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Protecting Shoreline's environment Plastic carryout bag ordinance enacted

On April 29, the City Council voted to prohibit plastic carryout bags at all retail locations in Shoreline. The new regulations will require a mandatory charge of at least five cents on each grocery-sized paper bag provided to customers. The regulations will go into effect on February 1, 2014. This action makes Shoreline the eighth city in Washington State to regulate plastic carryout bags.

Modeled after the City of Seattle's carryout bag regulations, the new Shoreline regulations also include a number of exemptions. There are exemptions for food banks, individuals with low incomes from the five cent fee for paper bags, thicker plastic bags, and various types of plastic bags found in retail establishments, such as produce bags, dry cleaning bags, small bags for bulk items, and bags to wrap around certain goods where dampness may be a problem.

The action aligns with the City's Environmental Sustainability Strategy and is aimed at reducing waste from the waste stream and litter, which can end up polluting our marine environments, conserving natural resources, reducing green house gas emissions and protecting Shoreline's environment.

Over the next eight months, the City will engage with Shoreline citizens and the business community to help spread awareness of the new regulations.

For more information about the carryout bag regulations contact Management Analyst John Norris at (206) 801-2216 or jnorris@shorelinewa.gov.



Council Goal #5: Community Safety

Maintaining a safe community is the City's highest priority.

Based on the 2012 citizen survey and feedback from the community, the City is working to enhance public safety communication and crime prevention efforts to ensure that our residents and businesses continue to find Shoreline a safe place.

Some of the action steps included in Goal #5 are:

- Initiate a joint Parks and Police review of our parks including elements such as landscaping, signage, lighting and access.
- 2. Continue to work with the Shoreline schools, Emergency Management Council, Shoreline Fire Department and other stakeholders to keep schools safe.
- 3. Enhance safety and security for seniors by raising awareness of criminal activity and deceptive scams that target the senior population.

To learn more about Council Goals, visit the City's website at shorelinewa.gov/councilgoals.

Did you know•

When you wash your car on pavement, the grimy water flows untreated into our streams and lakes, harming wildlife health and polluting the water. Help protect our waterways by washing your car on your lawn, or take it to a commercial car wash. Charity car wash groups are encouraged to partner with a commercial car wash or use a car wash kit, available for loan from the City. Contact Surface Water Quality Specialist Jennifer Adams at (206) 801-2453 or jadams@shorelinewa.gov for more information.

Talking climate action in Shoreline: Join the conversation

Wednesday, July 10 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Council Chamber and City Hall Lobby

Are you concerned about the effects of climate change on our community? Interested in learning what the City is doing to reduce its carbon footprint? Want to know how you can make a difference?



You are invited to join a community discussion and information session on the City's draft Climate Action Plan. Climate change in the Northwest affects our water supply, homes, health, and economy. By taking action now, we can lessen its impacts and work together to keep Shoreline a great place to live for future generations.

The Plan includes an updated inventory of Shoreline's greenhouse gas emissions and an action plan highlighting how residents, businesses, and the City itself can help address climate change. Beginning in late June, community members are invited to provide feedback on the report at shorelinewa.gov/climateplan or during the July 10th community conversation.

For more information contact Environmental Programs Coordinator Rika Cecil at (206) 801-2452 or rcecil@shorelinewa.gov.



Recycling event for Shoreline businesses

Wednesday, June 26 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sears Upper Parking Lot, 15711 Aurora Avenue N

In an effort to support Shoreline businesses with their recycling needs, the City, in cooperation with King County Solid Waste, will host its annual business recycling event. Businesses will have an opportunity to recycle a variety of difficult to recycle items, such as Styrofoam, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, televisions, computers, electronics and appliances. Shredding services will also be available, with a limit of five boxes per business. Hazardous materials will not be accepted.

For businesses that want to learn how to reduce their waste by recycling more, CleanScapes staff will be on-site to answer questions and to schedule free waste audits.

Event flyers with additional details will be mailed to all Shoreline businesses. Since this free event is open only to Shoreline businesses, participating businesses must bring the event flyer or a utility bill. Only pick-up trucks or smaller vehicles will be allowed to enter.

For more information, contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 801-2700.



Shoreline Police will be at many of the City's summer events (see pages 6-7). Please stop by and meet some of our officers!

Safety precautions for seniors

While statistically senior citizens are at a lower risk of being victimized by crime than younger people, there are certain crimes that target older people disproportionately. Some studies have found that over half of all fraud victims are seniors.

There are a number of ways to protect against fraud.

- Always remember, if it is too good to be true, then it probably is. Be suspicious of anyone who offers a chance for quick and easy wealth.
- Be wary of exaggerated claims for health and medical products. Check with your doctor, pharmacist, or medical clinic before buying such a product.
- Don't give any of your financial details or credit card numbers to phone solicitors even if they offer you gifts, a free vacation or a sweepstakes prize. Only give this type of information over the phone if you have initiated the phone call to a trusted company or organization.
- It is o.k. to hang-up on a salesperson that is pushy or makes you feel uncomfortable, and it is o.k. not to open your door for someone you do not know. Many con artists are successful because people are afraid to say no or don't want to disappoint. If you feel uncomfortable, end the conversation.
- If you are home alone, do not feel pressured into opening the door for people you do not know. If someone is persistent after you've told them you are not interested, call 911.

To learn about ways to protect yourself or someone you love from fraud, visit the FBI's Common Fraud Schemes website at fbi.gov/scamssafety/fraud/seniors.

Burglaries peak in summer months: Protect your home!

Burglaries are most common during summer months when many people are away on vacation or leave doors open to cool their homes.

Follow these safety tips to keep your home safe:

- Keep first floor windows, doors, and your garage shut.
- Don't leave anything outside the house that burglars could use to climb to an open second level door or window.
- Use automatic timers for interior lights not only when you are away on an extended vacation, but also when you are away for a short time.
- Give a key to a neighbor or friend and ask them to change the position of your curtains or blinds so it appears that someone is home.
- Stop delivery of newspapers and mail while you are away.
- Use photo electric cells to automatically turn on exterior lights.

Forming a Block Watch can be one of the best ways to prevent crime in your neighborhood in any season. To get a Block Watch started in your neighborhood, contact Sergeant Steve Sowers at steve.sowers@kingcounty.gov or (206) 801-2710.

For more crime prevention tips, including the Vacation House Check Program and a Home Security Checklist, visit shorelinewa. gov/Police.



Council of Neighborhoods adopts new mission, values and logo

Shoreline's Council of Neighborhoods has selected a new logo, designed by resident Janis Trowbridge-Howes, to represent their newly adopted mission and values.

Mission

The mission of the Shoreline Council of Neighborhoods is to provide a leadership role to strengthen and connect our diverse neighborhoods.

Core Values

The Council of Neighborhoods fulfills our mission through a steadfast commitment to:

- Facilitate and initiate open communication within and among neighborhoods, as well as with the City of Shoreline staff and City Council;
- Build productive relationships among neighbors, neighborhoods, and the City of Shoreline staff and City Council;
- Advocate for inclusion of the citizen voice in discussions about community issues and the future direction of Shoreline;
- Respect and nurture the rich diversity among our neighborhoods and our residents; and
- Promote a sense of pride in belonging to our Shoreline community of neighborhoods.

Visit shorelinewa.gov/CON for more information about the Council of Neighborhoods.

Meet new Fire Chief Matt Cowan

Matt Cowan has been appointed by the Shoreline Fire District Board of Commissioners to succeed retiring Fire Chief Mark Bunje. Cowan will be sworn in at a public ceremony on June 6 at 3:00 p.m.* followed by a regular meeting of the Board.

Cowan most recently served as Deputy Chief at Maple Valley Fire & Rescue. He did double-duty for many years as volunteer Fire Chief at Snoqualmie Pass Fire Department.

"I am energized by the quality of the Shoreline Fire Department and its person-



nel ," says Cowan. "There are some tough times ahead with increasing needs and decreasing revenues, and we must continue to provide a high level of service in the most appropriate manner possible."

Cowan says he is committed to being open and transparent with how Shoreline Fire operates and how taxpayer dollars are utilized. He is excited to get out and meet Shoreline residents at public events this summer.

Chief Bunje retires in June, after a 25-year career in Shoreline that took him from reserve firefighter, to career firefighter, to Fire Marshal, to Fire Chief. He plans to devote his time to volunteer organizations serving those with special needs and with an organization that trains and places assistance dogs. We are grateful for Chief Bunje's many years of dedicated service to the Shoreline community.

*Updated version with correct time. Print version said 5:00 p.m.

New off-leash dog area opening

Dedication and Grand Opening Saturday, July 13 , 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Fircrest Off-Leash Dog Area, 1760 NE 150th Street



Join us in celebrating the dedication and grand opening of the City's new off-leash dog area in east Shoreline.

"Shoreline's quality of life is enriched by the wealth of recreation opportunities our beautiful and abundant parks offer - ball fields, a skate park, tennis courts and playgrounds to name a few," says PRCS Director Dick Deal. "Adding places for dogs to play without leashes builds on that by offering another way for the community to enjoy its parks."

For more information visit shorelinewa. gov/fircrestdogpark or contact Parks Planner Maureen Colaizzi at mcolaizzi@shorelinewa. gov or (206) 801-2603.



Sound Transit analyzes light rail's environmental impacts

Public hearing on Draft EIS Time and Date TBD* Shoreline Conference Center 18560 1st Avenue N

As part of the process to extend light rail from Northgate to Lynnwood through Shoreline, Sound Transit has been analyzing the potential environmental impacts of light rail construction and ongoing service.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by Sound Transit will analyze the I-5 alignment and station alternatives for the portion of the project located in King County. The station alternatives include: 1) N 130th, N 145th, and N 185th Streets; 2) N 130th, N 155th, and N 185th Streets; and 3) N 145th and N 185th Streets.

The EIS is first issued as a draft to allow for review and comment. Sound Transit will hold a series of public hearings, one of which is scheduled at the Shoreline Conference Center. Time and date TBD.*

After the public comment period ends, the Board will carefully consider the findings in the Draft EIS, public and agency comments and other information before identifying the preferred route and station alternatives for the project. The preferred alternative will be de-

*Updated version with date removed. Print version said July 23.

scribed and evaluated in the Final EIS, which will also document and respond to comments received on the Draft EIS and include proposed impact mitigation.

After the Final EIS is completed, the Board will amend or confirm the preferred alternative, project budget and schedule.

For more information visit the City's light rail project webpage at shorelinewa.gov/lightrail and Sound Transit's at soundtransit. org/Projects-and-Plans/Lynnwood-Link-Extension.

Shoreline launches Film Office

Puget Sound film makers, educators, and civic leaders were on hand May 9th to mark the launch of the Shoreline Film Office (SFO), a collaborative initiative of the City of Shoreline and Shoreline Community College (SCC). Washington Filmworks, the Seattle Office of Film + Music, TheFilmSchool, SIFF, The Seattle Film Institute, and industry professionals took part in the event.

The SFO represents a unique economic development opportunity for the City. Growing a Shoreline film industry requires collaboration with many regional partners, offering Shoreline's valuable resources while enabling the creation of a profitable "home grown" product.

SFO's casting and rehearsal spaces are located on the SCC campus, home to the college's noted Performance Arts and Digital Filmmaking programs. Film productions that provide educational opportunities become eligible to utilize SCC film students and resources at little or no cost.

Please follow the Shoreline Film Office on Facebook or direct questions or comments to filmoffice@shorelinewa.gov.



From left: Small Business Accelerator Director Mark McVeety, Performing Arts/Digital Film Faculty Tony Doupé, College Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs James Jansen, College President Lee Lambert, Mayor Keith McGlashan, City Manager Julie Underwood, City Economic Development Manager Dan Eernissee

Lunchtime Music Series



Shoreline Farmers Market

Saturdays, June 15 - October 5, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. City Hall upper garage, 17500 Midvale Avenue N The second season of the popular Farmers Market kicks off on June 15!

Swingin' Summer Eve

Wednesday, July 24, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Avenue N Celebrate the spirit of summer with a community festival, BBQ, and live music.

Million Stair Challenge

Join the fun and log your steps to help reach the goal of climbing one million stairs in June at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. More information at shorelinewa.gov/millionstairchallenge or (206) 801-2600.

Lunchtime Music Series

Tuesdays, July 9 - August 13, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Free concerts for all ages

July 9: Eric Haines - Comedic Juggler **Richmond Beach Saltwater Park** 2021 NW 190th Street

July 16: Canote Brothers - Two-of-a-kind tunes Hamlin Park, 16006 15th Avenue NE

July 23: Reptile Isle - Interactive reptile show **Richmond Beach Saltwater Park**

July 30: Arturo Rodriguez and the Rhythm Ambassadors - Latin-infused jazz & pop Hamlin Park

August 6: Panduo - Steel Drums **Richmond Beach Saltwater Park**

August 13: Recess Monkey - Music for kids Hamlin Park

Summer of Fun Concert Series

Wednesdays, July 10 - August 28, 7:00 p.m. Free concerts sponsored by the Shoreline–Lake Forest Park **Arts Council**

- July 10: Shaggy Sweet Pop/Rock Animal Acres Park, 4000 NE 178th Street, LFP
- July 17: Shakespeare in the Park "The Tempest" Richmond Beach Community Park, 2201 NW 197th Street
- July 24: Creme Tangerine Beatles Tribute Band Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Avenue N
- July 31: Downtown Mountain Boys Bluegrass Animal Acres Park
- August 7: Impossible Bird Indie Rock **Richmond Beach Community Park**
- Tuesday, Aug. 13: North City Jazz Walk Shoreline Jazz Camp North City Business District, 17739 15th Avenue NE
- August 21: Carrie Clark & the Lonesome Lovers Folk Cromwell Park
- August 28: Swing: Shoreline Rocks Piano Time finale City Hall Courtyard, 17500 Midvale Avenue N

Low-Tide Beach Walks

Beginning May 25, beach naturalists will hold fun, free and informative beach walks during low tides at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190th Street. Check the City's website for dates and times.

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National Night Out Against Crime is August 6

Organize a neighborhood block party, ice cream social or barbecue on your block. National Night Out Against Crime (NNO) is designed to build community connections and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Shoreline supports residents organizing a NNO event in their neighborhoods. Street closures may require a permit; however, permits are free for events sponsored by formal neighborhood associations.



Contact Permit Services at (206) 801-2500 regarding permit requirements; please apply at least two weeks in advance.

Events that don't require a street closure are encouraged to register to receive an event packet and visits from City staff, Shoreline Police or Shoreline Fire. To register, call or email Neighborhoods Coordinator Rosie O'Brien-Ochs at (206) 801-2256 or robrien-ochs@shorelinewa.gov.



Shoreline Arts Festival

Saturday, June 29, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 30, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE

In its 23rd year, the Shoreline Arts Festival celebrates the arts in its many forms through this unique community event. Sponsored by the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council, the two-day community event encourages everyone to participate in art-making of one form or another, whether by making a collage or singing a song, acting in a short play or beating a drum, there is something for everyone. There will be music, dancing, and a performance by the Missoula Children's Theater featuring local children. The festival also includes art vendors and food trucks.

The ever popular Children's Hands-on Art Arena will be back. It is a great opportunity for kids to immerse themselves in an art project and be part of what the festival is all about – a celebration of art in our community.

In addition, the popular "Cultural Rooms" will highlight exhibits and the 17th annual Philippine Festival.

For more information, contact the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council at (206) 417-4645 or shorelinearts.net.

Shoreline Walks

Meet your neighbors and new friends on a guided walk in the City! More information at shorelinewa. gov/shorelinewalks or (206) 801-2600.

Camp Shoreline

Join the fun this summer at a wide variety of day camps throughout the summer. Learn to sew, improve your sports skills, swim, make art, express your dramatic skills and more!

Space is still available. More information at shorelinewa.gov/ recguide or (206) 801-2600.



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Shoreline Police

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City Council Meetings

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