

# CITY OF SHORELINE CURRENTS

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## Thinking strategically about the heart of Shoreline

Four City projects are underway or planned for the center of Shoreline between 175th and 185th: the Interurban Trail, a potential Heritage Park adjoining the Trail, City Hall and Aurora Corridor improvements. To help coordinate these projects and maximize community benefit, the City

is developing "Strategic Points" to guide future decisions.

Shoreline Planning Commission is hosting a public meeting to gather community feedback and ideas on the draft Strategic Points Thursday, May 10. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in

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## Aurora Corridor & Interurban Trail Bridges

The cones are disappearing: construction of the Aurora Corridor Project, N 145th to 165th Streets, and Interurban Trail Bridges is down to the final details.



## Housing Strategy Committee continues work

A dedicated group of Shoreline volunteers has been meeting twice a month since December to examine and understand housing issues Shoreline is likely to face over the next 10 years.

The Comprehensive Housing Strategy Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was created last fall to develop policy recommendations and a draft housing strategy to present to the City Council this summer.

The group has discussed topics such as affordable housing, aging neighborhoods and population, shifting market demands

and the role of the City in developing housing. In reviewing census and market data and trends, the CAC found that:

- Many Shoreline residents are being priced out of the housing market or have limited housing choices;
- Shoreline values a community with diverse families and households;
- Listening to the community is key in gathering community support for affordable housing projects;
- Rent in Shoreline is affordable to a majority of households of all incomes, but single-family

detached houses are priced too high for many entry-level first-time homebuyers.

The committee will meet through June to identify potential strategies for new development that can meet the needs of a broad range of income levels and households and fit with community values and development patterns.

For more information about Shoreline's Comprehensive Housing Strategy, contact Shoreline Senior Planner Steven Cohn at (206) 546-1418 or visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com).

## Coming soon: A new City-owned street sweeper

The City of Shoreline will soon have its very own street sweeper. An Elgin's Crosswind regenerative air sweeper will be delivered to the City in early summer. The addition of the Crosswind to the City fleet will save time and money in fuel efficiency. Since incorporation, the City has contracted with the King County

Roads Division and private contractors for street sweeping services.

The new sweeper provides a number of environmental benefits. The sweeper will operate between five to ten miles per hour to effectively pick up pollutants. The regenerative-air sweeper combines a mechanical sweeper to loosen larger items and forced air to dislodge the finer particles of dirt. A high-powered vacuum with a continuous filtration system captures the dirt and recycles the air. Since the City sweeper will be picking up the pollutants before they enter stormwater catch basins, it will save the City money

by reducing the need to pay an outside service for catch basin vactoring.

Three major benefits of a City-owned own sweeper are:

**Improved Customer Service:** A City-owned sweeper can be used to clean up streets quickly during traffic accidents, storm events and other emergencies without incurring mobilization costs for a contractor.

**Pride:** A street sweeper with the Shoreline City logo will indicate the City is committed to a clean, environmentally-sustainable community.

**Flexibility:** The sweeper can be fitted with a small attachment that can be used in emergencies to clean up spills or clean out catch basins without incurring the cost of a specialized vactor contractor.



## Mark Your Calendar

### May 31 Boeing Creek Park community meeting

Shoreline residents will have a chance to review the updated conceptual design plans for Boeing Creek Park and learn more about alternatives for trail, bridge and restroom improvements at a community meeting Thursday, May 31. A self-guided site tour at the park (601 NW 175th Street) from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. will be followed by a meeting at the Sunset Elementary School gym, 17800 10th Avenue NW, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

A newly-created park map, based on the recently completed trail survey, will be available at the site tour and is also available at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com). City staff will be stationed at park entry points to answer questions and provide directions.

Construction of the City's park and stormwater facility improvements is scheduled for spring/summer of 2008.

For more information, visit the Boeing Creek Park Improvement page at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) or call Shoreline Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 546-1678.

### Tennis Court Lighting Community Meeting

Monday, May 21, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Tennis courts at Shoreline Center  
18560 1st Avenue NE

Learn more about the proposed lighting diagram for the Shoreline Center tennis courts, one of the projects funded by the voter-approved Park Bond. A follow-up to this meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Cromwell Park meeting below at the Spartan Recreation Center.



### Cromwell Park Community Meeting

Thursday, May 24, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Cascade Room, Spartan Rec Center  
18560 1st Avenue NE

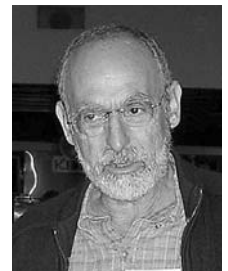
Share your ideas for improvements to Cromwell Park (180th and Meridian), one of the projects funded by the voter-approved Park Bond. For more information about either of these park meetings, contact Park Project Manager Maureen Colaizzi at (206) 546-0232.



### Shoreline 2010 Speaker Series Ron Sher, Third Place Books CEO

Thursday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.  
Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Center  
18560 1st Avenue NE

Sher's presentation will focus on "third places," a phrase describing social gathering places outside the home and workplace, and how they can be used to create retail space that fosters a sense of community.



### Celebrate Shoreline 2007

Friday, August 17

Noon - 5:00 p.m. Free teen skate competition at Paramount Park

Saturday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Rotary Fun Run & Walk at Shoreline Stadium

10:00 a.m. Classic Car Show at Ridgecrest Elementary

11:00 a.m. Parade in North City on 15th Avenue NE

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Festival at Ridgecrest Elementary

Sunday, August 19

2:00 p.m. Sandcastle Building Contest at Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190th

Parade and booth applications are available at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com), City Hall and Spartan Recreation Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. For more information, call (206) 418-3383.





## Low-income utility tax exemptions available

The City of Shoreline has a program to exempt low-income families from paying taxes on natural gas and garbage service. If you participate in Seattle City Light's rate assistance program, you also qualify for Shoreline's utility tax exemption program.

Eligibility for the two programs is linked because Seattle City Light has an established system for qualifying Shoreline customers. The Seattle City Light residential rate assistance program provides a 50% discount for income-eligible families, those

65 and older and persons with disabilities.

Applicants must meet three requirements:

1. Household income guidelines:

- Low-income customers with a total annual household income at or below \$41,280 for a four-person household.

- Seniors and disabled with a total annual income of \$26,376 or less for a one-person household.

2. Applicants may not be a resident of federally subsidized housing.

3. The residential Seattle City Light bill must be in the applicant's name.

For more information about Seattle City Light's rate assistance program, call the Seattle Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens at (206) 684-0500 or the Seattle Human Services Department at (206) 684-0268.

If you are currently participating in the Seattle City Light program there will be a "RES" or "RLS" rate code on your electric bill. If you would like to participate in the City's utility tax exemption program, call the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700 for information on how to sign up. If you are currently participating in the City's utility tax exemption program, there is no need to contact the City. Your continued eligibility will be verified by Seattle City Light and renewed automatically.

### Shoreline Volunteers: A Vital Piece of the Puzzle



Shoreline volunteers Jerry Girmus (left) and Dave Bannister enjoy the music and comedy of the Canote Brothers, the featured entertainment at the 2007 Volunteer Breakfast hosted by the Shoreline City Council. More than 125 Shoreline residents, volunteers and staff gathered April 13 to enjoy breakfast and entertainment. Shoreline businesses contributed gift certificates and flowers for the volunteers to make the event more festive.

Volunteers contributed more than 13,500 hours to the City of Shoreline in 2006, enriching the community through a wide variety of efforts in neighborhoods, parks, police storefronts, recreation programs, advisory groups, traffic safety, litter pickup, environmental activities, emergency preparedness and more.



### *Question of the Month:* **What's happening at Echo Lake?**

Private development of the eight-acre South Echo Lake property is under way this spring. The site was rezoned in 2005 to "Regional Business" with conditions to protect the lake edge wetland and improve street frontage, public access and storm drainage. The development will feature a mix of uses including retail, apartments, high-density senior-assisted housing and a YMCA facility.

The development also includes:

- Temporary frontage improvements along Aurora Avenue until final improvements are made as part of the Aurora Corridor Project. A wider sidewalk on N 192nd will be built to connect the Interurban Trail traffic to the Park and Ride on Aurora Avenue.

- The site will have stormwater detention and water quality facilities prior to discharging into the lake. The stormwater pipe along the northwest boundary conveys water from Aurora Avenue. The pipe will be replaced

with an open swale through the wetland buffer. When Aurora is improved, detention and water quality facilities will be installed.

- A 115-foot wetland buffer will radiate from the lake edge with plantings, a boardwalk connecting the Interurban Trail and Aurora Avenue, and an unaltered buffer area where building,

mowing and spraying will not be allowed. The boardwalk will extend to the lake edge and all existing trees in the buffer will be preserved.

For more information about the South Echo Lake Development Project, contact Shoreline Senior Planner Paul Cohen at (206) 546-6815.

### **Interurban Trail complete this summer**



**The final segment of the Interurban Trail is under construction just east of Aurora between N 175th and N 185th Streets. The general contractor, Road Construction Northwest, is ahead of schedule and construction will be complete in early July.**

## Council reviews final 2006 budget figures

Last month, the City Council reviewed Shoreline's 2006 fourth quarter financial report, which provides an overview of all Shoreline financial activities during 2006.

"The City did an excellent job of staying within its projected budget for the year," reports Shoreline Finance Director Debbie Tarry.

Expenditures for 2006 to-

taled nearly \$69.4 million and revenues totaled \$79.7 million.

Highlights of the report:

- The City's General Operating Fund accounts for the resources and expenditures to provide daily services such as police protection and park maintenance. The City's General Operating Fund ending balance, which is the account used to meet the City's cash flow needs and

unexpected emergencies, totaled \$10.76 million. The City's 2006 General Fund revenue was \$27.8 million – approximately 3% higher than projected. Expenditures totaling \$29.2 million were 0.4% below projections. The increase in revenues and decrease in expenditures resulted in one-time savings of \$838,000.

- Street Fund revenues for 2006 were \$2.6 million, or 2.9%, above projections.

- Surface Water Utility Fund includes both general operations and maintenance activities and capital projects to improve the City's drainage system. Total expenditures were \$1.9 million or 37% below projections, but nearly \$750,000 of the 2006 budget has been carried forward into 2007 to continue project work.

- Capital Improvement Funds/General Capital revenues were nearly \$23.2 million, just 0.4% above projected figures. Expenditures were \$11.5 million, only slightly above projections.

- Roads Capital revenues were \$22 million, 22% below projections. Expenditures for 2006 were \$24.5 million, 27% below projections, but \$8.5 million of the 2006 budget has been carried forward into 2007 to continue project work.

In December 2006, the Shoreline City Council adopted the 2007 budget of nearly \$68.2 million, a 24% reduction from the 2006 budget.

For more information about Shoreline's budget, contact Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 546-0787 or visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com).

## Creating a sustainable community

On April 21, 1,300 residents attended this year's Natural Yard Care Event at Central Market – a new record that means it's as popular as the City's Recycling Events. The eager participants formed a line that stretched from

Sears southward, across the entire mall.

By 10:30 a.m., all 350 free native trees had been distributed; by noon, the 700 weed pullers were gone; by 2:00 p.m., 1,000 bags of worm castings had been distributed; and by 3:00 p.m., 244 residents had received a "Pesticide Free Zone" sign after committing to reduce and/or eliminate household and yard pesticides.

The Natural Yard Care Event helps create a sustainable community in Shoreline, one of the City Council's goals. A new program that also supports this goal is the recently-approved Environmental Mini-Grant Program.

### Environmental Mini-Grants

Individuals, organizations and businesses can apply for one of the City's seven \$5,000 environmental mini-grants. The deadline for proposals is June 30. Information and an application are available on the City website at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) under Environmental Stewardship. Or call (206) 546-2659 for more information.





## More Ronald Bog drainage improvements coming

The City of Shoreline is beginning final design on the Ronald Bog South Project to resolve flooding problems downstream of Ronald Bog and identify opportunities for improving water quality and habitat. The project includes work on the drainage system from the outlet of Ronald Bog to N 167th Street (see the outline of the project area on the map at lower right). Improvements will replace the deteriorating outflow

culvert from Ronald Bog that has inadequate capacity for large storm events and is at reverse grade. Construction is expected to begin in July 2008.

Last year, RW Beck was selected for the pre-design and permitting work for the Ronald Bog South Project. A 30% design was completed in December and the Shoreline City Council recently approved a contract for the firm to complete the work. The

\$188,633 contract includes final design, regulatory permitting, geotechnical evaluation and the production of construction-ready documents.

Over the years, the City has completed other improvements in the area to reduce flooding and additional drainage improvements will be incorporated into a master plan for Cromwell Park.

For more information about the Ronald Bog South Project, contact Shoreline Surface Water and Environmental Services Manager Jerry Shuster at (206) 546-5745 or [jshuster@ci.shoreline.wa.us](mailto:jshuster@ci.shoreline.wa.us).

## Volunteers needed for Off-Leash Dog Park Study Group

Shoreline is seeking volunteers to serve on an Off-Leash Dog Park Study Group to help site the are provided for in the 2006 Park Bond approved by voters. The study group will review past site research and help identify new possible sites for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board to recommend to the City Council.

Those interested in serving on the committee are asked to

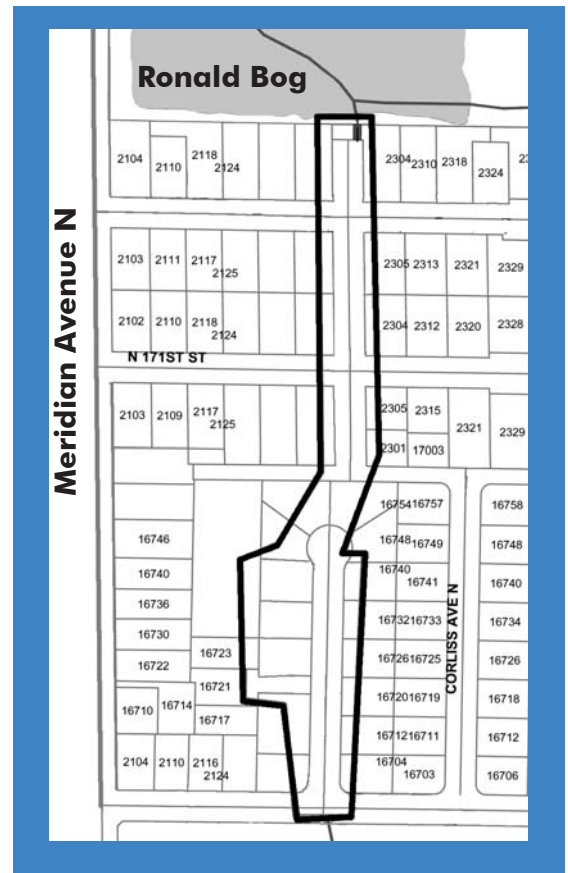
submit a complete Community Service Application to Parks Project Manager Maureen Colaizzi, City of Shoreline, 17544 Midvale Avenue N, Suite 100, Shoreline, Washington 98133, by 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 8. Applications are available at [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com), City Hall or at the Spartan Recreation Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. For more information, contact Maureen Colaizzi at (206) 546-0232.

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the Mt. Rainier Room, Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE.

For more information about the Strategic Points including a map of the four projects, visit [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com) or contact Shoreline Planning and Development Services Director Joe Tovar at [jtovar@ci.shoreline.wa.us](mailto:jtovar@ci.shoreline.wa.us). Information about City Hall, Aurora Corridor and the Interurban Trail are also available on the City's website.

**Please note:** The publication timing of this issue of *Currents* means there is a chance it will reach some homes after the Planning Commission's May 10 meeting. Please note that there will also be an opportunity to provide input on the Strategic Points at the May 29 City Council meeting. See page 8 for Council meeting details.



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

### City of Shoreline

Shoreline City Hall  
17544 Midvale Ave. N., Suite 100  
Shoreline, WA 98133-4921  
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Fax (206) 546-7868

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Home of Planning and  
Development Services Department  
and Public Works Department  
Highland Plaza  
1110 N. 175th St., Suite 105  
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Meeting Location  
Shoreline Conference Center  
18560 First Ave. NE  
Mt. Rainier Room

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

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

Agenda Line  
(206) 546-2190

Televised City Council Meetings  
Cable Channel 21  
Tuesday noon and 8 p.m.  
Wednesday through Sunday  
6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.

### Shoreline Police

#### Emergency: 911

Shoreline Police Station  
Chief Tony Burt  
1206 N. 185th St.  
Shoreline, WA 98133  
(206) 546-6730

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

Eastside Neighborhood Police Center  
Officer Sue Sherwood  
521 NE 165th St.  
Shoreline, WA 98155  
(206) 363-8424

### City of Shoreline Web site

Information about meetings,  
projects and programs is  
available online.

[www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com)



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