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Shoreline in Money's top 100 best small American cities

After regularly being featured in local magazines over the years, the City of Shoreline is now recognized nationally as a great place to live. In *Money Magazine's* Best Places to Live 2010® list of small American cities, Shoreline is one of two cities in Washington to make the list.

The list debuted on *Money's* website on July 12 and included a short write-up on each of the 100 cities.

What *Money Magazine* said about Shoreline: "This relatively new town outside Seattle offers gorgeous views from sandy beaches of the Puget Sound and countless parks for its residents to roam through."

The top 10 cities – including Bellevue – had more extensive online stories and are featured in the August issue of *Money Magazine*.

Cities were ranked by a long list of quantitative data that helps gauge quality of life such as housing prices, median incomes, crime rates, schools and the fiscal responsibility of the city government.

The data is available at Money.CNN.com and visitors can compare cities under categories such as Financial, Quality of Life and Housing. Under Quality of Life, for example, there are statistics on crime, air quality and commute times.

Over the years Shoreline has regularly been featured in the top 10 of *Seattle* magazine's Best Neighborhoods list, ranking number one in 2005 and 2008. Earlier this year *Seattle Met* magazine also recognized Shoreline and one of its neighborhoods, Richmond Beach, as two of its list of 15 "must-live" neighborhoods.



Shoreline City Council votes to place levy lid lift proposition on November 2 ballot

At its July 26 meeting, the Shoreline City Council adopted a resolution placing Proposition 1, a maintenance and operations levy to maintain basic public safety, parks and recreation, and community services, on the November 2, 2010, general election ballot.

If approved by Shoreline voters, the levy will maintain current police/emergency protection including neighborhood patrols and crime prevention; preserve safe parks, trails, playgrounds/playfields and the Shoreline pool; and maintain community services including Shoreline's Senior Center and youth programs.

"Our residents tell us they like the quality of life that has been created in Shoreline and that the City should continue to provide these basic services," says City of Shoreline Mayor Keith McGlashan. "This ballot measure will give Shoreline voters an opportunity to determine the level of investment they want to continue in their community."

The levy would restore the City's property tax rate to \$1.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2011. It will also

City of Shoreline Property Tax Rate Per \$1,000 Valuation 2000-2010



limit the annual increase for property tax levies in 2012 through 2016 to an amount not to exceed the Seattle Consumer Price Index measure of inflation and will use the 2016 levy as the base for future levies.

In 2001 Washington voters approved an initiative that limits most jurisdictions to an increase in property tax revenue to 1% or less per year, unless a higher rate is authorized by a vote of the people. Through conservative fiscal policies, increased efficiencies, budget reductions, hiring freezes, savings and some new revenues, Shoreline has not had to ask its voters to approve a higher rate for the last 10 years. As a result of the 1% limit the City's property tax rate has decreased from \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2000 to \$1.12 in 2010 (see the tax rate chart above).

As with many other Washington jurisdictions, however, the 1% cap on annual property tax increases is catching up with the City's ability to maintain essential services. The City is now at a point where it needs to either cut basic services and programs or increase revenues. Property tax revenues, which are the City's largest source of revenues,

simply are not keeping pace with the increased costs needed to maintain basic services. Since 2000, inflation has increased by 27% while the City's property tax levy, excluding new construction, has increased by just over 9%. The cost of some essential items, such as police, jail services, asphalt and gasoline are increasing at rates much higher than inflation.

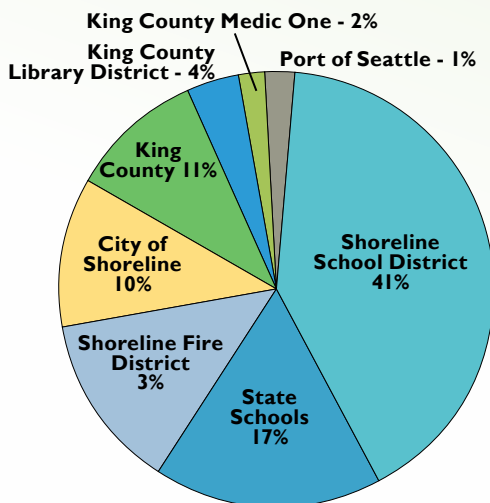
In May 2009 a Council-appointed citizen committee recommended that the City Council should consider placing a levy on the ballot in 2010 or later to provide funding to maintain services that have contributed to the quality of life Shoreline residents enjoy and expect.

This committee spent 18 months studying City financial information and challenges, and sought input from the public in formulating their final recommendations.

If approved, Proposition 1 will cost the average homeowner about \$7.60 per month (\$91 annually) starting in 2011, with an average over the six-year period of \$9.25 (\$111 annually).

To learn more about the City's financial challenges, go to shorelinewa.gov.

How much of your property tax dollars go to the City of Shoreline





Cromwell Park Ribbon Cutting August 30

Come celebrate the park opening and check out the features of the newly renovated Cromwell Park at a dedication ceremony and free concert on Monday, Aug. 30, at 6:00 p.m.

Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Avenue N, boasts one of the most dramatic visual changes of all the recently completed Shoreline park improvement projects, going from a completely flat, featureless lot to a sculpted natural showpiece.

Additions to the park include a new stage and grass amphitheatre, stormwater detention area with a bridge crossing, baseball and soccer fields, basketball court, play area and

swings. Other improvements include paved pathways, benches and picnic tables, open lawn and landscape beds, and storm water and wetland areas planted with native vegetation.

The 1% for the Arts Program public art piece, *Raintree* by Kristin Tollefson, was installed in the center of Cromwell Park in the storm water detention area. According to the artist, *Raintree* honors the setting and history of the site and takes its inspiration from the storm water and bog characteristics of the environment, while addressing rain as the source of the water.

Raintree is fabricated out of metal

highlighted with blue glass beads – durable materials that will respond to many kinds of ambient light.

In May 2006, Shoreline voters approved a bond issue to acquire park property and improve parks throughout the community, including Cromwell Park. The City also wanted to improve water quality and detention in the headwaters of the Thornton Creek Basin, which begins upstream of Cromwell Park.

The Cromwell Park Project was jointly funded by the Park Bond and Shoreline's Surface Water Utility to create much-needed recreational and storm water improvements.

City contracts with County's new Regional Animal Services Owners must license pets or face fines beginning October 1

The City of Shoreline recently signed a new contract with King County to continue to provide animal control, sheltering and licensing services through 2012 under King County's new Regional Animal Services model.

Shoreline's animal shelter for dogs and cats is now the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) in Lynnwood. Residents should continue to use the County's Kent Animal Shelter for animals other than dogs and cats; that is where these other animals picked up in Shoreline will be taken.

All dogs and cats over eight weeks old must be licensed. Discounts are available for disabled and senior residents, as well as for those with juvenile pets up to six months old. Shoreline has instituted a no-tolerance fine for unlicensed pets under the new model; fines range from \$125 for a spayed or neutered pet to \$250 for an unaltered pet.

Pet licenses for spayed or neutered animals will remain \$30; licenses for unaltered pets have been reduced to \$60 (previously \$90). As part of the transition to the new

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King County Animal Services at
(206) 296-PETS (7387)
www.kingcounty.gov/pets

PAWS at (425) 787-2500
www.paws.org

model, residents will have an amnesty period until October 1 to purchase a license without facing a fine. Residents may purchase pet licenses online at www.kingcounty.gov/pets, or in person at over 100 locations in King County listed on the website, including four in Shoreline: City Hall, the Neighborhood Police Centers and the QFC on Richmond Beach Road.

School District phone number change

All Shoreline School District phone numbers now begin with a 393 prefix. The final four numbers of existing phone numbers remain the same.

AURORA CORRIDOR

N 165th to 185th Streets

Stage I complete, construction moves to west side of street

Construction is right on schedule for the Aurora Corridor Project, N 165th to N 185th Streets. Marshbank Construction finished major construction activities on the east side of Aurora in July and has shifted traffic east to begin construction on the west side of Aurora and nearby side streets.

The east side of the street now features street light poles, utility vaults, underground utility infrastructure, a paved roadway up to N 185th Street and curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveways. Landscaping will be completed at the end of the project.

Construction on the west side of Aurora will be similar to the work

done on the east side. Major construction on the west side of Aurora's second mile is expected to be complete in winter 2010. Following this work, construction will begin on center medians and Seattle City Light and the telecommunications teams will install their wires in the underground system and remove the overhead lines. Overall construction will be complete in early summer 2011 weather permitting.

More Info: Click on the Aurora button at www.shorelinewa.gov

Contact Us: 24-hour project hotline (206) 801-2485, aurora@shorelinewa.gov



The new light poles are now installed along the east side of Aurora between N 165th and N 185th Streets.

SHOP SHORELINE: Please support your Aurora businesses during construction!

Shoreline's last mile of Aurora heads to construction

While construction is under way to complete the second mile of the Aurora Corridor Project, N 165th to N 185th Streets, the City's consultant, HDR Engineering, is completing design plans for part of the third mile from N 185th to N 192nd Streets. Construction is expected to begin on this segment in the fall pending ongoing right-of-way acquisition.

During the next several months, HDR will continue the N 192nd to N 205th Streets segment design by working toward the 60% completion milestone. During this design work, City staff will begin outreach to the businesses and residents along this

section of Aurora to discuss the design and provide information about the right-of-way acquisition process.

To be competitive in seeking outside funding, the last mile of Aurora is split into two separate projects: N 185th to N 192nd Streets and N 192nd to N 205th Streets. The N 192nd to N 205th Streets segment of Aurora is

not fully funded and staff continues to seek additional funds to complete it. If funding is secured, construction could begin in 2012.

For more information about the third mile of the Aurora Corridor Project, contact Capital Projects Manager John Vicente at (206) 801-2474, jvicente@shorelinewa.gov.

VOTE!

King County's primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 17. To be eligible to vote, you must be 18 years old by the date of the election, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Washington for 30 days prior to the election. For more information about voter registration and elections, call (206) 296-VOTE (8683) or visit www.kingcounty.gov/elections.



Overlay underway

Shoreline's annual pavement overlay program began this month and will continue through the end of August.

Each year, the City identifies worn or problem streets using a pavement rating system. Watson Paving has been contracted through King County to pave approximately 1.19 miles of Shoreline streets.

The following streets will be completed this month:

- N 200th Street from Ashworth to Meridian;
- NE 150th Street from 15th Avenue NE to 25th Avenue NE; and
- 15th Avenue NE from NE 145th to NE 148th Streets.

Residents living in the areas designated for overlay have been notified by the City and will be updated as the project continues. For more information, contact the Customer Response Team (CRT) at (206) 801-2700.

WE NEED YOU!

Veterans' Day Celebration Planning

Several local veterans are recruiting others interested in creating an ongoing Veterans Day event with the City. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Dwight Stevens at (206) 546-2894 or Frank Moll at fhpmoll@hotmail.com.

Details opens at City Hall Gallery

Meet the Artists Opening Reception

Monday, Aug. 9, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Lobby

"Details" is the newest exhibit featured at the Shoreline City Hall Gallery. The exhibit, presented by The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council and the City of Shoreline, focuses on microviews of the environment and human introspection.

Artists include Gudrun Bayerlein, black and white photography; Janice Maple and Jan Primous, acrylic paintings; and Shoreline artists Judith Heim, mixed media, and Laura Brodax, silk-screened photo tiles. Heim's constructions incorporate original window screens from her 1890 Richmond Beach home, and Brodax's photos were taken in woodland areas of the City.

The exhibit runs from August 4 through September 30. Artwork may be viewed anytime during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except holidays.

For more information contact Shoreline Public Art Coordinator Ros Bird at (206) 801-2661, rbird@shorelinewa.gov, or the Arts Council at (206) 417-4645, shorelinearts.net, info@shorelinearts.net.



Clockwise, from top left: *Trees*, silk-screened photo tile by Laura Brodax; *White Magnolia*, photograph by Gudrun Bayerlein; *Maple*, acrylic painting by Janice Maple; and *My mother never owned a dryer*, mixed media by Judith Heim.



Summer means greater exposure to mosquitoes, risk for West Nile Virus

Summer is mosquito and West Nile Virus (WNV) season. WNV is a mosquito-borne virus which can be spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes can become infected with the virus by biting a virus-infected bird or other animal. WNV can cause West Nile fever, encephalitis and meningitis.

There are several things you can do to reduce your risk of exposure. For example, be sure to wear insect repellent when outdoors, eliminate standing water around the house and repair holes in your window screens.

WNV can be a risk anytime mosquitoes are present but typically September and October have been

the most active months for WNV in Western Washington. In 2009, 38 humans (one death reported), 67 horses and 22 birds tested positive for WNV in Washington State. In Western Washington specifically, six dead birds tested positive for WNV. So far in 2010, three groups of mosquitoes have tested positive for WNV in Grant and Yakima Counties. Mosquitoes and birds are typically affected before humans and monitoring helps the state to determine when and if WNV is present in the area.

For more information in WNV or to report a dead bird in your neighborhood, contact Seattle-King County Public Health's West Nile hotline at (206) 205-3883 or search for "West

Nile Virus at kingcounty.gov. For concerns about mosquitoes in your area contact the Customer Response Team at (206) 801-2700.

Protect your home from summer burglaries

You may be tempted to leave windows and doors open during the warm summer months, but Shoreline Police encourage you to lock your doors and windows and keep your garage door closed to keep burglars away. Burglaries are most common during summer when many people are away on vacation or leave doors open to cool their homes.

Follow these safety tips to keep your home safe:

- Use automatic timers for interior lights not only when you are away on an extended vacation but also when you are away for a short time.
- Give a key to a neighbor or friend and ask them to change the position of your curtains or blinds so it appears that someone is home.
- Stop delivery of newspapers and mail while you are away.
- Use photo electric cells to automatically turn on exterior lights.

For more crime prevention tips, including the Vacation House Check Program and a Home Security Checklist, go to www.shorelinewa.gov and click on Police under Departments.

Task force discusses preserving open space at Aldercrest Annex site

The City is organizing a task force to explore options for preserving open space at the Aldercrest Annex site while still allowing the School District to sell or lease a portion of the property.

In 2008, the Shoreline School Board voted to surplus the Aldercrest Annex site at 2545 NE 200th Street in the Ballinger neighborhood. Residents have used the site's open space for sporting and leisure activities and wish to continue

to do so in the future. The School District wants to sell the property and use the proceeds to create an endowment for Shoreline schools.

The task force will include representatives from the School Board, the City Council, the Ballinger Neighborhood Association and the Friends of Aldercrest citizen committee. The group is expected to complete its work by the end of the summer and make recommendations to the School Board and City Council for moving forward.

For more information, contact City Manager's Office Management Analyst Eric Bratton at (206) 801-2217, ebratton@shorelinewa.gov.





Aurora Interurban Trail Bridge

Celebrating Shoreline's 15th Anniversary with a recap of capital investments since 1995

As Shoreline celebrates its 15th Anniversary as a city this year, now is a great time to reflect on all that the community has accomplished since taking the reins of local government.

Residents incorporated Shoreline as a city so they could receive better, even exceptional, services for their tax dollars. The City of Shoreline has worked hard to meet residents' expectations since that time, and Shoreline families, neighborhoods and businesses have much of which to be proud.

In fact, in the last citizen satisfaction survey, 93% of residents said that Shoreline is a great place to live.

The residents of Shoreline deserve credit for making the decision to become a City. The positive impacts of residents incorporating Shoreline as a City and investing tax dollars locally can be seen through the various capital investments that have been made over the last 15 years.

Aurora Corridor Project

Soon after incorporation, the community began planning what is and continues to be Shoreline's most important capital investment: the Aurora Corridor Project. In improving the three miles of Aurora Avenue N (SR-99) through Shoreline, the community envisioned a safer and more attractive boulevard that showcases Shoreline's primary commercial area.

The first mile of the project is complete, the second mile is under construction and the portion of the final mile to N 192nd Street will begin construction later this summer. The City continues to seek funding for the last section of the third and final mile. Shoreline has been very successful in obtaining outside funding for the Aurora Corridor Project; City money will only account for

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Aurora Avenue N at N 152nd Street before (above) and after the first mile of the project was completed.



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about 12% of the total price tag of approximately \$120 million for all three miles. This illustrates how the City is able to leverage relatively limited local tax dollars towards significant capital projects that benefit not only the entire Shoreline community but the region as well.

Interurban Trail

This three-mile paved trail for non-motorized transportation such as pedestrians and bicycles runs through the heart of Shoreline and is part of a Seattle-to-Everett corridor. Besides trailheads, rest stops, interpretive historical and natural features, public art and directional signs, Shoreline's Interurban Trail boasts two iconic, landmark bridges over large arterials – Aurora and N 155th Street – to keep trail users safely away from major traffic. Similar to the Aurora Corridor Project, much of the project cost – 84% – was funded by grants from outside agencies.

North City Project

The North City Project (photo below) included pedestrian safety improvements along the entire 15th Avenue NE corridor and enhancements to revitalize the shopping district near the intersection at NE 175th Street. Improvements included

converting 15th Avenue NE from four to three lanes and adding or improving sidewalks, landscaping, street lights, benches, new signal poles and underground utilities.

Sidewalks and Pedestrian/Trail Improvements

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. One of the City's priorities has been to connect major destinations such as schools, parks, bus routes and commercial centers with sidewalks.

The City is slowly making its way down the long list of sidewalk needs. To construct the entire list of projects identified in the Transportation Master Plan would cost an estimated \$67 million. Below are just some of the sidewalks or pathways that the City has installed so far:

- 25th Avenue NE from NE 150th to NE 168th Streets near South Woods, connecting to Shorecrest High School, Kellogg Middle School and Shoreline Christian School.
- 10th Avenue NE from NE 167th to NE 170th Streets connecting to Ridgecrest Elementary School.
- Ashworth Avenue N from N 185th to N 192nd Streets.
- N 192nd Street and the Interurban Trail to Ashworth Avenue N connecting to Echo Lake Elementary School.
- Fremont Avenue N, between N 165th and N 170th Streets, in front of the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, connecting to Shorewood High School.
- 3rd Avenue NW from NW Richmond Beach Road to NW 193rd Court connecting Einstein Middle

School and Hillwood Park.

- 8th Avenue NW from NW Richmond Beach Road to NW 180th and NW 195th Streets.
- Dayton Avenue N from Carlyle Hall Road to N 172nd Street near St. Luke's School (constructed as part of the Dayton Wall replacement project).
- Fremont Trail Project off N 160th Street.

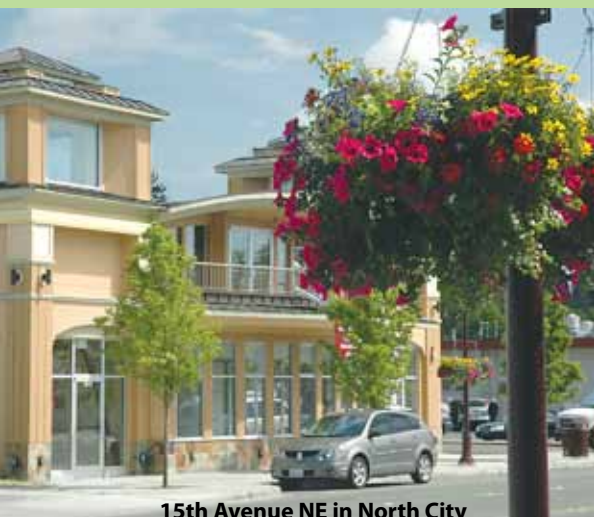
Acquisition of Open Space

One of Shoreline's strongest values is to preserve open space for future generations. Of the \$18.5 million 2006 Park Bond Levy, \$10.2 million (55%) was used to acquire some of the City's remaining gems of open space.

South Woods

South Woods is 15.6 acres of low-land forest. The City improved access by adding sidewalks along NE 150th Street and 25th Avenue NE.

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15th Avenue NE in North City

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Hamlin Park SPU Acquisition

The property is now officially part of Hamlin Park making it 80 acres.

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

This four-acre site is home to a collection of rare and native plants protected by a conservation easement. The City purchased the property and works with the non-profit Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation to maintain and operate the Garden.

Various Citywide Park and Recreation Improvements

Across the City various improvements have enhanced recreational experiences. Some of these include:

Paramount School Park and Skate Park

Through a partnership with the Shoreline School District, the City built park improvements on a former school site owned by the School District. The project included upgrading athletic fields with new backstops and benches, paving the gravel parking lot, rebuilding the paths to improve handicap access, and building a larger play area, new restrooms and new picnic facilities. The premiere feature is the skate facility, which continues to be popular with youth.

Shoreview Park

Improvements included a new Little League field, two new restroom

facilities, new play areas, parking, pathways and stairs, a picnic plaza, bus and passenger drop off areas, landscaping, habitat restoration, frontage improvements, irrigation and improved drainage.

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

Funded through the voter-approved Park Bond Levy, this project included significant improvements to the park entrance, entry sign, road, pedestrian sidewalks, stairs, trails and slope stability. The park now boasts a new beach wash-down area, an overlook parking area, a terrace activity area, picnic area and gathering space, interpretive educational signs and public art pieces.

Spartan and Richmond Highlands Recreation Centers

The Spartan Recreation Center, once a barely-used Shoreline School District gym, gained new life through a partnership with the District to reopen it as a community recreation center. The Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, which primarily serves as a hangout for the Teen Program and for Specialized Recreation, was renovated in 2001.

Synthetic Field Turf at Shoreline Fields A and B and Twin Ponds Park

Improvements included installa-

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Boeing Creek Park before



Boeing Creek Park after



Saltwater Park Picnic Terrace before



Saltwater Park Picnic Terrace after

Background photo taken at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden.

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tion of synthetic turf to replace the sandy fields, which enhanced safety, drainage and surface water quality as well as lowered maintenance costs.

Shoreline Center Tennis Courts

The City installed new lights, nets, upright poles and perimeter fencing, greatly expanding the use of this facility.

Baseball/Softball Field Improvements

One element of the 2006 Park Bond was to make field improvements including backstop, dugout, scoreboard and restroom repairs and improvements at a variety of parks including Richmond Highlands, Ridgecrest, Hillwood and Shoreview.

Two Off-Leash Dog Areas

Two new dog parks were developed at Shoreview and Richmond Beach Saltwater Parks. The 2.5-acre fenced Shoreview site includes dog waste stations, signage and a portable restroom. The 1.2-acre site at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, which is for seasonal use only, includes 300 feet of beach and water access.

Hamlin Park Improvements

Funded by the 2006 Park Bond, Hamlin's 13-acre activity area near the 15th Avenue NE entrance received two new baseball fields, enhanced field lighting, new backstops and spectator seating. It also has new pathways, a picnic shelter,

playground equipment, public art, handicapped-accessible loop trail and erosion control measures.

Kayu Kayu Ac Park Improvements

The City has a 50-year recreation easement on this 2.3-acre parcel of land from King County as mitigation for impacts from the Brightwater Sewage Treatment Project. The County provided funding to create this new City park in the Richmond Beach neighborhood as mitigation for the Brightwater Project.

Surface Water Projects

Cromwell Park and Surface Water Enhancement Projects

Improvements at Cromwell Park are complete. The renovated park includes an amphitheater and stage area plus a new basketball court, wetland areas, play equipment and irrigated field. A stormwater detention and water quality treatment area, which is integrated into the park, serves a dual function: it adds capacity to help address flooding at Ronald Bog and restores the area to a more natural landscape. Other additions include new walking paths and trails, landscaping, public art, picnic facilities, benches, drinking fountains and restrooms.

Boeing Creek Park and Stormwater Improvement Projects

To reduce construction impacts and costs to taxpayers, the City and King County coordinated three projects in Boeing Creek Park: 1. Stormwater facility improvements that were the second phase of Shoreline's 3rd Avenue NW Drainage Improvement Project; 2. Installation of an underground wastewater storage pipe as part of King County's Hidden Lake Sewer Improvement Project; and 3. Park improvements as part of both projects including new parking, sidewalk, ADA access, benches, picnic tables, fences, drinking fountains, bike racks, trail improvements and native plantings.

Not only does the new stormwater facility increase capacity by 63% it blends into the natural park setting, provides wildlife habitat and filters pollutants from rain that washes off buildings, driveways and streets.

Ronald Bog Drainage Improvements

Ronald Bog is a visible part of the Thornton Creek Watershed, which runs through Shoreline and Seattle into Lake Washington at Matthews Beach. Flooding problems in Shoreline's area of the watershed – which affect 15 to 20 homes – are caused primarily by inadequate and out-of-date storm water control systems. The City has built several short-term improvements to provide immediate relief from flooding, including:

- Cleared debris and
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Viewing platform at
Kayu Kayu Ac Park

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roots from the storm drainage pipes in two locations: south of Ronald Bog and the vicinity of 10th Avenue NE at NE 175th Street.

- Created a temporary berm of eco-blocks at the outlet of Ronald Bog to provide winter flood protection.
- Repaired/replaced pipes in two locations: NE 175th Street between 10th and 12th Avenues NE and north on 10th Avenue NE from NE 175th Street to NE 177th Place; and NE Serpentine Place from 5th Avenue NE west to NE 175th Street.

3rd Avenue Drainage Improvements

When the City incorporated in 1995, it inherited a deteriorating and poorly designed drainage system that led to flooding spots throughout the City. The 3rd Avenue Drainage Improvement Project addressed flooding that had been happening for over 20 years during even moderate rain storms to homes and streets in the area between 3rd Avenue NW and 6th Avenue NW and Richmond Beach Road and N 180th Street. This project also added sidewalks and landscaping along 3rd Avenue NW and improved the quality of storm water flowing into Boeing Creek.

East Boeing Creek Drainage Improvements

This is a combination of two existing projects: the Midvale Avenue N Drainage Project and Darnell Park Neighborhood Drainage Project. The undersize pipe and lack of detention contributed to local flooding near Midvale Avenue N and Darnell Park, and erosive flows in Shoreview Park. The project helped to reduce flooding, provide additional detention and enhance water quality.



Shoreline City Hall courtyard

City Hall/Civic Center

As a new City, Shoreline leased office space in two adjacent buildings and held Council meetings a mile away at another facility. Knowing that leasing wasn't financially sensible for the long-term nor was the space convenient for residents to obtain City services, early City Councils began a tradition of saving for a

City Hall. 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 were needed to fund it 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.

Besides celebrating Shoreline's 15th anniversary as a city, residents can celebrate the significant capital improvements made throughout the City. Constructing projects that meet expectations and that are planned in a way that align with the community's values, especially public involvement, are what make Shoreline a great place to live. Ensuring that every dollar of taxpayer's money is wisely invested has made Shoreline one of best communities in the Seattle region.

Shoreline's Healthy Fiscal Condition

The City has always maintained a strong fiscal condition. Listed below are examples that illustrate Shoreline's commitment to sound financial planning:

- Clean audits for the last nine years
- AA+ Bond Rating
- Standard and Poor's Financial Management Assessment Rating of Strong
- Reserves to address unanticipated needs:
- Revenue Stabilization Fund ("rainy day" fund)
- Cash flow and budget contingency reserve
- Equipment replacement reserves

Council adopts Point Wells Subarea Plan

Property owner hosts September open house

The City of Shoreline has been keeping an eye on development plans for the 100-acre Point Wells site for several years. Point Wells is a former petroleum and asphalt plant in an island of unincorporated land in southwest Snohomish County. It is only accessible through the Richmond Beach neighborhood of Shoreline.

In spring 2009, Snohomish County processed a request from Paramount Northwest, Inc., owner of the petroleum and asphalt plant at Point Wells, to designate the waterfront parcel as an Urban Center, allowing up to 3,500 residential units and 80,000 square feet of commercial uses.

During the preparation of Snohomish County's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and hearings for its Urban Center Plan designation, Shoreline commented extensively before the County's Planning Commission and County Council. Numerous letters and testimony from the Shoreline City Council and staff pointed out the flaws in the County's EIS, particularly an underestimation of the likely impacts on Shoreline's roads and parks. Because sole access to the site is through Shoreline, any project at Point Wells will place demand for urban services on the Shoreline Fire and Police Departments.

Despite these objections, the Snohomish County Council approved the Point Wells Urban Center Plan designation in August of last year. This prompted Shoreline, the Town of Woodway and the group Save Richmond Beach to appeal the action to the State Growth Management



Point Wells Community Open House

Hosted by Paramount Northwest
Thursday, Sept. 23, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Shoreline Room, Shoreline Center
18560 1st Avenue NE

Hearings Board. That appeal is still pending.

Last fall, Shoreline prepared and held public hearings on its own Land Use Plan for Point Wells, which was adopted by Council in April. The City's Point Wells Subarea Plan describes a mixed-use waterfront community with a public park and public access trail along the Sound but on a much smaller scale than the County's Urban Center designation. The City's Subarea Plan also proposes a cap on the maximum number of vehicle trips coming out of Point Wells to limit impacts. Because all of the access and public safety, water and sewer services would most likely be via Shoreline, the Subarea Plan identifies Point Wells as the City's proposed Future Service and Annexation Area.

Meanwhile, the County held public hearings on proposed Urban Center Zoning to implement its Urban Center Plan designation for Point Wells. Shoreline, Woodway and Save Richmond Beach coordinated their comments and objections to the County Council, pointing out that the underlying Urban Center Plan designation was still under appeal and unresolved. While still maintaining the original objections to the Urban Center designation, Shoreline and Woodway argued that any County zoning should give the two communities some role in determining the ultimate size, configuration and design details of development at Point Wells.

When Snohomish County adopted the Urban Center Zoning in May 2009, it responded to these concerns by adding language that invites interested cities to propose development agreements with a property owner/developer and interlocal agreements with the County. While the County zoning text does not obligate Paramount to sign a proposed development agreement or obligate the county to agree to a proposed interlocal agreement the City has been working in good faith to craft such agreements as a way to address Shoreline's concerns and possibly settle the current and pending litigation.

Paramount Northwest recently announced the transfer of property ownership to Blue Square Real Estate (BSRE), a corporate arm of the parent company. BSRE is hosting community open houses to give residents an

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Construction continues on Richmond Beach Overcrossing Bridge

Construction is moving forward on the Richmond Beach Bridge Replacement Project across 27th Avenue NW. The project will replace the aging timber bridge with a new, safer structure with increased load limits and seismic upgrades that should last 80 years or more. A one-lane temporary detour bridge is now open, controlled by a traffic signal.

The City Council awarded the construction contract to C.A. Carey

in January. In February, the contractor began work on design submittals and to mobilize and prepare the site for construction which began in May.

The timber bridge built in 1955 is being removed, and construction of the east and west bridge piers for the permanent structure is under way and will continue through September. Construction is expected to continue into early 2011.

Here's what to expect this summer and fall:

- Complete removal of the existing bridge in early August.

- Noise and vibration related to the installation and removal of sheet piles for the bridge piers beginning mid-August thru mid-October.
- A section of Richmond Beach Drive between NW 195th Place and NW 196th Street is closed to thru traffic during construction.
- *Please note:* The at-grade construction access road across the tracks south of the bridge project is for contractor use only. This access is closed to public use.

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

Did you know?

Unwanted medicines that are flushed down toilets or thrown into the trash may end up in our surface and ground waters, impacting aquatic organisms and the environment. A new state medicine return program allows residents to safely dispose of unwanted medications at Bartell Drugs or Group Health Pharmacies to help keep our communities safe and our waterways clean. For more information, go to www.medicinereturn.com or call the City's Customer Response Team (CRT) at (206) 801-2700.

15th Avenue NE traffic signal improves safety

A new signal at 15th Avenue NE and NE 170th Street is nearly complete. Over the next several months, traffic will be monitored at this location and the signal timing adjusted as necessary to provide the most efficient movement along the 15th Avenue NE corridor. The new signal will provide enhanced safety for both pedestrians and vehicles. New sidewalks and ADA curb ramps will be added at all four corners. The project is partially funded by a State Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program grant.

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opportunity to meet their development team of architects, engineers and environmental experts. The first open house was July 27 at the Edmonds Conference Center and the second event is September 23 (see details on page 12).

To view Shoreline's Point Wells Subarea Plan, click on the project page under Quick Links at www.shorelinewa.gov. For more information, contact Shoreline Planning and Development Services Director Joe Tovar at (206) 801-2501, jtovar@shorelinewa.gov.

August Events

For information about or to register for the programs below, visit www.shorelinewa.gov/parks or call (206) 801-2600.

Final Free Summer Concerts

Tuesday, Aug. 10, Noon

The Not-Its, fun music for kids

Hamlin Park, 16006 15th Avenue NE
This performance is part of the Lunch Time Music Series, sponsored by the City of Shoreline.

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 7:00 p.m.

Ochestra Nueva Era, Latin percussion

Richmond Beach Community Park
2201 NW 197th Street
This performance is part of the Concerts in the Park series, sponsored by the Shoreline LFP Arts Council (www.shorelinearts.net) and the City of Shoreline.

Tennis Classes

A wide variety of classes for ages 4 to 16 are held at Shoreline Park Tennis Courts, 19030 1st Avenue NE (next to Shoreline Pool).

Skyhawks Sports Camps

Skyhawks provide a large number of sports programs throughout the summer. In August, children can participate in Soccer, Cheerleading, Mini Hawks (4-7 years), Basketball, Volleyball and Flag football. Camps vary in price depending on hourly, half-day or full-day programs. Camps include a t-shirt.

Coastal Girls Camping Trip

August 16 and 17
Girls ages 12-18, free
Head to Ocean City to camp under the stars, fly kites and cook s'mores over the camp fire during this fun two-day, one-night camping trip for girls with all levels of camping experience. Don't let summer escape without an ocean camping experience.

Gamemaker: Design a Video Game

This class teaches the fundamentals of computer programming and video game design for ages 8 to 13. August 23-27, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration: \$300 for Shoreline residents; \$325 for non-residents. Taught by the Children's Technology Workshop Staff.

Swimming at Shoreline Pool

19030 1st Avenue NE
(206) 801-2650

- August Swim Lessons: Five-week sessions (10 lessons) and weekly sessions (five lessons) are available for all ages in the daytime, Saturdays and evenings.
- Lifeguard Training Classes: August 23-27 for ages 15 years and older.
- Family swims, lap swims and public swims available daily.

Back to School Fair

Saturday, Aug. 28, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
North City Elementary School
816 NE 190th Street

The annual Back to School Fair helps families with back to school clothing, school supplies and more. To qualify, families must have a student enrolled in the Shoreline School District for the 2010-2011 school year or a student living within the cities of Shoreline or Lake Forest Park. The deadline for registration is August 20.

Visit www.btsconsortium.org to register for the fair or to donate items.

City Council summer break

The City Council will be on summer break and not meeting August 16, 23 and 30.

Holiday closures

Shoreline City Hall, Shoreline Pool and Spartan Recreation Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, for Labor Day.

Changes Parent Support Network opens new chapter in Shoreline

Come learn more and help launch the Shoreline Chapter of CPSN at an Open House Thursday, Sept. 9, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Richmond Highlands Recreational Center, 16554 Fremont Avenue N.

Changes Parent Support Network (CPSN) is a support group for parents of acting-out adolescent and adult children. The group provides strength through the combined experiences and wisdom of parents sharing common problems and solutions and is especially helpful for parents dealing with substance abuse, violence, school failure and running away.

After the Open House, meetings will be held at the same time each Thursday. For more information, contact Ruth Herold at (206) 406-6739.

NOW PLAYING ONLINE>> Two new Shoreline videos

Learn more about the City of Shoreline Operational Services and Quality of Life Partners by watching Shoreline's two newest videos. Look for them on YouTube; the City's government access cable channels, Comcast channel 21 and Verizon channel 37; and online by selecting **About Shoreline** under the **Community** tab on the home page.



Celebrate Shoreline



August 17, 20, 21 & 22

Tuesday, Aug. 17

North City Jazz Walk

7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

in the North City Neighborhood

Friday, Aug. 20

Youth/Teen Skate Competition

12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Paramount Park, 15300 8th Avenue NE

Saturday, Aug. 21

Classic Car Show 10:00 a.m.

Ridgecrest Elementary

16516 10th Avenue NE

Festival 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ridgecrest Elementary

School parking lot

16516 10th Avenue NE

Parade 12:00 p.m.

runs south on 15th Avenue NE

between NE 180th and NE 165th Streets

Sunday, Aug. 22

Sandcastle Contest

12:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach

Saltwater Park

2021 NW 190th Street

For more information: (206) 801-2600 or www.shorelinewa.gov/parks



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Meeting Location
Shoreline City Hall, Council Chambers
Agenda Line: (206) 801-2236

Study Sessions: First and third Mondays 6:30 p.m.
Business Meetings: Second and 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) 801-2710

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
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Popular Numbers

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- 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
- Seattle City Light (206) 367-6111
- Seattle Public Utilities (206) 625-3000
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- Shoreline Center (206) 365-1536
- Shoreline Fire (206) 368-4122
- Shoreline Water (206) 533-6500
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- (800) 483-4100