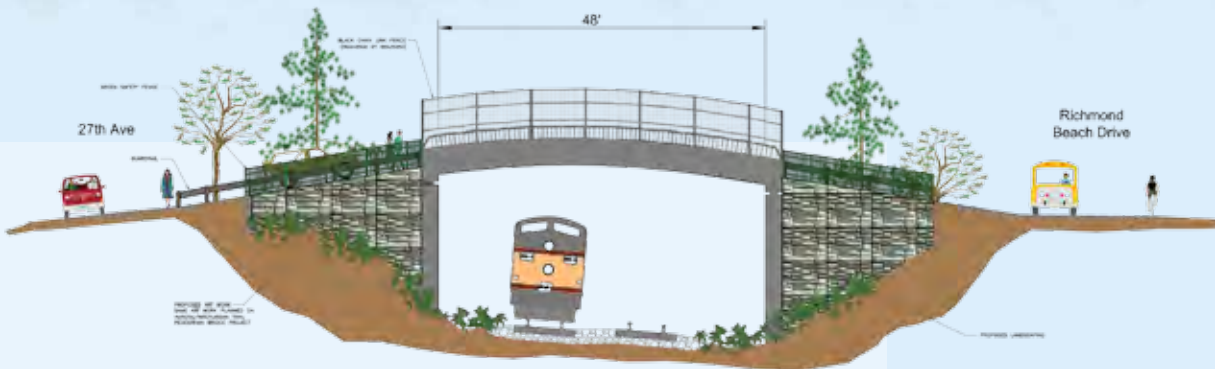


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Conceptual view of proposed bridge looking north

Construction begins soon on Richmond Beach bridge

Community Construction Meeting

Thursday, April 29, 6:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Library, 19601 21st Avenue NW

Come learn about the Richmond Beach Bridge Replacement Project (27th Avenue Overpass) and the upcoming construction schedule at the Community Construction Meeting April 29. City staff and the project contractor will be available to answer questions about vehicle and pedestrian access, traffic control, mail service, garbage and recycling service and more.

The project includes designing and constructing a temporary detour bridge with a temporary traffic signal, demolishing and removing the existing timber structure and constructing a concrete structure with approaches over two existing and very active railroad tracks.

For safety, a section of Richmond Beach Drive near the bridge will be temporarily closed to through traffic during construction. Vehicle access to driveways will be maintained and Metro has prepared a temporary bus re-route plan (see project webpage at shoreline.wa.gov). Construction is expected to begin in May and is likely to continue into early 2011. Most of the funding for this \$5 million project is through grants:

- WSDOT: \$4.25 million
- BNSF: \$400,000
- City: \$350,000

New Bridge Benefits

- 80-year life expectancy
- Seismic upgrades
- Improved bridge geometry, sight safety and vehicle access
- Reduced maintenance cost and frequency of inspections and repairs
- Increased load limit – the new bridge will have a highway load rating and provide safe access for emergency vehicles and trucks
- Meet BNSF minimum horizontal and vertical clearance requirements
- Ability to accommodate a potential third track for BNSF/Sound Transit

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Keeping services that make Shoreline a great community

It may be time to ask the voters how to proceed

1% Property Tax Limitation

In 2001 Washington voters approved an initiative that limited property tax revenue increases to 1% per year, unless a higher rate is authorized by a vote of the people. Although Shoreline voters rejected the measure, it now presents serious challenges to continuing to provide essential community services.

Since 2002 the City has only increased its regular property tax levy by 1% annually, with the exception of 2010 when the City took a 0% increase as a result of the economic recession. The City's property tax levy has increased by less than 10% over the last decade (excluding new construction), while inflation has grown by 27%.

Although the City has implemented efficiencies, budget cuts, and eliminated positions, costs continue to increase by more than inflation. For example, in the last 10 years the cost of natural gas has increased by 49%; the cost per gallon of gasoline has increased by 65%; and the cost per ton of asphalt has more than doubled. The City will not be able to continue to fund current services with a 1% property tax increase. The 1% property tax increase equates to approximately \$70,000 in new revenue annually, while the City's contract for police services increases by nearly \$500,000 annually.

Financial Challenges

For a number of years, the City Council has recognized that the City's resources would not be adequate to maintain current service levels. Using a six-year projection, starting in 2011 through 2016, the City's budget shortfall is estimated to be nearly \$15

million (see graph at right).

Anticipating this, the Council appointed an 18-member Citizen Advisory Committee to make recommendations on how to fund City services over the long-term.

The Committee recognized that their tax dollars are used to invest in services that make Shoreline a place where people want to live and do business. They recommended that the City continue to provide services and that the City Council consider asking voters if they would be willing to approve a property tax increase larger than 1%.

Polling Results for a Potential Property Tax Increase

It costs approximately \$100,000 to put a measure on the ballot, so it is important to know if there is community support to approve a potential property tax increase. The City contracted with EMC Research, Inc. to conduct a statistically valid phone survey polling 500 households from March 10 to 15, 2010. Key findings of the polling include:

- Residents are optimistic about the overall direction of the City -- 67% said the City is headed in the right direction.
- Most residents (65%) agreed that they trust the City to spend their tax dollars responsibly.
- Only about a 1/4 to 1/3 of re-

spondents felt that there was room to cut funding for public safety or parks.

Polling questions asked participants whether they would support an \$8 or \$11 a month (equates to a \$0.20 to \$0.30 property tax rate increase). Over half of respondents supported an \$11 a month increase, and there was higher support (58%) for an \$8 a month increase. Residents felt that it was most important to spend any increase in property taxes on the following:

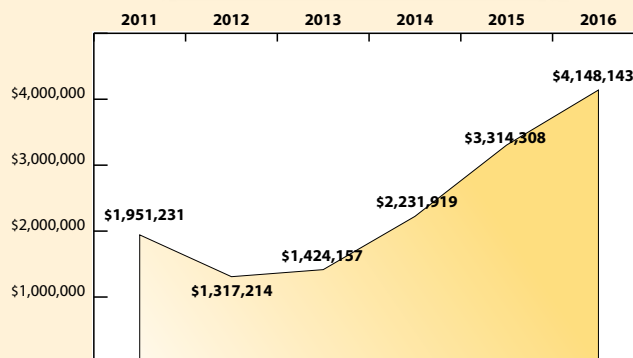
- Preserving neighborhood police patrols.
- Making sure that local parks, trails and playground equipment are safe.
- Preserving crime prevention programs.
- Maintaining City parks, trails and recreation programs.

Next Steps

Since January City staff has met with over 30 community groups to talk about the City's financial challenges and a potential property tax increase. The City Council will use information from the community meetings and from the polling data to help answer the following questions:

- Should the City put a property tax measure on the November 2010 ballot?
 - If so, then: What is the appropriate amount and how should the money be dedicated?
 - If not, then: What service cuts should be made in order to balance future budgets?
- In order to put a property tax measure on the November 2010 ballot the City Council must adopt the ballot measure by August 10, 2010.

Projected Annual Budget Gaps





PAWS accepting Shoreline animals starting May 1

Shoreline continues its work with other cities and King County to explore a regional solution for animal control and pet licensing. In the meantime, Shoreline has contracted with the non-profit Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) in Lynnwood to begin accepting owner-surrendered dogs and cats through its Re-Homing Program on May 1. On June 1, PAWS will also accept stray dogs and cats that are picked up by Shoreline residents.

Due to budget constraints and other issues, King County Animal Control is terminating its contracts with all cities on June 30. Shoreline is part of a group of cities working to develop alternative ways to provide animal control services. The City Council plans to review options in late April and make a decision in May.

PAWS, located at 15305 4th Avenue W in Lynnwood, shelters homeless animals, rehabilitates injured and orphaned wildlife and provides community education on animal welfare and care issues. Call PAWS at (425) 787-2500 ext. 410 or visit www.paws.org for shelter hours and directions.

For more information about animal control services in Shoreline, contact City Manager Office Management Analyst John Norris at (206) 801-2216, jnorris@shorelinewa.gov.



Embrace Shoreline Schools

Dozens of volunteers improved our schools

**Volunteer at your local school
Saturday, May 15
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
All Shoreline School District Schools**

Parents, neighbors, students and church volunteers are joining together to clean up school grounds, meet neighbors and inspire students to learn. Bring gloves, hand tools and enthusiasm. If you don't have the back for the yard work, drop by with a treat and socialize with your neighbors. For more information contact Diane Pickrel at (206) 363-1542 or visit www.embrace-shorelineschools.org.



Off-Leash Dog Areas now official Shoreview open; Saltwater closed for season

Last month the City Council passed an ordinance making both Shoreview and Richmond Beach Off-Leash Dog Areas permanent parts of Shoreline's park system. Shoreview Off-Leash Area will remain a traditional site open daily year round. The Saltwater Park Off-Leash Area remains a seasonal site from November 1 through March 15. For more information visit www.shorelinewa.gov.




Please obey the leash law in all Shoreline parks including Saltwater Park. There will be increased signage and enforcement of the leash law to ensure that people are aware of Saltwater's dog area seasonal closing. The Saltwater Park dog area will reopen November 1.




**Kruckeberg Botanic Garden
Mother's Day Plant Sale
Open House May 6-9**


The Kruckeberg Botanic Garden and MsK Nursery's traditional Mother's Day sale features their best selection of the year on spring bulbs, native plants, exotic trees and shrubs. Sale proceeds support the Garden. Due to limited parking, please use off-site parking locations and the shuttle service provided Friday through Sunday listed below. For more information about the plant sale and the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, 20312 15th Avenue NW, visit www.kruckeberg.org.

 **Thursday, May 6**
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Members Only Pre-sale


Members of the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation get to shop early for best selection. New members welcome to join at the sale.

 **Friday, May 7**
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Off-site parking and shuttle provided at Richmond Beach Congregational Church, 1512 NW 195th Street.

 **Saturday, May 8**
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free Garden tour at 1:00 p.m. and family educational activities available all day. Off-site parking and shuttle provided at Richmond Beach Congregational Church

 **Sunday, May 9**
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free family educational activities available all day. Off-site parking and shuttle provided at Spin Alley Bowling Center, 1430 Richmond Beach Road.



Spring Clean Sweep Recycling Event May 15

This year's Spring Clean Sweep Recycling Event is Saturday, May 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Park & Ride on N 192nd Street and Aurora Avenue N. Event flyers will be mailed to all Shoreline residents.

Residents who subscribe to CleanScapes curbside solid waste collection can attend the event for free by showing the mailed event flyer or their CleanScapes bill. Multi-family residents must bring the flyer or their driver's license for free entry to the event. It costs \$6.75 for entry for residents who do not have CleanScapes service. Only \$20 bills and under accepted.

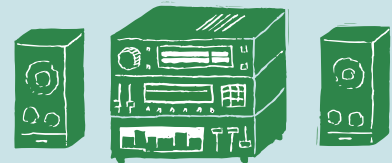
Due to the volume of material typically collected, only one trip is allowed per household. No dump trucks or flat-bed trucks. If you are hauling items on behalf of a neighbor, please call (206) 801-2455 prior to the event. The City reserves the right to refuse any item.

TVs, computers, monitors and laptops will not be accepted. To recycle these working or non-working items, call Shoreline Goodwill at (206) 631-8454 or Deseret Industries at (206) 542-9447.

Please use the following guidelines to plan your trip.

DO BRING:

- All appliances*
- All batteries
- Bulky yard waste (no sod, dirt, rocks or grass)
- Clean scrap lumber and pallets
- Electronics (no TVs, computers, monitors or laptops)
- Fluorescent light bulbs (last collection event, see flyer for details)
- Motor oil, antifreeze and filters
- Porcelain toilets and sinks*
- Propane tanks*
- Scrap metal
- Cardboard



* Some items may require a minimal recycling fee that must be paid in cash. Check the Clean Sweep Recycling Event flyer that will be mailed to your home for more details.

DON'T BRING:

Concrete or hazardous materials such as household chemicals, paint, cleaning products, pesticides, herbicides, solvents and thinners; commercial waste; or items infested by bees, hornets or wasps.

The 2010 Fall Clean Sweep Recycling Event is sponsored in cooperation with the King County Solid Waste Division, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County and the Washington State Department of Ecology. For more information, contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 801-2700.



EARTH DAY EVENTS

Shoreline is celebrating the 40th anniversary of Earth Day with community events

Ivy OUT Work Parties

Saturday, April 24

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come help us keep ivy at bay in Shoreline parks. Bring gloves, weeding tools and loppers. Minors 14 and under are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Garbage bags, some tools and snacks provided. For more information, contact Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services at (206) 801-2611.



Get Involved! National Volunteer Week April 18 - 24

- **Boeing Creek:** Meet at kiosk near NW 175th Street and 6th Avenue NW
- **South Woods:** Meet at the south Shorecrest High School parking lot on 25th Avenue NE at NE 153rd Street

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park litter pick up

Saturday, April 24

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meet at the lower parking lot of 2021 NW 197th Street to pick up litter on the beach



Did you know?

This April 22 is Earth Day's 40th Anniversary! The Earth Day Network was founded on the premise that all people have a right to a healthy, sustainable environment. You can join in the Earth Day celebration by planting a tree, combat global warming by riding the bus or by participating in an event like the ones listed here. For more information, please visit www.earthday.net/earthday2010.

www.earthday.net/earthday2010

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The bridge was originally built in 1923 by Great Northern Railway Company and rebuilt in 1956. The typical life span of a timber bridge is 45 to 50 years. This bridge provides sole access to 35 homes on 27th Avenue NW, historically known as Apple Tree Lane.

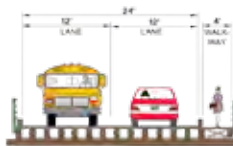
For more information about the project, visit the Richmond Beach Overcrossing webpage at www.shorelinewa.gov or contact Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 801-2473, jjordan@shorelinewa.gov.

Richmond Beach Bridge

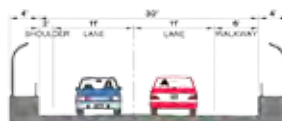
Replacement



Project improvements



Existing Bridge



Proposed Bridge

| Features | Existing bridge | Proposed bridge |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Lane width | 12 feet | 11 feet |
| Shoulder width | None / 4 feet | 2 feet / 6 feet |
| Maintenance level | High | Low |
| Total bridge width | 24 feet | 30 feet |
| Load capacity | Restricted | Unrestricted |



ON THE GROUND CHANGES: Let's talk about intersections

When you are negotiating your way through the Aurora construction zone the most obvious changes are the lane shifts. Currently the lanes have been shifted west to create a work zone along the eastside of Aurora. This summer they will be shifted east and finally lanes will be shifted out to each side for work in the middle.

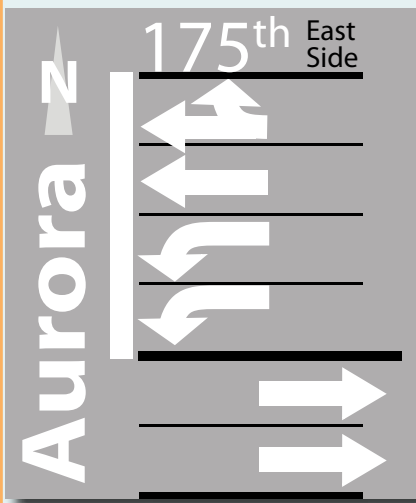
Having the first mile of the project complete makes it easier to imagine how the second mile from N 165th to N 185th Streets will look when completed. The second mile has the same basic design as the first, including lane configuration.

As with the first mile, the previous five-lane design is being expanded to six lanes: two through-lanes and a Business Access and Transit (BAT) lane in each direction. Medians with protected pockets for left- and U-turns are included in the center.

BAT lanes are the outside lanes designated for buses, vehicles entering and exiting business driveways, and vehicles making right turns at intersections. These specialized lanes improve the overall function of the road by removing the turning traffic from the through-lanes and improve transit efficiency by keeping buses moving.

Some of the biggest changes – and improvements – in lane configurations are at the intersections as seen at right.

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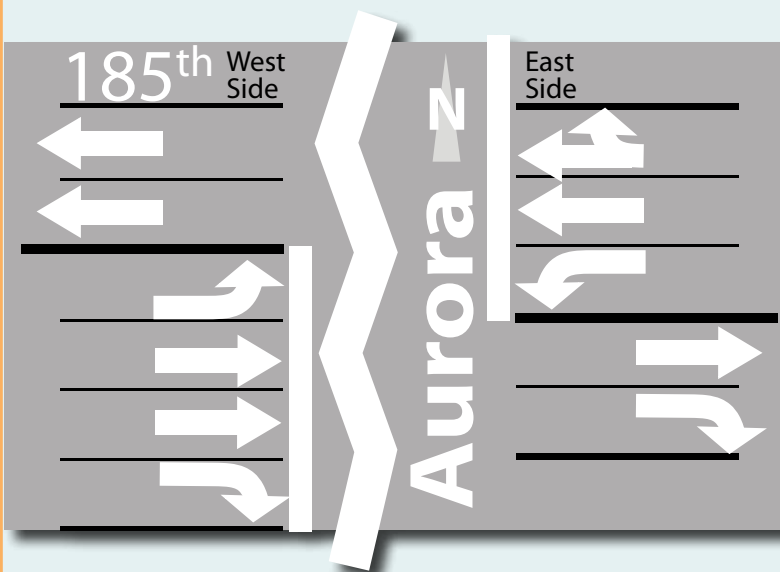
N 175th Street Intersection

While the west side of the 175th intersection stays basically the same, the east side of the intersection will have a total of seven lanes: westbound will have two left-turn lanes, two through-lanes and a right-turn lane while the eastbound side will have two through-lanes. There will also be a left-turn lane at Midvale. These additional lanes on the east side of the intersection increase the space to hold vehicles waiting for the lights to change at Aurora and Midvale.

N 185th Street Intersection

The 185th intersection will include five lanes on the east side, with a through and a through-right lane and a new dedicated left-turn lane heading west, and the eastbound direction will have two lanes until the Midvale signal where the south side lane will end as a right turn into the Gateway Shopping Center.

There will be six lanes on the west side: two through-lanes in each direction and dedicated right- and left-turn lanes for eastbound drivers. The design has also reduced the north bound left turn onto Richmond Beach/N 185th to a single left, but made the storage longer.





Sign up for eNews construction updates at www.shorelinewa.gov.

Aurora intersections from page 6

Other on the Ground Changes

The Aurora basic design includes a 110-foot cross section, which is the width from the private property edge of the sidewalk on one side to the far edge of the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street. The cross section is wider at intersections.

The sidewalks are seven feet on each side separated from the street by a four-foot zone for natural stormwater drainage, bus stops, fire hydrants, lighting and landscaping. In several areas this amenity zone will be wider for natural storm drainage.

There will be some narrower sidewalks to preserve parking or building impacts (e.g. Spiro's) – these will be built to full standard by the property owners when the property is developed in the future.

As part of the second mile the City is also installing fiber and intelligent signal systems that will improve signal timing once construction is complete.

The signalized **pedestrian crossings at N 170th and N 180th Streets** will be retained, with timing synchronized with other signals to keep traffic flowing.

United States[®] Census 2010

IF A CENSUS TAKER VISITS YOUR HOME...

By now, Shoreline residents should have received a census form in the mail and many have returned them. If you didn't make the April deadline, a census taker will visit your home to collect the information in person. Be sure to ask for identification if you receive a visit and remember that a census taker will never ask to enter your home. All information you provide is confidential.

Completing the census information is extremely important for Shoreline to receive its share of federal funding for schools, emergency services and public works projects. Thank you for your cooperation!

City Council appoints Planning Commission, Library Board

In March, the Shoreline City Council appointed members to the Planning Commission and Library Board.

Planning Commission

Michelle Linders Wagner, who is currently the chair, was reappointed to the Commission, having already completed a four-year term. **Cynthia Esselman** and **Donna Moss** are new members. The Commissioners began their new four-year terms on April 1. Thank you to outgoing Planning Commissioners Sid Kuboi, Rocky Piro and David Pyle.

For more information and a schedule of upcoming Planning Commission meetings, please visit the Planning Commission's webpage.

Library Board

Three of the recently-appointed Library Board members will fill four-year terms and one will fill a vacated position. The new Library Board members will be sworn in at the May 13 Library Board meeting at the Richmond Beach Library.

Susan Hoyne was appointed to a second four-year term, and **Sara Lorimer** and **Corey Murata** will be serving their first four-year terms. **Jennifer Hannibal** will serve the remaining two years of a vacated position.

Thank you to outgoing Library Board members Tom Petersen and Lori Lynass.

For more information and a schedule of upcoming meetings, please visit the Library Board's webpage.



NOW ONLINE!

Webpages on bicycle and pedestrian safety, street design

Road diets, sharrows and other mysterious terms are explained and illustrated on the City's new webpages **Traffic Calming and Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety** and **Alternative Street Design**. The online pages explain design and traffic control measures the City has adopted to make streets safe for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and drivers. You will learn how to address traffic problems in your neighborhood and you can even watch a Department of Transportation video on how to correctly drive in a roundabout. The new pages are under Transportation Services on the City's Public Works Department main webpage.

Minor home repairs available to qualified Shoreline residents



Shoreline residents may qualify for help with plumbing, electrical and carpentry services for their homes. The Senior Services Minor Home Repair Program is available to residents with a monthly income of \$3,733 or less for singles and \$4,267 for couples. Qualified plumbers and carpenters will make repairs on leaky pipes and faucets, clogged drains and broken steps, and build disability access modifications. Technicians also will replace defective toilets and sinks and install smoke detectors. At most, qualified homeowners and disabled renters pay a \$10 per hour labor charge and receive all materials at cost. Estimates are free.

For more information, contact Senior Services at (206) 448-5751, or visit www.seniorservices.org and click on the *minor home repair* link.



Camp Shoreline explores Richmond Beach Saltwater Park at low tide

Spring-Summer Rec Guide NOW ONLINE !

From tween nights and summer job hunting to Japanese swordsmanship and dog obedience, Shoreline's recreation programs offer something for everyone. The Spring-Summer 2010 Rec Guide is now online at www.shorelinewa.gov. Save time by registering online for youth spring and summer camps and teen and adult programs. If you are new to Shoreline's recreation programs, you will need to complete and submit an account set-up form and sign up. If you are a returning customer, ask for your existing Family PIN and individual barcode by calling (206) 801-2600. Register early, space is limited! Spring-Summer 2010 Rec Guides are also available at Shoreline City Hall, Spartan Recreation Center and local libraries.

"This way to fun summer activities!" say Camp Shoreline participants on a field trip.



Featuring the City of Shoreline's Quality of Life **Partners**



Meals on Wheels volunteers at Shoreline-LFP Senior Center

Shoreline's 15th anniversary is this year and we have a lot to celebrate! From the redevelopment of the Aurora Corridor to completion of the Parks Bond Projects, from enhanced stormwater management systems to improved public safety, the City has transformed itself from an often neglected corner of King County into a vibrant City that 93% of residents rate as an excellent or good place to live.

Fifteen years ago, residents incorporated Shoreline so they could receive better, even exceptional, services for their tax dollars. Since then, the City has worked hard to meet residents' expectations. Shoreline families, neighborhoods and businesses have much to be proud of -- the transformation has occurred due to the hard work of Shoreline residents and the prudent financial stewardship of City Councils.

One of the ways the City maximizes taxpayer money is to partner with outside organizations to provide certain services to Shoreline residents, allowing taxpayer money to go even further. The City would not be able to fund all of these programs on its own. Without these partnerships, many of the programs that contribute to the great quality of life that people experience in Shoreline would not be possible.

The City refers to these outside organizations as its *Quality of Life Partners*. Quality of Life Partners can generally be grouped into five categories: Human Services; Cultural Services; Recreation and Neighborhood Programs; Natural Environment; and Public Safety.

Partnering with outside organizations leverages taxpayer money and provides a wider range of services that the City would otherwise be unable to provide. This special Quality of Life Partners section of Currents features organizations that the City funds through grants or provides direct staff support.

While these agencies are being featured here in greater detail, we recognize that there are a number of other agencies and organizations that we consider partners in making Shoreline's quality of life one of the best in the Seattle region. These include:

Shoreline School District

Shoreline Fire Department

Shoreline Community College

King County Library System

Shoreline Chamber of Commerce

Faith community

Service organizations

Youth and adult sport leagues

And hundreds of individual Shoreline volunteers



Volunteer at Senior Center

Human Services

Shoreline's human services partners are instrumental in providing much needed resources to the neediest residents. Services include food and housing assistance, substance abuse counseling, adult education, senior services and shelters for victims of domestic abuse. Funding through our human services partners directly impacts one out of every five Shoreline residents.

Center for Human Services

“When we started the... program, we were looking forward to the opportunity to gain tools and insights to help our marriage grow stronger. What we didn't foresee was how important our weekly meetings would become to the entire family . . . We've gotten so much out of the experience.”

Participating couple in the Loving Families Program

“[This past year] was a successful and busy year for CHS as we continued to be a community leader in human services. The care and support offered to families and individuals in need, was extraordinary. It is an honor to be part of this top notch, caring, inclusive organization”

Bruce Titcomb
Immediate Past President



Homework Factory at the CHS Shoreline Family Support Center

The Center for Human Services (CHS) has been a community resource to children, youth, adults and families since 1970. CHS provides a variety of services within three primary focus areas: family counseling, substance abuse treatment and prevention, and family support.

Shoreline residents primarily access services through CHS's Family Support Centers, two of which are located in Shoreline. The Family Support Centers provide a variety of services for children and their parents. Parenting classes and counseling strengthen parents' and guardians' parenting skills and help connect them to a broader community of families that support each other. The Centers also prepare young children for school through early childhood education programs and academic enrichment classes.

CHS also offers mental health and substance abuse counseling. Other programs help troubled youth stay in school or re-enter school after they have been expelled.

A primary goal is to strengthen the community through strong

families. Many of CHS's clients are immigrants or refugees, and most are economically disadvantaged. CHS helps integrate these families and individuals into the larger Shoreline community.

Hopelink Shoreline

“I was only reading at a 4th grade level, so I came to Hopelink. I started working with a volunteer tutor to get my GED. Definitely if the tutor hadn't helped me, I wouldn't have gotten it, and I needed it to make money and to feel like I could succeed.”

AJ Sugahara, Hopelink client

Another important Quality of Life Partner is Hopelink. Hopelink serves homeless and economically disadvantaged families, children, seniors and people with disabilities through its center located here in Shoreline.

The Shoreline center offers emergency and long-term services to residents in crisis, such as emergency financial and energy assistance, a



Hula class at Senior Center

food bank and assistance finding medical care, employment, housing and other critical needs.

When it started 40 years ago, its primary focus was emergency services. Since then, Hopelink's mission has evolved to address the core risk factors that create individual emergencies in the first place. While it still provides much needed emergency assistance, Hopelink's approach enables families in crisis to make progress toward and achieve self-sufficiency, creating lasting personal and community change.

New Beginnings

Domestic abuse is a serious issue facing every community and Shoreline is no different. The City partners with New Beginnings to provide shelter, advocacy and support to battered women and their children who live in Shoreline.

New Beginnings operates a 21-bed emergency shelter and 17 apartments that provide transitional housing.

New Beginnings also focuses on community advocacy and social change. Its Community Advocacy Program offers a variety of support groups to help women rebuild their lives after leaving abusive relationships. It also offers legal advocacy to help women understand their legal rights and options.



Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council presents a variety of arts

The Social Change Program works to change attitudes and institutions that help to perpetuate violence in society through education and awareness-raising campaigns with the goal of ending domestic violence in our society.

Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center, in the Shoreline Conference Center, provides access to a wide range of services for individuals 50 and over, and their families.

These services include a Senior Rights Assistance Program, counseling programs, an alternative medicine clinic from Bastyr College and massage therapy. Daily hot lunches are also provided at the Senior Center. For seniors who are homebound, volunteers deliver meals on wheels.

One of the reasons the Senior Center is able to do so much is that over 200 volunteers offer thousands of hours of service to ensure that all seniors in Shoreline have access to a variety of programs.

Cultural Services

Since 1996, Shoreline has partnered with two organizations to provide cultural services to residents, including music, art, theater, heritage and educational opportunities. Programs offered by the Shoreline Historical Museum and the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council add a richness and vibrancy to the community.

Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council

“I love that I can look at art close to home, that I don’t have to drive downtown to see quality art, and that I can support local artists this way!”

Gallery attendee

“We love the concerts in the park! It’s great family fun that makes us glad to live in Shoreline.”

Attendee of concert in the park

The Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council has been instrumental in presenting and encouraging the arts in our community, allowing residents to appreciate art in its many varied forms.



Shoreline Arts Festival sponsored by Shoreline-LFP Arts Council

Through its partnership with the City, the Arts Council provides a variety of programs and events that would otherwise not be possible. Such programs include the Shoreline Arts Festival, which is a free two-day summer event presenting a wide variety of arts for all ages; the Concerts in the Parks Series, which offers six free evening summer concerts performed in different parks around Shoreline; the Arts in Culture Series featuring diverse and quality performances at the Shorecrest Performing Arts Center; and the Children's Series featuring performances for children.

The Arts Council also coordinates four gallery spaces that feature numerous local artists throughout the year. The galleries are located at: the Arts Council office in the Shoreline Center; Town Center in Lake Forest Park; Shoreline City Hall; and the Shoreline Historical Museum. The Arts Council also provides educational and outreach programs that encourage children to appreciate the arts.

Shoreline Historical Museum

"We spent so long in the exhibits upstairs, we were afraid we wouldn't have time to go downstairs. This is a really well-done museum - we came all the way from Poulsbo to see it."

Visitors from out of town

The Shoreline Historical Museum is dedicated to preserving, recording and interpreting the history of Shoreline. Through its partnership with the City, the Museum provides a number of heritage programs for the community, including permanent and temporary museum exhibits, lectures, historic preservation research and educational outreach to Shoreline schoolchildren. Over 25,000 have visited the museum since it was created in 1976.

The Museum houses an archive of over 6,000 photos of the community from the late 19th through the 20th



Student body in front of the new Ronald School on opening day 1912

Courtesy of the Shoreline Historical Museum

century. It also houses a collection of over 5,000 artifacts, community records, property records, oral histories, scrap books and newspaper clippings.

The Museum is housed in the historic Ronald School building located in the northeast corner of the Shorewood High School campus. It is the oldest public building in the area having been built in 1912. In 2008, after a lot of hard work by the Museum, the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission designated the Ronald School as a Shoreline Historic Landmark.

Recreation and Neighborhood Programs

Building strong communities is essential to the quality of life of any city. The City works with some of its partners to foster that sense of community here in Shoreline. It does this through youth programs and community development.

Dale Turner Family YMCA

In the fall of 2008, the Dale Turner Family YMCA opened up its new facility on Aurora Avenue North. The facility has proven to be a great benefit to the community, providing numerous recreation programs, activities and



Shoreline Historical Museum



Echo Lake Neighborhood Association work party along Interurban Trail



Council of Neighborhoods used book sale at Swingin' Summer Eve

space for residents to exercise.

The City partners with the YMCA to provide special programs for Shoreline residents, including teen and tween nights and four free family days. The teen and tween late night programs provide safe, fun places for youth to hang-out with friends.

Neighborhood Associations

Shoreline is divided into 14 neighborhoods, each with its own neighborhood association. City programs support the neighborhood associations' efforts to have residents work together to improve

their community and neighborhood. The neighborhood associations are also instrumental in helping the City communicate with residents.

A partner in the City's efforts is the Council of Neighborhoods, which consists of two representatives from each neighborhood association. The Council of Neighborhoods provides networking opportunities, training and capacity building assistance. Representatives apply what they learn to their individual neighborhood associations, creating strong communities through action.

The City also has a Neighborhood Mini-Grants Program, which provides matching grants up to \$5,000 to neighborhood associations. The Mini-Grant Program supports neighborhood improvements, promotes neighborhood associations and funds activities and events that bring neighbors together.

A few examples of past Mini-Grant projects include: a community carnival, an information kiosk, play equipment at local parks and

schools and decorative street banners and flower baskets.

Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center

In addition to human services, the Senior Center also provides a host of activities for area seniors to participate in. From life skills courses to learning Spanish, from knitting to learning to belly dance, the Senior Center has something for everybody. Over 50 classes a week are offered. The Senior Center prides itself in its open and inclusive atmosphere and has developed a variety of programs and classes to meet the needs of Shoreline's diverse population of seniors.

New this year is a once a month Karaoke/Bingo night. It is a great opportunity to belt out some tunes while enjoying the company of friends over food, drink and a hard fought game of Bingo!



Artwork at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

Natural Environment

Shoreline residents are passionate about the environment and are interested in preserving our open spaces. Residents showed their commitment through passage of the parks bond levy in 2006. The City shares residents' passion and commitment and has partnered with an organization to help provide educational opportunities and outreach about the natural world around us.

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation

"As residents of our community, the Board members of the Kruckeberg Foundation attempt to focus primarily on educational programs -- from our Garden Tots weekly summer exploration program to our docent-led tours for senior citizens."

KBG Foundation board member

As part of the parks bond measure approved by Shoreline voters in 2006, the City purchased the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, located in the Richmond Beach neighborhood, for use as a public garden. As part of the purchase agreement, the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden (KBG) Foundation agreed to maintain the Garden, including the MsK Rare and Native Plant Nursery located on the grounds, and provide educational outreach to the community.

The Garden, lovingly created over several decades by Arthur and Mareen Kruckeberg, houses over 2,000 different species of plants. Most are native to the Pacific Northwest, but some are unusual species from around the world. Through the botanical expertise of its members, the Foundation is dedicated to the maintenance, curation and enhancement of the Garden. Through volunteers and paid staff, the Foundation offers the Shoreline community tours, educational opportunities and children's programs.

The Garden is a real community treasure and the Foundation's work is instrumental to the Garden's success and continued survival as a garden and horticultural learning center.

Public Safety

One of the most important jobs for a city is helping residents during a disaster. Two volunteer organizations provide the City with invaluable support during emergencies. A third group of volunteers is essential to public safety in Shoreline on a daily basis.



Auxiliary Communication Service volunteers with the ACS communications van

Shoreline Auxiliary Communications Service

Communication is vital during any emergency and the Shoreline Auxiliary Communication Service (ACS) plays a very important role in ensuring the City is able to communicate both internally and with outside entities. Formed in 1995, ACS supports the Shoreline's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the Shoreline Police Department and the Shoreline Fire Department.

Comprised of 35 volunteer amateur radio operators, the Shoreline ACS staffs the radio in the EOC and is stationed out in the field to help relay information to emergency personnel and City staff when normal communication channels are down or severely compromised. ACS team members train throughout the year to provide aid in an emergency.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

In the event of a community-wide emergency, it is possible that emergency personnel will be unable to reach your neighborhood or workplace for several hours or even days. The City and the Shoreline Fire Department jointly offer Community



CERT training exercise

Emergency Response Team (CERT) advanced education for individuals interested in preparing and helping their neighbors during an emergency.

Training focuses on disaster preparedness for specific hazards that may impact Shoreline and includes fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. In an emergency, these trained individuals can assist people in their neighborhood or workplace following an emergency when professional responders are not available.

In addition to the baseline training, CERT members are given the opportunity for additional ongoing training and can be called upon to support the City's efforts during an emergency with activities like shelter operations, sandbagging, distribution of public information and support of the Emergency Operations Center.

Police Storefront Volunteers

As part of the City's Community Oriented Policing efforts, the Shoreline Police Department has established two neighborhood Police storefronts. One is located in the Hillwood neighborhood and the other in the Ridgecrest neighborhood. Vital to the success of the storefronts are Shoreline's Police volunteers.



Police Storefront Volunteer

A commissioned officer is stationed at each storefront, but the Police volunteers are the storefronts' foundation. Some of the services provided by the volunteers include victim follow-up calls, court reminder calls, false alarm tracking and citations, vacation house checks and residential and business crime prevention surveys. Volunteers also create newsletters and neighborhood flyers, handle incoming calls, answer questions and direct residents to resources.

Police volunteers are local citizens interested in community oriented policing in their own neighborhoods. Shoreline Police Volunteers donate over 500 hours each month and are an essential part of the City's public safety efforts.

Quality of Life Partners are essential to maintaining a strong and vibrant community

As you can see, there are a number of different organizations that help stretch Shoreline taxpayer money to provide much needed services to our residents. Our Quality of Life Partners truly make a difference and improve the lives of all Shoreline residents. We encourage you to learn more about these organizations by calling them or visiting their websites.

Human Services

Center for Human Services

www.chs-nw.org
(206) 362-7282

Hopelink Shoreline Center

www.hope-link.org
(425) 869-6000

New Beginnings

www.newbegin.org
(206) 783-4520

Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center

www.shorelinefelseniorcenter.org
(206) 448-5757

Cultural Services

Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council

www.shorelinearts.net
(206) 417-4645

Shoreline Historical Museum

www.shorelinehistoricalmuseum.org
(206) 542-7111

Recreation and Neighborhood Programs

Dale Turner Family YMCA

www.seattleyymca.org
(206) 363-0446

Council of Neighborhoods

www.shorelinewa.gov
(206) 801-2700

Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center

www.shorelinefelseniorcenter.org
(206) 448-5757

Natural Environment

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation

www.kruckeberg.org
(206) 546-1281

Public Safety

Shoreline Auxiliary Communications Service

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

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

Westside Police Neighborhood Center
Officer Leona Obstler
624 NW Richmond Beach Road
Shoreline, WA 98177
(206) 546-3636

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- Arts Council (206) 417-4645
- CleanScapes (206) 763-4444
- Comcast (877) 824-2288
- Historical Museum (206) 542-7111
- KC District Court (206) 205-9200
- KC Libraries
- Richmond Beach Shoreline (206) 546-3522
- Puget Sound Energy (206) 362-7550
- Qwest (888) 225-5773
- Ronald Wastewater (800) 244-1111
- School District (206) 546-2494
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- Seattle Public Utilities (206) 625-3000
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- Shoreline Center (206) 365-1536
- Shoreline Fire (206) 368-4122
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