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## Don't miss Shoreline's seventh birthday celebration Aug. 17

The City of Shoreline celebrates its seventh anniversary as a city on Saturday, Aug. 17, and you're invited to a day of free fun for the whole family.

The party kicks off with a Rotary Fun Run at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. for the 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run. The run begins and ends at Shoreline Stadium and is sponsored by the Shoreline Rotary Clubs. Proceeds go to youth programs. You may register on-line at [www.ontherun.com](http://www.ontherun.com), or call event coordinator Allen Anderson at (425) 787-6868.

The North City neighborhood is the site for the annual **Parade**. At 11 a.m., it will wind its way south beginning at 180<sup>th</sup> on 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and ending on 165<sup>th</sup> St. at Ridgecrest Elementary School, the site of the **2002 Celebrate Shoreline Festival**. Check out the family entertainment ranging from 45 community booths and live music, to the Pacific Science Center's Bubble Exhibit.

Don't forget to bring your appetite. Kettle Korn, mushroom cheeseburgers and Vietnamese cuisine are just a few of the goodies to choose from. A special area for teens only will feature music

and a barbecue. The fun lasts until 5 p.m.

And don't forget the **Cruise In Car Show** at Ridgecrest Elementary from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The car show is sponsored by the Shoreline Historical Museum.

Celebrate Shoreline comes to you courtesy of the City of Shoreline, Parks, Recreation and Cultural



Services Department. For more information about this event, call (206) 546-5041 or visit our Web site at: [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com).

## Aurora environmental process underway

An Aug. 6 Open House and Public Hearing gave Shoreline residents and business and property owners a chance to provide input in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Assessment (DEIS/EA) for the 145<sup>th</sup> to 165<sup>th</sup> section of Aurora.

The DEIS/EA has been available for review and public comment since July 10. The comment period ends Aug. 16 at 5:00 p.m.

The DEIS/EA studies three alternatives for the project: one "no action" alternative and two "build" alternatives including features such as curbs, gutters, sidewalks and upgrading storm water facilities. Alternative A has an amenity zone which includes

space for fire hydrants, street lights, signs and other features within a four foot landscaped buffer between the sidewalk and roadway, and a center median with low-growing landscaping. Alternative B does not include the amenity zone, and has more frequent turning opportunities within the median.

According to Aurora Corridor/Interurban Project Manager Kirk McKinley, responses to all comments will be developed once the comment period closes.

After reviewing the public testimony, comments and responses, the City Council will draft a preferred alternative for the Final EIS. This may require additional environmental analysis which will also

be included in the Final EIS along with copies of all correspondence, verbatim transcripts from the August hearing and responses to the comments. The Federal Highway Administration will prepare a document finalizing the federal action.

The DEIS/EA is available for review or purchase at the Shoreline City Clerk's office (\$12). It can be reviewed at Shoreline Police Neighborhood Centers, both local libraries, the FHWA Washington Division office in Olympia and the WSDOT Northwest Region office in Shoreline.

For more information about the Aurora Corridor Project, call Project Manager Kirk McKinley at (206) 546-3901.

## Shoreline celebrates reopening of Shoreview

The City of Shoreline celebrated the Reopening of Shoreview Park on Saturday, July 20 with congratulatory speeches, refreshments and a visit from the Mariner Moose.

Recently completed renovations included adding a new Little League Field to help meet the ever-increasing demand for ball fields in the area. The field was built with the help of a \$75,000 grant from the Seattle Mariners and Boeing. The field is currently closed to let the new grass establish a mature root system so it will last through the years. It is expected to be available for use spring 2003.

For more information, please contact Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041.



**From left, posing with the Mariner Mooser, are: Deputy Mayor Kevin Grossman, Mayor Scott Jepsen, Councilmember Rich Gustafson, Councilmember Linda Montgomery, Councilmember Bob Ransom, Shoreline's first Mayor Connie King, and Councilmember Ron Hansen.**

## Skate park expected to open in September

As crews began pouring concrete July 30, the City of Shoreline began planning a September opening celebration for the much-anticipated skate park in Paramount School Park.

"Weather permitting, the skate park should be complete by the end of the month," says Project Manager John Vicente. Another important factor as to when the skate park opens is how much respect the "Keep Out" signs receive.

"Concrete takes 14 to 28 days to set. We are working with youth groups to get the message out that if they trespass to skate on the unfinished concrete, it will cause damage and could delay the opening," says Vicente. "We know the kids are anxious to have the park open and are optimistic that they will help protect the skate park."

Crews have been busy this



**Visitors need to respect the "Keep Out" signs to avoid damaging the new concrete and causing further delays for repairs.**

summer completing Phase I improvements and starting Phase II improvements at Paramount School Park. Construction of the

second Little League field is under way, and preparations for sidewalks next to the parking lot and the skate park are finished. The new restrooms are also almost ready.

The Paramount School Park projects are a partnership between the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline School District. The District is providing a former school site, and the City is providing the park facilities.

Phase I improvements include the skate park, improvements to the soccer and ball fields, a new restroom and other amenities such as picnic tables and a larger play area. Phase II work includes irrigation and pathways, curbs and gutters, parking improvements and a new baseball backstop.

For more information, call Project Manager John Vicente at (206) 546-8903.

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## North City/15th Ave. NE moves into design

With Seattle engineering firm KPG on board, the North City Business District/15th Avenue NE Corridor Project is now in the design phase with a work plan in place.



"This was originally three distinct projects, each with its own needs and goals," explains Project Lead Jan Knudson. "We've developed a work plan to coordinate the three components so that time, effort and money are used most effectively. The goal is to end up with a good design that addresses the variety of needs."

The work plan includes the following three components:

1) North City Business District improvements - alleyways, new street sections, drainage, lighting and landscaping.

2) Corridor safety - assessment of the 15th Ave. NE and NE 170th intersection for signal installation and possible additional locations along 15th Ave. NE, and the extent of the three-lane configuration called for in the North City Subarea Plan.

3) Neighborhood traffic mitigation - Plans adopted in the North City Subarea plan will proceed this year. Plans will be discussed with affected neighborhoods during design and construction.

KPG is meeting with business

and property owners to resolve parking, access and construction issues, and an informational open house is scheduled for late summer. "We'll talk more specifically about traffic and pedestrian safety at the open house," explains Jan Knudson, Project Lead and City of Shoreline Economic Development Coordinator. Citizens will also be invited to apply for membership in a citizen advisory group to help ensure the project balances a variety of community needs and project

goals.

"The success of the overall plans for the North City project depend on the involvement and contributions from merchants, property owners and residents," says Knudson. "Our goal is to have a finished product that everyone can be proud of and excited to see completed."

Design decisions will be made through early next year with some construction beginning in 2003 and into 2004. For more information about the project, call Jan Knudson at (206) 546-0959.

## Walking to school safely

With the new school year only weeks away, now is a good time to talk to your kids about how to be safe walking to school or the bus stop.

According to the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, here are the most important rules your child can follow when it comes to pedestrian safety:

- Always walk -- don't run -- across streets.
- Stop completely at all street corners.
- Cross streets only at intersections and crosswalks.
- Look left, then right, and left again.
- Make eye contact with the driver before crossing in front of a car that has stopped.
- Continue looking both ways as you cross the street.
- Never dart out into a street or from between parked cars.
- Walk facing traffic on sidewalks and paths.
- Avoid horseplay while waiting for the bus, and stay away from curbs and streets.
- Since kids cannot judge distance and auto speeds accurately, parents should alert children that cars move faster than they appear.

Another way to help your children learn how to be safe getting to school is to walk the route with them at least once. Along the way, you can note any areas where you have safety concerns and give your child advice on being safe.



## Meet your neighbors through Block Watch

"The best way to combat burglary and larceny is for neighbors to watch out for each other," explains Shoreline Police Chief Denise Pentony. "The Block Watch Program is a very effective way to do this."

A Block Watch is an organized group of neighbors interested in preventing crime in their neighborhood by watching out for each other and reporting suspicious incidents to the police. Shoreline currently has 58 active Block Watch associations. The Shoreline Police Department's goal is to increase that number by 20 percent over the next year.

"Organizing a Block Watch is a proven way to reduce the number of crimes committed in a neighborhood," says Chief Pentony. "By forming a Block Watch, you send a message that this neighborhood is united, educated, 'nosy,' willing to call the police and will aggressively prosecute. In short, it says that this is not the place to commit a crime."

Organizing a Block Watch begins with a neighborhood meeting featuring a presentation by a Shoreline Community Policing Officer. The Shoreline Officer will provide information about how to become more familiar with neighbors and neighborhood activities; how to recognize and report suspicious activity; how to increase home security; how to correctly engrave property; and how to communicate with neighbors on a regular basis using tools such as block maps and phone trees.

A second meeting with a Community Policing Officer is usually held within six months after

the first to follow up. Subsequent meetings are held once or twice a year as necessary.

"We formed our Block Watch with the goal of calming down the activity at the park near our house," says Patty Hale, a Ridgecrest Block Watch captain since 1992.

Hale says the park had become a place for parties because people turned a blind eye. Hale and some of her neighbors developed a map of the 52 homes that surround the three entrances to the park to include in their Block Watch mailing list. All neighbors are considered part of the Block Watch but each can choose how much they want to participate.

"Block Watch is a great learning tool. People find out who to call and when to call when something unusual is going on," says Hale. "By not hesitating to call the police, we sent the message that this was not the place to party. The park is much safer

now."

Block Watch groups can also provide the organization for neighbors to accomplish other projects that benefit their neighborhood. Hale's Block Watch raised funds for seven new street lights, organized informal volunteer maintenance of the park and got involved in emergency preparedness.

"And if nothing else, I know 51 of my neighbors. I know their kids and their pets, and I watch out for them," says Hale. "Just as I know they're watching out for me."

If you are interested in starting a Block Watch in your neighborhood or would like more information, contact Officer Charlie Akers at the Eastside Police Neighborhood Center, 521 NE 165<sup>th</sup> St, (206) 363-8424 or Officer Leona Obstler at the Westside Police Neighborhood Center, 624 Richmond Beach Road, (206) 546-3636.

## Shoreline evaluates permitting procedures

In an effort to improve the City's permitting process, Shoreline citizens were asked to share their permit experiences at two focus group meetings at the Shoreline Conference Center last month. The goal: to evaluate permitting procedures and recommend improvements.

The sessions included an overview of the existing process, issues and concerns with the current system and a discussion of citizen ideas for improvement. The focus groups were facilitated by Demarche Consulting and are just one part of the consulting firm's review of Shoreline's permit process.

Demarche will compile the results of the discussions and make recommendations to the City later this year. For more information, call Anna Kolousek at (206) 546-8805.



## City gateways welcome, define boundaries and promote community spirit

One of the City Council Goals for 2002-2003 is to develop a gateway concept that can be used at entry points along Shoreline's boundary. Gateways act not only as landmarks, welcoming visitors and establishing a

location, but reflect and enhance a sense of community.

Shoreline already has a number of "Welcome to Shoreline" signs along its boundaries, as well as signs identifying specific neighborhoods. There are two more

elaborate Shoreline "gateways" at N. 145<sup>th</sup> and Aurora and at 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and N. 175<sup>th</sup> St., both built in conjunction with new Walgreens stores. Now the City of Shoreline is developing an overall concept to apply to other gateways into the City.

The project kicked-off with a Gateways Workshop last month.

Co-hosted by the Shoreline Planning Commission and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Advisory Committee, the July workshop featured displays of potential locations for residential and major gateways; and ideas design concepts for each including cost estimates. City staff members were on hand to answer questions and Planning Commission and Advisory Committee members discussed ideas with Shoreline citizens. The workshop ended with a round table discussion with the Planning Commission and PRCS Advisory Committee to set priorities that will direct the next steps in the design process.

A second public workshop may be scheduled this fall. For more information about Shoreline Gateways, call Project Manager Andrea Spencer at (206) 546-1418.

## Wealth of information at Shoreline Police Neighborhood Centers

Did you know that Shoreline police volunteers will check on your house while you're on vacation? This is just one of the many services offered to Shoreline citizens by the Shoreline Police Department's Police Neighborhood Centers. Shoreline has two Police Neighborhood Centers: the Eastside Center at 521 NE 165<sup>th</sup> and the Westside Center at 624 Richmond Beach Road.

Shoreline Police Officer Charlie Akers works at the Eastside Center while Officer Leona Obstler is assigned to the Westside location. With the help of volunteer staff, the officers provide many services to the community including free gun locks, seminars on Block Watch programs for neighborhoods and businesses – even pet license sales.

Akers and Obstler also work with residents, business owners and schools to solve problems affecting the community. The offices are a goldmine of information with statistics on crime prevention and brochures

on emergency preparedness, safe firearm storage and more. Another source of information available at the Police Neighborhood Center is a database of recently pawned items created by Shoreline Police to aid detectives in the recovery of stolen property in Shoreline.

"The success of community policing depends on the involvement of Shoreline residents and our volunteer staff," Akers explains. "It's a team effort to keep our City safe." Akers urges residents to create or become involved in existing Block Watch programs and to join neighborhood associations since both are effective at reducing crime in a neighborhood.

He also encourages Shoreline citizens to stop by the Eastside or Westside location to see the many resources available. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information about Police Neighborhood Centers, call Officer Charlie Akers (206) 363-8424.

## New and familiar faces fill key staff positions

The City of Shoreline welcomes **Julie Modrzejewski** as new assistant city manager. Modrzejewski will assist City Manager Steve Burkett in leadership and management of City operations and manage Human Resources, City Clerk's Office and the Customer Response Team (CRT). She will work with CRT and the City to develop and implement a customer services plan as well as serving as project manager for a variety of projects and issues.

"I am looking forward to Julie joining our team," says City Manager Steve Burkett. "Her experience and training in the development of high performance teams will be invaluable in achieving the community goals set by the City Council as well as my vision for our customer service standards."

Modrzejewski comes to Shoreline from Rockville, Maryland, where she was assistant to the city manager. She holds a Bachelor's degree from George Mason University and a Master's of Public Administration and Policy from Virginia Tech. Modrzejewski's first day with Shoreline was July 29.

**Jill Marilley** has joined the City of Shoreline as city engineer. Marilley was formerly the public works director/city engineer for the City of Mill Creek and also served as project manager and civil engineer for the City of Seattle.

"Jill is a high energy person with personal values and professional experiences that will compliment Shoreline's mission, staff and workload," says Shoreline Public Works Director Paul Haines.

Marilley earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington and a Master's of Public Administration from Seattle University. Marilley's first day with the City is Aug. 12.

Shoreline Planning Manager **Kirk McKinley** has been promoted to Aurora Corridor/Interurban Trail project manager.

"Kirk's enthusiasm for the projects' success and his expertise in transportation projects and

planning will be a huge contribution to Shoreline's Public Works Department," Haines says.

McKinley was Shoreline's transportation manager from 1996 to 1999 and planning manager from 1999 to 2002, and was senior transportation planner for the City of Bellevue prior to joining the City of Shoreline. He holds both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the University of Oregon, Eugene. McKinley's first day as project manager was July 19.

# School Starts Sept. 3



**Please drive carefully near schools and school zones, and watch for pedestrians.**



## Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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Rich Gustafson  
Ron Hansen  
Linda Montgomery  
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#### Meeting Location

Shoreline Conference Center  
18560 First Ave. NE  
Mt. Rainier Room

#### Workshop Meetings

First and third Mondays  
beginning at 6:30 p.m.

#### Regular Meetings

Second and fourth Mondays  
beginning at 7:30 p.m.

#### Agenda Line

(206) 546-2190

#### Televised City Council Meetings

Cable Channel 21  
Wednesday through Sunday  
6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.

### Shoreline Police

#### Emergency: 911

#### Shoreline Police Station

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#### Eastside Neighborhood Police Ctr.

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