Community Priorities
Shoreline residents are invited to take part in a City service prioritization exercise at two upcoming workshops.

In response to what it has heard from the community, the City Council made improving Shoreline’s Code Enforcement Program a priority in its 2004-2005 Work Plan.

According to last year’s Citizen Satisfaction Survey and customer calls to City Hall, code enforcement issues that are important to Shoreline residents include: neighborhood degradation and deteriorating properties (dilapidated buildings), planting strip maintenance, junk and abandoned vehicles on public rights-of-way and private property, the number of vehicles stored on private property, weed control, sign regulation and minimum housing standards.

At its Jan. 18 meeting, Council discussed these issues as well as possible solutions, priority levels and impacts to City resources, such as staffing. Council asked staff to take the information back out to the community for additional comments to make sure the City is focusing on the right issues and to help the City prioritize the issues that will be addressed.

The City is holding a public workshop April 6 (see details in the blue box above right) to find out more about community values regarding code enforcement.

Staff is also available to attend neighborhood association meetings. To arrange for a presentation or for more information, call Code Enforcement Officer Kristie Anderson at (206) 546-0783.

Based on information gathered from the community, staff will take revised recommendations back to Council for consideration.
King County to compensate Shoreline for property in Shoreview and Saltwater Parks

Later this year, King County will begin construction on its Hidden Lake Sewer Improvement Project in Shoreline.

The County is holding a community meeting to discuss the project on April 20, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (presentation at 7 p.m.) at Sunset Elementary School, 17800 10th Ave. NW, Shoreline.

The project will replace the Hidden Lake Pump Station and 12,000 feet of the Boeing Creek Trunk Sewer, both of which are old and do not provide adequate capacity. The project also includes constructing a 500,000-gallon sewer storage pipe and odor control facility in Shoreview/Boeing Creek Park to temporarily store wastewater during peak flows.

The storage pipe and odor control facility portion of King County’s project is being coordinated with improvements to the Boeing Creek Drainage Basin that are part of the City’s 3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvement Project.

Per an agreement approved by City Council last month, the County will pay the City of Shoreline $101,400 for permanent utility easements in Boeing Creek Park and Richmond Beach Saltwater Park and additional monthly payments for temporary easements during construction.

The County will also pay the City $1.1 million as mitigation for community disruption, loss of park use and the City’s costs associated with coordination, design and construction of mitigation improvements. The agreement also stipulates that King County will construct a full-width asphalt overlay and four-foot asphalt shoulder along portions of the sewer pipe route and develop a transportation control plan during construction, which is scheduled to begin in 2005 and last through 2008.

For more information about King County’s Hidden Lake Sewer Improvement Project, contact Jennifer Kauffman at (206) 263-6029 or jennifer.kauffman@metrokc.gov.

For more information about the interlocal agreement between the City and County, contact Shoreline Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 546-1678.

Meet Shoreline’s new police captain

Dan Pingrey was recently named Shoreline Police Captain. Pingrey replaces Captain Carl Cole, who is now operations captain for Precinct 4 serving unincorporated south King County out of SeaTac.

After beginning his career as an officer for the City of Kirkland in 1986, Pingrey spent the past 17 years with the King County Sheriff’s Office. He served as a sergeant in Shoreline from 1996 to 1998, and most recently, he was the administrative sergeant for the City of Sammamish.

“Dan’s return to the Shoreline Police is a real benefit to the community,” said Shoreline Police Chief Tony Burtt. “He already knows our City, and his experience in Shoreline and Sammamish gives him unique knowledge of the contract city environment.”

Pingrey also has another connection to Shoreline. In the early 1970s, his father was the captain of the King County Sheriff’s Precinct when it was located at Fircrest.

Off duty, Pingrey is varsity boys’ and girls’ soccer coach at Snohomish High School. He is considered one of the premier soccer coaches in the U.S. and played professionally for the Seattle Sounders. He also played Division One soccer for Seattle Pacific University. For more information about the Shoreline Police Department, call (206) 546-6730, or visit www.cityofshoreline.com.
Help set priorities for services

As part of its long-range financial planning, Shoreline City Council wants to hear from the community about its priorities for the services the City provides.

“The City is in excellent financial shape because of the conservative policies the Council has adopted over the past ten years,” says Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen. “But revenues are not expected to keep up with costs and the City may be faced with some hard choices in the future about how to maintain our level of service. The community has an important role to play in how we make these choices.”

One way the City is asking the community to be involved in its long-range financial planning is through a series of City service prioritization workshops. Two were held last fall and more are scheduled this month.

All Shoreline residents are invited to participate in one of the two upcoming workshops: Saturday, March 19, 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, 16554 Fremont Ave. N. and Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Cromwell Room at Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Ave. NE.

There are 50 spots available in each session and those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Beau Sinkler in the City Finance Department at (206) 546-0790. The City will send individuals who RSVP an agenda and background information to review before the workshop. Drop-in attendees are also welcome. If more people are interested in participating than space allows, additional workshops can be scheduled.

North City redesign to include four lanes

Redesign of the North City Project to a four-lane configuration along 15th Ave. NE is complete and the project is out to bid for construction estimates.

In August 2004, Shoreline City Council decided not to award the construction bid for the original design and asked for the project to be redesigned to maintain the four-lane configuration as it currently is.

Adjustments to signals and striping were made to provide four lanes through the business district and some curb bulb-outs were removed from the original design. The four-lanes configuration starts at 175th Street and continues north. The redesign was coordinated with Seattle City Light and other utilities.

The rest of the design remains the same and includes underground utilities, six-foot sidewalks with four-foot amenity zones, curb bulb-outs and on-street parking on both sides, and new street signals.

The City Council is expected to review construction bids at its March 21 meeting. If Council awards a construction contract, work could begin in April.

Improvements to the North City Business District are part of a series of capital projects designed to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety and revitalize the commercial area. Last year, 15th Ave. NE between NE 150th St. and NE 175th St. was re-striped to three lanes, one lane in each direction with a center left-turn lane. Approximately $6.41 million of City funds has been allocated over the next five years for design and construction of improvements in the district and along the 15th Ave. NE corridor.

The City is conducting ongoing traffic studies to determine the impact of the new configuration.

For more information about the North City Project, contact Capital Projects Manager John Vicente at (206) 546-8903 or visit www.cityofshoreline.com.
Below is a reprint of the construction project map from the last issue of Currents, this time with the correct legend. No, publishing the wrong legend was not a test as one kind Currents reader jokingly told us in a letter. It was a mistake and we apologize for the confusion and inconvenience.

As you can see, there is a lot planned for Shoreline over the next few years. And, although construction is messy and inconvenient, it helps to keep an eye toward the finished products: improvements throughout the City. The map is also available at City Hall (17544 Midvale Ave. N.), on the City’s Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com, and will be updated as needed throughout the year. You can find more information about City projects on Shoreline’s Web site and be sure to look for project updates in future issues of Currents.

Again, we apologize for the error.
Second phase of Spartan Gym improvements now under construction

Dust is flying at Shoreline’s Spartan Gym. The second phase of improvements is now underway. The gym, located at 18560 1st Ave. NE, is owned by the Shoreline School District and operated by the City of Shoreline through a joint agreement.

Through this unique partnership, the City and the School District have been upgrading and renovating the gym to make better use of this public facility.

Phase 1 improvements were completed in 2001 and were funded by the School District.

Phase 2 improvements, totaling approximately $750,000, are funded by the City of Shoreline.

Phase 2 upgrades include the addition of two multi-purpose rooms, a utility kitchen, office and reception areas, support facilities and restrooms. Cope Construction is the contractor for the project which is expected to be completed in April.

“The real winners in this partnership between the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline School District are Shoreline residents,” says Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen. “We’re taking what used to be strictly an athletic complex and transforming it into a true community center. Many of our parks and recreation activities are made possible by the cooperative use of School District facilities and we appreciate the School District’s support.”

Spartan Gym is used for a variety of School District and City Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services programs as well as by other local organizations such as the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Activity Center. The gym is available for drop-in recreation when other programs are not scheduled and can be rented for special events and programs.

For more information, contact the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 418-3383, or log on to www.cityofshoreline.com/parks.

Open house details next Interurban segment

Shoreline residents learned more about plans for the North Central segment of the Interurban Trail at a Feb. 10 open house at the Shoreline Historical Museum.

The North Central segment, from N. 175th to N. 192nd Streets, is the next segment scheduled for construction by the City. Two segments of the Interurban Trail are completed, and the South Central and North B segments are under construction. The South Central segment will be completed this month.

The City is seeking input on design elements, lighting, paving, landscaping and other amenities. Public comments collected at the workshop were logged and will be considered in the final design.

The open house was well-attended and City staff and consultants were on hand to answer questions and present design concepts, proposed trail alignment and information about the remainder of the trail system. Staff fielded many questions from residents about the trail design, alignment and proposed development.

Due to its location in the heart of Shoreline, the North Central segment is considered one of the most visible and important portions of the Interurban Trail with a more urban character than other segments. City staff has coordinated trail alignment and design with business and property owners along the route.

Thirty percent design plans for the North Central segment were presented to City Council at the Feb. 7 Council meeting. Seattle City Light is also reviewing the plans since it owns the property where the Interurban Trail will be built.

For more information about the North Central segment of the trail, contact City of Shoreline Capital Projects Manager Dave Buchan at (206) 546-2005.
Shoreline hires Tom Boydell as its new Economic Development Manager

Tom Boydell has been hired as Economic Development Manager for the City of Shoreline. Boydell will be responsible for new business development and supporting and maintaining relationships with the Shoreline business community.

“Economic development has always been important to Shoreline’s success as a City, and it has become increasingly important as we move forward with projects such as North City and Aurora Corridor,” said Shoreline City Manager Steve Burkett.

“Tom’s experience with spearheading government partnerships and building bonds between business and government will serve Shoreline well.”

Before joining the City, Boydell was a senior planner and project manager for the Puget Sound Regional Council. He also served as principal for the Seneca Consulting Group and was economic development coordinator for the City of Seattle’s Office of Economic Development.

Boydell holds a bachelor’s degree from Boston University, a Master’s of Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina and a Master’s of Business Administration-Finance from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He was co-chair of the Municipal League of King County’s Growth Management Task Force and co-managed the 250-member Duwamish Coalition of business, labor, government and community leaders.

Michael Broili appointed to Planning Commission

Michael Broili is Shoreline’s newest Planning Commissioner. The City Council appointed Broili to fill the unexpired term of Carol Doering who resigned last year.

Broili is a 14-year resident of Shoreline and is a member of Shoreline’s Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board, the City’s Bond Advisory Committee and the Arts Jury. He is a past member of the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee and the Aurora Corridor Citizen Advisory Task Force.

Broili has a degree in forestry and extensive background in community development, environmental and landscape design. He is the Well Home Program Director for the Phinney Neighborhood Association and an environmental consultant and designer.

The Planning Commission consists of nine Shoreline residents or property owners appointed by the City Council to address land use and planning issues. Members serve four-year terms.

For more information about the Planning Commission, log on to www.cityofshoreline.com.

Help prevent auto theft

According to Shoreline Police, there has been an increase in auto thefts recently in our community.

You can guard against auto theft by following these tips:

- Don’t leave your car unattended while warming it up
- Turn the motor off and take your keys with you while running short errands
- Keep doors locked
- Activate security systems
- Know your neighbors and help watch out for each other
- Call 911 if you see suspicious activity

For more crime prevention tips, visit www.cityofshoreline.com or your closest Shoreline Police Neighborhood Center. The Eastside Center is located at 521 NE 165th St. and the Westside Center is located at 624 Richmond Beach Rd.
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