



# CURRENTS

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## Sidewalk and trail projects coming soon

The City is working on several sidewalk and trail projects this year in a continuing effort to improve the City's transportation system. Before Shoreline incorporated, sidewalks were not routinely built or required by King County. Since that time, the City has strived to improve the safety and mobility for all users (vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians) of the transportation system. Much progress has been made, but many important routes remain undeveloped.

While the need for sidewalks is high, funding for sidewalks is limited. As a result, the City aggressively seeks grants to fund pedestrian or other non-motorized projects. The City has been very successful at obtaining such grants over the last few years leading to several projects currently underway: Einstein Safe Routes to School, NE 195<sup>th</sup> Separated Trail, Interurban Trail/Burke Gilman Trail Connectors, and Regional Trail Signage project. In addition to these projects the Capital Improvement Plan includes a new sidewalk on 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Design of the sidewalk will begin this year with construction occurring in 2015.

### Einstein Safe Routes to Schools

In 2006, the City Council established a six-year Priority Sidewalk Program focused on sidewalks serving schools. NW 195<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to Einstein Middle School was designated as a priority one route in this program.

In January 2013, Washington State Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program awarded the City \$435,000 to construct sidewalks near Einstein. The project will construct sidewalks on the south side of NW 195<sup>th</sup> Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW between NW 195<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 196<sup>th</sup> Place and install School Zone Flashing Signs. This project is currently in design with construction expected to start in late summer or early fall. For more information visit [shorelinewa.gov/EinsteinSRTS](http://shorelinewa.gov/EinsteinSRTS) or contact Project Manager John Vicente at [jvicente@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:jvicente@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2474.

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Shoreline City Hall, Council Chamber  
Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

## Council adopts Chronic Nuisance Ordinance to help protect neighborhoods

On March 3, the City Council adopted Ordinance 657, which will provide the City with the tools necessary to deal with chronic nuisance properties much more quickly and effectively than it is currently able. Ordinance 657 was necessary to address properties that present health, safety, and welfare concerns to residential neighborhoods.

Some properties in Shoreline are used for unlawful criminal purposes or in a manner that otherwise violates Shoreline's Municipal Code. In some cases, the property owners are the actual perpetrators of these crimes and violations, and continue them despite repeated and continued Police and Code Enforcement efforts to have the violations addressed. Other cases involve rental properties where the tenants are the parties violating criminal and/or civil codes, of which the property owner may or may not be aware. These types of properties are considered "chronic nuisance properties."

Chronic nuisance properties interfere with the quality of life, comfort, and calm of residential neighborhoods. Often the activities that occur at these properties result in numerous service calls by the police, fire, and/or other City departments. The numerous service calls generated by chronic nuisance properties not only create a financial burden on the City but create a negative living environment for surrounding neighbors.

Prior to passage of Ordinance 657, the City did not have regulations in place to adequately hold property owners and their tenants responsible when illegal activity and other code violations repeatedly occurred on their property.

It is anticipated that the utilization of a chronic nuisance ordinance will help resolve repetitive criminal and civil code violations more quickly at chronic nuisance properties, reducing the total number of service calls and enforcement actions to those properties. The ultimate result will be a reduction in enforcement costs through a reduction in staff resources expended and a better living environment for neighborhoods.

For more information about the new chronic nuisance ordinance, contact Code Enforcement Officer Kristie Anderson at kanderson@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2535.



### SCULPTURE STROLL

Check out the Sculpture Stroll artwork around City Hall and the Park at Town Center. It is all for sale and could be a great spring addition to your garden or business.

Sculpture Stroll maps, prices and more can be found at shorelinewa.gov/art. Hard copy maps are in the City Hall lobby. Email [rbird@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:rbird@shorelinewa.gov) for more information.

*Red Glow by Jeff Tangen, \$2,900*





# PLACEMAKING

## You're invited: Neighborhood Placemaking Workshop

Fred Kent, the President of Project for Public Spaces, calls Placemaking “the thing that turns a neighborhood, street, or city from a place you can’t wait to get through to one you never want to leave.” If you are a Shoreline resident who longs to make your neighborhood a memorable, wonderful place, the upcoming Placemaking Workshop is for you.

Sponsored by the City’s Economic Development and Neighborhoods Departments, this fun and high-energy workshop includes a potluck working dinner, fascinating placemaking concepts, inspiring case studies, and ample time to share and

process your ideas. If you are creative, passionate, or simply curious about improving the function of your local public space with “lighter, quicker, cheaper” placemaking projects, we invite you to come to the workshop and collaborate with like-minded neighbors.

Individuals or groups of neighbors are encouraged to attend. The workshop is free, but limited to the first 50 people to sign-up. RSVP by Monday, April 28 to Dan Eernisse at (206) 801-2218 or [deernisse@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:deernisse@shorelinewa.gov). Participants are invited to bring a dish to share in the potluck.

### WORKSHOP DETAILS

**Wednesday, April 30**

**6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Shoreline City Hall**

**17500 Midvale Avenue N**

### RSVP AND MORE INFORMATION

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**(206) 801-2218**

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## Free workshop for your home improvement projects

**Wednesday, April 30**

**6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Shoreline City Hall lobby**

Summer is coming! Do you have a home improvement project that you would like some guidance to get started? Is it a subdivision of property, house remodel, driveway, drainage, deck, or a tree project? The City is offering the second of two workshops to help Shoreline residents take the next steps with their projects. Visit [shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement](http://shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement) to learn more about the workshop and to sign-up and reserve a time with one of the City’s technical reviewers.

Contact Planning Manager Paul Cohen at (206) 801-2551 or [pcohen@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:pcohen@shorelinewa.gov) if you have questions. Bring your plans and ideas. We hope to see you there!

# Sidewalk and trail projects

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## NE 195<sup>th</sup> Separated Trail

In 2012, the City received \$371,950 in federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) grant funds to design and build a pedestrian and bicycle separated trail facility along NE 195<sup>th</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. In 2011, the City identified this stretch in the Transportation Master Plan as a missing link of the non-motorized transportation system. The grant funds, along with approximately \$150,000 of the remaining 2006 Voter Approved Open Space, Parks and Trail Bond funds, will be used to fund this project.

The project is the last section of separated trail identified for the northern route of the Interurban Trail to Burke Gilman Trail Connector Route. The northern route follows N/NE 195<sup>th</sup> Street from the Interurban Trail to the pedestrian bridge crossing at I-5 and continues east to the Burke Gilman Trail. Design is underway and construction is expected to begin late this summer or early fall. For more information visit [shorelinewa.gov/separatedtrail](http://shorelinewa.gov/separatedtrail) or contact Project Manager John Vicente at [jvicente@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:jvicente@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2474.

## Interurban Trail/Burke Gilman Trail Connectors

In an effort to enhance usage of the regions existing trails, this project will provide two routes (northern and southern) to connect Shoreline's section of the regional Interurban Trail to Lake Forest Park and the Burke-Gilman Trail. The trail connections will be a combination of signage, sidewalks, shoulder improvements, sharrows (bike symbols painted on the roadway for bike/vehicle shared use), and grade separated paths to provide the east-west routes for these important regional trails. In 2012, the City was awarded \$540,000 in grant funds from the WSDOT's 2013 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program. Specific work on this project includes:

- Bike lanes/rechannelization/sharrows/signage along the routes.
- Wayfinding signage indicating the routes are connections between the Interurban Trail and Burke Gilman Trail.
- Sidewalk improvements on NE 150<sup>th</sup> Street, allowing bike lanes on the street from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.
- If funding is available, construction of 12 foot wide multi-purpose trails on unimproved City right-of-way to provide neighborhood connections.

The project will build upon already completed bike lanes and separated trail segments previously completed or planned for construction. Design is underway and construction is expected to begin this summer. For more information visit [shorelinewa.gov/trailconnectors](http://shorelinewa.gov/trailconnectors) or contact Project Manager Noel Hupprich at [nhupprich@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:nhupprich@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2472.

## Regional Trail Signage (Wayfinding)

The goal of the Regional Trail Signage project is to develop and implement a strategic plan for bicycle and pedestrian wayfinding throughout the City of Shoreline. Funded with \$168,500 from the 2007 King County Trail Levy, the plan identifies a standard signage style, routes to and from the Interurban Trail, and sign locations. Signs will identify direction and distance to key destinations in Shoreline and the surrounding area.

Phase I design is underway with installation on or near the Interurban Trail expected to begin this spring. For more information visit [shorelinewa.gov/wayfinding](http://shorelinewa.gov/wayfinding) or contact Project Manager Noel Hupprich at [nhupprich@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:nhupprich@shorelinewa.gov) or (206) 801-2472.





From left: City staff Rika Cecil and Juniper Nammi, King County Executive Dow Constantine, Mayor Shari Winstead, and City staff Miranda Redinger and Kim Lehmberg.

## Meet your new Planning Commissioners

On March 17, the City Council unanimously appointed two new members to the Shoreline Planning Commission, Jack Malek and Terri Sandberg. Council also reappointed one member to the commission, Donna Moss.

Commissioner Moss has been a resident of Shoreline for 26 years and is a transportation consultant. Commissioner Malek is a 12-year resident and is a real estate agent. Commissioner Sandberg, a planner for Snohomish County, has lived in Shoreline for 24 years.

The City received fifteen applications to fill the three Commission positions. A subcommittee of City Councilmembers consisting of Deputy Mayor Eggen and Councilmembers Hall and Roberts interviewed seven candidates and recommended the three be appointed.

The City Council would like to recognize and thank outgoing Commissioners Michelle Wagner and Cynthia Esselman for their outstanding service to the community.

## Shoreline recognized for sustainability work

The City has once again been recognized for its leadership in sustainability. On Thursday, March 13, at the Bullitt Center in Seattle, King County's GreenTools Program awarded the City of Shoreline with a 2014 Outstanding Leadership in Green Building Award. The award was in recognition of the City's Government Leadership in the area of Green Building. The King County GreenTools program provides technical assistance, grants, and hands-on training to help users create green projects efficiently and effectively throughout the County.

## Public hearing set for Shoreline Community College's Master Development Plan permit application

**Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.**

**Shoreline City Hall Council Chamber**

The public is invited to provide comment on Shoreline Community College's (SCC) Master Development Plan Permit at a public hearing before the City's hearing examiner on Tuesday, April 22. The 20-year plan calls for the addition of approximately 218,000 square feet of new buildings to be constructed in two phases. Phase one will include construction of a 400-bed student housing facility. The building will be three to four stories tall and located on the existing track on the northwest corner of campus.

Phase two will include construction of two Allied Health and Science buildings. Construction of the two buildings will require the demolition of seven existing buildings. Phase two will also include an expansion of the Automotive Technology building.

The City's Traffic Engineer and Drainage Engineer have reviewed the technical reports that accompany the Master Plan and provided their own report to the City's Hearing Examiner. Appeals of the Hearing Examiner's decision are made to the King County Superior Court.

Visit [shorelinewa.gov/masterdevelopmentplans](http://shorelinewa.gov/masterdevelopmentplans) for more information.



- A** Allied Health & Sciences I
- B** Allied Health & Sciences 2
- C** Auto Tech Expansion
- D** Student Housing



**Saturday, April 12**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Central Market**  
**15505 Westminster Way N**

Celebrate Earth Day and be inspired to make a difference throughout the year. Central Market and the City of Shoreline invite you to celebrate our Northwest environment by trying new eco-living tools and learning how to protect our climate and reduce pollution. A limited supply of reusable shopping bags will be distributed. For more information, contact the City at (206) 801-2700.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Every year, hundreds of tons of oil-based products from our cars wash into our streams, lakes, rivers, and Puget Sound. Vehicle leaks not only contribute to this problem, but may also shorten the life of your car.

This spring, you can learn how to properly maintain your car and have your car checked for leaks at Shoreline Community College. A trained professional will help you inspect your car, and give tips on repairing common leaks.

Thanks to the Department of Ecology and others, this 4-hour class is free of charge (a \$125 value). To register, visit [fixcarleaks.org](http://fixcarleaks.org).



## New fitness event on the eastside!

### *Million STEP Challenge at Paramount School Park*

For the month of May, the Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association and the City of Shoreline are partnering to bring a new fitness challenge to the Shoreline Community.

From May 1 through 31, the Million Step Challenge at Paramount School Park invites participants of all ages to walk, run (or skate) as many laps as possible around the loop path in the name of health, fitness and friendly competition. A lap counter with tracking forms will be installed at the park and starting May 1, participants can log their laps on the forms (or online). Current standing and totals will be posted weekly at [shorelinewa.gov/steps](http://shorelinewa.gov/steps). Prizes will be awarded to top steppers at a closing event on Saturday, May 31, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

To kick off the challenge, the community is invited to an opening event on Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Paramount School Park, located at 155<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. A warm up and inaugural lap will be led by Crossfit Hailstorm with energizing snacks from Earth and Fire Kitchen, both local businesses. The Ridgecrest Neighborhood is sponsoring the event and asks people to bring a donation of a non-perishable food (preferably healthy) for Shoreline's Hopelink Food Bank.

The new Million Step Challenge was the idea of Ridgecrest Resident Patty Hale who found inspiration from the popular "Million Stair Challenge" held annually at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. "It's time to challenge the Eastside", says Hale, who is a frequent walker out at Paramount Park.

The stair challenge at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park will take place again in June 2014 following the completion of the Step Challenge at Paramount School Park. Both events are part of the Shoreline4Health initiative for a healthier community. For questions contact Recreation Assistant Marianne Johnson at (206) 801-2600 or [mjohnson@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:mjohnson@shorelinewa.gov).



## Review design alternatives for the 185<sup>th</sup> Street Station Area

In November of last year, the City held a series of Design Dialogue Workshops with residents and different Shoreline stakeholder groups to brainstorm ideas for how the area near the proposed light rail station at 185<sup>th</sup> Street could transition over time. Based on the information and ideas collected, the City's consultant created computer models showing possibilities for the future.

Participants from the workshops and residents were invited to see how their ideas were represented, and to comment on designs, potential zoning scenarios, and what should be analyzed in the upcoming environmental review. The material shared at the meeting included computer modeling of three zoning alternatives and possible designs for NE 185<sup>th</sup> Street, the bridge that crosses I-5, and some of the residential areas. These can be found on the light rail project page on the City's website at [shorelinewa.gov/lightrail](http://shorelinewa.gov/lightrail).

Over the coming months, the City's consultants will analyze the potential environmental impacts caused by growth and development possible under the three zoning scenarios. They will be looking at land use, housing, transportation, parks and recreation, and utility impacts in the subarea.

Tentatively, the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) will be released in mid-May. The comment period for the draft EIS will likely extend through the end of June, with a Council decision on a preferred alternative being made in the summer. The City anticipates hosting a community meeting about the draft EIS and how to comment on it in early June.



NE 185<sup>th</sup> Street and Meridian Street



Potential NE 185<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge

### MORE INFORMATION

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## New funding proposed by County for transit and roads

In the absence of action by the state legislature to create a statewide transportation funding package, the King County Council formed the King County Transportation District and approved a resolution to put a funding measure up for a public vote on April 22. The County believes the funding measure is necessary in order to prevent a 17% reduction in King County Metro service and to help maintain county roads.

The proposed funding measure includes a \$60 annual vehicle fee and

a one-tenth-of-a-cent increase in the sales tax; both would sunset after 10 years. Based on current financial forecasts, these sources would generate about \$130 million annually.

Forty percent of the funds would be distributed on the basis of population to the 39 cities in King County and to the King County road fund for the unincorporated area of the county. These funds would be used for roads and other transportation improvements.

Sixty percent of the funds would

be distributed to King County. The funds would be used first to fill Metro Transit's funding gap and preserve Metro's current level of service. Once current services are funded, any revenue from the 60 percent share would be equally distributed for Metro and for unincorporated area road purposes.

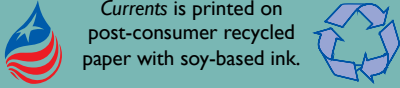
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## New Walks starting in April

# Shoreline Walks

Shoreline Walks is a free community walking program helping adults stay active, meet new people (or connect with old friends) and feel safer and more confident exploring our city by foot.

For Full Walk Schedule Visit:  
[shorelinewa.gov/shorelinewalks](http://shorelinewa.gov/shorelinewalks)

