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## Census 2020 - it's coming! And it directly affects our Shoreline community!

ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS, the U.S. Constitution requires the federal government to count every single person in the United States and its territories. If you have taken the census before, you may remember a paper form arriving in the mail that you filled out and returned. This year, for the first time ever, people will complete the census online. By April 1, you will receive a postcard in the mail asking you to go to the census website, enter a code from the postcard, and fill out the questionnaire. If you feel more comfortable completing the census by mail or by phone, those options will be available too. The questionnaire will be available in 13 languages.

Your response matters. It is so important that every household complete the census fully and accurately. The census can shape many different aspects of our community. It helps determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year, helping to shape many different aspects of our city. Population counts help determine voting districts and Electoral College votes. Planning for schools and senior services depends on age data. Homeownership rates are a key indicator of the economy and help in distributing housing aid where it is needed most. In Shoreline, an accurate snapshot of our residents will help us plan for the City's needs and help us get our fair share of funding from different federal and state programs. This will help strengthen our community and ensure we have the resources we need.

For more information about the Census, visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) and keep an eye out for additional articles in future issues of Currents and on the City's Facebook page at [facebook.com/shorelinewa](https://facebook.com/shorelinewa).

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# Shoreline winter shelters are open

## Emergency Severe Weather Shelter

During the snowstorm of this past February, the overnight winter shelters in our region quickly reached capacity. To address this issue, the City, in partnership with the North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA), is using the former Shoreline Police Station located at 1206 N 185<sup>th</sup> Street as an emergency severe weather shelter this winter. NUHSA is recruiting and training the volunteers and providing needed shelter supplies. The City, in addition to providing space, is handling the permitting process and assisting with volunteer recruitment and training as needed.

The shelter officially “opened” on December 1. The threshold for activation will be a prediction of four-plus hours of temperatures at or below 33 degrees overnight or snow accumulation of two or more inches. When activated, the shelter will be open from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

To make the shelter successful, we need volunteers to help staff it during activation. Committed and compassionate volunteers must be over 18 years old and commit to being on-call for a certain number of nights each month between December 1 and March 30. Volunteers will be trained and then will be responsible for welcoming guests and supervising the shelter overnight (partial shifts can be arranged). Volunteers will be paired with another person during shelter activation.

If you would like to volunteer, email [staff@nuhsa.org](mailto:staff@nuhsa.org) or call 206-550-5626.

## Overnight Winter Shelters

In addition to this emergency severe weather shelter, a few overnight winter shelters operate at different times over the winter in Shoreline and the surrounding area. These shelters open at 7:30 p.m. each night they are in operation.

### WINTER SHELTER DATES AND LOCATIONS:

November 1 – 28; January 31 – March 1  
Faith Lutheran Church  
8208 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Seattle

November 29 – January 1  
Seattle Mennonite Church  
3120 NE 125<sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle

January 2 – 30  
Lake City Presbyterian Church  
3841 NE 123<sup>rd</sup> Street, Seattle

March 2 – 30  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
14514 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Shoreline

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

### FAMILY SHELTER:

Mary’s Place operates shelters year-round for families with children.  
Contact them at 206-245-1026.

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# 2019 November election results and impacts: Shoreline Proposition 1 and I-976

**OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS**, the City will discuss how the results of the November election will affect our community. Passage of Initiative 976 (I-976) will place a significant strain on our transportation programs and the wider City budget as we search for ways to absorb the annual loss of more than \$1.7 million from the City's street and sidewalk maintenance and preservation programs. Failure of Shoreline Proposition 1 will require the Council and the community to have tough discussions about aquatics programming offered by the City and future investments in parks and City recreation facilities.

## Shoreline Proposition 1

With an approval vote of just 54%, Shoreline Proposition 1 failed. Because Prop. 1 was a bond measure, it required a 60% approval rate to pass. Over the past several years, hundreds of Shoreline residents have contributed to the discussion on developing the proposed Shoreline Aquatics, Recreation, and Community Center and on making improvements to our parks. Whether you voted to approve or reject the proposition, we want to thank Shoreline residents for taking the time to learn about the issue, provide their input, and vote. As we work to identify a new path forward that will meet the needs of our growing community, we hope that those who supported and opposed the Proposition stay engaged and continue to contribute to the discussion.

Using extensive input from the public and taking all the different community needs and interests into account, the Council felt it put the best option forward. Council will now begin to evaluate the results of the election and determine what next steps, if any, they should take regarding future investments in park improvements and the City's recreation facilities.

Council will need to make some tough decisions regarding the Shore-

line Pool. The repairs we made to the Pool in 2015 were meant to be temporary and not last much more than seven years. Council will need to evaluate whether it makes economic sense to put further investment into the existing pool, refine options for a new facility, or decide not to provide aquatic programs in the long-term.

Until the School District decides to use the Spartan Recreation Center for other purposes, it will continue to operate as it does today. As the need for repairs arise, Council will have to determine how much to invest in an aging facility we do not own.

## State, regional, and local transportation funding face cuts under I-976

Passage of I-976 eliminates Shoreline's ability to charge a vehicle license fee (VLF) for transportation purposes. In 2009, City Council adopted a \$20 VLF to help fund the maintenance of Shoreline streets on a regular schedule. Over time, this has helped us preserve our streets and avoid more costly road replacements that can be the result of deferred maintenance. Council passed the other \$20 VLF in 2018 for the repair and maintenance of our existing sidewalk network. I-976 does not affect the new sidewalk sales tax measure approved by Shoreline voters last year. The new sidewalk program will be able to move ahead as expected.

The combined \$40 fee would have generated approximately \$1.7 million per year. The loss of that funding affects the entire transportation program, as well as other City programs and services, as we will need to find that funding elsewhere in the budget or stop our road and sidewalks maintenance programs.

Passage of I-976 will also significantly affect State transportation funding, particularly for transit and paratransit. The Washington State Department of Transportation

(WSDOT), working with the State Legislature, will need to make decisions about how to maintain state highways, provide transportation options for individuals with disabilities, and more. State funding for local transportation projects, including ones in Shoreline, may be called into question in the coming months.

I-976 will also cut King County Metro funding, which in turn could affect routes serving Shoreline.

Finally, Sound Transit (ST) has indicated that the impacts to its funding from I-976 will be significant as well. While it is unlikely to impact the 2024 opening of light rail in Shoreline, other ST projects or programs, such as Bus Rapid Transit which will serve our Shoreline South/145<sup>th</sup> Station, may be affected.

Sixty-four percent of Shoreline voters opposed I-976. A broad coalition of governments and other organizations have filed suit to determine I-976's legality. On November 27, the trial court granted a preliminary injunction on I-976. The injunction allows the City and other jurisdictions to continue to collect the fee while the court determines the constitutionality of the initiative. However, if the Washington Supreme Court ultimately decides that I-976 is constitutional, then any fees collected during the injunction period must be refunded. The City will most likely hold onto the funds collected until such time as the Supreme Court has made a final decision.

The full impacts of this initiative are yet to be determined. Shoreline staff will stay informed on developments and provide updated Shoreline-related information as we learn it.

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# Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Extension Light Rail Update: Making Progress

**CONSTRUCTION OF** the Lynnwood Link Extension is well underway! Crews are currently clearing select buildings, I-5 noise walls, and trees to establish work zones in preparation for construction of light rail. This phase also includes building access roads, erecting temporary noise barriers, and establishing fencing to keep the work zone safe. Soon, Sound Transit's contractor will begin drilling shafts for column foundations that will support the elevated guideway.

## Ronald Bog Park Update

As part of our mitigation efforts, Sound Transit is making improvements to Ronald Bog Park.

To date, Sound Transit has installed new habitat features and planted over 2,000 new trees and shrubs, with more plantings to come over the next few weeks. Contractors have incorporated one thousand cubic yards of soil as part of the mitigation planting. Additionally, crews are working on trail enhancements, which will improve pedestrian access.

Ronald Bog Park will re-open to the public as early as spring of 2020.

## MORE INFORMATION

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Report Issues:  
24-hour construction hotline  
1-888-298-2395

Questions?  
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206-398-5300  
[lynnwoodlink@soundtransit.org](mailto:lynnwoodlink@soundtransit.org)

# Shoreline growing food, film, and music industries: Port of Seattle Grant accomplishments

**THE CITY RECEIVED** three grants from the Port of Seattle Economic Development Partnership Program in 2019. The grants focused on music, filmmaking, and the Shoreline Farmers Market.

## Music Industry Incubation and Tourism

The thriving music scene in Shoreline is an untapped resource for economic growth. Recognizing this, the City and the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce are partnering with Black Fret, a non-profit, to help music lovers support their local music community in new and exciting ways.

At two events this fall, we convened music industry and community leaders in discussions focused on ways to help the local music scene and local musicians.

## Northwest filmmaking acceleration and positioning

The Shoreline Film Office is a partnership between the City, Shoreline Community College, and the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council (SLFPAC) with the goal of promoting the benefits of learning, shooting, and presenting films in Shoreline to filmmakers.

Through the efforts of the Film Office and SLFPAC, Shoreline Mayor Will Hall presented the Best Screenplay prize at the HollyShorts film festival in Hollywood, California, earlier this year. The prize includes a small production budget made possible through the Port of Seattle grant. The winner will produce a short film in the northwest with Shoreline Community College students in production roles. It will premiere at HollyShorts in 2020 and will be shown at the SLFPAC Short Short Film Festival in 2021.

Earlier this year, we streamlined our permitting process to make commercial filmmaking in our community easier. Filmmakers responded with enthusiasm. So far this year they have set up production offices and wardrobe storage here. They have also shot four feature films and five other productions. This is a significant increase over the two feature-length film productions shot in Shoreline over the course of the prior two years.

## Marketing to support Shoreline Farmers Market Expansion

The Shoreline Farmers Market has become an important institution in the fabric of our community. It is also a reliable source of growing revenue for Puget Sound area farmers, artisans, and entertainers.

Port of Seattle grant funding went to marketing and program expansions. Marketing included a billboard, flyers distributed to 5,600 households, paid event promotions and advertisements on Facebook, weekly online advertisements, and new signage around the city.

Expansion activities included hiring one additional staff member to coordinate the Farmers Market's kids program, and increasing stipends for musicians and chefs.



Shoreline Farmers Market

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# First Deep Green Incentive Program project – Targa Homes

**EARLIER THIS YEAR,** City Council voted to expand our Deep Green Incentive Program (DGIP). The DGIP encourages deep green building through incentives. Targa Homes recently completed the first project in Shoreline to take advantage of this important new program.

Buildings account for a significant percentage of our greenhouse gas emissions in Shoreline. Green building mandates and incentives seek to reduce emissions from new buildings through more stringent standards for energy and water use, stormwater runoff, site development, materials, and indoor air quality than is required by the City's current Building Code.

Targa Homes is a custom builder that focuses on detached accessory dwelling units (DADUs). Owner Sean Conta applies his knowledge and background in green building certification to all Targa's projects. He has a passion for building science and constructing high performance homes. He performs much of the work himself

"I would say the overarching theme for this project is 'what's old is new again,'" stated Conta. "I used extensive 100+ year old reclaimed lumber for framing and structural work as well as decorative work. It is very much a high-performance green home using advanced wall and roof assemblies, airtightness, ventilation, and mechanical systems."



Targa Homes' environmentally friendly detached accessory dwelling unit received incentives through the City's Deep Green Incentive Program

The 730 sq. ft., two-bedroom DADU is targeting a Built Green 5-Star rating. Some of the highlights of this green project include:

- Framed with over 90% reclaimed lumber (aside from plywood) from a local deconstruction, including 100+ year old fir;
- Cork flooring, which is a renewable resource with low VOC, and is also soft and comfortable;
- All electric, no gas to home;
- Ductless heat pump for primary heating and cooling;
- Heat Pump (hybrid) water heater,

which is 3.5 times more efficient than standard electric tank;

- Low flow plumbing fixtures;
- Energy Star appliances;
- Sustainably sourced Madrone butcher block counters;
- Extensive natural daylight with tall ceilings and large windows; and
- All LED lighting.

## MORE INFORMATION

Look for the DGIP Development Handbook at [shorelinewa.gov/planning.targahomes.com](http://shorelinewa.gov/planning.targahomes.com)

## Shoreline growing food, film, and music industries

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What were the results of all these efforts? The Shoreline Farmer's Market generated approximately \$4,000 in economic activity every hour. The Market averaged \$20,000 in sales per market day. Vendor sales increased by 15% over last year and market revenue increased by 9%. The Market saw an increase of approximately 9,000 customers in 2019, reaching 24,000 adults attending the Farmers Market in the 2019 season. The increased marketing also allowed the Farmers Market to leverage an additional \$5,000 in private sponsorships.

If you are interested in getting involved in the future of the Farmer's Market, entertainment, and other community-desired place-making activations of Shoreline Place, contact City Manager's Office Fellow Emily Rankin at [erankin@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:erankin@shorelinewa.gov).

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# Free Recycling Workshop: #RecycleRight in 2020!



Participants at the October 2019 recycling workshop.

**Saturday, Jan. 18**  
**9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

**The Recology Store Shoreline**  
**15235 Aurora Avenue N, Suite 102**

**FOR RECYCLING TO BE SUCCESSFUL**, it needs to be done right. Yet many well-intentioned recyclers inadvertently contaminate the materials they place in their blue bins. Join Recology experts to learn the ins-and-outs of proper recycling. See how you can easily change your habits to create a more positive impact on the planet. Bring your recycling questions and your friends!

## **MORE INFORMATION**

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**15235 Aurora Avenue N Suite 102**  
**206-417-3877**



## **PREVENT BLUE BIN BLUNDERS**

### **Styrofoam**

Polystyrene (often referred to as Styrofoam™) is fragile and breaks into numerous, tiny particles when compacted in a recycling truck.

Styrofoam™ products are not accepted in your curbside recycling bin. You can recycle clean packing peanuts, rigid Styrofoam™ blocks and coolers, and clean, dry Styrofoam™ takeout food containers at the Shoreline Recology Store (no tape or labels). You can also recycle clean Styrofoam™ blocks and coolers at the Shoreline Transfer Station.

**Shoreline Recology Store:**  
15235 Aurora Ave N  
(206) 417-3877

**Shoreline Transfer Station:**  
2300 N 165<sup>th</sup> Street  
(206) 477-4466

### **MORE INFORMATION**

**Recology Cleanscapes**  
**recology.com, 206-763-4444**

## **did you know?**

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, American household waste increases by more than 25 percent, sending an additional 1 million tons of trash a week to landfills. You can help reduce waste this winter by recycling right:

- Keep cardboard dry. Only dry cardboard can be recycled. Keep your bin lid closed and keep extra cardboard pieces out of the rain.
- Metallic wrapping paper, ribbon, and tape cannot be recycled and should be re-used or thrown in the trash. Try using calendars, magazines, or reusable bags to wrap gifts instead.
- Put natural holiday trees and greenery in your green bin for composting. Please remove ALL lights, ribbon, string, and decorations and cut the tree into two-foot lengths to fit in your bin. Avoid using flocked or synthetic trees. They cannot be composted and must go in the garbage.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

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**206-763-4444**



# Apply by March 6 for Environmental Mini-Grants

**THE CITY OFFERS GRANTS** up to \$5,000 per application to individuals, community groups, and business owners. Projects must be for public use and enhance the environment and promote environmental stewardship in our community. Grant applications for the 2020 funding cycle are due by March 6, 2020. Projects that address one of the following priority areas of focus are preferred:

## Work towards a zero waste Shoreline

Reduce waste and conserve natural resources for present and future generations. Project examples include:

- Reducing solid waste and/or household hazardous waste generation
- Increasing recycling, composting, and the reuse of resources

## Support reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions or increase community resilience to climate change. Project examples include:

- Planting trees to increase shade and absorb carbon dioxide
- Installing public bicycle racks or public electric vehicle charging stations.

## Protect our natural environment

Protect and restore environmental quality and habitat. Projects examples include:

- Preventing pollution, including water pollution
- Encouraging proper disposal of hazardous waste.



Students from Highland Terrace Elementary learn science hands-on in Boeing Creek park in a project funded by an Environmental Mini-Grant.



Students at Echo Lake Elementary learn science hands-on from a nature educator, funded by an Environmental Mini-Grant.

## Examples of previously funded projects include:

- Expanding a recycling program at a school;
- Creating a native plant pollinator pathway along a bicycle trail;
- Designing and constructing a greenhouse and community garden;
- Removing invasive plants in a park and restoring the area with native plants;
- Offering a free environmental movie night to Shoreline residents;
- Providing climate change curriculum and activities for youth; and
- Educating the community about solar energy resources and technologies.

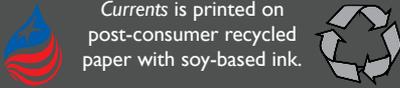
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City works. Become a  
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