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Flooding problems receding

The tide is turning on localized flooding problems in Shoreline thanks to 50 surface water small projects completed by the City over the past three years.

Surface water "small" projects are improvements that relieve localized drainage problems with a construction cost of \$100,000 or less. Many of the surface water small projects completed under the Capital Improvement Program have addressed long-standing flooding problems affecting private property and arterial roadways.

The dwindling number of projects shows the City's progress in solving flooding problems: in 1997 and 1998, 34 projects with a total cost of \$838,805 were completed; and in 1999, 16 projects with a total cost of \$370,178 were completed or under construction. For 2000,

12 surface water small projects are listed — eight are newly-identified projects and four are projects carried over from 1999 because they required additional environmental analysis, design and construction.

"We have solved many of the easy-fix problems and those that were causing property damage,"

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Development Code Phase II public hearing in May

The City Council public hearing on Phase II of the Development Code tentatively scheduled for May 22 marks one of the final milestones in Shoreline's year-long process of creating its own development code. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Shoreline Conference Center during the Council's regular meeting. Call the Agenda Line at (206) 546-2190 for the latest information.

On March 23 the Shoreline Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of Phase II of the Development Code. After staff included the amendments to the draft requested by the Planning Commission, Phase II was presented to the City Council May 1.

Phase I of the Development Code was adopted by the City Council Feb. 17. Implementation of the new Phase I procedures has begun with staff training and preparation of submittal materials.

Fundraising begins for Connie King Fund

Tax-deductible donations are now being accepted to the new Connie King Scholarship Fund to benefit Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services programs.

The fund was established by the City Council in December 1999 to honor Shoreline's first mayor, her tireless advocacy for youth and her interest in estab-

lishing a donation program for recreation scholarships. Donations to the fund will be used for scholarships for low- and moderate-income youth needing financial assistance to participate in City recreation programs.

Adults, as well as youth, will be eligible to receive Connie King Scholarships and the income requirements also include moderate-income participants. Eligibility for a Connie King Scholarship will be based on the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development low- and moderate-income guidelines and the City will require proof of participation in one of the established assistance programs.

The City of Shoreline, with the help of Connie King, is begin-

ning a fundraising campaign. All donations are tax deductible. The goal is to accumulate enough in donations to establish an endowment fund.

"We're very excited about establishing an endowment fund because it would give us the opportunity to have a dependable source of funding for the Connie King Scholarships," explains Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Wendy Barry.

So far, \$550 has been donated to the fund. The City will not begin distributing scholarships until the initial fundraising campaign is complete.

"People in Shoreline are very generous but need to feel they are getting value for their money," says Connie King. "In my opinion this is a great value and is something that is important for the community."

This new fund is different from the City of Shoreline Recreation Scholarship Program which is limited to low-income youth and individuals with developmental and physical disabilities. Donations are still welcome to the Shoreline Recreation Scholarship Program. Also, those wishing to make donations for park improvements such as a park bench in memory of a loved one may do so to the Shoreline Parks Legacy Fund. Donations to these funds are also tax-deductible.

For more information about donating money to any of these parks programs, please contact Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041.



The Preschool Playground (top photo) and Summer Playground are just two of the many children's programs offered by the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. The Connie King Scholarship Fund will help more children in our community enjoy programs like these.

Shoreline Fire Dept. opens new station

Community members and public officials helped the Shoreline Fire Department celebrate the opening of Fire Station #65 (145 NE 155th St.) at an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony April 15. A ceremonial tone-out over the emergency radio system announced the official opening of the station. A separate ceremony will be planned for the opening of Shoreline's second new fire station.



Shoreline looks to enhance youth services

One of the City Council's goals for this year is to improve access to services for all of Shoreline's youth.

In January, Shoreline Health and Human Services Manager Rob Beem presented a comprehensive report to the City Council on the services available in the City of Shoreline. The report analyzes both the overall status of youth services in Shoreline and the areas of greatest need.

The City is served by a diverse group of providers that includes private physicians and dentists, public schools, faith-based groups, nonprofit organizations and public agencies. The City of Shoreline provides services directly — through the police and parks departments — and indirectly — through contracts with other providers.

In adopting this report, the City Council realized it had to focus its limited funds and set out a specific policy direction for the City's involvement with and support of other service providers. As a direct service provider the

City will seek to

- Engage more youth in structured, positive activities, e.g. after school programs,
- Reduce delinquency, crime and violence and
- See that more youth have contact with caring adults.

As a partner with other more appropriate providers, the City will work to

- Reduce child abuse and neglect and domestic/dating violence,
- See that youth are skilled and prepared and
- Reduce substance abuse.

As a partner, the City recognizes there are other agencies that have a funding responsibility for these areas. As a result, the City will fund gaps.

"In January, the Council asked staff to begin looking at ways to implement the new Youth Services Policy by adding approximately \$100,000 to the 2001 youth services budget to strengthen the weakest areas," says Beem. This will be contingent

on the City's 2000 financial picture.

In the preliminary estimates presented by staff at the April 7 Council meeting, \$25,000 of that will go to increase the funds the City uses to support nonprofit agencies in Shoreline.

"Some of that \$25,000 would be used to improve kids' access to existing services in Shoreline such as mental health and substance abuse treatment," explains Beem.

The remaining amount would go toward increasing access and availability of Shoreline Parks after school and summer programs, particularly for upper-elementary and middle school children. These activities would be operated or administered as City programs using City staff or contracts with non-profit agencies.

"The increased budget addresses some very specific needs in the community and will have some very specific outcomes such as reducing substance abuse and violence, and increasing access to safe, structured, positive activities," says Beem.

Shoreline begins North City sub-area plan

Shoreline is primarily a residential community. Aside from the Aurora corridor, the City contains only two or three pockets of commercial development. One of the largest is the North City business district.

The commercial core of North City along 15th Ave. NE consists of 1950s and 60s one- and two-story buildings with off-street parking. For the past several years, the City of Shoreline has been working with the North City Business Association to create the North City Business District Guidelines for Future Development. After the City Council reviewed these guidelines, it established a goal for 1999-2000 to prepare a sub-area plan for the greater North City area.

At the April 17 City Council meeting, Shoreline staff presented the five milestones for preparing the sub-area plan:

- Selection of participants from key groups of stakeholders such as area residents, landowners, present and potential tenants,

developers, builders and brokers.

- Analysis of critical issues facing the sub-area.

- A design workshop to bring participants together with design professionals and financiers to create the sub-area plan, specific code standards and demonstration projects with market and feasibility analysis.

- Preparation and adoption of the sub-area plan as an element of the Comprehensive Plan and the special overlay district of the Development Code.

- Coordinating and refining the Capital Improvement Program design phase.

The Shoreline Planning and Development Services Department will also present the program for preparation of the North City sub-area plan at the North City Business Association meeting May 11 at 7 p.m. in the activity room of Anderson Plaza on 15th Ave. NE. The public is welcome to attend.

In addition, the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in-

cludes \$400,000 to begin implementing improvements in North City. Up to \$600,000 more could also be added in the future, if a majority of North City property owners agree to fund an equal share of costs.

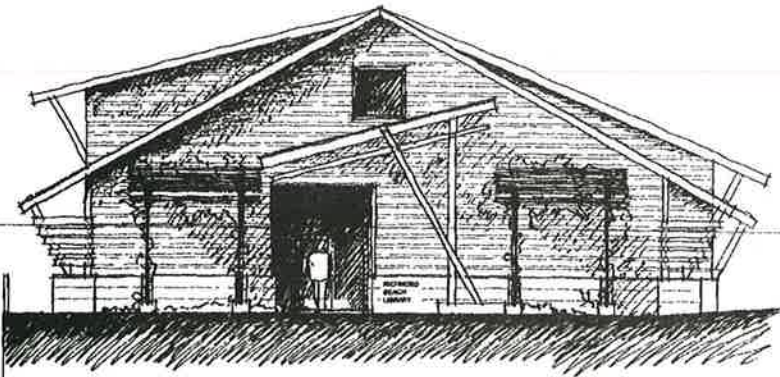
Welcome new Library Board members

The City of Shoreline welcomes new Shoreline Library Board members Terrence A. Brooks and Dale A. Stirling and returning member Mary Jo Heller appointed at the March 27 City Council meeting. The Board consists of five volunteers appointed by the City Council for four-year terms which expire on a rotating basis.

The Library Board meets the first Thursday evening of each month. At its April 7 meeting, the Board elected Chair Michael Derrick and Vice Chair Evelyn Phillips to serve for one year.

The Shoreline Library Board acts as a liaison to the King County Library System Board of Trustees, the City Council and Shoreline citizens. It provides information, makes recommendations, promotes programs and reviews library policies. For more information and a schedule of upcoming Library Board meetings, call the Agenda Line at (206) 546-2190.

KCLS hosts library groundbreaking



King County Library System (KCLS) celebrated the beginning of construction on the new Richmond Beach Library at an April 29 groundbreaking ceremony at Richmond Beach Community Park. KCLS is estimating 12 months for construction, although KCLS Associate Director for Facilities Management Kay Johnson hopes it is completed sooner.

Summer events in Shoreline offer family fun



Shoreline Arts Festival June 24 and 25

Shoreline Conference Center

Now in its 10th year, this creative community event staged by the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council presents two days of music, dance, drama, literary, visual and media arts. Entertainment is diverse, colorful, educational and fun, and there are participatory activities in a variety of arts for all ages. This free event is open Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Swingin' Summer Eve Wednesday, July 26 Cromwell Park

Co-sponsored by the City of Shoreline and Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council, this community barbecue and concert at Cromwell Park offers a variety of entertainment. Beginning at

5:30 p.m., the Shoreline Firefighter's Association barbecues hamburgers, hot dogs and Polish sausage as a fundraiser for the Burn Foundation. Kids can enjoy the inflatable bubble bounces, rides in a replica firetruck, three-legged races, volleyball, remote car races and miniature golf. The popular a Capella group, "Kickshaw," will perform from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Celebrate Shoreline Parade and Festival Saturday, Aug. 19

Happy 5th birthday to our City of Shoreline. The Classic Car Show in the Chuck Olsen Chevrolet lot from noon to 5 p.m. and the Shoreline Rotary Fun Run and Nature Walk beginning at 3 - 3:30 p.m. will kick off festivities. The parade will begin at 5 p.m. and travel north on Aurora Ave. from 160th to 170th and will end at Shorewood High School — site of the festival. From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., food vendors, community booths, live steel drum and swinging zydeco music and a children's area with games, bubble bounces, a trackless train and clowns guarantee there will be something for everyone at the festival.

Summer Lunchtime Music Series

Tuesdays, July 11 - Aug. 8

What better way to spend your lunch hour than enjoying music in one of Shoreline's beautiful parks. Held between noon



and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, the location of the series alternates between Richmond Beach Saltwater Park and Hamlin Park. The series includes:

July 11 at Saltwater:

David Maloney

July 18 at Hamlin:

The Canote Brothers

July 25 at Saltwater:

Magical Strings

Aug. 1 at Hamlin:

Linda Severt's Juggletunes

Aug. 8 at Saltwater: Loco Rodeo



Increasing sidewalks a priority in Shoreline

With sidewalks on only 36 percent of its arterials (and even



Improvements along N. 175th St. were just one of the projects in Shoreline funded by Washington State Transportation Improvement Board grants.

fewer on local streets) it is not surprising that improving the City's sidewalk system is one of the goals of Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan. Sidewalks increase pedestrian safety and mobility more than any other improvement. Sidewalks are especially important near schools, bus stops and other areas people walk regularly.

Shoreline maintains and improves its existing sidewalks through the Annual Sidewalk Construction Program. This program keeps a continuous inventory of the City's sidewalks and prioritizes repairs and improvements such as adding ramps.

And the percentage of sidewalks is growing. Certain types of new development are required to install sidewalks as part of the

construction and the City also adds sidewalks to arterials as funding is available.

"We have applied for sidewalk grants every year through the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and have been very successful," says Shoreline Planning Manager Kirk McKinley.

Recently the City received funding for four sidewalk projects in 2001:

- 15th Ave. NE along Hamlin Park and Fircrest
- Westside of 1st Ave. NE between 185th and 192nd
- Northside of N. 175th St. between Meridian and I-5
- N. 175th between 15th Ave. NE and the YMCA

Examples of the projects funded by TIB which were recently completed include the improvements at the intersection of N. 175th St. and Meridian Ave. N. and improvements near Shorecrest High School on 25th Ave. NE.

Recycling Event May 20

On Saturday, May 20, at the Shoreline Metro Park & Ride, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the following items will be collected and recycled: bulky yard debris; clean scrap lumber and pallets; textiles; used motor oil; used oil filters; cardboard; used petroleum-based products; used antifreeze; used lead acid batteries; used tires; reusable household goods; and used household batteries. For a user fee, propane tanks and porcelain toilets and sinks may also be recycled.



Parking improvements at Shoreline Pool are now complete, increasing the number of spaces from 19 to 57 including the addition of a passenger load/unload zone and two new handicap spaces for a total of four. Safety improvements to the area also include sidewalks on the east side of First Ave. from the Shoreline Conference Center north to 193rd and a crosswalk adjacent to the pool.

North City "Neighborhood of the Year" finalist

Good luck and congratulations to the North City Neighborhood Association, a finalist in the "Neighborhood of the Year" competition sponsored by Neighborhoods USA.

Neighborhoods USA is a national coalition of neighborhood activists, public officials and others who work on community issues. The North City Neighborhood Association and North City Business District entered their project "Realizing the Vision: North City Business District" in the Physical Revitalization/Beautification of a Single Neighborhood category of this annual competition. The other categories include Social Revitalization of a Single Neighborhood and Multi-Neighborhood Project Partnerships.

A combination of volunteer work and City Mini-Grant funds has transformed North City with flowers in hanging baskets, boxes and beds, decorated trash containers and festive banners. For the past two years, North City has hosted a holiday festival and adorned 15th Ave. NE with holiday decorations and banners. The associations also worked with Walgreens and the City to include a business district sign, seating area and street trees in the Walgreens building design.

"We began the projects to draw attention to the fact that there was a neighborhood organization and hoped that it would draw attendance to the meetings," says Charlotte Haines of the North City Neighborhood Association. "A few little flower baskets really started the ball rolling with business owners and resi-



The seating area and business district sign outside of Walgreens are just one of the ways the North City neighborhood has been enhanced over the past several years.

dents becoming interested in the community and turning things around."

The four finalists in each category are invited to attend the Neighborhoods USA Conference May 24-27 in Phoenix, Ariz. Haines will present "Realizing the Vision" at the conference. Win-

ners in each category receive a cash prize.

"I am flattered to be able to present the project at the convention," Haines says "Its rather overwhelming to be chosen as a finalist when I think of all the projects other communities have done. I am still in a state of shock."

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says Shoreline Public Works Operations Manager Gail Perkins. "Now we're ready to tackle the bigger drainage projects such as the Ronald Bog and areas along 175th St. that drain into the Bog. We'll also take on another chronic flooding area of 3rd Ave. NW."

Surface water projects are prioritized based on an extensive list of factors such as the number of properties impacted, affects to the natural system, the cause of the problem and how often the problem occurs.

This summer staff will present

a surface water program to the City Council that will look at the next steps in surface water management for Shoreline.

"Now that we've either addressed or begun planning how we'll address the backlog of drainage problems that pre-date Shoreline's incorporation, we can focus more on what lies ahead," says Perkins. "This means that we'll be able to better maintain and operate our drainage facilities as well as look ahead at how new federal regulations will affect what we can do to continue improving the ways we handle our storm water."

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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