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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, Shoreline Mayor Will Hall has proclaimed the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and affects everyone.

Now, more than ever, individuals who have been victims of sexual violence are speaking out and saying “enough”. We must support them and those who are unable to speak out. The statistics on sexual violence are staggering and show that we must do more to address this issue in our community. This is especially true with our youth. Young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence.

- Nationally, one in five children under 18 are sexually abused.
- In King County last year, 2,000 sexually abused children and youth received services from the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center.
- In 2016, 18% of 10th graders in Washington reported that someone had made them engage in unwanted kissing or sexual contact.
- In Washington State, 45% of women and 22% of men report having experienced sexual violence of some kind in their lifetime.
- Last year in King County, 6,657 adults and children received sexual assault services through community sexual assault programs.

We join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. We must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, support survivors, and speak out against harmful attitudes and actions.

The King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) provides resources and support to victims and their support network. KCSARC's innovative prevention programs are aimed at the ultimate goal of eliminating sexual violence and abuse from our communities. Their 24-hour reponse line is (888) 998-6423. Visit KCSARC on the web at kcsarc.org.



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Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Shoreline City Hall, Council Chamber
Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

City continues to invest in sidewalks

OVER THE PAST YEAR, we have completed several sidewalk projects in our continuing effort to improve the transportation network in Shoreline.

Echo Lake Elementary Safe Routes to School project

We constructed sidewalks, curb ramps, and crosswalks on N 195th Street between Meridian Avenue N and Wallingford Avenue N adjacent to Echo Lake Elementary School. The new sidewalk connects the sidewalk already in front of the school to the N 195th Street Trail, which connects student walkers and bicyclists to the surrounding neighborhoods. The project cost \$600,000 and we used Safe Routes to School grant funding from the State to pay for most of the project.

Meridian Avenue N and 15th Avenue NE pavement preservation projects

As part of the overlay project on Meridian Avenue N between N 190th and N 205th Streets, we also upgraded the existing curb ramps and replaced numerous sidewalk panels. The sidewalk panels had become cracked or raised as a result of tree root damage making it difficult to navigate, especially for those with mobility challenges. We completed similar work on 15th Avenue NE between NE 148th and NE 155th Streets.

2018 sidewalk work

For 2018, we will replace damaged sidewalk panels on N 155th Street between Midvale Avenue N and Burke Avenue N. We will also reconstruct curb ramps at the intersection of Meridian Avenue N and 155th Street as part of the Intersection Signal Improvements Project.

Construction of the Richmond Beach Road Rechannelization Project is starting soon!

What is the Rechannelization Project?

The project will change the striping on Richmond Beach Road from 24th Avenue NW to just west of Dayton Avenue N. Instead of having two lanes in each direction, there will be one lane in each direction, a center turn lane, and bike lanes. The purpose of this project is to improve safety and mobility for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

When exactly will construction start? How long will it last?

Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-April. Striping work needs to be done in dry weather, so the exact start day will depend on finding a good weather window.

One week before construction starts, the contractor will post a construction messaging sign between 3rd Avenue NW and 8th Avenue NW.

We expect construction to take about a month. Since work progress is dependent on good weather, the contractor may need to stretch the active construction time over a longer period.

How will this affect my commute?

There will not be any construction activities blocking traffic during the morning or evening commute times. All work in the roadway will happen between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays.

For more project information, visit shorelinewa.gov/projects or contact the project manager, Alisa Arment, at aarment@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2473.



Shoreline City Council and the graduating class of the second annual CityWise Project

Congratulations Citywise graduates!

ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, City Council honored the second graduating class of Shoreline's CityWise Project. CityWise is an eight-week opportunity for Shoreline residents to learn about their city's government and operations.

2018 CityWise graduates are: Kate Beck, David Chen, Emily Dean, Katia Garcia, T.G. Guruprasad, Andrew Hellman, Alyanna Mattson, Sully McGinnis, Chris Ode, Tien Peng, Frank Sanborn, Dan Short, Sidney Strong, Karen Thielke, Elvira Vojnikovic, Ruby Wishnietsky.

Shoreline Walks Community Walking Program starts in April

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Sunday, April 8 is the first Shoreline Walks for 2018. Shoreline Walks is a free community walking program to help Shoreline adults stay active, meet new people (or connect with old friends), and feel safer and more confident exploring our city by foot. Walks explore neighborhoods, parks, and trails offering great insight into some of the best walking routes in our City. Specifically designed for adults ages 50+, but open to all ages and abilities, a Volunteer Walk Leader leads each walk and all walks are free to the public.

For more details and to see the full schedule of Shoreline Walks, visit shorelinewa.gov/shorelinewalks or contact Recreation Specialist Marianne Johnson at mjohnson@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2600.

Opening Walk

Ridgecrest and Northcrest Parks Walk

Sunday, April 8, 9:00 a.m.

Meet: Crest Theater, 16505 5th Avenue NE

Walk Distance: Approximately 2 miles / 1 hr.

Walk Rating: Moderate (some hills)

Join us for a springtime walk around the Ridgecrest Neighborhood and visit two of the areas less visible parks. We'll walk rain or shine, so if it's raining, dress appropriately and bring your umbrella.

NOW HIRING: SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

Work at Camp Shoreline day camp!

- * Open to ages 16+
- * Dates: June 21 – August 24
- * Training provided
- * Develop leadership skills
- * Build memories & friendships
- * Make a difference in campers' lives

Apply Online: ShorelineWA.gov/Jobs



DID YOU KNOW?

You can save money and reduce water and pesticide use by applying wood-based mulch or compost to your garden beds this spring. Natural mulch materials, like compost or arborist chips suppress weeds, hold water, and promote plant growth by providing nutrients as they decompose.

For more information, visit shorelinewa.gov/naturallyardcare.



NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT



Courtesy Shoreline Historical Museum



Firland sanatorium at old Naval hospital, now the site of Fircrest



Ridgecrest's 2017 Outdoor Movie Night showing Rogue One

Ridgecrest Neighborhood

ONE OF SHORELINE'S original neighborhoods, recognized long before we became a city, Ridgecrest took its name from a plat submitted in 1941. However, developers put plans for 272 lots with amenities on hold after the United States entered World War II. In 1946 when construction began again after the war, Ridgecrest quickly became the model of a Post-WWII neighborhood. Current boundaries remain much the same as they were then, with the exception of land sheared off the west when Interstate 5 was built. Ridgecrest extends from NE 145th to NE 175th and from 15th Avenue NE to the freeway.

By the late 1800s, timber harvesters had completely logged the Ridgecrest area, much as they had done in most areas of northwest King County. At the time, land sold for \$1.25 an acre. In 1904, five-acre tracts sold for \$500. Later smaller parcels became available to settlers who changed the landscape with subsistence farms and orchards. Along with the first automobiles came more houses and small businesses, although Ridgecrest maintained a bucolic feel for the next few decades.

In 1942, when the Navy hospital opened on 15th Avenue NE (now the Fircrest campus), an influx of workers precipitated a housing crisis. Over the next six years, new development catered primarily to active-duty members of the military and veterans. By 1948, developers had built more than 700 new homes and began to welcome civilian buyers. The growing population strained the newly formed Shoreline School District. By the time Ridgecrest Elementary School opened in 1948, the surrounding area was no longer rural. The following year, Ridgecrest residents hit the suburban jackpot when the Crest Theater opened in the emerging business district around NE 165th and 5th Avenue NE.

In the midst of this boom, Ridgecrest developed a strong neighborhood identity. The Ridgecrest Community Club formed in 1955 to advocate for their neighborhood with the King County Board of Commissioners (now King County Council). The Club also offered community activities, and purchased the property that is now Ridgecrest Park. From a Seattle Times article dated April 10, 1960: "When the go-getters in the Ridgecrest Community Club set out to buy a permanent playfield site for their children, they didn't know they were going to find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. But, the club hit 'pay dirt,' literally, when it ran across the site it is buying . . . the five-acre site cost \$11,000. The club has sold \$7,000 in fill dirt from it, and there's more to be dug."

Property prices have changed dramatically in the last decades, but one thing has remained constant: Ridgecrest leaders have always been go-getters. The Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association (RNA) hosts an annual community garage sale and the largest neighborhood ice cream social in the city. RNA started the food truck trend in Shoreline with popular summer events, and seeded the idea of nightly trucks at the Ridgecrest Public House, which opened in 2015. The Crest Theater is still going strong, and patrons from near and far regularly discover the charms of the evolving Ridgecrest business district. To learn more about the lively events sponsored by RNA, check online at ridgecrestneighborhood.info and watch for regular posts on their Facebook page.

Ridgecrest Right-of-Way Improvement Workshop

Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Transdev, 16325 5th Avenue NE

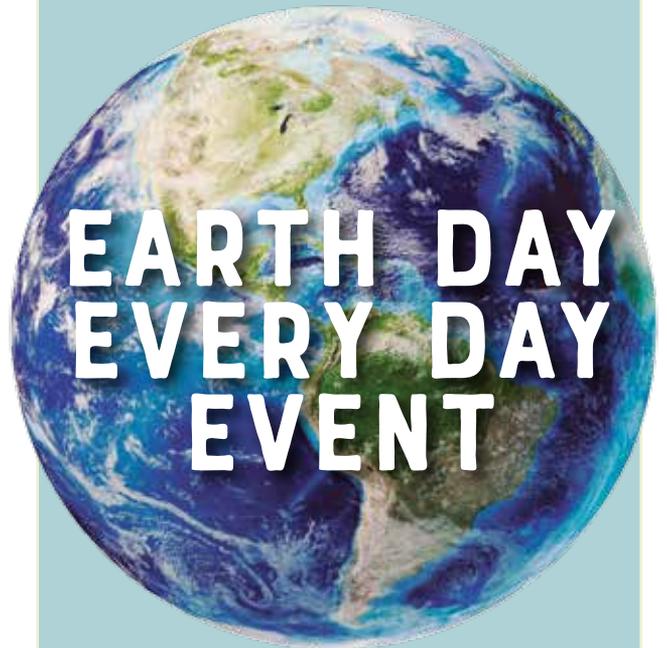
“DOWNTOWN RIDGECREST” is the commercial hub of Shoreline’s Ridgecrest neighborhood. The unusually wide NE 165th Street and 5th Avenue NE right-of-way speaks to the once bustling intersection shared by the Crest Theater, a Prairie Market, and one of the first 7-11 convenience stores in the Pacific Northwest. When Interstate 5 opened in 1965, it cut off connectivity to the west, drawing commuters away. Over the decades that followed, little changed and the intersection grew neglected.

In 2014, an innovative economic development initiative, Food Truck Shoreline, proved what Ridgecrest residents claimed: strong commercial demand surrounds Downtown Ridgecrest. Hundreds of neighbors flocked by foot, bike, and stroller to line up at a food truck window. Not long after, Ridgecrest residents Megan Kogut and Jarred Swalwell opened the Ridgecrest Public House, which now serves customers hand-crafted beers—including Shoreline’s own Hemlock State—and hosts a different food truck each night.

These ventures testify to a renaissance of Downtown Ridgecrest, the hub of a relatively affordable neighborhood with excellent schools and parks that is strategically located halfway between two future light rail stations.

With the help of a Port of Seattle grant and led by Mithun, an experienced architectural and urban planning firm, the City hopes to bring insight, inspiration, and practical planning to Downtown Ridgecrest. The goal is to create a preliminary plan to improve City-owned right-of-way. We will then consider and prioritize the improvements individually and fund them through the City’s Capital Improvement Project process.

The planning begins at a public workshop in Downtown Ridgecrest hosted by Transdev (16325 5th Avenue NE) on Tuesday, April 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in learning and offering opinions are encouraged to attend. Walking and carpooling is encouraged as parking is extremely limited.



Saturday, April 21

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Central Market

15505 Westminster Way N

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY and be inspired to make a difference throughout the year. In partnership with Central Market, we invite you to celebrate our Northwest environment. Come try out new eco-living tools and learn how to protect our climate and reduce pollution.

This year, attendees will get to choose from three giveaway packages designed to reduce waste and prevent water pollution:

- **Sustainable Living Package:** Liberty Bottleworks 24-oz recycled aluminum water bottle and a Simply Straws reusable glass straw kit
- **Natural Yard Care Package:** Walt’s Organic worm castings fertilizer in a 10-lb bag and a 2-oz jar of MicraCulture’s Plant Probiotics fertilizer
- **Puget Hound Pet Care Package:** LED Pet Collar light, an LED flashlight, and a bag dispenser tool with Bio-Buddy recycled-content pet waste bag refills

There will be activities for all ages and opportunities to learn about low-cost and low-impact landscaping; talk to experts about rain gardens, solar power, and green remodeling; get answers to your gardening questions; receive starter vegetable plants; check out products made from recycled materials; and enjoy the view from the driver’s seat of a Recology truck!

MAY 2018 MILLION STEP CHALLENGE

Challenge yourself and compete against others in this free month long event.

MORE INFORMATION

www.shorelinewa.gov/STEPS

OPENING EVENT

Sat. April 28th, 2018 9:00am
Paramount School Park

WHERE DO YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GO?

IF YOU HAVE LOOKED at your property tax bill recently, you will know that we all saw a significant increase this year. This is primarily the result of the legislature increasing funding for education as required under the McCleary decision from the State Supreme Court. Almost 58% of Shoreline property tax this year will go to pay

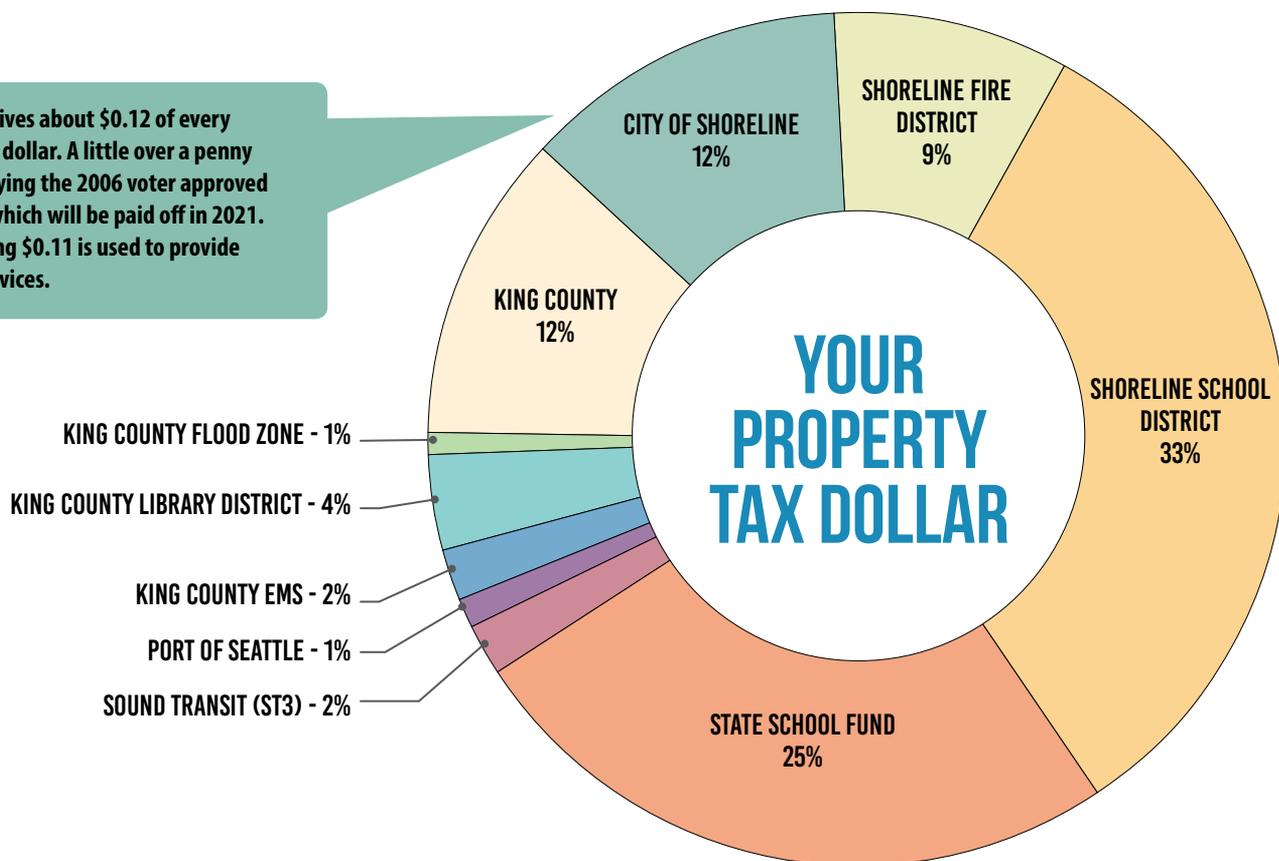
for education. The other 42% goes to numerous jurisdictions to pay for road maintenance; mental health services; libraries; youth programs; fire and other emergency services; economic development and trade; human services; and many other areas that help build strong communities.

When you pay your property taxes,

you are making an investment in your community. However, keeping all of the different levies straight can be daunting.

To help make it a little easier, the graph on the right lists the different levies funded through your property taxes.

The City receives about \$0.12 of every property tax dollar. A little over a penny goes to repaying the 2006 voter approved Park Bond, which will be paid off in 2021. The remaining \$0.11 is used to provide basic city services.



OTHER TAXES

SALES TAX

The sales tax rate is 10% in Shoreline; however, less than 1% goes to Shoreline. The rest goes to the state and the county. For every \$10 spent in Shoreline, \$1 is paid in taxes. Of that, approximately \$.09 goes to the City.



VEHICLE LICENSE FEES



\$20 of your vehicle license fee goes to the City to pay for transportation improvements in Shoreline.

UTILITY TAXES

Your electric, cable, water, sewer, and telephone bills include a 6% utility tax/franchise fee which goes to the City.



JURISDICTION	LEVY/BOND BALLOT MEASURE	2018 RATE PER \$1,000 AV	ANNUAL COST FOR MEDIAN ASSESSED VALUE HOME (\$444,000)**	WHEN ENACTED	POSSIBLE RENEWAL/ LID LIFT
CITY OF SHORELINE	Basic Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, and Community Services Maintenance and Operations Levy*	\$1.27	\$563.88	Renewed 2016	2022
	Parks Bond Levy*	\$0.17	\$75.48	2006 (15 year bond)	
SHORELINE FIRE DISTRICT	Capital Bond*	\$0.12	\$53.28	2015 (10 year bond)	
	Operating Levy	\$0.91	\$404.04	Levy authority	Continuous
SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT	Levy for Educational Programs and Operations*	\$2.02	\$896.88	Renewed 2018	2022
	Capital Levy for Technology Improvements and Support*	\$0.23	\$102.12	Renewed 2018	2022
	School Construction Bonds*	\$1.56	\$692.64	2010 (20 year bond) (Includes 20% of bonds approved in 2017, remaining to be issued in next few years)	
STATE SCHOOL FUND	State School Fund – Regular	\$1.91	\$848.04	Legislature	Continuous
	State School Fund – McCleary	\$1.01	\$448.44	Legislature - 2017	Continuous
SOUND TRANSIT	ST3*	\$0.23	\$102.12	2016	Continuous
PORT OF SEATTLE	Operating Levy	\$0.14	\$62.16	Levy authority	Continuous
KING COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	Operating Levy*	\$0.24	\$106.56	Renewed 2013	2019
KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM	Operating Levy	\$0.41	\$182.04	Levy authority	2020
KING COUNTY FLOOD ZONE	Operating Levy	\$0.11	\$48.84	Created in 2007 by County Council	Continuous
KING COUNTY	King County Regular Levies	\$0.78	\$346.32		Continuous
	King County – Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement Levy*	\$0.14	\$62.16	Replaced old levy in 2013	2019
	King County – Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy*	\$0.10	\$44.40	Renewed 2017	2023
	King County – Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) *	\$0.04	\$17.76	2012	2018
	King County Children and Family Justice Center*	\$0.05	\$22.20	2012 (9 year levy)	
	King County Best Start for Kids (Children, Youth, Families and Communities Levy)*	\$0.12	\$53.28	2015	2021
	King County Conservation Futures	\$0.04	\$17.76	Created in 1982 by County Council	2018
	Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (formerly King County Emergency Radio System)*	\$0.06	\$26.64	2015	2023
TOTAL		\$11.66	\$5,177.04		

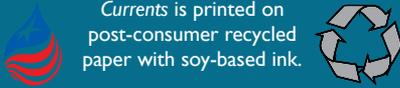
*Approved by voters

**2018 median assessed value of Shoreline homes from the King County Assessor's Office. Assessed value is often lower than current market value. Your taxes are based on the assessed value of your home.

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