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Share Your Vision for Shoreline Join the Community Conversation

It's no accident that of over 100 Seattle-area cities and neighborhoods evaluated in the July issue of *Seattle* magazine, Shoreline was ranked the best neighborhood.

Since incorporation in 1995, Shoreline has enjoyed excellent public safety, strong community involvement and major public improvements such as the North City Project, the Interurban Trail and the first mile of Aurora. In 2006, voters overwhelmingly supported the City's first-ever bond issue for parks and open spaces, and, after saving funds for a decade, construction of a new City Hall began this year.

To maintain Shoreline's quality of life in the coming decades, the City Council is developing a Vision for the future. Since the Vision will be adopted into the Comprehensive Plan and will guide Shoreline's growth and development for years to come, it is vitally important that every resident participates in the beginning of this process: a Community Conversation about Shoreline's future.

2008-2009 City Council Goal:

Develop a shared community vision that integrates the Environmental Sustainability, Housing and Economic Development Strategies into the Comprehensive Plan and community development initiatives.

In October a wide variety of community groups will meet to talk about the Vision for Shoreline's future. See the details for these "Community Conversations" on the next page

and mark your calendar now for the one most convenient for you.

From these conversations, the City will prepare a draft Vision for further public review and City Council adoption early in 2009.

For more information, visit www.cityofshoreline. com or contact Associate Planner David Levitan at (206) 801-2554 or dlevitan@ci.shoreline.wa.us.



Join the Community Conversation about Shoreline's future



for Shoreline?

Help make your City an even better place in the coming years by participating in one of the "Community Conversations" meetings listed below. All are open to the public ~ you don't need to be a member of any of the hosting organizations to attend. The only expertise you need for this dialogue is your experience, your ideas, your opinions and a willingness to share your views.

What Shoreline attributes or characteristics would you like to see preserved or improved?

How can we meet the challenges of coming growth in a way that keeps this the #I place to live in the greater Seattle region?

What changes in technology, society or the way we live do you envision by 2028?

All conversations begin at 7:00 p.m. and last about an hour

Wednesday, Oct. I

Long-Range Financial Planning Citizen Advisory Group Spartan Room, Shoreline Center 18560 1st Avenue NE

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Shorewood PTSA Shorewood HS Library 17300 Fremont Avenue N

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Westminster and Highland Terrace Neighborhoods St. Dunstan's Church 722 N 145th Street

Thursday, Oct. 9

Meridian Park and Echo Lake Neighborhoods Meridian Park Elementary Library 17077 Meridian Avenue N

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Ballinger and North City Neighborhoods Shoreline Library 345 NE 175th Street

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Vision Aurora Fire Station #61 17525 Aurora Avenue N

Thursday, Oct. 16

Chamber of Commerce Fircrest School 15230 15th Avenue NE

Monday, Oct. 20

Hillwood and Richmond Beach Neighborhoods CRISTA, Shirmer Auditorium 19303 Fremont Avenue N

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Pro Shoreline Fire Station #61 17525 Aurora Avenue N

Thursday, Oct. 23

PRCS Board, Trails Committee and Arts Council, Ronald Room Shoreline Center 18560 1st Avenue NE

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Forward Shoreline Fire Station #61 17525 Aurora Avenue N

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Briarcrest and Ridgecrest Neighborhoods and Fircrest Staff Fircrest School 15230 15th Avenue NE



Even biodegradable soap harms fish and degrades water quality if it enters the storm drain system. So when washing your car at home, wash it on a permeable surface such as grass or gravel so that the water soaks into the ground. Soap will not harm your lawn. Or go to a commercial car wash where the soapy water is treated. Charity car washes can borrow a clean and safe car wash kit from the City to collect and properly dispose of the soapy water by calling Environmental Programs Assistant Tina Han at (206) 801-2455.

Council adopts Sustainability Strategy

The City Council took a bold step toward creating a better future for Shoreline residents by unanimously adopting a Sustainability Strategy in July. The strategy provides the City with new tools to help meet its goals of stewarding natural resources, reducing waste and energy consumption, promoting green building and conserving resources throughout the community.

The strategy's development was guided by public input, staff interviews and an assessment of what other cities are doing to promote sustainability. Shoreline's strategy defines sustainability as:

"Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The hope is that future generations will live at least as well as, and preferably better than, people today. True environmental sustainability requires regeneration and restoration of the environment where it has been damaged by past practices."

The City staff Green Team will guide implementation of the strategy recommendations and coordinate departments and projects to ensure that goals are met. The Team will start its work with 16 Priority Recommendations outlined in the strategy, many of which have already been started by community organizations or City departments.

For example, the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce is already creating a green business certification and promotion program, and the Public Works Environmental Services group has secured funding to establish a Residential Green Building Program. In addition, Planning and Public Works staff have been working together to revise zoning and engineering standards to provide guidance and incentives for low-impact development and better storm water management standards.

The City Council has also asked that the environmental strategy, along with the economic development and housing strategies, be integrated into the City's Comprehensive Plan Vision (see page 1).

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Major objectives of the Sustainabilit Strategy:

- · Manage expected growth in a sustainable way
- Address impacts of past practices
- Proactively manage and protect ecosystems
- Improve and expand waste reduction and resource conservation programs
- Implement energy solutions that are key to reducing our carbon footprint

The Sustainability Strategy is available on the City's website. For more information, contact Project Manager Juniper Nammi at (206) 801-2525 or

Become a volunteer driver and help the world, one mile at a time

With record-high gas prices, it's harder than ever for seniors to run errands, buy groceries or get to medical appointments. Help seniors in your community remain independent by becoming a volunteer driver for Senior Services Shuttle Program.

The program is seeking reliable, caring individuals to drive agency vans -- no wear and tear on personal vehicles. Flexible hours and free training in defensive driving and passenger assistance is provided. No special driver's license or lifting is required.

Interested? Contact Melissa Tribelhorn at (206) 748-7588, 1-800-282-5815 or melissat@seniorservices.org, or visit www.seniorservices.org for more information.



"Contemplating the Arc" dedicated at **Echo Lake Park**

Artist Stuart Nakamura created "Contemplating the Arc" for Echo Lake

Echo Lake Park is now graced with new artwork titled "Contemplating the Arc" by Seattle artist Stuart Nakamura. The installation, which was dedicated August 18, provides an innovative place for reflection, conversation and relaxation with a view of the Interurban Trail and Echo Lake. According to the artist, the idea for the arc theme came from the physical nature of the plant life at the lake.

"Contemplating the Arc" is the newest addition to the City of Shoreline's Public Art Collection and was funded by Shoreline's 1% for Art Program and a Neighborhood Mini-Grant to the Echo Lake Neighborhood Association.

The artwork is located in the park at the north end of Echo Lake near the Interurban Trail at N 199th Street.

New officer joins Shoreline Police

Greg McKinney joined the Shoreline Police Department in September as an officer at the

Eastside Neighborhood Police Center, 521 NE 165th Street. Born and raised in Hawaii, he was a police officer with the Honolulu Police Department before transferring to the King County Sheriff's Office in 1999.

As a member of the Marine/Dive Unit, Officer McKinney was instrumental in starting the "Boating Under the Influence Program" for King County and was named Marine Officer of the Year for the State of Washington in 2005.

Officer McKinney is married and has two sons. He enjoys martial arts and coaching his sons' sports teams.

"Officer McKinney will be a great asset for the City, and he is looking forward to working with our community," says Shoreline Police Chief Dan Pingrey.

Hopelink food bank in Shoreline needs donations; share your garden's bounty

Food banks are taking a double whammy during these lean times: use is up but donations are down. Shoreline's local food bank, Hopelink, is no exception.

Located in Aurora Square (15809 Westminster Way N), Hopelink needs donations of all types of nonperishable, packaged food but especially food with high nutritional value such as pasta, rice, peanut butter, dry beans and canned tuna, fruit, vegetables and beans. Grocery store certificates or cash donations are the best way to help as they allow the staff to purchase items Shoreline families need most.

Shoreline's Hopelink food bank also accepts donations of homegrown produce. To make a donation of fresh produce, call the food bank at (206) 440-7300 to arrange a specific delivery time. This ensures the produce will be distributed while it's fresh.

> For more information about Shoreline's Hopelink food bank or to find out how to access its services, call the number above or visit www.hopelink.org.

Mew! Senior Center info now in Rec Guide

Events and classes at the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center are now included in the City's Recreation Guide published by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. "Happenings at the Senior Center" are found on pages 30 and 31 in the fall issue.



Who is responsible for keeping sidewalks clear?

Residents with property bordering sidewalks are responsible for keeping them clear of overgrown plants and trees, leaves, ice, signs and other debris. The City asks Shoreline residents to practice a "good neighbor" policy of keeping public sidewalks safe for visually impaired neighbors, people with disabilities or just those out for a walk or run. For more information, contact the Customer Response Team (CRT) at (206) 801-2700.



Construction begins soon at new park in Richmond Beach



The City is now accepting construction bids for a new two-acre park being designed at the Richmond Beach Pump Station, 19911 Richmond Beach Drive NW. Construction should be complete by the end of the year. After receiving public input last year, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board will be recommending a name for the park to the City Council this fall. The name will be unveiled at the official park dedication in the spring. For now, the park is referred to as Richmond Beach Pump Station Park.

It's Happening

in Shoreline

Saturday, Sept. 27
Embrace Shoreline Schools

9:00 a.m. to noon, all Shoreline School District Public Schools

Join your neighbors, the PTA and local faith organizations to spruce up the yard at your local schools. Beautify your local school and get to know your neighbors. Please bring tools and gloves. More info: Brian Schultz, Shoreline School District (206) 361-4365.

Saturday, Oct. 4 Fall Recycling Event

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Shoreline Park & Ride, N 192nd Street and Aurora Avenue N

Only residents who subscribe to curb side solid waste collection can participate for free; non-subscribers can participate by paying \$6.75 (cash only). Visit the City's website for details of what is accepted and items that have fees to recycle.

More info: Customer Response Team (206) 801-2700.

Saturday, Oct. II Free Kitchen Compost Pail and BioBag Distribution

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Front Lobby, Meridian Park Elementary School, 17077 Meridian Avenue N

For Shoreline residents only. More info: Environmental Programs Assistant Tina Han (206) 801-2455.



Get Ready Shoreline usiness behood EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Month II of the Washington Emergency Management Division's I2-month program asking residents to devote one hour each month to disaster preparation

Creating a "Safe Room"

A safe room is a place in your home that can be easily and quickly sealed to protect you and your family from airborne agents. You may need to stay inside for hours or even days, so choose a room that can accommodate your needs. A master bedroom with an attached bathroom is ideal.

Preparing a safe room

- · Choose one room in your home that can be tightly sealed
- · Purchase plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Pre-cut plastic to fit all windows, vents and doors of the room and label each piece
- Create a box or container to hold the pre-cut plastic, tape and the following supplies: battery powered AM/FM radio tuned to KIRO 710 AM or a NOAA weather radio, extra batteries, snack foods, water, towels and blankets. Store this box in your safe room

In an emergency

- Gather your family and pets and go inside your safe room immediately
- Tightly lock all doors and windows and close fireplace dampers
- Shut off fans and devices that circulate air through your home
- · Listen to the radio for instructions
- Thoroughly air out your home once the emergency is over

Don't miss receiving your Economic Stimulus Payment

More than 1,000 Shoreline residents have not received their Economic Stimulus Payment this year.

Individuals must file a 2007 tax return to receive payments but many people who have no regular filing requirement do not realize that they are entitled to these payments. Individuals not otherwise required to file an income tax return should submit IRS Tax Form 1040A. The deadline is October 15.

The form and instructions are available at www.irs.gov and additional assistance is listed under "Individuals." Free phone assistance is available at (800) 829-1040.

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center will be offering help completing tax returns on Fridays, September 5 through October 10 by appointment only, (206) 365-1536. Shoreline Hopelink also offers help by appointment only, (206) 440-7300.



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The Shorewood Drill Team was part of the Shoreline School **District and Shoreline Community College** joint Parade entry.

The inflatables are always a kid favorite at the Festival.

13TH ANNUAL **CELEBRATE SHORELINE** WAS A WEEK OF FUN!

The sunny weather lasted all through the week of Celebrate Shoreline, August 11-17. The festivities kicked off with the North City Jazz Walk on Tuesday followed by the Teen Skate Competition on Friday. The big day was Saturday with the Classic Car Show, Parade down 15th Avenue NE and Festival at Ridgecrest Elementary. The week finished with the Sandcastle Competition at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park with 28 entries.

The Sunday Sandcastle Contest at Saltwater Park drew 28 entries.

One of the Jazz Walk bands was Critical Mass at the Vineyard
Community Church (VCC) with Bob
Snead in front, Greg Kline at right and Victor Ross on the left.



The Shoreline All Stars hit the Parade with their pirate float and band.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline



Shoreline City Hall 17544 Midvale Ave. N, Suite 100 (206) 801-2700 Fax (206) 546-7868 www.cityofshoreline.com

City Hall Annex - Highland Plaza 11 10 N 175th St., Suite 105

Spartan Recreation Center 18560 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline 98155 (206) 801-2600 Fax (206) 801-2600

Shoreline Pool 19030 1st Ave. NE, Shoreline 98155 (206) 801-2650 Fax (206) 801-2650

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden 20312 15th Avenue NW, Shoreline 98177 (206) 542-4777

Departments & Programs

City Manager's Office	(206) 801-2213	
Code Violations	(206) 801-2700	
General Info (CRT)	(206) 801-2700	
Human Services	(206) 801-2251	
Jobs	(206) 801-2243	
Neighborhoods & Volunteers		

(206) 801-2253

(206) 801-2600 Parks and Recreation Permits, Zoning & Land Use (206) 801-2500 **Public Works** (206) 801-2400 Projects & Engineering (206) 801-2470 Recycling (206) 801-2450 Street Maintenance (206) 801-2440 Traffic Services (206) 801-2430

Shoreline City Council

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Meeting Location: Shoreline Conference Center 18560 First Ave. NE Agenda Line: (206) 801-2236

Study Sessions: Highlander Room, first & third Mondays 6:30 p.m. Business Meetings: Mt. Rainier Room, second & fourth Mondays 7:30 p.m.

Televised City Council Meetings on Cable Channel 21 Tuesday noon and 8 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday 6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Also on www.cityofshoreline.com

Shoreline Police

Emergency: 911

Shoreline Police Station Chief Dan Pingrey 1206 N 185th St., Shoreline, WA 98133 (206) 801-2712

Westside Neighborhood Police Center Officer Leona Obstler 624 NW Richmond Beach Road Shoreline, WA 98177 (206) 546-3636

Eastside Neighborhood Police Center Officer Greg McKinney 521 NE 165th St., Shoreline, WA 98155 (206) 363-8424

Popular Numbers

Arts Council CleanScapes Comcast Historical Museum KC District Court KC Libraries	(206) 417-4645 (206) 763-4444 (877) 824-2288 (206) 542-7111 (206) 205-9200
Richmond Beach	(206) 546-3522
Shoreline	(206) 362-7550
Puget Sound Energy	(888) 225-5773
Qwest	(800) 244-1111
Ronald Wastewater	(206) 546-2494
School District	(206) 367-6111
Seattle City Light	(206) 625-3000
Seattle Public Utilities	(206) 684-5900
Senior Center	(206) 365-1536
Shoreline Center	(206) 368-4122
Shoreline Fire	(206) 533-6500
Shoreline Water	(206) 362-8100
Transfer Station	(206) 296-4466

(800) 483-4100

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