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Human Services

From the beginning, the City has funded and supported the development of locally delivered human services. An early Council report noted that "cities provide a thin but critical layer of support" to human services programs and agencies. The City's support attracts services to Shoreline and strengthens our local agencies. Just after incorporation, the City provided funding for after school and late night teen programs, the Senior Center, and the Center for Human Services. In 1999, the City implemented a full scale Human Services Program.

The story of emergency food tells a tale repeated across the spectrum of services. At incorporation, one food bank was operating in Shoreline using only volunteers. Housed in a WWII era building on the Fircrest Campus, it was open just one afternoon a week. The roof leaked and the floor was unsteady, but the need was growing and the volunteers sought help. With financial support and encouragement from the City, Hopelink moved into Shoreline, expanding the food bank program started by those dedicated volunteers. Today, Hopelink is open five days a week, distributing food in the afternoons and evenings. Residents can also get assistance with utility bills, rent, housing, and even classes in English as a second language.

Today, poverty affects 12.8% of Shoreline's population. Roughly one in four individuals live in a household with income below 200% of poverty (\$39,000 for a three person household.)

As the need has grown, so to has the community's commitment to helping those amongst us most in need. From providing families with food for the holidays and school supplies, to getting help for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, Shoreline is helping to provide support.



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

Aurora Corridor Project construction update

Construction on the final stretch of the Aurora Corridor project from 192nd to 205th Street remains on schedule. Topographical challenges, grade changes and stormwater management requirements on this stretch of the road mean that construction will take longer than on the previous miles.

Traffic shifts to west side of road

The contractor has moved traffic on Aurora to the west side of the roadway so that they can begin work on the east side of Aurora. This phase will be similar to the west side work: construction of the northbound Business Access and Transit lane, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, some utility work, street light installation, and landscaping. Left turns from Aurora to N 200th in either direction will not be allowed until further notice.

N 200th Street (east of Aurora)

Work on the structural sidewalk is expected to start this month. The sidewalk wraps around the Costco

QUESTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION?

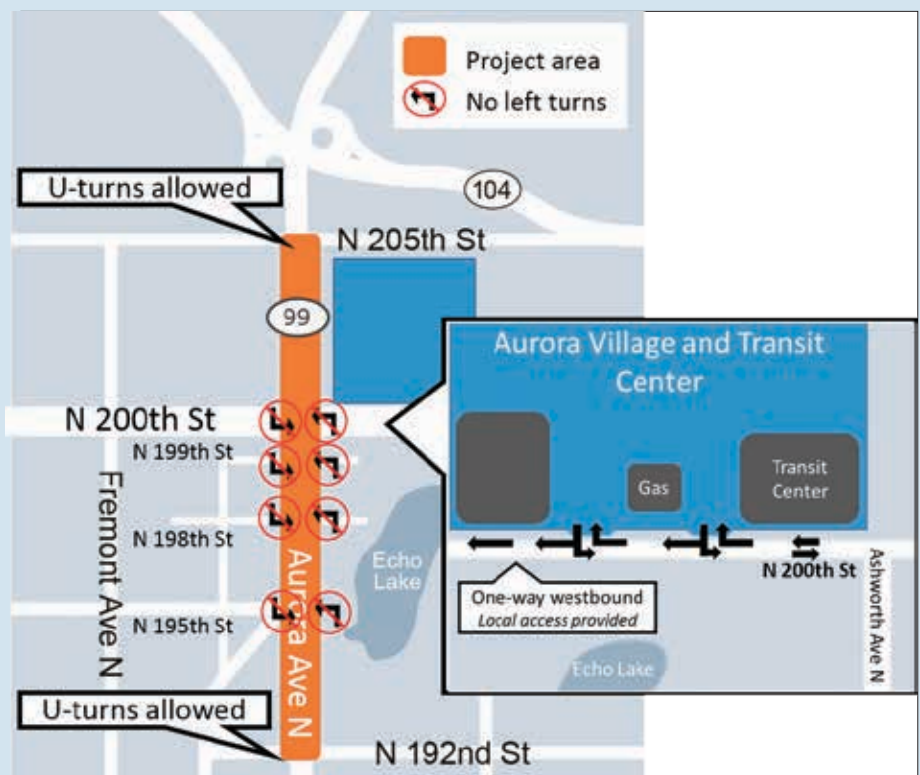
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Email the Aurora team:
aurora@shorelinewa.gov

**Read the latest news and
construction updates:**
shorelinewa.gov/aurora

property on N 200th and Aurora. The traffic direction on N 200th east of Aurora has been switched to one-lane westbound. Local access is provided for businesses and residents on the south side of N 200th. No left turns are permitted from southbound Aurora to eastbound N 200th until N 200th is reopened to two-way traffic.

The entire project is expected to be completed by the end of 2015.





Separated trail along NE 195th Street now complete

Construction of the separated trail along NE 195th Street is now complete. Pedestrians now have a paved, separated place to walk, versus walking on the grass shoulder or in the existing travel lane.

The separated trail along NE 195th completes the final segment of the northern connection between Shoreline's Interurban Trail and the Burke Gilman Trail in Lake Forest Park. It provides a connection to the pedestrian/bicycle bridge crossing I-5. The project includes a 12' wide paved trail for pedestrian and bicycle use. Additional pedestrian connections, lighting, and crosswalks at 1st and 5th Avenues NE are elements for future consideration.

Saltwater Park bridge update

The pedestrian bridge remains closed as the contractor continues to make much needed structural repairs and upgrades. The BNSF flaggers required to complete the portion of the bridge over the railroad tracks arrived on site Monday, March 23. The City and BNSF have worked out a schedule for the flagging crews to allow the project to be completed by the end of April. However, unforeseen incidents, such as natural landslides that close the tracks elsewhere, may require the flaggers to be pulled for emergency assistance, possibly delaying the completion of the bridge project.

The bridge and the beach area remain CLOSED to public access. For everyone's safety, please stay off the bridge and out of the beach area until the project is complete.

Big changes at the Shoreline Farmers Market!

The 2015 Shoreline Farmers Market is entering their fourth season with a new location and Market Manager. The market will be hosted at Aurora Square, adjacent to Central Market and Sears. Aurora Square gives the market prime visibility it was lacking at City Hall and the chance to be at the forefront of revitalization of the property.

With the move, the market association had the opportunity to strengthen as an organization and hire a Market Manager. After a long process filled with talented applicants, the position was offered to Natalia Fior. Natalia brings along vast experience in fundraising, non-profit management, and board leadership. She will give the market the energy and experience to grow into the new location, and as an organization.

If you are interested in getting



involved there are many ways to do so. The market is searching for vendors, volunteers, and sponsors. They are also looking for community members to join their Advisory Committee, which meets at City Hall once a month. Email Natalia Fior at manager@shorelinefarmersmarket.org or visit their website at shorelinefarmersmarket.org for details.

2015 MARKET SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS, JUNE 20 – OCTOBER 3

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

AURORA SQUARE PARKING LOT

15300 WESTMINSTER WAY N



20 Years of Human Services

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Shoreline taxpayers now support 18 separate programs with close to \$400,000 per year serving close to 10,000 people.

Below are just some of the facilities and services that are new or have expanded in the past 20 years with your support:

- The Center for Human Services has expanded to accommodate family support programs and expansions in counseling and therapy.
- Hopelink has an established presence in Shoreline providing full time access to services, including food and utility assistance.
- Compass Housing constructed 24 units of housing for Veterans.
- The International Community Health Centers constructed a new community clinic bringing medical services into Shoreline.
- Vision House developed Jacob's Well with 20 units of housing and child care.
- Residents have access to the Crisis Clinic help line (2-1-1) for health and human services information/referral.
- Seniors can use the expanded Hyde Shuttle to get to appointments in Shoreline and Seattle.
- Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center offers a wide range of classes, activities, and services to seniors 50 and over and their families.
- The Back to School Consortium fair provides approximately 1,500 kids with back to school supplies and clothes every fall.
- Four separate programs came together to form Holiday Baskets providing gifts and food to approximately 600 families in December every year.
- Volunteers, church congregations, and schools provide weekend food backpacks for students across the city.

While the needs in the community have grown, so too has our capacity to address those needs.

Free workshop for your home improvement projects

Tuesday, April 28

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall lobby

Summer is coming! Do you have a home improvement project that you would like some guidance to get started? Is it a subdivision of property, house remodel, driveway, drainage, deck, or a tree project? The City is offering the second of two workshops to help Shoreline residents take the next steps with their projects. Sign up to reserve a time with a technical reviewer on the City's website at shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement.

A local designer, Master Gardener, energy auditor, material supplier, home loan agent, and grant funding representative for residential drainage improvements will also be available to answer questions.

Contact Permit Services Manager Jarrod Lewis at (206) 801-2521 or jlewis@shorelinewa.gov if you have questions. Bring your plans and ideas. We hope to see you there!

Shoreline Lake Forest Park Senior Center

Senior Center celebrates 40th birthday

For forty years, the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center has been offering a wide range of classes, activities, and services of interest to seniors 50 and over and their families. Whether it's exercise and dance classes, or support groups, or an alternative medicine clinic from Bastyr College, the Senior Center has something for everyone. Daily hot lunches are also available at the Senior Center. For seniors who are homebound, volunteers also deliver meals on wheels. To learn more about the great programs and services offered, visit shorelineseniorcenter.org.

Come help the Senior Center celebrate its 40th birthday at its next Karaoke/Bingo night April 10. It is also the 5th anniversary for this very popular, monthly event that helps raise money for the center. In addition to singing and bingo, there will also be birthday cake and prizes! Good food, beer, wine, and other refreshments will be available for purchase. You have to be 21 to attend. To make your reservation, visit shorelinelfpseniorcenter.org.



Earth Day Every Day Event
Saturday, April 18
9:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Central Market
15505 Westminster Way N

Celebrate Earth Day and be inspired to make a difference throughout the year. On Saturday, April 18, Central Market and the City of Shoreline invite you to celebrate our Northwest environment by trying new eco-living tools and learning how to protect our climate and reduce pollution.

This year, to help keep our waterways clean and protect our health, a limited supply of Grandpa's long-handled weed pullers will be distributed to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides in our gardens. Watch your mail for an event flyer with additional details.

DID YOU KNOW?

Storm drains need to be protected. Without them, our homes and neighborhoods could flood, eroding soils and carrying pesticides, grease, and other chemicals into our streams.

If you notice anything blocking a storm drain or going into the drain that isn't clean rain-water, contact Environmental Programs Assistant Tina Kendall at tkendall@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2455.

Aurora Theatre Company returns with Fiddler on the Roof

Shoreline welcomes the return of Aurora Theatre Company for its second outdoor summer musical, the American classic, *Fiddler on the Roof*. The heart-stirring tale of love, family and the traditions that hold a community together, comes to City Hall for eight FREE performances, Fridays and Saturdays, July 31 through August 22. The beloved award-winning Broadway musical will be directed by Scott Charles Francis.

Free tickets will be available at brownpapertickets.com beginning on June 1.

Enjoy a picnic on the City Hall plaza lawn beginning at 6:00 p.m. each evening. Food trucks will be there to provide dinner options. Please visit auroratheatreshoreline.org for more information.

If you are interested in becoming a Sponsor of the 2015 summer production, please contact Scott Francis at scott@auroratheatreshoreline.org.



Aurora Theatre Company's 2014 performance of *Into the Woods*

"A Gershwin Tune" Gala Evening

Saturday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.
Shoreline City Hall

Aurora Theatre Company will host a Gala Evening featuring food and drink from well-known local chefs and including entertainment of songs by George Gershwin performed by local singers. The funds raised at the Gala will go to help produce Aurora Theatre Company's summer musical "*Fiddler on the Roof*." Tickets to "*A Gershwin Tune*" are \$20.00 and are available at brownpapertickets.com

For more information, visit auroratheatreshoreline.org

Council adopts 185th Street Station Subarea Plan

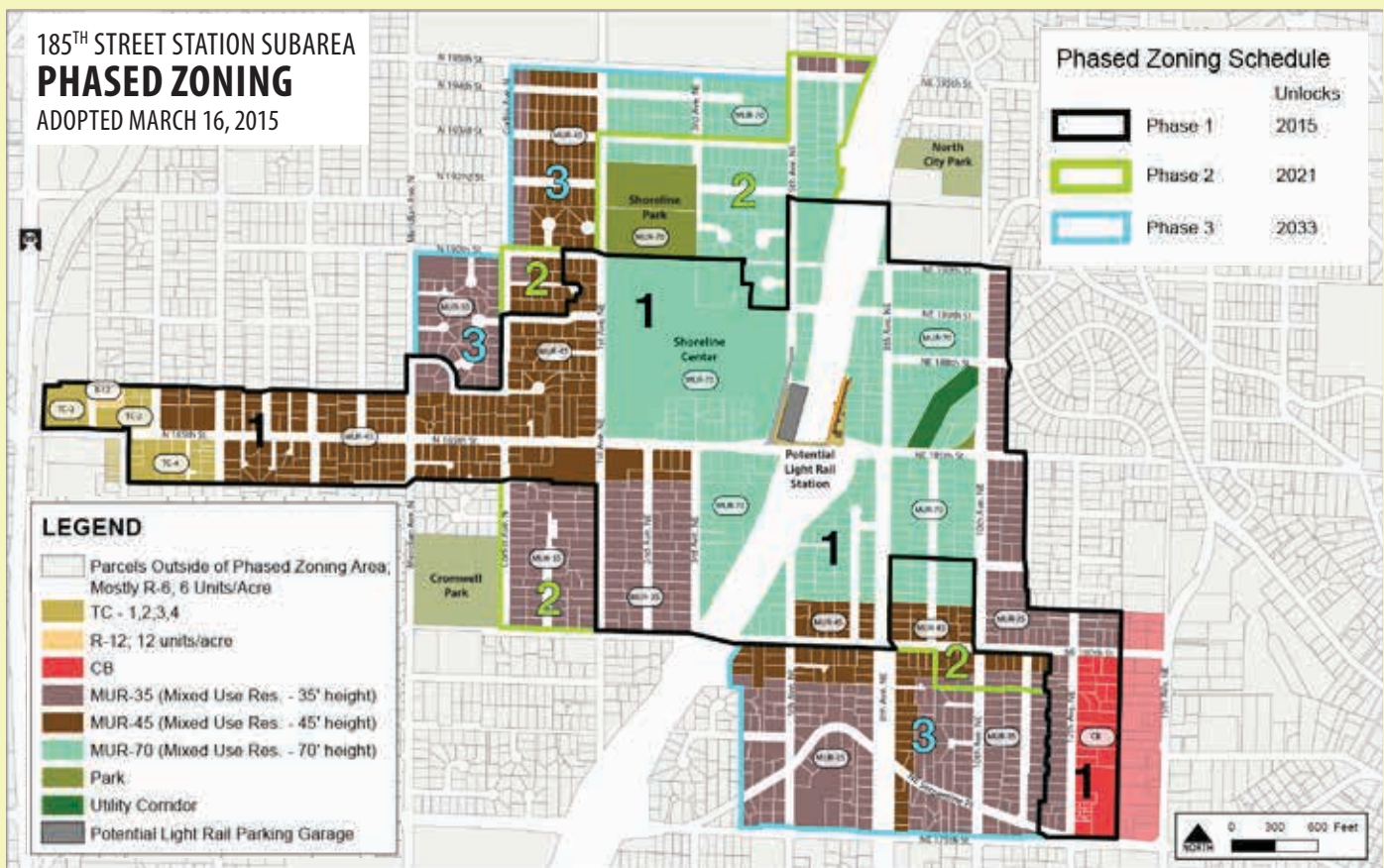
On March 16, Council adopted three ordinances that change the zoning and development regulations for the 185th Street Station Subarea Area. The Subarea Plan (Ordinance 702) outlines policies and long-range land use designations; the Development Code regulations and zoning map (below) (Ordinance 706) changes rules for what may be built; and the Planned Action (Ordinance 707) identifies necessary improvements to accommodate projected growth. For more information about these ordinances and the documents Council adopted, visit shorelinewa.gov/lightrail.

The Council adopted a three phase approach to zoning changes with Phase 1 occurring immediately; Phase 2 occurring in 2021; and Phase 3 occurring in 2033. The new Mixed-Use Residential (MUR) zones will allow a mix of housing types such as detached single family, attached single family, townhomes, row homes, apartments, and live/work dwellings. In some cases, the MUR zones will allow certain retail, service, office, and other

types of commercial uses. The most intense MUR zone is MUR 70, which allows for building heights of up to six or seven stories.

Questions like “what will my zoning be, and what does that mean for my property?” are very common. To help answer these questions, the City has created an interactive map at to help residents identify exactly what their new zoning may be and when it would be effective. View the map at maps.shorelinewa.gov/lightrail185th.

Again, it is important to stress the fact that even though your zoning designation may change, the current use of your property does not have to. Your neighborhood may start to transition and you may notice new housing being built, but the choice to stay in your current home, develop your property with something new, or sell and relocate is entirely up to you and your neighbors.



Visit shorelinewa.gov/lightrail for more information

145th Street Station Subarea

On March 23, Council unanimously voted to delay making a decision on the preferred alternative to be studied in the 145th Street Station Area Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) until completion of the 145th Street/SR 523 Corridor Study. The delay is consistent with the Planning Commission's recommendation following its February 19 public hearing.

The City conducted a Draft EIS for the 145th Street Station Subarea Plan in 2015. The Draft EIS studied the impacts of different rezoning scenarios around the station area. However, after reviewing the results and taking public comment the Planning Commission recommended that Council delay the planning process until completion of the corridor study.

The City is currently engaged in a year-long study of the corridor, which is a key east-west connection for the region linking bus rapid transit on Aurora, I-5, and eventually light rail. In need of significant upgrades, the corridor study will include development of a master plan for improving pedestrian and bicycle mobility, safety and operations, transit speed and reliability, and freight mobility on the corridor. To learn more about the study, visit shorelinewa.gov.

The City is scheduled to complete the study in December 2015, which means the City could resume the 145th Street Station Subarea planning in January 2016. For more information and background, including potential zoning scenarios and environmental analysis performed to date, visit shorelinewa.gov/lightrail. You can also contact Senior Planner Miranda Redinger at (206) 801-2513 or mredinger@shorelinewa.gov with questions.



The Shops at Richmond Beach in the early 1980s

Economic Development Update

Having completed a remodel of The Shops at Richmond Beach, home to QFC and Starbucks on Richmond Beach Road, the Davies family is happy to announce its newest tenant, Swedish Providence medical center. The addition of the medical center will be a huge asset to The Shops at Richmond Beach and to all of Shoreline.

Owner of the shopping center, Kelly Davies, explained that her decision to remodel in the past two years was motivated by a desire to give the center an updated look and a renewed sense of energy. The new direction is symbolized by a new, pedestrian-scale sign that replaced the tall, auto-oriented sign. "The parking lot also needed help. The lighting was insufficient, tree roots were destroying the asphalt, and we wanted to provide better and safer pathways for our customers."

One of the ultimate goals of the remodel was to attract new business operators while also honoring long-term tenants.

"It's incredibly important to contribute to the neighborhood. It's something we want to continually do, and we understand that it works both ways. As we invest in the community, the community invests in our business," stated Davies.

MILLION STEP CHALLENGE

At Paramount School Park

OPENING EVENT

Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.

Ridgecrest Annual Plant Exchange directly follows event.

How many laps can you walk around Paramount School Park in May?



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Upcoming Walks

Saturday, April 11th, 9:00am

Hamlin Park Trails Walk

Walk is approximately 1.8 miles / 50min.

Walk Rating: Moderate (bumpy trails)

Meet at: Hamlin Park, 160th St. 2nd parking lot on left.

Saturday, May 2nd, 10:00am

Richmond Beach Parks Walk

Walk is approximately 3 miles / 1.5 hrs. Rated Moderate.

Meet at: Entrance to RB Saltwater Park 2021 NW 190th St.

Saturday, May 16th, 9:00am

Paramount School Park

Walk & Talk: A Value-Based Life

Walk is approximately 1.5 miles / 45 minutes. Rated Easy.

Meet at: Paramount Park Parking Lot, 8th Ave NE & NE 155th St.

Tuesday, May 19th, 8:00am

Paramount School Park

Walk & Talk: Mindfulness Practice

Walk is approximately 1.5 miles / 45 minutes. Rated Easy.

Meet at: Paramount Park Parking Lot, 8th Ave NE & NE 155th St.

(206) 801-2700 Customer Response Team 24 hours/7 days a week
(206) 801-2485 Aurora Construction Hotline 24 hours/7 days a week

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