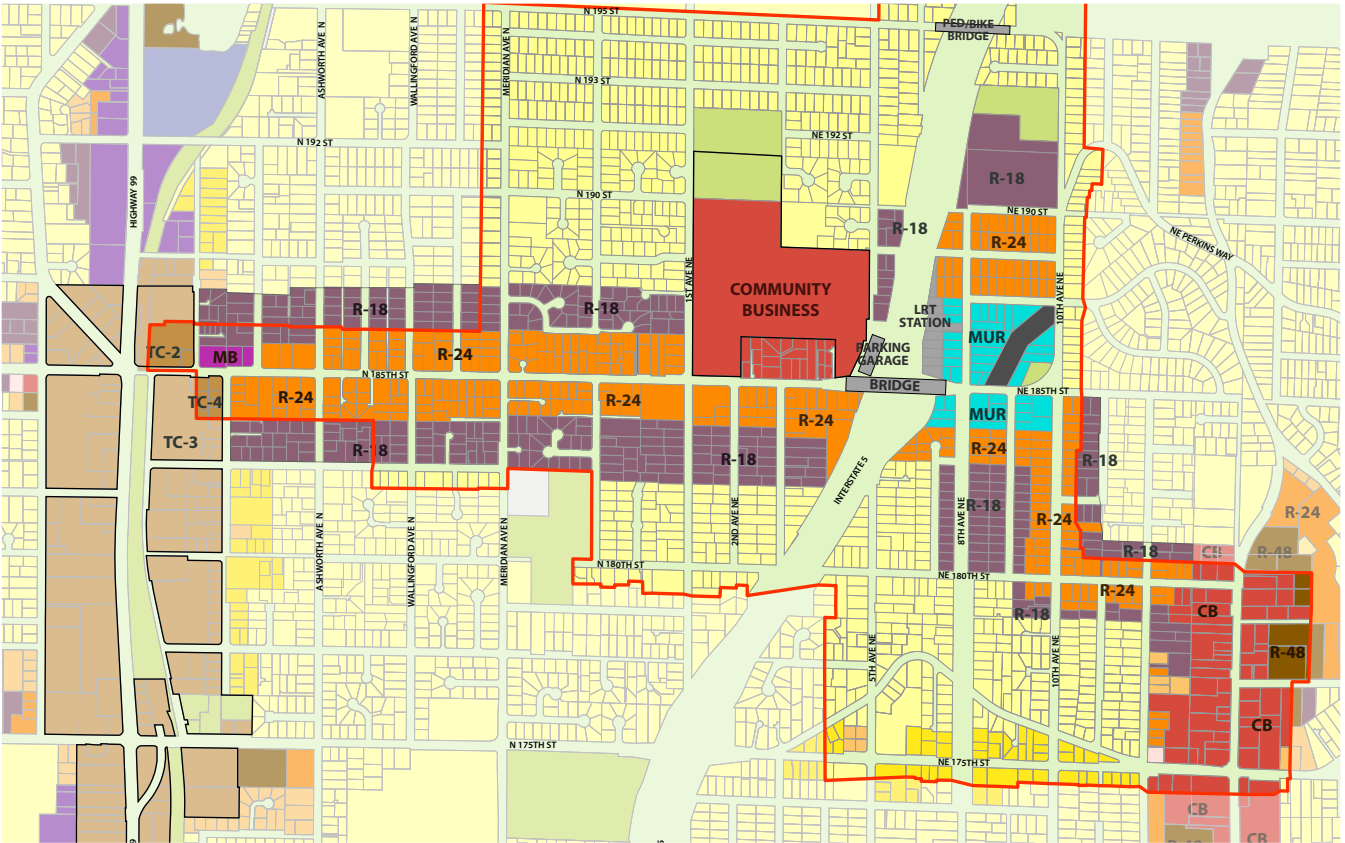
145th Street Subarea planning

Design Dialogue Workshop, Part 1

Thursday, June 12, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chamber

Since Sound Transit chose the station at NE 145th Street as the preferred alternative to analyze further in their environmental impact process, the City is preparing to resume public involvement for that subarea. This will be similar to the 185th Street station process and will begin with the first of two sets of Design Dialogue Workshops on Thursday, June 12 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Residents and other interested parties will brainstorm ideas about how they would like neighborhoods surrounding light rail to look and feel as they transition over the next several decades. Ideas discussed may include a variety of housing styles, additional office and retail space, habitat restoration, traffic and stormwater improvements, increased walkability, public art, etc.



Visit shorelinewa.gov/lightraildesign to see the other scenarios through maps and computer rendered models. Walking maps of the area are also available on the website. Provide your input at the June 3 community meeting (see page 6 for more information).



R-24: Retail with a main street feel. Residential area with additional retail and professional uses.



R-18: Slightly more dense than existing family housing, includes townhomes and cottage housing.



MUR: Combined retail and residential buildings, would only potentially be allowed adjacent to the station.

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Challenge yourself and compete against others in these month long events.

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MILLION **STEP** CHALLENGE At Paramount School Park

A new challenge for the Eastside of Shoreline! The path around Paramount School Park is 1/3 mile and we want to see how many laps you can do in the name of fitness, health and fun! Sponsored in partnership with the Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association.

MORE INFORMATION
shorelinewa.gov/STEPS



JUNE 2014

3 MILLION **STAIR** CHALLENGE At Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

There are 188 stairs at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park and we want to know how many of them you can climb to help us reach our goal of 3 million stairs.

MORE INFORMATION
shorelinewa.gov/STAIRS



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