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## New crime reporting system

**BEGINNING LATER THIS YEAR**, Shoreline Police will implement NIBRS (National Incident-Based Reporting System) for recording and reporting crime in Shoreline.

### Why is Shoreline Police Department making this change?

The FBI has made transitioning to NIBRS a priority. It has set a goal for all law enforcement agencies in the country to be on NIBRS by 2021. The King County Sheriff's Office, with whom we contract for police services, has been preparing for the change for the past couple of years. It is now set to make the switch.

### Why NIBRS?

The FBI initiated NIBRS to improve the overall quality of crime data. Since 1929, the country has used a "summary-based" method for reporting crime. The summary method records and reports only the most serious offense committed in an incident, even though the incident could have involved multiple offenses. In 1991, the FBI initiated NIBRS as an "incident-based" method of reporting, which collects vastly more information per incident.

### How is NIBRS more complete than the summary based method?

The summary system uses a ranking to decide which offense to report. In the ranking system, law enforcement agencies only report the highest or most serious offense on each case. NIBRS requires law enforcement agencies to report all unique offense types on a case.

As an example, say someone breaks into a car and steals the stereo, a gym bag, and some loose change. Under the old reporting system, law enforcement would report this as one larceny (the highest offense in the case). Under NIBRS, this would be two larceny offenses (one theft of a motor vehicle part [the stereo] and one theft of items from a motor vehicle [gym bag and change]). In another example, there is a report of a gunshot, but no victim. Police find a suspect who is in possession of a weapon as well as heroin and syringes. Under the old system, police would report this as one weapons offense (the highest offense on the case). Under NIBRS, this would be one weapon offense and two drug offenses.

### Why is this important?

Because this will be a completely new way to record and report crime data, we will not be able to compare it to data from past years. Comparing a summary based report with a NIBRS report would lead to the wrong conclusions about crime in Shoreline. By reporting more offenses per incident, it will appear as though crime has gone up significantly, when it has not. We will not be able to begin comparing annual crime trends again until we have two years' worth of NIBRS data.



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Agendas: [shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings](http://shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings)

YOU'RE INVITED

# STATE OF THE CITY

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Thursday, June 7, 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.

City Hall Council Chamber

CITY COUNCIL INVITES you to attend the Annual State of the City Breakfast. Come learn about what has happened over the past year and the City's plans for the coming year.

### RSVP

*The event is free, but space is limited*  
RSVP to Heidi Costello by May 31  
[hcostello@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:hcostello@shorelinewa.gov)  
(206) 801-2214

### MORE INFORMATION

[shorelinewa.gov/stateofthecity](http://shorelinewa.gov/stateofthecity)



## New laws addressing housing affordability and rental discrimination enacted

**HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND HOMELESSNESS** continue to be among the most important issues we currently face in the region. In an effort to help address these issues, the state legislature passed several laws this past session. One law protects tenants and applicants for housing from source of income discrimination. When it goes into effect, the law will prevent property owners from refusing to rent to someone based on their use of rental or income assistance, such as Section 8 housing vouchers or Social Security benefits. The bill also creates a fund to reimburse property owners for making improvements necessary to rent to households with certain housing assistance needs. It also provides property owners access to funds if there are damages beyond normal wear and tear.

Another law enacted this year prioritizes publicly owned surplus land for affordable housing development. It requires all state agencies to notify state, local, federal, and tribal entities of any sale of surplus property suitable for affordable housing. If one of the entities responds with a proposal for affordable housing, the state must dispose of surplus property on mutually agreeable terms to that entity. This change will provide more opportunities to develop affordable housing in our communities.

# Planning for Sidewalks in Shoreline

## Summary of Open House #2

ON MARCH 22, we held our second open house on sidewalk prioritization. About 30 people from across Shoreline attended. The Sidewalk Prioritization Plan uses updated standards to identify needs and prioritize sidewalk improvements. The new standards address safety and equity concerns as well as community values. With help from the Sidewalk Citizen Advisory Committee, we took the standards from the 2011 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and regrouped them into four categories:

- **Safety**—identifies locations in need of increased safety measures based on collisions, traffic speed, and volume, as well as opportunities for trails or paths.
- **Equity**— provides support to populations who have the greatest need (e.g. children, older adults, people with disabilities, lower income communities, and under-served communities).
- **Proximity**— improves pedestrian connections to schools, parks, transit, and activity centers.
- **Connectivity**—builds a network of connected pedestrian routes.

We assembled the updated criteria into a scorecard. We then used the updated scorecard to reprioritize the list of sidewalk projects in the TMP's Pedestrian System Plan.

In addition to input received at the open house, we also invited people to participate in an online survey. We will incorporate the survey results into a final Sidewalk Prioritization Plan. City Council will review the Plan on June 4.

To see the materials and presentations from the open house, visit [shorelinewa.gov/sidewalks](http://shorelinewa.gov/sidewalks).

## Police Station Closure: May 18-21

THE POLICE STATION is moving and will be closed Friday, May 18 and Monday, May 21. There will be no impact to patrol officers responding to emergency calls and calls for service during the move. **If you need to contact Shoreline Police, please call 911 or the non-emergency number (206) 296-3311.**

Patrol officers spend a majority of their shift in the field patrolling and handling calls. When people come to the Precinct to make a report, generally the officer is dispatched to the Precinct to meet the reporting person. During the station closure, Shoreline officers can meet you at your home or place of business in the City. If you need a copy of a case report you can call (206) 263-2626.

Starting May 22 Shoreline Police will be located at City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave N. Public services provided at the station include fingerprint services for residents and concealed pistol permits.

Visit [shorelinewa.gov/police](http://shorelinewa.gov/police) for more information.



Architectural illustration by Stephanie Bower

## New Police Station Open House

Saturday, June 2, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Short program at 9:45 a.m.

Shoreline City Hall

THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT that brings the police to their new home at City Hall is nearing completion. Come help us celebrate!

The open house will feature tours of three new areas on the City Hall campus: the Police Station, which occupies much of City Hall's first floor and an east-wing addition; the City Hall lobby with a secure Clerk's Office reception area; and the re-envisioned Permit Center and expanded Conference Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

# NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT



Courtesy Shoreline Historical Museum



Interurban Trolley on Pershing Bridge (155<sup>th</sup> & Aurora), 1939



Tony Angell's Emissary Raven on the Interurban Trail

## Westminster Triangle

The Spotlight series concludes with Shoreline's smallest neighborhood, defined by N 145<sup>th</sup> and the distinctive angled boundary of Westminster Way N intersecting with Aurora Avenue N. Although Westminster Triangle may be small in land and population, it is rich in history and big in neighborhood heart.

With its proximity to the Interurban rail line and both the Foy and Pershing stations, the Triangle became an attractive place to settle. WR Maxwell's Suburban Home Tracts were plotted in 1908 and promoted as the latest, best land along the line. Twelve years later, the Westminster plat was filed for property between N 147<sup>th</sup> to 150<sup>th</sup>, between Greenwood and Evanston Avenues N.

Westover, the largest and final plat, was one of William E. and Bertha Boeing's many investments in the area. Opened in 1937, Westover featured larger than usual city lots, offering a park-like setting connected by woodland paths. Members had access to recreation fields and two tennis courts that were flooded and frozen for winter skating. Eight homes were built on speculation, and most remain today.

As the population of the area grew, so did business opportunities. Close to Aurora, a store, restaurant, and auto service shop catered to residents. Built in 1935 at the north end of the Triangle, the Y Tavern remained a landmark for decades, and by 1941, a lumber yard provided wood for new construction in the area.

In the late 1950s, an Episcopal congregation in The Highlands outgrew the Florence Henry Memorial Chapel. By 1960, a new church known as Saint Dunstan's welcomed parishioners from The Highlands and the surrounding area. Today, Saint Dunstan's is actively involved in the community as one of four churches in Shoreline to have hosted tent encampments for the homeless. Church members also prepare a weekly community dinner, serving over one hundred people each Tuesday evening.

As Westminster Triangle's past was defined more than a century ago by the Interurban Railway, its present is now connected to the Interurban Trail. The trolley stopped running in 1939 when private automobile use increased. The former rail corridor, owned by Seattle City light, now serves people on foot or using non-motorized vehicles. The first segment in Shoreline opened in 2004, with artist Tony Angell's Emissary Raven sculpture welcoming northbound trail-users as they cross into the Westminster Triangle neighborhood at N 145<sup>th</sup>.

With just over 500 households in the Triangle, neighbors get to know each other well. They also watch out for each other. On the second Tuesday in August, National Night Out parties bring Westminster Triangle neighbors together to share concerns and safety tips. To get more involved and find out about upcoming neighborhood events, residents can join the Westminster Triangle Network on Facebook.

# Aurora Square Community Renewal Area update

**SEARS OPENED ITS DOORS** in Shoreline to much fanfare in September of 1967. Unfortunately, for the past several decades, Sears' status as a major retail draw has declined, causing the health of the shopping center around it to suffer. With its recent closure and sale of Sear's 17-acre property, the entire shopping area that includes Central Market, Marshalls, and Pier 1 is ready for renewal.

In 2012, recognizing renewal was both inevitable and desirable; we designated the area as the City's first Community Renewal Area (CRA) and adopted a renewal plan. The renewal plan identifies a number of City-initiated projects designed to make the shopping center function better and to prepare for the eventual redevelopment of the CRA properties.

Ultimately, renewal of the CRA relies on engaged property owners investing in their properties. However, we recognized that we could help make investment more attractive by reducing cost and uncertainty; by completing long-range planning and design; and by generating enthusiasm for renewal.

To reduce uncertainty, we studied all relevant environmental impacts of a renewed CRA. The resulting Environmental Impact Statement and Planned Action Ordinance provide property owners with some certainty as they weigh the risks of reinvesting in their properties.

In order to address the many interconnected problems with the stretch of Westminster Way N that cuts diagonally through the CRA, we looked at long-range planning and design. While Westminster plays a critical role in moving traffic in and out of the CRA, it also acts as a barrier between the former Denny's triangle property on Aurora and the rest of the CRA. To improve

this important roadway, we are working with property owners on a partial right-of-way vacation and land swap. We are also actively designing an intersection realignment, a new road connection to Aurora, and pedestrian-scale amenities along Westminster and to the Interurban Trail. We anticipate construction occurring during the summer of 2019.

To generate community enthusiasm in the CRA before any major improvements began, we launched "Phase Zero". The goal has been to influence and encourage property owners to visualize how a more varied and community-oriented retail experience can be good both for Shoreline and for businesses in the CRA. There have been two key elements of the Phase Zero effort. One was renaming the center Shoreline Place. The other was moving the Shoreline Farmers Market from City Hall to the Sears parking lot. Moving the Farmers Market immediately made Saturdays at the CRA festive and active during the summer months.

Enthusiasm is also building with changes in property owners. From the time that Merlone Geier Partners' (MGP) acquired the Sears property in 2017, they embraced the community's desire to see Shoreline Place renewed. Earlier this year MGP launched a survey that generated over 6,000 responses. You can see the findings at [shorelineplace.com](http://shorelineplace.com).

MGP hopes to begin construction on the Sears property in late 2019. By that time, construction will likely be underway on over 300 new housing units on the triangle property and on road improvements to Westminster Way N.

Learn more on the Aurora Square Community Renewal Area project page at [shorelinewa.gov/projects](http://shorelinewa.gov/projects).

## MAY 2018

# MILLION **STEP** CHALLENGE

**MORE INFORMATION**

[shorelinewa.gov/STEPS](http://shorelinewa.gov/STEPS)

### **OPENING EVENT**

Sat. April 28th @ 9am, Paramount School Park

### **CLOSING POTLUCK & AWARDS**

Sat. June 2nd @ 6:30pm, Paramount School Park  
*Bring a dish to share and collect your prize!*

## JUNE 2018

# MILLION **STAIR** CHALLENGE

**MORE INFORMATION**

[shorelinewa.gov/STAIRS](http://shorelinewa.gov/STAIRS)

### **CLOSING POTLUCK & AWARDS**

Sat. June 30th @ 6:30pm, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, Picnic Shelter at base of Stairs.  
*Bring a dish to share and collect your prize!*

**Challenge yourself and compete against others in these month long events.**



# CHOICES PROGRAM GROWS GREEN THUMBS!

**FOR THE PAST** couple of years, participants in Shoreline's Adult Community Choices program, a program for adults with developmental disabilities, have honed their green thumbs in their own greenhouse. In 2015, Choices received a generous grant to construct a greenhouse. Since its inception, program participants have

helped with expanding the greenhouse to the gardens surrounding it.

The greenhouse has also allowed staff to help the group learn more about healthy eating choices, nutrition, and plant life cycles. Participants take pride in their work and enjoy photo documenting plant growth.

Another exciting result of having the greenhouse has been preparing dishes in the kitchen with the produce they have grown. Cooking has become a completely new program element. Being able to cook and eat the items they have planted from seed has been an enlightening experience.

Volunteers Rosie Ochs and Falaah Jones work thoughtfully

with program participants twice a week throughout the year. Their support to the program and the participants has been incredible. Without volunteers, many of our projects would not be pos-



sible. Projects have included clearing land for a pumpkin patch, selecting and planting seeds to start in the greenhouse, and building an herb spiral.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with this program. Please contact Molly Harrigan at [mharrigan@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:mharrigan@shorelinewa.gov) if you are interested in volunteering.



played a big role developing greenhouse programs. From deciding what to plant, where to plant it, and how to expand their space, participants have taken ownership. They have also

## Park Funding Advisory Committee

**IN 2017**, the City Council adopted the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan. The Plan provides a blueprint for future park improvements, including a new community and aquatics center. Next month, we will begin accepting applications for a Park Funding Advisory Committee. The goal of the committee will be to develop recommendations for the City Manager on how to fund the improvements and the community and aquatics center.

Visit [shorelinewa.gov/pfac](http://shorelinewa.gov/pfac) for more information on how to apply.

## Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board Youth Member Applications Available Now

**THE CITY OF SHORELINE** is now accepting applications for a youth volunteer (age 15 – 19) to serve on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree (PRCS) Board. Youth board members must live in Shoreline and are appointed by the City Council to serve one -year terms with the option to renew for up to four years.

The PRCS/Tree Board advises the City Council and City staff on a variety of parks, recreation, public art, and environmental issues. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month from January through October and the first Thursday in December, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at City Hall. The term of service begins in September 2018.

All applicants must submit a Shoreline Community Services Application no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18. Applications are available in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or at [shorelinewa.gov/parkboard](http://shorelinewa.gov/parkboard).

More information about the Board is available at [shorelinewa.gov/parkboard](http://shorelinewa.gov/parkboard) or contact the Parks Department at (206) 801-2602, [lgabrieli@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:lgabrieli@shorelinewa.gov).



Protect Our Streams



## “Puget Sound Starts Here” Month

**EVER WONDER** where all that water goes when it rains? Rain that falls on natural areas such as forests, lawns, and wetlands soaks into the ground where it becomes groundwater.

When rain falls on hard surfaces like roofs, roads, and parking lots, it flows into storm drains, moves through a system of pipes, and enters streams, lakes, and Puget Sound without treatment. This rainwater run-off, called stormwater, picks up all kinds of pollution from hard surfaces around our city. Some of the most common pollutants in stormwater include car wash water; oil and automotive fluids; bacteria from pet waste; and synthetic fertilizers and pesticides.

Because we all contribute to the problem of stormwater pollution, there are simple actions we can do every day to lessen our impacts and make a big difference:

### Car washing... Use a commercial wash!

**PROBLEM:** Car wash water contains soap, oil, zinc, lead, copper, solvents, antifreeze, and sediment. Washing your car on the street or driveway sends all these harmful substances into waterways where they cause algae blooms and can kill fish and other aquatic creatures.

**SOLUTION:** Take your car to a commercial car wash where the water is cleaned and recycled. Alternatively, wash your car on the grass where the water will soak into the ground and be naturally filtered.

### Fix vehicle leaks... Don't drip and drive!

**PROBLEM:** If not checked, oil and fluid leaks damage your vehicle. These fluids also end up in waterways when it rains where they are toxic to people, animals, and plants.

**SOLUTION:** Check your vehicle for leaks often and fix any that you find right away. For a free leak inspection coupon, visit [fixcarleaks.org](http://fixcarleaks.org).

### Dog poop... Bag it and trash it!

**PROBLEM:** Not only is dog poop gross to step in, it also contains large amounts of bacteria that can harm pets, wildlife, and people and wash into streams and lakes when it rains.

**SOLUTION:** Bag pet waste and throw it in the trash. Veterinarians and trash haulers agree that the trash is the safest place to dispose of pet waste.

### Use less chemicals... Practice natural yard care!

**PROBLEM:** Fertilizers and pesticides wash off our lawns and gardens when it rains and end up in waterways where they harm aquatic wildlife.

**SOLUTION:** Switch to compost for fertilizer and use mulch to suppress weeds. These and other organic products feed your soil naturally, creating healthier plants.

Together, we can protect our community and the lakes, streams, and Puget Sound we all enjoy. To learn more about water pollution and making a difference, visit [pugetsoundstartshere.org](http://pugetsoundstartshere.org) or [shorelinewa.gov/cleanwater](http://shorelinewa.gov/cleanwater).

# DID YOU KNOW?

**STORM DRAINS** in Shoreline lead directly into waterways and end up in Puget Sound without treatment. You can help prevent pollution and spread the clean water message by volunteering to install “Dump No Waste” medallions on storm drains around the City.

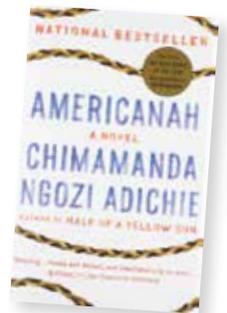


For more information, visit [shorelinewa.gov/cleanwater](http://shorelinewa.gov/cleanwater). To check out a kit, contact Cameron Reed at (206) 801-2455 or [creed@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:creed@shorelinewa.gov).

## Social Justice Book Group

### THE SHORE-

**LINE** Social Justice Book Group comes together the second Sunday of every month at the Shoreline Library to discuss books written from diverse perspectives. Books selected focus on the experiences of people of color, people who are LGBTQ, people with disabilities, and other marginalized groups, as well as social issues such as immigration and poverty.



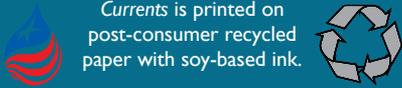
For May, the book club will read and discuss the book *Americanah*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. It tells the story of a young woman from Nigeria who immigrates to the United States to pursue her dreams, but finds out they are not what she expected.

For more information, contact King County Library Regional Manager Denise Bugallo at (206) 362-7550 or [dbugallo@kcls.org](mailto:dbugallo@kcls.org).

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A large graphic for the Seattle International Film Festival. At the top, the word "SEATTLE" is written in large, glowing blue letters. Below it, "INTERNATIONAL" is written in smaller white letters on a black background. The word "FILM" is written in large, glowing orange letters. At the bottom, "FESTIVAL" is written in large, glowing blue letters. The background is a vibrant, colorful sky with purple and blue hues. In the foreground, there are two stylized characters: one is a mouth with legs, and the other is a hand with legs. The bottom of the graphic is filled with a collage of various people's faces.

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