

# CITY OF SHORELINE **CURRENTS**

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## Residents feel safe in Shoreline *Results of Shoreline Police Department survey*

Shoreline residents perceive the City as a safe place to live, according to the results of the 2001 Police Citizen's Satisfaction Survey. This is the second Police survey of Shoreline residents — the first was conducted in 1998. The survey measures how residents feel about crime, safety and the quality of police service in Shoreline.

"The overall goal of the survey is to use citizen feedback to continuously improve the delivery of police services," explains Shoreline Police Chief Denise Pentony. "We're pleased that Shoreline residents continue to think of their City as a safe place to live. Ninety-one percent rated police services as satisfactory or better, and 68 percent felt that service was good or excellent."

The telephone survey involved 400 Shoreline residents and was conducted from October through December 2001. It has an accuracy rate of 95 percent.

Citizens identified follow-up communication between police and citizens as the area most in need of improvement. According to Pentony, Shoreline Police recently launched a Call Back Program to contact victims of burglar-

ies and thefts to keep them updated on the status of their cases and to provide further assistance.

Survey results will be incorporated into the Shoreline Police Department's annual strategic planning process. "The information from this survey serves as a foundation for future programs to improve our customer service efforts. We plan to develop strategies to enhance police-citizen communi-

*See Police Survey page 7*



Two Shoreline parks are growing new grass that needs protection. See **Keep Off Grass!** on page 6 for more details.

## City takes another look at the CIP

Shoreline City Manager Steve Burkett presented a revised Capital Improvement Program to the City Council for discussion at its Feb. 19 meeting.

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a six-year plan including timelines and budgets for improvements to the City's infrastructure – streets and sidewalks, surface water system, parks and City facilities. The CIP is updated



**With the fun boxes complete, the look of the skateboard park at Paramount School Park on N 155th St. is taking shape. The City expects the skateboard portion of the park to open summer 2002.**

each year and adopted during the City's budget process. The City Council adopted the 2002 CIP in December with the understanding that the City Manager would conduct a thorough review and present recommended changes early this year.

"It was apparent during last year's budget process that our proposed CIP was overly aggressive and included unrealistic schedules that didn't allow enough time for pre-design and design. Failure to include adequate time for planning and design results in unanticipated issues during construction which can increase the budgeted cost and schedule for projects," explained Burkett.

"The slowdown in the economy

combined with the state legislature's inability to replace the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) funds also inhibit the City's ability to fund the CIP. We needed to take a closer look and make some changes to the schedules so they are more realistic."

Over the past few months, City staff reviewed the projected six-year financing for the CIP and developed new cost estimates and schedules for each of the projects including the current status, knowns and unknowns.

"The revised projections for CIP costs are also very conservative to ensure we have the money for the projects. This means that some of the projects near the bottom of the CIP list are no longer funded. Since these projects are necessary investments in the City's infrastructure, we may discuss with the community other ways to fund these projects including through bond issues instead of trying to squeeze more money out of our

current revenue stream," says Burkett.

The City Council's top priority projects in the CIP are the Aurora Corridor, Interurban Trail, North City, Ronald Bog Drainage Project and Third Avenue NW Drainage Project. Shoreline recently completed two facility improvement projects – Shoreline Pool which opened in December and the Richmond Highland Recreation Center which opened Feb. 11. Paramount School Park including the skate park and Shoreview Park are currently under construction.

"Shoreline's capital projects are already making dramatic improvements in the community and we are proud of improvements to these facilities," Burkett says. "The Paramount and Shoreview projects are moving ahead and we are looking forward to continued progress, ensuring future projects are more efficiently and realistically completed and building the City the community says it wants."

## Family Earth Day Events

### Boeing Creek

Plant, restore and make a lasting difference in Boeing Creek for Earth Day. On Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., all youth and adults are invited to remove invasive plants, establish native species and release salmon fry into the creek. Dress for the weather and meet at the park entrance on N.W. 175th at 6th N.W. For more information, call Matt Loper at (206) 546-4683.

### Twin Ponds

Remove blackberries, pick up litter and plant native plants along the west trail to Twin Ponds on Sun-

day, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meet across from Evergreen School on Meridian Ave. N. For more information, call John Dixon at (206) 363-2987.

### RB Saltwater Park

The Richmond Beach Community Council is holding its annual park clean up event at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 NW 190th St. All ages are welcome to meet at the park at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20 to pick up litter. For more information, call Sheri Ashleman at (206) 542-9147.

## Residents weigh in on Central Area design

The vision for Shoreline's Central Area moved another step closer to reality in early March as residents and business owners reviewed designs for Aurora's central commercial district.

The designs incorporated ideas from a four-day design charrette in October, and were presented in two public meetings and an all-day workshop for demonstration site owners and tenants. Comments from the first meeting were incorporated into the designs at the workshop the following day.

"People seem very comfortable with the direction we're going," explains Kirk McKinley, City Planning Manager. "Attendees at the March meetings appeared supportive of the concepts."

In addition to an overall plan for the Central Area, consultants presented draft design concepts for the following demonstration sites: Gateway QFC, Highland Plaza (City Hall annex), and the "Wedge," the area north of 175th between Aurora and Ronald.

Seattle City Light is a key constituent in the Central Area project due to its 100-foot right-of-way that runs the entire length of the

study area. Also key to the overall plan is transforming Midvale Avenue into a pedestrian-friendly "main street" with buildings and businesses situated closer to the street.

Consultants have incorporated suggestions and ideas from the March meetings into a preliminary draft report which will be available for public review soon. This draft will be presented in a joint meeting of the City Council and the Planning Commission this spring. After review, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council about adoption of the plan.

"We want to circulate the preliminary draft plan to as many people as possible, as the plan needs to reflect the vision and values of the community," McKinley says. "We want to hear from the public."

The draft plan will be posted on the City of Shoreline Web site, and copies will be available at City Hall. McKinley said he is also available to meet with neighborhood groups and service organizations about the Central Area design plan.

For more information about the Central Area Subarea Plan, please call Kirk McKinley at (206) 546-3901.

## Ask CRT

**Q:** Where do I go to pay a parking ticket or change my court date?

You can pay a parking ticket or change your court date at Shoreline Division of King County District Court, which is located at 18050 Meridian Ave. N. in Shoreline. The Court is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At the District Court you can obtain passports and passport information; file small claims, anti-harassment and domestic violence cases; get a name change; and pay traffic citations. Although you cannot obtain a marriage license at the District Court, (you will have to go to the Superior Court in downtown Seattle) you can have a marriage ceremony performed.

For driving directions or more information, contact the King County District Court at (206) 296-3679.

Questions?  
Concerns?  
Problems?

Call the  
City of Shoreline  
Customer  
Response Team  
(206) 546-1700

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

## Expanded City Web site

If you haven't visited it lately, check out the City of Shoreline's Web site, [www.cityofshoreline.com](http://www.cityofshoreline.com). An expanded Web site featuring more comprehensive information about City services, projects, programs and meetings debuted the beginning of this month.

For more information about the revised site, please contact Shoreline Communications Specialist Susan Will at (206) 546-8323.

## Welcome Shoreline's new Public Works Director



**Public Works Director  
Paul Haines**

The City of Shoreline welcomed new Public Works Director Paul Haines on March 18.

"Paul brings organizational skills and a leadership style that will be very compatible with our City values and will help strengthen the Public Works Department," says City Manager Steve Burkett. "His strong background and experience with transportation issues and policy development in public works will make him a valuable addition to our staff."

Haines has over 20 years experience in local government serving in a variety of public works, engineering and planning positions. Prior to joining Shoreline, Haines was the Public Works Director/City Engineer in Battleground, Wash. Haines earned his

Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University.

"I am excited to be here and look forward to helping create a Public Works Department that focuses on professional respect and responsiveness to the community's needs with the goal of becoming an organization of community and state-wide reference for how we deliver our services," Haines says.

To provide the engineering capacity to cover other vacant positions in Public Works, the City Council approved a contract with Gray & Osborne, Inc. Besides providing professional engineering services, Gray & Osborne will be helping the City establish systems and procedures to improve Capital Improvement Project implementation.

## WSDOT begins pedestrian safety project

Construction began the week of March 18 on the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Pedestrian Safety Demonstration Project on Aurora.

WSDOT is building a series of improvements on Aurora Ave. N. at the intersections of N. 165th and N. 170th Streets aimed at increasing pedestrian safety. Improvements include curbs; asphalt sidewalks; crosswalks and crossing signals; planted medians with pedestrian refuge; and improved access to

transit stops.

While this project is not part of the City's Aurora Corridor Project, it does share one objective: increased safety. WSDOT selected Shoreline's portion of Aurora for the project because it has one of the highest vehicle-pedestrian collision rates of any state route in Washington.

The centerpiece feature of the improvements is an electronic sign called Roving Eyes that has successfully improved pedestrian safety in other communities. This new technology links a pedestrian sensor to a sign on the side of the

roadway. When a pedestrian activates the sensor, a pair of eyes reminds motorists to "Look Again" for pedestrians in the direction the eyes look.

For more information about the Pedestrian Safety Demonstration Project, please call the WSDOT Public Information Officer Claudia Cornish at (206) 440-4472 or visit the project Web site at [www.otak.com/shorelinepedsafty/](http://www.otak.com/shorelinepedsafty/).

## Curb Ramp Program improves accessibility

Bit by bit, Shoreline is installing curb ramps, adding bus pads and repairing sidewalks, making it easier to get around the City especially for those in wheelchairs.

When Shoreline incorporated in 1995, it inherited an aging and neglected infrastructure from King County. One of the City's early priorities was improving the infrastructure and programs were put in place to begin replacing deteriorating roadways and sidewalks as part of the annual Capital Improvement Program.

Since 1998, Shoreline's annual Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Repair Program has added or repaired approximately 165 curb ramps, 25 bus pads and 14,600 square feet of sidewalks. Projects

currently under construction for the program will add or repair an additional 38 curb ramps, one bus pad and 7,000 square feet of sidewalks.

"The program has focused on making particular arterial corridors completely passable, with an emphasis on those that are close to schools, community centers, transit and group homes," explains Project Manager Kris Stouffer-Overleese. "Meridian Ave. N is completely passable from north to south and the City is working on completing other corridors throughout the City."

Curb ramps are currently being installed along Richmond Beach Road from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NW to 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW and along N. 155<sup>th</sup>

St. from Aurora to 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. Sidewalk repairs are being done on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, NE 185<sup>th</sup> St. and NE 155<sup>th</sup> St. Construction began the week of March 18 and is expected to take 45 working days, depending on weather conditions.

"These projects are technically simple – they basically involve removing and replacing concrete," explains Stouffer-Overleese. "But these are the type of projects that can really make a difference to community accessibility."

The City notified all residents adjacent to the projects by postcard. For more information about the Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Repair Program, please call the City of Shoreline's Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

## Spring Clean Sweep Recycling Event May 18

If the throwaway items are piling up during your spring clean, the City of Shoreline can help.

The City's Spring 2002 Clean Sweep Recycling Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shoreline Park and Ride on N. 192nd and Aurora Avenue N. The event gives Shoreline residents an easy way to recycle all sorts of household items and dispose of garbage that won't fit in curbside waste containers.

To participate, residents must present the Clean Sweep coupon from the event flyer, or a valid photo ID with a City of Shoreline address. Event flyers will be mailed to all Shoreline addresses in April.

Due to the volume of material, only one trip will be allowed per household. Items will be accepted until the bins are full, and the City reserves the right to refuse any

item. Please use the following recycling guidelines in planning your trip.

### Do bring:

- Chippable bulky yard waste
- Selected appliances
- Porcelain toilets and sinks
- Computers and computer monitors
- Telephones and cellular phones
- Scrap metal
- Motor oil and filters
- Antifreeze
- Lead acid batteries and household batteries
- Propane tanks
- Tires
- Clean scrap lumber
- Televisions
- Bulky residential garbage that cannot be recycled or picked up in your curbside garbage bin.

*Some items may require a mini-*

*mal recycling fee that must be paid in cash. Check the Clean Sweep flyer for more details.*

Don't bring: hazardous materials; commercial waste or items infested by bees, hornets or wasps; household chemicals, paint, cleaning products, pesticides, herbicides, solvents and thinners. Please take these items to Aurora Household Hazardous Waste Site, (206) 296-4692.

The Spring 2002 Clean Sweep Recycling Event is sponsored in cooperation with the King County Solid Waste Division, the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health and the State Department of Ecology. For more information, call the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700, and ask for the Recycling Program.

## City Council appoints new Library Board and Planning Commission members

Six Shoreline residents were appointed to the City's Planning Commission and Library Board, and outgoing members were recognized for their many years of volunteer service at the March 25 City Council meeting. Shoreline Mayor Scott Jepsen acknowledged outgoing Library Board members Michael Derrick and Evelyn Phillips, and outgoing Planning Commission members Nancy Marx, Bill Monroe, Michael Maloney and Kevin McAuliffe for their dedication and service to the City.

### New Planning Commission members:

Sidney Kuboi is an engineer with the Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. He has served as both a Navy officer and a civilian engineer for more than 20 years, and currently works at the Naval field

office in Poulsbo. Kuboi lives in Echo Lake.

Donald Sands is chairman of Kane Custom Homes, president of the real estate firm D.A. Sands & Co., and owner of Gulf Shore Realty, a brokerage company. Sands lives in the Highlands.

Rocky Piro has been an urban planner with the Puget Sound Regional Council for 10 years. He has also taught Land Use Planning at the University of Washington and was manager of the Intergovernmental Planning Team for King County from 1989 to 1992. He is vice chair of the Intergovernmental Affairs Division of the American Planning Commission and a board member of the International Urban Planning and Environment Association. Piro lives in Echo Lake.

William MacCully has lived in Shoreline for 17 years. He is an

administrator with Horizon Church and owned Minuteman Press in Shoreline for three years. He served as Community Transit's director of transit development for 10 years and was general manager of the Clallam Transit System. He is past president of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Shoreline Rotary, and he served on the Aurora Corridor Citizen Advisory Task Force. MacCully lives in Ballinger.

### New Library Board members:

Amy Mayfield is director of development for the Girls Scouts Totem Council and Assistant Librarian at Ballard High School. She also serves as volunteer program manager for The Nature Conservancy of Washington. She earned a degree in environmental science at Western Washington University and is working toward a Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Washington. She served on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Metro King County's six-year public transit plan and leads a Girl Scout troop. Mayfield lives in the Highlands.

J. Joe Phillips brings many years of community experience to his new position, both as a 38-year Shoreline resident and as a library supporter. He retired from the Seattle Times in 1997. His volunteer activities include serving on the Richmond Beach Library Board and the Richmond Beach Community Council, and starting Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops at Syre Elementary School. Phillips lives in Richmond Beach.

## Give the grass a chance: Keep Off!

Growing up strong and healthy is difficult with people walking, running and stomping all over you. Especially if you are new grass.

Shoreline has two parks with new grass: Paramount School Park at NE 155th and 8th Ave. NE and Shoreview Park at Innis Arden Way and 9th Ave. NW. Some visitors have been ignoring the "Keep Off Grass" signs posted at the parks.

"While grass may look good fairly soon after it begins growing, it takes months for the roots to become established and the grass to be strong enough to withstand use," explains Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Wendy Barry.

The new grass at these parks is just part of the renovations that both parks are undergoing, but it is a critical component.

"In order for the fields to serve the community for many years to come, the grass needs to get a good start," says Barry. "We really need the community's help protecting it during its fragile growth period."

If you see anyone ignoring the posted signs, please call the Shoreline Police at 911. For more information, contact the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041.

## Shoreline Fire and Police sponsor bone marrow registration drive

Shoreline's Fire and Police Departments, along with the Puget Sound Blood Center, are sponsoring a Bone Marrow Registration Drive Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Fire Department Training and Support Facility, 17525 Aurora Ave. N. The event is on behalf of four-year old Nicole Howard of Seattle, and 27-year old Lynda Lyons of Shoreline, and numerous others who desperately need a bone marrow transplant to survive.

Nicole and Lynda are of Asian-Caucasian descent, so they have a difficult time finding marrow donor matches. This drive is intended to attract people of Asian, African-American or mixed-race backgrounds. Right now, fewer than 10 percent of donors on the bone marrow registry are non-Caucasian.

Caucasian donors, while still badly needed, are asked to pay the testing fee. There is some financial support available for those who cannot afford the fee. The fee for non-Caucasian donors is paid by a federal grant.

If you would like to be placed on the national bone marrow registry, be prepared to give a small sample of blood for testing. Once

on the registry, a donor will be contacted if he or she is a match for someone who needs a life-saving transplant.

For more information, please contact Melanie Granfors at the Shoreline Fire Department at (206) 533-6500, the Shoreline Police Department at (206) 546-6730, or visit [www.helpnicole.org](http://www.helpnicole.org) or [www.savinglinda.org](http://www.savinglinda.org).

## Shoreline Police offer free gun locks

The City of Shoreline Police Department has received a grant from Project Home Safe and the United States Department of Justice to distribute cable gun locks free of charge to City of Shoreline residents through the Neighborhood Police Centers.

The locks have been designed to work on all types of firearms, including revolvers, semi-automatic handguns, rifles and shotguns.

To receive these locks, please schedule an appointment with Officer Charlie Akers at the Eastside Neighborhood Police Center at (206) 363-8424 or Office Leona Obstler at the Westside Neighborhood Police Center at (206) 546-3636.

## Police Citizen Satisfaction Survey *from page 1*

cation," Pentony explains.

Below are other key findings from the survey:

### **Community Safety & Security**

- Some 96% of residents feel safe or very safe walking alone in their neighborhood during the day; 66% feel safe walking alone at night.

- Approximately 75% of residents feel safe or very safe in Shoreline parks, and 86% say they have not restricted their activities due to fear of crime.

- Most residents say that crime rates have remained about the same (68%), while 9% feel that crime has increased, and 13% say crime has decreased. Statistics

show that crime in Shoreline has increased slightly, which is attributed mostly to theft from vehicles and auto theft.

### **Police & Problem Solving**

Residents were asked for ideas on how police and citizens could solve problems together. Suggestions included: Expanding crime prevention programs; expanding Block and Business Watch programs; more communication, such as newsletters; more school programs or student academies; citizen advisory boards; crime prevention information on the Internet; and more community meetings and citizen patrols.

### **Quality of Service**

- Some 68% of Shoreline resi-

dents said police service was either good or excellent in their area, while 23% said the service was satisfactory.

- Follow-through communication with residents is an area for improvement. The survey showed that 34% of residents were satisfied with the follow-through, while 24% were not, and 42% were undecided.

- Of those surveyed, 69% said police were customer-service oriented; 15% said they were not.

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

### City of Shoreline

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

### Shoreline Police

**Emergency: 911**

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

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Shoreline, WA 98177  
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521 NE 165th St.  
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