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YOU'RE INVITED! Celebrate Sunset School Park

Sunset School Park Phase I Dedication Saturday, Oct.19, 1:00 p.m. 17800 NW 10th Avenue

Join the City of Shoreline, the Shoreline School District, the Friends of Sunset School Park, and your fellow neighbors in dedicating Sunset School Park. In January, the old school buildings on the site were demolished and the City began making \$205,000 worth of improvements. Improvements included grading the site, adding top soil, installing irrigation, and seeding. The site has been blocked off to allow the grass time to take root. In addition, new pathways and accessible ramps have been constructed, parking stalls restriped, overgrown vegetation removed, play equipment repaired, and new entry signage installed. Additional work continues this fall with the construction of a community garden.

In November, the City will find out if it has received a grant to add play equipment for younger children, construct a new basketball court, make additional field improvements, and add a portable restroom enclosure.

Sunset Elementary School closed in 2007 and the community, led by the Friends of Sunset Park, have worked for several years to bring their vision of a park on the site a reality.



Greening Shoreline

Meadowbrook **Apartments** embrace sustainability

Richmond Beach's Meadowbrook Apartments may have been built in 1967, but they are striving to make sustainable changes for the future. Through a variety of programs and changes, Meadowbrook has cut utility costs and reduced its impact on the environment.

Water consumption reduced

Simply by replacing old inefficient toilets Meadowbrook has cut its water consumption drastically. The City of Shoreline participates in the Saving Water Partnership, a program for jurisdictions that receive water wholesale from the City of Seattle. Through this program, Seattle Public Utilities provides WaterSense labeled toilets to properties with toilets that use three gallons per flush or greater. At Meadowbrook, they replaced 149 inefficient five gallons per flush (gpf) toilets with 1.28 gpf models. This upgrade reduced Meadowbrook's daily water consumption by over 40%, lowering usage from over 65 gallons per person, to around 38 gallons per person per day.

Recycling program implemented

With help from Cleanscapes and King County Housing Authority, the property also started to offer recycling to its residents in fall 2012. Through a door-to-door education campaign, residents now recycle over 3,200 gallons of recyclable materials per week. Maintenance staff use onsite yard waste collection to recycle grass clippings, branches, leaves, and more. Meadowbrook's recycling program has been a huge success, achieving a 41% diversion rate and saving the property around \$350 per month.

LED Lighting installed

In addition, Meadowbrook completed a total lighting retrofit project, replacing inefficient T12 fluorescent tube bulbs with T8s, and upgrading incandescent and fluorescent exit signs and exterior lighting to super-efficient LEDs.

EnviroStar Certification

The property also recently gained 4 Star EnviroStars certification, through King County's EnviroStars program, which recognizes businesses for reducing and

improving practices around hazardous waste. Through the EnviroStars process, Meadowbrook recycled 78 pounds of old oil based paints, along with old pesticides and chemicals. Staff have switched to less toxic choices for products and improved storage methods.

Meadowbrook Apartments stands out for making choices that benefit the environment, residents, and employees. Meadowbrook's actions are a great example of striving to fit with the City's goals for increased environmental sustainability.



The Cherry Point Coal train proposal could have nine trains full of coal, each approximately 1.3 miles long, pass through Shoreline daily heading north to Bellingham. After unloading their coal, the trains would return through Shoreline to re-fill with coal from out-of-state. To protect the health and financial well-being of

our community, Council voted to oppose facilities that would allow these trains to pass through Shoreline. The City also signed a contract to support a regional Health Impact Assessment to study the effects of coal trains. For more information, visit shorelinewa.gov/CoalTrains.

Council begins search for new City Manager

In August, Shoreline City Manager Julie Underwood announced her resignation effective in early October 2013. One of the biggest decisions a City Council can make is choosing a City Manager. The City Manager is responsible for implementing the Council's policies and running the day-to-day business of the City.

The Shoreline City Council has selected Novak Consulting Group, an executive search firm, to conduct a nation-wide search for the new City Manager.

Working with Council and taking input from residents on what types of qualities they would like to see in a new City Manager, Novak Consulting has developed the position profile and is now actively conducting recruitment. Below is the selection process schedule:

October 24: First review deadline for submittal of applications.

November 11: Novak Consulting scheduled to meet with Council review semifinalists and select finalists.

December 6 and 7: On-Site selection process that will include a public reception and opportunity for residents to meet the finalists on the evening of December 6.

December 9: City Council appointment of a new City Manager.

Based on this schedule, it is anticipated that a new City Manager would begin work for the City in early 2014. 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.

At its September 9, 2013 meeting, Council appointed Assistant City Manager Debbie Tarry as the Interim City Manager until a new City Manager is found.

To read the position profile visit www.thenovakconsultinggroup.com/city-manager-shoreline-washington.

Forevergreen website tracks City's sustainability progress

As part of the City's efforts to become a more environmentally sustainable community, the City developed an environmental sustainability indicators website to track environmental sustainability indicators over time.

The City has updated the website with its newest data. For example:

- Between 2009 and 2012, emissions from the City's electricity use were reduced by 211 metric tons of CO2e – a decrease of 11%.
- Between 2009 and 2012, emissions from community electricity use were reduced by 26,953 metric tons of CO2e - a decrease of 15%.

To learn more about how the City and Community are doing, visit the sustainability indicators page at forevergreen.shorelinewa.gov.



Friday, November 8 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Shoreline City Hall Free Admission

Dirt! The Movie

Diggin' Shoreline invites you to a special, 90-minute showing of Dirt! The Movie on Friday, November 8. You'll want to arrive early to see our interactive displays, and grab a bag of popcorn. Admission is free.

This award-winning, insightful and timely film, inspired by William Bryant Logan's acclaimed book Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth, tells the story of the glorious and unappreciated material beneath our feet. It takes a humorous and substantial look into the history and current state of this living organic matter, and inspires us to clean-up the mess that we've created. More than 25 renowned global visionaries in countries around the world are discovering new ways of thinking as they come together to repair this natural resource with practical, viable solutions. You may never look at the ground beneath your feet in quite the same way.

Dirt! The Movie is directed by Bill Benenson and Gene Rosow, and produced through Common Ground Media, Inc., a non-profit foundation. Learn more at dirtthemovie.org. This presentation by Diggin' Shoreline is made possible through partial funding by a City of Shoreline Environmental Mini-Grant.

Voters to decide on six-year levy for Medic One services

Voters will have the opportunity to reauthorize funding for the regional system of paramedic and ambulance services by voting to approve a six-year Medic One and Emergency Medical Services levy on the November general election ballot.

Founded in 1970 as a Seattle Fire Department program and expanded in 1979 into a countywide levy-funded program that serves all of King County, Medic One is nationally known for its innovation in bringing physician-level assistance to seriously injured or ill individuals.

The Medic One/EMS system uses a tiered response model to help provide patients with medical care by the most appropriate care provider. The system relies heavily upon coordinated partnerships with fire departments, paramedic agencies, dispatch centers and hospitals to deliver services.

The renewed levy will enable calls received to be managed more efficiently through a new pilot program. The new levy will also maintain the same cost per ambulance as in the last levy.

If adopted, the measure would assess a levy of up to \$0.335 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. If passed the owner of a \$320,000 home will pay approximately \$107 a year.



Get inspired! Find your inner artist! Create art! See films! Hear music! Dance! Participate in Arts Crush North! Events are happening at Shoreline City Hall, Third Place Commons, and Shoreline Community College.

The City of Shoreline is participating for the fourth year with this free Artist-in-Action event for ages 4 to 104. All during the month of October, Artists in Action will be in the Shoreline City Hall Lobby on various days and times. Try your hand at watercolor and soft pastels with Marsha Lippert. Watch Amy Pleasant take a painting from start to finish as she works in her lobby studio. Work with Cynthia Knox and fibers to create a community concoction for display at City Hall. For more information visit shorelinewa.gov/art.

Arts Crush is an October-long regional celebration of all the arts, facilitated by Theatre Puget Sound in collaboration with hundreds of artists and art organizations, and thousands of audience participants. Arts Crush provides opportunities to connect with artists in unique and unexpected ways through theatre, music, literature, dance, visual art, film and more. There are hundreds of free events, special discounts and once-a-year interactive arts opportunities for all ages. A different art form is spotlighted each week.

Additional events throughout the Puget Sound region may be found at artscrush.org. Join the fun and GET CRUSHED!

For additional information about Artists in Action at Shoreline City Hall contact Public Art Coordinator Ros Bird at (206) 801-2661 or rbird@shorelinewa.gov.

Fall fun!

HAMLIN HAUNT

Friday, Oct. 18 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Hamlin Park

Visit shorelinewa.gov for all the details

Richmond Beach Community Assoc. **HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**

Saturday, Oct. 26

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Syre Elementary School

INDOOR PLAYGROUND HALLOWEEN

Thursday, Oct. 31 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Spartan Rec Center

Updated tree code aims to preserve trees

Trees on public and private property in Shoreline help improve water and air quality, prevent erosion, and provide carbon storage, wildlife habitat, and natural beauty. Balancing these benefits with a property owner's right to develop and manage his or her property is an ongoing challenge.

The City frequently hears from residents about their concerns regarding tree loss in the process of development, especially when a neighbor is removing trees. The loss of large trees can be a dramatic change. However, the ability to remove trees that pose a risk to life and property or create nuisance issues such as cracked driveways is also a common concern of property owners.

In 2012, after a two-year public process, the City amended the tree code to balance private property rights with the community's desire to preserve trees. Previously, residents were allowed to remove up to six trees in a three year period, regardless of lot size. Council decided to reduce the number of trees that can be removed, depending on lot size (see table).

In addition, trees greater than 30 inches in diameter now require a permit for removal and must meet retention and replacement requirements. These changes reduced the number of trees that could be removed without a permit on over 80% of our residential property.

Council also decided that

hazardous trees are no longer a special tree category and will be regulated like a healthy tree. The reasoning was to discourage trees with minor defects from being classified as hazardous and removed. Changes to the Tree Code encourage preservation of large, old trees that take decades to replace. At the same time, the permit process for tree removal was simplified and made more affordable when a property owner is only removing trees.

In residential zones, minimum retention for development is

typically 20% of significant trees. Significant trees are described as eight inches in diameter or larger for evergreen conifers, and 12 inches in diameter for other trees. Depending on tree size, up to three replacement trees may be required for each tree removed (3:1). Note that tree retention and replacement requirements do not apply in commercial zones (same as under the previous code).

For more information, contact Planning Manager Paul Cohen at (206) 801-2551 or pcohen@shore-linewa.gov.

Tree Code Comparison

Previous Tree Code	Amended Tree Code
Allowed 6 trees to be removed without a permit regardless of lot size in a three year period	Decreases the number of trees that can be removed without a permit to 3 - 6 trees depending on lot size:
	0 – 7,200 sq. ft. 3 trees
	7,201 to 14,400 4 trees
	14,401 to 21,780 5 trees
	>21,780 6 trees
Allowed 30-inch+ diameter trees to be included in exempt trees count	Removal of 30-inch+ diameter trees requires a permit
Excluded hazardous trees from tree retention requirements (except in Critical Areas)	Includes hazardous trees in tree retention requirements (except in Critical Areas)
Replanting ratios for trees removed with a permit are 1:1 for 8–inch conifers and 12-inch deciduous trees up to 3:1 for 14-inch conifers and 18-inch deciduous trees	Unchanged



185th Street Station Subarea Design Dialogue Workshop and Open House

What is the most beautiful, memorable public place you have ever visited? What are characteristics of areas where you spend free time? What attracts people of all ages, cultures, and interests to use the space?

The City completed visioning for two light rail station areas in September, and soon will be turning its attention to subarea design workshops for the proposed station at 185th Street and I-5. The City will host interactive workshops culminating in a community open house to share and further refine ideas.

Workshop participants will showcase their creativity by drawing concepts for buildings and public spaces surrounding the future light rail station. Participants will be asked to provide suggestions about how the subarea might transform over 10, 20, and 30 plus years. Participants will draw possible locations and share ideas about transportation and mobility, housing, jobs and businesses, and recreation and community services.

Early in 2014, a second series of design dialogue workshops will graphically represent the ideas discussed through computer modeling of alternatives.

DESIGN WORKSHOP and OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, Nov. 6 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Shoreline Room Shoreline Center 18560 1st Avenue NE

MORE INFORMATION

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shorelinewa.gov/lightrail



Tour the NE 185th and 145th Street Station Subareas

The City of Shoreline wants your input and ideas to help shape the future of the neighborhoods and areas surrounding proposed light rail stations. The City has created self-guided tour maps that will direct you through the areas surrounding the future stations. Touring the station subareas will familiarize you and your neighbors with on-the-ground issues and potential options for how the station subareas could change over time.

As light rail service begins, some land uses surrounding the stations could possibly transition to mixed use development and a greater variety of housing choices. This will likely occur incrementally over decades, but now is the time to plan ahead. These changes could bring many tangible benefits to the community, including vibrant neighborhood character, enhanced walkability, more affordable housing, and reduced household transportation costs.

Download the Station Subarea Tour handouts found at shorelinewa.gov/lightrail. The handouts have a map and questions related to points along the way. Email your answers to the questions to Senior Planner Miranda Redinger at mredinger@shorelinewa.gov. You can also click any of the numbers on the map to view photos and submit your comments online.



Do you want to be notified about police alerts affecting your neighborhood? When a road is closed near your home? What is on the Council's or Planning Commission's agenda for an upcoming meeting? Then sign up for Alert Shoreline! Alert Shoreline is the City's new mass communication system. In the event of an emergency, you can soon receive vital public safety notifica-



tions via text, email or your home phone. You decide how you want to be informed. You can also input several different addresses of places important to you, such as your home, your child's school, and/or your work. If there is an emergency near one of those locations, you will be notified. Should disaster strike, you'll receive key information on where to go and what to do to keep you and your family safe.

In addition to emergency notifications, you will also be able to select from a range of community topics important to you to receive periodic updates. Such topics could include Aurora Corridor construction, Emergency Management, park and pool closures, or Neighborhoods. The new system will take the place of the City's current eNews system. If you have already signed up to receive notifications through the eNews system, you will receive a message urging you to sign-up on the new system. It is quick and easy, and it's another way the City is working to keep you informed about the issues important to you.

Sign up at shorelinewa.gov/alert.

Don't forget to

VOTE

Ballots due Tuesday, Nov. 5

Firearms safety for parents and community members

We all share a role in the safety of our children and community. It is normal for young children to be curious and explore in drawers, cabinets, and closets at home and when visiting other houses. They are also fascinated with firearms. Preteens and teens may be attracted to firearms and see firearms as symbols of power. Depressed individuals may seek household firearms to attempt suicide. Safe storage practices can reduce the risk of firearms ending up in the wrong hands.

Tips for safe firearm storage

Safe storage of firearms works to protect everyone in the home. Here are suggestions to keep your family and community safer:

- Store firearms unloaded and locked; use a gun safe, gun lock box, a trigger lock or a chamber lock.
- Store and lock ammunition in a separate place.
- If your locking device has a key, keep it with you or in a safe place that unauthorized users cannot access.
- Remove firearms from your home if you have a depressed or suicidal family member or frequent visitor.
- Ask family and friends to also use these safe storage steps.

Talk with your child

In addition to storing your firearms locked and unloaded, talk with your children about the risk of firearm injury in places they may visit or play. Teach your child if she or he finds a firearm to leave it alone and tell an adult right away.

For more information on firearm safety visit shorelinewa.gov/police.



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