Town Center Design Review and Charrette

The City invites Shoreline residents to a Town Center Design Review and Charrette to explore and articulate ideas for the design of the Town Center streets, public spaces, development and transition areas to single-family zoning.

Thursday April 1
7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Shoreline City Hall

Town Center boundaries are Linden and Stone Avenues and between N 170th and N 188th Streets.

A visual preference survey will be conducted to find examples of what the community finds critical, preferable or unacceptable. The Planning Commission will present a draft vision statement for the Town Center.

This meeting could be the basis of a city-wide design review process for commercial and multifamily development as well as for the Town Center.

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Boeing Creek Project receives state engineering award

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) recently recognized Shoreline for engineering excellence for its Boeing Creek Basin Infrastructure Projects with an ACEC Silver Award. The project received the award in the category "Social, Economic and Sustainable Design Considerations" and competed against a variety of projects statewide.

While the improvements to the stormwater facility at Boeing Creek Park are the most visible, the award covers three segments of drainage improvement in the Boeing Creek Basin, 3rd Ave NW Drainage Improvements, Boeing Creek Park Stormwater Improvements and Pan Terra Pond and Pump Station.

Shoreline’s Boeing Creek Park, located at 17229 3rd Avenue NW, combines 36 acres of forest and streams with two important utility functions: a regional stormwater retention facility and an underground sewer overflow prevention pipe. The City recently invested nearly $1.7 million to improve the function, access and beauty of the park with many ideas for improvement coming directly from the community. The multi-phase project, completed in 2008, included park and stormwater improvements to enhance water quality, reduce flooding and add new amenities to the park such as benches, parking and sidewalks.

For more information on the Boeing Creek Projects, visit the City’s website or contact Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 801-2473, jjordan@shorelinewa.gov.
Big Ideas for Small Grants: Mini-Grant Workshop March 17

Wednesday, March 17
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Shoreline City Hall

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City Hall solar celebration set

The City of Shoreline and non-profit Shoreline Solar Project are pleased to invite the community to a ribbon-cutting ceremony on **Wednesday, March 31, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**, to celebrate the new 20.2 kW solar electric system on Shoreline City Hall’s parking garage.

The celebration will include a tour highlighting Shoreline City Hall’s extensive energy saving “green” features and a free “Solar 101” seminar covering solar electric and solar hot water systems by Shoreline Solar Project’s co-founder Larry Owens.

For information call Shoreline Solar Project at (206) 306-9233.

City studying animal control options

Like many other cities in the area, Shoreline has contracted with King County for animal control services since incorporation in 1995. The services were partially paid for with Shoreline pet license revenue and the rest was subsidized by the County.

Due to budget constraints and other issues, King County Animal Control is terminating subsidized contracts with cities by June 30. After that, cities that continue to contract for this service with King County will pay the full cost, less the amount of license fee revenue collected.

To this end, Shoreline is working with several other cities and King County to explore a regional animal services model that will include policies for sheltering, animal control and pet licensing. The group has set a deadline of March 31 to develop an approach identifying services, expectations and costs.

Shoreline is also exploring other options for how this service may be able to be provided to Shoreline residents, such as through a north King County consortium of cities working in partnership, or by hiring an animal control officer and contracting for sheltering and licensing for Shoreline residents only.

Last month, staff provided an update on this effort to the City Council. Staff will return to Council for further direction once these alternatives have been more fully explored.

2010 Census begins this month

The U.S Constitution requires a census take place every 10 years to count each resident in the United States. Census data is used to grant federal funds to communities each year for hospitals, schools, emergency services and public works projects and your participation is required by law. As the most reliable source of data on the American population, the Census also helps determine how many seats our state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Census forms will be mailed out this month. Any personal data you provide is protected and confidential. If you don’t mail your form in by the April 1 deadline you may receive a visit from a census taker who will ask you the questions in person. If you receive a visit, be sure to ask for identification. A census taker will never ask to enter your home.

Census jobs available

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting 4,000 temporary, part-time census takers to complete the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer hourly pay of $17.50, flexible hours, paid training and reimbursement for work-related expenses. You must be 18, pass a background check and a written test, have access to a vehicle and be available for evening and weekend work. Call (866) 861-2010 or visit www.2010.census.gov for more information. Bi-lingual applicants are especially needed to perform this important service for the community.

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Following this charrette the Planning Commission will be working on draft land use scenarios, policies and implementing regulations into summer 2010.

Visit the www.shorelinewa.gov regularly for further development in the Town Center Subarea Plan process. While at the website, you can share your thoughts by taking the Town Center survey, read past survey results and take a virtual tour of the Town Center area. For more information, contact Town Center Project Manager Paul Cohen at (206) 801-2551, pcohen@shorelinewa.gov.
Have you ever thought about what it takes to maintain a City street? Have you noticed the number of street signs, guardrails, street trees or pavement markings? Every time you drive, ride by or take a walk along a Shoreline street you are enjoying the hard work of Shoreline’s Streets Crew.

The crew consists of only eight full-time employees, but is responsible for maintaining roughly 343 miles of City streets. No job is ever the same, and no job is too big or too small for this dedicated group. The team is on-call throughout the year and often called out after hours in all kinds of weather to respond to emergencies. These incidents often include assisting Police and Fire with temporary street closures and setting up detours.

During routine day-to-day maintenance operations, the crew performs a wide variety of tasks including responding to resident requests, helping with recycling events, painting, sweeping streets, paving, finishing concrete, patching and repairing potholes and installing new signs. The crew’s goal is to leave every job site as clean and presentable as if it were in front of their own home.

In 2007 the City purchased its own street sweeper, and keeping Shoreline streets clean is now a task of the Streets Crew. The sweeper is on a route-based system sweeping the major arterials once every three weeks and residential streets twice a year in spring and fall. Besides sweeping the streets, the crew also participates in the annual road resurfacing and repair program.

When it snows, the Streets Crew automatically goes to 12-hour shifts. Each member is assigned to a truck for plowing and sanding Shoreline streets. The crew plows primary routes until the snow stops falling and then moves onto the secondary routes and then residential streets.

Trees and street signs are also part of the crew’s responsibilities. Certified arborist Kimberly Green assesses the health of street trees and oversees the removal of dead, diseased and unsound trees from the City’s Right-Of-Way (ROW). The City maintains 60 miles of ROW and mows and landscapes 30 traffic circles and eight ROW beautification sites.

Sign Technician Bob McAndrews maintains 10,597 signs within Shoreline and installs new signs requested by the City Traffic Engineer. Maintaining signs includes cleaning the front, trimming vegetation back around the sign and replacing rotted wooden posts.

For more information about Shoreline Streets Maintenance, contact Roads Maintenance Supervisor Brian Breeden at (206) 801-2441, bbreeden@shorelinewa.gov.
Large-scale “Abstractions” at Shoreline City Hall Gallery

The second art exhibit in the Shoreline City Hall Gallery opened earlier this month. “Abstractions” is on display through April 30 and includes large-scale work by five artists, four of them Shoreline residents. The Shoreline City Hall Gallery showcases rotating exhibits of work by local and regional artists and is the newest location added to the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council’s long-time Gallery Program.

Artists featured in this exhibit:
- Matt Calcavecchia, watercolor
- Helen Drummond, oil paintings
- David Owen Hastings, mixed media monotypes
- Hye Young Kim, acrylic paintings incorporating yarn and dyes
- Candace Taylor Lange, acrylic

Artwork in the main rotating Gallery, which shows on the third and second floors of City Hall, may be purchased by contacting the Arts Council. More permanent and loaned artwork hangs on the first and fourth floors. Work may be viewed during regular City Hall hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

Are you playing the Aurora Open for Business Contest? If no, why not?!

Construction on Aurora is hard to miss for anyone living in Shoreline. It’s true that it’s not easy on residents trying to get around. But the real heroes are the businesses directly in the construction zone that are open each day to welcome customers and clients.

In partnership with the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, one of the City’s latest efforts to support businesses during construction of the Aurora Corridor Project is a contest where people identify abstract photos of businesses along the construction zone for a chance to win a weekend with a new car.

The contest kicks off with a four-page insert in the March Shoreline Journal with the photos on the cover and the rules and entry instructions on the back page (see below). Inside the insert are a map of the Aurora construction zone and a listing of all the businesses in the second mile.

Extra copies of the insert will be available at City Hall and the Chamber offices at the Shoreline Center. It will also be available on the City’s website along with the full rules. The winners, prize donors and correct photo identities will also be featured on the website.

If this first contest is a success, it may become a series with more photos and more prizes.

Win a New Car for the Weekend!

No official entry form is required. Entrants may submit their answers electronically via email or a hard copy via mail or hand delivery. To enter, submit your full name, mailing address, phone number with area code and email address (optional), and answers with the corresponding photograph numbers.

Email entry to shopshoreline@shorelinewa.gov. Mail or deliver entries to Shoreline City Hall (17500 Midvale Avenue N, Shoreline, WA 98133), or the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce Office (18560 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline, WA 98155) in an envelope marked: “Attention: Open for Business Contest.”

The entry must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2010, to be valid. Only one entry per person per contest will be accepted. Multiple entries by an individual will make all entries by that individual ineligible for that contest.
Registration begins March 24 for spring/summer recreation programs

Registration for Shoreline’s Parks and Recreation spring/summer activities, including Camp Shoreline, begins March 24. Wiggles and Giggles, a movement class for preschoolers, is just one of the many new offerings this spring. Also new is Shoreline Music Together, a music class for children birth to 4 years and their parents. Shoreline’s programs offer something for everyone – from Tai Chi and beginning guitar to dog obedience classes. To register online, go to www.shorelinewa.gov/parks.

Green Building and Remodeling Workshops

Join other residents and business owners to learn how to remodel your home or business, using techniques that can lower your energy costs, create a healthy indoor environment and minimize your impact on the environment. Participants will receive a free electric ecokit and will learn about local and regional incentives to improve the energy efficiency of your home or business. Workshops will be held during the Earth Day Every Day Event at Shoreline Central Market on Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and repeated at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please call Tina Han, Environmental Programs Assistant at (206) 801-2455 to pre-register and to let us know if you need ADA accommodation.

Public comment needed for tree code regulations

Trees are one of Shoreline’s greatest assets. Managing this asset is the goal of Shoreline’s Tree Code which regulates the removal, retention and replacement of trees on private property within the City. The City is proposing amendments to the code and needs feedback from the community before presenting the changes to the Planning Commission in April. Please attend the public meeting below to share ideas, ask questions and learn more about the changes.

Wednesday, March 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Richmond Beach Congregational Church
1512 NW 195th Street, Shoreline

Proposed amendments to the Tree Code include:

1. Establish a baseline urban forest canopy coverage.
2. Separate clearing and grading requirements from tree requirements.
3. Improve the City’s ability to regulate and protect trees over time.
4. Clarify the hazardous tree regulations.
5. Establish reasonable tree replacement requirements.
6. Separate tree retention requirements from critical area requirements.
7. Increase the equity of the regulations because the amount of trees on each property varies.
8. Improve flexibility to change tree composition with site development.
9. Clarify violations and enforcement of the tree code.

For more information about the Code, contact Project Manager Paul Cohen at (206) 801-2551, pcohen@shorelinewa.gov.
Shoreline’s Human Services guides the City’s support of local agencies that provide human services such as food and financial assistance, shelter, family support, counseling and senior services. The City Council adopted the 2010 Human Services Plan on February 22.

Key trends noted in the plan were the increasing diversity of Shoreline’s population -- 24% are non-white and one in five speaks a language other than English at home -- and an increasing number of older adults. Shoreline’s older adult population is projected to increase from 16% to 23% by 2025. Key findings included a lack of knowledge among residents about available resources, disparities and discrimination, social isolation and a need to increase the City’s role in community organizing.

The 2010 Plan calls out two specific actions for the City: develop partnerships with other agencies to guide youth development and develop operating agreements with the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Senior Center to coordinate recreation and social activities.

The updated plan was developed using a consultant and the Human Services Task Force, a committee of 17 residents that met over an eight-month period, as well as statistical data. To gather community input, the process also included two public meetings, a focus group with older adults and one-on-one interviews.

For more information about the 2010 Human Services Plan, contact Human Services Planner George Smith at (206) 801-2252, gsmith@shorelinewa.gov.
City of Shoreline
17500 Midvale Avenue N, Shoreline 98133
(206) 801-2700 Fax (206) 546-7868
www.shorelinewa.gov

Spartan Recreation Center
18560 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline 98155
(206) 801-2600 Fax (206) 801-2600

Shoreline Pool
19030 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline 98155
(206) 801-2650 Fax (206) 801-2650

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden
20312 15th Avenue NW, Shoreline 98177
(206) 546-1281

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 98135
(206) 363-8424

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

Postmaster:
Time-Sensitive Material
Please deliver March 11-15

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Shoreline Fire
(206) 533-6500

Shoreline Water
(206) 362-8100

Transfer Station
(206) 296-4466

Verizon
(800) 483-4100

Departments & Programs
City Manager’s Office (206) 801-2213
Code Violations (206) 801-2700
General Info (CR) (206) 801-2700
Human Services (206) 801-2251
Jobs (206) 801-2243
Neighborhoods & Volunteers (206) 801-2253
Parks and Recreation (206) 801-2600
Permits, Zoning & Land Use (206) 801-2500
Public Works (206) 801-2400
Projects & Engineering (206) 801-2470
Recycling (206) 801-2450
Street Maintenance (206) 801-2440
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