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## Aurora Construction Update

Construction on the final phase of the Aurora Corridor Project from 192<sup>nd</sup> to 205<sup>th</sup> is on schedule. Work is currently focused on the west side of Aurora moving north. Crews are undergrounding utilities, installing the street lighting system, and constructing retaining walls, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and the new business access and transit lane. This work should be completed by the end of the year. Work will then shift to the east side of the street and crews will begin to work their way north from N 192<sup>nd</sup> Street. Work on the east side of Aurora should be completed by mid-summer 2015. Crews will then move to the center medians. The entire project should be complete by the end of January 2016. Planned completion dates are all weather dependent.

It's important to remember that during construction, Aurora business are open for business. The City recognizes that the mess and confusion caused by a large construction project can make normal access to businesses difficult. The Aurora project is a major undertaking comprised of many smaller projects occurring at the same time. However, the end results, as you can see from the completed first two miles of Aurora, are worth it. We are working with the contractor, Gary Merlino Construction Company, to ensure that access to businesses impacted by construction is maintained and visible as best as possible. We encourage everyone to continue to support the businesses along Aurora during construction and after.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call (206) 801-2485 or email [aurora@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:aurora@shorelinewa.gov).



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## Saltwater Park Pedestrian Bridge to temporarily close for repairs

The 50-year-old Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Pedestrian Bridge is in need of structural repairs and upgrades. It will be necessary to close the bridge and beach access for six to eight weeks while the repairs and upgrades are made. The work will take place during the first quarter of 2015.

In 2011, the City worked with the King County Bridge and Structural Design Unit to complete a thorough inspection of the bridge. The inspection report advised that repairs be completed within the next five to ten years. Repairs include replacement of the bridge deck and railings, and minor repairs to the substructure. The repairs are necessary to maintain a safe bridge and allow continued access for emergency and maintenance vehicles. Completion of these repairs will extend the life of the bridge 20 or more years.

Design work is currently underway with construction planned for early 2015. The repair work is expected to take approximately six to eight weeks and will require complete closure of the bridge and beach access. For more information visit [shorelinewa.gov/bridgerepair](http://shorelinewa.gov/bridgerepair) or contact Capital Projects Manager Noel Hupprich at (206) 801-2472 or [nhupprich@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:nhupprich@shorelinewa.gov).

## Veterans recognition and monument site planned for City Hall

Five years ago a group of Shoreline Veterans came together to create the Shoreline Veteran's Association (SVA) with the intent of creating a veteran's event in Shoreline. For the past four years the SVA has worked with City staff to host an event at City Hall on Veteran's Day to honor the men and women from our community who are or have been active in the military.

The SVA is now interested in creating a recognition and monument site for veterans in Shoreline in cooperation with Post 227 of the American Legion. On July 28, City Council approved a location for the site on the North lawn next to the Council Chamber on the City Hall campus.

The site will be funded by donations secured by the Shoreline Veteran's Association and American Legion Post 227. The goal is to have funding in place by the end of 2014 with construction to occur in the summer of 2015.

The veterans groups will be responsible for all expenses for the design, permitting, and construction of the monument site. The City will construct the monument and contribute project management for the contract.

It is estimated that the cost of design, permitting, and construction will be \$75,000 - \$85,000. To date, the SVA has secured approximately \$13,000 in funds, which includes a \$10,000 grant from King County Community Services. If you are interested in contributing to the monument, contact Dwight Stevens at (206) 546-2894.



# Celebrate the completion of Shorecrest High School

## Dedication and celebration

**Saturday, Sept. 27, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

## Shorecrest High School

Shoreline School District's modernization project of its two high schools is now substantially complete. You are invited to help dedicate and celebrate the completion of work at Shorecrest High School. The event will feature a barbecue lunch hosted by the Shorecrest Boosters, a dedication program in the gymnasium, self-guided tours of the new campus, and student performances in the theater.

Shorecrest's main academic building and gymnasium were replaced and the theater upgraded in phases over the past three years. Students began using the three-story main academic building in February 2014. The new buildings were designed by Integrus Architecture and built by Spee West Construction. The Shoreline School District primarily funded the project by a bond issue approved by Shoreline School District voters in 2010 with matching funds from the state. Crews demolished the old Shorecrest this summer and are currently completing a stormwater detention system and parking areas.

Modernization of Shorewood High School began at the same time, with the academic building, gymnasium, and theater opening in September 2013. This summer crews constructed the school's athletic fields on the southern portion of the campus, including a football/soccer field and track, six tennis courts, and practice baseball and softball fields.

U.S. News & World Report recently named both Shorecrest and Shorewood to the Best High Schools in America. New courses to be offered this fall include engineering, computer science, and robotics.

## Back to School Traffic Safety

As children go back to school this month, please review these traffic and safety reminders below to help us all stay safe in Shoreline.

**SPEED...** Slow down in school zones. Speeds are posted at 20 mph and are strictly enforced by Shoreline Police.

**CROSSWALKS...** Stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk. It is illegal to pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.

**PEDESTRIANS...** Always try to use a marked crosswalk. Be aware of obstructions where drivers may not see you. Do not suddenly enter the roadway. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.

**CROSSING GUARDS...** Law requires you obey school crossing guards and school safety patrols.

**SCHOOL BUSES...** It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus.

**SEATBELTS...** Stay buckled until the vehicle stops! Drivers are responsible to ensure all children less than 16 years old are properly buckled up. Visit [800buckleup.org](http://800buckleup.org) for more info.

**CELL PHONES...** If you use your phone while driving, it must be with a hands-free device.

Penalties for traffic infractions can be costly, but the cost in lives hurt or lost in accidents is much greater.

Be aware, be safe, buckle up, and slow down.

# SOAK IT UP

## Rain Gardens and Conservation Landscaping Rebate Program

Have you thought about ways to manage rain water on your property while complementing the existing landscape? City of Shoreline Surface Water Utility's Soak It Up Program offers financial assistance to property owners wanting to install rain gardens or convert hard surfaces, such as turf, patios, and driveways, into beautiful native plant gardens.

These practices increase the amount of water that soaks into the ground; filter out pollutants before they reach the storm drain and eventually streams, wetlands, lakes, and Puget Sound; and provide habitat for beneficial insects and birds.

Visit [shorelinewa.gov/soakitup](http://shorelinewa.gov/soakitup) for program details. For questions contact Environmental Programs Assistant Tina Kendall at [tkendall@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:tkendall@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2450.



## Transportation impact fees adopted

In July, the City Council adopted Shoreline's first transportation impact fees. Transportation impact fees are paid by developers in order to fund projects needed to accommodate future traffic growth. The intent is to shift some of the financial responsibility associated with future traffic improvements to the development causing that traffic, reducing the amount the City is responsible for funding.

Washington State law requires cities to plan for future growth and provide transportation facilities to accommodate growth. By imposing impact fees, cities can ensure new development does not overwhelm City infrastructure due to lack of funds needed to accommodate the growth. Transportation impact fees are allowed by state law and many cities in the region have adopted them.

Using computerized traffic modeling and the future land use map in Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan, the City has identified locations where future traffic growth is expected to cause increasing congestion delay, such as N 175th Street and Meridian Avenue N. Projects are planned for these locations and the estimated costs for them are used to identify an impact fee for each future trip resulting from new development. All new development will pay an impact fee that is proportionate to the size of the development. Per state law, transportation impact fees can only be collected and spent for traffic capacity projects. They cannot be used for other transportation needs, such as street maintenance or sidewalks.

Shoreline's transportation impact fees will go into effect January 1, 2015.

For more information contact Senior Transportation Planner Alicia McIntire at [amcintire@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:amcintire@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2483.



## Fall RecycleFest

**Saturday, Sept. 13, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Sears Upper Parking Lot, 15711 Aurora Avenue N**



Shoreline's fall RecycleFest offers residents the opportunity to conveniently recycle items that are not accepted curbside. Styrofoam, carpet, and a variety of construction materials will be accepted, as well as bicycles in any condition, which will be donated to Bike Works.

RecycleFest is free for all Shoreline residents. Event flyers providing a detailed list of accepted items 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.

The event is sponsored by the King County Solid Waste Division and the Washington State Department of Ecology. For more information, contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 801-2700 or visit [shorelinewa.gov/environmentalservices](http://shorelinewa.gov/environmentalservices).

## LIGHT RAIL

### Planning the design for the 145th Street Station Subarea

On June 12, the City hosted the first meeting of the 145th Street Light Rail Station Subarea Design Workshop series. Nearly 100 people attended to learn more about the subarea planning process, and to brainstorm and sketch ideas for the future vision of their neighborhoods.

Some of the common themes to emerge from the workshop included:

- Encouraging housing opportunities and choices;
- Protecting and enhancing environmental assets;
- Creating a "signature street", mixed-use corridor;
- Improving NE 145th Street and east/west connections; and
- Establishing bicycle and pedestrian connections across the interstate and with commercial nodes.

Using the themes identified by residents, City staff will develop zoning options for Council to review on September 15. The zoning scenarios will then be presented at the second Design Workshop scheduled for October 9. Based on feedback from residents, the scenarios will be modified and then be analyzed during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement process.

For more information visit [shorelinewa.gov/145design](http://shorelinewa.gov/145design) or contact Senior Planner Miranda Redinger at (206) 801-2513 or [mredinger@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:mredinger@shorelinewa.gov).

# Non-profit health center opens in Shoreline

**Grand Opening Celebration**  
**Thursday, Sept. 25, 5:30 p.m.**  
**ICHS, 16549 Aurora Avenue N**

International Community Health Services' (ICHS) long awaited Shoreline Medical & Dental Clinic will soon open its doors. The new 40,000 sq. ft. clinic along Aurora Avenue is the first non-profit health center in Shoreline's history.

City officials, residents, and local service providers had advocated for a quality integrated health care facility to serve the substantial Asian Pacific Islanders (API) and underserved populations living in the area. The ICHS Shoreline clinic will help address many health needs in our community.

The four-story structure, designed by Miller Hayashi Architects, includes 18 medical exam rooms, two special procedure rooms, 10 dental operatories, a medical laboratory, pharmacy, two exhibition galleries, three community meeting rooms, an outdoor reflection garden and 71 parking spaces.

"It's going to help revitalize the whole area," said Duane Wald, construction representative for ICHS. "It's a beautiful building."

Wald, who lives four blocks from the clinic, explained that since the start of construction of the ICHS clinic, several other new businesses have moved into the area. "Us moving here has encouraged others to do it, too," Wald said.

For more information about the clinic, visit [ichs.com](http://ichs.com).



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RUN FOR YOUR LIFE...

# MONSTER MASH DASH 5K

The City's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual family fun run & walk on the Interurban Trail. Registration now open: \$10 adults/\$5 kids

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[shorelinewa.gov/5K](http://shorelinewa.gov/5K)



"If you're ready for a zombie apocalypse, then you're ready for any emergency."  
- Centers for Disease Control

Saturday, Oct. 11  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Shoreline City Hall

# ZOMBIE PREPAREDNESS & Family Safety Fair

- Learn to build a survival kit and make a plan
- Meet fire and police staff and tour their vehicles
- Form a Shoreline Watch group with your neighbors
- Learn basic first aid and CPR techniques



# DID YOU KNOW?

This summer, car wash fundraisers used the City of Shoreline's loaner car wash kit a dozen times to help keep our streams, lakes, and Puget Sound clean. By using this simple device, they kept soaps, oils, heavy metals, and other contaminants out of our waterways.

Join them in keeping Shoreline's waters clean by washing your car on your lawn, at a professional car wash, or find a charity car wash using a car wash kit! Contact the Surface Water Department at (206) 801-2450 with questions, or to reserve a kit.



## Minor Home Repair Program

Are you a Shoreline resident who is on a limited budget or have a moderate income? Is your home in need of minor repairs to help improve accessibility, safety, and/or livability? Then you may qualify for the Minor Home Repair program.

The program provides highly skilled home repair technicians to make minor plumbing, carpentry, and electrical repairs, and install wheelchair ramps, grab bars, and handrails. The City contracts with Senior Services to provide this service. Homeowners pay a small charge for labor and materials are provided at cost. For a free estimate call (206) 448-5751.

## Property tax exemptions and deferrals

If you are a senior citizen, disabled, or homeowner with limited income and your primary residence is in Washington State, there are several programs that may help you pay your property taxes and/or special assessments. Your household income and your age or disability determine your eligibility for these programs.

- **Senior Citizen/Disabled Property Tax Exemption Program** - Under the exemption program, the value of your Washington State residence is frozen for property tax purposes, and you become exempt from all excess and special levies and possibly regular levies - resulting in a reduction in your property taxes.
- **Senior Citizen/Disabled Property Tax Deferral Program** - Under the deferral program, the Washington State Department of Revenue pays the property taxes and/or special assessments on your behalf. The deferred amount, plus interest, becomes a lien in favor of the state until the total amount is repaid.
- **Property Tax Deferral Program for Homeowners with Limited Income** - Under this deferral program, the Washington State Department of Revenue pays the second installment of your property taxes and/or special assessments, due October 31, on your behalf. The program is not an exemption or a grant. Deferred taxes are taxes that have been postponed. When you no longer own or use the property as your personal residence, you must repay the deferred tax. The deferred amount, plus interest, becomes a lien in favor of the state until the total amount is repaid.

To learn more about the programs and eligibility, visit the Washington State Department of Revenue at [dor.wa.gov](http://dor.wa.gov) and search for property tax exemptions and deferrals.

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# SHORELINE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Celebrating 75 years of service to the Shoreline community!



## Hoarding and Fire Safety

Fire departments around the country are experiencing serious fires, injuries, and deaths as the result of compulsive hoarding behavior. The excessive accumulation of materials in homes poses a significant threat to firefighters fighting fires and responding to other emergencies in these homes. It also causes significant threats to residents and neighbors. Often, families contact Shoreline Fire asking for help to deal with this serious issue. Since studies suggest that between three and five percent of the population are compulsive hoarders, fire departments must become familiar with this issue and how to effectively handle it.

### What is hoarding?

Hoarding is defined as collecting or keeping large amounts of various items in the home due to strong urges to save them or the distress experienced when discarding them. Many rooms in the home are so filled with possessions that residents can no longer use the rooms as designed and everyday living is compromised.

### Why do people become hoarders?

Hoarding is a mental disorder that can be genetic in nature, triggered by traumatic events, or a symptom of another disorder, such as depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, or dementia. Studies have found that hoarding usually begins in early adolescence and gets worse as a person ages. It is more common among older adults.

### Why is hoarding an issue for the fire service?

Hoarding can create significant fire hazards. Often, blocked exits prevent occupants from escaping leading to serious injuries and death. In addition, many people who are hoarding are injured when they trip over things or when materials fall on them.

Responding firefighters can be put at risk due to obstructed exits, falling objects, and excessive fire loading that can lead to structural collapse. Hoarding makes fighting fires and searching for occupants far more difficult and dangerous.

Those living adjacent to an occupied structure can be quickly affected when a fire occurs, due to excessive smoke and fire conditions.

If you or a family member needs help or resources concerning hoarding and home safety, contact Shoreline Fire's Community Service Officer Melanie Granfors at (206) 533-6564 or [melanie@shorelinefire.com](mailto:melanie@shorelinefire.com).



**Welcome and congratulations to our newest firefighters!**

**From left: Gabriel Mannix, Karl Dreschler, Amanda Brassfield**

## Did you know?

Shoreline Fire receives hundreds of 9-1-1 calls per year that are not medical or fire emergencies. These calls come from vulnerable seniors, people coping with substance abuse issues, people dealing with chronic mental illness, and high risk individuals who have no medical insurance or connections to social services.

These calls are extremely challenging for Fire and EMS crews, who are trained to handle life-threatening emergencies, and who are responding to dozens of 9-1-1 calls per day. First responders are forced to walk away from people who require extensive social service interventions. Those people are highly likely to become chronic 9-1-1 callers.

Fire departments like Shoreline are creating community-focused programs to try and connect residents/families with help and resources. Our Community Services Officer takes referrals from firefighters and the community and begins the sometimes lengthy process of helping these vulnerable people connect with social services. Contact our Community Service Officer Melanie Granfors at (206) 533-6564 or [melanie@shorelinefire.com](mailto:melanie@shorelinefire.com).

## Keeping you safe for 75 years!

The Shoreline Fire District has proudly served the Shoreline community since 1936. On October 11 at City Hall, come help us celebrate our 75th anniversary as we participate in the Shoreline Family Safety Fair. Come visit firefighters, get up close to our engines and medic units, and learn how to update your emergency plans. Hope to see you there!



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