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November 7, 2019

Dear Neighbors,

The City of Shoreline owns the property at 1206 N 185th Street (the former Shoreline Police Station), and as a nearby neighbor we want to make you aware of a temporary arrangement soon to be taking place at that site. The building is currently leased to a filmmaking company. Beginning later this month, the space will be shared to allow the City, in partnership with the North Urban Human Services Alliance, to open an emergency shelter during severe weather for anyone in need of that service. This means the shelter will only be open on those nights when the weather is deemed to be unsafe for individuals to remain unsheltered.

Following the extreme snow event of last winter, when our usual shelter resources in Shoreline and the surrounding area reached capacity, the City recognized a life safety need for an emergency shelter to ensure that anyone who needed it could have a place to come inside overnight.

Deciding when to open the shelter will remain at the City's discretion. Generally, the shelter will open when temperatures are forecast to be 33 degrees or below for four or more hours overnight or when snow accumulation exceeds or is expected to exceed two inches. When activated, the shelter will open at 8:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 a.m. the following morning. There will always be a minimum of two trained volunteers at the shelter when it is open. The City expects to stop offering the emergency winter shelter no later than the end of March 2020. In nearby communities where severe weather shelters have operated for several years, the typical number of nights they have operated between the months of November and March is 22-30.

For those who would like more detail, we will be hosting a meeting on November 18th from 7:00-8:00 pm at Shoreline City Hall (17500 Midvale Ave N). You may also contact the City's Manager of Community Services, Colleen Kelly, at ckelly@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2251.

Sincerely,

John Norris
Assistant City Manager