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State Auditor's Office issued a "clean audit" for the City

The State Auditor's Office issued an "unqualified opinion," which is the highest rating an agency can receive on the City's financial statements. The City of Shoreline has been issued a clean audit every year since 2000. "The City's track record on meeting audit standards and compliance with various local, state, and federal requirements, have helped provide a strong foundation of trust between staff, the City Council and the community," says City Manager Bob Olander.

The State Auditor's Office provides an accountability audit, which determines whether the City complied with state laws and regulations and the City's own policies and procedures. This audit also examines City management's accountability for public resources. The auditors concluded that the City complied and has adequate internal controls to safeguard public assets.

This audit also examines the City's financial statements to ensure that they are fairly stated and that the underlying financial records support the information reported in the financial statements. As the recipient of major federal grants, Shoreline is also subject to the Federal Single Audit for grant recipients. This is a review of Shoreline's grant expenditures and records to ensure that the

City has complied with the federal regulations and requirements associated with the grant. The audit report concludes that the financial statements were fairly stated and therefore an "unqualified" opinion was issued on the financial statements, that there were no findings and that the City complied with requirements of the federal grant.

"The City is fortunate to have a staff that is committed to providing accurate financial information which has resulted in nine years of clean audit opinions," states Finance Director Debbie Tarry. All audit reports may be accessed by visiting the State of Washington Auditor's Office website at www.sao.wa.gov.

2010 Budget adoption schedule

The Shoreline City Council begins the 2010 Budget adoption process at its Monday, Oct. 12, meeting. The full schedule is below. All meetings are held on Mondays in the Mt. Rainier Room of the Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Call the Agenda Line at (206) 801-2236 or check online at www. shorelinewa.gov for details about Council meeting agendas. For more information about Shoreline's Budget, contact Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 801-2301, dtarry@shorelinewa.gov.

Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Department Budget Reviews

Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Public Hearing and Department Reviews

Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing on Revenue Sources and

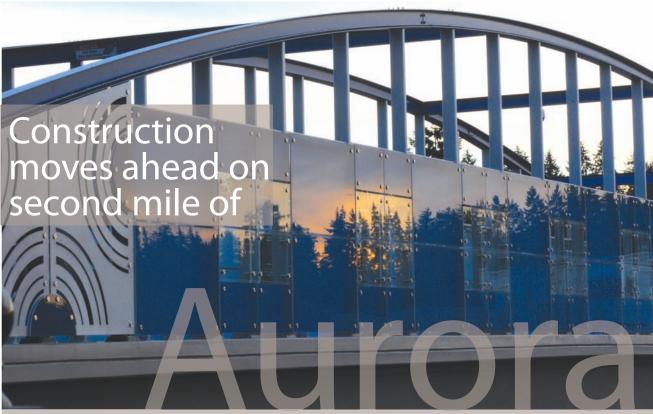
Property Tax Levy

Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Final 2010 Budget Discussion

Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Adoption of Budget and 2010 Property

Tax Levy

Vote! General election November 3



eavy equipment, building materials and construction workers will soon be a common site on Aurora Avenue as construction begins on the second mile of the Aurora Corridor Improvement Project from N 165th to N 185th Street. With right-of-way (ROW) certified and design approved, the City is now accepting construction bids with the goal of awarding a bid and breaking ground in November.

The current construction work you see along Aurora is advance utility work. Utilities will complete needed upgrades before Shoreline begins construction on its project. Ronald Wastewater, Seattle City Light and Puget Sound Energy will contact property owners directly if they are planning utility work in their area.

Like the first mile of the Aurora Project, the City is working behind the scenes to minimize impacts on residents and businesses. Lessons learned during construction of the first mile were used to create an improved communication plan for businesses.

Shoreline has hired Envirolssues to provide a special liaison team to offer 24-hour contact and support for businesses during construction. The team has begun meeting with businesses and is collecting information on each business' special needs during construction. Once a construction contractor is selected, business owners will have a chance to meet the key team members including construction management firm KBA.

Construction on the project is expected to be complete in spring of 2011, weather permitting. Construction of the N 185th to N 192nd Segment is anticipated to begin in 2010.

For more information on the Aurora Corridor Project, visit www. shorelinewa.gov/aurora or contact Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese at (206) 801-2482, koverleese@shorelinewa.gov.



Other improvements to the construction procedures for the second mile:

- Driveways will be delineated with large traffic control barriers for increased access and visibility.
- Motorists will see an increase in the number of variable message boards with more detailed messages.
- The contractor will be allowed to work Sunday through Friday to speed construction and to allow businesses to enjoy construction-free Saturdays.
- A new noise variance will allow the contractor to work at night to assist with shortening the duration of the construction schedule and to minimize significant traffic impacts for work that must cross multiple lanes.

October 29 Open House kicks-off Town Center subarea planning

Last April, the City Council adopted a citywide Vision which identifies the lands along Aurora Avenue N between N 175th and N 185th Streets as the core of an emerging Town Center.

This Heart of Shoreline is the location of civic landmarks like the recently completed City Hall, the Interurban Trail and the proposed new Shorewood High School. This area also includes landmarks with cultural and historical significance such as the Ronald Elementary School and the "red brick road."

By the end of next year, Aurora Avenue will be completely rebuilt through this area, with bus transit lanes, two traffic lanes in each direction, landscaped medians, underground utilities, new light standards and wide sidewalks.

How many of the 5,000 new jobs and 5,000 new residents that

AURORA PROJEC

TOWN CENTER CORE

Shoreline must accommodate in the next 20 years should be focused in Town Center? What improvements and amenities should be provided? How can we protect adjacent neighborhoods as growth occurs along Aurora?

The City wants to hear your thoughts about these questions and many more at its Town Center Subarea Planning Open House on Thursday, Oct. 29, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Avenue N.

Planning Commissioners and City planners will staff several graphic displays about existing conditions, upcoming projects, adopted City plans and strategies, and recent studies done by University of Washington classes. Those attending will have the chance to express their ideas and opinions in several ways, including a new "pulse-pad" electronic voting system.

The Town Center study area is centered on Aurora and is bound by N 170th and 195th Streets to the north and south and Ashworth and Fremont Avenues N to the east and west. Although no residential to commercial rezoning of property is proposed, the City wants to explore how best to protect the nearby residential neighborhoods as commercial and mixed-use growth occurs along Aurora.

The open house will be the first of many opportunities in the coming nine months to comment on the Town Center subarea planning.

Parking for the open house will be available along the south side of the City Hall building on N 175th Street, in the Walgreens east and north lots and in the Shoreline Business and Professional Center parking lot (the building north of City Hall that previously housed City offices).

For more information, contact Town Center Project Manager Paul Cohen at (206) 801-2551 or pcohen@ shorelinewa.gov.

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Reduce Waste and Win with CleanScapes

TEAM UP with your neighbors to REDUCE WASTE and WIN a variety of community improvement projects installed and maintained by CleanScapes, such as:

- · Public bench and lighting
- Neighborhood entrance landscaping, sign and lighting
- Neighborhood service day

Why Reduce Waste?

Every day, approximately 60 tons of garbage are collected in the City of Shoreline and buried in the King County landfill. Roughly 75% of that garbage could have been recycled, or better yet, not created in the first place. Yes, we need to recycle our waste, but there is a better way.

Stop waste before it happens!

REDUCE purchases of wasteful or unneeded products.

REUSE the products you already have.

COMPOST at home.



How the CleanScapes Competition Works

To win, simply reduce the total tons of waste (garbage, recycling and food scraps and yard debris) you produce. The neighborhood collection area with the largest percent decrease in total tons during the competition period (Spring 2009 to Spring 2010) wins. For more details, visit www. cleanscapes.com/shoreline.html.

Scholarship Opportunity



Apply for "Waste Reduction Student of the Year" before October 26, 2009, for the chance to win a \$2,000 scholarship. Contact EducationOutreach@CleanScapes.com for more information.

2009 Shoreline Employee and Team of the Year



Shoreline employees nominate peers as Employee of the Year for going above and beyond in practicing the organizational values, providing exceptional customer service and promoting a positive image of the City. City Clerk Scott Passey (far right) was this year's recipient. Finalists included, from left, Patti Rader of Finance, Paul Laine from Public Works and Flannary Collins from the City Attorney's Office. Three employee teams were nominated by the City's Leadership Team for the Team of the Year Award. The Web Re-Design Team was selected with runners-up the Anti-Tagging Committee and the Visioning Team.

October is Fire **Safety Month**

In honor of Fire Safety Month, the Shoreline Fire Department and the City of Shoreline remind you to check your smoke detector batteries twice a year.







Congratulations to the Shoreline Fire District on celebrating its 70th Anniversary this year!

Since 1939 Shoreline Fire has provided 24-hour coverage for fire and medical emergencies to the Shoreline community. The Shoreline City Council and staff congratulates the Fire Department for celebrating 70 outstanding years of service.

City Council Unanimously **Opposes Initiative 1033**

The City Council unanimously adopted a resolution on September 28, 2009, expressing opposition to Initiative Measure No. 1033 (I-1033) which will appear on the November 3 general election as "Initiative Measure No. 1033 concerns state, county, and city revenue."

I-1033 seeks to limit the growth of state, county and city general fund revenues received from taxes, fees and other charges not expressly approved by the voters.

Citing the negative impacts that a similar initiative had in the State of Colorado, which Colorado voters have recently suspended, and the financial difficulties that the State, King County and the City are currently experiencing, the City Council opposed the measure.

The measure would make a significant financial impact to the City's general fund, which supports services such as police, jail, community services including emergency management, park maintenance, recreation programs, pool maintenance and programs, human services, planning, facilities and various support services. With I-1033 the City's general fund revenues are projected to be lower by an average of \$1 million a year through 2015 further impacting the ability of the City to continue providing critical services to the Shoreline community. The City receives 10% of a resident's total property tax bill, which is used to support general fund services.

For more information about the financial impacts of I-1033, visit Washington State's Office of Financial Management's website at www.ofm.wa.gov.

Vote by November 3!

The General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Shoreline City Council Positions 1, 3, 5 and 7 are up for election in 2009. Candidate financial information is available on the Public Disclosure Commission website at www.pdc.wa.gov. To get a listing of Shoreline candidates, select the "Local" tab and then "City of Shoreline" under the locality drop-down menu on the left side of the page.

Visit the King County Elections website at www.kingcounty.gov/elections to learn about registering to vote plus much more, including a feature that tracks your ballot through the mail process. Ballots will be mailed October 16 and must be postmarked on or before Election Day to be counted in the general election. Besides mailing in your ballot, King County has ballot drop boxes throughout the county to provide voters with a way to securely return their ballots without the cost of postage. For a list of locations visit the King County Elections website.

Shoreline responds to the Ronald Wastewater letter

Ronald Wastewater District sent a letter to ratepayers in their latest bill explaining the reason for a new sewer bill surcharge. The letter stated that the surcharge was driven by the City's Aurora Corridor Project, which required the relocation of the District's Aurora sewer main. Unfortunately, the City believes that much of the explanation was incomplete and inaccurate. The City responded with a clarification letter. For copies of the letters visit the City's website.

The City met early and often with all the utilities affected by the Aurora Project, and did in fact make significant changes to the original design to minimize impacts to the District sewer lines. However, the conflicting location of Seattle City Light electrical vaults unavoidably required the relocation of 616 feet of sewer line. Such relocations are authorized under the conditions of the franchise agreements granting utilities the right to utilize city streets.

The complexity of a project like Aurora requires coordination and cooperation from all parties in order to be successful. This is the goal of the City with every utility provider, for not only the Aurora Project, but for all capital improvement projects.

Door-to-door solicitors

The City of Shoreline has a municipal ordinance regulating the activities of sales people and solicitors. It requires for-profit solicitors and "Master Solicitors" who employ them to file a written application for a license with the Shoreline City Clerk and carry the license at all times when soliciting or canvassing. Solicitors must produce the license when requested by persons being solicited, police or City officials. For a list of licensed solicitors visit the Police webpage on the City's website.



Are you prepared for wind storms?

Clear broken, loose and dead tree limbs and evaluate the health of suspect trees so you can remove them before bad weather does it for you. Take care of other wind and weather hazards outside your home before the bad weather season begins.

- Have a battery-powered or hand crank radio, flashlights and extra batteries on hand.
- Prepare to take care of yourself and those who depend on you (including pets) for at least three days without electricity and/ or being able to leave your home. This means making a plan with your family and storing supplies including water and food at home, work and in your car.

Once power is out ...

- Never use grills, heaters, generators or other appliances that run on gas or charcoal inside. When using them outside keep them away from open windows and vents to prevent CO (carbon monoxide) poisoning.
- Stay away from downed power lines.
- Treat intersections where signals have no power as a four-way stop.

For more details on preparing for and keeping safe during winter storms, visit Shoreline's website—before the power is out!



In the fall, leaves and branches fall into the street, blocking rain water flow into drains.

By keeping an eye on the storm drain near your house and clearing the leaves and branches out of the street, gutters and grate, you can help make sure storm water reaches the storm drain system, reducing chances of it flooding yards and homes in your neighborhood. If you have curbside yard debris service, please cut up branches and put them into your yard debris container.



Costume Carnival

Get ready for the cutest show in town on Friday, Oct. 30, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Children one to four years old are invited to attend the Halloween Costume Carnival at Indoor Playground at Spartan Recreation Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Special games and hands-on art projects will be available in addition to the regular session of fun activities for young ones. The fee is \$2 per child. For more information call Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services at (206) 801-2600.



Parking at City Hall nearly complete

When Shoreline City Council begins its first meeting of the new year in its new chamber, visitors will have access to the City Hall parking garage.

Until then, the City Council meetings will continue to be held in the Mt. Rainier Room of the Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE.

Interim City Hall parking is available along the south side of the City Hall building on N 175th Street, in the Walgreens east and north lots and along the fence in the Shoreline Business and Professional Center parking lot (the building north of City Hall that previously housed City offices).

The main entrance is off Midvale Avenue N at the corner of N 175th Street. When entering, the City Clerk's Office is straight ahead where staff can provide directions and assistance.

Protect yourself from flu this winter

H1N1 influenza, also known as swine flu, can spread from people who are infected through coughs and sneezes. H1N1 influenza is not transmitted from pigs to humans or from eating pork products. Here are some tips to help you stay healthy:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If soap and water are not nearby, use an alcoholbased hand cleaner.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or the crook of your elbow when you cough or sneeze. If you use a tissue, throw it away after you use it and wash your hands.
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs often spread this way.
- Stay away from people who are sick and if you are sick, stay home from work or school.

Sign up to receive flu/emergency preparedness updates by entering your email in the Email Updates section on the homepage and selecting Emergency Preparedness.



Millions of Americans share their homes with dogs. The vast majority of interactions between people and dogs are happy and benign. But for millions of Americans, the interactions are less positive; every year, an estimated 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs, ranging from minor nips to major attacks.

The good news is that dog bites can be prevented. To learn how to prevent and avoid dog bites visit the Humane Society of the United States website at www.hsus.org or the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov.

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Study Sessions: Mt. Rainier Room, first & third Mondays 6:30 p.m. 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. Meetings are available online at www.shorelinewa.gov

Shoreline Police

Emergency: 911

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Chief Dan Pingrey		
1206 N 185 th Street		
Shoreline, WA 98133		
(206) 801-2710		
(200) 001-2/10		

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