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2015 Police Services Report: Shoreline continues to be a safe community

Every year, Shoreline Police provide the community with an Annual Police Services Report outlining police services and crime activity for the prior year. Shoreline continues to be a safe community. According to the 2015 report, Part 1 crimes (violent crimes) were at the lowest level in ten years. In addition, last year saw a 13% reduction in burglaries, a 20% reduction in larceny thefts, and a 30% reduction in auto thefts from 2014.

Property crimes continue to be a priority and a focus for Shoreline Police. Safety and security is everyone's responsibility with the police and community working together. In 2015, Shoreline Police participated in 42 community crime prevention meetings. One of the best weapons the police have in their efforts to prevent crime is a vigilant community. Shoreline Police stress the importance of calling 911 immediately when you notice suspicious activity. It is the job of Shoreline Police to respond and determine if the activity is legitimate, or a crime in-progress. The message is helping. Calls for service have increased over the past several years; Shoreline officers responded to 14,871 calls made to 911 last year and initiated 14,370 contacts on their own, making a total of 1,405 arrests.

In 2015, the Shoreline Police Department, in conjunction with Lake Forest Park Police, conducted three "Nurturing Trust with Family, with Community" workshops. These workshops focused on building trust and working relationships between the Police and the community. Police educated participants on laws and basic police procedures on important issues that may affect any family, especially those from underrepresented communities. Childcare was provided and workshops were offered in English and Spanish. Topics covered in the workshops included positive parental discipline, domestic violence, child abuse, bullying, drugs, and teen suicide. Police will continue to offer this popular and successful program in 2016.

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Shoreline Farmers Market
Opening day: Saturday, June 11
Aurora Square, 15300 Westminster Way N
shorelinefarmersmarket.org

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Shoreline City Hall, Council Chamber
Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

2016-2018 City Council Goals and Workplan

On March 14, Council adopted their 2016-2018 City Council Goals and Workplan. Four of the five goals are a continuation of the Council's previous goals. They are:

Goal #1: Strengthen Shoreline's economic base to maintain the public services that the community expects.

Goal #2: Improve Shoreline's utility, transportation, and environmental infrastructure.

Goal #3: Prepare for two Shoreline light rail stations.

Goal #5: Promote and enhance the City's safe community and neighborhood programs and initiatives.

The new goal for 2016-2018 is:

Goal #4: Expand the City's focus on equity and inclusion to enhance opportunities for community engagement.

The Council values all residents and believes they are an important part of the Shoreline community, including those that have been underrepresented. By expanding the ways in which the City develops and implements processes, policies, and procedures, Council hopes to increase inclusion and equity in a meaningful and impactful way.

To do this, Goal 4 will seek to:

1. Create and implement a Diversity and Inclusion Program in the City;
2. Explore ways to reduce homelessness in Shoreline, including a review of City policies and codes that may create barriers for those experiencing homelessness;
3. Explore external workforce regulations including paid sick leave and minimum wage regulations;
4. Enhance the City's support for non-discrimination and accessibility for a diverse community through compliance with Title II and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act;
5. Develop and maintain working relationships with diverse and underrepresented members of the Shoreline community through the continuation of the Nurturing Trust workshops; and
6. Explore development of a Citizen Engagement Academy to help the community build familiarity with the many aspects of Shoreline government and its role in providing services.

For more information, visit shorelinewa.gov/council.

Citizen satisfaction surveys in the mail

Every two years the City conducts a citizen satisfaction survey to measure satisfaction with City services, maintenance, public safety, transportation, quality of life, and other areas in Shoreline. In June, ETC Institute will send surveys to approximately 3,500 individuals in Shoreline. The City encourages everyone that receives a survey to complete it. The City reviews the results carefully to help inform decisions around City programs and services.

Individuals receiving the survey will also have the option of completing the survey online.

If you have any questions about the survey, contact Communications Program Manager Eric Bratton at ebratton@shorelinewa.gov.

ANNUAL TRAFFIC REPORT: Overall collisions down; collisions from distracted driving up

On March 21, the City's Traffic Services section presented the 2015 Annual Traffic Report to the City Council. Overall collisions for 2015 were down 8% in comparison to 2014 numbers, continuing a downward trend since 2008. In the report, Traffic Services specifically analyzed collisions that resulted in injuries to identify trends and mitigation strategies for these types of collisions. The good news is injury collisions in 2015 were at a near record low. The bad news is the proportion of injury collisions involving a bike or pedestrian was at a record high. Forty-six percent of all injury collisions involved a bike or a pedestrian.

While the overall number of bike and pedestrian collisions was down from 2014, the cumulative trend from 2008 continues to increase. Part of this increase may be due to shifting modes of transportation; bike and pedestrian trips are on the rise. This highlights the need for continued investment in



Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. At 55 mph, that is enough time to cover the length of a football field.

Source: 2009, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

non-motorized transportation improvements. In addition, the need to educate drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists about the rules of the road is evident in that the majority of these collisions resulted from failure to yield right-of-way.

Similar to 2014's findings, the number of total and injury collisions related to distracted and inattentive driving continues to rise as well. Shoreline Police will step-up enforcement of laws regarding cell phone use while driv-

ing in hopes of bringing the number of injury collisions down. However, enforcement is difficult. It is up to all of us to be aware of the road and not let our phones become a distraction while driving.

For more information about the report, contact Traffic Engineer Kendra Dedinsky at kdedinsky@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2431, or visit shorelinewa.gov/traffic.

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Also in 2015, the City received a three-year grant from the Department of Justice/Smart Policing Initiative to implement the Risk Awareness, De-escalation and Referral (RADAR) program. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of times Shoreline Police use force when responding to individuals with diminished capacities or developmental disabilities who are at risk of violence.

RADAR is meant to change the way Shoreline police do business. Officers will focus resources on specific individuals with a history of violence, including violence related to substance

abuse, mental illness, or developmental disability. They will establish voluntary, positive, and cooperative relationships with these higher risk individuals and their circle of support, such as family members, counselors, and social workers. As a result, Shoreline Police will be able to better understand and deescalate situations that previously would have resulted in the use of force.

The RADAR program is one of the first of its kind and will hopefully serve as a model for other law enforcement agencies in the country.

For more information about Shoreline Police, visit shorelinewa.gov/police.

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE

**Friday, May 6 - Sunday, May 8
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
20312 15th Avenue NW**

The largest selection of the year is offered at this beloved, time honored sale. Trilliums, rare natives, unusual bulbs, ferns and forest floor rarities are just some of the highlights.

Parking and shuttle information is available at kruckeberg.org.

The sale is part of the Richmond Beach Community Celebration. Visit richmondbeachwa.org for the full list of events.

Five members appointed to the PRCS/Tree and Library Boards

On April 11, Council appointed four members to the Library Board and one member to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board.

The City Council reappointed Karen Thielke and Lisa Oberg to the Shoreline Library Board. Council also appointed two new members to the Board – Steve Watson and Chloe Anne Horning.

The appointments are for four-year terms and will run through March 31, 2020.

Council appointed Christina Arcidy to fill a vacant position on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board. Arcidy will complete the unexpired term of the vacant position, which ends March 31, 2017, and then serve her own four-year term, which will end March 31, 2021.

Youth members needed for PRCS/Tree Board

Are you between the ages of 15 and 19? Do you want to help shape the future of Shoreline? Do you value the City's parks, recreation programs, and events? If you want to gain experience in civic government and make a difference in your community, then become a member of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board.

The City is accepting applications for two youth members. The terms are for one-year starting in September. The deadline to apply is May 13. Visit shorelinewa.gov/boards or call (206) 801-2602 for more information.



Fiddlehead and her kid, Dorian, are City contractors who help manage vegetation.

Goats help City's Surface Water Utility with vegetation management

During the summer months, the City employs goats to help manage vegetation at six stormwater facilities. The animals effectively remove blackberry and weedy plant species from steep slopes that are difficult to access and maintain. Using goats allows for a lower environmental impact while keeping costs under control.

The City is working with Earthcraft Services who is responsible for the care and well-being of the animals. For animal locations, visit shorelinewa.gov/goats. If you have questions, please contact Environmental Program Specialist Tina Kendall at (206) 801-2455 or tkendall@shorelinewa.gov.



Financial sustainability public meetings

Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Richmond Beach Congregational Church, 1512 NW 195th Street

Wednesday, May 25, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Shoreline Library, 345 NE 175th Street

The Financial Sustainability Citizen Advisory Committee has been reviewing the City's Financial Sustainability Strategies since February, particularly as they relate to the expiring maintenance and operations property tax levy lid lift that Shoreline residents passed in 2010. The Financial Sustainability public meetings are an opportunity for the rest of our community members to learn about what the City has been doing to secure Shoreline's financial sustainability and what challenges lie ahead.

As long as the 1% cap remains on property tax increases, the City will continue to face budget gaps every six to eight years as the cost to deliver the same basic services outpaces revenue growth. In addition to looking at ways to operate more efficiently and to cut costs, the City has also looked at different strategies for ensuring revenue keeps pace with costs. Come learn about those strategies and provide your input.

Council adopts Preferred Design Concept for 145th Street Multimodal Corridor Study

On April 11, the City Council adopted the preferred design concept for the 145th Street Multimodal Corridor Study. The design concept has a number of lane configurations over its three-mile length, with most intersections being improved and widened. Generally, the eastern portion of the corridor (east of I-5) has a strong focus on transit, so the street cross-section is wider, and includes queue-jumps for buses at signalized intersections. The portion west of Aurora features a three-lane section that provides an opportunity to meet the multimodal goals of the project while staying within the existing right-of-way. The middle section is a transition between each end, and provides a four-lane roadway with intersection improvements as well as improvements for pedestrians.

The preferred design concept for the 145th Street Multimodal Corridor Study reflects a strategy of maximizing benefits while minimizing impacts, such as costs and impacts to properties. The preferred design concept is a vision for multimodal transportation improvements that reflects broad community input. Over the past year, City staff have engaged residents of Shoreline and Seattle in the Corridor Study. The City held three open houses, met with numerous neighborhood groups and property owners, and conducted regular meetings with a Citizens Advisory Task Force. The City also worked closely with a number of other governmental agencies with an interest in the corridor.

Next Steps

With adoption of the preferred design concept, the City will begin working on development of the different sections of the corridor. The study divided the corridor into four separate sections, each of which will have a different path to completion. As it did with the Aurora project, the City will aggressively seek grant funding for constructing the 145th Street improvements.

- **I-5 to Lake City Way:** This section is currently included in the ST3 draft plan recently released by the Sound Transit Board. Staff will continue to work with Sound Transit and partner agencies to advocate for this project to be included in ST3 funding. The design for this section is comparable to one of the ST3 concepts.
- **I-5 Interchange:** The City will continue partnerships with WSDOT, Sound Transit, and the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to capitalize on the momentum for this project. Staff will pursue funding for this project with the goal of having the improvements completed before the opening of the light rail station.
- **Aurora to I-5:** This section will advance through final design funded by a Puget Sound Regional Council Countywide grant and the City will continue to pursue grant funding for ROW acquisition and construction of this section.
- **3rd Avenue NW to Aurora:** The City will work with SDOT and the City of Seattle to develop this project.
- **Off-corridor Bike Network:** The City will work closely with SDOT to develop this project.

MORE INFORMATION:
shorelinewa.gov/145corridor

CELEBRATE PUGET SOUND

At a Mariners Game!

Mariners vs Angels
Saturday, May 14, 6:10 PM
Safeco Field
\$15 View Level
\$32 Main Level

PURCHASE BY:
Friday, May 13, 5:00 PM
Mariners.com/PugetSound

Join us on Puget Sound Starts Here Night to celebrate your actions that help keep our waters clean. Free gift with discounted ticket purchase!

To find out what is happening around the region visit pugetsoundstartshere.org/events-list/.

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STATE OF THE CITY

Securing our Foundation, Shaping our Future!

Thursday, June 2

7:00 to 8:30 a.m.

City Hall Council Chamber

On June 2, the City Council will host the State of the City Breakfast and invite community members and civic and business leaders to attend.

Come learn about what has happened over the past year and the City's plans for the coming year.

The event is free, but space is limited. Please RSVP to Heidi Costello at hcostello@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2214 by May 26. For more information, visit shorelinewa.gov/stateofthecity.

Learn about the Solarize Shoreline Campaign

Solarize Shoreline Workshop #1

Thursday, June 23, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

City Hall Council Chamber

Solarize Shoreline Workshop #2

Thursday, June 23, Time TBD

City Hall Council Chamber

Have you ever thought about putting solar panels on your house or business, but weren't sure how to proceed? The Solarize Shoreline campaign is here to help. Identifying, designing, and installing renewable energy systems such as solar can be complicated, and many people lack the time or energy to fully understand the opportunities and benefits of installing such a system.

To help address these issues and to encourage more people in our community to consider solar, the City is working with Northwest SEED and a group of dedicated volunteers from Solar Shoreline, Shoreline Community College, and the community in general to launch a Solarize Shoreline campaign. Solarize Shoreline is a bulk-purchasing program of solar PV systems that will allow Shoreline community members to enjoy discounts through group purchasing of solar power systems. A committee comprised of community volunteers will issue a request for proposals from suppliers and installers who will agree to give community members a bulk discount on installation of their solar system. The campaign will also provide participants with all the information they need to work with Seattle City Light in connecting their solar system to the grid and what they need to do to take advantage of the different federal, state, and local tax incentives available.

Solarize Shoreline is Northwest SEED's eleventh campaign in the Solarize Washington program. The City views access to clean, renewable energy as a key component of reducing the community's carbon footprint and encourages everyone to learn about the benefits of solar.

For more information and to register for a workshop, visit solarizewa.org.



Shoreline Veterans Recognition Plaza

Shoreline Veterans Recognition Plaza Dedication

Saturday, May 21, 1:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall

17500 Midvale Avenue N

The City and the Shoreline Veterans Association would like to invite the Shoreline community to the dedication of the Shoreline Veterans Recognition Plaza. The Plaza honors all veterans who have served, are serving, and will serve the country. The plaza is dedicated to the valor and sacrifice of our veterans in every branch of the military, made in times of war and peace.

The Veterans Recognition Plaza is the dream of Shoreline Veterans Association (SVA) co-founders and veterans Dwight Stevens and the late Frank Moll. Members of SVA have worked tirelessly over the past few years to make this tribute to the brave men and women in our community that have served and continue to serve our country a reality.

SVA would like to thank the City of Shoreline, King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, 4Culture, Star Southerland American Legion Post 227, and the many local businesses, community groups, and individuals for their support of this project.

Spring RecycleFest

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sears Upper Back Parking Lot

15711 Aurora Ave N

Shoreline's spring RecycleFest offers residents the opportunity to recycle items that are not accepted at the curb. Foam blocks, carpet, and a variety of construction materials will be accepted. Bicycles in any condition will also be accepted and donated to Bike Works.

RecycleFest is free for all Shoreline residents. The City will mail event flyers providing a detailed list of accepted items 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 King County Solid Waste Division and the Washington State Department of Ecology are sponsoring the event. For more information, visit shorelinewa.gov/recyclefest or contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 801-2700.



DID YOU KNOW?

May is Puget Sound Starts Here month! Millions of pounds of toxic pollutants enter Puget Sound as stormwater runoff picks up contaminants such as dog poop; fertilizers and pesticides; and oil.

Do your part to protect the Sound by picking up pet waste, fixing car leaks, using a commercial car wash, and properly disposing of household hazardous waste.

For more information, visit shorelinewa.gov/cleanwater or call the Surface Water Utility at (206) 801-2450.

Challenge yourself and compete against others in these month long events.

MAY 2016

MILLION **STEP** CHALLENGE

At Paramount School Park

In partnership with Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association. Sponsored by Crossfit Amped, North City Water District and Fire and Earth Kitchen.

OPENING EVENT
Saturday, April 30th, 9am

CLOSING POTLUCK & AWARDS
Thursday, June 2nd, 6:30pm

MORE INFORMATION
shorelinewa.gov/STEPS



JUNE 2016

MILLION **STAIR** CHALLENGE

At Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

NEW FOR 2016

- New Tracking System - Log your totals online and see them updated in real time!
- Set a personal goal. Make your goal and we'll award you a prize!

CLOSING POTLUCK & AWARDS
Thursday, June 30th, 6pm

MORE INFORMATION
shorelinewa.gov/STAIRS



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A vibrant, abstract poster for the Seattle International Film Festival. The background is a dark, swirling mix of blue, purple, and pink. In the center, the words 'SEATTLE international FILM FESTIVAL' are written in large, metallic, 3D block letters. To the right, the dates 'MAY 19 TO JUNE 12 2016' are written in a smaller, pink, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the text 'NEW VENUE!' is written in large, bold, pink letters, followed by 'SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE THEATER' and 'MAY 27 TO JUNE 4, 2016' in smaller pink letters. At the bottom right, the text 'TICKET PACKAGES & PASSES AVAILABLE NOW' is written in yellow, followed by 'SINGLE TICKETS ON SALE MAY 5' and 'SIFF.NET' in yellow. There are also some small, stylized figures and objects floating in the background, like a person in a red dress and a person in a blue dress.