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## STATE OF THE CITY 2014



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Dear Shoreline Community,

On Wednesday morning, June 4, the Shoreline City Council hosted local elected officials, business leaders, community partners, and residents for the State of the City Breakfast. Our theme for the program was “Investing in a Vibrant Shoreline”. It was an opportunity for the City to provide the community with an update on the different public and private investments being made in Shoreline that are making it a vibrant community.

The City’s investments over the past 19 years are helping to make us a healthier and more environmentally sustainable community and are also helping to prepare the City for future growth that we know is coming. For the past several years, Economic Development has been a primary goal of the City Council. Investments, like improving roads and parks, help serve that broader goal, allowing Shoreline to continue to be a vibrant community long into the future.

The really good news is that we are able to make these investments while maintaining the City’s excellent fiscal health. We continue to have an AA+ bond rating as well as Standard & Poor’s highest assessment for financial management. We have maintained healthy financial reserves and continue to receive clean annual audits. We have planned for the future and have also adopted a 10-Year Financial Sustainability Plan to ensure that resources will be available in the future to provide the basic City services the community has come to expect and enjoy.

There are many reasons to love our Shoreline life. Over the summer, take a look around, reacquaint yourself with your neighbors, parks, and all the great activities going on in our City. Shoreline is a vibrant community with a bright future!

Sincerely,

Mayor Shari Winstead



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

## Council adopts SODA ordinance

On June 2, the City Council passed a SODA ordinance for Shoreline. SODA stands for Stay Out of Drug Area and it provides law enforcement with a tool to help keep known drug users and drug dealers from congregating in areas known for drug use, sales, or other criminal activity. The new law authorizes the Prosecuting Attorney, in consultation with Shoreline Police, to request that the court issue a SODA order as a condition of a person's pre-trial release, sentence, deferral, or suspension.

Council adopted the ordinance to help address ongoing concerns residents and businesses had with narcotics activity along Aurora Avenue N and on parts of the Interurban Trail. A primary goal of the SODA ordinance is to take a proactive approach to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the identified area to help create an environment where people feel safe to visit and shop. Shoreline has a similar ordinance to fight prostitution (SOAP – Stay Out of Areas of Prostitution).

The areas involved in the SODA ordinance are the entirety of Aurora Avenue, the Interurban Trail, Aurora Square, the Aurora Village Transit Center, and Echo Lake Park.

## Ronald Wastewater Assumption Committee formed

The Ronald Wastewater District and the City have formed a committee to develop a transition plan for the merger of the District with the City per the 2002 Interlocal Operating Agreement. The District's Board of Commissioners and the City Council jointly agreed to create a Committee of Elected Officials (CEO), which is comprised of Commissioners Robert Ransom and Gretchen Atkinson and Councilmembers Doris McConnell and Chris Roberts. The City Manager, District General Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Public Works Director, District Accounting Manager, and City Public Works Operations & Utilities Manager are also attending the CEO meetings to help formulate the plan.

The Transition Plan will identify and address all policy issues necessary for the assumption of the District and will include a list of the issues and recommended actions to be considered necessary for the assumption of the District.

The CEO meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in Shoreline City Hall Room 104. Meetings are open to the public.

For more information or to see agendas of upcoming CEO meetings, meeting minutes, and presented documents visit the City website at [shorelinewa.gov/assumptioncommittees](http://shorelinewa.gov/assumptioncommittees).



Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Visit [shorelinearts.net](http://shorelinearts.net) for schedule

**SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK**





## City challenges residents to get moving!



As part of its Healthy City initiative, the City of Shoreline and the Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association challenged residents to take one million steps around Paramount School Park during the month of May. One hundred and fifty-five people participated and logged a total of 3,330,200 steps! That is equal to 1,531 miles. Residents of all ages and abilities participated. In fact, the 7th best stepper, Sara E, is 84 years of age. She completed 115,275 steps.

In 2012, the City issued its first challenge to residents to climb one million stairs at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park during the month of June. Residents answered the call and made the one million steps by the 24th of the month. In 2013, determined to do even more, residents climbed 2,266,404 stairs. As a result of the overwhelming popularity of this challenge, this year's goal was increased to 3,000,000 steps during the month of June! Once again residents met the challenge, and then some, climbing 3,002,128 stairs.

In addition to the Step and Stair challenges, the City has also issued a Kids Move Challenge. The City is challenging Shoreline kids to exercise at least 60 minutes a day for 30 days. Kids completing the challenge can enter a chance to win one of four scooters and helmets at this year's Celebrate Shoreline Festival. Copies of the Kids Move Challenge tracker form can be found online at [shorelinewa.gov/kidsmove](http://shorelinewa.gov/kidsmove) or in person at the Spartan Gym front desk or at City Hall.

## CORRECTION Proposed cuts to King County Metro's service in Shoreline

In the June issue of Currents, the City published an article on King County's Proposition 1, which would have provided additional funding to help avoid cuts to Metro service. Included in the article were Metro routes serving Shoreline that have been proposed for elimination. Unfortunately, the list was incomplete. Below is a full list of all of the routes serving Shoreline that have been proposed for elimination and when:

### Routes retained, but deleted in Shoreline

28X June 2015  
73 June 2015  
342 February 2015

### Routes deleted

242 June 2015  
243 September 2014  
304 September 2015  
306 September 2014  
308 September 2015

Routes serving Shoreline that are proposed for service revisions or reductions include 5, 65, 312, 331, 355 and 372.

For more information about Metro's service changes, visit [metro.kingcounty.gov/am/future](http://metro.kingcounty.gov/am/future) or contact Senior Transportation Planner Alicia McIntire at [amcintire@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:amcintire@shorelinewa.gov).

## Back to School event helps students get ready to learn

**Saturday, Aug. 23, 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.**  
**North City Elementary**  
**816 NE 190<sup>th</sup> Street**

Every Shoreline student deserves to start school in September on an equal footing and ready to learn. Unfortunately, for the one out of every four students whose families struggle to make ends meet each month, even the expense of basic school supplies can be too much. To fill this need, volunteers, churches,

local service providers, the Shoreline School District, and the City formed the Back to School Consortium.

Each year the Consortium collects and distributes supplies to students in the Shoreline School District. Every student registered for the event will receive a backpack full of the most needed school supplies, new socks and underwear, and hygiene items. School supplies and monetary donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Center for Human Services, 17018 15<sup>th</sup>

Avenue NE, Shoreline, WA 98155 by August 18. Donation boxes are also available at many local businesses and City Hall.

To volunteer, for a list of drop box locations, or for a list of needed items, visit [btsconsortium.org](http://btsconsortium.org). If you would like to register your family for the event you can do so online at [btsconsortium.org](http://btsconsortium.org) or you can call (206) 393-4916. The registration deadline is August 15.

# LIGHT RAIL

## What's your vision for the neighborhood near the 145<sup>th</sup> Street light rail station?

In less than 10 years, light rail will be available in Shoreline! The City will spend the next year creating a subarea plan for the neighborhoods surrounding the future station at N 145th Street. Adoption of this plan will change land use and zoning designations, and regulations that influence neighborhood character. The purpose of the Design Dialogue Workshop held on June 12 was to brainstorm possibilities for where new households and businesses should go; where transportation and environmental improvements are needed; how buildings and public spaces are designed; and other factors that affect quality of life.

If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to provide your feedback, please visit [shorelinewa.gov/lightrail](http://shorelinewa.gov/lightrail) and fill out the online questionnaire. Or you can send your responses to the following questions to Miranda Redinger, City of Shoreline, 17500 Midvale Avenue N, Shoreline, WA 98133 or email them to [mredinger@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:mredinger@shorelinewa.gov).

- If you moved away from the area for ten years, but came back when light rail is operating, and you looked around the 145<sup>th</sup> station subarea, what improvements would you hope to see and where would they be located? How would you expect land uses to change? What would you hope stayed the same?
- How do you think housing needs might change in 20 years? What will your children's housing needs be then?
- What are characteristics of areas where you spend your free time? Do they include well designed plazas and art, a mix of uses, landscaping, and other ways to define public and private space?
- What kinds of uses are appropriate for the neighborhood over the next several decades?
- What transportation improvements are needed in the subarea, and for pedestrians and bicyclists?



**LUNCHTIME CONCERTS**

**FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**Tuesdays at noon through August 12**

**More info: [shorelinewa.gov/calendar](http://shorelinewa.gov/calendar)**

## Construction on I-5 through Shoreline

WSDOT is replacing more than 300 failing concrete panels in both directions of I-5 from NE 117th Street to the King-Snohomish county line. WSDOT will also be grinding existing concrete to remove surface cracks and smooth bumps. The majority of the work will take place at night.

The panel replacement and grinding work is necessary because this section of I-5 is 50 years old. The panels are failing and riddled with cracks, bumps, and ruts. The concrete is falling apart faster than maintenance crews can patch it.

When the work is complete, drivers will enjoy a smoother ride with improved traction. The work helps preserve and maintain this critical commuter and freight corridor. It also reduces the likelihood of emergency closures on I-5 for pavement repair and saves future maintenance dollars.

### Project timeline

Crews will begin work on panel replacement in late July and will be completed in late fall. In November, crews will begin the noisier work of concrete grinding. The contractor will wait until November to do this work because temperatures will be colder and nearby residents are more likely to have their windows closed at night when the work will occur.

### Project noise

Road construction can be noisy, particularly the concrete grinding. WSDOT's contractor will be required to mitigate noisy work when possible by avoiding excessive banging of tailgates, using approved bed liners in dump trucks, and using noise shields when possible.

For questions about the project contact Kris Olsen of WSDOT at [olsenk@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:olsenk@wsdot.wa.gov) or (206) 404-4704. You can also call the 24-Hour Hotline at (206) 404-4DOT (4368).

## CRIME PREVENTION

### What happens when you call 911?

So, you've made the decision to call 911. Good! It is important to call during or very soon after an event to reduce emergency response times and, if it is a crime, increase the likelihood of apprehending any suspects. When you call you will be asked a number of questions. The first question asked by the dispatcher is the easy one: What are you reporting? This is your chance to clearly and calmly articulate why you are calling 911.

The second question sounds easy, but gets more difficult with added stress: Where are you? If you're calling from a land line in a residence or business, the 911 dispatcher will know where you are. If calling from a mobile phone, technology can often get a point close to your location; however, it isn't 100% accurate. Providing a street name and address is important. Since Shoreline borders the response area of several different jurisdictions, it is important to tell the dispatcher which city you are calling from.

If the event you are reporting requires the response of both police and fire, you may be transferred back and forth between various dispatch entities to ensure the responding parties get the information they need. Please stay on the line until you're told it is okay to hang up! If the location of the phone is such that you need to leave it to be safe, leave the phone off the hook.

If calling about a crime or suspicious activity, it is important to provide the dispatcher with as much information as possible.

Most people know to call 911 in an emergency. But what if you are unsure if an event rises to the level of an "emergency?" We recommend you go ahead and call 911. Let a trained dispatcher decide whether the event is an emergency and how best to triage the call.

### Marijuana retail in Shoreline

Initiative-502 passed in 2012 and legalized the possession and private recreational use of marijuana in Washington State. The initiative decriminalizes the production, distribution, sale, and possession of marijuana, and authorizes the State Liquor Control Board (LCB) to regulate and tax marijuana for those 21 and older. The LCB spent 2013 developing the rules for implementing I-502, and retail establishments will soon begin operations. Growing and processing operations have been operating since earlier this year.

What does this mean for Shoreline? Under the regulations developed by the LCB, Shoreline has been allotted two retail establishments. The City has recently signed the first business license for such an establishment to be located in North City. The City anticipates that a second retail establishment will be licensed soon.

Under the rules established by the LCB, marijuana businesses must be at least 1,000 feet from elementary or secondary schools, playgrounds, recreation centers or facilities, child care centers, public parks, public transit centers, libraries, or any game arcades where admission is not restricted to persons age twenty-one or older.

An issue that will need to be addressed by the Legislature is the inherent conflict between the highly regulated and taxed recreational marijuana system and the relatively unregulated medical marijuana and collective garden system. The vast majority of CGs operate very similarly to a retail operation, but are not subject to the new state regulations and taxes. The Legislature failed to address the issue in the last legislative session and it is unclear if they will take it up next year. Shoreline currently has six licensed CGs.

For more information about I-502 regulations visit [liq.wa.gov](http://liq.wa.gov).

## DID YOU KNOW?

The dirty water that is pressure washed off our driveways and parking lots can pollute our streams, lakes, and Puget Sound. If possible, before you pressure wash, remove any loose dirt. To avoid polluting our waterways, use only water to clean structures, and divert all wash water away from storm drains towards lawns that can soak up the wash water. Contact the City's Water Quality Specialist at (206) 801-2453 with questions.

### Construction maps available online

Summer is the time for road projects. Some road projects in Shoreline are the result of City initiated work and other projects are related to utility or private development projects. The City has created two webpages with maps to help identify the different projects impacting roadways or parks and the responsible parties for each. For major utility projects visit [shorelinewa.gov/utilityprojects](http://shorelinewa.gov/utilityprojects). For projects related to the City's Capital Improvement Program visit [shorelinewa.gov/capitalimprovementmap](http://shorelinewa.gov/capitalimprovementmap).





# A BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATE



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### ARTS AL FRESCO

Thursday, Aug. 7, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall plaza, 17500 Midvale Avenue N

### SOCCER CLASSIC

Friday, Aug. 8 through Sunday, Aug. 10

Boys/Girls ages 11-13, pre-registration required

Shoreline Soccer Fields: 19030 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE

Register: [celebrateshorelinesoccerclassic.com](http://celebrateshorelinesoccerclassic.com)

### INTO THE WOODS

Presented by Aurora Theatre Company

August 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 8:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall plaza, 17500 Midvale Avenue N

Free tickets: [brownpapertickets.com/event/743470](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/743470)

### NORTH CITY JAZZ WALK

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

North City Business District

Tickets: [northcityjazzwalk.org](http://northcityjazzwalk.org)

### SKATE COMPETITION

Friday, Aug. 15, Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Paramount Skate Park, 15300 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE

### FESTIVAL

Saturday, Aug. 16, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Avenue N

### SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

Sunday, Aug. 17, Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190<sup>th</sup> Street

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# FOR THE WHOLE CITY!

# SHORELINE

## ARTS AL FRESCO

**Thursday, Aug. 7, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Shoreline City Hall plaza**

The Sculpture Stroll, Piano Time sights and sounds, and a Shoreline City Hall Gallery Opening all rolled into one make the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Arts al Fresco an event to remember! It's free and you are invited. Enjoy live music by Nelda Swiggett in the City Hall plaza and Steve Flynn in the Park at Town Center. Light refreshments will be available for purchase so bring your friends, family, and visitors to celebrate the sounds and sights of summer at Arts al Fresco.

The Sculpture Stroll will have nine new sculptures and five continuing pieces on the City Hall lawn and the Park at Town Center and will remain in place throughout the year.

During the month of August, eleven Piano Time pianos will be available for organized or impromptu performances by passers-by.

For more information visit [shorelinewa.gov/art](http://shorelinewa.gov/art).



## Aurora Theatre Company presents: INTO THE WOODS

**August 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Shoreline City Hall Plaza**  
**Free tickets: [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)**

Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's Tony Award-winning musical *Into the Woods* is a magical retelling of your favorite Grimm's Fairy Tales characters and their search for Happily Ever After. What begins as an irreverent fantasy becomes a moving lesson about community responsibility and the stories we tell our children. Directed by Scott Charles Francis, the Aurora Theatre Company, in association with the City of Shoreline and Shoreline Community College, will present an intimate production of the classic musical. The performances will take place in the amphitheater plaza of Shoreline City Hall.

Tickets are FREE, but reservations are kindly requested through [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com). The public is invited to come early and bring a picnic supper and blankets. Mark your calendars and get ready to enjoy a magical theatrical experience under the stars.

## CELEBRATE SHORELINE FESTIVAL

**Saturday, Aug. 16, 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Family area closes at 6:00 p.m.)**  
**Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Avenue N**

Join us as for a citywide celebration of our 19<sup>th</sup> year! Festival attractions include main stage entertainment, a family stage, beer and wine garden, food trucks, car show, inflatables, pony rides, roving entertainment, face painting, community booths, emergency vehicles for touring, a bubble play area, and much more. Visit [shorelinewa.gov/celebrateshoreline](http://shorelinewa.gov/celebrateshoreline) for the full festival schedule.





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## Shoreline Eats4Health Vegetable Clinic

*a Farmer's Market special event*

**Saturday, Aug. 9**

**11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Shoreline Farmer's Market**

**Shoreline City Hall upper garage**

**17500 Midvale Avenue N**

Devra Gartenstein of Patty Pan Cooperative will host a "vegetable clinic", offering simple, accessible ideas for using the market's bounty. Come learn new ways to use familiar vegetables, and get to know some unfamiliar varieties as well.



## Shoreline Farmer's Market



Local fruit, veggies, flowers, dairy, meats,  
baked goods, soap, and much more!

**Saturdays through October 4**

**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Shoreline City Hall upper garage**

**17500 Midvale Avenue N**



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