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Summer events in Shoreline
There's lots to do in the City of Shoreline this summer. Take a look and mark your calendars for these fun, family events.

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Enforcement stepped up for third year of Shoreline fireworks ban

"It is unlawful for any person to sell, possess, use, transfer, discharge, ignite or explode any fireworks, including but not limited to common and special fireworks within Shoreline."

***Shoreline Municipal Code
Chapter 9.15***

As Shoreline marks the third summer of the fireworks ban, Shoreline Police are planning to step up enforcement efforts.

"The first year of the ban we gave the community a chance to adjust. The second year we tripled staff and focused on education. This year we are not only tripling staff, but will confiscate fireworks and write tickets," says Shoreline Police Chief Denise Pentony.

All types of fireworks are illegal in Shoreline following a City Council ordinance that went into effect in 1999. During the first year of the ban, Shoreline had no major fires, injuries or serious complaints. And Shoreline Police will be working to maintain that record.

"People can report offenders by calling 911, (206) 296-3311 or the anonymous tip line at (800)

546-7861," says Chief Pentony. "Those who want to dispose of fireworks can drop them off at the police station (1206 N. 185th St.) during business hours or call the non-emergency number, (206) 296-3311, to request an officer pick them up."

To find out more about nearby Fourth of July events, call the Fireworks Information Hotline at (888) 29July4.



Parks break ground

(From left) City Councilmembers Kevin Grossman, Linda Montgomery and Cheryl Lee with School Board Member Herb Bryce, former Mayor Connie King and Mayor Scott Jepsen celebrate the groundbreaking at Paramount School Park with future skateboard park users Peter Clements, Jeffrey Pipkin, Joseph Uchytel, Christopher Uchytel and Mike Vollbrecht. See page 3 for more details about improvements underway at Paramount School Park and Shoreview Park.

Shoreline streets will receive new surface soon

Summer means days at the beach, barbecues with friends, sunset strolls with the family and fresh slurry seals on Shoreline streets. This summer marks the sixth year of Shoreline's overlay program which — when combined with the slurry seal program — will leave about 23.8 lane miles of Shoreline roads with a brand new surface by the end the season.

"Although we now spend a

large percentage of the budget on the overlay portion, that may not always be the case," says Public Works Maintenance Supervisor George Dicks. "In a few years, as we get our roads in better shape, we will reach a point where more of our money can be spent on preventative maintenance treatments such as the slurry seal."

Overlay is for roads where the structural integrity has failed, dis-

playing extensive cracking and pot holes. With proper preparation, the two-inches of asphalt added during the overlay process can last 20 years.

Roads that are weathered but structurally sound receive a slurry seal of 3/8" of asphalt which should extend wear for about 10 years. The slurry seal is a preventative measure at only 25 percent of the cost of an overlay. This is the second year the City has used slurry seal as part of this program.

Currently the City spends \$700,000 a year on the program - \$550,000 on overlay and \$150,000 for slurry seal. How many lane miles are completed each summer is dependent on cost which can change year to year based on oil and contractor prices.

In 1999, Shoreline completed a pavement inventory where every foot of road in the City was studied and given a score. This ranking helps the City plan when roads will receive a particular application.

Flyers will be distributed to residences and businesses along roads receiving new treatment this summer. Those near the slurry seal process will also receive a mailing to more completely explain the process. A complete list of areas marked for overlay or slurry seal is available on the City of Shoreline Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com. Click on the link at the end of the news story titled, "New surfaces for Shoreline streets," for a listing and schedule of the program. For more information, contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

Party Patrol keeps streets safe

For the past four years, law enforcement agencies from King County have teamed up to ensure high school graduation remains a time of joy. The Party Patrol was formed by Shoreline's Captain Clement Rusk to put a lid on underage drinking parties during graduation season and end the tragedy that can be a result of those parties. Since the program began, there have been no major alcohol-related teen accidents while the Party Patrol is active. During each weekend in June, the Party Patrol gathers enough law enforcement officers to be able to shut down parties and take teens into custody for their parents to be called. Jurisdictions that participate include King County, Shoreline, Issaquah, Lake Forest Park, Snoqualmie, Woodinville, Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Bothell, Kenmore, Sammamish, Carnation, Washington State Patrol, Washington State Liquor Control Board and Northshore School District. Above are just a few of the officers who were part of the Party Patrol: (from left) Sgt. Gary Kain (Shoreline), Richard Torres (Shoreline), Nick Minzghor (King County), Brent Naylor (King County) and Shane Watkins (Sammamish).

Shoreline's first quarter financial report looks good

After the first quarter, most City of Shoreline funds are close to their expected revenues, according to the 2001 First Quarter Financial Report presented to the City Council at its May 29 regular meeting.

The financial report provides an overview of the expenditure and revenue activity for January through March of 2001. One area where revenues are below the projected amount is in permit revenue. This reflects the national downward trend for permit activity caused by

the economic slowdown.

Although all funds are experiencing large under-expenditures at this time, it is expected that expenditures will begin to level off during the second quarter as most seasonal work begins.

A full version of the 2001 First Quarter Financial Report is available on the City of Shoreline Web site: www.cityofshoreline.com. The report is attached at the end of the news story titled "Shoreline's first quarter financial report."

Several parks under construction

Two Shoreline parks will see big changes this summer as construction begins on Shoreview Park and Paramount School Park. Both parks were closed to the public for construction on June 4 and are expected to be open by late November. The Shoreview soccer field, softball field and tennis courts will be available after August 17 for scheduled events only.

Improvements to Shoreview Park include a new Little League field, two new restroom facilities, new play areas, additional parking, new pathways and stairs, a picnic plaza, bus and passenger drop off areas, landscaping, habitat restoration, frontage improvements, irrigation and improved drainage. The new field will not be available until late summer 2002 to allow the grass to become established. The prime contractor is Ohno Construction.

The Paramount School Park is

being completely upgraded and construction will include regrading and reconfiguring the fields, adding drainage and irrigation, paving the gravel parking lot and rebuilding the paths. The premiere feature to be added is the skateboard facility. The prime contractor is Construction International.

As the untreated-wood parking barriers are removed at Paramount School Park, they will be cut into two-foot logs and available for free to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis. The stockpile of logs will be located at the park on the corner of NE 155th St. and 8th Ave. NE. Since the park is closed for construction, activity in the park should be limited to picking up the free logs.

For more information about either of these park improvement projects, contact Project Manager John Vicente at (206) 546-1700. For park facility information, contact the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041.

Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program now available

The City of Shoreline's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP) is officially underway.

The NTSP is Shoreline's new way of dealing with non-arterial traffic problems. The program was developed with the help of citizen and technical advisory committees and works in two phases. Phase one uses community education and traffic enforcement to encourage behavior changes that lead to safer streets. Phase two uses engineering solutions – such as traffic circles, speed bumps and narrowed lanes – if education and enforcement do not change the behavior of drivers.

Residents access the new program the same way they make traffic complaints now, by calling the Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700. Another way to access the program is to use the form linked to the NTSP news story on the City of Shoreline's Web site, www.cityofshoreline.com.

Since phase one emphasizes education which takes a lot of hands-on work, volunteers are an important component to making the program successful. The City is training a group of volunteers to help neighborhoods throughout Shoreline. If you are interested in becoming a NTSP volunteer, contact Rick Vogler at (206) 546-1700.

North City hearings set for July

The City of Shoreline released the Planned Action Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the North City Sub-area Plan on June 15.

Comments to the draft SEIS were nearly unanimously in favor of the project. As a result of comments, neighborhood traffic mitigation recommendations were refined.

Public hearings will be held by the City Council prior to taking action on three items:

1. The amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for the North City Sub-area;
2. The amendment to the Development Code Title 20 to include Special District - North City Business District;
3. Planned Action Ordinance under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) to approve mitigation measures for the North City Sub-area Plan.

These three public hearings will be held consecutively on Monday, July 23, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Shoreline Conference Center. Copies of the final SEIS are available for review in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, both Neighborhood Police Centers, Richmond Beach Library and Shoreline Library. For more information, please contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

Crime is down, accidents are up

Crime in Shoreline is at an all-time low, according to the first ever Service Efforts and Accomplishments Report presented by the Shoreline Police Department and King County Sheriff's Office to the City Council on June 18.

The report blends crime trend and workload data for the past five year and examines citizens' satisfaction with police, the community's perception of safety and issues of citizen concern.

Of 13 Washington cities of comparable size, only Edmonds has a lower crime rate than Shoreline. This is especially significant since Shoreline has the lowest officer to resident ratio (.92 officers per 1,000 residents) of all the cities in the comparison. (Edmonds has 1.32 officers per 1,000 residents; the city with the second fewest officers, Lakewood with 1.18 officers per 1,000 residents, has over twice the crime rate as Shoreline.)

Although Shoreline's dropping crime rate reflects a nationwide trend, Shoreline's rate is 20 points below the national average. The declining crime rate in Shoreline was also reflected in the community's feeling of safety: A 1998 survey showed that 98 percent of people surveyed felt either safe or very safe in their neighborhood during the day and 66 percent felt safe or very safe at night, with 17 percent feeling neither safe nor unsafe.

One area where Shoreline's numbers have risen is in the accident rate. While hit and run injury accidents have decreased, injury

accidents increased by 6.2 percent and non-injury accidents increased by 9.8 percent.

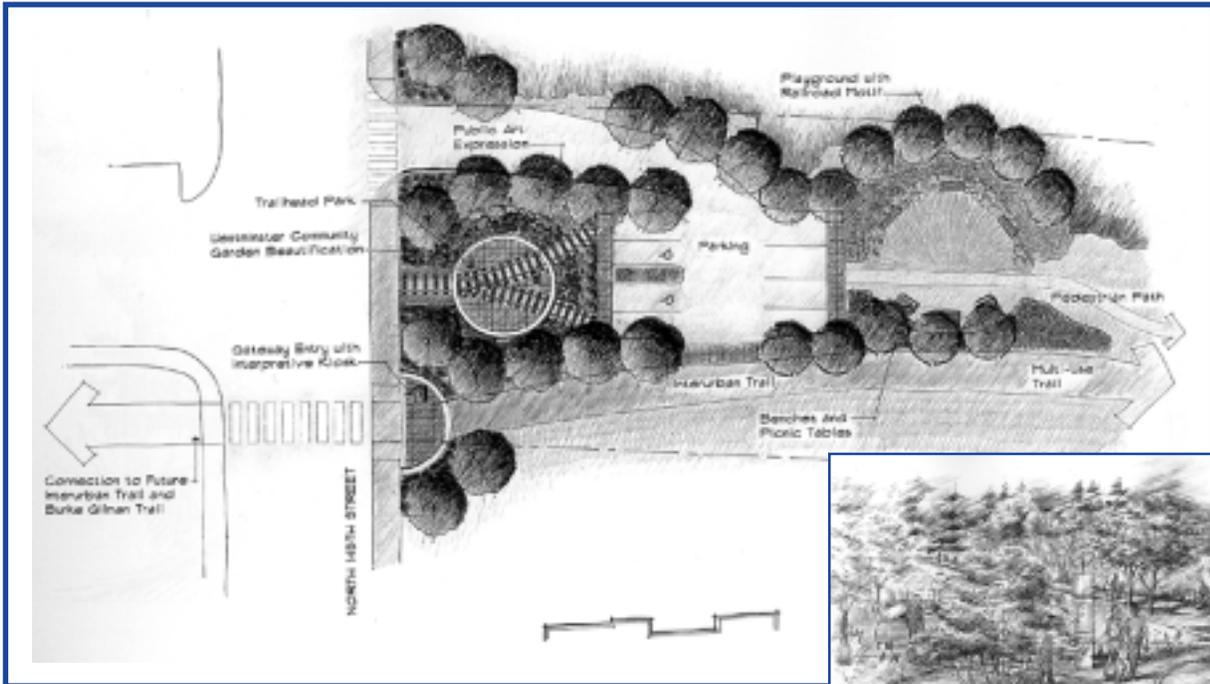
"We have started an accident reduction program focusing on the intersections with the highest rate of accidents," says Shoreline Police Chief Denise Pentony. "Shoreline police will be helping with the educational portion of the Pedestrian Safety Demonstration Project planned for the area between 155th to 165th on Aurora because this is one of the most dangerous stretches of road in the entire state. We have also been working with the Aurora Corridor Project on the safety improvements needed for Aurora."

Besides the accident reduction program, Shoreline Police also began a number of other problem-solving projects to address community concerns including a school traffic safety, false alarm reduction, hotel/motel trespass, drug house response and abatement, school emergency response, dogs off-leash and noise problems.

The citizen survey revealed that police could improve service by providing more follow up and better communication with victims and the community. In response, the Shoreline Police are beginning a victim call back program this year.

A full copy of the report is available for review at the Shoreline Police Station, City Hall and both Neighborhood Police Centers. The report is also available online at Shoreline's Web site, www.cityofshoreline.com under the police news section.

For more information, call the Shoreline Police Department at (206) 546-6730.



Interurban trailhead conceptual drawings
This is just one of the ideas of what the trailhead at N. 145th St. could look like that will be explored during the design process.

Interurban Trail open house set for July 31

Final design of the Interurban Trail through Shoreline is officially underway with the City Council's approval of the design contract with OTAK, Inc. at its May 29 meeting. Construction could begin on the south segment by the end of this year.

The community is invited to share ideas, comments and suggestions about the Interurban at an open house on Tuesday, July 31, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Highland Room of the Shoreline Conference Center. The open house is a City of Shoreline requirement for the grading permit and SEPA application and will feature displays on trail location within the right-of-way, proposed gateway layouts and ideas for kiosks and pocket parks.

For funding, design and con-

struction purposes, the Trail is being divided into four segments. Three of the four segments are funded through a series of federal and state grants and the City will continue to seek funding for the final segment. Shoreline is also seeking funding for an overcrossing at Aurora near N. 155th St. which is expected to cost an estimated \$3.4 million.

At its May 29 meeting, the City Council also reviewed key features which were developed during the pre-design process. These features include the landscaping, alignment, information kiosks, location and design of pocket parks as well as the design of the gateways at N. 145th St. and N. 205th St.

"We're looking forward to working with the adjoining neighborhoods this summer on the aes-

thetic details that will define the park," says Project Manager Paul Cornish.

The final design process will include more public meetings and one-on-one discussions with adjacent property owners, as well as discussions with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Committee, adjacent neighborhood groups and other interested citizens. Once the design is 30 percent complete, staff will present it for City Council review which is expected to be this summer.

State and federal environmental documents have been submitted for review and Shoreline has also applied for federal, state and city permits for the project.

For more information about the Interurban Trail, contact Cornish at (206) 546-1700.

“Emotional first aid” volunteers needed

Trauma Intervention Programs (TIP) is looking for citizens to be trained to provide “emotional first aid” at the scene of emergencies. The volunteers will work with fire and emergency medical crews in North King and South Snohomish Counties to assist victims of crime and comfort families after a loved one dies or is injured.

TIP is a nonprofit organization funded through public-private partnerships. Over 200 police and fire departments in 70 U.S. cities take part in the program. The Shoreline, Bothel and Northshore fire departments have been using TIP volunteers since March and the volunteers have been called out more than 25 times since they began.

Training will be held July 19-22 and July 26-28. If you are interested in becoming a TIP volunteer, please call Melanie Granfors, Shoreline Fire Department, (206) 533-6500 for more information.

Project Impact

Project Impact emergency preparedness videos are now being broadcast on Shoreline’s government access channel, cable channel 21, Mondays at noon and 8:00 p.m. and Tuesdays at 6:00 a.m. and noon. The current video contains information about personal preparedness. Programs will change each month.

These local Project Impact programs are produced by Eric Holdeman, Manager of King County Office of Emergency Management, and are broadcast in Shoreline courtesy of King and Pierce Counties. Project Impact is a program that focuses on preparing communities for emergencies and disasters.

Think water conservation

With one the driest winters on record behind us, officials are urging water consumers to voluntarily reduce water use at home and work this summer.

Following are tips on conserving water courtesy of Seattle Public Utilities. For more information and conservation tips, visit www.savingwater.org or call (206) 684-SAVE.

- Flush one less time per day. This will save more than three million gallons in our service area.
- Spend a minute less in the shower. This will save more than three million gallons. Also, reduce shower flow by installing a water-

efficient showerhead with a 2.5 gallons per minute (g.p.m.) rating.

- Use a car wash that recycles water.
- Reduce your lawn watering and water only between 7 p.m. and 10 a.m.
- Only wash full washing machine and dishwasher loads.
- Repair leaks.
- Reduce faucet flow by installing faucet aerators that use one g.p.m. or less. Avoid letting the water run when brushing teeth, washing dishes or shaving.
- Install water-efficient 1.6 gallon toilets. Older toilets use up to five gallons of water per flush.

Shoreline teens map hot spots

Thanks to a group of youths fed up with hearing “there’s nothing to do in Shoreline,” a new map is available that proves this phrase wrong.

Six teens with the Youth Volunteer Corp — Bill Berry, Lindsey Christianson, Jeremy Dickson, Leanne Do, Joe Sanders and Rosalyn Truong — along with the Corp’s Shoreline Coordinator, Vanessa Gibbons, and AmeriCorps member, Jovi Catena, scouted out youth resources in the Shoreline area to produce a huge list of things for teens to do. These ideas were then incorporated into a map

designed by the teens and formatted by Jay Clark and Neil Quisenberry in Shoreline’s GIS department.

Windermere Real Estate and the King County Community Organizing Program helped pay for printing the maps, and Spiro’s Pizza and Pasta and Spin Alley Bowling Center provided donations for the volunteer celebration. The City of Shoreline, in partnership with Camp Fire Boys and Girls and AmeriCorps provides ongoing support for the Youth Volunteer Corps.

The maps are available throughout Shoreline where teens hang out. For more information or to receive copies of the map, please call Gibbons at (206) 546-5795.

Keep busy this summer having fun in Shoreline

Beach Naturalists

This summer, more than 100 volunteer Beach Naturalists will be on Puget Sound beaches to answer questions and provide useful and entertaining information on why it's important to protect shoreline habitat. Children are especially invited. Beach naturalists will be at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park on four low-tide weekend days this July for four hours each day.

Saturday, July 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, July 8, noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, July 22, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Other Puget Sound beaches where Beach Naturalists will be on hand during those days and hours include Carkeek Park, Golden Gardens, Constellation Park (Alki Point), Lincoln Park, Seahurst Park in Burien and Des Moines Beach Park.

The Beach Naturalist Program is cosponsored by the King County Department of Natural Resources, the Seattle Aquarium and a dozen other agencies including the City of Shoreline.



Summer Lunchtime Music Series

Take a mid-day break to enjoy the outdoors and some wonderful entertainment at two of Shoreline's parks. The Summer Lunchtime Mu-

sic Series runs five Tuesdays from noon to 1:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

July 10 Halua Hula O Napualani, Pacific Island dances and songs

July 24 Gumbo Jazz, New Orleans music of the '20s and '30s

Aug. 7 Panduo Steel Band, steel drums and calypso music

Hamlin Park

July 17 Tsunami Taiko Drummers, high energy Japanese drumming

July 31 Rhys Thomas: Up for Grabs, stand up comedy and juggling



Swingin' Summer Eve

Wednesday, July 25

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Cromwell Park

Join the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline-LFP Arts Council for an all-city barbecue at Cromwell Park. Swingin' Summer Eve features live music - the Dixieland Jazz Band, the Fabulous Roadstars and a barbershop quartet - inflatable toys and replica fire engine rides, a barbecue provided by the Shoreline firefighters, remote control car races, face painting and a used book sale.



Celebrate Shoreline Saturday, Aug. 18

Join Shoreline's annual summer celebration on Saturday, Aug. 18 to commemorate six years as a City. The theme this year is "Happy Birthday Shoreline: Get Your Kicks at Shoreline's 6th." The parade begins at 5:00 p.m. on Aurora Ave. N. and N. 160th St. Following the parade, the festival at Shorewood High School from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. will be complete with live music by The Canote Brothers and the New Radio Cowboys (western swing), food, community booths and children's entertainment. A new feature at this year's festival is a band show with performances by Shorecrest and Shorewood High School teens. To be a part of the parade or festival, call the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041 for more information.

Who, what, where in the 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
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