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## Vision 2029 – the halfway mark

**IN THE FALL OF 2008**, residents across the city came together to create a twenty-year vision for Shoreline. More than 300 people participated in the process generating over 2,500 individual comments. With our community’s input, City Council adopted Shoreline’s Vision 2029 in May of 2009 and incorporated it into the City’s Comprehensive Plan –the blueprint for Shoreline’s future. We are now at the halfway point of making that vision a reality and we are making great progress.

Shoreline residents envisioned “a thriving, friendly city where people of all ages, cultures, and economic backgrounds love to live, work and play.” In the 2018 Resident Satisfaction Survey, 92% of Shoreline residents rated Shoreline as a good or excellent place to live.

Shoreline residents envisioned a city that would be “a regional and national leader for living sustainably” and “is deeply committed to caring for its seashore, protecting and restoring its streams to bring back salmon, and makes sure its children can enjoy the wonder of nature in their own neighborhoods.” Shoreline is on track to be the first city in Washington state certified as Salmon Safe. It recently joined the Green City Partnership to work with other municipalities in restoring and maintaining our urban forests. Shoreline is also a member of the King County – Cities Climate Collaboration whose members have committed to reducing their sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, compared to a 2007 baseline, by 25% by 2020, 50% by 2030, and 80% by 2050.

Residents also envisioned a city that “offers a wide diversity of housing types and choices, meeting the needs of everyone from newcomers to long-term residents.” New developments would set “new standards for sustainable building, energy efficiency, and environmental sensitivity.”

*“Whether for a 5-year-old learning from volunteer naturalists about tides and sea stars at Richmond Beach or a 75-year-old learning yoga at the popular Senior Center, Shoreline is a place where people of all ages feel the city is somehow made for them. And, maybe most importantly, the people of Shoreline are committed to making the city even better for the next generation.”*

- Shoreline Vision 2029

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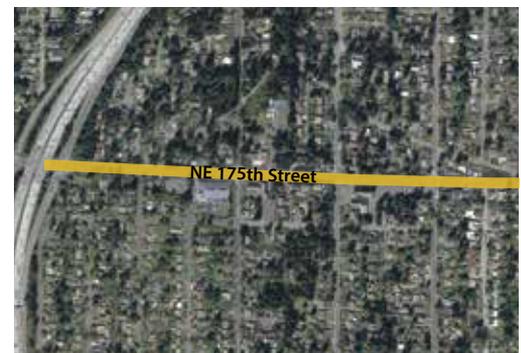
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# Council adopts 2019-2021 Goals

**COUNCIL ADOPTED** their 2019-2021 City Council Goals and Workplan on April 8. The five goals are a continuation of the Council's previous goals.

## **Goal 1: Strengthen Shoreline's economic climate and opportunities**

Robust private investment and economic opportunities help achieve Council Goals by enhancing the local economy, providing jobs and housing choices, and supporting the public services and lifestyle amenities that the community desires and expects.

## **Goal 2: Continue to deliver highly-valued public services through management of the City's infrastructure and stewardship of the natural environment.**

The City has identified needed improvements to strengthen its municipal infrastructure to maintain public services the community expects through adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, Surface Water Master Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. As capital improvements are made, it is important to include efforts that will enhance Shoreline's natural environment, ultimately having a positive impact on the Puget Sound region.

## **Goal 3: Continue preparation for regional mass transit in Shoreline**

Our community looks forward to increasing mobility options and reducing environmental impacts through public transit services. The ST2 light rail extension from Northgate to Lynnwood includes investment in the Shoreline North/185<sup>th</sup> Station and the Shoreline South/145<sup>th</sup> Station, which are planned to open in 2024. The ST3 package includes funding for corridor improvements and Bus Rapid Transit service along State Route 523 (N 145<sup>th</sup> Street) from Bothell Way connecting to the Shoreline South/145<sup>th</sup> Station. Engaging our community members and regional transit partners in plans to integrate local transit options into the future light rail service continues to be an important Council priority.

## **Goal 4: Expand the City's focus on equity and inclusion to enhance opportunities for community engagement**

The Council values all residents and believes they are an important part of the Shoreline community, including those who have been historically marginalized and underrepresented. The Council believes it is important to improve inclusion, equity, and participation among all members of the Shoreline community in the development and implementation of policies and programs in a meaningful and impactful way.

## **Goal 5: Promote and enhance the City's safe community and neighborhood programs and initiatives**

Maintaining a safe community is the City's highest priority. The 2018 Citizen Survey reflected that 93% of respondents felt safe in their neighborhood during the day and 81% had an overall feeling of safety in Shoreline. The City is continuing a concentrated workplan to enhance our public safety communication and crime prevention efforts to ensure that our residents and businesses continue to find Shoreline a safe place to live, work, and play.

## **MORE INFORMATION:**

[shorelinewa.gov/councilgoals](http://shorelinewa.gov/councilgoals)

# Council expands Deep Green Incentive Program

**ON APRIL 1**, City Council voted to expand the City's Deep Green Incentive Program (DGIP) to include another level of green building certification options for new development. A level of green building is required in Mixed-Use Residential zoning near the future light rail stations, but the DGIP encourages deeper levels of green building through incentives that apply citywide. Council adopted the original DGIP in 2017, which included three tiers of certification options, with incentives based on the stringency of the program.

Buildings account for a significant percentage of our greenhouse gas emissions in Shoreline. Green building mandates and incentives seek to reduce emissions from new buildings through more stringent standards for energy and water use, stormwater runoff, site development, materials, and indoor air quality than required by the City's current Building Code.

Depending upon the level of green building certification achieved, a project can qualify for different exemptions or waivers, including:

- A reduction in or waiver of permit application fees;
- Reduced Transportation Impact Fees;
- Allowed departures from certain Development Code requirements; and
- Expedited permit review without additional fees.

Financial incentives are meant to offset some of the costs of green building, including higher quality materials and certification. Code departures are meant to remove barriers to green building, like allowing a solar array to extend past the rooftop if a larger photovoltaic system is required to supply enough renewable power for the building.

Green building programs eligible for incentives are administered through the following green building certification or-



ganizations: International Living Future Institute, who built the Bullitt Center in Seattle (the greenest office building in the world); US Green Building Council, who administers Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) programs; Built Green, affiliated with the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish County; Passive House Institute US, which focuses on energy savings; and Salmon-Safe, which focuses on stormwater.

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## **YOU'RE INVITED TO THE STATE OF THE CITY COMMUNITY FOR ALL GENERATIONS**

**Thursday, June 6, 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.  
City Hall Council Chamber**

**CITY COUNCIL INVITES** you to attend the Annual State of the City Breakfast. Come learn about what has happened over the past year and the City's plans for the coming year.

### **RSVP**

*The event is free, but space is limited*  
RSVP to Heidi Costello by May 31  
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## CityWise: City Government 101

### Creating Community through Parks, Recreation, and the Arts

*The City offers an annual, intensive course on how the City operates. Known as Citywise, the course provides an in-depth look at how decisions are made and encourages participants to engage in the community. This series of articles provides a glimpse of the topics covered in the Citywise program.*

**MIDWAY THROUGH** CityWise classes, participants have a chance to get out of City Hall and visit Shoreline parks and facilities. This Saturday morning field trip always gets high ratings in evaluations.

Shoreline residents are proud of their parks, and the numbers prove their popularity. We have 413 acres of parks, which breaks down to 7.57 acres per 1,000 residents. Our five picnic shelters tallied 2,947 hours of rentals last year. Between Spartan and Richmond Highland Recreation Centers, there were 3,742 hours of rentals, and a combined total of 6,354 hours open to the public.

Our swimming pool had 30,881 drop-in visits in 2018, which works out to 12.48 visitors per hour. Many CityWise participants relay that their favorite experience is a behind-the-scenes tour of the pool, where they witness firsthand the staff's passion for keeping an aging pool functioning despite increasing challenges.

Parks policy is guided by different plans, including the Comprehensive Plan; Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan; Urban Forest Strategic Plan; and Public Art Plan. Operations and maintenance staff oversee parks and open space, street trees, and athletic fields and facilities.

Recreation staff provide community-based recreational and cultural programs that are diverse and affordable. They include programs for adults, preschool children, youth and teens. Adults and younger people with special needs have access to regular program-

ming at the Richmond Highland Recreation Center. Availability of scholarships makes activities more accessible to all residents.

Cultural Services staff create opportunities for residents to enjoy art at City Hall and throughout parks and to come together at special community events, such as Celebrate Shoreline. Parks also supports the Shoreline Historical Museum, Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council, and the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center.

A recently awarded Best Start for Kids grant enabled Parks staff to start the Youth Outreach Leadership Opportunity (YOLO), provide an on-sight therapist at the Shoreline Teen Center, and launch a youth employment program.

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## New mural at 185<sup>th</sup> and Aurora Avenue N

The Richmond Highlands Neighborhood Association recently cut the ribbon on a new mural designed and fabricated by artist Will Schlough to welcome people who drive, bike, and walk through the intersection of North 185<sup>th</sup> and Aurora Avenue N. This project represents partnerships between neighbors, business, and the City. It was funded in part by a Shoreline Neighborhood Mini-Grant.

# COMMUNITY & AQUATICS CENTER



**IN 2018**, the City Council selected 17828 Midvale Avenue N (the current location of Storage Court of Shoreline) to be the site of a potential new consolidated community and aquatics center (CAC) to replace the Shoreline Pool and Spartan Recreation Center. We identified it as a preferred site following a series of public meetings and based on its central location within the City, access to public transit, and proximity to the Interurban Trail. As reported in the February issue of Currents, WRNS Studio completed a concept design for a 60,000 square foot facility and cost estimates based on the Midvale site.

Since release of the initial design, we have received requests from interested residents to modify the facility design. Members of the School District's swim team community have expressed interest in increasing swimming lanes from six to eight, expanding the pool deck spectator seating for swim meets, and including a separate diving well. Patrons of the Shoreline – Lake Forest Park Senior Center and others have expressed a desire to add designated space for senior programs with a commercial kitchen.

As one of the main users of the Shoreline Pool, and the primary beneficiary of an expanded pool design, the Shoreline School Board extended an offer to let the City locate the CAC on School District-owned property where the current Shoreline Pool and Shoreline Park tennis courts are located. In exchange for using this land, the School District would expect the construction of an eight-lane pool, separate diving well, expanded deck space, and preferred scheduling for School District swim teams. The City would pay all operating expenses and maintenance costs of the expanded features. Additional parking for the Center would need to be added to accommodate the new facility. It is likely that the additional parking would be located on a District-owned grass field north of Shoreline Stadium. In this scenario, the School District would maintain ownership of the land and the City would enter a 50-year land lease.

The City is currently assessing the feasibility of the School District site with the added pool features and dedicated senior space. When the analysis of the School District site proposal is complete it will include how the CAC would fit on the School District site, the impact of the parking location on facility patrons, the implications of closing the existing pool while the new pool is being built or phasing the construction of the new facility to prevent this, the cost of relocating four tennis courts, and the difference in construction costs between the two sites. This information will be compared to the savings that would come from not purchasing the preferred site on Midvale.

The City Council will make a final decision on whether to move forward with placing a ballot measure before Shoreline voters for a new CAC later this summer. Included in that decision will be the location of a potential new facility. Council will base their decision on the comparison of costs and other factors such as accessibility and the desire for a central civic center for Shoreline. The Council is expected to begin its review in late May.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### May is Puget Sound Starts Here Month!

Puget Sound is in trouble and you can help fix it! You can help protect the clean water wildlife like orca and salmon need by practicing a few simple, everyday actions: bag dog poop and throw it in the trash; check your car for leaks and fix any you find right away; plant a tree (or two!); build a rain garden to soak up and clean polluted runoff; and switch to natural yard care instead of using fertilizers or pesticides on your yard. Learn more at [shorelinewa.gov/cleanwater](http://shorelinewa.gov/cleanwater) or visit [pugetsoundstartshere.org](http://pugetsoundstartshere.org).



Photo courtesy Mike Charest

## Vision 2029

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With the adoption of the two light rail station subareas, the City is poised to develop a variety of housing options that will meet the needs of newcomers to our city and residents who have lived here for decades but are ready to downsize. Strong affordable housing requirements within the station areas will also help ensure residents from different socioeconomic levels will be able to find housing in Shoreline. We have also implemented Deep Green building incentives and mandates that require more stringent standards for energy and water use, stormwater runoff, site development, materials, and indoor air quality than required by the City's current Building Code.

**MORE INFORMATION**  
[shorelinewa.gov/vision2029](http://shorelinewa.gov/vision2029)

# Sound Transit Lynwood Link Extension construction update

## What's happening this month:

In preparation for construction of the infrastructure that will actually carry light rail trains and passengers in 2024, a number of preparatory activities are underway. Construction crews are currently busy:

- Performing demolition of select structures along the corridor.
- Relocating utilities.
- Clearing and grading areas where the light rail will travel.
- Establishing construction work zones on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast and the North Jackson Park-and-Ride lot (closed during construction) in preparation for work on the new South Shoreline/145<sup>th</sup> Station and parking garage.

## Did you know?

The City of Shoreline and Sound Transit will be using an area of Ronald Bog Park for a wetland mitigation site to replace wetlands affected by light rail construction. Enhancements to the park, including trail improvements will be made as part of the project. Construction at Ronald Bog is anticipated to begin in late-spring/early-summer. Stay tuned for more details as the work gets closer.

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### Questions?

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### Report issues:

24-hour construction hotline  
1 (888) 298-2395



Councilmembers and Citywise graduates

## Congratulations CityWise Graduates!

On Monday, March 18, Council honored the third graduating class of Shoreline's CityWise Project. CityWise is an eight-week opportunity for Shoreline residents to learn about their City's government and operations.

2019 CityWise graduates are: Kara Adams, Eliana Allyn, Gina Alva, Thomas Bert, Janelle Callahan, Carter Case, Courtney Ewing, Fia Gibbs, Rhena Halterman, Benjamin Hanowell, Robert Luu, Jonathan Malo, Patricia McKinnon, Laine Ritter, Ryan Ritter, Pam Sager, and Vincent Wilson.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [shorelinewa.gov/citywise](http://shorelinewa.gov/citywise)



## Shoreline Farmers Market Season Opens June 8

June 8 - October 5  
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Shoreline Place  
15300 Westminister Way, Shoreline  
[shorelinefarmersmarket.org](http://shorelinefarmersmarket.org)

Find deliciously fresh produce, baked goods, cheese, meats, and eggs. The Market showcases local artisan crafts, hosts a weekly food truck, and offers family friendly music for your entertainment. See you at the Market!



# N 175<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Improvements Open House

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. – Presentation, Q & A

Shoreline City Hall, Council Chambers

CITY COUNCIL has made improving N 175<sup>th</sup> Street between Stone Avenue and I-5 a priority to support growth and help keep our community safe. The overall goal is to make this heavily-traveled corridor safer and more predictable for all modes of travel into the future.

We are committed to meaningful and collaborative public participation throughout the design process. We want to be sure the corridor design reflects the community's vision and needs, while meeting the technical needs of the project. As we begin our process, you are invited to attend an open house to hear about the current and future opportunities and challenges on the corridor and share your own experience and ideas for N 175<sup>th</sup> Street. There will also be opportunity for participants to provide feedback on the City's design goals and objectives.

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# NE 175<sup>th</sup> Street Pavement Preservation Project

LATER THIS MONTH, we will begin construction on the NE 175<sup>th</sup> Street Pavement Preservation Project. The goal is to improve the condition of the pavement by resurfacing it with asphalt overlay, and rebuilding curb ramps, sidewalks, and driveways for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project area will be along NE 175<sup>th</sup> Street between I-5 and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. The contractor for this project is Watson Asphalt Paving Company. We expect to complete this project in September 2019.

Expect delays and intermittent lane closures during construction. The pavement surface will be rough for a short period when it is prepared prior to resurfacing. Pavement markings will be replaced in the same four-lane configuration as currently exists.

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# HOME IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP & VENDOR FAIR

Tuesday, May 28, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall lobby

RSVP:

[shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement](http://shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement)

HOME IMPROVEMENT SEASON is coming! Do you have a home improvement project in mind, but need some guidance to get started? Is it a house remodel or addition; subdivision of property; or a driveway, drainage, deck, sewer, or a tree project? Our workshops can help you take the next steps.

Technical reviewers will be available by appointment to help with questions regarding your house, property, land uses, and street as well as City requirements and permit information. Visit [shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement](http://shorelinewa.gov/homeimprovement) to make an appointment with a technical reviewer.

In addition to appointments with technical reviewers, there will also be a vendor fair of building, design, and construction related resources. These vendors will include architects, contractors, lending institutions, materials suppliers, and other design consultants. You do not need an appointment to come in and talk with any of these vendors, so feel free to stop by between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

## MORE INFORMATION & RSVP:

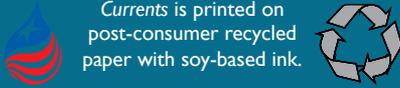
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