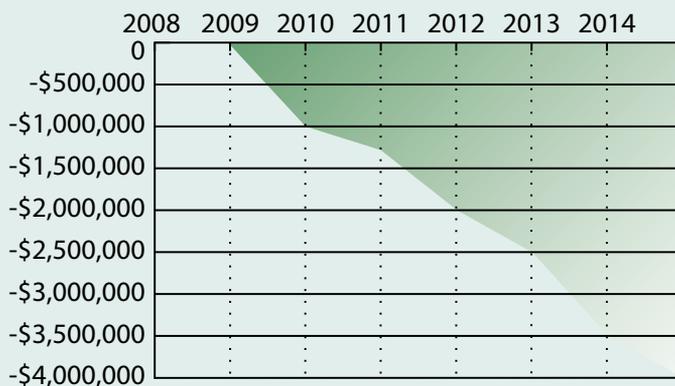


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SECURING SHORELINE'S FUTURE: Financial Committee presents final recommendations to Council

The 18-member Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on Long-Range Financial Planning presented its final recommendations to the City Council on April 27. The process took over a year and included input from three public meetings in February.

The committee was appointed to address an estimated \$1 million budget gap in the City's operating revenues for 2010 which is projected to grow to a \$3.5 million gap by 2014. The City had projected these gaps in 2007 as part of its six-year financial planning process -- several years before the current recession. The projected gaps are primarily a result of the 1% property tax limitation. Over the past 14 months, the CAC reviewed the City's budget, services and resident satisfaction surveys, and compared Shoreline with other cities to provide an informed recommendation to the Council. Feedback was also gathered from community forums and the City website.

The CAC's five recommendations are:

- 1. Sustain the City's commitment to efficiencies. Maximize ongoing budget savings, invest and partner in economic development opportunities, explore opportunities to reduce/limit criminal justice costs and seek value for Shoreline taxpayers from other taxing districts.**
- 2. Maintain services that preserve the quality of life that Shoreline residents and businesses value.**

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Do you understand each line of your property tax bill?

Do you know what services it pays for?

Do you know how much each agency is charging you?

Community Forum: Property Tax 101

To make sure you can answer "yes" to all of these questions with confidence, the City of Shoreline, King County Assessor's Office, Shoreline School District and the Shoreline Fire District are sponsoring a community forum about property taxes and assessments on Tuesday, May 19, Mt. Rainer Room, Shoreline Conference Center from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

A panel of representatives from each of these agencies will help explain:

- How property tax levies are determined
- The relationship between property tax levies, property tax rates, property values (assessments) and your property tax bills
- Impact of voter approved levies
- Differences between operating and capital levies

For more information, go to www.shorelinewa.gov or contact Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 801-2301, dtarry@shorelinewa.gov.





New Currents building permits series debuts this month in honor of National Building Safety Week

The City of Shoreline joined the International Code Council Foundation and many others in celebration of National Building Safety Week May 3-9. In honor of this, this issue of Currents debuts the first in a series of stories dedicated to building permits.

Over the coming months look for more stories that will explain which projects require a permit and how to get one.

One of the main responsibilities of a city is to make sure that the buildings in its community are built safely and are in compliance with the latest adopted state building codes.

The City of Shoreline Planning and Development Services Department is responsible for this in our community by managing long-range planning programs and land use and building permit services. The mission of the department is to ensure that natural and built environments are healthy and safe and reflect the community's vision.

Going to City Hall for a permit might be intimidating, but City staff will guide you through the permit process and will help you understand the rules and regulations that apply to your project.

The most important reason to work with the City is to make sure your construction project, remodel or grading work is done safely and correctly. You may be surprised to learn that permits are needed for not only remodels and additions to your home, but for demolition, fences and

installing a fire alarm or new electrical system.

The purpose of a permit is to ensure your construction project meets City and state codes and minimum safety standards. But it is also important for resale and insurance purposes. Property insurers may only cover work done with a valid permit. If you decide to sell your property, a permit will assure buyers that your work was done correctly, and in the case of a lawsuit, a property owner can show that code requirements were strictly met when working with a permit.

Shoreline's permitting services include:

- Building and site development such as residential and commercial building permits, sign permits and clearing and grading permits;
- Land use permits such as rezones, variances, conditional, temporary and special uses; critical area permits;
- Right-of-way use permits in conjunction with the Public Works Department;
- Platting permits such as preliminary and final short plats and formal plats, and lot line adjustments.

The review process entails different steps depending on the permit. Permit applications, checklists and handouts are available at www.shorelinewa.gov. For more information, contact Shoreline Building Official Ray Allshouse at (206) 801-2541, rallshouse@shorelinewa.gov.

Why permits and inspections are necessary

- First and foremost, it's a health and safety issue.
- Permit review allows code experts to reduce potential hazards from unsafe construction.
- Mandatory inspections act as a system of checks and balances focused on complying with State and City codes.
- Proper permitting helps protect property values.
- More and more, property insurers aren't covering damages caused by work done without permits and inspections.
- Disclosure of any improvements or repairs is required at sale whether permits and inspections were obtained.
- Many financial institutions won't finance a purchase without proof of a final inspection.
- Without a permit, work may be subject to removal or other costly remedies.

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ONLINE NOW:

Wild Living in Shoreline

No, we're not talking about night clubs or loud parties. Learn about the wildlife that considers Shoreline its home and how to keep the peace with your truly wild neighbors.

>> Find this in the NEWS section.

What's in a Name?

The City of Shoreline went through a very specific process to name its new park, Kayu Kayu Ac. Learn why naming a park is not as simple as it appears on the surface.

>> Find the Kayu Kayu Ac project page under the PROJECTS pull down menu on the home page.

14 Shoreline trees named champions

Where are Shoreline's biggest trees? We now know, which was one of the goals of the 2008 Champion Tree Contest. The contest ran from Earth Day through Labor Day last year and was limited to native trees found in the City of Shoreline's park system. Contestants sought out the largest native trees and nominated them in categories of either landmark, specimen, unique or significant. The champion trees were determined based on the total tree points — calculated by trunk circumference, height and crown spread — and then mapped with GPS locations.

Thanks to contest participants, Shoreline now has 14 native tree champions, two significant group champions and two in the unique category champions. There were 11 honorable mentions, with 11 parks represented among the nominations. An award presentation took place at the March 26 Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board meeting.

Each champion tree will have a sign next to it with information about the tree and its value to our urban forests. Later this year, a brochure will be developed listing all the trees and locations so that park visitors can locate and learn more about them. The contest was funded by grants from the City of Shoreline and National Wildlife Federation. The 2009 champion tree contest will be expanded to include native trees found on private as well as public property. To learn more, contact Barbara Guthrie at (206) 542-3242, guthdall@msn.com.



Greg Kulseth with a Champion Wolf Tree at Boeing Creek Park, one of two included in the "unique" category in the 2008 Champion Tree Contest.

Securing Shoreline's Future

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3. Adopt the Transportation Benefit District (\$20 vehicle license fee) in 2009 and place a tax levy lid lift on the ballot in 2010 (or later) to address projected operating budget gaps.

4. Implement the following Guiding Principles for service reductions if revenues cannot grow at a pace to fund the projected cost of current services:

- Preserve priority services (Police; maintenance of City streets, roads and projects that improve traffic flow; Human Services; Economic Development; Code Enforcement)
- Maintain the quality of priority services
- Allocate tax resources to services that provide the greatest "community" benefit and charge fees for services that primarily benefit individuals
- Implement cost-saving measures that preserve funding for priority services

- When possible, revenue should be allocated to providing services first and then to capital projects
- Implement proportional administrative reductions
- Continue to use technology to gain efficiencies
- Enhance opportunities for volunteerism

5. Expand communication and outreach to better inform residents and taxpayers about the City's services, resources and needs.

The Council will review and consider whether to implement any of the committee's recommendations as they prepare for the 2010 budget process.

To review the final CAC recommendations, visit the City's website or contact Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 801-2301, dtarry@shorelinewa.gov.



Shoreline's employee bike group in 2008

Dust off your bike and join the Group Health Commute Challenge

May is National Bike Month and you are invited to join one of the biggest bike commuter events on the West Coast: the 2009 Group Health Commute Challenge. The City of Shoreline is again assembling teams to participate in this challenge.

Last year the largest group of City riders to date signed up to participate in the event. A total of 21 City pedalers biked to work a combined 128 days during the month of May for a total of 1,366.3 miles traveled. During this challenge City employees were responsible for preventing 1,366.3 lbs of CO² from being released into the atmosphere.

This is your chance to test your bike-commuting mettle by riding to work as often as you can during the month. Just commute five times or more (round-trips) during the 30-day period and be eligible for great prizes from Cascade Bicycle Club. New this year, the Cascade Bicycle Club will offer a percentage of days worked/biked ranking that rewards those who bike the most during their work week. For more information, contact Jessica Williams at (206) 801-2453, jwilliams@shorelinewa.gov.

And don't forget the helmet!

A local teenager learned the importance of wearing a bike helmet the hard way. He was riding a long board (a longer version of a skateboard) when the board slipped out from under him. He suffered a severe skull fracture and spent five days in the hospital. He is now sitting out an entire year with no contact sports, including bicycling and skateboarding.

Here, in his own words, is the price you pay for not strapping on a helmet before you bike or board:

"When you lose the opportunity to skateboard or do other sports, you want it even more. This has changed my lifestyle. It's boring, but I've started doing other things like helping to coach the younger lacrosse team. Take it from me: Always wear a helmet."



Council appoints new PRCS Board members

The Shoreline City Council appointed new members to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board last month and re-appointed existing members Bill Clements and Carolyn Ballo to additional terms. Andrew Delgado and Ian Fike were appointed to the youth positions and Jesse Sycuro and Boni Biery join as regular members.

Members serve a four-year term with a limit of three terms; youth members serve for two years. Outgoing board members Bill Martin and Herb Bryce and youth members Olivia Jacobs and Carl Saltzberg will be publicly thanked for their service at the May 18 City Council meeting.

Kruckeberg Foundation seeks board members

The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation is expanding its board of directors and is seeking volunteers to serve. The board oversees events, education, database management and fundraising for the garden. Board members serve a three-year term and are expected to contribute professional expertise or other life or professional wisdom. Fundraising and grant writing experience is a plus. If you are interested, contact Kathie Morino at (425) 771-9199, jk.morino@verizon.net.

Keep sidewalks clear and safe

As spring growth begins, the City of Shoreline asks residents to be "good neighbors" by keeping sidewalks bordering their property clear of overgrown plants and trees. Please trim vegetation back and sweep debris from the sidewalks. Residents are responsible for keeping sidewalks next to their property safe for walkers, runners, visually impaired neighbors and people with disabilities. For more information, contact the Customer Response Team at (206) 801-2700.

Spring Clean Sweep Recycling Event May 30

Each year the City of Shoreline offers residents a chance to make a 'clean sweep' of their homes and property by recycling and cleaning out clutter. This year's Spring Clean Sweep Recycling Event is Saturday, May 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Park & Ride on N 192nd Street and Aurora Avenue N. Event flyers will be mailed to all Shoreline residents.

To participate, residents who subscribe to CleanScapes curbside solid waste collection can attend the event at no cost. Multi-family residents must bring the flyer or their driver's license. Residents who do not have CleanScapes service need to pay \$6.75 cash for entry to the event. Only \$20 bills and under accepted.

Due to the volume of material, only one trip is allowed per household. Items will be accepted until the bins are full, and the City reserves the right to refuse any item.

The 2009 Spring Clean Sweep Recycling Event is sponsored in cooperation with the King County Solid Waste Division, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, and the Washington State Department of Ecology.



Please use the following guidelines to plan your trip.

Do bring:

- All appliances*
- All batteries
- Bulky yard waste
- Clean scrap lumber & pallets
- Computers and monitors
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Motor oil, antifreeze and filters
- Porcelain toilets and sinks*
- Propane tanks*
- Scrap metal
- Telephones and cellular phones
- Televisions

** Some items may require a minimal recycling fee that must be paid in cash. Check the Clean Sweep Recycling Event flyer that will be mailed to your home for more details.*

Don't bring:

Hazardous materials such as household chemicals; paint; cleaning products; pesticides; herbicides; solvents and thinners; commercial waste; or items infested by bees, hornets or wasps.

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

Friday to Sunday, May 29 to 31: Hazardous Wastemobile

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sears Parking Lot, 15711 Aurora Ave. N

Bring your household hazardous waste to this collection event.

Dispose of items such as automotive and household batteries, household cleaners, gasoline and pesticides.

More info: Household Hazards Phone Line (206) 296-4692.



Officer Bardsley

Officer of the Year and Deputy of the Year

Shoreline Police Officer Rob Bardsley was recognized by the Shoreline School District for receiving the Officer of the Year for Shoreline Police and Deputy of the Year for the King County Sheriff's Office.

Front row, from left: Bill Dunbar, Shorewood High School Principal, Pat Hegarty, Shorecrest High School Principal and Kathleen Larson, Sergeant, Criminal Investigations Unit. Back row: Dan Pingrey, Shoreline Police Chief, Brian Schultz, Executive Director of Schools for the Shoreline School District and Officer Rob Bardsley.



Shoreline Officer Greg McKinney paints out graffiti.

Shoreline Police need your help to stop graffiti

Shoreline has recently seen an increase in graffiti on fences, buildings and even trees, especially those at Hamlin Park. Shoreline Police and Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound need your help in identifying those responsible for graffiti vandalism. If you have any information, please call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or text: tip486 to 274637 (CRIMES) to send in your anonymous tip via your cell phone. Crime Stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for any information leading to the arrest and charge of those responsible for graffiti.

Shoreline Police are planning a Shoreline Paint Out event to paint over graffiti within the City later this year. On May 8, Officer Greg McKinney picked up students from Kings Junior High School to paint out graffiti around their school using paint donated by Home Depot for graffiti removal. The City of Shoreline ordinance requires that graffiti be removed from City property and businesses within 48 hours and from private property within two weeks. If residents cannot afford paint to cover the graffiti or are physically unable to remove it, please contact the Eastside Police Neighborhood Center at (206) 363-8424 for assistance.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: CleanScapes



CleanScapes' green trucks are a common sight on Shoreline streets. For the past year, the company has provided garbage and recycling service to the residents of Shoreline.

CleanScapes began in 1997 to serve Seattle's Pioneer Square District. Today, it operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week providing streetscape maintenance services to several hundred properties in Seattle, Shoreline, Portland, and San Francisco.

But the company is much more than just a garbage hauler. Working green is a primary focus, especially when it comes to fuel for its fleet of trucks. CleanScapes collects thousands of gallons of used fryer oil from its restaurant customers for re-manufacture into biodiesel. It also replaces 10% of its fleet every year to ensure that vehicles include the most current technologies and cleaner burning fuels. This year, a Clean Natural Gas station in Seattle will power a new fleet running on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) which releases 20% less greenhouse gases than diesel.

In Shoreline, residents now have the option of composting meat and dairy products by tossing food scraps in the yard debris cart. Today's garbage transformed into tomorrow's compost. CleanScapes is continually working on sustainable solutions to meet the environmental and social needs of the community. The company president and founder, Chris Martin, has taken CleanScapes beyond traditional curbside recycling programs to address the total waste stream, greenhouse gas emissions, truck traffic, fossil fuel consumption and neighborhood truck noise.

CleanScapes promotes a sustainable policy in its local offices, emphasizing waste prevention, durable products and reuse. The staff uses 100% post-consumer recycled copy paper, composts food waste and reuses packaging.

For more information about CleanScapes, visit www.cleanscapes.com, or call (206) 763-4444.



Did you know?

Wastewater from outdoor pressure washing can create a stormwater pollution problem. Particles from the surfaces being cleaned, along with pollutants from cleaning products, flow directly into the storm drain system untreated.

To prevent water pollution, pre-sweep the area before pressure washing and use oil-absorbent pads or catch basin inserts to filter pollutants and particles out of the wastewater. For more information about water quality, contact Water Quality Specialist Jessica Williams at (206) 801-2453.

Shoreline's New Park: Kayu Kayu Ac Opens June 9

The City of Shoreline is dedicating its new park, Kayu Kayu Ac, on Tuesday, June 9, 6:00 p.m. The new park, formerly known as the Pump Station Park, is at 19911 Richmond Beach Drive NW.

Kayu-Kayu Ac Park is pronounced "Ki-U, Ki-U, Atch" -- "ki" like in kite, "U" like the letter U and "atch" like in watch. This is what Duwamish Tribes called the area of Richmond Beach and it is also the Duwamish Dialect name for the plant known as *kinnikinnick*.

Improvements to the park included a play area with swings, a viewing platform with interpretive panels, picnic tables, a unisex restroom facility and a small parking area.

SE Neighborhoods Open House

The Southeast Neighborhoods Sub-area Plan Citizen Advisory Committee is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Activities Building gymnasium on the Fircrest campus.

Committee members will present their ideas about operating assumptions, neighborhood values and characteristics, subarea issues and opportunities, goals and potential policy recommendations and zoning designations. The purpose is to share these thoughts with the wider community to make sure the committee is representing the long-term vision for the Briarcrest and Ridgecrest neighborhoods.

Celebrate Shoreline applications available

Applications for Celebrate Shoreline parade entries and community booths at the festival are available on the City's website, at City Hall, Spartan Recreation Center, and Shoreline Pool. For more information call (206) 801-2600.

Shoreview dog area dedicated April 25; now open to furry friends



The City of Shoreline dedicated its first off-leash dog area on April 25, and it is now open to residents and their four-legged friends. The Shoreview Off-Leash Dog Area, at 320 NW Innis Arden Way, is a 2.5-acre site adjacent to Shoreline Community College. A second site at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park will open this fall.

The Shoreview site was recommended as a traditional Off-Leash Dog Area (OLDA) to be open for a one-year pilot period. Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190th Street, is a 1.2-acre site recommended as a seasonal area and will open from November through April 2010 as a pilot period. It provides 300 feet of beach and saltwater for dogs to romp and play. Both sites will be evaluated quarterly to see if they are meeting expectations.

In other Shoreline parks, dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. Keeping your dog on a leash not only protects other users of the park and environment, but it protects your dog as well. The City and King County Animal Control make unannounced patrols in Shoreline parks and tickets will be issued for violations of the City's leash laws. Dog owners are also required to scoop poop.

For more information on the new off-leash dog areas, visit www.shorelinewa.gov or contact Park Planner Maureen Colaizzi at (206) 801-2603, pks@shorelinewa.gov. For more information about the Shoreline Parks Ordinance, contact the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 801-2630.

Shoreline's Response to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

On February 17, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, or ARRA, which allocates federal funds to preserve and create jobs. The City of Shoreline is making plans to apply for all funds where they are available for City Council plans and goals. In some cases, however, Washington State and federal agencies have not released information on application processes, criteria and guidelines. The City will continue to be vigilant in tracking funding as it is made available. For more information call Grants Specialist Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn at (206) 801-2330, grants@shorelinewa.gov or visit www.shorelinewa.gov.

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Agenda Line: (206) 801-2236

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Business Meetings: Mt. Rainier Room, second & 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.
Also on www.shorelinewa.gov

Shoreline Police

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| 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 |
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| School District | (206) 367-6111 |
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