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2019-2020 Biennium Budget Update: New police officer and new snow equipment

The recent 2019-2020 mid-biennial budget review showed the City continues to maintain a healthy financial position. The City has an AA+ bond rating and a Standard & Poor's (S&P) ratings outlook of "stable". The 2019-2020 Biennial Budget continues to comply with the City's financial and reserve policies.

New police officer

As part of the 2020 budget, the City will add a new police officer bringing our total commissioned police staff to 51. Over the past decade, the City has seen a steady increase in calls for service and expectations of police. The effect has been a consistent increase in workload per officer. In 2014, the average number of dispatched calls for one of our 23 patrol officers was 425. By 2018 it had increased to 473, an 11% increase.

The increase in calls for service by community members reporting suspicious activity and a focused effort by the police has helped lead to a downward trend in property crimes. Shoreline continues to be a safe place to live, in large part due to the vigilance of Shoreline residents and the dedication of our police force.

Additional snow response equipment & materials

During the extraordinary snow event earlier this year, staff and snow equipment worked around the clock for a two-week period. We used equipment from across the organization to respond. However, it became clear that we did not have enough equipment to address a snow event of this size over an extended period.

To address this issue, we will purchase additional snow removal equipment and attachments to outfit more vehicles. This will allow us to provide a more robust response to an extended winter storm in the future. We also have increased our budget for potential overtime work and have replenished our deicer materials to address any future snow events that may occur this winter season.

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

Council bans e-cigarettes and vaping in Shoreline parks

ON OCTOBER 7, City Council adopted Ordinance No 867, which prohibits the use of e-cigarette and vaping devices in any Shoreline park area, trail, athletic field, or recreation facility. This follows legislation adopted in 2012 prohibiting the use of tobacco in any of those areas. Shoreline parks are intended for the healthy enjoyment of all residents, including children. Using tobacco, e-cigarettes, and vaping products is inconsistent with creating a healthy environment for all to enjoy.

As part of the City's efforts to become a healthy city, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 630 in 2012 prohibiting tobacco use in any Shoreline park area. Since then, the popularity of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes, vaping) has grown, especially in middle school and high school-aged youth. Staff have also noticed an increase in e-cigarette and vaping usage in parks and in recreation facilities in recent years.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Surgeon General have issued advisories on e-cigarette use among youth because the presence of nicotine in e-cigarettes can harm brain development in children, teens, and young adults, impacting learning, memory, and attention. Other concerns with e-cigarettes include the increased risk for future addiction to other drugs and injury from combustible battery failures. The Surgeon General has also stated that e-cigarettes can potentially expose bystanders to harmful substances, including heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, and ultrafine particles that can be inhaled in the lungs.

MORE INFORMATION

CDC.gov/ecigarettes

SHORELINE CITYWISE PROJECT

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED who maintains our roads, how the City creates a budget or plans for the future of our parks? Curious residents will have an opportunity to learn how local government works in the Shoreline CityWise Project, an eight-week series of interactive classes starting in January 2020.

CityWise provides insight into the wide range of services provided by the City. In sessions with elected officials and City staff, participants learn about the structure of Shoreline government, and how different departments function. The second half of each class allows students to use what they have just learned through an interactive experience, from a mock City Council meeting to designing a road. One graduate noted: "I most liked learning from the experts in their fields. They were all very knowledgeable, friendly and forthcoming, so we had the opportunity to learn directly from the people that do it every day."

Classes will meet at City Hall on Tuesday evenings, with a Parks visit on a Saturday morning and graduation with City Council on the Monday after classes end. The Shoreline CityWise Project is free of charge. Each participant must be a Shoreline resident, or business owner/employee, or student age 16 or older who is willing to commit to attending all sessions. Class size is limited, and participants are selected to represent the entire city and its diverse populations.

Applications are available at shorelinewa.gov/citywise.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/citywise
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Volunteers needed to serve on commissions

Help plan the future of Shoreline by serving on the Planning Commission!

The City Council is looking for volunteers to serve on the Planning Commission for four-year terms beginning in April 2020. The volunteers who serve on the Shoreline Planning Commission provide recommendations to the City Council on land use, growth, and development issues.

The Commission addresses key questions that affect the quality of life in Shoreline, such as: How should we balance new commercial and residential development with the desire to maintain the character of existing neighborhoods? How do we plan for a future that includes light rail? How can we encourage developers to use green building practices and provide affordable housing? How will the City allow alternate housing types that fit within our established neighborhoods?

No technical background or experience in land use is required. Important qualifications are an ability to listen and work well with others; a willingness to prepare and read staff reports prior to the meetings; and a commitment to regular attendance and active participation at the meetings.

Help review and preserve historic structures in Shoreline by serving on the Landmarks and Heritage Commission!

The King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission is a nine-member citizen board charged with designating landmarks in unincorporated King County and in those cities and towns in King County that have entered into an interlocal agreement with the County for historical preservation services. The City Council is seeking to appoint a volunteer to serve on the Commission for all business conducted within the City of Shoreline. The Special Commissioner will serve a four-year term beginning in April 2020, with the option of serving a second four-year term.

The Commission is responsible for reviewing and deciding nominations for landmark designation; reviewing and deciding certificates of appropriateness for alterations to or demolition of landmark properties; developing policy and planning recommendations for King County's historic preservation program; and attending periodic training sessions and conferences. The Special Member is to be an individual with a demonstrated interest and competence in historic preservation. The Special Member is a voting member on all matters relating to or affecting landmarks within the City of Shoreline.

Application details

Community Service Applications for both the Planning Commission and the Landmarks & Heritage Commission are available on the City's website or at City Hall. Submit your application by email to choekzema@shorelinewa.gov or mail it to:

City of Shoreline, City Clerk
17500 Midvale Avenue N
Shoreline, WA 98133

You can also drop it off in person to the City Clerk's Office on the first floor of City Hall. Applications for both commissions are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2020.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/plancom

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Comprehensive Plan amendment suggestions due by December 2

EVERY YEAR, the City goes through a Comprehensive Plan amendment process. The annual amendment process is an opportunity for individuals to propose changes to Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan. Suggested amendments usually address changing conditions or emerging issues.

Individuals may propose changes to Shoreline's Comprehensive Plan and submit them to the Planning and Community Development Department (P&CD). Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application materials can be found on the City's website on the Permits and Development Information page.

To be eligible for consideration, applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., December 2, 2019, by email to sszafran@shorelinewa.gov or mailed to:

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Once all amendments have been received, the City Council will develop a list of amendments to be studied throughout 2020.

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Planning and Permits closed on November 20

The Planning and Community Development department, including the Permits Center, will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 20 for a department retreat. We will reopen on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 8:00 a.m.

We appreciate your patience and look forward to serving you when we reopen.



PREPARE FOR WINTER STORMS

FALL AND WINTER STORMS are very common in the Pacific Northwest. We are committed to helping the Shoreline community prepare through advanced planning, education, and awareness. We urge you to understand the natural threats that may exist in your neighborhood and be prepared. Visit shorelinewa.gov/stormready to find out how you can better prepare for winter storms.

Snow removal

When it snows, our plows concentrate their efforts on arterial roads (primary routes) to accommodate fire, medical, and police responses, as well as Metro transit, and school buses. As long as snow continues to fall, we will only plow primary routes. Once the snow has stopped and all primary routes are clear, plows will move to secondary roads before moving into neighborhoods. If at any time it starts snowing again while plows are clearing secondary or neighborhood streets, the plows will return to the primary routes and the process of clearing streets will begin again. While we will eventually get to all streets, it might take several days after the final snow before residents see a plow on their street. Snow plowing route maps are available at shorelinewa.gov/stormready.

Power outages

Seattle City Light's website allows you to check the status of a power outage by going to seattle.gov/light/sysstat. You can contact Seattle City Light for more information through their website or by calling (206) 684-3000.

Property owner responsibilities

Shoreline property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice off driveways and sidewalks near their property, including the ridge of snow left along the edge of driveways by snow plows. We cannot plow individual driveways. If you plow snow or have it removed from your property, do not place the snow in the public right-of-way. This is illegal and can lead to hazardous street conditions. Please keep the removed snow on your own property or arrange to have the snow removed to another private property location. Also, to help prevent pooling water or flooding, please help clear catch basins to make way for runoff from melting snow.

Only drive if necessary

The City encourages you to stay home during heavy snowstorms unless there is an emergency. If you must travel, we ask that you use public transportation whenever possible. Before heading to the transit stop, check with the transportation provider to see if they are running on altered snow routes.

Garbage & recycling pick-up

Icy streets may prevent Recology CleanScapes from collecting garbage and recycling on designated days. To learn more about adverse weather and holiday policies, visit recology.com or call (206) 763-4444.

Protect your pipes

Every winter, frozen pipes cause damage in homes, apartments, and businesses. When frozen pipes thaw, they can cause cracks, flooding, and water damage. To avoid this, keep your heat on at least 40 degrees, especially when on vacation.

MORE INFORMATION

shorelinewa.gov/stormready

Best of the Best!

Shoreline's Park, Recreation & Cultural Services Department earns national accreditation

SHORELINE HAS BECOME just the third city in Washington State to earn national accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This places Shoreline in the top 1% of Parks and Recreation agencies across the country!

CAPRA accreditation is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operations, management, and service to the community. Agencies must meet 151 best practice standards related to the management and administration of parks and open spaces, facilities, resources, recreation programs, safety, and services.

"I applaud the commitment of City staff to providing the highest quality services to the residents of Shoreline,"



National Recreation & Parks Association Board Treasurer Jesus Aguirre presented the Agency Accreditation certificate from the Commission for the Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies.

stated City Manager Debbie Tarry. "I am very proud to work with such dedicated professionals and pleased that they have been judged by their peers from across the country to be following and implementing best practices."

In addition to ensuring we are using best practice standards, CAPRA accreditation can also help when the

City seeks competitive grant funding. The City often seeks grant funding for a variety of projects to help leverage taxpayer dollars.

Once accredited, the agency must uphold the standards by submitting an annual report and is reviewed again in five years.

MOTHERLOAD: FREE SCREENING

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chamber

Free Tickets: shorelinewa.gov/calendar

The City is hosting a free community viewing of the documentary film MOTHERLOAD in support of our designation as a Bicycle Friendly CommunitySM. The film follows director and new mother Liz Canning on her quest to understand the increasing tension between modern life and our hunter-gatherer DNA, and how cargo bikes offer a solution. The 90-minute film will be followed by a short discussion. Bring your bike and your family to this Sustainable Shoreline event! RSVP for free tickets at shorelinewa.gov/calendar.



Holiday Facility Closures

CITY HALL

November 28, 29
December 25
January 1

SHORELINE POOL AND SPARTAN RECREATION CENTER

November 28, 29
December 25
January 1

*December 24 & 31:
Open 8:00 a.m. to noon*

RICHMOND HIGHLANDS RECREATION CENTER

*Closed for regular programs:
November 28, 29
December 24, 25, 31
January 1*



PREVENT BLUE BIN BLUNDERS

Clothing & Textiles

Do not put clothing, shoes, or linens in your curbside recycling cart. These items can jam up machinery at the recycling facility. Shoreline residents can drop off textiles at the Recology Store free of charge or request a special item pickup to donate those materials! You can also recycle clothing, shoes and linens for free at the Shoreline Transfer Station.

Shoreline Recology Store
15235 Aurora Avenue N
206-417-3877

Shoreline Transfer Station
2300 N 165th Street
206-477-4466

MORE INFORMATION
recology.com, 206-763-4444

Pledge to Reduce Plastic Pollution

AN ESTIMATED 9 MILLION tons of plastic end up in the ocean each year. If that trend continues, it's anticipated that there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean by 2050! Plastic straws are an item that most of us could live without. Plastic straws don't biodegrade under natural conditions, and they can't easily be recycled due to their small size. Many straws end up in our local streams and the ocean where they can pollute habitat for salmon, orcas, and other species. According to Ocean Conservancy, plastic straws are one of the top ten items collected every year during their International Coastal Cleanup.



Reducing our use of single-use plastics, including straws, can help! The City is partnering with Ocean Conservancy to reduce plastic pollution and encourage Shoreline residents and businesses to "Skip the Straw." Pledge today at shorelinewa.gov/skipthestrw to pledge today!

Individuals:

Pledge not to use single-use plastic straws for the next 30 days. When ordering a drink, request "no straw, please." Carry a reusable straw, such as one made from stainless steel, bamboo, or glass. You can also pledge to ask your favorite restaurant to serve straws only on request. We'll be updating an online map showing the number of individual pledges by neighborhood for a little friendly competition, so encourage your friends and family to participate!

Businesses:

Businesses can pledge to only offer straws upon request and/or switch to reusable or compostable straws. Participating businesses will receive a window decal and display materials and be highlighted on social media. Businesses that sign the pledge can still offer flexible plastic drinking straws to customers who need them due to medical or physical conditions.

MORE INFORMATION

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Almost 35% of what ends up in our landfill is food scraps and food-soiled paper that could have been composted instead! Help reduce waste this holiday season by composting food scraps, food soiled paper, old pumpkins, leaves, and more in your curbside compost cart. Weekly compost service is included with garbage service for single-family residents at no additional charge.

To sign up for compost service, call Recology at 206-793-4444.

MORE INFORMATION
recology.com, 206-763-4444

Straw Free Businesses

The businesses below have taken the pledge to only offer straws upon request.

Spiro's Pizza and Pasta

Le's Pho Thai

Monka Brewing Co.

Jerseys

Patty Pan Cooperative

Shake N Go

**Businesses registered as of October 28*

YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR

PEOPLE ARE OFTEN confused about where their property taxes go. Many assume the City receives a large portion of their property tax. In fact, only about 12% of your property tax goes to the City to help pay for City operations, such as park maintenance, human services funding, and code enforcement. Almost 58% of Shoreline property tax goes to pay for education either to the State or to the Shoreline School District. The other 30% goes to numerous local and regional jurisdictions to pay for mental health services; libraries; youth programs; fire and other emergency services; economic development and trade; human services; transit; and many other areas that help build strong communities.

If you want to see where the property taxes go on your specific property, go to the King County Assessor's website at kingcounty.gov/assessor and click on Localscape Map Portal and use the interactive map. It will also tell you the impacts of new or potential property tax measures.



Holiday Baskets Event

Donation Drive Dec. 2 -13

Help Shoreline families this holiday season by donating food, gifts, money, or your time to the community Holiday Baskets event. Donations of nonperishable food and teen gift cards are accepted at all Shoreline schools. Monetary donations can be made online at shorelinepta.org. Volunteers are needed to set up, staff, and clean up after the distribution event.

Holiday Baskets is the combined efforts of the Shoreline PTA Council, Shoreline Fire Department, Hopelink, Rotary Club of Lake Forest Park, the City of Shoreline, and Dale Turner Family YMCA to provide holiday food and gift support to Shoreline School District families in circumstances that make it challenging to provide either for their children.

MORE INFORMATION
shorelinepta.org

Reestablishing wetlands at Ronald Bog Park

IF YOU'VE DRIVEN by Ronald Bog Park in the past couple of months, you've noticed significant work being done. This is part of Sound Transit's wetland mitigation efforts. The Lynnwood Link Extension light rail project will permanently impact approximately 0.42 acres of wetlands along I-5 in Shoreline. Sound Transit is mitigating these impacts by reestablishing approximately one acre of wetlands at Ronald Bog Park. In addition to reestablishing the wetlands, Sound Transit will also develop new and improved trails to enhance pedestrian access to the park. Sound Transit anticipates completing the wetland and park improvements by the end of the fall.

MORE INFORMATION

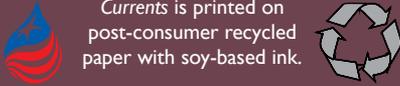
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WINTER SHELTER

Cold weather shelters open November 1 through March 30

Overnight shelters operate through March 30 at various locations in north King County in and near Shoreline. Men and women are welcome. The shelters open at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

November 1-28; January 31 - March 1
Faith Lutheran Church, 8208 18th Avenue NE, Seattle

November 29 - January 1
Seattle Mennonite Church, 3120 NE 125th Street, Seattle

January 2 - 30
Lake City Presbyterian Church, 3841 NE 123rd Street, Seattle

March 2-30
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 14514 20th Avenue NE, Shoreline

For information on space availability, call (425) 677-9370.

FAMILY SHELTER

Mary's Place
operates year round
serving families with
children.

Contact them at
(206) 245-1026.

