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Civic Center/City Hall community meetings this summer

Earlier this year at a community workshop, Shoreline residents said they would like the new Civic Center/City Hall to be a warm and inviting place that is environmentally friendly.

At its July 9 meeting, the Shoreline City Council approved a contract with OPUS Northwest LLC to begin the planning and design process for the new Civic Center/City Hall Project. Property has already been purchased on the corner of N 175th Street and Midvale Avenue N for the new building.

More community input is needed on design, public uses, architectural features and envi-

ronmental considerations. Two public meetings are planned for July 30 and Aug. 21 to give Shoreline residents a chance to share ideas.

Construction of the new facility is scheduled for 2008.

Learn more about the project, submit suggestions online and sign up to receive project updates via email at www.cityof-shoreline.com. For more information, contact Shoreline Project Manager Jesus Sanchez at (206) 546-2519.

**City Hall/Civic Center
Community Meetings**
Monday, July 30
Tuesday, August 21
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Shorewood High School
Cafeteria
17300 Fremont Avenue N

Economic Development Advisory Committee volunteers needed

The City of Shoreline is accepting applications for volunteers interested in serving on the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Qualified volunteers must live, own property or operate a business in Shoreline and represent interests in business, real estate, economic or community development. The group will consist of 16 members: five members appointed by local organizations

such as the Chamber of Commerce and School District and 11 recommended by the City Manager and appointed by the City Council.

The committee will provide community review and business expertise in advising the City on implementing and updating the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan and other economic

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Annual police performance report: crime rates down

The City of Shoreline experienced a drop in serious crimes for the first time in five years, according to the Police Department's 2006 Service Efforts and Accomplishments (SEA) Report. The decrease – from 47 crimes per 1,000 citizens in 2005 to 41 crimes in 2006 – is largely due to a significant reduction in auto thefts and burglaries, says Shoreline Police Chief Tony Burt.

"The Police Department has been aggressively working to reduce these crimes and our efforts have paid off. In addition,

there were decreases in larcenies, thefts and attempted thefts from vehicles," he said.

The annual SEA report serves as a "report card" and highlights crime trends, crime prevention efforts and overall police performance. Highlights of the 2006 report include:

- The significant decrease in auto theft is due, in part, to the department's aggressive anti-auto theft program and sale of "The Club" device to Shoreline residents.
- Shoreline police officers

responded to 13,662 dispatched calls for service, which represents a slight decrease from 2005.

- The average response time to life-threatening calls was 3.91 minutes, which is well below the national standard of five minutes and faster than 2005 response times.

- The number of citations written for traffic violations increased dramatically, making streets safer for drivers and pedestrians.

- The Shoreline Police Department has a strong cadre of volunteers who donate countless hours of service to the community. Two Neighborhood Police Centers continue to provide excellent service to residents, including Block Watch, Business Watch, victim call backs, court notifications and vacation house checks.

- King County Sheriff's Office named Shoreline Police Officer Mitch Wright Deputy of the Year, Doreen Carlson Employee of the Year and Shoreline's Angus MacDonald Volunteer of the Year. Considering that the KCSO has approximately 1,200 employees, it's significant that three of the five yearly honors went to members of the Shoreline Police Department.

The 2006 Shoreline Police Department SEA report is available online at www.cityofshoreline.com. For more information about Shoreline Police or department programs, call (206) 546-6730.



Each year King County Sheriff's Office awards individuals in five categories and this year three of the winners were selected from the Shoreline Police Department.

Volunteer of the Year Angus MacDonald, Employee of the Year Doreen Carlson and Deputy of the Year Mitch Wright are honored by, from left, Shoreline Deputy Leona Obstler, Shoreline Sergeant Katie Larson, Shoreline Mayor Bob Ransom, Shoreline Captain Kent Baxter, Shoreline Sergeant Paul Klein, King County Sheriff Sue Rahr, Shoreline City Manager Bob Olander and Shoreline Police Chief Tony Burt.

Boeing Creek Park community meeting August 9

Design development drawings for Boeing Creek Park will be shared with Shoreline residents at a community meeting on Thursday, Aug. 9, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Richmond Beach Library, 19601 21st Avenue NW. The meeting is part of a series of public discussions about improvements to Boeing Creek Park. The State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) process will also be discussed.

At the June 28 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board meeting, staff presented feedback from the May 31 Boeing Creek Improvements

community meeting and sought the Board's direction on the type of footbridge and material for pathways around the stormwater facility.

The PRCS Board concurred with developing the type, size and location for a suspension footbridge and recommended a natural pathway of crushed rock or stabilized soil that is all-weather and ADA-accessible versus concrete or asphalt that was considered too formal for a natural park setting.

Staff and consultant Otak, Inc. will proceed with 60% design on the basis of this direction.

Staff later met with the PRCS Board in Boeing Creek Park to look at the proposed location of the footbridge. The next PRCS Board meeting will be Aug. 23, following the Aug. 9 community meeting.

Staff anticipates going to Council on Sept. 4 to provide an update on the design of the park improvements, to share community and PRCS Board input, and to recommend moving forward to final design for construction in 2008.

For more information, contact Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 546-1678 or visit www.cityofshoreline.com.

August 7 is National Night Out Against Crime

On Tuesday, Aug. 7, Shoreline neighborhoods will send a message that they are fighting back against vandalism, graffiti, burglary and other crimes. Shoreline Block Watches and neighborhood groups are planning block parties and barbecues to participate in National Night Out Against Crime, a national program to build strong communities and promote crime prevention.

For more information on organizing a block party, contact Shoreline Neighborhood Coordinator Nora Smith at (206) 546-8564.

Neighborhood Events

In addition to individual block parties that are planned, some neighborhood associations are hosting National Night Out events open to the community.

Ballinger Neighborhood Association

Community gathering and dessert. Bruggers Bog Park, 19553 25th Avenue NE, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Hillwood Neighborhood Association

Ice cream social. Hillwood Park, 19001 3rd Avenue NW, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Richmond Beach Community Association

Hot dog barbeque and community gathering. Richmond Beach Community Park, 2201 NW 197th Street, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Westminster Triangle Network

Community barbeque, games and potluck. Linden Avenue N between N 148th & N 149th Streets, 5:30-8:30 p.m.



Emergency Preparedness: Out-of-area contacts

Last month we introduced the "Prepare in a Year" campaign from the Washington Emergency Management Division. The pro-

gram focuses on a different activity each month to help you get ready for any type of emergency. In June, you prepared an action plan for yourself and your family. This month, you'll select an out-of-area contact person for emergencies.

If you are separated from your loved ones when a disaster strikes, you will wonder how and where they are. The stress of the event may make it difficult to remember even routine information like phone numbers. It's recommended that every household member have an out-of-town contact card in a wallet, purse or backpack at all times.

Contacting loved ones after disasters:

- Ask an out-of-area friend to be your contact person. This person should live at least 100 miles away from you. In a disaster, you may be able to make long-distance, but not local calls. You may be able to text message to your loved ones on a cell phone, but keep these messages short.

- After a disaster, all household members should call the out-of-area contact person to tell him or her how they are and to find out how other household members are.

Also, ask your out-of-area contact to go to your city's website to get updated information on what is going on in your own community. While you may not be able to connect to the Internet, your out-of-area contact may be able to relay important information about your community as soon as information is available

and posted online. For Shoreline, either the City's website at www.cityofshoreline.com or www.rpin.org will provide up-to-date information about what is occurring in the Seattle metropolitan area.

- Make small cards with your out-of-area contact's name and phone number for all family members to carry in their wallets, purses or backpacks.

Did you know that phone lines were "hardened" years ago to withstand nuclear attack? It's difficult to make local calls not because of damage, but because of the number of people trying to call at the same time. Typically, you can make long-distance calls. Here are some other interesting facts and tips:

- Local phone systems are sometimes shut down during an earthquake because handsets get knocked from their bases. Help restore local phone service by making sure all your phones are hung up.

- You should keep a phone that does not require electricity. Cordless phones use electricity – if power is out, they will not work.

- Pay phones are part of the emergency services network and are a priority for restoring to service. Tape the coins needed to use a pay phone to your out-of-area contact card.

For more information about emergency preparedness, log on to http://emd.wa.gov/preparedness/prepare_year.shtml, or visit the City of Shoreline website at www.cityofshoreline.com.

Celebrate Shoreline

Friday, August 17

Noon - 5:00 p.m. Free teen skate competition at Paramount Park, 15300 8th Avenue NE

Saturday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Rotary Fun Run & Walk at Shoreline Stadium, 18560 1st Avenue NE

10:00 a.m. Classic Car Show at Ridgecrest Elementary, 16516 10th Avenue NE

11:00 a.m. Parade in North City on 15th Avenue NE beginning at NE 180th Street traveling south to NE 165th Street

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

Sunday, August 19

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

For more information, call (206) 418-3383 or visit www.cityofshoreline.com.

2010 Speaker Series

Monday, August 6, 7:00 p.m.

**Dan Burden, Executive Director
Walkable Communities, Inc.
Mt. Rainier Room
Shoreline Conference Center
18560 First Avenue NE**

Walkable communities are more liveable communities and lead to whole, happy, healthy lives for the people who live in them. Walkable communities help sustain resources and lead to more social interaction, physical fitness and diminished crime and other social problems.

Shoreline Police **Crime Stopper Tips** **Keeping your house safe while you vacation**

Everyone looks forward to taking vacations. Unfortunately, this can be an opportune time for a burglar to strike, especially if there are "telltale" signs your home is unoccupied. Whether you're gone for a day or a couple weeks, take the following precautions:

- Check all doors and windows to make certain they are securely locked. If any locks need to be replaced or reinforced, make these improvements before you leave.
- Use automatic timers on interior lights. A timer can also be used on a portable radio.
- Use photo electric cells

(which screw into the light socket) on exterior lights. These devices will automatically turn lights on/off depending on the level of darkness.

- Inform trusted neighbors on all four sides when you'll be gone so that they can help to watch your home.
- Be selective in announcing your plans.
- Make sure items left outdoors such as children's toys, ladders and lawn furniture are put away.
- Sign up for the free Shoreline Police Vacation House Check Program by calling one of the Shoreline Neighborhood Police

Centers listed on page 8.

- Give a key to your home to someone you trust and ask them to change the position of curtains, drapes or blinds.
- Stop delivery of newspapers and mail during the time you are gone or have someone pick them up daily.
- If you have an alarm system, make sure it's activated when you leave. Leave the alarm code with a trusted neighbor or friend and show them how it operates.

Election reminder: August primary this year

Three Shoreline City Council Positions are up for election in 2007. The following candidates have filed for election:

Position 2:

Chris Eggen
Paul Grace

Position 4:

Maggie Fimia
Doris McConnell
LaNita Wacker

Position 6:

Sherry Marlin
Robert L. Ransom
Terry Scott

The primary election for positions 4 and 6 will be held Aug. 21. Candidates for Position 2 will automatically proceed to the General Election on Nov. 6.

As the City's governing body, Shoreline's seven elected part-time City Councilmembers establish City policies and laws,

adopt an annual budget, approve appropriations, contract for services and grant franchises. City Councilmembers serve staggered four-year terms; roughly half the Council is up for election every two years.

The City Council chooses a Mayor and Deputy Mayor from among its members at the first meeting of the new year following an election. The Mayor presides at Council meetings and represents the City at ceremonial functions and inter-governmental meetings. The Deputy Mayor presides in the Mayor's absence.

Visit these King County Elections websites for more election and candidate information: www.metrokc.gov/vote.htm or www.metrokc.gov/elections/200708/2007candidatefilings.aspx.

Visit the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) site to search filing and contribution information for candidates: www.pdc.wa.gov/servlet/ContServlet.

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development topics. Meetings are expected to be held at least once every two months and committee members are asked to make a two-year commitment.

Economic Development Advisory Committee Community Service Applications are available at City Hall and at www.cityofshoreline.com. Completed applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 22, to Economic Development Program Manager Tom Boydell, City of Shoreline, 17544 Midvale Avenue N, Suite 100, Shoreline, WA 98133. For more information, visit the City's website or contact Tom Boydell at (206) 546-0959.

Council adopts Capital Improvement Program

At its July 9 meeting, the Shoreline City Council adopted the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) totaling \$172 million. The total CIP budget for 2008 is \$56.1 million. Council also adopted a six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is used to secure federal funding for transportation projects and includes projects outlined in the Roads Capital Fund of the 2008-2013 CIP.

The CIP is a multi-year plan for capital expenditures over \$10,000 needed to restore, improve and expand Shoreline's infrastructure, which includes roads, sidewalks, trails, drainage, parks and buildings owned and/or maintained by the City. The plan identifies projects and funding for improvements over the next six years and is updated annually to reflect ongoing changes and additions. It also details the work to be done for each project

and an expected time frame for completion.

The 2008-2013 CIP is broken into four sections: the General Capital Fund totaling \$32.9 million, the City Facilities/Major Maintenance Fund totaling \$340,000, the Roads Capital Fund totaling \$120.4 million and the Surface Water Utility Fund totaling \$18.3 million. Parks Projects fall under the General Capital Fund.

CIP Highlights

System Preservation Projects

Approximately \$2.9 million is earmarked for the Richmond Beach Overcrossing Bridge. Construction of this long-awaited project is scheduled for 2008.

Safety/Operations Projects

The CIP includes \$365,000 for a traffic signal at 170th/15th Avenue NE. Improvements are planned for Aurora Avenue North from 165th to 205th. The total

estimated cost for this project during the six-year period is \$90.4 million. It is anticipated that 89% of the costs will be funded through local, state and federal grants. In addition, the CIP includes \$12.6 million for utility improvements that will be made in conjunction with the Aurora project. These improvements will be funded by participating utilities.

Flood Protection Projects

\$2.1 million is set aside for the Pan Terra Pond and Pump Project and \$2.4 million for the Ronald Bog South Project. Stream rehabilitation and habitat enhancements are also included in the 2008 projects.

Civic Center/City Hall

\$18.7 million is included in 2008 for the construction of a new Civic Center/City Hall.

Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program

A total of \$1.3 million is provided for continued funding and support of the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP). The 2008 budget provides approximately \$192,000.

Shoreline's 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program is available to download at www.cityofshoreline.com. Copies are also available for review at City Hall, Shoreline Police Station, Neighborhood Police Centers (see addresses on page 8), Shoreline Library (342 NE 175th Street) and Richmond Beach Library (19601 21st Avenue NW).

Dayton Avenue closure reminder

Dayton Avenue N in Shoreline between N 172nd Street and St. Luke Place will be closed to through traffic in both directions July 25 through Aug. 31. The closure is necessary for the City of Shoreline to replace a deteriorating retaining wall that supports the west side of Dayton. Only access to residences will be provided. The detour route is Fremont via Richmond Beach Road and N 172nd Street. Drivers are encouraged to use Aurora during construction.

The closure was originally set to begin July 5 but was delayed to await steel fabrication needed for construction. The City of Shoreline expects Dayton to reopen Aug. 31 as planned.

For more information such as detour routes and bus stop relocations, visit www.cityofshoreline.com or contact Shoreline Capital Projects Manager John Vicente at (206) 546-8903.

City supports environmentally-friendly car washes

Are you planning to host a car wash fundraiser event for your organization this summer? Do you want to conduct your event in an environmentally-friendly way?

The City has new, easy to use SudSafe Car Wash Kits for loan to youth and community groups, as well as individual residents. Each kit has all the equipment you'll need for an event: safety vests and cones; a sandwich board to announce your event; and hoses, a pump and basin to capture and divert the soapy water onto a lawn or into a sink that drains to the wastewater treatment system.

By using this kit, you meet the state law requirements to keep soap and other pollutants out of our streams. Water that is rinsed off a car contains a mixture of detergents, oils and heavy metals. Without this kit, this mixture can flow along the street, into the City's storm drainage system and then into Shoreline's streams, killing the plants and animals that live there.

Other ways to wash your car that keep Shoreline's streams clean include:

- Wash your car on the lawn to allow the water to soak into the soil and not flow into a storm drain. Mild, soapy water will not hurt your lawn and will help water it.

- Use a small amount of soap. You don't need a 4" head of suds.

- Choose a soap that is biodegradable, low in phosphates, and with no chlorine, bleach, nitrates and ammonia. Avoid soaps that have words such as

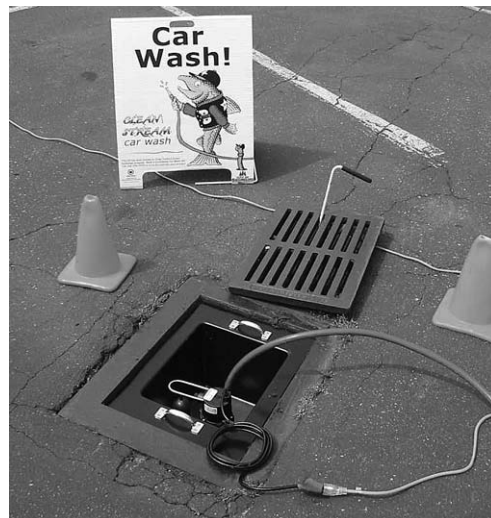
Caution, Danger or Warning on the label.

- Conserve water and limit soapy run-off by using a shut-off nozzle on your hose.

- Use a commercial car wash facility. They either recycle the water or discharge it into the sewer treatment system.

To reserve a SudSafe Car Wash Kit, call Shoreline's Environmental Intern at (206) 546-2659.

If you have other water quality questions, call Jessica Williams at (206) 546-1925 or Rika Cecil at (206) 546-0460.



The City of Shoreline loans out SudSafe Car Wash Kits to help provide environmentally-friendly car washes.

Is your child's car seat properly installed? If not, we can help

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), between 600 and 700 children under the age of five needlessly die in motor vehicle crashes each year and most of these fatalities are preventable through the proper use of appropriate child restraint systems.

A NHTSA study shows that nearly 80 percent of child seats are improperly used or incorrectly installed.

Shoreline Police and Fire Departments are teaming up with Fred Meyer to lower those statistics in our area. A Sept. 15 Safety Fair will feature Shoreline police officers and firefighters specially trained as Child Seat Technicians to help residents make sure child seats are properly installed.

"There is a lot more to properly installing child seats than

most people realize," explains Shoreline Police Chief Tony Burt. "Because this is such an important area of public safety, Shoreline's police officers and firefighters will be going through a four-day course so they can provide professional help to the community."

The Child Seat Technicians will be on hand Saturday, Sept. 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Shoreline Fred Meyer on Aurora at N 185th Street. Fred Meyer will also be offering \$10-off coupons for a variety of brands of car seats that day.

For more information, contact Shoreline Police Sergeant Katie Larson at (206) 546-6730.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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City Hall Annex
Home of Planning and
Development Services Department
and Public Works Department
Highland Plaza
1110 N. 175th St., Suite 105
Shoreline, WA 98133

Spartan Recreation Center
18560 1st Avenue NE
Shoreline, WA 98155
(206) 418-3383

Shoreline Pool
19030 1st Ave. NE
Shoreline, WA 98155
(206) 362-1307

City Council

Mayor Bob Ransom
Deputy Mayor Maggie Fimia
Rich Gustafson
Ron Hansen
Keith McGlashan
Cindy Ryu
Janet Way

Meeting Location
Shoreline Conference Center
18560 First Ave. NE
Mt. Rainier Room
Agenda Line: (206) 546-2190

Study Sessions
First & third Mondays 6:30 p.m.
Business Meetings
Second & fourth Mondays 7:30 p.m.

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

Shoreline Police

Emergency: 911

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

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

Eastside Neighborhood Police Center
Officer Sue Sherwood
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Shoreline, WA 98155
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