

CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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2014 budget supports community's vision and priorities

Interim City Manager Debbie Tarry presented the 2014 Proposed Budget to the Shoreline City Council at its October 14 meeting. The \$72 million budget is balanced and maintains priority services desired by Shoreline's residents as expressed in citizen satisfaction surveys.

In late 2012, the City began to see an economic upturn. That improvement continued to strengthen in 2013. Economic forecasts provided by regional analysts indicate that this trend will continue into 2014. The 2014 forecast is for tax revenues, including property tax, to improve. Shoreline's property tax revenues are expected to increase by \$837,000 (8%). General sales tax revenue, the third largest revenue source for City operations (20.3%), is projected to grow by \$164,000 (2.5%) in 2014.

The 2014 Proposed Budget is \$1.2 million (1.6%) less than the current 2013 budget. The primary reason for this is a \$1.6 million decrease in capital spending. Several projects were completed in 2013 and will not be included in the 2014 capital program. By far the largest portion of the proposed \$25 million capital budget is completion of the final section of the Aurora Corridor Project from N 192nd to N 205th Streets. The City expects to award the bid for this \$17.5 million project by the end of 2013, with construction starting in 2014.

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Budget Summary

Operating Budget	\$37.9 million
Capital Budget	\$25.0 million
Debt Service	\$3.4 million
Surface Water Utility	\$5.2 million
Other	<u>\$0.4 million</u>
Total	\$71.9 million

Adoption of Budget and Property Tax Levy

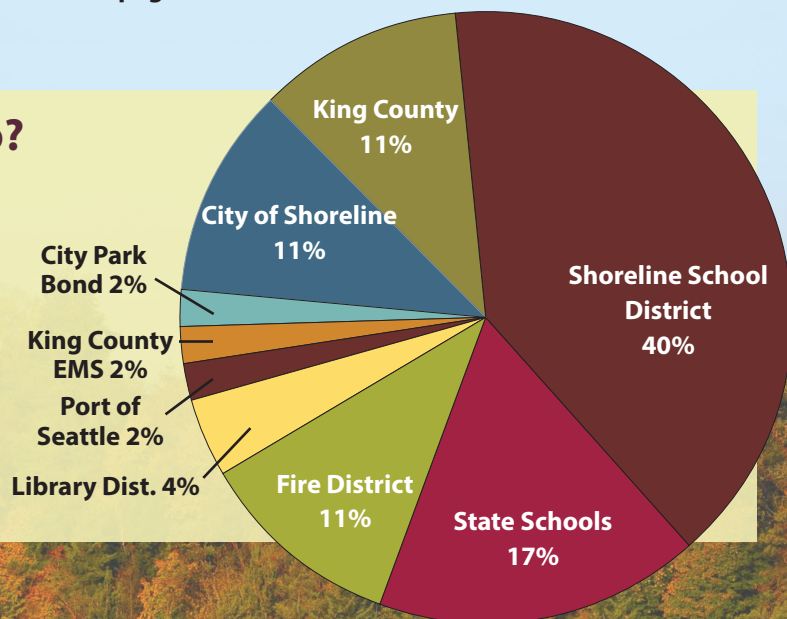
Monday, Nov. 25, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall

More information:
shorelinewa.gov/budget
shorelinewa.gov/calendar

Where do your property taxes go?

There are a number of taxing districts that collect property taxes from Shoreline property owners. One piece of property may fall under the jurisdiction of as many as 10 separate districts, each with its own levy rate.

The City of Shoreline receives 13% of the total property taxes paid. This includes the City's regular levy used to fund City services and the 2006 voter approved Park bond levy. The bond proceeds were used to acquire open space and make a variety of park and trail improvements throughout the City.



2014 budget continued

The fundamental purpose of the City's budget is to allocate resources that support the community's vision and priorities. To achieve this, the City Council has established five goals as part of the City Council's 2013-2015 Work Plan. The 2014 Proposed Budget includes operating programs to meet each of these goals.

Goal 1: Strengthen Shoreline's economic base

Goal 2: Improve Shoreline's utility, transportation, and environmental infrastructure

Goal 3: Prepare for two Shoreline light rail stations

Goal 4: Enhance openness and opportunities for community engagement

Goal 5: Promote and enhance the City's safe community and neighborhood programs and initiatives.

"I am very proud to present a balanced 2014 Proposed Budget to the City Council. This budget provides funding to further the Council's goals and our community's priorities," stated Interim City Manager Debbie Tarry. "We continue to look for additional ways to address the community's growing needs. The City is committed to focusing on efficiencies, developing partnerships that leverage tax dollars, and hearing from our residents."

Throughout October and November each year the City Council discusses the coming year's budget. Public hearings to receive citizen input occur in November. A final version of the budget is scheduled for approval at the November 25 City Council meeting.

Shoreline's financial stewardship

- Clean financial audits for the last 13 years
- AA+ Bond Rating
- Standard and Poor's Financial Management Assessment Rating of Strong
- GFOA Distinguished Budget Award every year since 1999
- Reserves to address unanticipated needs

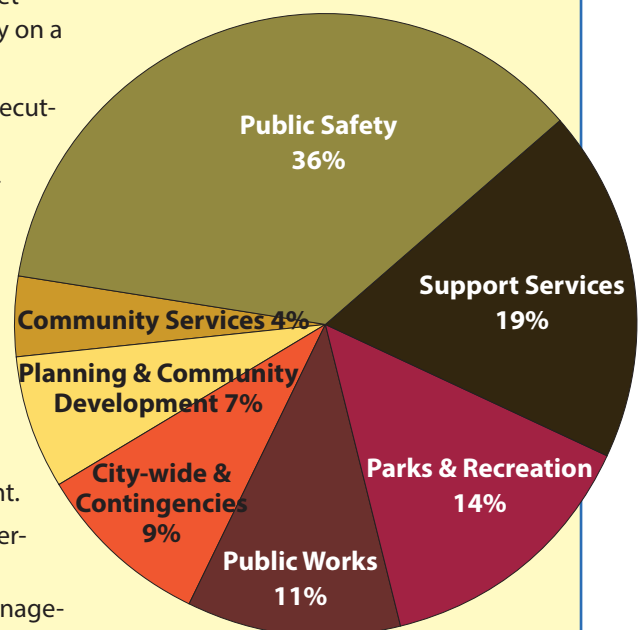
To review budget documents and provide comments, visit the City's website at shorelinewa.gov/budget.

Your resources at work in the City

The City's 2014 Budget totals \$71.9 million. Over 52% of the total (\$37.9 million) is spent on the City's operating budget. The operating budget represents the cost of providing services to the Shoreline community on a day-to-day basis:

- **Public Safety:** Police services, domestic violence assistance, prosecuting attorney, public defender, municipal court and jail services.
- **Support Services:** Budget and financial reporting, accounts payable/receivable and payroll, grant writing, maintaining network, computer and telephone systems, administration, legal services, communications, records management.
- **Parks and Recreation:** Parks and open space maintenance, recreation programs and cultural services.
- **Public Works:** Street and right-of-way maintenance, traffic management and environmental services.
- **City-Wide and Contingencies:** Liability and property insurance, equipment and vehicle maintenance, operations and replacement.
- **Planning and Community Development:** Code enforcement, permitting, zoning and Comprehensive Plan updating.
- **Community Services:** Customer Response Team, emergency management, neighborhoods coordination and human services.

Operating Budget Allocations



Council considers options for police facilities

Since 1995, Shoreline Police have been stationed in their current facility, which was constructed in 1956. From the start the facility was recognized as sub-standard, but given the host of challenges facing a new city, it was considered an adequate compromise until an opportunity emerged to upgrade the facility. The City Council believes that it is now time to look at options for addressing Police facility needs. In preparation, Council directed staff to conduct a feasibility analysis considering a new home for Shoreline Police.

City Council toured the police facility in September of 2012 and found it to be a cramped and outdated facility. While it has been incrementally upgraded through small remodels and renovations over the years, it would not be a good investment of tax dollars to do more extensive improvements. Council subsequently set Council Goal #5: "Promote and enhance the City's safe community and neighborhood initiatives and programs," in part to "Complete the police station feasibility study to determine if operational efficiencies can be gained between City and police operations, police neighborhood storefronts, and police volunteers."

Council's timing is prompted by several recent seizures of criminal funds from cases outside of Shoreline that were resolved with the help of Shoreline Police. These funds are required to be spent on police related enhancements. The seizure funds have now grown to represent a multi-million dollar fund. In order to provide a thorough and professional assessment, City Staff toured area police stations, conducted a space needs analysis, and hired an architectural consultant to study a variety of options including a new facility on the current site, on alternate sites, or moving to City Hall.

After careful analysis, Staff's recommendation to Council is to move Police to the City Hall campus.

Staff's recommendation found that the City Hall campus option is preferable for two principle reasons:

- 1) It provides the most cost-effective option. It was the only option in which the majority of cost was able to be covered by the available seizure funds; the balance would be largely covered by the sale of the current police facility and funds already earmarked for City Hall improvements.
- 2) It provides an enhanced level of service to the residents of Shoreline by more closely integrating the Police with the other City services and staff. Staff believes that enhanced communication and efficiencies will



be achieved through the "one-city" integrated campus approach.

Council has encouraged staff to hone its recommendation in order to weigh whether to proceed with this important move.

Please direct comments or questions to Dan Eernisse at deernisse@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2218.

Park Safety Tips

Results from the 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Survey showed that the perception of safety in our parks had decreased from past years. As a result, Shoreline Police stepped up their parks emphasis patrols over the summer. Police increased regular area checks, bike and foot patrols, and their presence after dark. Police will continue to routinely patrol our parks and will work to enhance visibility on a daily basis.

Shoreline parks continue to be extremely safe. To protect yourself and your friends and family while enjoying our wonderful parks, please observe some simple safety tips:

- Stay out of the parks after closing.
- Enjoy our parks in the company of a family member or a friend.
- Carry a cell phone. If you happen to observe suspicious or troublesome behavior or encounter a medical emergency, call 911 immediately.
- Remove items of obvious value from your vehicle. Purses, wallets, computers, cameras, and phones left in plain view are inviting a problem. Lock your doors and keep your windows up.

Get out and enjoy our great park system. Our officers look forward to seeing you there.

We're seeking youth members for the PRCS board

Are you interested in Shoreline's natural environment? Do you participate in the City's recreation programs, appreciate art, or enjoy Shoreline's festivals?

Gain experience in civic government, earn community service hours, and let your voice be heard on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services/Tree Board.

The City is currently accepting applications for two youth members ages 15 to 19 to serve renewable one-year terms.

For more information visit shorelinewa.gov/boards or call (206) 801-2602.

Did you know?

A business that properly manages materials and waste products can save money, experience fewer employee injuries, and protect our environment.

The City of Shoreline is offering free-of-charge assistance to small business owners interested in learning more about how to operate a cleaner, safer business. Get tips for your business with a short site visit from a Local Source Control expert.

To get started, visit shorelinewa.gov/localsourcecontrol.

Stormwater Adopt-A-Drain Program

Help prevent flooding and protect Shoreline water quality

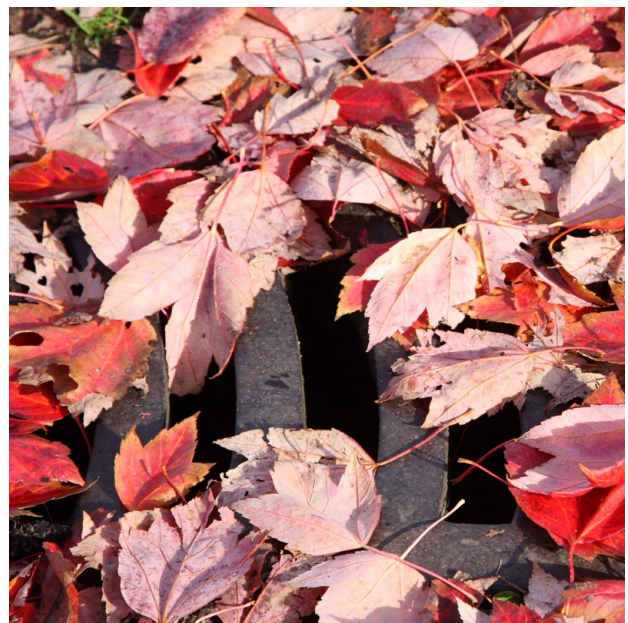
There are more than 7,000 storm drains in Shoreline. City crews work to keep storm drains clear, but we could use your help! During the months of October through March, residents can volunteer to "adopt" a storm drain, and remove leaves and other debris that accumulate on top of drains after storm events.

By joining the Adopt-A-Drain Program you help:

- Prevent localized flooding in your neighborhood by keeping drains free of debris; and
- Protect fish and other wildlife by keeping pollutants from entering streams, lakes, and Puget Sound.

Volunteers will be provided with instructions and tools to care for a storm drain or multiple drains on their street. Volunteers will be asked to monitor and remove debris from the storm drains at least once a week during the storm season. Hours will be tracked by the volunteer and submitted to the City after each clean-up or at the end of December and March. The commitment term is for six months, October through March.

To learn more about the program or to sign-up visit shorelinewa.gov/adopt-a-drain or call Surface Water and Environmental Services at (206) 801-2450.





Community Garden at Twin Ponds Park

Community garden coming to Sunset School Park

As part of the City's Healthy City Strategy, the Community Garden at Twin Ponds Park was developed in the spring of 2012. From the very beginning the garden has experienced tremendous popularity and produced bountiful yields for individual plot holders and Hopelink Food Bank. Now the City of Shoreline is pleased to announce the development of a new community garden at Sunset School Park located at 17800 10th Avenue NW. Construction will begin this winter to build 10' X 10' garden plots, available for adoption for a \$30 annual fee. Accessible plots will also be constructed for a \$20 fee.

Interested Shoreline residents can obtain an application begin-

ning February 3, 2014 from the Spartan Recreation Center, the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at City Hall or online at shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden. To make room for as many people as possible please limit your application to one plot per household.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21. A lottery on Monday, Feb. 24 will determine which applicants receive a plot. All are welcome to attend the drawing at Spartan Recreation Center at 6:00 p.m. in the Cascade Room, but you do not have to be present to be awarded a plot. When all of the plots have been filled remaining applicants may be

placed on a wait list if desired.

Early this year the City entered into an agreement with the Shoreline School District to develop the surplus Sunset Elementary School site into a park until it may again be needed as an active school site.

The City held a number of public meetings to determine the most desired park amenities. One that rose to the top was space for a new community garden.

Watch the February issue of *Currents* and shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden for additional information.

The Parks Department welcomes your questions and comments at pks@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2602.



Bailey at the Beach by resident Jennifer Holt

Saltwater Park OLDA opens

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park Seasonal Off-Leash Dog Area is now open. The off-leash area is on the south end of the beach and is open for use through March 15. The Shoreview Off-Leash Dog Area, located at 320 NW Innis Arden Way, is open year round.

Please keep your dog on leash until you are in the designated off-leash area. The success of the off-leash areas depends on the behavior of its users. Respect other park users and stop bothersome behaviors immediately.

Dogs must be leashed in all other Shoreline parks.

You're invited! **Free Tierra Caliente concert**

Friday, Nov. 22, 7:00 p.m.
The Bounty
17551 15th Avenue NE

With the help of a City of Shoreline Business Mini-Grant, The Bounty restaurant will present a concert of Tierra Caliente music from Mexico. World class players Paul Anastasio and Juan M. Barco team up with Elena DeLisle-Perry and sensational teenage trio "The Onlies" to bring you some of the beautiful repertoire of Juan Reynoso, the genius of Tierra Caliente.

This multi-generational concert will be the first of a series of two, both at "The Bounty" in Shoreline. Paul Anastasio and 15 year olds Riley Calcagno and Sami Braman will be playing three part violin harmony while 15 year old Leo Shannon, Elena DeLisle, Juan Barco and special guest 16 year old bass player RuthMabel Boytz hold down the rhythm section. Please come out for a night of unforgettable music!

This event is FREE to the public.

Economic development update

Improving economic development opportunities in Shoreline has been a long-term Council goal and community priority. The City is actively working to promote new development that supports Vision 2029.

Rat City Rollergirls

The Rat City Rollergirls have rolled into a new home in Shoreline! The Rollergirls, one of the premier flat-track roller derby teams in the world, are now at home in the "Rats' Nest" on the corner of N 192nd Street and Aurora Avenue N. The former mattress factory will host practices, bouts, community events, and the team's corporate headquarters, while Seattle's KeyArena will continue to host the team's major events. Check out the team's website (ratcityrollergirls.com) for event times, sponsorship opportunities, or even the path to becoming a Rollergirl.

Community Renewal Area

According to the 2012 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, a large majority (67%) of residents support the City's emphasis on economic development. In response, Council recently adopted a Renewal Plan for the Aurora Square Community Renewal Area (CRA) intended to bring more jobs, more retail and dining options, and more homes to the area. The CRA Plan identifies a number of renewal projects that the City can initiate on its own or partner with property owners. For more details, visit shorelinewa.gov/aurorasquarer renewal.

Community Health

International Community Health Services (ICHS) broke ground on their new three-story community clinic at 16549 Aurora Avenue N. ICHS is a non-profit community organization that focuses on providing affordable healthcare services to the area's Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities, as well as underserved communities. The 30,000 square foot facility will have 18 examination rooms, two special procedure rooms, 10 dental operatories, a pharmacy, laboratory, community hall, classrooms, exhibition hall, and an outdoor courtyard and garden. Opening is scheduled for the fall of 2014.

Housing

Construction is well underway on a six-story 128-unit apartment building on N 152nd Street just east of Aurora. Occupancy is expected at the end of 2014.

The first phase of Polaris, formerly referred to as the North City Family Apartments, opened in September and is already full! When the second phase is completed in 2014, Polaris will provide homes for 164 families in its North City location.

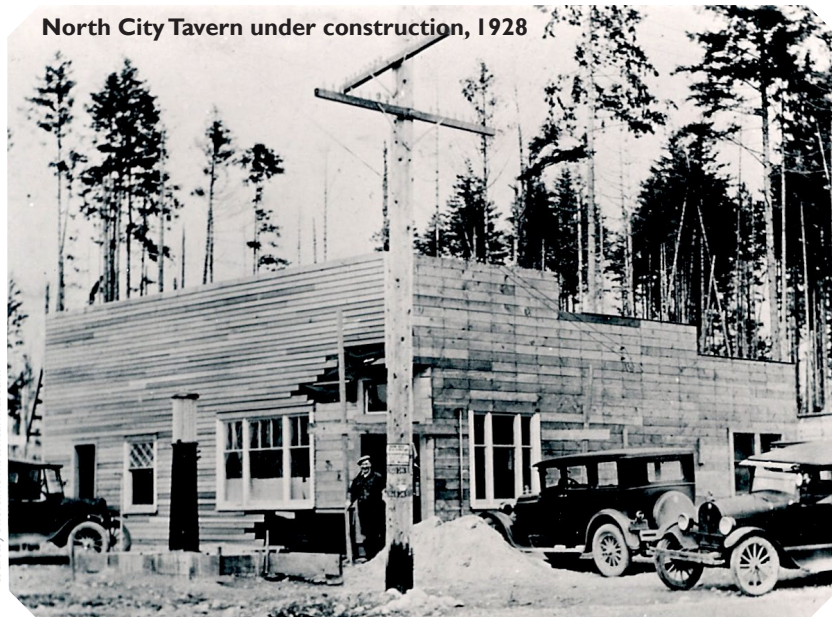
Just around the corner from Polaris, expect to see construction begin soon on the second phase of Arabella Apartments. The new phase will add 109 units to the complex at the corner of N 180th Street and 15th Avenue NE in North City.



Groundbreaking ceremony for International Community Health Services

North City Tavern under construction, 1928

Courtesy Shoreline Historical Museum



Shoreline's Significant History Open House

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Shoreline Water District

1519 NE 177th Street



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The City of Shoreline maintains a list of historic properties to encourage stewardship of historic sites and structures, to identify properties that might merit landmark designation, and to help us all understand Shoreline's history through commemoration and interpretation. With a grant from 4Culture the City hired historic preservation consultant, Mimi Sheridan, to review buildings in the eastern part of Shoreline for their historic significance. Partners in this effort include the King County Historic Preservation Program and the Shoreline Historical Museum.

We will present the findings of the update of Shoreline's Historic Resources Inventory at the December 10 open house. The presentation will begin at 7:15 p.m. Come learn about historic structures and places in Shoreline that have the potential to be considered for landmark designation. Learn what inclusion in the inventory mean for these properties and what benefits are there in Historic Landmark Designation.

Meet the candidates for City Manager

Friday, Dec. 6, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chamber

As part of the City Manager selection process, the City Council will host a public reception where people can meet the candidates for City Manager, ask them questions, and provide Councilmembers with feedback.

Candidate interviews with the City Council will take place the following day on Saturday, Dec. 7, with Council making an appointment decision at its Monday, Dec. 9 meeting. All candidate interviews will be conducted in executive session under the authority of RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). Final selection will be made in a public City Council meeting.

Urban Forest Strategic Plan Open House

Thursday, Jan. 23, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Join the Shoreline Tree Board (PRCS Board) at an open house on Thursday, Jan. 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to learn about the City's efforts to develop an urban forest strategic plan for the City.

Information on the current condition of the urban forest, such as canopy cover assessment and street tree inventory on major arterials, will be on display. An outline of the development of the strategic plan will be discussed. Guests are encouraged to ask questions, provide comments, and weigh in on the top priorities for the City's urban forestry program. Board members, staff and consultant Elizabeth Walker of Terra Firma Consulting will be available to discuss the project.

Sign up for news and public safety alerts

The City has launched a new electronic news and emergency alert system - Alert Shoreline. Through

Alert Shoreline, you can elect to receive news about City topics important to you and emergency alerts associated with multiple locations in the City (for example, your home, your kids' school, and your work locations). This service will take the place of the City's current eNews subscription.

Visit shorelinewa.gov/alert to register.



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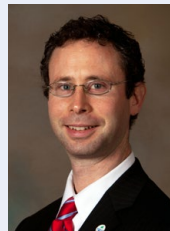
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