

CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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Vision Realized: Shoreline City Hall opens on time, within budget

Since incorporation in 1995, Shoreline leased office space for staff in two adjacent buildings and held Council meetings a mile away at another facility. One of the community's earliest visions was to build – and own – its city hall.

Now that vision is a reality, Shoreline City Hall opened its doors August 17 at 17500 Midvale Avenue N.

Knowing leasing wasn't financially sensible for the long-term nor was the arrangement convenient for those seeking City services, early City Councils began a tradition of saving for a City Hall that was carried out through the years.

The money accrued over the years allowed the City to buy the land outright and put a significant down payment on project costs. No new taxes will be needed to fund the project and debt was kept to a minimum not only by the significant down payment, but because the City's strong financial standing earned it very low interest rates. Phase one construction of the City building and

courtyard came in within budget and a week early.

"Financing construction of City Hall has been part of the City's long-term financial planning," says City Manager Bob Olander. "We selected a construction and financing model that contains the impact of rising costs on the City that is an inherent risk of traditional construction."

Shoreline's City Hall/Civic Center more than meets the City's intent of smart design with a focus on customer service, transparency and accessibility to the entire community. Construction that began last year on the 67,000-square-foot building was completed in August and the adjacent parking garage and amphitheater will be finished in December.

Though City Hall is the base of the City's operations, the building also endeavors to promote and enhance the quality of life for the Shoreline community. It is designed not only for government functions, but to serve a greater purpose as a Civic Center by providing the community

with space for various community and cultural activities.

Built to high sustainability and green standards, this versatile facility features a spacious lobby, conference facilities, water features, an outdoor grass amphitheater, a demonstration green roof, a non-smoking campus and office space for lease.

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Shoreline City Hall

History and funding

Shoreline has been setting aside money for the construction of its own City Hall for more than a decade. In 2006, the City used saved cash to purchase the City Hall property. In 2007, the City Council authorized a design-build, build-to-suit/lease-to-own delivery method to develop City Hall, and OPUS Northwest, L.L.C. was selected as the project developer.

The combination of the design-build, build-to-suit/lease-to-own methods provided the City with input in the design of the building while limiting the City's exposure to cost overruns. The process also allowed the City to develop a strong management team approach with OPUS Northwest and to develop, with community input, a set of project Guiding Principles.

The total project cost is approximately \$33 million. After the City's \$10 million going toward project costs, the remaining will be paid with a combination of tax-exempt general obligation bonds and Build America

Bonds (BABs). The BABs are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and provide a 35% subsidy on interest payments from the federal government. By using a combination of bonds, the City will realize a debt service savings of over \$3.8 million. Shoreline also obtained a combined interest rate of 3.939% due to its strong Standard and Poor's AA+ rating.

No new taxes will be required: the City will use a combination of general fund monies previously used to pay rent on the old leased facilities and a portion of the Real Estate Excise Taxes (REET) to make the annual bond payments.

The new building is expected to serve the Shoreline community for at least the next 50 years and was designed to meet the City's planned growth needs well into the future.

1% for the Arts

The design includes public art with the one-of-a-kind flowering dogwood tree treatment, "Lime

"This is an exciting time for all of us with benefits for both residents and staff," says Olander. "The City Hall design will not only help us provide services more efficiently, but will provide better access and multiple uses to the community. For example, the parking structure could be used for a farmers market on weekends and the Council chambers opening onto the courtyard could be used for concerts. We hope it will be a focal point that brings the community together."

The lobby and courtyard feature public art by artists Leo Saul Berk and Linda Beaumont.



Light," on the building's inner courtyard wall by northwest artist Linda Beaumont. It is the largest civic art presentation in the area.

Suspended from the ceiling in the lobby of City Hall are 14 "clouds" designed by artist Leo Saul Berk that represent the 14 neighborhoods in Shoreline.

LEED certification pending

Shoreline residents asked that City Hall be built using the highest level of green building practices available.

Seattle City Light Utility has been a partner through grants and consultation support in solar energy and energy conservation measures, while King County has been a partner through grants focusing on environmental green works projects at City Hall.

The finished product is a true "green building." The City is on target to achieve silver certification in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program and possibly elevate its status to gold with further enhancements.

Created by the U.S. Green Building Council in 1998, LEED is a rigorous green building certification system recognized around the world that promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability. Buildings can achieve certified, silver, gold or platinum ratings.

Solar shades, rain gardens and a "green" roof are just a few of the building elements incorporated into Shoreline City Hall that will be used to achieve LEED certification. The entire list is in the City Hall news story at www.shorelinewa.gov.

For more information, contact Project Manager Jesus Sanchez at (206) 801-2421, jsanchez@shorelinewa.gov.



Planning Short Course coming to Shoreline Wednesday, Oct. 14

The City of Shoreline is hosting the Short Course on Local Planning, a three-hour public workshop which covers the legal basis of planning in Washington State, explains the basics of comprehensive planning and plan implementation, discusses the role of the planning commission, the city council and city staff and how the public can be effectively involved in local planning.

Phil Olbrechts, a land use attorney, will provide a legal overview, including tips on how to conduct a legally sufficient public hearing, explain the difference between legislative and quasi-judicial hearings, and the use of the hearing examiner system. Ed McGuire, a former member of the State Growth Management Hearings Board, will provide a summary of planning under the Growth Management Act, including the Act's requirements for public participation, critical areas protection, and consistency with regional growth targets. Shane Hope, Planning Director for the City of Mountlake Terrace, will discuss the varying roles and responsibilities of the city council, the planning commission and professional staff and provide an update on innovative land use techniques such as form-based codes, subarea plans and design guidelines.

The Short Course is co-sponsored by the Washington State Department of Commerce, the Washington Cities Insurance Authority, and the Planning Association of Washington. It will be held in the City Council Chambers of the new Shoreline City Hall, at 17500 Midvale Avenue N, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The workshop is open to the public and there is no charge to attend.

Memorial benches available at Hamlin and Cromwell Parks

As part of the planned improvements at Hamlin and Cromwell Parks, Shoreline residents may purchase a memorial bench to be installed in one of the parks. Approximately 12 benches total are planned for both parks at a cost of \$1,500 each. If you would like to purchase a bench, contact Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services at (206) 801-2630.

New bench at Boeing Creek Park



Shoreline tightens budget further to manage recession

Like many individuals in our community the City has had to find ways to reduce expenditures as a result of declining resources.

This all comes at a time when demands continue to rise for City services such as:

- Providing a safe community with well-maintained streets, sidewalks, streetlights and traffic signals and adequate police protection;
- Providing recreational opportunities and safe and enjoyable parks and open spaces;
- Exploring economic development opportunities to provide for the long-term livability and viability of our community; and
- Establishing land use zoning policies and enforce codes that provide safe development and

guides development to meet the Community's long-term vision.

To continue providing these critical services, the City has had to find ways to cut costs as well as use some of its savings to make ends meet. Some of the cost cutting measures that the City has taken in the last year include:

- Hiring freeze – Currently the City has two vacant positions that will remain unfilled.
- Implemented a new phone system that eliminated nearly \$100,000 in annual line fees.
- Reduced projected 2009 operating expenditures by \$1 million:
 - » Shifted in-house personnel to assist with capital projects in capacities that the City would have normally had to hire outside services.
 - » Eliminated seasonal and temporary administrative positions.
 - » Reduced funding for travel and training by 20%.
 - » Temporarily suspended funding for long-term repair and replacement of equipment and facilities.
 - » Reduced expenses in the areas of contracted services, supplies and advertising by nearly \$200,000.

2010 promises to be another tight financial year. The City will continue the hiring freeze into 2010 and there will not be a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for staff in the 2010 proposed budget. All departments are trying to identify budget reductions that total nearly \$270,000.

The City's goal is to continue providing quality services to the community even though it has to find ways to do this with fewer resources.



Creating a Master Plan for Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

Public workshop September 23

Shoreline residents are invited to a workshop to begin preparing a Master Plan to guide the development of the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden into the next 30 years. The workshop is Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Historical Museum, 749 N 175th Street.

The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden started as the personal project of Dr. Art Kruckeberg and his wife Mareen, both nationally known botanists and instructors. They wanted the site to be a reflection of a natural Puget Sound lowland forest and began collecting and planting specimens for that purpose. They also collected other specimens from around the world where similar temperate conditions existed. The Garden recently celebrated its 50th year.

In January of 2008 the Garden was acquired by the City and will permanently be operated as a botanic garden for the enjoyment and benefit of Shoreline residents.

The Master Plan process will involve a series of public workshops through the end of the year and into the spring of 2010. It is anticipated that a recommended Master Plan will be presented to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board and the City Council in the spring of 2010. Following adoption of the plan, projects to begin the redevelopment of the Garden will be carried out in phases as funds are available.

For more information, contact Capital Projects Manager Dave Buchan at (206) 801-2475 or dbuchan@shorelinewa.gov.



Funding and constructing Sidewalks in Shoreline

Many residents have asked the City: *"Where are the sidewalks?"*

Although Shoreline is a relatively new city, its infrastructure is not. Most Shoreline neighborhoods were built to King County rural standards in the 1940s, usually without sidewalks or even walkways. Only about one-third of the City's arterials and even fewer residential streets have sidewalks.

Citizen satisfaction surveys indicate that Shoreline residents consider adding sidewalks a priority. One of the City Council's goals is to provide safe and friendly streets for the community, including connecting major destinations such as schools, parks, bus routes and commercial centers.

Developers required to build "frontage improvements"

One of the ways for funding and constructing sidewalks is through development projects. The City's development code requires commercial, subdivisions and even some residential projects depending on their project value to add "frontage improvements." Developers must install a concrete curb-gutter-amenity zone-sidewalk configuration in front of the property.

This sometimes leads to "sidewalks to nowhere," and residents wonder, *"Why is that sidewalk only in front of that one property?"*

In general, if the improvement is on an arterial street where further future extensions are likely, the sidewalks are required at the time of development. In other circumstances a "fee-in-lieu of constructing the improvements" is charged to the developer.

Fee-in-lieu program

To help address the outcome of "sidewalks to nowhere," the Council created the Fee-in-Lieu Program in 2002. Some residential projects may be allowed to pay a fee to the City instead of constructing sidewalks if certain criteria are met (e.g. not on a bus or school route).

Currently the fee is \$186 per linear foot of frontage for residential areas. If a property does not meet the program criteria, frontage improvements must be built. The City has collected approximately \$1 million in fees that have been spent to build sidewalks throughout Shoreline including sidewalks on the first mile of Aurora, the Interurban Trail, North City Business District, and on curb, ramp and sidewalk replacements.

The Aurora Corridor Project is also part of the fee-in-lieu program. Developers along Aurora between 165th and 205th Streets are required to build "interim frontage improvements" and pay a fee in-lieu for the final improvements along the corridor. Examples of these improvements include Sky Nursery and the YMCA.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

The City has dedicated money in each year's budget to repair and replace deteriorating existing sidewalks and also to create needed new sidewalks. In the 2006-2011 CIP, Council created the Priority Sidewalk Program and directed money to begin building some of the priority routes identified by the community in the Transportation Master Plan (TMP).

More than \$2 million has been spent on the Priority Sidewalks Program to serve schools or commercial areas. In the last three years,

pedestrian improvements have been installed on 3rd Avenue NW, 8th Avenue NW, 10th Avenue NE, Dayton Avenue N, 25th Avenue NE, Fremont Avenue N and N 192nd Street. In 2010, the next stretch of sidewalk will be installed on Ashworth Avenue N from N 185th Street to N 192nd Street. These improvements represent approximately 2.5 miles of new pedestrian walkways.

Beginning in 2011, the City will use in-lieu fees to fill in gaps in sidewalk routes. Beyond 2011 there is no additional funding for Priority Sidewalks.

Transportation Master Plan (TMP)

Constructing the entire list of projects identified in the TMP is estimated to cost as much as \$67 million for the standard concrete curb-gutter-amenity zone-sidewalk configuration on both sides of the streets.

Due to limited funds, the City must prioritize projects. Each year, proposed routes are selected with criteria in mind such as focusing improvements in areas that have no sidewalks, that are near schools and bus stops, and that have minimal construction conflicts to keep costs down.

The TMP is being updated this year and next and will include a transit and a non-motorized plan.

Please take this opportunity to provide input on the TMP as it is developed. Maps showing the priority sidewalk routes are available at www.shorelinewa.gov.

For more information about the City's sidewalk programs, contact Capital Projects Administrator Tricia Juhnke at (206) 801- 2471, tjuhnke@shorelinewa.gov.

Businesses Did you know?



* You can reduce waste, save money and conserve resources by calling

CleanScapes at (206) 763-4444 for a free waste audit at your business.

* You can recycle at no additional charge. Call CleanScapes at (206) 763-4444 to add or increase your recycling service.

Laptop theft a growing concern



Almost 100 laptop computers were stolen last year in Shoreline—many from schools. Students, parents, police and teachers are the key to stopping laptop theft at school. According to Shoreline Police, awareness and vigilance are the main deterrents to keeping your laptop safe. Here are other important tips to prevent laptop theft:

- Lock up your laptop whenever possible.
- Avoid using obvious laptop bags and computer carrying cases.
- Be aware of your computer's location and of other computers around you.
- Protect and secure all sensitive information through encryption and backup.
- Use your laptop's password features.
- Install tracking software in your computer.

In the event of a laptop robbery, do not fight or resist. No laptop is worth your safety or life. Be an observant witness and concentrate on the robber's description and characteristics. Get information from any witnesses and call 9-1-1 immediately.

Get Ready Shoreline

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



September is National Emergency Preparedness Month

Shoreline's Office of Emergency Management is asking you to begin preparing for the upcoming storm season. The City is partnering with Richmond Beach Ace Hardware, Bartell Drugs on Aurora and 185th Street

and Central Market at 155th and Westminster Way N to provide guidance on preparedness items you should have at home, in your car and at work. Free handouts and checklists are available at each store location. Look for the Get Ready Shoreline logo at each of these stores to indicate suggested items.

CERT CLASSES OFFERED THIS FALL

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Sept. 22, 24, 29 and Oct. 1, 6, 8

Shoreline Fire Department Training Center, 17525 Aurora Avenue N Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes teach the basics of disaster response, including triage, first aid, light search and rescue and neighborhood preparedness. The classes are free to those 18 and older who live or work in Shoreline.

For more information, contact Emergency Management Coordinator Gail Marsh at (206) 801-2271 or gmarsh@shorelinewa.gov.

Did you know?

Storm drains connect directly with local waterways

Look around and you will see that most paved or cement surfaces slope toward a hole in the ground with a metal grate over it. That metal grate is the storm drain. The storm drain system is a network of pipes that carry water away from our neighborhoods. Storm drains are not connected to a wastewater treatment plant so what goes down the drain ends up in our local streams, lakes and beaches. To protect our water quality, only clean water should be allowed to enter the storm drain.



Saltwater Park Off-Leash Area opens Nov. 1

Shoreline is preparing for the opening of its second Off-Leash Area at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park on Sunday, Nov. 1. The site is at the south end of the beach at 2021 NW 190th Street and will be open seasonally from November 1 to March 15.

The 1.2-acre site features sandy beaches, water access, nearby restrooms and parking. When completed, it will be contained by water and railroad fencing and will only be open for winter use. This fall, the site will be improved with an entry kiosk, signs and northern boundary markers to help identify the area.

The leash law applies in this area March 15 through November 1. Please respect the leash law in the rest of the park throughout the year.

The Shoreview Park Off-Leash Area has been open for four months and has been well received by Shoreline residents. Located at 320 Innis Arden Way, the main vehicle entrance is open Monday through Friday from 1:00 to dusk and from 9:00 a.m. to dusk on Saturday and Sundays in the summer. This entrance can be accessed off of Innis Arden Way at the Shoreline Community College's West gate entry by following the signs.

Another pedestrian trail access is located within Shoreview Park just east and up the hill from the Shoreview tennis courts, in the southeast corner of the park. This northern entrance is open for pedestrian access

during regular park hours and can be accessed from the Shoreview Park main entrance. A trail at the edge of the tennis courts connects to the site at its north end. Join other dog enthusiasts at a celebratory festival at the park on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Shoreview Off-Leash Area Celebratory Festival

- Saturday, Sept. 26
- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- South end of the Off-Leash Area
- Co-sponsored by ShoreDog

Celebrate the continued success of Shoreline's first Off-Leash Area. Activities for dogs and people will include information about ShoreDog, Shoreline's non-profit community volunteer organization for off-leash areas, off-leash area etiquette tips, adoptions, obedience training, the leash law and licensing requirements. In addition there will be a lucky dog raffle and treats for humans and their pups. Come join in the fun!

More information: www.shorelinewa.gov/parks, www.shoredog.org, pks@shorelinewa.gov or Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 801-2630.



Back to School Traffic Safety

School is back in session and Shoreline Police remind you to:

- Obey the 20 mph speed limit in school zones.
- Stop for crossing guards, safety patrol and pedestrians in crosswalks. It is also illegal to pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.
- Watch for school buses. You are not allowed to pass a stopped bus.
- Make sure passengers stay buckled up until the vehicle stops.

Thanks for keeping students safe!

Waste Reduction News

Ballinger Commons: Making Recycling Work for Apartment Communities

CleanScapes would like to congratulate Ballinger Commons on their exceptional recycling program. Ballinger Commons has increased their recycling capacity by 27 square yards this year and is currently looking to expand even further. Exceptional management support and abundant, multilingual signage are among the ingredients to Ballinger Commons' success.

Neighborhood Waste Reduction Rewards:

Join your neighbors in a waste reduction competition and win a prize, a party or a neighborhood improvement. More information will be available soon through your neighborhood association or at www.cleanscapes.com/shoreline.html.



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Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE
Agenda Line: (206) 801-2236

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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

Shoreline Police Station
Chief Dan Pingrey
1206 N 185th Street
Shoreline, WA 98133
(206) 801-2712

Eastside Police Neighborhood Center
Officer Greg McKinney
521 NE 165th Street
Shoreline, WA 98155
(206) 363-8424

Westside Police Neighborhood Center
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CleanScapes	(206) 763-4444
Comcast	(877) 824-2288
Historical Museum	(206) 542-7111
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