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## 20 years as a City - Past to Present

### Capital Improvements

As Shoreline celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, now is a great time to reflect on all the community has accomplished since taking the reins of local government. The positive impacts of residents incorporating Shoreline as a city and investing tax dollars locally can be seen through various capital investments that have been made over the last 20 years. Constructing projects that meet expectations and that are planned in a way that align with the community's values are what make Shoreline a great place to live. With every project, the City does its best to ensure that every dollar of taxpayer's money is wisely invested.



### Aurora Corridor

Redevelopment of Aurora Avenue has been the most significant capital improvement project the City has tackled since incorporation. And by the end of this year we will see substantial completion of the entire project. In improving the three miles of Aurora through Shoreline, the community envisioned a safer and more attractive boulevard that showcases Shoreline's primary commercial area. In the first mile alone, accident rates have fallen by 60%.

### Interurban Trail

This three-mile paved trail, heavily used by pedestrians and bicycles, runs through the heart of Shoreline and is part of a Seattle to Everett corridor. Similar to the Aurora Corridor Project, much of the project's cost – 84% – was funded by grants from outside agencies.

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### Shoreline Farmers Market

Opening day Saturday, June 20

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

Aurora Square, 15300 Westminister Way N



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

## Cost recovery study for recreation programs and City facilities

On June 25, the Park, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board will hold a public hearing to gather feedback on possible cost recovery options and guiding policies for setting fees to be charged for recreation programs and facilities. The Board will also accept written comments until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24. Based on the results of the study and resident feedback, the Board will make a recommendation to the City Council on the proposed policies.

As one of the strategies identified in the City's 10-Year Financial Sustainability Plan (10YFSP), PRCS has been conducting a detailed cost recovery study for our parks and recreation programs, facilities, and services. PRCS collects a variety of fees and charges for its services and programs to reduce its reliance on subsidies from the City's General Fund. The cost recovery study looks at how much those services and programs cost and how much is charged in fees and charges to provide them. Costs reflect the costs of materials, operation of facilities, staff, maintenance, and overhead management. The study then looks at whether the fees and charges are appropriate or if they need to be adjusted up or down depending on budgetary needs and user willingness and ability to pay.

The PRCS Board is now looking for resident input on the proposed policies for determining fees and charges based on cost recovery information that came out of the study.

For a more detailed background report, visit [shorelinewa.gov/costrecovery](http://shorelinewa.gov/costrecovery) after June 4. For questions, contact PRCS Director Eric Friedli at (206) 801-2601 or [efriedli@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:efriedli@shorelinewa.gov).

### PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, June 25  
7:15 p.m.  
Council Chamber

Written comments due by  
5:00 p.m. on June 24

### MORE INFORMATION

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## Planning Commission to discuss updates to Critical Areas regulations

Please join the Planning Commission in June and July as they discuss potential updates to the City's Critical Areas regulations. These regulations protect streams, wetlands, steep slopes, and other geologically hazardous areas throughout the City. The City held two public conversations in May to gather comments and suggestions on the critical area regulations. Potential changes to these regulations include updates for consistency with Best Available Science, as well as adding standards for critical area reports and clarifying existing unclear code sections.



### Tentative Planning Commission meeting dates and topics include:

- **June 4** – Wetlands and the Shoreline Master Program
- **June 18** – Geologic Hazard Areas
- **July 2** – Streams and general critical area provisions
- **July 16** – Public Hearing and Planning Commission Recommendation

The Planning Commission schedule and agendas are available online at [shorelinewa.gov/planning](http://shorelinewa.gov/planning). For more information on the Critical Areas Update project, visit [shorelinewa.gov/critical-areas](http://shorelinewa.gov/critical-areas).



# Twenty Years of Capital Improvements

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## North City Project

The North City Project included pedestrian safety improvements along the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE corridor and enhancements to revitalize the shopping district between NE 170<sup>th</sup> and NE 180<sup>th</sup> Streets.

## Sidewalks and Pedestrian/Trail Improvements

Since 1995, the City has invested approximately \$20 million in constructing more than 15 miles of new sidewalks and related amenities. This does not include the many trails in our parks and connecting trails that have also been constructed during that time. While we still have many more miles of sidewalk to construct, with continued investment from the City and continued economic development, residents will see more sidewalks constructed.



before

## INTERURBAN TRAIL



after



before

## SALTWATER PARK TERRACE



after

## Surface Water Projects

Before and immediately after incorporation, Shoreline residents faced significant flooding issues. The City has made significant investments in stormwater improvements that have almost eliminated all of the most severe flooding in the City. Some of the most significant projects include: Cromwell Park and Surface Water Enhancements Projects; Boeing Creek Park and Stormwater Improvement Projects; and Ronald Bog Drainage Improvements.

## City Hall

After putting aside funds to purchase the land for years, in 2009, City operations moved from leased office space to the newly constructed City Hall at NE 175<sup>th</sup> Street and Midvale Avenue N. The building is a LEED Gold building and serves not just as a City Hall, but also as a local and regional meeting place.

## Various Citywide Park and Recreation Improvements

Finally, one of the biggest returns on taxpayers investments in the past 20 years has been the investments made in our parks and in the acquisition of open space. When Shoreline residents approved the park bond in 2006, they voted to transform our park system into a regional showpiece. Parks that used to sit empty are now filled with activity.

Visit [shorelinewa.gov/completedprojects](http://shorelinewa.gov/completedprojects) to view more of the City's Capital Improvements completed since incorporation.



## INTERURBAN BRIDGE



## CROMWELL PARK



## CITY HALL

# Summer <sup>in</sup> the City

## Lunchtime Music Series

**Tuesdays, July 8 - Aug. 12, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Free concerts for all ages**

**July 7:** Reptile Isle - Reptile show  
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190<sup>th</sup> Street

**July 14:** Arturo Rodriguez & the Rhythm Ambassadors  
Hamlin Park, 16006 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE

**July 21:** Matt Baker - Juggler  
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190<sup>th</sup> Street

**July 28:** Anzanga Marimba Ensemble - Marimba music  
Hamlin Park, 16006 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE

**August 4:** Recess Monkey - Kindie Rock  
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190<sup>th</sup> Street

**August 11:** Johnny Bregar Music - Kindie rock  
Hamlin Park, 16006 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE

## Low-Tide Beach Walks

Beginning **June 2**, beach naturalists will hold fun, free, and informative beach walks during low tides at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190<sup>th</sup> Street. Check [shorelinewa.gov/news](http://shorelinewa.gov/news) for dates and times.

## Summer of Fun Concerts

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council's annual summer concert series begins on Wednesday, **July 9**. Most concerts are free and all start at 7 p.m. Visit [shorelinearts.net](http://shorelinearts.net) for artists and locations.

## Swingin' Summer Eve

**Wednesday, July 22, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Avenue N**

Celebrate the spirit of summer with a community festival, BBQ, and live music by Cherry Cherry.

## Food Truck Shoreline

**Aurora Square - Tuesdays, Aug. 18, Aug. 25, Sept. 1**

**Richmond Beach - Wednesdays, Aug. 19, Aug. 26, Sept. 2**

**Ridgecrest - Thursdays, Aug. 20, Aug 27, Sept. 3**

Food trucks are coming to Shoreline! End the summer right with nine different days and nine different trucks in three neighborhoods across the city. Come hungry!





## Farmers Market

**Saturdays, June 20 - Oct. 4, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Aurora Square, 15300 Westminster Way N**

New location! The fourth season of the Market will take place in a brand new space near Sears. Shop the market and support our local economy, farmers and vendors.

## Kids Move Challenge

It's time for the second annual Kids Move Challenge! The City is challenging Shoreline kids to get moving this summer. Every day you move for an hour this summer, mark it down on the Kids Move Challenge form. When you reach the finish, turn it in. You could win a prize and have your picture in Currents!

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.

Walk, run, jump, skip, or play tag! Be active and be healthy this summer and win!

## National Night Out

**Tuesday, August 4**

Every year, Shoreline residents come together to celebrate National Night Out (NNO). This unique crime/drug prevention event connects cities, police, fire, businesses, neighborhood associations, and neighbors from 15,000+ communities across the country. Earmark this year's date as an opportunity to gather with family, friends, and old and new neighbors to explore ideas pertaining to personal safety and community connectivity. Help us break our record of 67 NNO parties hosted in Shoreline last year!

Different neighborhoods choose to celebrate NNO in different ways. Some hold block parties or gather to share neighborhood safety information updates. Others do street cookouts, kiddie parades, crime prevention exhibits, police and fire visits, flashlight walks, chalk art on the street, etc. No matter how you gather, these shared evenings have proven to be an effective, inexpensive, and fun way for neighbors to meet and get to know each other better.

For information on how to begin planning for your 2015 NNO neighborhood or street event, contact Rosie O'Brien-Ochs at [robrien-ochs@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:robrien-ochs@shorelinewa.gov) or call (206) 801-2256.

# CELEBRATE SHORELINE

## FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

**Fridays and Saturdays, July 31 - Aug. 22; 8:00 p.m.**  
**Shoreline City Hall plaza, 17500 Midvale Avenue N**  
**Free tickets: [auroratheatreshoreline.org](http://auroratheatreshoreline.org)**

## ARTS AL FRESCO

**Thursday, Aug. 6, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Shoreline City Hall plaza, 17500 Midvale Avenue N**

## SOCCER CLASSIC

**Friday, Aug. 7 through Sunday, Aug. 9**  
**Shoreline Soccer Fields: 19030 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE**  
**Register: [celebrateshorelinesoccerclassic.com](http://celebrateshorelinesoccerclassic.com)**

## NORTH CITY JAZZ WALK

**Tuesday, Aug. 11, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.**  
**North City Business District**  
**Tickets: [northcityjazzwalk.org](http://northcityjazzwalk.org)**

## SKATE COMPETITION

**Friday, Aug. 14, Noon - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Paramount Skate Park, 15300 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE**

## FESTIVAL

**Saturday, Aug. 15, Noon - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Avenue N**

## MAIN STAGE CONCERT

**Saturday, Aug. 15, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Avenue N**

## BEACH TO BLUFF RUN & SANDCASTLE CONTEST

**Sunday, Aug. 16, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
**Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Info: [richmondbeachwa.org](http://richmondbeachwa.org)**



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# LIGHT RAIL

## Sound Transit selects final light rail route and stations

On April 23, the Sound Transit Board of Directors made their final selection of the light rail route and station locations for extending light rail north from Seattle to Lynnwood in Snohomish County.

Trains will run along the I-5 corridor from Northgate to the Lynnwood Transit Center with stations at NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street, NE 185<sup>th</sup> Street, and the Mountlake Terrace Transit Center at 236<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest. A trip from Lynnwood to downtown Seattle will take 28 minutes.

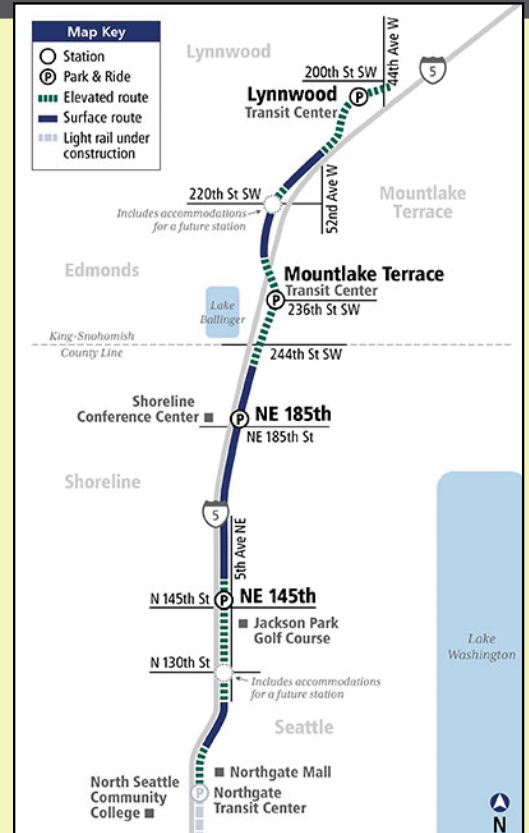
The Board also decided to construct the parking garage for the NE 185<sup>th</sup> Street station on the west side of I-5 along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.

Lynnwood Link is estimated to carry 63,000-74,000 riders each weekday by 2035.

For more information on the project visit the Sound Transit website at [soundtransit.org/Lynnwood-Link-Extension](http://soundtransit.org/Lynnwood-Link-Extension).

The Board also directed staff to plan for future stations at Northeast 130<sup>th</sup> Street in Seattle and 220<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest in Mountlake Terrace. The light rail tracks in those areas will be built to accommodate construction of future boarding platforms in a way that would not impact service.

Cost estimates for the 8.5-mile long project range from \$1.5 to \$1.7 billion. A final budget will be established in 2017 with construction scheduled to begin in 2018 and open for service in 2023.



## Household Hazardous Wastemobile Survey

### We need your input

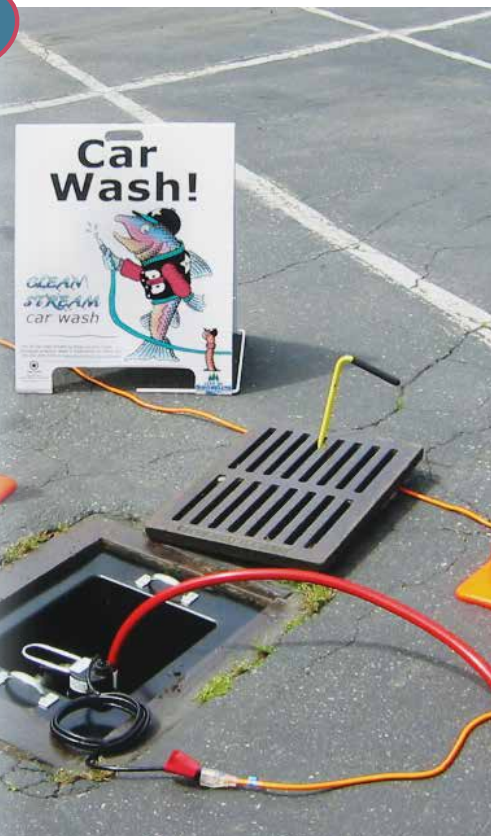
If you brought your household hazardous waste to the Wastemobile Event at Sears this year, thank you! More than 41,700 pounds of hazardous waste were collected and safely disposed of, helping to protect our health and the environment.

It's important that we hear from you! In order to consider these events in the future, we need to know your interest and need to safely dispose of your hazardous waste. Please take a 1-minute survey (really only one minute!), at [surveymonkey.com/s/HazWaste2015](http://surveymonkey.com/s/HazWaste2015) or call (206) 801-2455 to give us your feedback. The link will be available June 1 through 21.

## DID YOU KNOW?

When you wash your car on the street or in your driveway, the grimy water flows untreated into our streams and lakes. Help protect our wildlife and water quality by washing your car on your lawn, or taking it to a commercial car wash. Groups that hold car wash fundraisers are encouraged to use a car wash kit, available for loan from the City, or to sell tickets to commercial car washes instead.

Contact Tina Kendall at (206) 801-2455 or [tkendall@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:tkendall@shorelinewa.gov) for more information.



# SHORELINE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Information provided by the Shoreline Fire District



## Shoreline Fire District Board of Commissioners votes to place two ballot measures on the August primary ballot

The Shoreline Fire District Board of Commissioners have voted to place two ballot measures on the August ballot: Approval of a fire benefit charge (FBC), and a capital bond for purchasing higher cost, capital items such as vehicles, equipment, and facilities.

### Why are these measures on the ballot?

The FBC can be used to fund part of the District's annual operating expenses. It will allow for more diversity and flexibility in the District's annual operating budget to provide for long-term sustainability in meeting the increasing costs and need for emergency services.

The capital bond will allow for the replacement of vehicles, facilities, and equipment and replace a current capital bond that retires in 2016.

### How could this affect taxpayers?

With a FBC in place, the District's property taxing authority would be reduced. The goal is for the FBC to equal the lost tax levy authority. On average, commercial property owners will pay more of the FBC, and most homeowners will pay less. Roughly 80% of homeowners will realize a decrease in overall monies paid to the Fire District.

- ♦ For example, a typical 1,520 sq ft house is currently paying \$312.00 annually in taxes. But with a lower levy and the FBC, it becomes \$238.22, a decrease of \$73.78 annually.

The capital bond will cost approximately \$.16 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The Fire District currently has a 20-year capital bond that retires in 2016, which is costing about \$.18 per \$1,000 of assessed value. So, property owners will see a decrease from what they are currently paying on the capital bond.

- ♦ For example, a \$300,000 house is currently paying \$54 annually ( $\$300,000 \times \$.18/\$1,000$ ). This will decrease to \$48 annually.

### What would the capital bond funds purchase?

- Ladder truck
- Rebuild Station 63
- Replace three fire engines
- Replace three aid cars
- Replace rescue apparatus
- Replace all SCBA
- New storage structure at Headquarters

## Have questions? Ask the fire chief!

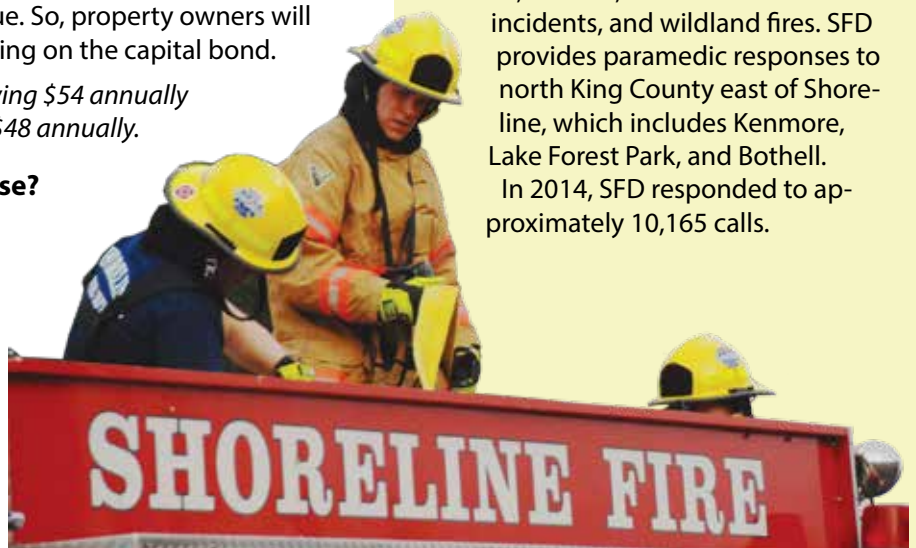
On three Thursdays in June, Chief Cowan will host Chief's Tour & Talk at your local firehouses!

- **June 11** at 6:30 p.m.  
Station 64, 719 N 185<sup>th</sup> Street
  - **June 18** at 6:30 p.m.  
Station 65, 145 NE 155<sup>th</sup> Street
  - **June 25** at 6:30 p.m.  
Station 63, 1410 NE 180<sup>th</sup> Street
- Stop by, say "Hi", and ask questions!

## Did you know?

The Shoreline Fire Department (SFD) is an "all hazards" fire department responding to fire, basic and advanced emergency medical calls, rescues, hazardous materials incidents, and wildland fires. SFD provides paramedic responses to north King County east of Shoreline, which includes Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, and Bothell.

In 2014, SFD responded to approximately 10,165 calls.

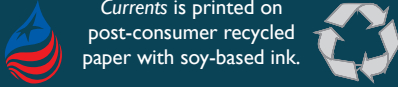




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this month long event.**

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# CAMP SHORELINE

**At Highland Terrace School**



## WEEKLY THEMED CAMPS

**June 22 - August 7**

**Ages 4-12, 8am-4pm\***

**\*Aftercare Available**

Join Camp Shoreline at Highland  
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summer as we spend our weeks  
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