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## Construction begins soon at Pool, Rec Center and Paramount

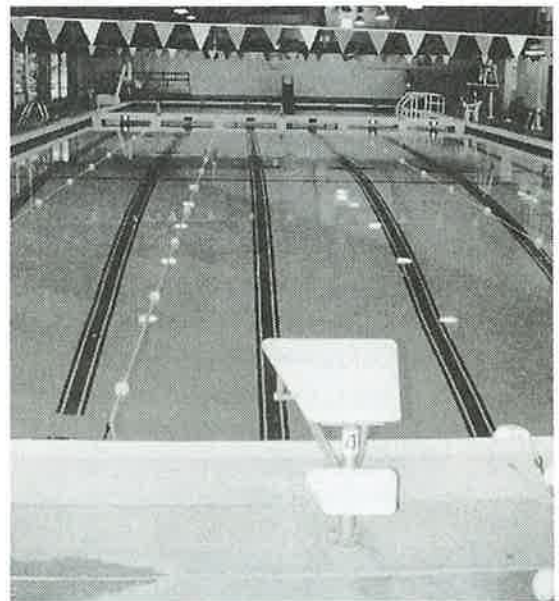
Three Shoreline park properties will see even more action than usual this spring and summer, but it won't be recreational. The Shoreline Pool, Richmond Highlands Recreation Center and Paramount School Park improvement projects are all in line to begin construction this spring.

Each of these improvement projects went through master planning. This process included community input during open houses and a review and recommendation by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service Advisory Committee to the City Council.

"The master plans represent the community's dreams for the park system," says Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Wendy Barry. "And these are just the first steps to make those dreams a reality."

### The Shoreline Pool

Built in 1969 with Forward Thrust funds, the Shoreline Pool is showing its age. Improvements will expand the women's locker room, increase lobby and office space, add a family changing room, add a restroom off the swimming pool, add an upper level meeting room for classes such as CPR, upgrade finishes



The Shoreline Pool will be closed during construction which is set to begin in March.

such as lockers and benches, and increase the life of the mechanical components such as the pool filter, electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems.

The City Council approved the construction contract at its Feb. 12 meeting. Construction is expected to begin the first part of March and take five months during which time the pool will be closed.

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## North City Sub-area Plan DEIS coming soon

With the help of residents, business owners and potential developers, the City of Shoreline prepared the draft North City Sub-area Plan last year to help shape how this neighborhood business district will be redeveloped. The Plan consists of a Comprehensive Plan amendment and a special district supplement to the Development Code.

The City is preparing a Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the North City Sub-area Plan. The Draft EIS is expected to be released in mid-March for a 30-day public review and comment period. The Final EIS should be released in late April or May.

This EIS will detail the environmental impacts and necessary mitigation for the proposed redevelopment of the business district as described in the Sub-area Plan. Projects which

are consistent with the Sub-area Plan and meet specific criteria defined in the Planned Action EIS and accompanying Planned Action Ordinance will not be subject to additional project-level environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

This provides an incentive to developers to invest in projects that comply with the Sub-area Plan because it removes the time, money, and risk involved in completing the environmental review. Early environmental review also provides the public more certainty about how environmental impacts of future projects will be addressed.

Shoreline City Council is also looking at other ways to make North City more attractive to developers. Over the next four years, \$5.45 million has been approved in the Capital Improve-

ment Program (CIP) for design and construction of aesthetic improvements. This year, \$900,000 is allocated for environmental review and traffic improvement design for 15th Ave. NE and any mitigation required by the Planned Action EIS.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended adoption of the North City Sub-area Plan to the City Council last October with three additions: eliminate the Main Street Overlay District density limitations; develop traffic mitigation as part of the EIS; and advance the CIP for 2001 to begin improvements and mitigation.

Once the Final EIS is complete, the Planned Action SEPA Ordinance, the draft North City Sub-area Plan and the Special District Development Code amendments will go before the Shoreline City Council.

The draft North City Sub-area Plan is available for review in the City Clerk's Office, the Planning and Development Services Department, Richmond Beach and Shoreline libraries, both Neighborhood Police Centers and on the City's Web site, [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com). Electronic copies of the Draft North City Sub-area Plan on CD are available free of charge from the Planning and Development Services Department.

The Draft and Final EIS will also be available at the same locations and in CD format from the City. For more information, contact Gabe Snedeker, SEPA Responsible Official, at (206) 546-8656.

## Discuss Park & Ride future March 6

The City of Shoreline, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and King County are hosting a neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, March 6, to discuss the future of the Park & Ride site on Aurora Ave. N. and N. 192nd St.

The meeting will be held at the Richmond Highlands Baptist Church, 19350 Firlands Way, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

The City of Shoreline and the two other agencies are working to assess the possibility of the Park & Ride being used for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). TOD projects reduce car traf-

fic, expand transit use and minimize urban sprawl by concentrating housing and retail development near public transit centers. King County Metro has been working on bus-related TOD joint-development projects since 1998.

This neighborhood meeting is the first public outreach step in the master planning process. The meeting will give Shoreline residents near the Park & Ride lot an opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and offer ideas about the future of the site.

If you have any questions, please call Shoreline Planning Manager Kirk McKinley at (206) 546-1700.

## Learn about 3rd Ave. NW flooding solutions

For over 20 years, moderate storms have created flooding problems for as many as 20 homes and the adjacent residential streets in the areas between 3rd and 6th Avenues NW from NW 176th St. to Richmond Beach Road.

Solving the flooding problem is a high-priority for the City of Shoreline which is why this project is part of the Capital Improvement program.

The public is invited to learn more about the 3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvements at a Community Open House on Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Sunset Elementary in the gymnasium/cafeteria. Shoreline staff will explain the existing conditions creating the problem, discuss possible solutions and gather comments.

Since park property may be involved in the adopted solution, the project will also be presented to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Advisory Committee at

its March 22 meeting. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Richmond Room at the Shoreline Conference Center.

On April 23, staff will present proposed solutions including its recommendation to the City Council for design direction. Construction could begin in 2002. Approval for a low-interest Washington Public Works Trust Fund loan to pay for the project will soon go before the state legislature.

For more information about the 3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvements, contact Project Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 546-1700.



Homes in the area between 3rd and 6th Avenues NW have experienced flooding problems for over 20 years.



## Planning Commission discusses amendments

The Shoreline Planning Commission will begin discussing proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments at a workshop scheduled for its Thursday, March 15 meeting. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at Shoreline Conference Center at 7:00 p.m.

Based on Planning Commission comments at the workshop, staff will produce the final set of amendments for public review. The Planning Commission will then hold a public hearing on the

amendments before making a recommendation to City Council. The public hearing is expected to be held in April.

The public was invited to submit proposed amendments by Dec. 31, 2000 for the 2001 amendment process. Amendments can also be initiated by staff. This is the first of what will be a yearly Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

For the latest information about meeting schedules and agendas, call Shoreline's Agenda Line at (206) 546-2190. For information about the amendment process, contact Shoreline's Planning and Development Services Department at (206) 546-1811.



## SPD seeks input on false alarm ordinance

### Reducing false alarms

When properly installed, used and maintained, alarms protect lives and property. When misuse causes false alarms, they are a liability.

Last year, 95 percent of the alarm calls the Shoreline Police Department responded to were false. And these false alarms represented 16 percent of the total dispatched calls for service.

"False alarms not only take away officer time that could be spent on other calls, but can lead to complacency and a loss of urgency which is bad for everyone," explains Shoreline Police Chief Denise Pentony. "A majority of false alarms are caused by repeat offenders — one Shoreline business had 26 false alarms last year."

The Shoreline Police Department wants to reduce the number of false alarms by 45 percent. The Police Department has begun presenting its plan to the community through the Council of Neighborhoods, Block Watch groups and the Chamber of Commerce and asking for feedback before proposing an implementation policy to the City Council for approval.

Part of the plan would be to fully enforce the false alarm ordinance already on the books or modify it to fit Shoreline's needs. And since most false alarms are caused by human error — using incorrect codes, not completely closing doors or windows — education will be a large component of the plan.

"We want to work with businesses and homeowners to prevent repeat false alarms by helping them operate their systems effectively," explains Chief Pentony. "We know false alarms are going to happen, but if we can prevent the ones that are chronically repeated, we can ultimately use our time more efficiently."

The Shoreline Police Department is looking for public input on the City of Shoreline's false alarm ordinance.

Currently, Shoreline operates under King County's false alarm code which is summarized below. The City of Shoreline can either enforce that code, or adopt a new, modified code for enforcement. Shoreline Police Chief Denise Pentony is gathering comments over the next month to prepare a recommendation for the City Council.

Please send your comments to:  
Chief Pentony  
Shoreline Police Department  
1206 N. 185th St.  
Shoreline, WA 98133  
(206) 546-6730  
denise.pentony@metrokc.gov.

### Summary of King County False Alarm Code

- The parties responsible for owning, operating, monitoring or maintaining alarm systems are obliged to comply with the law and are liable if they do not do so.

- A false alarm is defined as the activation of any combination of burglary, robbery, panic or yard alarm when no crime is being committed or attempted.

- Alarms may not have an audible signal on the exterior that sounds longer than 10 minutes after being activated; the owner will make a reasonable effort to secure the alarm within one hour.

- Alarms shall be maintained to minimize or eliminate false alarms.

- The monitoring company will make an attempt to determine if an actual crime is being commit-

ted before calling police dispatch and will request dispatch cancellations if no event has occurred.

- No fee is assessed for the first false alarm, if within six calendar months no other false alarms occur; the owner must submit a cause and corrective action notice within three days of the false alarm.

- Two or more false alarms in any consecutive six-month period carry a civil penalty. The penalty for the second false alarm is \$75 and \$100 for the third and successive false alarms. (One modification the City Council has already begun discussing is reducing these fine amounts.)

- The alarm system may be ordered disconnected if there are more false alarms caused by not correcting previously identified problems or if a false alarm fine is not paid.

### SFD offers free smoke detectors

Do you have smoke detectors in your home? If not, you are putting your family in danger. The Shoreline Fire Department will install a 10-year, lithium-battery smoke detector, free of charge, to residents who are not protected. Call the Shoreline Fire Department at (206) 533-6500 to request a free smoke detector for your family.



The new signal will make it safer for traffic entering 15th Ave. NE from N. 165th St.

## **New signal for 15th Ave. NE will improve safety**

Traffic making left turns onto 15th Ave. NE from NE 165th St. will soon enjoy safer conditions, thanks to a Capital Improvement Project under construction this spring.

The project includes installing a traffic signal at the intersection that will incorporate pedestrian-activated push buttons and in-pavement detection loops on NE 165th St. The project also includes sidewalk improvements and curb ramps in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

There were ten accidents at this intersection between August 1992 and July 1995. The majority of these accidents occurred when vehicles were attempting to make left turns onto 15th Ave. NE.

The new signal will also benefit the Shoreline School District's bus facility which is located on the corner of the intersection. Since it is nearly impossible for bus drivers to negotiate left turns onto 15th Ave. NE without a signal, they access other arterials via residential streets. The new signal will allow them to enter directly onto 15th Ave. NE, thus saving trips on neighborhood streets.

The City Council approved the construction bid for the project at its Feb. 12 meeting. Construction is expected to begin in April or May and be completed by July.

## **Shoreline's Customer Response Team answers your questions**

### ***Is the Shoreline District Court operated by the City of Shoreline?***

What many people refer to as the Shoreline District Court is actually the Shoreline Division of King County District Court. It is under the jurisdiction of King County, not the City of Shoreline.

The King County District Court is located at 18050 Meridian Ave. N. Questions about parking or traffic tickets, court dates or other District Court cases should be directed to (206) 296-3679.

The Shoreline Division of King County District Court is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Passport applications are accepted Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"What confuses some people is that they receive tickets from the Shoreline Police Department," says Customer Response Team Supervisor LaDonna Smith. "But tickets are not processed by the City of Shoreline. They are handled through the King County District Court."

If you need additional information, please call Shoreline's Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

**Customer  
Response  
Team  
546-1700**



## Help with energy bills available for low income households in Shoreline

Low income households feel the bite of rising energy costs and falling temperatures the most. Several energy assistance programs available to qualifying Shoreline residents can help this winter.

The first place to start is with the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) which can help with heating bills. LIHEAP is administered locally by Hopelink-Shoreline, an organization that helps low income families with the basic necessities of life. Potential energy assistance clients must make an appointment by

calling 1-800-348-7144.

Besides the help available through LIHEAP, Puget Sound Energy works through the Salvation Army who administers the Warm Home Fund. This program receives donations from PSE customers, employees and shareholders to help residents with winter heating bills. Natural gas customers who need help can make payment arrangements with Puget Sound Energy by calling 1-888-225-5773.

Seattle City Light has a few different programs to help low income customers. Customers not living in subsidized housing with

a household income at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty level may qualify for the Rate 27 Program which offers reduced rates. Rate 26 is a similar program for individuals with disabilities and people 65 and older.

Emergency Low Income Assistance helps Seattle City Light customers with delinquent electric bills. Customers can only apply for this assistance once every 12 months. Seattle City Light also offers Project Share which is funded by customer donations. To find out about any of these Seattle City Light programs, call (206) 684-3000.

Shoreline residents who meet the criteria for Seattle City Light's Rate 27 Program will also qualify for the City of Shoreline's utility tax exemption. Eligible residents do not have to pay the six percent utility tax on natural gas, telephone and garbage service (taxes on electricity are collected by the City of Seattle so are not affected by Shoreline's tax exemption). For an application for Shoreline's utility tax exemption program, call the Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

Another service offered to Shoreline residents is the Home Repair Program. Residents can apply for a home repair loan to weatherize their home by calling the King County Housing Hotline at (206) 296-7640.

The City of Shoreline funds both the Home Repair Program and Hopelink-Shoreline to ensure that these services are available to Shoreline residents.

## New garbage service begins in Shoreline this month

Shoreline's garbage and recycling service will undergo significant changes after March 5 as Waste Management begins serving nearly all Shoreline customers except those in the newly annexed areas.

For the past month, Waste Management has been preparing customers for the change with a series of mailings and new container deliveries. For former customers of Allied Waste (Rabanco), the new program will add new plastic bottles and polycoated containers to the recycling list and a collection day change for some customers.

For customers already served by Waste Management, there will be sub-

stantial changes to the collection system. The new program will include a change in collection frequency, new containers, new material types that can be recycled and, in some cases, a new collection day.

The new service contract also provides customers more flexibility in selecting service levels. Mini-can service or recycling-only service are two new low-cost alternatives for households that don't generate a lot of waste. New on-call bulky item collection and appliance recycling services are also available.

For more information, contact Waste Management Customer Service at (425) 481-1100.

## Connie King Scholarship Fund

Throughout the year, a wide variety of recreation, aquatics, teen and cultural programs are available in Shoreline through the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. You can help others take advantage of these opportunities by supporting the Connie King Scholarship Fund.

The Fund was established in December 1999 by the City Council in honor of Connie King, the City of Shoreline's first mayor, to recognize her commitment to Shoreline's youth. King identified the need for a donation program that would benefit low and moderate income families who

need financial assistance to participate in City recreation programs.

In less than a year of fundraising efforts, the City of Shoreline has received nearly \$4,000 in donations. But the City has a ways to go before reaching its goal.

"We hope to raise \$100,000 so the Fund can be completely endowed," explains Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Wendy Barry. "That way the program would have a dependable source of funding."

All donations to the Connie King Scholarship Fund are tax deductible. For more information,



call the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041.

## Parks construction begins in spring *from page 1*

### Richmond Highlands Recreation Center

The Richmond Highlands Recreation Center is also an older facility. Improvements will include reinforcing the foundation to meet seismic standards, upgrading heating, electrical and plumbing systems, adding a handicap restroom, relocating the office and computer room, refinishing the floors and upgrading interior finishes. Construction is expected to begin in late spring and take five months, during which time the facility will be closed. Teen recreation programs currently held at the center will be continued at other locations. Refer to the Spring Recreation Guide which will be out mid-March for details or call the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041 for more information.

### Paramount School Park and Skateboard Park

The Paramount School Park will receive a complete overhaul including regrading and reconfiguring the fields, adding drainage and irrigation, building a restroom, paving the gravel parking lot and redoing the paths. The plan leaves room for future development of more fields and other park features.

One new feature that will be added during construction is the skateboard park. The skateboard park will be located on the north side of the park at the site of the paved parking lot and will feature a pyramid, fun boxes, stairs, ramps and handrails with a simulated picnic table as the

centerpiece.

Construction is expected to begin in early April and be completed in late September. As with the other park improvement projects, the park will be closed during construction.

## SFD seeks TIP volunteers

The Shoreline Fire Department and Evergreen Hospital are looking for Shoreline residents interested in serving as Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) volunteers. TIP volunteers are on-call to assist the fire department when someone experiences a death in the family, is a victim of crime, or needs other types of emotional first aid. Training is required. Call Melanie Granfors at the Shoreline Fire Department, (206) 533-6500, if you are interested in further information.

## Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

### City of Shoreline

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• Public Works Department  
Highland Plaza  
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Shoreline, WA 98177  
(206) 546-3636

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Shoreline, WA 98155  
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