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2006 Shoreline Police stats show major reduction in crimes, including auto theft

According to preliminary data, 2006 Shoreline Police statistics show a significant downward trend in major crimes and traffic accidents. Major crimes – called Part One crimes – are down 11 percent according to Shoreline Police Chief Tony Burt.

“This is the first time in five years that Shoreline’s serious crimes have shown a downward trend,” says Burt.

“The reduction in auto theft is monumental because that particular crime has been a serious problem across the Puget Sound region,” says Burt. “Agencies all over the region are struggling with it, and we believe we have turned the tide here in Shoreline.”

“Traffic accidents are down in part due to an increased emphasis on enforcing speed laws and educating people about the need to slow down. The additional traffic officer authorized by the City Council has obviously paid off,” he adds.

“Overall, these numbers re-

flect the efforts of Shoreline Police to fight crime in the City as well as our ongoing efforts to educate residents on how to protect themselves and their property.”

Shoreline 2006 crime statistics show:

**Auto thefts are
down 11.6%**

**Residential
burglaries are
down 17.7%**

**Commercial
burglaries are
down 34.1%**

**All other larcenies
are down 39.2%**

**Traffic accidents
are down 20.1%**

Final section of Interurban Trail construction

Construction of the North Central segment of the Interurban Trail between N 175th and N 192nd Streets begins this month. This segment and the two bridges spanning Aurora Avenue and N 155th Street will complete Shoreline's 3.25-mile Interurban Trail. The North Central segment is scheduled to be complete this summer.

The North Central segment of the Trail is often referred to as the "heart" of Shoreline. Because of this, the design will feature amenities such as concrete surfacing instead of asphalt, more extensive landscaping than on other segments and the potential for pedestrian-scale lighting. The wider

area between Aurora and Midvale presents opportunities for other special landscaping features.

In December, the City Council approved a contract with Road Construction Northwest for construction of the North Central segment. The City Council also added to the base contract for new curb, gutter and sidewalk on

the east edge of Midvale Avenue N at N 185th Street. The base contract, plus the added alternative, brings the construction total to \$1,551,962.

For more information about the Interurban Trail, contact Capital Projects Manager Dave Buchan at (206) 546-2005 or visit www.cityofshoreline.com.

King Conservation District

The King Conservation District is holding a public election on Tuesday, Feb. 13 to fill position No. 1 on its five-member Board of Supervisors. Polling stations will be open 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at locations throughout King County including the first floor of Shoreline City Hall, 17544 Midvale Ave. N.

All King County registered voters are eligible and encouraged to vote in this election. Visit www.kingcd.org or call King County Elections at (206) 296-8683 for more information.

Attention all dogs:

I know it feels good to run with the wind in your fur, but those signs posted in Shoreline Parks that read "Dogs must be kept on Leash" refer to you.

I'm sure many of you have met officer Chris Meyer from King County Animal Control. Since April 2006 when Officer Meyer began off leash enforcement for Shoreline he has met several hundred of you and reminded your owner why it is important to keep you on a leash. In January the Shoreline PRCS Board recommended that beginning March 1 Officer Meyer will continue to remind dog owners of the leash law, but he will issue tickets to those he has reminded before. For you that could be a bad thing, impacting the dog food and squeaky toy budget.

So next time you are walking through a park in Shoreline with your owner be sure you request that you are on a leash. Other park users and the wildlife will appreciate you following the rules.

GRRRRR. Woof Woof. Good Dog.

Meet the new Neighborhood Police Center officer

Shoreline's new Eastside Storefront Officer Sue Sherwood is no stranger to this area: she served in Shoreline from 1989 to 1997 as a DARE officer.

Sherwood has over 26 years of law enforcement experience including working with community programs such as Block Watch and serving as a School Resource Officer.

To promote the Shoreline Police Department's philosophy of community policing, an officer is assigned to each of the two Neighborhood Police Centers or "Storefronts." With help from volunteers, officers work with residents, businesses and schools to solve problems affecting the community.

The following programs and services are offered through the

Shoreline Police Neighborhood Centers:

- Citizen's Academy
- Landlord Training Program for crime-free multi-housing
- Anti-Auto Theft Program
- Retail Anti-Theft Program
- School safety patrol training
- Block Watch
- Child ID kits and child safety programs
- National Night Out Against Crime coordination
- Vacation house checks
- Business Watch Program
- Police volunteer training

For more information, visit www.cityofshoreline.com or one of the Neighborhood Police Centers (see page 8 for addresses and phone numbers).

Charting Shoreline's course for the future

This year will be a significant year for charting Shoreline's path for future growth and development. The City has launched an ambitious program of public outreach, information and participation to implement the City Council's goals for 2007-2008.

Citizen advisory groups have been created to:

- Prepare a Comprehensive Housing Strategy;
- Assist in evaluating Aurora Project environmental studies and;
- Identify strategies to make the Ridgecrest Neighborhood business district environmentally and economically sustainable.

City staff is preparing City-wide strategies for an Environmentally Sustainable Shoreline as well as strategies to guide the design of several large capital projects in the center of town, including a new City Hall, the final segment of the Interurban Trail, a new "Heritage Park" and the rest of the Aurora Avenue project. Public participation will be an important part of all these projects.

The specific steps and timing of these efforts are summarized on the City's Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com/city_hall/departments/planning, with links provided for individual project details.

"This Web page will enable residents to see the big picture of what is going on, how these efforts fit together, how to get involved, and the check-in and decision points for the City Council" explains Shoreline Planning Director Joe Tovar. "It will also provide information about each project, including staff contact numbers,

schedules for public meetings, agendas and draft documents for public review."

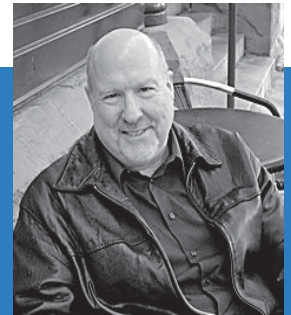
Shoreline 2010 Speaker Series

The City Council and Planning Commission are jointly sponsoring the "Shoreline 2010 Speaker Series" – six evening public forums that may also be viewed on the City's government access cable channel 21 and via streaming video on the City Web site. The forums will provide residents with insight into long-range planning issues.

Each forum will have a speaker addressing a variety of topics including principles of environmental sustainability, changing demographics, housing alternatives, how to create walkable communities, innovative retail and "third places."

Examples from other communities with observations on how they could be implemented in Shoreline and questions from the audience will be part of all forums.

The first speaker will be Mark Hinshaw, a nationally known urban design expert who has advised a number of communities on growth and development issues in the region and has written a popular column for the *Seattle Times*. Hinshaw will address emerging demographic trends and innovative responses, including form-based codes. His lecture is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, in the Mt. Rainier Room of the Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. The public is invited.



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Urban design expert
Mark Hinshaw
Emerging demographic trends and innovative responses

Thursday, Feb. 15
7:00 p.m.
Mt. Rainier Room
Shoreline Conference Center
18560 1st Avenue NE

Though the City's comprehensive land use plan looks ahead to the year 2020, Planning Director Joe Tovar notes the forums will focus on a shorter term.

"While the concepts our speakers will address have a long-term dimension, we are interested in steps the City should be considering for today and tomorrow. Likewise, the scope of the long-range planning projects will include identifying actions the City can take soon," Tovar says. "For example, by 2010, all four major capital improvement projects in the center of town will be completed and permits will have been issued for a significant amount of new private development."

"The basic question to answer is what should our community be considering as we make decisions that will shape the City's growth and change?"

For more information, contact Shoreline Planner Steve Cohn at (206) 546-1418.

City Council meetings now available online

City Council meetings are now available for viewing via streaming video on Shoreline's Web site.

To reach the online videos, click on the headline "Online Council Meetings" from the City's Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com. There is also a link on the City Council page.

The link will take you to a page explaining how to watch the meetings and access the associated documents such as agendas and staff reports. The page lists system requirements and provides a link to a free download of Windows Media Player which is needed to view the videos.

City Council meeting videos are arranged by date, with the most recent at the top of the list. Click **Video** to watch the meeting and see documents, or **Agenda / Minutes** to just see the documents.

The meeting broadcasts are available for viewing the day after the City Council meetings.

Video archives begin with the Nov. 27 meeting. City Council meetings will be automatically archived and saved, allowing the public access 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Although the current meeting location does not have live internet feed capabilities, meetings may be broadcast live and posted on the Web site for viewing once Shoreline's new City Hall is built.

Special software called Granicus packages the meeting for online viewing. The software also streamlines minute-taking for the City Clerk with features like vote tracking and tagging items. Granicus software is also used by cities of Bellevue, Olympia and Kirkland.

For more information about the Granicus system, contact City Clerk Scott Passey at (206) 546-8919.

Below is a screen shot of the list of City Council meeting archives.

Upcoming Events				
Name	Date			
Business Meeting	January 22, 2007 - 7:30 PM			Agenda

Archived Videos				
Name	Date	Duration		
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Study Session	January 16, 2007	03h 27m	Agenda	Video
Business Meeting	January 8, 2007	03h 41m	Agenda	Video
Business Meeting	December 11, 2006	03h 54m	Agenda	Video
Special Meeting	December 4, 2006	04h 01m	Agenda	Video
Business Meeting	November 27, 2006	00h 43m	Agenda	Video

Reminder: Dark traffic signals mean an all-way stop

The recent widespread power outages tested the northwest in many ways, including drivers negotiating dark streets and intersections.

One of the most important traffic laws to remember in this situation is that all signals without power should be treated as an all-way stop unless otherwise indicated by special signage or traffic control personnel.

To help drivers see intersections when the power is out, the City of Shoreline has installed reflective tape across the top of sig-

nal heads. Shoreline also has power back up units at six major intersections and has plans to install several more this year.

Unfortunately, Shoreline and its Police Department do not have enough staff to provide traffic control at dark signals during a widespread power outage. However, the City is looking into special signage that will caution drivers about signal lights being out.

The best prevention is alert drivers who know the traffic laws. Please drive safely.

Storm damage? Call FEMA

If your home, apartment or business sustained uninsured damage during the Nov. 2-11 flooding and storms, you may apply for state and federal disaster assistance by calling FEMA at 1-800-FEMA (3362), TTY 1-800-462-7585. You may also apply for aid online by visiting www.fema.gov.

New and improved parks are on the way

In May, Shoreline voters approved \$18.7 million in bonds to finance a series of park improvements and open space property acquisitions. It was the first general obligation debt the City of Shoreline has taken on since it incorporated in 1995.

In early November, Shoreline received an AA- bond rating from Standard and Poor's following a visit and presentation to the bond rating company by Shoreline Mayor Bob Ransom and other City officials. Since the bond issue was approved, the City has been developing a schedule for bond projects and negotiating with the owners of open-space properties.

Park Bond Projects

Park Acquisition

The City has purchased the School District's portion of the South Woods and expects to close on the rest of the property which is owned by the Shoreline Water District this month. City staff are negotiating with the owners of the Seattle Public Utilities property north of Hamlin Park and the



The Seattle Public Utilities property north of Hamlin Park off 15th Avenue NE is one open space area the City is buying as part of the Park Bond.



Twin Ponds soccer field on 1st Avenue NE will have new synthetic turf installed.

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden and appraisals and purchase and sales agreements will be complete within the next few months.

Design and Construction

The design for the Twin Ponds Parks soccer field synthetic turf installation is underway and is scheduled to be completed by this summer. A public meeting was held January 25 to review the plans for the field improvements.

The City Council will review the final master plan for Richmond Beach Saltwater Park this month and the City will begin construction on the improvements identified in the master plan later this year.

Park Planning

The City is currently soliciting for design consultants to help with the master site planning for Cromwell Park, Hamlin Park and the Shoreline Center Tennis Court lighting improvements. City staff will meet with representatives from local baseball and softball programs to identify field space needs.

The PRCS Board and a community committee are working together to locate a site for a dog off-leash area. And, late last year, the City accepted applications from volunteers interested in serving on

a Trails Corridor Study Group to help identify the trail improvements funded by the bond issue.

Capital Improvement Projects

2007 Planning Projects

The City has hired the Urban Nature Project to complete an Urban Forest Assessment for Shoreline's four major forested parks: Hamlin Park, Boeing Creek Park, Shoreview Park and South Woods. Initial mapping work will be complete soon with additional field work to be completed this summer. A final report will be presented to the City Council this fall.

2007 Design Projects

The City Council approved a contract last month to begin the next phase of design work for Boeing Creek Park improvements. Ideas for improvements include a pathway, trail, restroom and additional landscaping. Community meetings will be scheduled this spring and construction is set for 2008.

2007 Construction

A new park will be added to Shoreline's park system soon. King County's Richmond Beach Pump Station will be open for public use as a City park in 2008. A community meeting January 25 solicited input on the design, and construction is slated for this summer.

For more information about the park projects, contact Shoreline Park Project Coordinator Maureen Colaizzi at (206) 546-0232.

Environmental process continues for next two miles of Aurora Corridor, N. 165th - 205th St.

The environmental process for the next two miles of the Aurora Corridor Project (N 165th to N 205th Streets) continues.

The City kicked off the environmental process at two scoping meetings November 30 and December 6. The meetings presented the community with information about the three project alternatives and the environmental process and schedule, and provided opportunities for community input.

These two meetings were part of the formal scoping period which ended January 16. All written comments received during this period will be documented and responded to within a scoping report. The overall goal of the scoping process is to ensure the community has the opportunity to provide input to City staff and the environmental team on issues to be evaluated within the environmental analysis which begins this month.

The City also created an Aurora Business and Community (ABC) Team to help with the environmental process. The volunteer members each applied to be on the team and all 23 applicants were selected. The ABC Team represents the community as a whole with members representing varying interests.

The ABC Team kickoff meeting was January 24 with six more meetings scheduled through April. The team will review traffic, economics, stormwater, noise, construction and other project topics and provide input before the envi-

ronmental analysis is complete.

City staff met with utilities and local agencies to provide a project update. Local agencies were encouraged to share project information with their communities, and utilities were encouraged to begin thinking about infrastructure upgrades they may want to make along the corridor to coincide with the construction.

A preferred project alternative is expected to be selected by the

City Council in June, and then the environmental process can be completed. The next steps following the environmental process include final design and right-of-way acquisition. Construction on the next two miles is expected to begin in late 2008.

For more information about the project, contact Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese at (206) 546-0791 or visit www.shorelineaurora.com.

Aurora construction to be completed soon

Despite record-breaking rainfall and stormy winter weather, construction of Shoreline's first mile of the Aurora Corridor Project will be substantially complete by the end of February, with a few finishing touches added after that.

The Interurban Trail Bridges are taking shape, with the superstructure of the Aurora Bridge erected, and the pedestrian barrier on the N 155th Street Bridge and the spans connecting the bridges to the ramps already in place.

The contractor continues construction of the final components of the bridge deck and bridge ramps as well as work on the walls for the Aurora Avenue Interurban Trail Bridge. Utilities are being converted from overhead to underground. Once wires are removed from poles, the poles will come down and patch work will be completed on pavement, gut-

ters, curbs and sidewalks. When this work is finished, the final striping will be done and the outside Business Access and Transit (BAT) lanes will be opened to traffic.

Sidewalks and trees are now visible and landscaping continues up and down the corridor. Median work also continues with the installation of irrigation systems and topsoil.

For more information about the Aurora Corridor Project, call the project hotline at (206) 546-5680 to hear a recorded message or visit www.shorelineaurora.com. On the Web site, you may also subscribe to receive email updates about the project.

Protect your bicycle with registration program

Bicycle theft is an ongoing problem and most owners don't record the serial number, which makes identification and recovery difficult.

The Shoreline Police Bicycle Registration Program is one step you can take to improve the chances of getting your bicycle back if it is stolen and recovered.

"The goal of this free program is to reduce theft and help Shoreline residents recover their stolen bicycles," explains Shoreline Police Officer Leona Obstler.

Here's how to register your bicycle with Shoreline Police:

- Bring picture ID or a driver's license to the Shoreline Police Station or Police Neighborhood Center (addresses page 8).

- If your bicycle does not have a serial number, call to make arrangements with one of the Police Neighborhood Centers to engrave your ID or driver's license number on your bicycle.

- Provide a description of the bicycle, including color, brand and any particulars that identify it.

- A sticker will be placed on your bicycle in a visible area showing that it is registered with the City.

Other ways to protect your bicycle:

- Get a good lock. Experts recommend a U-type lock to help convince a thief that taking your bicycle requires too much effort.

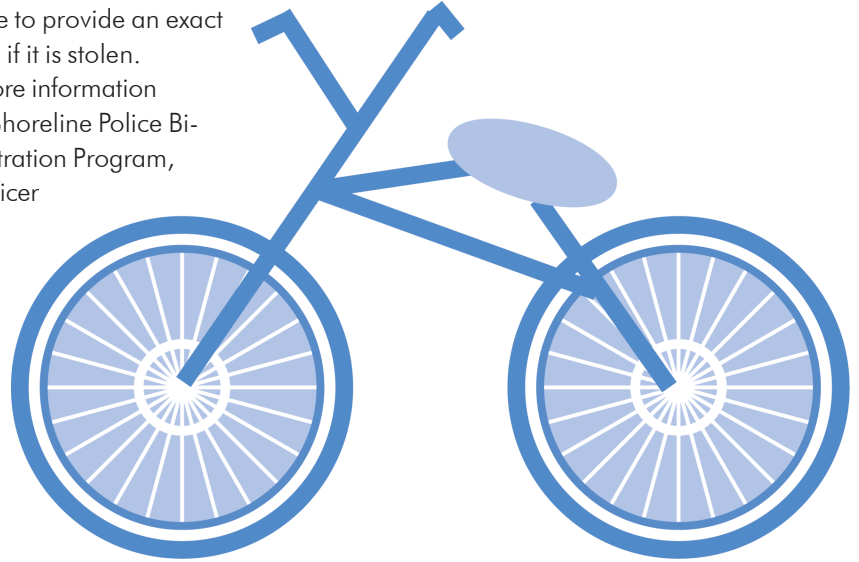
- Choose a lock that leaves as little space as possible between the lock and the bicycle. Remember that the lock is only as secure as the object it is attached to.

- Lock your bicycle in a visible area.

- Take a digital picture of your bicycle to provide an exact description if it is stolen.

For more information about the Shoreline Police Bicycle Registration Program, contact Officer Obstler at (206)

546-3636, or Community Services Officer Dahlia Corona at (206) 546-2799.



Free tax help in Shoreline

Tax season is here and free tax preparation services are available to low- and moderate-income Shoreline residents. Help is provided at the following locations through April 15.

- Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Senior Center, 18560 1st Avenue NE. Call (206) 365-1536 to schedule an appointment. Open to all ages.

- King County Library, 342 NE 175th Street. No appointment necessary. Every Wednesday beginning Feb. 7 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m., and every Saturday beginning Feb. 10 from noon to 4:00 p.m.

- Hopelink Shoreline Service Center, 15809 Westminster Way N. Every Tuesday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please bring social security numbers for each dependent, picture identification and end-of-year tax forms from all employment (W-2 and 1099). It's also helpful to have a copy of last year's tax return. If you are married and want to file electronically onsite, both parties must be present to sign the return. For electronic filing, please bring a voided check to set up the direct deposit for a tax refund.

For more information, contact Shoreline Human Services Planner George Smith at (206) 546-5569.

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
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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
Tuesday noon and 8 p.m.
Wednesday through Sunday
6 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.

Shoreline Police

Emergency: 911

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Shoreline, WA 98133
(206) 546-6730

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624 NW Richmond Beach Road
Shoreline, WA 98177
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Eastside Neighborhood Police Center
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City of Shoreline Web site

Information about meetings,
projects and programs is
available online.

www.cityofshoreline.com



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