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Dogs on Leash

This long-time park ordinance protects not only other park patrons, the environment and pets, but pet owners, too.



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Fireworks ban effective in reducing problems last year

Fourth of July last year was quieter in Shoreline — not only in terms of fireworks noise, but in the number of calls received by the Shoreline Police and Fire Departments for firework-related injuries and damage. Shoreline hopes this year will prove to be just as successful.

Each year fireworks cause injuries, fires and property damage across the country. At the request of citizens, Council of Neighborhoods and Shoreline Fire Department, the Shoreline City Council passed an ordinance in October 1997 banning all fireworks in Shoreline to reduce these accidents. Fourth of July 1999 was the first year the ban went into affect.

The enforcement policy in 1999 included no additional officers to confiscate fireworks or fine those using them.

This year, the City Council has decided to enhance enforcement by adding four additional police officers to work July 4.

The ordinance prohibits the sale, discharge and possession of all fireworks within Shoreline city

limits. The City Council chose a total ban over other options because it simplifies enforcement, has a proven track record for improving safety in other parts of King County and brings Shoreline's law in line with those of neighboring jurisdictions. Edmonds, Seattle and Lake Forest Park have similar bans.

The penalty for possession of common fireworks is confiscation

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Fireworks Disposal

If you have fireworks you wish to dispose, call the Shoreline Police non-emergency number: (206) 296-3311. An officer will be sent out as time is available to pick up and dispose of your fireworks. Please **do not** deliver fireworks to our police station.

Legislators come through for Shoreline

Shoreline's 32nd District legislators, Senator Darlene Fairley, Representative Carolyn Edmonds and Representative Ruth Kagi, supported the City's legislative goals this year by helping restore some of the funding lost as a result of the approval of Initiative 695, which most Shoreline voters opposed but which passed statewide by a large margin.

They also were instrumental in passing new grant funds for corridor congestion projects such as Shoreline's Aurora Ave./State Highway 99.

"This year the legislature was successful in partially replacing funding lost to the City of Shoreline from Initiative 695, but some of the replacement funding is only

temporary," says Representative Ruth Kagi. "In the next legislative session, we'll have to go back and find more long-term solutions which may be difficult given other demands on the budget."

The legislature approved a total of \$66.3 million for distribution to cities and towns. This is intended to replace some of the losses from repeal of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax under I-695.

Shoreline's MVET losses are estimated at \$2.5 million* or about 13 percent of the general fund revenue for 2001. Under the formula approved by the legislature, the City of Shoreline will receive about \$1.44 million in 2001 or a little more than half of what it lost due to I-695.

"The funds from the legislature will help restore some of the lost MVET revenue," says Shoreline City Manager Bob Deis. "But continued reliance on unstable sources of funding such as gambling taxes and state shared revenues leaves us vulnerable to service cuts when those funds are reduced or removed."

The reason why Shoreline was so reliant on MVET (state revenues) is due to its extremely low sales tax revenue from a relatively small business sector for a city our size.

The legislature also worked on shoring up the transportation budget which took a heavy hit from I-695. For the City of Shoreline, the

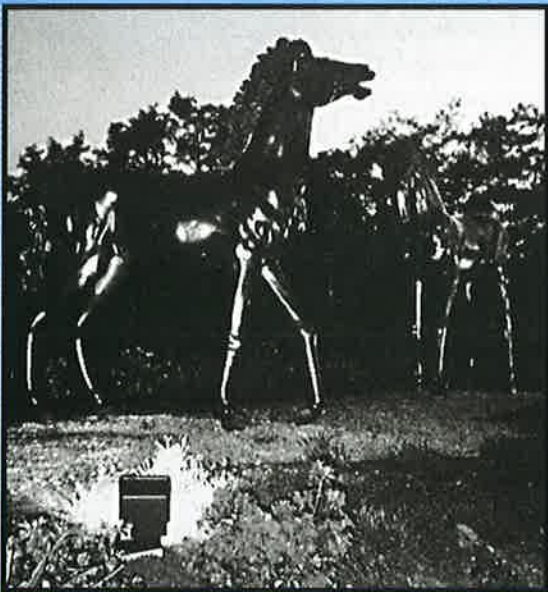
highest transportation priority was funding for the Aurora Corridor project. The legislature's supplemental budget includes \$25 million for the Corridor Congestion Relief Program — \$10 million for cities and \$15 million for counties — for which the City will compete.

"Working with the City of Shoreline, Rep. Kagi and I were able to focus legislative attention and get money in the budget to fund projects like our Aurora Corridor," says Representative Carolyn Edmonds.

The legislature appropriated \$80 million to transit districts (including \$35.9 million to King County Metro) and approved the authority for voter-approved local sales tax up to an additional 0.3 percent to fund transit.

"While we were able to budget for transportation for a year, we did not reach a long-term solution," explains Senator Darlene Fairley. "What the court decides about the constitutionality of voter approved fee changes under I-695 will make a great deal of difference on how we deal with any budget changes from now on. That decision should be made by the court before the session begins."

** When the City developed its 2000 budget, MVET losses were estimated at \$2.9 million for 2001. At the time it was unclear what the total impact would be under I-695. It is now clear that we lose \$2.5 million.*



Lighting and a colorful flower bed were recently installed to make Shoreline's Ponies even more of a showpiece. These improvements added a final touch to the work done at the intersection of 175th and Meridian Ave. N. which included sidewalks with planting strips and trees, a guard rail along the water at Ronald Bog and a new bus shelter.

Teens: Hang out at The Annex and The REC

Shoreline now has a second late-night teen program with the reopening of the Annex in northeast Shoreline. Formerly sponsored by Lake Forest Park, the drop-in weekend program closed last June when Shoreline annexed the surrounding area. It reopened in April jointly financed by Shoreline and Lake Forest Park via a contract with the YMCA. The Shoreline School District provides the space.

Open Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. to midnight, the Annex offers a spectrum of teen activities including pool, basketball, music, special interest groups and general hanging out for teens 12 to 19. Friday night also features arts and crafts projects such as tile and jewelry making. Paid for by Shoreline and Lake Forest Park, the project is run by the YMCA in the Aldercrest Annex Facility, 2800 NE 200th. The Shoreline police are also an active part of the program with officers on hand to act as mentors.

"Attendance has been pretty strong since opening, especially for a new program," says Shoreline Parks Teen Program Supervisor Mary Reidy.

Shoreline's other late-night teen program is The Rec at the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, 16554 Fremont Ave. N. Summer hours for The Rec are: Monday and Wednesday, 2:30 to 7 p.m.; Friday, 2:30 p.m. to midnight; and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight.



The Annex and The REC late-night drop-in programs offer a variety of activities for teens and the chance to hang out with friends.

**Celebrate Shoreline
Teen Barbecue
At The REC
Richmond Highlands
Recreation Center
Saturday, August 19
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

On Tuesdays, 2 to 5 p.m., The Rec will be holding court at Ridgecrest Elementary School basketball courts. Teens are also invited to hang out at the lower shelter at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park on Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m. Both special locations will feature refreshments, music, games and other activities.

A new teen attraction this year is a free barbecue held concurrently with the Celebrate Shoreline festival Aug. 19. The teen barbecue will be held at the

Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, just two blocks away from the main festival grounds at Shorewood High School. This special teen celebration will run 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and feature a DJ, inflatable obstacle course and putt-putt golf. The obstacle course and golf will be \$1 per time or \$3 for unlimited play.

The drop-in programs at The Annex and The Rec are free and do not require registration. They are open to all teenagers 12 to 19 years old. For more information about these programs and the many others offered for teens by the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, call (206) 546-5041.

Shoreline celebrates "Five Years Young"

"Five Years Young and Our Future is Bright" is the well-chosen theme of this year's Celebrate Shoreline parade and festival marking the City's incorporation anniversary.

The parade begins at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, on Aurora Avenue N. from 160th to 170th. Residents and businesses may enter the parade in six categories: vehicles, drill team/baton/marching, band, specialty/novelty, neighborhood group or float. Awards will be given in each category plus an overall "Best of Parade." Entries for non-profit organizations are free, business/commercial entries are \$25 and political candidates are \$50. The entry deadline is Aug. 4.

A festival following the parade will once again be held at the Shorewood High School soccer field and grounds 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The festival will offer live musical performances including Steel Drum Band and Zydeco music, food booths, kids' entertainment such as inflatable bubble bounces and community and business information booths. The Classic Car Show will be from noon to 6 p.m. at Chuck Olsen Chevrolet parking lot on Aurora at 170th.

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For more information or to receive an entry form, please call the City of Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041.

New face for Shoreline streets

About 14.5 lane miles (which equals 3.6 miles of four-lane road or 7.2 miles of two-lane road) of Shoreline roads will end the summer with a brand new surface thanks to the City's yearly overlay and slurry seal program.

Overlay is for roads where the structural integrity has failed, displaying extensive cracking, alligator cracks and pot holes. With proper preparation, the two-inches of asphalt added during the overlay process can last 20 years.

Roads that are weathered but structurally sound receive a slurry seal of 3/8" of asphalt which will extend wear for about 10 years. The slurry seal is a preventative measure at only 25 percent of the cost of an overlay.

Shoreline is currently completing a five year pavement maintenance plan. Every foot of road in the City was studied and given a

score. The scores are used to rank which roads receive what type of application and when. Currently the City spends about \$700,000 a year on the program — \$500,000 to overlay, \$100,000 for preparation and \$100,000 to slurry seal.

"The goal is to reach a point where more of our money can be spent on the preventative maintenance process instead of a repair process," says Public Works Maintenance Supervisor George Dicks. "We'll always have an overlay program, but after about seven years our roads will be in pretty good shape and we should be able to begin cutting back on overlays and increasing alternative, and less expensive, methods such as slurry sealing."

Residences and businesses along roads receiving new treatment this summer will be notified by mail.

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and a fine of up to \$50. Setting off fireworks is a misdemeanor that carries a minimum \$250 fine and 30 days in jail.

"If people purchase fireworks and attempt to use them in Shoreline, the police will confiscate them under the new law," says Shoreline Police Chief Denise Pentony. "Citizens may also face a monetary fine and criminal record if they use fireworks in the City."

Just because fireworks are

banned in and around Shoreline doesn't mean you have to miss celebrating the Fourth of July the traditional way. Seattle and Edmonds are just two of the many nearby cities that hold public firework shows each year.

For more information about Shoreline's fireworks ban, contact the Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700. To report illegal use of fireworks, call 911.

Aurora Pre-design Study wins two awards

Since incorporation, public participation in local government has been a Shoreline cornerstone. The Aurora Pre-design Study is now an award-winning example of that participation.

Shoreline Mayor Scott Jepsen accepted the Breaking the Mold Award from Washington Quality Initiative on behalf of the City at the May 23 American Public Works Association luncheon in Seattle.

Washington Quality Initiative is a consortium of state transportation organizations such as the Washington Department of Transportation and the Washington Chapter of the American Public Works Association. The Breaking the Mold award is given to projects displaying cooperation, customer focus and originality.

"Your successful use of new ideas resulted in a consensus on what should be done — something that had not been accomplished over 15 years of previous studies," says Maureen Sullivan, Area Administrator for the Washington State Department of Transportation in a letter to the City.

The Aurora Pre-design Study was also chosen as a co-winner of the Best Practices Award in Transportation Planning from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), an international transportation organization. The award will be presented at the national ITE meeting in Nashville this August.

"It is a credit to the individuals from Shoreline's neighborhoods and businesses who participated for this community-driven process to be recognized regionally and nationally," says Mayor Jepsen. "It was their

participation with leadership from Co-chairs Carol Doering and Harley O'Neil which led to consensus on a preferred design for this visionary plan."

The Aurora Pre-design Study was Shoreline's planning process for redesigning the three miles of Aurora that run through the City. The study included comprehensive public and agency involvement, technical studies and the development and evaluation of three alternatives for the redesign. The City Council unanimously endorsed a preferred design concept on August 23, 1999.

So far, Shoreline has received approximately \$17.2 million in federal, state and county funding for the redesign. The total project cost is estimated at \$75.7 million. (including future inflationary costs).



(From left) Rep. Ruth Kagi, Washington Department of Transportation Area Administrator Maureen Sullivan, Shoreline Mayor Scott Jepsen, Washington Secretary of Transportation Sid Morrison, Washington State Transportation Commission Chair Connie Niva, Rep. Carolyn Edmonds and Shoreline Planning Manager Kirk McKinley posed with the Breaking the Mold award before a recent tour of Aurora to discuss its planned redesign.

The Shoreline City Council selected 145th to 165th as the first section for construction. This year the City will work on the environmental studies, surveying and preliminary engineering for the redesign of the entire three mile corridor.

Depending on the pace of federal environmental approval of our plans and right-of-way acquisition, construction could begin as early as the fall of 2001.

Welcome new Planning Commission members

Congratulations to Brian Doennebrink, Carol Doering, Marlin Gabbert, David Harris, Nancy Marx and Robin McClelland who were appointed by the City Council to serve on the Shoreline Planning Commission. Shoreline appreciates the dedication and commitment it takes to serve on the Planning Commission

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Leashes protect environment, people, pets

A highlight of summer is a day at the park with friends — some of which have four legs. As you enjoy the outdoor weather with your pet, Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department would like to remind you that dogs must be on leash at all times when visiting Shoreline

parks.

The requirement that dogs be on leash is not new. It was also part of the King County parks ordinance replaced by Shoreline's own ordinance last year. And the requirement is not arbitrary.

Shoreline is obligated to

protect the safety of all residents at public facilities including parks and open spaces. The City must also balance the diverse recreation needs of its residents with appropriate use of parks so everyone feels safe and welcome.

According to the Humane Society, nearly two percent of the U.S. population is bitten by a dog each year — that's more than 4.7 million people. And children are the most common victims of severe dog bites. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, canine bites represent a major public health threat to children.

Pet owners are not immune to the tragedy caused by dog bites. Dog owners can be sued and even face criminal prosecution for their pet's behavior. Violation of the Shoreline City Ordinance for Dogs on Leash is punishable by up to a \$500 civil fine.

Besides safety, keeping dogs on leash addresses a number of environmental concerns that apply to many of our City parks. Keeping your dog on a leash helps protect salmon, wildlife and stream organisms and decreases erosion which threatens the ecology of creeks and streams.

Both King County Animal Control and Shoreline Police will enforce the leash laws. If a patron witnesses dogs off leash at a Shoreline Park, they should call King County Animal Control at 296-PETS. Call 911 when there is danger to persons or property.

North City takes third in national competition

Congratulations to North City for winning third place in Neighborhoods USA "Neighborhood of the Year" competition.

Neighborhoods USA is a national coalition of neighborhood associations and public officials that meets annually to share ideas and accomplishments. The North City Neighborhood Association and North City Business District entered their project "Realizing the Vision: North City Business District" in the Physical Revitalization/ Beautification of a Single Neighborhood category of this annual competition. The other categories include Social Revitalization of a Single Neighborhood and Multi-Neighborhood Project Partnerships.

The award recognizes North City's accomplishments in enhancing the appearance and identity of the North City business district. Volunteers from a number of North City organizations worked with City of Shoreline Mini-Grant funds to transform North City with flowers in hanging baskets, boxes and beds, decorated trash containers

and festive banners. For the past two years, North City has hosted a winter holiday festival and adorned 15th Ave. NE with holiday decorations and banners. The associations also worked with Walgreens and the City to include in Walgreens building design a business district sign, seating area and street trees, and have been working with the City of Shoreline to create a plan supporting revitalization of the district.

"I feel absolutely overwhelmed. Our project is really small with a small amount of funding compared to those we were competing against," says Charlotte Haines of the North City Neighborhood Association. "It certainly shows a can-do attitude for other neighborhoods about what can be accomplished."

Over 2,000 people attended the Neighborhoods USA Conference May 24-27 in Phoenix, Ariz. The Neighborhood of the Year competition drew 53 applications in three categories. North City was chosen as a finalist from 12 other applicants in its category and received \$150 for its third place award.

Vandalism costs Shoreline taxpayers money

Vandalism may seem a petty crime on the surface, but the cost of this crime adds up fast for business and property owners. When community assets are targeted, we all pay. Resources spent repairing and replacing public property cannot be spent elsewhere.

In the City of Shoreline, signs seem to draw the most attention from vandals and thieves. Stop signs, street name signs and park signs have been targets throughout the City.

Stop signs have historically taken a heavy hit during the weeks leading to the end of school, especially in areas surrounding Shoreline's two high schools where signs are stolen, knocked over or broken off on a too frequent basis. In many cases, the posts holding the signs appear to have been pushed down by a car.

Last year at this time, the City of Shoreline repaired or replaced 23 stop signs in the Richmond Beach neighborhood alone — *in one week*. Recently, the area along Dayton experienced the same type of destruction.

Costs of repairs and replacements add up fast. It costs about \$55 to replace a broken post, \$75 to replace a missing sign and \$95 to replace the post and sign. Street sign vandalism cost the City of Shoreline over \$40,000 each of the past three years.

"The cost of replacing the signs comes out of the Traffic Program budget," explains Public Works Maintenance Supervisor George Dicks. "When we run up large expenditures replacing

vandalized or missing signs, we have to cut back on discretionary services which means some customer requests for new signs get deferred."

The highest price, however, is the danger posed by downed stop signs or other regulatory signs. It may be several hours before a missing stop sign is reported and repaired. In the meantime, the area risks a potentially severe accident.

The "Dogs on Leash" ordinance signs in Shoreview and Boeing Creek parks have also been the target of thieves lately. Since they were first posted six months ago, Shoreline has

replaced 24 of these signs at an estimated total cost of \$1,200.

"Since the signs are a required part of the code enforcement policy, we will continue to replace them using money from the park maintenance budget," says Parks Maintenance Superintendent Kirk Petersen.

If you witness someone removing or destroying a sign, please report it to the Shoreline Police Department by calling 911. To report a downed or missing sign, call the City of Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700. The Customer Response Team is on call 24 hours a day.

Planning Commission *from page 5*

and thanks the outgoing members for volunteering their time and energy.

Planning Commission members are appointed by the City Council to serve four year terms. The nine seats on the commission expire on a rotating basis. Five terms expired March 31, 2000 and the other four positions expire March 31, 2002.

This year the Council had six positions to fill: one due to the resignation of Ted Bradshaw and the expiring terms of Chair Dan Kuhn, Marlin Gabbert, Nancy Marx and Byron Vadset. The City Council appointed Doennebrink, Doering, Gabbert, Harris and McClelland to the four-year terms. At her request, the Council appointed Nancy Marx to fill the

remaining two years of Bradshaw's term.

Members of the Planning Commission are all volunteers who live and/or own property in the City of Shoreline. The Planning Commission advises the City on land use matters, including comprehensive planning, zoning and subdivision and design standards. It was instrumental in the creation of Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan and Development Code. The Planning Commission meets the first and third Thursday evenings of each month.

For more information about upcoming Planning Commission meetings, call the Agenda Line at (206) 546-2190.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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