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Shoreline: 20 years of working together 1995 - 2015

Shoreline celebrates 20 years of being a City this year! It has been an eventful 20 years with significant progress in growing and developing as a City.

In 1995, a primary motivator for incorporating as a city, instead of annexing with Seattle or remaining in unincorporated King County, was having a more responsive government and more local control over government decisions. Shoreline residents wanted to have a say in what happened in their community and create something different. By obtaining local control, the community has increased its influence on maintaining and improving the quality of life of its residents.

Local control has also given the community greater control over how their tax dollars are spent. While the City has made significant investments in Shoreline's infrastructure and in programs and services, it has done so while maintaining a conservative budgeting approach to finances that continues today. The Council sets aside money from unstable revenue sources for onetime expenditures like capital improvements and often leverages this money by using it as the matching portion for state and federal grants. This means the City uses only stable revenues, or money it can count on year after year, for ongoing expenses. Investing in our future, while maintaining conservative budgeting principles, is a Shoreline community value that continues to this day.

Shoreline has met challenges over the past 20 years with a strong sense of community spirit and Shoreline values. We have found that we are stronger when we act together to achieve a common goal. This community spirit will continue to move us forward.

There is no question Shoreline will experience significant change over the next 20 years. As with any change, there will be some positives and some negatives. However, if we continue with the same community spirit and Shoreline values that have symbolized the first 20 years, then the next 20 will be even better.



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



Shoreview Park, 700 NW Innis Arden Way

Council acts regionally to reduce climate change

Over the past several years, Shoreline Councilmembers have acted regionally to support actions and legislation that help to reduce climate change and protect the health and financial well-being in our community and our region. Across King County and its cities, we are already experiencing the impacts of climate change: warming temperatures, acidifying marine waters, rising seas, decreasing mountain snowpack, and less water in streams during the summer.

Councilmembers recognize that action needs to be taken now. Some highlights of their work and commitments include:

- Signing an Interlocal Agreement to be an active member of the regional King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) that represents nearly 1.5 million people and more than 72% of King County's population.
- Committing the City to reducing communitywide greenhouse gas emissions by at least 25% below 2007 levels by 2020, 50% by 2030, and 80% by 2050.
- Adopting Shoreline's Climate Action Plan and supporting the Washington State Climate Legislative and Executive Workgroup (CLEW) to ensure the state achieves its adopted greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements.
- Joining the Safe Energy Leadership Alliance (SELA), a coalition of more than 120 local, state, and tribal leaders across the Pacific Northwest, Montana, and Canada, working to seek full assessment and disclosure of the economic, cultural, environmental, and health impacts and safety risks of coal and oil trains and export.
- In 2015, adopting light rail station subarea plans that will create transit oriented communities around the future light rail stations in Shoreline.
- Also in 2015, Council will review and select strategies for implementing the City's Climate Action Plan, moving us toward meeting our targets.

Councilmembers understand that if we win the war against climate change, we will be healthier, more prosperous, and happier that we live in a Northwest community where future generations will be able to thrive.

For more information about what the City is doing, visit shorelinewa.gov/forevergreen.

Aurora Corridor Construction Update

It is hard to believe, but we have almost reached the halfway point in the construction of the final phase of the Aurora Corridor project. We appreciate everyone's patience during construction. It can be messy and make getting around difficult, but by driving safely and taking a little extra time, everyone is able to get to where they need to go.

During the next several weeks, we will see significant changes as construction switches from one side of Aurora to the other and work begins on the intersection at N 200th Street.

N 200th Street (east of Aurora)

Starting in mid-February, N 200th Street east of Aurora will be reduced to one, one-way eastbound lane of traffic for approximately six months to allow the Aurora contractor to install new utilities, construct a structural sidewalk, re-grade the roadway, and resurface the road with concrete.

Traffic will be allowed one-way in the eastbound direction only. Local access will be provided.

Aurora Avenue

At the end of February or early March, traffic on the mainline of Aurora will shift from the east side to the west side. By shifting traffic to one side of the street while working on the other, the contractor is able to minimize the impacts to traffic flow, businesses, transit, and pedestrians.

Aurora and N 200th Street

When the traffic shift at the intersection is made, there will be approximately six weeks of limited traffic movement at the intersection of N 200th and Aurora. Only right turns will be allowed to or from Aurora and N 200th. No left turns will be allowed in any direction. Through traffic across Aurora on N 200th also won't be allowed. Pedestrian signals will be in place to enable pedestrians to cross

Aurora at N 200th during this heavy construction period.

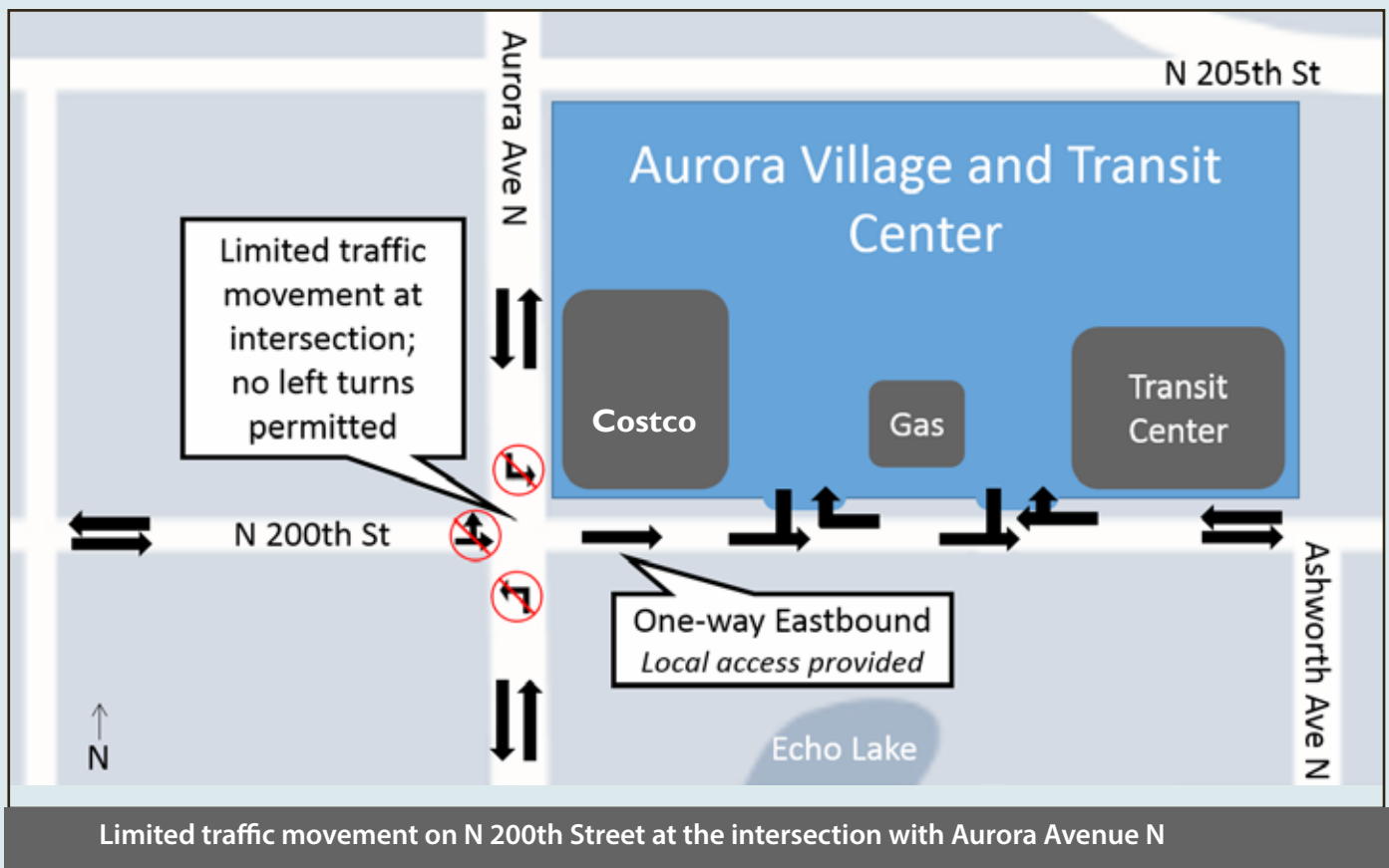
Please remember to drive safely when traveling through the construction zones.

Questions during construction?

Aurora 24-hour hotline:
(206) 801-2485

Email the Aurora team:
aurora@shorelinewa.gov

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



145th Street Station Subarea Plan

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now available for review at shorelinewa.gov/145DEIS.

IMPORTANT DATES

Open House & Planning Commission public hearing
Thursday, Feb. 5*

Open house - 6:00 p.m.; Public Hearing - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The open house will provide individuals with the opportunity to review Draft EIS materials and ask questions of staff before the public hearing. The public hearing is for people to provide comments to the Planning Commission on the Draft EIS.

Draft EIS comment period

January 17 through February 17

Comments on the 145th Street Station Subarea Draft EIS must be submitted before 5:00 p.m. on February 17 to be part of the official record reviewed by Council on February 23, although additional comment will be allowed prior to and during the Council meeting.

Council Selection of Preferred Alternative for Final EIS

Monday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m.*

Council will select the preferred zoning alternative to be studied in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). It is important to remember that this is not the final zoning decision. The final zoning decision will be made later in the year, currently scheduled for June 22.

185th Street Station Subarea Plan

The full 185th Street Station Subarea Plan package is available for review at shorelinewa.gov/185FEIS. Please be sure to review the **updated zoning map** as the Planning Commission made changes at its January 22 meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

Council discussion of 185th Street Station Subarea Plan package

Monday, Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m.*

The Shoreline City Council will discuss the full 185th Street Station Subarea Plan package recommended by the Planning Commission. The package includes the Subarea Plan, which contains policies, Incremental Implementation Strategies, and the Future Land Use Map; and the Planned Action Ordinance, which contains the zoning map, mitigation measures, and Development Code regulations. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a decision-making tool that will be referenced, but is not adopted as part of the package.

Council adoption of 185th Street Station Subarea Plan package

Monday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m.*

Council is scheduled to adopt the Subarea Plan package on February 23.

PLEASE NOTE that this meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

***All meetings will be held in Shoreline City Hall Council Chambers, 17500 Midvale Avenue N**



Conceptual possibility for redevelopment and improvements in the vicinity of 5th Avenue NE and NE 148th Street, looking southwest



Free workshops for your home improvement projects

**Tuesday, March 31 and Tuesday, April 28
6:00 to 8:00 p.m., City Hall lobby**

Home improvement season is coming! Do you have a home improvement project in mind, but need some guidance to get started? Is it a house remodel, subdivision of property, driveway, drainage, deck, or a tree project? The City is offering two workshops to help Shoreline residents take the next steps.

Visit shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement to sign up and reserve a time slot with one of the City's technical reviewers. Be sure to leave your address so we can have maps of your property ready for your appointment. After the first workshop you can sign up to refine your plans further at the second workshop.

Technical reviewers will be available to help with questions regarding your house, property, land uses, and street as well as City requirements and permit information. There will also be:

- Lists of Shoreline consultants, contractors, and material suppliers;
- Work tables, handouts, and maps of your property available; and
- A local designer, Master Gardener, energy auditor, material supplier, home loan agent, and a grant funding program representative for residential drainage improvements available to answer questions. (You do not need to reserve a time slot to come in and talk with any of these consultants).

Contact Planning Manager Paul Cohen at (206) 801-2551 or pcohen@shorelinewa.gov if you have questions. Bring your plans and ideas. We hope to see you there!



Volunteer Opportunities

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board

The City is now accepting applications for volunteers to serve on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS)/Tree Board. Board Members must live, work, or own property in the City of Shoreline. Members are appointed by the City Council to serve four-year terms.

The PRCS/Tree Board advises the City Council and City staff on a variety of parks, recreation, public art, and environmental issues including trees on public property, park operation and design, program activities, property acquisition, arts opportunities, and development of rules and regulations. The Board consists of seven adult members and two non-voting youth members, and meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at City Hall. There are currently openings for three adult members.

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 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20.

For more information, contact Lynn Gabrieli at lgabrieli@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2602.

Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels Program for the cities of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park is looking for volunteer drivers to help deliver meals. Based at the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, volunteers deliver approximately 300 meals per week to anyone who is homebound due to illness, disability, or who has difficulty shopping or cooking. Orders are packed and delivered on Thursday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

To find out how to volunteer, contact Heather Hovey at the Senior Center on Tuesdays or Thursdays at (206) 365-1536. If you are looking for a very worthwhile volunteer opportunity and enjoy driving, this might just be for you.

Be aware of recent phone scams

Phone scams are a multi-million dollar business. With new scams popping up every day, it's important to be aware of the current trends. Caller IDs may or may not show a real number, as scammers are using Caller ID spoofing to make their phone number appear as a legitimate number, like 911 or a police department.

The following are two of the current phone scams that have been reported in the area.

Superior Court

Recently, residents in the region have reported receiving phone calls from individuals claiming to be law enforcement officers or court staff. In some incidences, the callers accuse residents of failing to respond to a jury summons, often demanding immediate payment of a fine to avoid issuance of an arrest warrant. In other incidences, the caller claims to be court staff and demands payment for an outstanding court debt. These calls appear to originate from a Superior Court phone number.

Please be assured that the staff of King County Superior Court will never call and ask for financial details such as credit card numbers, bank

account numbers, or Social Security numbers

If you have any question about the legitimacy of such a call, please hang up and contact the Superior Court at (206) 477-1400.

Internal Revenue Service

The IRS warns people about an aggressive telephone scam that continues across the country. Callers identify themselves as IRS agents and try to trick taxpayers into providing financial data, such as credit card numbers or bank accounts. They do this by either demanding payment or claiming to have a refund for the caller to collect.

These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They may know a lot about you, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. If you don't answer, they often leave an "urgent" callback request.

The IRS reminds people that they can know pretty easily when a supposed IRS caller is a fake. Here are five things the scammers often do, but the IRS will not do. Any one of these

five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam. The IRS will never:

1. Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

What to do

If you receive a call that makes you suspicious, hang-up and contact the organization through a number you know to be legitimate.

If you have been victimized by this scam and sent money or given personal information over the phone, please contact Shoreline Police at (206) 296-3311.



Left to right: Employees Jessica Simulcik Smith, James McCrackin, and Miranda Redinger

Employee of the Year

Shoreline employees nominate peers as Employee of the Year for going above and beyond in practicing the organization's values, providing exceptional customer service, and promoting a positive image of the City. Shoreline Pool Manager James McCrackin was this year's recipient. The two other finalists were Senior Planner Miranda Redinger and City Clerk Jessica simulcik-Smith.

Three employee teams were nominated by the City's Leadership Team for the Team of the Year Award. The Transportation Corridor (Point Wells) Team was selected this year, with runners-up being the Celebrate Shoreline Planning Team and the Surface Water Utility and Environmental Services Asset Management Team.

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 \$2,100 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 \$6,143 and is available to married couples with earned income under \$52,427 and to singles with earned income under \$46,997. The average refund in Washington State in 2013 was \$2,145.

Save even more by using one of the free tax sites:

- **Richmond Beach Library**, 19601 21st Avenue NW
Starting February 6; Fridays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
No income or age eligibility restrictions
Call Shoreline/LFP Senior Center at (206) 365-1536 for an appointment
Walk-ins on space available basis
- **Shoreline Library**, 345 NE 175th Street
Starting February 5; Thursdays 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. & Saturdays 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
No income or age eligibility restrictions
No appointment necessary
- **Hopelink Shoreline**, 15809 Westminster Avenue
Wednesdays 5:00-9:00 PM, Thursdays 1:00-9:00 PM, & Saturdays 10:00 -2:00 PM
Anyone who earned less than \$60,000 in 2014 can use this service
No appointment necessary

For a list of all tax sites in King County and or to find sites serving non-English speakers call 2-1-1 or go to uwkc.org/taxhelp for details.

What To Bring:

- Last year's income tax return
- End of year tax and mortgage statements (1099s and W-2s)
- Social security numbers and birthdates for all household members
- Child care statements and provider's Tax ID number
- Checking or savings account number for direct deposit of refund
- Photo ID

If filing jointly, both filer and spouse must be present to file electronically.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that many snow and ice melting products contain salts that can harm your pets and our environment? Melting snow and ice can carry these salts and chemicals into our gardens and waterways, harming our plants, pets paws, and water quality. Look for products that say 'Pet-friendly' or 'water safe.'

For more information contact Tina Kendall, Environmental Programs Assistant, at (206) 801-2450.

Sign up for:

ALERT SHORELINE

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for Alert Shoreline. The system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as a police alert for your neighborhood, unexpected road closures, and traffic. It will also allow us to alert you to community news you are interested in receiving, such as Council agendas, Parks facility closures, City Hall news or crime prevention tips and alerts.

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Shoreline Walks

Volunteer Walk Leaders Wanted for 2015!

Shoreline Walks is a free community walking program helping adults stay active, meet new people (or connect with old friends) and feel safer and more confident exploring our city by foot.

Interested in Leading a Walk?

Contact Marianne Johnson for Info:
mjohnson@shorelinewa.gov, 206-801-2638

shorelinewa.gov/shorelinewalks



(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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