

# CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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## Shoreline again a “must-live” location

Shoreline has once again been featured as a top place to live in the greater Seattle region. In fact, Shoreline and one of its neighborhoods, Richmond Beach, fill two of the 15 spots on the list for “must-live” neighborhoods in *Seattle Met’s Best Places to Live 2010* issue.

Shoreline has been in *Seattle* magazine’s best neighborhoods list regularly over the years – ranking number two in 2009 and number one in 2005 and 2008. In both magazines, cities and neighborhoods are ranked on criteria such as home values, park acreage, crime rates and other quantitative data that helps determine the quality of life residents enjoy.

“Shoreline’s recognition as a great place to live is a much-deserved testament to our community’s dedication, hard work and investment over the years to maintaining – and improving – Shoreline’s quality of life,” says Shoreline Mayor Keith McGlashan. “And what perfect timing! Yet one more accomplishment to celebrate on our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporating as a city.”

Besides enjoying an overall high quality of life, Shoreline was also recognized as having some of the best home values in the region. *Seattle Met* says “...Shoreline is as close to a suburb as you’re going to find on this side of the lake. But in actuality, it’s a city of 14 well-defined neighborhoods, each with a character all its own. Put simply: You get more for your money in Shoreline, and you don’t have to cross the 520 bridge to do it.” Other communities noted in this category include Columbia City, Ballard, Maple Leaf and Renton Highlands.

Richmond Beach was noted for its stable home prices. “Even with Puget Sound views and access to the recently renovated Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, home prices in this waterfront enclave aren’t nearly as expensive as you might expect,” notes the magazine. Normandy Park, Woodinville, Capitol Hill and Kirkland are also listed as solid investments.

For more details, visit [seattlemet.com](http://seattlemet.com) to review a chart of the data collected on 116 communities in the region.



## City Hall earns environmental gold

Shoreline proudly announces that City Hall has been awarded LEED® Gold established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). LEED is the nation’s preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

From the contaminated soil remediation to the recent installation of solar panels over the garage, Shoreline was committed to sustainability from the beginning. Some of the green practices built into City Hall include 100% on-site storm water management, a green roof, solar hot water system, sensor-controlled lights, low-flow toilets, sensor faucets with

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## Quick-Start Shoreline

### Business Workshop Series offers help to Shoreline businesses

Are you starting your own business in Shoreline or trying to expand your business into new markets? Maybe your business is along the Aurora Corridor and you're looking for a way to boost sales.

Free!



*The City partners with the Shoreline Community College Small Business Accelerator to offer business assistance and education to small business owners through free weekly workshops. The Quick-Start Shoreline Business Workshop series provides brown bag lunch workshops on a variety of useful topics.*

The Quick-Start series started in February and will continue nearly every Tuesday throughout the year from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Shoreline City Hall Council Chambers. Registration is not required but check the calendar on the City's website to confirm the class schedule.

A follow-up study group meets every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the third floor of City Hall to discuss how what was learned can be applied to individual businesses.

If you have an area of expertise that you think may be relevant to the business community and would like to lead a workshop, please contact Mark McVeety at [accelerator@shoreline.edu](mailto:accelerator@shoreline.edu). For more information about small business resources and summer workshops, visit [www.shorelinewa.gov](http://www.shorelinewa.gov).

## Welcome Dan Eernisse, Shoreline's new Economic Development Manager



**Shoreline Economic Development Program Manager Dan Eernisse (206) 801-2218**  
[deernisse@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:deernisse@shorelinewa.gov)

The City of Shoreline welcomes Dan Eernisse as its new Economic Development Program Manager. Eernisse, a Puget Sound native and University of Washington graduate, most recently worked in commercial real estate development. His first day at the City was June 1.

"We're pleased to have Dan bring his experience and talents to work on Shoreline's Economic Development Program including the initiatives underway to support local businesses," says Shoreline City

Manager Bob Olander. "In particular he brings a wealth of community-building career experience to Shoreline, having spent a decade in each of the not-for-profit and for-profit worlds. His development background will serve us well in bringing projects to completion."

Eernisse says he particularly enjoyed working on multi-family residential and city center projects. His team's collaboration with the City of Mill Creek on its Town Center development earned a prestigious Vision 2020 Award.

A graduate of Mt. Rainier High School, Eernisse went on to earn a business administration bachelor of arts degree from the University of Washington, graduating with honors, and a master's degree from University of British Columbia's Regent College. He's been married for 20 years and has two teenagers who keep him busy supporting, coaching and applauding their academic, performing arts and athletic pursuits.

## Shoreline site no longer studied for a regional municipal jail

Shoreline's Ballinger neighborhood – as well as the rest of the City – let out a sigh of relief as the regional jail siting process was abandoned last month.

Due to new projections of available King County and regional jail space, King County North and East Cities (NEC) stopped its environmental process on the six potential jail sites including the one in Shoreline.

In May, King County announced it is offering jail beds to cities through 2020 and plans to form a regional jail planning group. With the available beds from King County and elsewhere in the region, the NEC believes there will be enough capacity to cover all of its misdemeanor jail bed needs through 2020 without having to build additional capacity.

For more information, contact City Manager's Office Management Analyst Eric Bratton at (206) 801-2217, [ebratton@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:ebratton@shorelinewa.gov).



# Curb Ramp, Gutter and Sidewalk Program: Balancing sidewalks, pavement and street trees

The City has been managing the repair and replacement of Shoreline infrastructure since incorporation. How it balances the assets of sidewalks, gutters, pavement and landscaping is a challenge. The City's first priority is safety for pedestrians, vehicles, transit and bikes, including meeting the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements. While landscaping is very important, it has to be designed, placed and managed

with safety as the first concern.

Unfortunately, in many cases poor decisions made decades ago prior to Shoreline's incorporation did not leave enough space between the curb and sidewalk to allow for the long-term growth and health of trees planted there. Inappropriate trees were also often planted – trees that have shallow roots that compromise the safety of sidewalks, gutters and even street pavement.

Many times the City is able to grind down the sidewalk to make it level without touching the tree. This is the preferred alternative and the City has modified hundreds of panels of sidewalk this way to allow safe pedestrian passage. In severe cases, however, a more aggressive strategy is necessary. The concrete panel must be removed and the destructive roots must be removed before a new concrete panel can be placed.

When this is done, the City has a certified arborist on-site to evaluate the root structure to see if it is possible to cut and remove enough of the root system to replace the concrete and maintain a healthy tree. If the damage to the tree will be too significant, the tree is removed and a suitable tree is replanted. This approach addresses the City's responsibility for a safe transportation system and maintains its long-term commitment to a healthy tree canopy as detailed in Shoreline's Urban Forest Management Plan (available online).

If a tree requires removal, the City sends residents near it a notification letter two weeks in advance and follows up with in-person visits if requested. The City will also meet with neighborhood associations and install signs with a contact number on the selected trees.

The 2010 Curb Ramp, Gutter and Sidewalk Program began in May and will continue through July. For more information about tree removal and replacement, contact Customer Response Team Supervisor Randy Olin at (206) 801-2261, rolin@shorelinewa.gov.

## Annual Police report shows reduction in serious crimes for third year

For the past 10 years, Shoreline Police have produced a report for the City Council combining prior year crime data with the department's efforts and accomplishments. The good news for 2009 was a drop in serious crimes for the third consecutive year. Crimes like auto theft and larceny dropped from 33 per 1,000 residents in 2008 to 32 per 1,000 residents in 2009. The rate was 34 per 1,000 in 2007 and 42 in 2006 (see graph below).

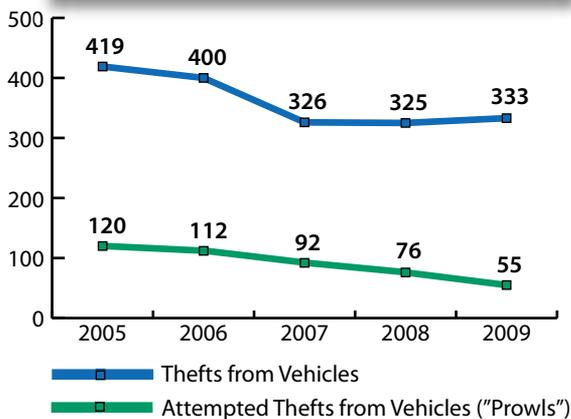
Serious injury traffic accidents were also down due to traffic safety education and enforcement. The average response time to life threatening calls increased slightly in 2009 to 4.21 minutes, still below the national average of five minutes. Shoreline officers responded to 11,261 dispatched calls for service in 2009, slightly more than in 2008.

Robbery increased 13% (45 to 51 cases), rape and attempted rape rose 38% (13 to 18 cases) and residential burglary rose 10% (285 to 322 cases) in 2009.

Shoreline Police have stepped up public education and crime prevention in these areas. Out of 51 robberies in 2009, Police arrested and charged 22 suspects, many responsible for multiple robberies.

The 2009 report is available for review on the Shoreline Police webpage, found under **Emergency** at shorelinewa.gov.

**Theft from Vehicles and Attempted Thefts ("Prowls")**



# Shoreline's Quality of Life ~ Your Investment of Property Taxes

*When reviewing property tax bills it's helpful to understand where property tax money goes. The community's investment in Shoreline has made our community one of the best places to live in the region.*

In 2005 and 2008 Seattle magazine placed Shoreline at the top of its list for Best Neighborhoods in the region. Shoreline made the grade again this year in Seattle Met magazine. This honor is the result of Shoreline's high rankings for its extensive park system with great amenities; respected school district; active neighborhoods; excellent police and fire services and low crime rates; good commute times to both Seattle and the eastside; and housing affordability and options.

But there is more to this list of excellent amenities than most people realize. The Shoreline community's investment over the years through property taxes is one of the primary ways it has helped maintain and improve Shoreline's quality of life. And it's not just window dressing for outsiders to admire; in the City's 2008 citizen survey, 93% of residents who responded confirmed that Shoreline is a great place to live.

The graph to the right shows where your property taxes go. Many of these agencies have helped Shoreline become a desirable place to live. Listed here are just a few of the services you get for your investment.

## **KING COUNTY - 11% (Including the Flood and Ferry Districts)**

Services provided by the County include property valuation, tax assessment and collections; prosecution and incarceration of felons; public health (such as birth and death certificates, medical examiner, public health clinics-immunizations, food handlers permits, restaurant inspections); environmental programs; social services (veteran and senior programs, job training and family court); and County-owned parks, open space and recreation.

## **CITY OF SHORELINE - 11%**

The City receives 11% of property tax dollars. Just under 20% repays the bonds issued when voters approved the 2006 Park Bond to acquire open space (i.e., South Woods, Kruckeberg Botanic Garden), improve and construct trails, and to improve park and recreational facilities (Cromwell, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, tennis court upgrades, etc.). The other 80% (9% of the total property tax bill) is used to provide critical public services such as police; park and athletic field maintenance; recreational programs; neighborhood support; street lights, traffic signals, and traffic control equipment maintenance; jail services; social service funding; and emergency management, just to name a few.

**Questions?** If you have questions regarding your property valuations, visit the Department of Assessments website at [www.kingcounty.gov/assessor.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/assessor.aspx) or call (206) 296-7300. For more information about Shoreline property taxes visit [shorelinewa.gov](http://shorelinewa.gov) or call Shoreline Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 801-2301.

**KING COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT - 4%**

Funding provides a library system throughout all of King County with two libraries in Shoreline.

**KING COUNTY MEDIC ONE - 2%  
(Emergency Medical Services – EMS)**

Funding provides advanced 911 services and basic and advanced life-support medic units.

**PORT OF SEATTLE - 1%**

The Port of Seattle is responsible for the operation of Sea-Tac airport, shipping terminals (for cruise ships and the delivery and export of goods) and several marinas, plus various economic development initiatives throughout the Puget Sound region.

**SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT - 41%**

The School District serves the cities of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park, operating 14 schools with an enrollment just under 10,000. They provide a variety of academic, arts, athletic and community programs.

**SHORELINE FIRE DISTRICT - 13%**

The Shoreline Fire Department provides 24-hour coverage for fire and medical emergencies. Although fire incidents have decreased over the years through gains made by fire prevention, the number of calls continues to increase; about 80% of today's responses are medical emergency incidents.

**STATE SCHOOLS - 17%**

A portion of these dollars are allocated to local school districts for basic education. These funds are also disbursed to the State's community colleges and four-year universities and colleges.

**Property Tax Allocation**

	<b>Annual \$ Amount on \$360,000 Home</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Shoreline School District	\$1,902.24	41%
State Schools	799.92	17%
Fire District	606.24	13%
City of Shoreline	497.88	11%
King County (Including Flood and Ferry Districts)	501.48	11%
Library District	174.60	4%
Emergency Medical Services	108.00	2%
Port of Seattle	77.76	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,668.12</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Low-Income Tax and Utility Assistance Programs**

The economy has been a concern for many people, but this may be especially true for those on fixed or low incomes. A variety of programs offer tax and utility help to Shoreline seniors, low-income individuals and families, and people with disabilities. Contact these numbers or visit the City's website for program details and eligibility.

**TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

- Property Taxes: King County (206) 296-3920
- Garbage and Natural Gas Utility Tax Exemption: City of Shoreline (206) 801-2700

**UTILITY ASSISTANCE AND REDUCED RATE PROGRAMS**

- Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities (water)
  - ~ Seniors and persons with disabilities: City of Seattle Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens (206) 684-0268
  - ~ Low-Income: Seattle Human Services Department (206) 684-0268
- Hopelink (206) 440-7300
- Ronald Wastewater (206) 546-2494
- Shoreline Water District (206) 362-8100



When school's out food is in short supply for the 2,200 students in Shoreline who normally receive free and reduced-fee breakfasts and lunches during the school year. This puts extra pressure on food banks. Join Hopelink's End Summer Hunger program that provides extra food for families with children in the summer months. You can help by hosting a food drive, making donations from your pantry or growing extra food in your garden. Call Hopelink at (206) 440-7300 or visit [www.hope-link.org](http://www.hope-link.org).

### Hang up and drive or it will cost you

As of June 10, Washington State is enforcing a ban on using handheld cell phones and text messaging while driving. That means police can now pull you over and issue a \$124 ticket if an officer sees you holding a cell phone to your ear.



### Have a happy – and safe! – Fourth of July

The Fourth of July holiday is right around the corner. Please remember that all types of fireworks are illegal in Shoreline. Shoreline Police enforce the City's year-round fireworks ban by confiscating fireworks and writing tickets for possession. Shoreline residents may report offenders by calling 911 or (206) 296-3311. To dispose of fireworks safely, call the King County Sheriff Communications Center at (206) 296-3311.

## Those soliciting home improvement services need a license and a permit

Summer is prime time for home improvement projects. The City would like to remind residents that Shoreline requires permits for any paving, grading or other type of work done in the City right-of-way. Shoreline also requires a soliciting license for companies that go door-to-door offering services.

If someone comes to your door, ask to see their credentials and their City of Shoreline soliciting license. The company will also need to file the necessary permits before starting work on your home or property.

For more information about solicitor licenses call the City Clerk's Office at (206) 801-2230. For home projects permits call Planning and Development Services at (206) 801-2500. To report suspicious behavior call 911 or call the non-emergency Police line at (206) 296-3311 to report fraud or suspected fraud.

## Swingin' Summer Eve

**Wednesday, July 21, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Celebrate the spirit of summer with a community festival at Paramount School Park, 15300 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. The festival features a barbecue sponsored by the Shoreline CERT program; inflatable bouncers, face painting and games; a used book sale sponsored by the Council of Neighborhoods and a free concert cosponsored by the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council. The admission is free but there is a small fee for food, books and the inflatable bouncers.

## National Night Out Against Crime is August 3

*Organize a neighborhood block party, ice cream social or barbecue on your block*

National Night Out Against Crime is designed to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and watching out for each other.

Shoreline supports residents organizing a National Night Out event in their neighborhoods. Street closures may require a permit. Permits are free for events sponsored by formal neighborhood associations. Contact Shoreline Permit Services at (206) 801-2500 regarding permit requirements. When you apply for a permit you will receive:

- A free National Night Out apron (while supplies last)
- An event packet with basic information about Block Watch, emergency readiness and neighborhood associations.
- Visits from Shoreline Police and Shoreline Fire (availability dependent on emergency calls)

Events that don't require a street closure can also register to receive an event packet and visits from City staff, police or fire. To register, call or email Shoreline Neighborhoods Coordinator Nora Smith at (206) 801-2253, [nsmith@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:nsmith@shorelinewa.gov).

**The Shoreline Library Board** now meets the first Thursday of odd-numbered months at 6:30 p.m., alternating between Shoreline's two libraries. See [shorelinewa.gov](http://shorelinewa.gov) for details.

## Courtney Brown receives Young Professional Award

Congratulations to Shoreline Recreation Coordinator Courtney Brown on receiving the 2010 Young Professional Award from the Washington Recreation and Park Association.

Brown was nominated for his strong work ethic, his creativity with programs, sense of humor and his desire to continue to learn about parks and recreation. He was also recognized as the Program Professional of the Year by the Program Section of the Washington Recreation and Park Association. Brown joined the City in 2006 and supervises Shoreline's athletics programs, specialized recreation, facilities and summer camps.



Shaina and Courtney Brown

## Sculptures integrated into Kruckeberg Botanic Garden



For the second year Seattle Pacific University (SPU) advanced sculpture students have created intriguing temporary site-specific art installations for the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden.

Things to look for this year include a giant bird nest (right), reflective and giant leaves, organic forms from everyday objects (above), artwork from folk tales and furnished bird houses reflecting the countries of origin of several of the Garden's trees.

The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden and MsK Nursery, 20312 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, are open Friday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information about the Garden call (206) 546-1281 or visit [www.kruckeberg.org](http://www.kruckeberg.org).

For more information about the City's public art program, contact Shoreline Public Art Coordinator Ros Bird at (206) 801-2661, [rbird@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:rbird@shorelinewa.gov).



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water flow-charged batteries, electric car charging stations and pervious concrete walkways. Along with the many sustainable measures incorporated into the design and construction, to achieve LEED-Gold the City also added educational and demonstration opportunities throughout.

Created by the USGBC in 1998, the LEED certification process is very rigorous. Buildings can achieve certified, silver, gold or platinum ratings. The LEED certification is recognized around the world and shows an organization's commitment to environmental responsibility.

Shoreline thanks its consultant team: City Hall designer LMN Architects; Opus NW and development director PJ Santos (now with Lorax Partners); Opus Construction; ArchEcology; landscape architect Karen Keist; SvR Design; MacDonald Miller; Valley Electric; Studio Lumen; Northwest Mechanical; Silicon Energy; Seattle City Light Utility; King County Department of Natural Resources; and King Conservation District.

Visit [shorelinewa.gov](http://shorelinewa.gov) to read the full story.

## Did you know?

The primary sources of toxic chemicals to Puget Sound are the everyday activities of people. This is contrary to the conventional belief that most pollution comes from industry. By using natural yard care techniques, commuting by bus or bike and picking up your pet waste you can help protect Puget Sound for generations to come. To learn more about what you can do visit [www.puget-soundstartshere.org](http://www.puget-soundstartshere.org).



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Kruckeberg Botanic Garden  
20312 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Shoreline 98177  
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## 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
- Parks and Recreation (206) 801-2600
- 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
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Meeting Location  
Shoreline City Hall, Council Chambers  
Agenda Line: (206) 801-2236

Study Sessions: First and third Mondays 6:30 p.m.  
Business Meetings: Second and fourth Mondays 7:30 p.m.

Televised City Council Meeting  
Comcast Cable Channel 21 & Verizon Cable Channel 37  
Tuesday noon & 8:00 p.m., Wednesday - Sunday 6:00 a.m., noon & 8:00 p.m.  
Meetings are available online at [www.shorelinewa.gov](http://www.shorelinewa.gov)

## Shoreline Police

### Emergency: 911

Shoreline Police Station  
Chief Dan Pingrey  
1206 N 185<sup>th</sup> Street  
Shoreline, WA 98133  
(206) 801-2710

Eastside Police Neighborhood Center  
Officer Greg McKinney  
521 NE 165<sup>th</sup> Street  
Shoreline, WA 98155  
(206) 363-8424

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

## Popular Numbers

Arts Council	(206) 417-4645
CleanScapes	(206) 763-4444
Comcast	(877) 824-2288
Historical Museum	(206) 542-7111
KC District Court	(206) 205-9200
KC Libraries	
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
Verizon	(800) 483-4100