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Council discusses new community and aquatics center and priority park improvements

ON JULY 29, Council will vote on whether to place a bond measure on the November ballot to fund a new community and aquatics center and possibly priority park improvements. Council has asked staff to prepare two ordinances. The first would fund the construction of a community and aquatics center. The second ordinance would include funding for the community and aquatics center and priority park improvements. Council will review both ordinances and may take action on either.

Since adoption of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan in 2017, we have been studying the construction of a new community and aquatics center. This has involved extensive public input through surveys, focus groups, interviews during events, stakeholder meetings, open houses, online comment forms, and social media. With the information collected and with input from the Park Funding Advisory Committee, the City Manager developed a recommendation for Council.

The proposed community and aquatics center would be approximately 75,000 square feet with fitness, aquatics, and gathering spaces for senior, youth, family, and community activities. The proposed facility includes:

- Community spaces for classes, rentals, and informal gatherings.
- Space prioritized for senior programs including a commercial kitchen for meal services.
- Two-court gymnasium and indoor walking/jogging track.
- Exercise and weight rooms.
- Activity pool with play features, such as a lazy river and splash pad.
- Separate eight-lane lap pool for recreational and competitive swimming and diving; swim lessons; and shallow and deep-water exercise classes. There will also be an accessible viewing area for approximately 500 spectators.
- Courtyard for casual community gatherings and play.

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Shoreline City Hall, Council Chamber
Agendas: shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings

\$20 of your Vehicle License Fee pays for sidewalk rehabilitation

THE COMMUNITY has consistently rated sidewalks as a high priority. Last year we made significant commitments to addressing the issue so young, old, able bodied, and those with mobility challenges can begin to feel safer and more comfortable when walking in Shoreline.

To better address the repair and maintenance of existing sidewalks, we need to have a dedicated funding source. In June 2018, City Council approved an additional \$20 Vehicle License Fee to fund an ongoing sidewalk repair program. (The other half of your Vehicle License Fee funds the City's pavement preservation program.) The additional \$20 vehicle license fee will generate approximately \$830,000 a year to fund the sidewalk rehabilitation program. That is more than five times the level of funding previously available for sidewalk repair and maintenance. It is only through a dedicated funding source that we can commit to this level of investment.

The Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program will repair and rehabilitate aging sidewalks, curb ramps, and other pedestrian facilities to help ensure all residents can get around. You may notice spot repair or replacement of curb ramps; replacement of broken sidewalk and driveway panels; and other pedestrian facilities starting this summer.

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Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Extension Light Rail Update

What is happening this month

STREET CLOSURES and major work that construction crews are currently busy with include:

- Removing trees and vegetation (known as grubbing) along the east side of Interstate-5
- Establishing construction staging areas where equipment and materials will be housed
- Structure demolition
- Electrical and sewer relocations.

This early work is necessary to begin constructing the guideway (tracks) and stations for the Lynnwood Link Extension light rail project. Sound Transit expects to begin building the guideway and stations in mid-2019. The Shoreline South/145th and Shoreline North/185th stations will each feature a 500-space garage. Light rail service will begin in 2024.

MORE INFORMATION:

Subscribe to updates:
soundtransit.org/subscribe

Report issues:
24-hour construction hotline
1 (888) 298-2395

Project info:
soundtransit.org/lynnwoodlink

Questions?
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lynnwoodlink@soundtransit.org

ANNUAL TRAFFIC REPORT

THE CITY'S TRAFFIC SERVICES DIVISION presented the 2018 Annual Traffic Report to City Council on June 24. It summarizes traffic data and highlights noteworthy trends. The data guides our prioritization of funds; helps identify potential improvement projects; supports our efforts to get grants; and identifies target enforcement areas for Shoreline Police. It will also help as we strive to accomplish the State's goal to achieve zero fatal and serious injury collisions by the year 2030.

Shoreline's rate of serious and fatal injury collisions over the past nine years has remained relatively flat. This is despite our population growth and an increase in collisions overall. There were 515 collisions reported on Shoreline streets in 2018. The total number

of collisions in 2018 was down 14% from 2017. The number of injury accidents accounted for about 8% of total collisions in 2018. Serious and fatal injury accidents accounted for under 2%.

Over the last three years, collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists represented 50% of all fatal and serious injury collisions. With the trend of pedestrian collisions increasing, now is the time to invest in pedestrian safety measures. Bicycle collisions in 2018 were the lowest in the 2010-2018 analysis period with only four. This may be due to the significant progress made over the past three years in establishing bike lanes on multiple arterial streets. This is especially encouraging considering the rates of biking and walking are generally on the rise citywide. As our population grows, and more people bike and walk to light rail and other destinations, the continued focus and investment in pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements is critical.

Another key opportunity for reducing collisions is to focus on intersections. Most collisions, including most injury collisions, occur at intersections. In the 2016-2018 dataset, there were a couple of noteworthy overlaps between intersection collisions and pedestrian collisions. Darkness may also play a role in intersection collisions.

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Richmond Beach Road Rechannalization

Post-Project Report

ON JUNE 10, staff presented to Council the findings of the first post-project report on the Richmond Beach Road Rechannalization. At this early point, the corridor is generally performing as expected. Travel times during peak periods are slightly shorter than we predicted, speeds are down on the hill segment west of 8th Avenue NW, and corridor volumes are slightly higher than pre-project measures.

The report identifies three primary issues. They are:

1. Some challenges at the westbound merge between Dayton Avenue N and 3rd Avenue NW
2. Intermittent lengthy vehicle queues during the PM peak travel time in the westbound direction between 3rd Avenue NW and Dayton Avenue N
3. Driveway access challenges at the Richmond Beach Coffee Company

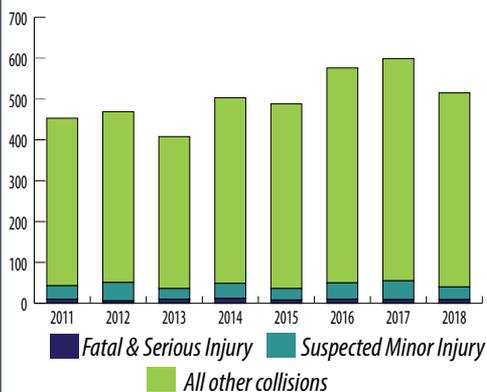
Staff is evaluating alternatives to address access challenges at Richmond Beach Coffee Company for improved access to and from the driveway. The City will explore access options in coordination with the adjacent property owners and businesses this summer. We will consider a concept to resolve the issues of queuing and the merge between Dayton Avenue N and 3rd Avenue NW for future implementation.

In addition to this first preliminary report, project outcomes will be evaluated one year after project implementation (summer 2019) and again three years after implementation (summer 2021).

MORE INFORMATION

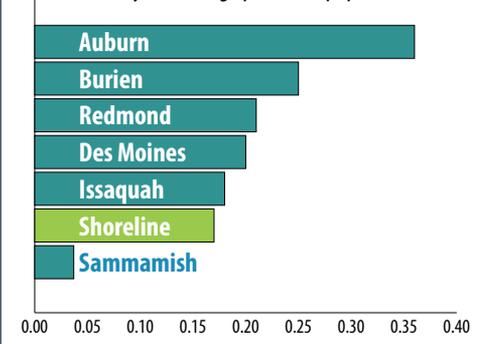
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Total & Injury Collisions by Year



Fatal & Serious Injury Collisions

3 year average per 1,000 population





CityWise: City Government 101

Maintaining the City

DURING THE FIFTH CLASS of the CityWise series, participants learn about Shoreline's Public Works Department. Public Works help maintain and protect our public infrastructure and natural environment. Over the course of the evening, CityWise participants engage with Public Works staff, get a close-up view of large maintenance equipment, and design a road.

Public Works has three primary divisions.

Utilities and Operations

Our Utilities and Operations division oversees our Surface Water Utility and contracts with Ronald Wastewater District to operate and maintain the wastewater utility. Shoreline's Surface Water Utility maintains our stormwater system, which includes catch basins and pipes; protects surface water quality; and ensures we meet federal, state, and local stormwater regulations.

Utilities and Operations is also in charge of street maintenance. This in-

cludes pavement preservation and repairs; sidewalk and traffic sign maintenance; support of emergency services; and snow and ice control. Our new Grounds Maintenance crew tends over 60 miles of right-of-way in Shoreline, including irrigation, bioretention, and landscape beds. The focus of their work in 2019 is on rights-of-way. In 2020, they will expand their work to include parks. In the past, the City contracted out landscaping work.

Transportation Services

Our Transportation Services division is responsible for transportation planning and traffic safety. They consider the needs of all users, including vehicles, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit. This includes addressing the day-to-day efficiency of roads, such as signals and flashers; signs and pavement markings; and parking management. Ongoing data collection and analysis enable staff to identify and address roads with high collision rates or increasing congestion.

Engineering

City engineers design and manage infrastructure projects, from roadways to parks and facilities. This includes construction management and inspection, and the administration of federal funds. On the development review side, Public Works reviews applications; issues right-of-way and wastewater permits; and develops and maintains codes and standards. Engineering is also responsible for managing our assets. The City owns many things, from pump stations to park benches, manhole covers to trucks. Engineering helps manage all these assets through an asset management system.

Report concerns

Residents can help our efforts by reporting concerns with city assets (roads, right-of-way, parks, and city facilities) through SeeClickFix: shorelinewa.gov/onlineservicerequest

PREVENT SEWER BACKUPS HELP STOP FOG

FATS, OILS & GREASE, or FOG, is the largest problem our sewer system faces. FOG is caused by cooking oils and bacon and food grease dumped into the drain. These liquids harden as they cool. The hardened FOG will eventually block all flow through the sewer pipe and may cause a back-up inside your home, resulting in unnecessary damage and costs.

Ronald Wastewater District and the City need your help to keep our sewer system flowing. Pour hot oils and grease from cooking into a metal can. Let it cool in a safe place. After the oils and grease have hardened, throw the metal can into the garbage!

In partnership with the City, Ronald Wastewater provides sanitary sewer service to ratepayers. With your help, we will keep our sewer pipes flowing and your toilet free from back up.

Remember: Scrape It, Can It, Trash It



SCRAPE IT



CAN IT



TRASH IT

Grounds Maintenance crew begins work in right-of-way

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED

Shoreline staff doing more landscape maintenance work in the right-of-way over the past several months. Those staff members are part of our new Grounds Maintenance crew. We used to contract with outside vendors to provide landscaping services. However, after years of increasing costs and poor service delivery, Council made the decision to create our own Grounds Maintenance crew to maintain landscaping in the right-of-way and in our parks. Crews have started right-of-way work this year and will take on parks maintenance next year.

We have established three basic levels of service to categorize different maintenance activities: Level 1 (Routine), Level 2 (Repair) and Level 3 (Rehabilitation). Level 1 maintenance activities include litter and weed removal and trimming groundcover and shrubs. Level 2 activities include adding mulch

or soil amendments to landscape and bio retention beds; reducing groundcover or shrubs for overall plant health; making minor repairs to our irrigation systems; and spot reseeding of turf. Level 3 activities include landscape bed rehabilitation; plant replacement of unhealthy plants and in-fill of missing plants/shrubs; making more significant repairs to our irrigation systems; and area-wide reseeding or top dressing of turf. Crews will use the same three levels of service to categorize and organize our work activities for Parks in 2020.

As this is a new crew, we are still developing work plans and schedules and learning how quickly the crew can progress through certain areas. We anticipate performing Level 3 maintenance activities in the non-growing season. All landscape beds and medians across the City will receive an initial Level 1 maintenance response over the next several months. After that rotation



is complete, the crew will follow-up in certain areas with Level 2 service. Depending on what happens this summer, some areas may require additional level 1 service, to keep up with the new growth, especially on Aurora.

MORE INFORMATION

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Help remove noxious weeds

NOXIOUS WEEDS are invasive, non-native plants that threaten local ecosystems and wildlife habitats. Since plants grow without regard to property lines, everyone's cooperation is needed. The Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board's website at nwcb.wa.gov has lists and pictures of noxious weeds to help you identify weeds on your property and best practices for the removal of each.

One of the species with the biggest impact on Washington's ecology is Scotch Broom. Originally introduced to the region as an ornamental plant and to stabilize roadside slopes, this highly aggressive weed spreads quickly, crowds out native plants, and is now a serious threat to the ecological integrity of our urban forests.

Small, young populations can be pulled or dug, but the site should be monitored for several years for plants growing from root fragments and seeds. Pulling the plants is easier with a Weed Wrench™ tool which can be borrowed from the King County Noxious Weed Program. Cutting can be an effective control method for older plants that are no longer green at the base. Wait for the plant to bloom and then cut it to the ground. Continue to monitor areas for seedlings after plants have been controlled. Catching these plants in the time between bloom and seed is critical to keep them from going to seed and continuing to propagate.

MORE INFORMATION

King County Noxious Weed Program
kingcounty.gov/weeds, (206) 477-9333

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
nwcb.wa.gov



Scotch Broom

Council discusses ballot measure

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The estimated cost of the project is \$88.1 million. The City would issue general obligation bonds to cover the cost of property acquisition and construction. An increase in property taxes would pay for the debt service on those bonds.

In addition to the community and aquatics center, we have also looked at making park improvements to different parks throughout Shoreline. The final recommendation calls for improvements to four parks: Brugger's Bog Park, Richmond Highlands Park, Hillwood Park, and Briarcrest Community Park (Hamlin). The estimated cost for the park improvements is \$17.9 million.

On July 29, Council is set to make a final decision on whether to place a bond measure on the November ballot for Shoreline voters to make the final decision.

did you know?



Residents around Puget Sound are taking action to protect clean water for orca and salmon. You can be an "Orca Hero" by practicing a few simple, everyday actions:

- Use a commercial car wash instead of washing on the driveway or street
- Scoop your dog's poop, bag it, and throw it in the trash
- Use natural yard care practices instead of harsh chemicals and fertilizers on your lawn
- Plant a tree or build a rain garden
- Get involved with a forest restoration projects in a local park

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/cleanwater

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, AUG. 6

Neighborhoods across the city celebrate National Night Out to meet neighbors, learn about crime prevention, and make our community a safer place for all.

Organize a party, ice cream social, or barbecue for your block!

Learn more at shorelinewa.gov/nno

CHANGES COMING TO RECYCLING SERVICES

LAST YEAR, the Chinese government banned the import of certain types of recyclable materials due to high levels of contamination. Contamination takes many forms, the most obvious of which is non-recyclable materials, like garbage, thrown in the recycling cart. Food and liquids also contaminate recycling.

Contaminated recycling is more expensive to process since the intermingled garbage must be sorted out and sent to the landfill. To address these increased processing costs, we recently had to amend our contract with Recology. A core goal of the amendment is to reduce contamination levels for recyclables to less than 5% by volume. The amendment includes the following changes:

- Effective August 1, 2019, monthly fees for garbage service will increase by:
 - » \$1.35 per month for single-family residential customers; and
 - » \$2.10 per yard of garbage collected monthly for multifamily and commercial customers.
- Plastic bags and films (e.g. plastic wrapped around cases of bathroom tissue) are no longer accepted as recyclable material. This material should be placed in the garbage or bagged together and taken to a drop off location, such as local grocery stores.
- Recology will also provide more recycling education programs, including:
 - » Quarterly "Where Does It Go" workshops at Recology's Shoreline retail location; and
 - » A "Waste Wise" program offering free resources and education at multifamily properties.

You can help reduce contamination and strengthen our recycling program by learning what you can and cannot place in your collection bins.

MORE INFORMATION

Recology Store
 15235 Aurora Avenue N
 Tues - Sat: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Sun: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Mon: Closed

recology.com/shoreline
Recology Customer Service
 (206) 763-4444

PREVENT BLUE BIN BLUNDERS - RECYCLE RIGHT!

THESE MATERIALS cause big problems at recycling facilities and you should **never** place them in your blue recycle bin:



Loose plastic bags

Drop off at your local grocery store



Textiles/Clothing

Donate if reusable; if worn out, take to the Recology Store



Styrofoam™

Accepted at your local Recology store



Paper towels

Can be composted - place in your green yard waste bin

REMEMBER TO KEEP RECYCLABLES EMPTY, CLEAN, AND DRY!

More information at kingcounty.gov/recycle-right

CELEBRATE SHORELINE

Something for everyone in our full week of fun!

CITYWIDE EVENTS

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Caspar Babypants - Music for kids
 Tuesday, Aug. 13, 12:00 p.m.
 Cromwell Park
 18030 Meridian Avenue N

NORTH CITY JAZZ WALK

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
 North City Business District
 Tickets: northcityjazzwalk.org

EVENING CONCERT

Correo Aereo
 Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6:30 p.m.
 Kruckeberg Botanic Garden
 20312 15th Avenue NW
 Info: shorelinearts.net

CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW

Saturday, Aug. 17
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Shoreline Place
 15711 Aurora Avenue N
 Info: shorelinehistoricalmuseum.org

SANDCASTLE CONTEST

Sunday, Aug. 18
 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021
 NW 190th Street
 Info: richmondbeachwa.org

FESTIVAL & MAIN STAGE CONCERT

Saturday, Aug. 17, Noon - 9:00 p.m.
 Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Avenue N

	FAMILY STAGE	MAIN STAGE	FESTIVAL
12:00			PETTING ZOO INFLATABLES PONY RIDES* THEATRE IN THE WOODS TOY WORKSHOP BUBBLE PLAY SPIN ART POLICE & FIRE VEHICLES TO TOUR ROVING ENTERTAINMENT 12:00 - 6:00 PM *small fee
12:30	REPTILE MAN 12:30 - 1:15 PM	CULTURE SHARE	
1:00		HOKULANI'S HULA STUDIO 1:00 - 1:45 PM	
1:30	ELI ROSENBLATT 1:45 - 2:30 PM	JHP LEGACY BAND 2:00 - 2:45 PM	
2:00		BAILE FOLKLORE CALIBRI 3:00 - 3:45 PM	
2:30			
3:00	ERIC HAINES 3:00 - 3:45 PM		
3:30		MAINSTAGE CONCERT	
4:00	ELLA BELLA BEE 4:15 - 5:00 PM	GEOFFREY CASTLE 4:15 - 5:15 PM	
4:30		CHIKIRI 5:30 - 6:15 PM	
5:00		SMOKEY BRIGHT 6:30 - 7:15 PM	
5:30		ROLLING STONES CONCERT EXPERIENCE 7:30 - 9:00 PM	
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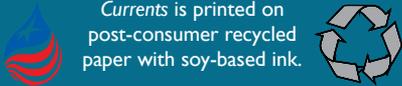
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