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STATE OF THE CITY 2013



Keith A. McGlashan Mayor

On behalf of the Shoreline City Council Chris Eggen Deputy Mayor Will Hall Doris McConnell Chris Roberts Jesse Salomon Shari Winstead Dear Shoreline Community:

On June 6, many of the City's partners and residents participated in a State of the City breakfast* hosted by City Council. Our theme was On the Move to Vision 2029.

Shoreline is in a strong financial position and I believe our community receives great value for their property tax dollars. The median valued home pays approximately \$1.10 per day for a wide range of services such as police, parks and open space, roads and trails, concerts and events.

The Council has made strengthening Shoreline's economic base its number one goal. We are working to attract new businesses and to keep existing businesses in Shoreline. A strong economic position sustains the City, School District and Fire Department allowing for even better service delivery, stronger schools and enhanced public safety.

The Council believes Shoreline should be the place where investors and businesses choose to invest. Shoreline has diverse housing, abundant parks, and great schools, and by investing here we can reduce the negative environmental impacts that are caused by sprawl into forested and rural areas.

In moving toward Vision 2029, as a community we've made significant infrastructure investments in our parks, streets, and surface water system. We are consolidating utilities under the City to provide more efficient service and one-stop permitting. And one of the most progressive moves Council took was the formation of a Community Renewal Area for Aurora Square, which allows for public-private partnerships to revitalize the commercial center. In addition, we have started to work with community members to plan for Shoreline's two light rail stations that will open in 2023.

Over the last 18 years we have made quite a bit of progress, but there is still so much more to accomplish. With your continued support and partnership, we can create the kind of community pictured in Vision 2029. We're on the move!

Sincerely,

Kick G. M. Slunk

*Full video of the State of the City breakfast is available at shorelinewa.gov/stateofthecity.



LIGHT RAIL IS

Light rail service to Shoreline is scheduled to begin in 2023, but planning begins now.

Help shape the changes coming to our City by participating in one of the upcoming station area visioning workshops. Hosted by different community groups, the visioning workshops will provide the City with high-level conceptual guidance as it develops design workshops to be held this fall. Visioning provides people with an opportunity to identify features that they want preserved and describe new amenities they would like to see incorporated in Shoreline's station areas.

Also this summer, Sound Transit will be releasing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lynnwood Link light rail project. Once released, the public

How will people get to the station areas?

public comment. The Draft EIS comment period is a key opportunity to express concerns or identify issues regarding the project. Residents are encouraged to provide comments to Sound Transit.

How will the station areas transform over time?



MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/lightrail

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Sound Transit Draft EIS:

Senior Transportation Planner Alicia McIntire amcintire@shorelinewa.gov, (206) 801-2483

STATION AREA VISIONING WORKSHOPS

Thursday, Aug. 1 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. **Unitarian Universalist Church** 14724 1st Avenue NE

This visioning exercise will be hosted by the City and Parkwood and Ridgecrest Neighborhood Associations and focus on the NE 145th and NE 155th Street station areas.

Wednesday, Aug. 7 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Free dinner 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. - Workshop **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church** 14515 20th Avenue NE

Hosted by Senior Services and sponsored by the Equity Network, this workshop is geared towards individuals and families on limited incomes to share their ideas about station area planning.

Thursday, Aug. 22 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. **Shoreline/LFP Senior Center** 18560 1st Avenue NE

Hosted by the 185th Station-Area Citizens Committee (185SCC) and Futurewise, this visioning exercise will focus on the NE 185th Street station area.

Thursday, Sept. 19 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. **Shoreline City Hall** 17500 Midvale Avenue N

Hosted by the City, this final visioning event will collate comments from the previous visioning events and provide additional opportunity for input before moving on to design workshops later in the fall.

Shoreline is committed to community engagement

Shoreline's City Council sets goals every year to determine the priorities and action steps for the coming year. One of Council's long-standing goals is community engagement and enhanced openness.

The Council values an open, transparent, and responsive government. And the City believes that the best decisions are informed by the perspectives and talents of our residents. Community involvement is vital, and finding effective ways to engage all segments of our

community is key to shaping our future.

In addition to the City's regular channels of communication, including this newsletter and the website at shorelinewa.gov, we are continually looking for new ways to bring you information and to provide residents with a platform for engaging in the civic process.

To complement our Facebook and Twitter accounts, we're launching two new platforms to keep you notified, keep you safe, and to learn more from your insights.



Speak up Shoreline!

While there are many different ways for you to communicate with the City and for the City to communicate with you, we haven't had a good forum for residents to communicate with each other –until now. The City has rolled out a new online tool that will allow you to speak to us and each other about topics impacting Shoreline.

Right now you can provide your thoughts on light rail station area planning. As the planning process unfolds there will be opportunities to comment on different design examples and share with your neighbors your vision for light rail station areas in Shoreline.

Visit speakupshoreline.org and join the conversation. New discussion topics will be created from City projects and from your ideas.

Alert Shoreline

In the event of an emergency, such as an earthquake or police



activity in your neighborhood, you can soon receive vital public safety notifications via text, email or your home phone. The City will implement a new emergency mass notification system - and it will help you keep track of citywide happenings, too.

You can designate how you want to be informed, whether it's through your mobile phone, your email, or by landline. Should disaster strike, you'll receive key information on where to go and what to do to keep you and your family safe.

You will also be able to select from a range of community topics important to you. The new system will take the place of the City's current eNews system and will debut later this fall.







Social Media

Are you on Facebook? Do you tweet? If so, then be sure to like or follow the City to get the latest Shoreline news and information.

A recent example of how the City has used Facebook to alert residents of an upcoming event occurred on June 17. KING 5's Evening Magazine let us know that they wanted to produce a segment featuring the City's Million Stair Challenge at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park the following morning. We quickly posted to Facebook and Twitter letting people know that we needed climbers at the park the next morning. Residents answered the call and we had a great turnout! A link to the video is at shorelinewa.gov/millionstairchallenge.

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Greening Shoreline:Stormwater Low Impact Development Rebate Program



Rain Gardens and Conservation Landscaping

The City's Surface Water Utility (Utility) strives to improve water quality and reduce flows into the City's stormwater system. Beginning this summer, the Utility will offer rain garden and conservation landscaping rebates to eligible private and commercial properties to help residents install rain gardens and conservation landscaping to limit the amount of runoff from their property.

Rain gardens are shallow depressions that are constructed with soil mixes and plants that allow water from driveways and rooftops to soak slowly into the ground instead of washing immediately into streets and catch basins. Conservation landscaping is the removal of turf grass or other compacted surface such as patios and replacing it with native plants that have deeper root systems. Both practices increase the amount of water that soaks into the ground; filter out pollutants before they reach the storm drain and eventually streams, wetlands, lakes, and Puget Sound; and provide habitat for beneficial insects and birds.

Rebates will be based on the square feet of impervious surface (i.e. driveways, turf grass, rooftops, and patios) that will drain water into a rain garden for treat-



ment or the area of property converted into conservation landscaping. The size of each installation will vary depending on how much impervious surface is treated or converted. Eligibility and requirement details are available at shorelinewa.gov/soakitup.

For questions call Surface Water and Environmental Services at (206) 801-2450.

Did you nowo;

The Seattle area gets less rainfall than Tuscon, AZ during the summer months. This means our water resources are scarcest when demand is highest. You can save money, save time, and reduce demand on the environment by using smart watering practices. Get a smart start by watering in the morning, and applying no more than one inch of water (including rain) each week during the summer. A helpful water calculator and other tips can be found at savingwater.org/outside.htm.

PUBLIC SAFETY TIP

Reduce your risk of car prowls

One of the most common crimes reported to Shoreline Police involves items being stolen from a person's car. An experienced car prowler or thief can gain access to your car in virtually seconds. Most car prowls themselves take less than two minutes. The damage done to locks and windows can be very expensive to repair and cause great inconvenience.

You can prevent crime and reduce car prowls by observing certain precautions.

- Lock your car. This is especially true if you've parked outside. Also, do not leave your garage door opener in your car overnight.
- Never leave purses, backpacks, wallets, cellphones, credit cards, gym bags, mail or other valuable items in your car.
- Don't leave keys in the car. Keep car keys and house keys on separate rings.
- Don't hide extra keys under your hood or elsewhere on your car.
- Park in well-lit and busy areas. This is important for both your personal safety and the protection of your car and its contents.

For more safety tips, visit the Police webpage at shorelinewa.gov/police.



Now that summer is here, you may have noticed Shoreline Police out on bike patrol in Shoreline parks and along the Interurban Trail. As more people are out enjoying the warm weather, Shoreline Police are out helping to ensure everyone can safely enjoy the City's parks. Bicycle patrol officers are more visible and accessible when they are on their bicycles rather than inside their patrol cars, so park users can have greater contact with them.

It is important to remember that even with the added bicycle patrols, Police still count on citizens to be their eyes and ears. Do not hesitate to call 911 if you see any suspicious activity or possible crimes. Please have a safe and enjoyable time in the parks this summer!

Back to School event helps students get ready to learn

Saturday, Aug. 24 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. North City Elementary 816 NE 190th Street

Volunteers, churches and local service providers are working hard to gather school supplies so that every Shoreline student can start school in September ready to learn.

In the Shoreline School District, one out of every four students qualifies for free or reduced lunch. For these families, it can be difficult to afford basic school sup-





registered for the event receives a backpack full of supplies, new socks and underwear and hygiene items. The most needed items include backpacks, 3-ring binders, and socks and underwear in all sizes. School supplies and monetary donations can be mailed or dropped off at Center for Human Services, 17018 15th Avenue NE, Shoreline, WA 98155 by August 20. Donation boxes are also available at many local businesses, including City Hall. To volunteer, or for a list of dropbox locations, visit btsconsortium.org.

Register for the event online at btsconsortium.org/registration2013.php or call (206) 393-4916 ext#6. The registration deadline is August 16.





DOG FEST

Saturday, Aug. 10 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Hamlin Park 16006 15th Avenue NE



Tuesday, Aug. 13 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. **North City Business District** Tickets: northcityjazzwalk.org



SKATE COMPETITION

Friday, Aug. 16 Noon - 5:00 p.m. Paramount Skate Park 15300 8th Avenue NE



Saturday, Aug. 17 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cromwell Park 18030 Meridian Avenue N



SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

Sunday, Aug. 18 Noon - 3:00 p.m. Richmond Beach Saltwater Park 2021 NW 190th Street

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Celebrate the arts at Arts at Fresco

Thursday, Aug. 1, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Shoreline City Hall and Park at Town Center

Enjoy the sights of the Sculpture Stroll, the sounds of Piano Time and a Gallery Opening all rolled into one event. It's the 2nd Annual Arts al Fresco!

The Sculpture Stroll includes significant art on loan from regional artists that will be on view for at least a year on the lawn at City Hall and across Midvale in the Park at Town Center.

Twelve pianos visually enhanced by artists will be in the City Hall courtyard and in other locations around the Town Center area for scheduled performances and casual play by passers-by. Throughout August the 12 pianos will be placed around the City for anyone to play. For maps with piano locations visit shorelinewa.gov/art.

In addition to the sculpture and pianos, people can also enjoy the opening of the latest exhibits at the Gallery at Shoreline City Hall. Arts al Fresco attendees will be able to meet the artists and learn about their inspiration and techniques.

The City would like to thank local businesses Aurora Rents, Central Market, Haggen's Northwest Fresh, and especially Prosser Piano for collaborating with the City and donating their time, talents and money to help make the event a success. Come stroll, listen and play while enjoying an evening out with your family and friends. It's Arts al Fresco! You won't want to miss it!

For more information contact Public Art Coordinator Ros Bird at rbird@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2661.





Featured Artists and Musicians

Sculpture Stroll

Kevin Au Bruce Johnson Lin McJunkin Will Robinson Rodger Squirrel Mark Stevenson

Arts al Fresco

Karin Kajita Trio:

Dawn Clement, pianist Tony Grasso, trumpeter Karin Kajita, jazz pianist

Gallery at City Hall

Marianne Johnson Bob Olander John Osgood Kate Tesch

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