

CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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Renewing and revitalizing Aurora Square

Imagine an open, green plaza in the center of Shoreline, filled with sunbathing and studying students, young families watching their children run and play, an elderly couple enjoying a Central Market picnic, dogs wagging their tails, actors practicing their lines, and the sound of buskers singing with an occasional clink as coins fall into an instrument case.

This is the back-drop to the busy comings and goings of shoppers and lunching workers visiting the renewed Aurora Square shopping center. It is a "one-stop" convenience shopping solution that provides dining, nightlife, and healthy-lifestyle options. It is a community gathering place, where a leg-stretching walk easily turns into a serendipitous rendezvous with friends. It is an environmentally sensitive district within walking distance of Metro's RapidRide bus service and the Interurban Trail. It is an intersection of life, study, entertainment, sustainability and retail.

With the hope of facilitating something approaching this vision, the City Council recently designated the Aurora Square area (see map) as a Community Renewal Area (CRA). The next step in the process is to create a plan that guides the City's collaborative efforts with private property owners, investors, and community partners so that the entire Shoreline community can enjoy a renewed Aurora Square.

The plan will focus on efforts that encourage private investment such as building infrastructure, rebranding, assembling partners, and master planning. Studies of the market conditions, the existing infrastructure, the physical layout, and the environmental setting will inform the plan.

Upcoming Currents articles will chronicle the progress of the CRA plan. Interested residents and community partners will be encouraged to learn about and contribute to the plan at public meetings in the coming months.



To learn more, visit the City's website at shorelinewa.gov/aurorasquare.





Council unanimously adopts Comprehensive Plan Update

On December 10, 2012, the City Council unanimously adopted the update of Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year planning document that articulates the community's vision and is a reflection of community values.

Policy guidance contained in the Comprehensive Plan will be implemented through Development Code regulations, capital improvement programs, and annual budgets and staff work plans; these processes will contain additional opportunities for public involvement.

The adopted Comprehensive Plan, along with background material such as Vision 2029 and links to presentations from the Speaker's Series for the update, can be found at shorelinewa.gov/2012update.

Contact Senior Planner Miranda Redinger at 206-801-2513 or mredinger@shorelinewa.gov with questions or for additional information.



2013 Comprehensive Plan Docket

Annually the City accepts proposals for amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Proposals must be submitted by December 31 of each year. These items are then placed on the "Comprehensive Plan Docket" to be studied by the Planning Commission, which makes a recommendation to the City Council.

In anticipation of any mitigation projects proposed through a future Point Wells Transportation Corridor Study, City staff submitted a proposal to amend the Point Wells Subarea Plan and the Capital Facilities and Transportation Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for consideration in 2013.

This was the only application submitted for inclusion on the 2013 Docket. The Planning Commission will review the amendment application at its February 7th meeting for the purposes of forwarding a recommendation to the City Council. City Council will confirm the content of the 2013 Docket in late February. To learn more about the proposed amendments visit shorelinewa.gov/complan.



New permit search tool online at shorelinewa.gov/permitsearch

Planning & Community Development is pleased to introduce its new permit listings search tool. This tool allows you to look up basic information about your past and present permit application (or others who have applied for permits in Shoreline) by entering the address, parcel number or property owner's name. You can also find a quick, convenient connection to the King County Assessor's web site for additional property information by clicking on the parcel number link. This tool will allow potential property buyers to perform permit history and other permit research online; will provide access to information about potential and permitted development throughout the City; and will allow permit customers to access information regarding the status of their permit.

The information is updated on a daily basis and is accessible 24 hours a day on the City's website at shorelinewa.gov/permitsearch.

How the Boomer Generation shapes our City

According to the 2010 Census, the City of Shoreline has the second highest percentage of people 65 and older in King County at 15.2%. And at 40.6 years old, Shoreline has the seventh oldest median age in Washington State. What does this mean? It means that while all cities will be experiencing dramatic changes in the coming years as the Boomer generation gets older and begins to retire, Shoreline will experience it to a greater degree.

Throughout the United States, communities are looking at how changing demographics of older populations will impact government services. We have all heard about how the aging population will have dramatic impacts to healthcare, but what about infrastructure and other services? While the population gets older, infrastructure will need to change to become more age-friendly in ways that haven't happened in the past.

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With more people living longer and better lives, the Boomer generation will continue to be on the move well into retirement, unlike past generations. That means the City's infrastructure and services will need to better accommodate older users.

Across the City, departments are thinking about how the impacts of our changing demographics can be addressed. We are looking at housing, transportation, outdoor space and buildings.

As an example, approximately 72% of Shoreline's current housing market is made up of single family housing on individual lots and most homes are not within easy walking distance of public transportation. The City's efforts to increase development in certain areas will create housing options around transportation hubs allowing older residents to remain in Shoreline and maintain their independence. In fact, we believe our focus on Aurora Square, Town Center and light rail station areas will make us more "age friendly" in the future.

Another area where you will begin to see changes to address the needs of adult residents is with our recreation programs. In the coming years we will be modifying current programs, as well as adding new activities, that target the interests and abilities of these residents. You can see some of those opportunities in the Adults section of this guide and you can expect more in the coming months and years.

Volunteer walk leaders wanted

As part of its continuing efforts to be a Healthy City, the City is piloting a community walking program to help Shoreline adults stay active, meet new people and feel safer and more confident exploring our city by foot. We're looking for walkers who are interested in volunteering their time to lead one or two walks during the spring and summer months.

If you know some great 1 to 3 mile walking routes and are interested in volunteering please contact Recreation Assistant Marianne Johnson at (206) 801-2638 or mjohnson@shorelinewa.gov.



Did you know?

Did you know that a new Stormwater Permit will be issued to the City of Shoreline by the State of Washington in August 2013? As part of that permit, the City writes an annual Stormwater Management Program Plan (SWMP), describing actions the City will take to keep our surface waters clean. If you have comments or suggestions to help shape this plan, please visit shorelinewa.gov/stormwaterpermit.

City taking applications for PRCS/ Tree Board and Library Board

The City of Shoreline is now accepting applications for volunteers to serve on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree (PRCS) Board and the Shoreline Library Board.

Adult members of both boards are appointed by the City Council for four-year terms and youth members (ages 15-19 at the beginning of their term) serve two-year terms. Board members are volunteers who must live, work or own property in the City of Shoreline.

The PRCS/Tree Board advises the City Council and City staff on a variety of parks, recreation and environmental issues including trees on public property, park operation and design, program activities, property acquisition, public art and development of rules and regulations. There are currently openings for five adult and two youth members.

The Library Board acts as a liaison to the King County Library System Board of Trustees, the City Council and the citizens of Shoreline. It provides information, makes recommendations, promotes programs and reviews library policies. There are currently openings for two youth positions.

Those interested in being considered must complete a Shoreline Community Services Application available in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall (17500 Midvale Ave. N.) or www.shorelinewa.gov/parks. Completed applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22nd.

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

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:

- The federal **Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit** for families that pay for child care when they go to work. This credit is worth up to \$2,100.
- 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 \$5,891 and is available to married couples earning less than \$50,270 or singles earning less than \$45,060.

Save even more by using one of the free tax preparation sites, available to families earning \$51,000 or less:

- **Richmond Beach Library**, 19601 21st Avenue NW
Starting Feb. 8; Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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 Feb. 2; Thursdays 4:30 to 8:00 p.m., Saturdays 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
No appointment necessary
- **Hopelink Shoreline**, 15809 Westminster (Aurora Square by Marshalls)
January 16 to April 13; Wednesdays 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., Thursdays 1:00 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
No Appointment Necessary
Language services: Wednesdays Korean; Thursdays Chinese and Saturdays Spanish.

Energy Assistance Programs

Hopelink has two programs that may help with your energy bills this year: the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) and PSE HELP. LIHEAP is a federally funded grant program that can help pay for the following types of primary heat sources: oil, gas, electricity, kerosene, propane or wood.

The PSE HELP grant program is available to PugetSound Energy electric and/or gas customers only. The program assists with home energy costs.

To schedule an appointment for energy assistance, please call the Energy Assistance Appointment and Information Line at (800) 348-7144. Live operators are available from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

You do not need to have an overdue bill or be out of fuel or wood to schedule an appointment.



City receives 11th consecutive clean audit

On November 29, the City of Shoreline received its 11th consecutive clean audit from the Washington State Auditor's Office. The audit examined the City's internal controls and determined they were adequate to safeguard public assets. The audit also found that the City had complied with state laws and regulations and the City's own policies and procedures.

Every year the Auditor's Office audits the City concentrating on just a few areas for examination. This year's audit examined the following areas: Council compensation; disbursements, fuel cards and agreements; parks and recreation cash receipting, storm-water utility fees; and interlocal contracts.

In addition to continuing to receive clean audit reports, the City's strong financial policies, diligent financial management, and conservative budget planning, have enabled it to maintain its AA+ bond rating and S&P's highest financial management rating of "strong."



Light Rail Station Area Planning

In 2013, the City will begin an extensive public involvement process for light rail station area planning. A Citizen initiated committee and a Planning Commission subcommittee have formed to help guide the process, and the Puget Sound Regional Council has awarded grant money to a few local groups to facilitate additional public involvement.

While station construction will likely not begin until 2018, the next couple of years will be important as the community creates a vision for the areas around the stations and the City develops policies and

determines appropriate zoning to make that vision possible.

In late spring or early summer, Sound Transit will release its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the light rail extension from Northgate to Lynnwood. The DEIS will provide more details about the potential station locations, preferred alignment and impacts and mitigation of construction and operation. Because a station at 185th Street is included as part of all the alternatives under consideration, the City will begin planning for this station in the first few months of 2013. Once the Sound Transit Board

of Directors identifies whether the second station in Shoreline will be at 145th or 155th, the City will begin planning for the second Shoreline station.

Continue to look to Currents for articles about the progress of station area planning and opportunities for your involvement. You can also visit the City's project web page at www.shorelinewa.gov/lightrail or Sound Transit's page at www.soundtransit.org/LLE to learn more. You can also contact Senior Planners Miranda Redinger (206-801-2513, mredinger@shorelinewa.gov).

Safe Routes to School

Thanks to grant funding from WSDOT's Safe Routes to School program, students walking to Briarcrest Elementary now have safer options. As part of the 2011-2013 transportation budget, the State awarded the City \$385,000 to construct sidewalks near the school.

Working cooperatively with the Shoreline School District and the Shoreline Police, the City has identified pedestrian routes near schools that need sidewalk improvements and has worked aggressively to identify grant funding to install them.



Below and right: New sidewalks near Briarcrest Elementary



"Safety of our students is our top priority and we appreciate the opportunity to partner with the City to create sidewalks near Briarcrest," said Shoreline Schools Superintendent Sue Walker.

"This is a great example of how local jurisdictions can work together to leverage Shoreline taxpayers dollars and benefit the community in ways we couldn't when acting alone," stated Mayor Keith McGlashan.

As part of the of the 2013-2015 Transportation Budget, the City has been selected again by WSDOT to receive another \$435,000 in Safe Routes to School funding to build sidewalk improvements around Einstein Middle School. Through its aggressive grants program, the City continually looks for ways to leverage local taxpayers' dollars.

For more information visit shorelinewa.gov/saferoutestoschool.

Police Citizen's Academy begins March 13

Would you like to gain a better understanding of how your local police work and the resources available to them to do their jobs? Would you like to have the opportunity to ride along with an officer during part of a patrol shift? Then sign-up for the Citizens' Academy sponsored by the Shoreline, Kenmore and Woodinville Police Departments and the King County Sheriff's Office.

The Citizen's Academy is a 10-week course that covers a variety of topics, including: Defensive Tactics, K9, Major Accident Investigations, Drug Investigations, Homicide and Major Crimes, Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), Guardian One Helicopter and Marine Patrol. It begins on Wednesday, March 13 and meets every Wednesday thereafter through May 15. Class is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and is located at Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Avenue NE.

Those who complete the course are eligible to sign up to ride with an officer during part of a patrol shift.

To register you must complete an application, which can be found at shorelinewa.gov/police. To have an application sent to you or for more information contact Shoreline Police Officer Leona Obstler at (206) 546-3636 or Leona.Obstler@kingcounty.gov.



City staff choose Employee of the Year



Employees Joan Herrick, Janet Bulman and Pam Barrett

Shoreline employees nominate peers as Employee of the Year for going above and beyond in practicing the organization values, providing exceptional customer service and promoting a positive image of the City. Web Developer Joan Herrick was this year's recipient. The two other finalists were Finance Technician Janet Bulman and Special Events Coordinator Pam Barrett.

Three employee teams were nominated by the City's Leadership Team for the Team of the Year Award. The Aurora Team was selected this year, with runners-up the Engineering Development Manual Work Team and the Picnic Self-Directed Team.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Feb. 8

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Teen Career Day fair at Richmond Highlands Rec Center

6:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Fat Laces winter break battle at Richmond Highlands Rec Center

Saturday, Feb. 9

6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Free Tween Night for 5th and 6th graders at Richmond Highlands Rec Center

Saturday, Feb. 16

11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Woodinville wine tasting - a new recreation offering for adults. \$72/person, register at (206) 801-2600.

Monday, Feb. 18

City Hall closed in honor of Presidents' Day. No Council meeting.

February 18 - 22

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mid-winter arts and sports camp at Camp Shoreline! Sign up for just one day or all week. Call (206) 801-2600 for more info.

February 25 - March 9

Shoreline Pool closed for annual maintenance

Saturday, March 2

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Whidbey Island winter hike - a new recreation offering for adults. \$40/person, register at (206) 801-2600.

Quick Start

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Free Small Business Workshops

Tuesdays at Noon

City Hall Council Chambers. Visit the City's website for topics.



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Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall, Council Chambers

Agendas: (206) 801-2236 or shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

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