

# CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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## Police encourage residents to be alert and take preventative measures to curb burglary trends

Shoreline Police report an increase in the total number of burglaries and attempted burglaries in 2012 compared to this time of year in 2011. The increase is seen in both residential and commercial burglaries. Residential burglaries and attempted burglaries rose from 128 to 195. Commercial burglaries and attempted burglaries are slightly up from 48 to 55.

Police are also reporting a concerning trend. "Each month we see that 30-50% of burglaries to Shoreline homes are non-forced entry -- meaning easy access was given to thieves by not locking doors or windows," stated Police Chief Shawn Ledford. "Don't invite a burglar into your home; lock your doors and windows and check for structural weaknesses." Ledford also instructs homeowners and business owners to consider installing alarm systems, report suspicious cars and people, and start a neighborhood Block Watch.

Other ways to prevent residential burglary include:

- Keep garage doors shut.
- Fit windows and sliding glass doors with an anti-slide device or snug fitting dowel.
- Don't leave anything outside the house that could be used to climb to open second floor windows.
- Sign up for a vacation house check with the Shoreline Police when going out of town.

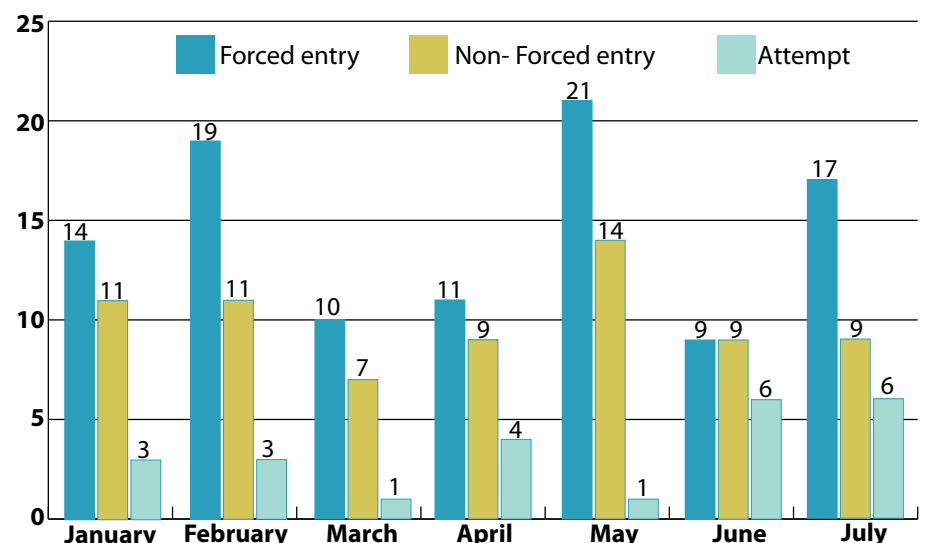
Alert residents play a significant role in helping to reduce crime and catching suspects. An organized and active Block Watch group is an important feature that will help you reduce crime in your neighborhood. A Block Watch is formed by a group of neighbors who are interested in mutual protection against burglary and other neighborhood crime. These neighbors agree to watch out for one another's homes and report unusual incidents to the police.

Contact the Shoreline Police Department to have an officer assist in setting up a neighborhood Block Watch meeting. Neighbors who attend the meeting will

be informed on crime trends in the area, crime prevention tips and services the Police Department provides.

Take steps now to avoid becoming a victim. Shoreline Police Storefront Officers and Police Volunteers are always ready to provide crime prevention information. They can even come to your home or business, at your convenience, to provide a free security survey (known as a CPTED survey). For more information visit the Block Watch and Business Watch sections of the police webpage at [shorelinewa.gov/police](http://shorelinewa.gov/police) or contact Officer Greg McKinney at (206) 363-8424 and Officer Leona Obstler at (206) 546-3636.

### 2012 Residential Burglaries and Attempts



# Council unanimously approves placing SPU acquisition on November 6 ballot

At its August 6 meeting, Shoreline City Council unanimously adopted an ordinance approving the key terms of the acquisition plan for the acquisition of the Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) water system located in Shoreline. Now Shoreline citizens will vote on whether the acquisition should be approved or rejected. If approved, the City of Shoreline will proceed with negotiating a final agreement with the City of Seattle with an anticipated acquisition date of January 1, 2020.

The reasons Council decided to move forward include:

- Allows Shoreline local control and representation.

- Better able to address capital improvements and a main replacement program.
- Shoreline ratepayers will no longer pay a Seattle utility tax funding Seattle's police, fire and parks.
- 100% of infrastructure and maintenance dollars will be reinvested in Shoreline's system.
- Shoreline ratepayers' will no longer pay a 14% surcharge for living outside of Seattle.
- Above impacts were studied and included as findings by the SPU Citizen Steering Committee.

To learn more about the proposed SPU acquisition, visit [shorelinewa.gov/spu](http://shorelinewa.gov/spu).

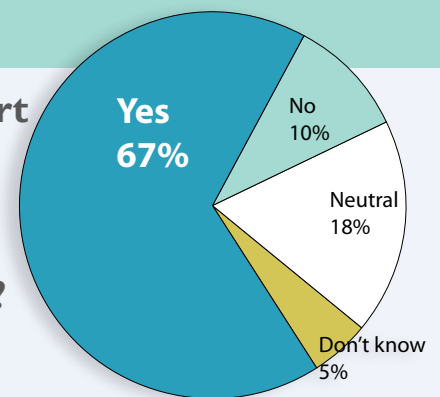
## 72% of Shoreline residents believe City is moving in right direction

Shoreline residents continue to give their community high marks. Seventy-two percent of Shoreline residents believe the City is moving in the right direction and 92% rate Shoreline as an excellent or good place to live.

Every two years, the City of Shoreline conducts a random sampling survey to measure satisfaction with City services and to help determine community priorities. Surveys are mailed to 3,500 Shoreline households. Of those 891 were completed, far exceeding the validation goal.

An area of concern that arose from the survey this year is residents' perceptions of safety. There was a general decrease in residents feeling of safety across the City from the prior survey in 2010. The City will look closely at this issue to determine what can be done to help improve residents' feelings of safety. However, even with the declines, 78% of residents still feel safe in Shoreline and 91% feel safe in their neighborhoods during the day.

### Do you support the City's emphasis on Economic Development?

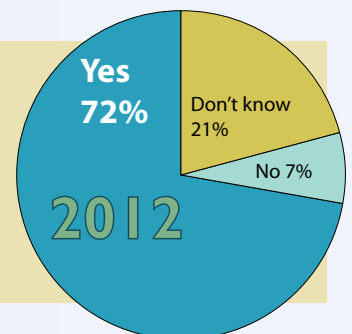
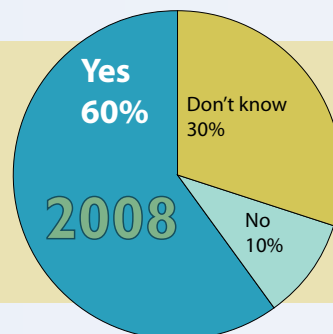
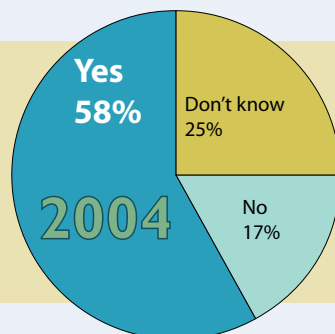


### Other 2012 Highlights include:

- 87% of residents are satisfied with the overall quality of City parks, programs and facilities.
- 75% are satisfied with the overall quality of service provided by the City.
- 83% believe it is important to continue making capital investments to Shoreline facilities.

To learn more about the survey, visit [shorelinewa.gov](http://shorelinewa.gov).

### Do you think the City of Shoreline is moving in the right direction?



## Home Repair Assistance Available through Senior Services and King County

The City of Shoreline sponsors two programs to assist homeowners and renters in making needed home repairs. If your monthly income is \$3,792 or less (\$4,333 for a couple) you may be eligible for help with plumbing, electrical, carpentry and special aids for disabled access.

### Major Home Repair

The Major Home Repair Program is for larger projects such as roofing and major structural repairs or for home accessibility modifications. The King County Housing Repair Program is administered on behalf of the City by King County. Assistance includes emergency grants up to \$3,000 (\$5,000 for mobile homes), which do not have to be repaid, and deferred payment loans up to \$25,000. A matching funds program provides one-

half of the funds and the homeowner matches the funding with a loan from a local lender or private funds for amounts up to \$50,000. Both the deferred payment loan and the matching funds program have the same features:

- 0% Interest
- No Monthly Payments
- Repaid at the time the home is sold or title transferred, home is refinanced, or is no longer used as a primary residence



For more information or to apply call King County Housing Repair Programs between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (206) 263-9095 or visit [kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAnd-Programs/Services/HousingRepair](http://kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAnd-Programs/Services/HousingRepair).

### Minor Home Repair

If you own a home within the Shoreline City limits, you may also qualify for another program that helps with home repairs. Senior Services' Minor Home Repair Program provides materials at cost with a small charge for labor. All estimates are free. For more information, contact Senior Services Minor Home Repair at (206) 448-5751, or visit [seniorservices.org](http://seniorservices.org) and click on the "minor home repair" link, under the "What We Do" tab.

## Final Speaker in Comprehensive Plan Update Speaker Series

**Wednesday, September 12,  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

***Turning the power of place into dollars*  
by Mathew Kwatinetz**

Since January, the City has hosted a speaker series on themes related to the City's Comprehensive Plan Update. Each speaker has presented a topic relating to a component of the Comprehensive Plan. The final speaker, Mathew Kwatinetz, will focus on Sustainability, Culture and Integrated Economic Development Strategies.

Retail developments are subject to rapid evolution and often in need of refreshing. Some of the most successful retail developments utilize public spaces and cultural amenities to satisfy this need for change. An example is University Village in Seattle, which hosts a variety of events throughout the year in its public spaces. This form of "place-making" uses local assets to differentiate and reflect the unique qualities of people and places in the built environment. Mathew Kwatinetz (QBL Partners) will take us through commonly used real estate frameworks and then apply those to create a checklist of development actions needed to integrate economic, social, sustainability and cultural objectives in creating a viable shopping center, district or neighborhood.

## Rec Guide Cover Image Contest

Do you have an image that captures winter fun in Shoreline? We're looking for the perfect cover photo for the 2013 Winter Recreation Guide that features people enjoying the parks, programs and arts that make Shoreline such a great place to live. Watch for details about the Winter Cover Image Contest coming soon to the City website, Facebook and our Fall 2012 Recreation Guide. Fall registration begins August 28th.



First contest winning cover



# City and neighborhoods work together to complete



As traffic increases in Shoreline and major roadways and intersections become more congested, frustrated motorists often resort to using local streets to bypass congestion. Motorists cutting-through residential neighborhoods often ignore residential speed limits, particularly when the street design accommodates higher speeds. Residents who live on these local streets perceive a danger to children playing outdoors, while others fear increased auto exhaust pollution, road noise, and hazards to walkers, joggers and bicyclists. For many years the City has worked closely with neighborhoods to improve pedestrian and traffic safety.

## Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP)

In 2000, the City established the NTSP to work cooperatively with residents to address concerns such as speeding, cut-through traffic and pedestrian safety on non-arterial streets. The NTSP is a two-phase program that utilizes a variety of tools and techniques to improve safety. Phase one of the program emphasizes education and enforce-

ment efforts, which may include installation of signs and pavement markings, use of temporary radar speed display signs, and informational flyers to help educate motorists and encourage them to drive appropriately. In Phase two, engineering solutions, such as speed humps, chicanes and traffic circles, are considered and may be implemented if conditions warrant and there is adequate community support. Both phases rely on active community involvement. The NTSP

operates on a micro level working with neighbors on just a few streets at a time. There are currently 25 active NTSP locations in the City.

## Neighborhood Traffic Action Plans (NTAP)

On a macro level, over the past six years City staff have worked closely with neighborhood associations, community groups and resident volunteers to develop traffic action plans for 13 of Shoreline's 14 neighborhoods. The goal of these plans is to improve safety and the livability of City neighborhoods by learning more about improvements that could be made to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety.

To develop the plans, the City hosted community meetings in each neighborhood asking residents to identify traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety concerns. Some of the most commonly expressed issues related to traffic speeds and volumes on neighborhood streets, as well as pedestrian safety concerns due to the lack of sidewalks or clear walking routes to popular destinations in the neighborhood.

After compiling a list of concerns,



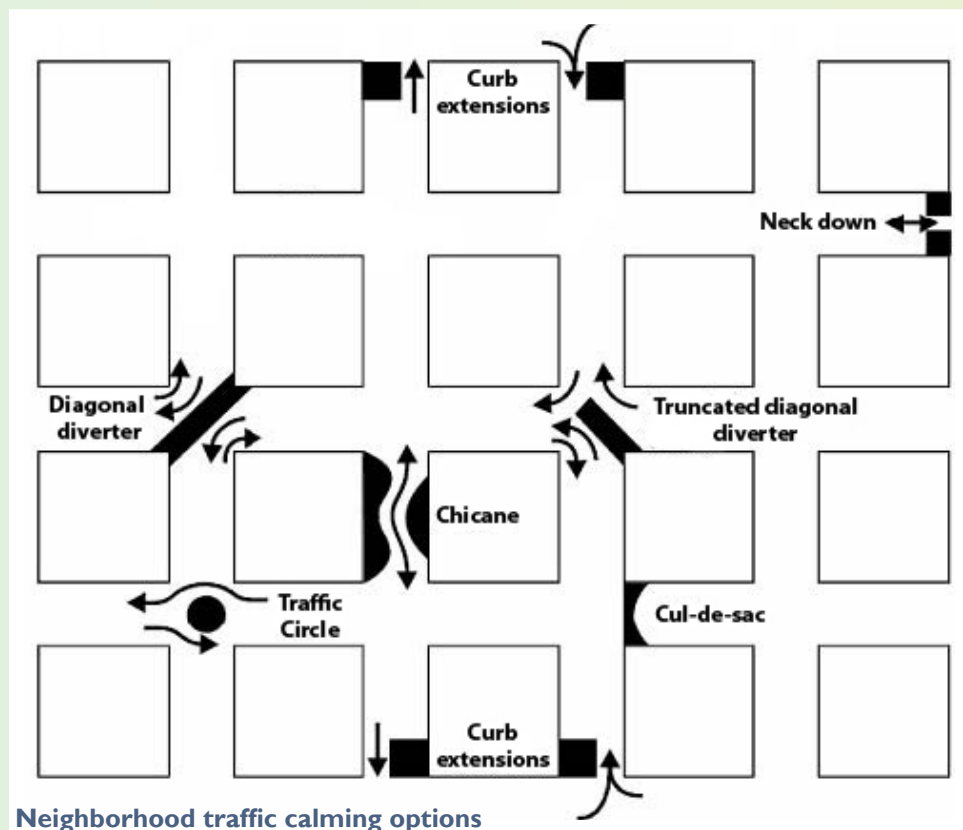
# Neighborhood Traffic Action Plans

a neighborhood advisory committee was created comprised of resident volunteers, as well as representatives from the Shoreline Police and Fire Departments. City staff worked closely with each committee to evaluate the concerns and develop a list of prioritized recommendations for future projects and improvement efforts. The recommendations were then presented to the broader neighborhood for their review and support.

The recommendations identified in the individual plans range from simple improvements, such as trimming vegetation to improve visibility or posting signs to restrict parking, to larger, more complex recommendations, such as installing walkways or revising intersections to improve safety. The completed plans give City staff a better understanding of neighborhood priorities and are used to help guide efforts toward future neighborhood improvements that are likely to have community support.

With the planning process for the NTAPs completed, a greater effort can now be placed on implementation. While there is no designated funding source allocated for projects, some improvements can be made through existing City programs. Using the NTAP as a guide, several projects have already been completed, such as the installation of 25 MPH pavement legends on Carlyle Hall Road, the permanent radar speed display sign on NW Richmond Beach Road at 12th Avenue NW, and the recent sidewalk project on Ashworth Ave N between N 185th and N 192nd Street.

Funding for other recommendations could come from mitigation associated with larger capital improvement projects and develop-



ment projects, or through state or federal grant opportunities. One example of this is a walkway project along 27th Avenue NE, which is scheduled to start construction later this year. The project is located near Briarcrest elementary school and was identified as a high priority in the Briarcrest NTAP. The City applied for and received grant funding through the State's Safe Routes to School Program. Having the project already identified in a plan was an important factor in the project's ability to successfully compete for funds.

For more information about the NTSP, including maps for each neighborhood, visit [shorelinewa.gov/traffic-NTSP](http://shorelinewa.gov/traffic-NTSP) or contact Traffic Engineer John Marek at (206) 801-2432 or [jmarek@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:jmarek@shorelinewa.gov).

## Radar Carts

To help support the NTSP, the City provides residents, community groups and schools access to four portable radar speed display carts for two-week periods to help raise awareness of speeds on streets. Residents who would like to check out one of the four radar speed display carts can contact Traffic Engineer John Marek at (206) 801-2432 or [jmarek@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:jmarek@shorelinewa.gov).



## Thank you Gerber Towing!

For the past 10 years, Gerber Towing has been setting up, storing and maintaining the City's radar speed watch trailers as a service to the community. The City greatly appreciates Gerber Towing's contributions to the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program.

## Greening of Shoreline: LED Street Lights in Shoreline

Last fall, Shoreline residents may have noticed that many of the City's street lights were replaced from conventional High Pressure Sodium lights to more energy efficient LED (Light Emitting Diode) lights. The conversion is just part of a five-year long Seattle City Light (SCL) project aimed at significantly reducing energy consumption. Beginning in 2009, the project is set to replace approximately 40,000 residential street lights throughout the greater Seattle area by the end of 2014.

LED street lights use over 40% less energy than the High Pressure Sodium lights which were previously in place and are expected to last three to four times longer. A longer

life span means fewer maintenance trips to repair or replace the lights. The lower energy use and the reduced maintenance combine to significantly reduce the greenhouse emissions resulting from street lights as well as the costs to operate the lights.

Shoreline has approximately 3,000 street lights throughout the City. Roughly 80% of these lights are leased from SCL, with SCL owning and maintaining the lights while the City funds the operation and maintenance costs. The City owns the remaining lights and works directly with King County or SCL to perform any necessary maintenance.

Converting to the LED lights is consistent with the City's Sustainability Strategy supporting the City's goal to reduce its carbon footprint through energy efficiency and promoting green infrastructure for the Shoreline community.



# MONSTER MASH DASH 5K FAMILY RUN/WALK

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

**8:00 a.m. Check In • 9:00 a.m. Run/Walk • 10:15 a.m. Costume Awards**

### RUN FOR YOUR LIFE....

The Monster Mash Dash is a family 5k fun run and walk along Shoreline's Interurban Trail. Costumes are encouraged and prizes will be awarded for the best costume in each age group as well as best group costume. The race is not officially timed, but a digital clock will be available for self-timing.

The race will begin in the Haggen Market (formerly Top Foods) parking lot, follow the Interurban Trail south to 148th Street and return to the starting point. Distances will be marked for families who would rather complete a shorter distance than the full 5k.

### COST:

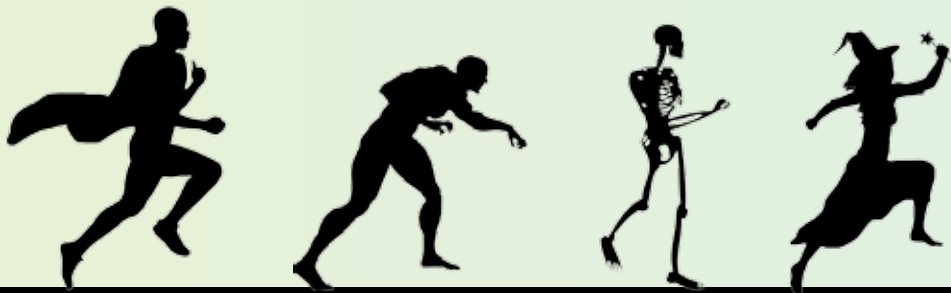
Adults (18 & up) pre-registration - \$10  
(After October 1 - \$15)

Youth (ages 6-17) pre-registration - \$5  
(After October 1 - \$10)

Children (ages 5 & under) - free

T-shirts (not required) - \$10 each

**MORE INFO & TO REGISTER: [SHORELINEWA.GOV/5K](http://SHORELINEWA.GOV/5K)**







## Thank you Celebrate Shoreline sponsors

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Celebrate Shoreline was a full week of fun! Many thanks to the sponsors. Their generous donations helped offset the cost of the parade and festival. More importantly, their enthusiastic staff and volunteers helped make the event a true Shoreline celebration. We couldn't do it without them.

If you'd like to be involved as a sponsor next year, please contact Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office at (206) 801-2600.

### 2012 Celebrate Shoreline Sponsors:

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Toni & Guy Academy

## September is Emergency Preparedness Month

### Get Ready Shoreline EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



The Shoreline Office of Emergency Management is asking residents to take part in Emergency Preparedness Month this September to help make their family, friends and community safer.

Look for our logo at community retail partners during the month of September including: Central Market, Costco, Fred Meyer, Haggen Foods, Home Depot, Radio Shack, Safeway and Walgreens.

Stay informed and receive tips, alerts and general news at the Emergency Management Facebook page: [facebook.com/ShorelineEmergencyManagement](https://facebook.com/ShorelineEmergencyManagement). For

more information, contact Shoreline Emergency Management Coordinator Gail Harris at (206) 801-2271, [gharris@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:gharris@shorelinewa.gov)

# Did you know?

The City's recycling event this fall will be re-located to a new site. The City of Shoreline and Sears have collaborated to bring you this year's fall event on Saturday, September 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the upper parking lot behind the Shoreline Sears store. The City is grateful to Sears for its commitment to the Shoreline community and a sustainable environment. More details about the event will be mailed to all residents. For questions, please call Environmental Programs Assistant Tina Han at (206) 801-2455.

✓ **Note new location!**

## Upcoming Events

### Saturdays through Oct. 6

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Shoreline Farmer's Market at Shoreline City Hall

### Saturday, Sept. 12

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Final Shoreline Speaker Series presentation at City Hall. More info on page 3.

### Saturday, Sept. 15

6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Free Tween Night for 5th and 6th graders at Richmond Highlands Rec Center

### Sunday, Sept. 16

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"Adopt a Trail" work party; meet at Denny's parking lot next to the Interurban Trail bridges

### Saturday, Sept. 22

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Residential Recycle Fest at Sears back parking lot

### Saturday, Sept. 29

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Free tween gym night at Spartan Recreation Center

### Saturday, Oct. 13

8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Monster Mash Dash family 5k fun run/walk. More info on page 6.

### Friday, Oct. 19

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Hamlin Halloween Haunt - free spooky fun at Hamlin Park

### Saturday, Oct. 27

3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Community Association Halloween carnival at Syre Elementary School.

## Quick Start Shoreline

Free Small Business Workshops

Tuesdays at Noon



City Hall Council Chambers. Visit the City's website for topics.

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Spartan Recreation Center  
202 NE 185<sup>th</sup> Street, Shoreline 98155  
(206) 801-2600 Fax (206) 393-3380

Shoreline Pool  
19030 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, Shoreline 98155  
(206) 801-2650 Fax (206) 362-8450

## Shoreline Police

### Emergency: 911

Shoreline Police Station  
Chief Dan Pingrey  
1206 N 185<sup>th</sup> Street  
Shoreline, WA 98133  
(206) 801-2710

Eastside Police Neighborhood Center  
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Westside Police Neighborhood Center  
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## City Council Meetings

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Study Sessions: First and third Mondays 7:00 p.m.  
Business Meetings: Second and fourth Mondays 7:00 p.m.

Televised City Council Meetings  
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