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## COVID-19 Update

**AS HARD** as we have worked to stop the spread of COVID-19, case counts in King County continue to be at unacceptably high rates at the time of printing. Much of the spread continues to be from community transmission. In other words, cases are occurring in people who did not have any known contact with infected individuals. Gathering with people who are not within your household increases your chance of contracting the virus.

We are urging Shoreline residents to continue to take prevention measures seriously. Every new infection puts our vulnerable community members at risk and can set back the time to fully reopen our businesses.

Please help keep our community healthy and safe. This virus is as infectious as ever. We are all in this together and we are depending on everyone to do their part.

For more information, go to [shorelinewa.gov/covid](http://shorelinewa.gov/covid)

### Current phase of reopening – Phase 2

The Governor has extended indefinitely the pause placed on counties moving ahead in the Safe Start Washington Plan. King County will continue to be in Phase 2 of the Safe Start plan for the foreseeable future. Governor Inslee has also rolled back some of the activities originally permitted under Phase 2. For more information about what is permitted in Phase 2 and what activities have been rolled back, visit [coronavirus.wa.gov](http://coronavirus.wa.gov).

### City Parks and Trails

- Playgrounds are CLOSED and will remain closed until Phase 3.
- Parks, trails, and beaches are OPEN. You are allowed to enjoy parks with up to five people from outside of your household as long as you maintain social distancing and wear face coverings.
- Richmond Beach Saltwater Park is OPEN to vehicle access.
- The Skate Park, tennis/pickleball courts, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and basketball courts are OPEN; however, games and scrimmages are not allowed. Limited practices by permit only on soccer fields and baseball diamonds.
- Picnic shelters are OPEN; however, we will not take reservations until Phase 4.

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Shoreline City Hall, Council Chamber  
Agendas: [shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings](http://shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings)

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## City facilities and services

While City facilities are still closed to the public, we continue to provide most City services. City services are being offered remotely by telephone, email, and online. Visit the City staff directory for individual staff contact information.

## Fall recreation programming

We continue to look for ways to provide recreation programming that meets the needs of our community while also abiding by social distancing guidelines. Our recreation programming for the fall/winter will focus on:

- “Out of School Time” Camps – We’re offering camp opportunities for children and teens. Shoreline schools will be engaged in remote learning for the beginning of the school year. We’ll provide time and space for remote learning and additional activities through the day. These camps will help working parents who are unable to work from home and do not have access to other childcare options.
- Contracted general recreation programs that you can take part in virtually.
- Several on-line Specialized Recreation Programs. These programs will provide an opportunity for participants to interact with friends and to play games online together.

Registration for fall programs will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8 for Shoreline residents; Thursday, Sept. 10 for residents of Lake Forest Park; and opens for general registration on Friday, Sept. 11. Register at [shorelinewa.gov/registernow](http://shorelinewa.gov/registernow).

## \$150,000 in food vouchers distributed to Shoreline families in need

As part of the \$1.7 million in relief funding the City received from the CARES Act, City Council set aside \$150,000 to provide direct support to low-income Shoreline families. We partnered with the Shoreline School District, local non-profit partners, and Public Health – Seattle & King County to identify families in need. The City then purchased \$150,000 worth of vouchers from Safeway that could be used to purchase food and household essentials.

We hosted three drive-through pick up events for families to collect their vouchers. Families also received face masks. We made other arrangements for those who were unable to pick-up their vouchers. In total, staff distributed grocery vouchers worth \$320 each to over 450 Shoreline families. We would like to thank the Shoreline School District, our nonprofit partners, Shoreline CERT volunteers, and Public Health Seattle & King County for all their help in getting this valuable resource to families that needed it.

## Small Business Support Program Grants

In June, the Shoreline City Council approved establishing a Small Business Support Program (SBSP) to provide \$500,000 in grants to Shoreline small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Funding for the program came from Federal CARES Act relief funds (\$410,000) and money allocated by the King County Council for local business support (\$90,000).

The SBSP received applications from 68 businesses totaling \$1.2 million in grant requests. Applications were scored based on the criteria approved by City Council including financial loss, recovery plan, potential jobs lost, placemaking, and independent businesses. Grantees received awards up to \$20,000. A full list of grant recipients is available at [shorelinewa.gov/c19bizresponse](http://shorelinewa.gov/c19bizresponse).

We continue to look for additional funds and opportunities to help our local economy weather the pandemic. Please consider signing up for business news and updates at [shorelinewa.gov/c19bizresponse](http://shorelinewa.gov/c19bizresponse).

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## 16,000 masks distributed to Shoreline residents

During the month of July, we distributed 16,000 masks to Shoreline residents. King County provided the masks to support the Governor's mask initiative. Reusable cloth masks were handed out during two drive-through distribution events held at Shorewood High School.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members were on hand to operate the site in conjunction with the Shoreline School District and the Shoreline Fire Department. We also supplied masks to various human service organizations, local food pantries, and other community organizations. The County has delivered another shipment of masks to the City. We distributed some in August and plan to distribute more in September.

## County officials thank Shoreline for hosting the Assessment Center/Recovery Center (AC/RC)

During the July 13 Shoreline City Council meeting, King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, Director of Public Health – Seattle & King County Patty Hayes, and Director of King County Department of Community and Human Services Leo Flor expressed their deep gratitude to the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline community for hosting the County's Assessment Center/Recovery Center (AC/RC). The County built the AC/RC on Shoreline B Soccer Field in March. The AC/RC provided space for individuals to safely isolate and recover from COVID-19 if they were unable to do so at home or if they did not have a home. The AC/RC in Shoreline was just one of several locations established by the County to safely

quarantine and isolate individuals.

The AC/RC in Shoreline provided space for a total of 49 individuals to isolate safely. Arranging space for these individuals helped to limit the spread of COVID-19 in shelters and helped save lives. The AC/RC and the partnership between the City, the County, and other organizations is serving as an example for projects across the country.

While King County has seen cases of COVID-19 increase, the County believes it has the resources available through other assets to accommodate individuals unable to isolate safely on their own. The AC/RC in Shoreline has been deconstructed. The County is in the process of repairing any damage to the turf soccer field and restoring it to its original condition.



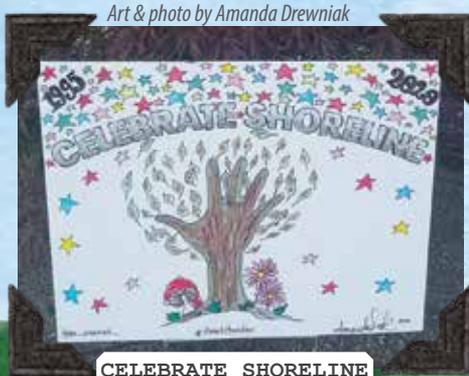
SHORELINE BINGO

# SUMMER 2020

Thank you for a wonderful summer, Shoreline! While we couldn't host our regular events, you all helped make this summer something truly special!



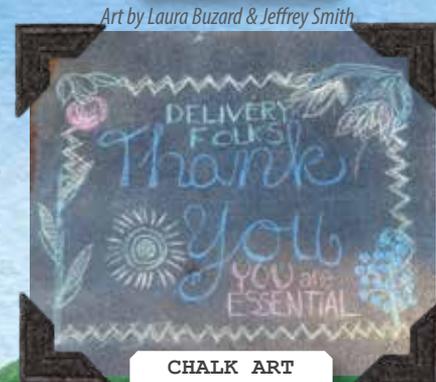
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CELEBRATE SHORELINE PARADE OF SIGNS



CAN CASTLE CONTEST



CHALK ART GRATITUDE

Art by Elana Bronsther

Art & photo by Amanda Drewniak

Photo courtesy of RBCA

Art by Laura Buzard & Jeffrey Smith

## Eric Friedli retires as PRCS Director

**AFTER FIVE YEARS** as the Director of Shoreline's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, Eric Friedli will retire on September 4. During his tenure at the City, Friedli has played an instrumental role in preparing the City's parks and recreation programming for the future. One of Friedli's first tasks was to help shape the latest update to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan 2017 – 2023 adopted in 2017. He has also worked to add more park property to the City's park assets by working with private property owners. The City will gain more park space at Paramount Park Open Space and will add two new parks in Westminster Triangle and at 185<sup>th</sup> and Ashworth. Friedli has also helped to develop the Green Shoreline Partnership and the Public Art Plan.

"Eric has been an integral part of the City's leadership for the last five years," said City Manager Debbie Tarry. "His contributions will continue to serve our community for many years through improved park and open spaces, greater environmental stewardship, and more public art. We wish him the best in retirement and will miss his presence."

### Restructuring of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Friedli's retirement provides an opportunity to reorganize our Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. The COVID pandemic has affected our ability to offer our normal recreation and event programs. It has also created significant budget uncertainties. As a result, the City will implement an interim reorganization plan. The reorganization will help create some financial savings and create some staffing efficiencies. The focus will continue to be on the delivery of important recreation and park services to the community. The changes will become effective September 7.

### Recreation and Community Services Department

The first change will be to combine our recreation and cultural services programming with the existing Community Services Division. This will become the Recreation and Community Services Department. It will include the City's Public Art Program. Combining recreation and community services will provide us an opportunity to think about innovative ways to collaborate and serve the community.

Many other cities closely align their recreation programs with community and human services. Combining those divisions will give us an opportunity to explore their connections for the short or long-term. Creation of this new Department will help elevate the City's focus on human and environmental services, and diversity/inclusion. The current Community Services Manager Colleen Kelly will become the Interim Department Director for this new Department.

### Parks, Facilities, and Fleet Division

The Parks Maintenance Division will become part of our existing Fleet and Facilities Division, within the Administrative Services Department. The new combined division will become the Parks, Facilities and Fleet Division. The Fleet and Facilities division is already responsible for the janitorial contracts for our park restrooms. Having Park Maintenance staff join with this division should strengthen the operational connection of the park and facilities staff. The parks maintenance staff will continue their public tree responsibilities.

## Ronald Bog Park Reopens

**LOOKING FOR** a nice spot for a sunny picnic or socially distanced walk? Shoreline's Ronald Bog Park has reopened to the public.

For the past year, Sound Transit crews have been restoring and improving the Bog's wetlands to mitigate impacts from light rail construction on wetlands elsewhere in the city.

Now that the work is complete, Sound Transit and the City invite you to take a break and experience the new amenities and improvements to the park!

These include improved access to the picnic shelter, public artwork, and arboretum, as well as new trails and interpretive signs to help visitors navigate and learn about wetlands and the park.

### MORE INFORMATION

Subscribe to updates: [soundtransit.org/subscribe](https://soundtransit.org/subscribe)

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

ST Community Outreach: 206-398-5300

[lynnwoodlink@soundtransit.org](mailto:lynnwoodlink@soundtransit.org)



Photo courtesy of Hitomi Dames

# CITY OF SHORELINE POLICE CONTRACT AND POLICE OVERSIGHT

**RECENT EVENTS**, both locally and nationally, have prompted a significant degree of interest in policy issues, as well as proposals for change, related to law enforcement. On July 27, City staff provided the City Council with an overview of how law enforcement services are provided in Shoreline.

Shoreline contracts with the King County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. Currently the City contract includes 54 full-time equivalent positions, of which 51 are sworn personnel. The contract also includes regional services including communication/dispatch, hostage negotiation, and major crimes investigation. In 2020, the City's contract cost \$13.2 million, or approximately 25% of the City's general operations budget.

A network of County departments and elected officials oversee the law enforcement services received by the City. They have differing types of influence and oversight over the provision of those services. At their July 27 meeting, the City Council reviewed how police services are provided in Shoreline and what role Shoreline has in determining police policies and procedures.

The Sheriff's Office is led by the King County Sheriff, a separately elected public official. The King County Executive and King County Council each have roles relating to funding and operations of the Sheriff's Office, including final approval for the Sheriff's Office budget.

Sworn officers within the Sheriff's Office must follow the operational policies set up by the Sheriff in the General Operations Manual. The Sheriff's Office is also responsible for investigating civilian complaints against officers, violations of policy, and use of force through its Internal Investigations Unit (IIU). It is also responsible for ensuring any disciplinary decisions are carried out.

The Office of Law Enforcement Oversight (OLEO) is an independent agency within the King County legisla-

tive branch that provides a means of accountability and review of police policies, operations, and internal investigations. This includes review of police shootings, misconduct investigations, and use of force.

OLEO makes recommendations to improve Sheriff's Office training, policies, and practices. Any member of the public may file a complaint or commendation about police conduct with OLEO. OLEO also monitors investigations by the Internal Investigations Unit and can review or identify evidence, attend interviews, and provide the Sheriff's Office with input related to the quality of the investigations.

The Community Advisory Committee for Law Enforcement Oversight (CACLEO) provides input and guidance on policies, procedures, and practices relating to policing in King County as part of OLEO. CACLEO is made up of eleven members of the public who represent the geographic and demographic diversity of the Sheriff's service area. CACLEO also advises the King County Sheriff's Office and the King County Council on matters of equity and social justice as they relate to law enforcement. This includes looking at systemic problems and opportunities for improvement within the Sheriff's Office.

Over the coming year, the City plans to facilitate a community dialogue around policing in Shoreline. We want to hear from you. What has your experience been with Shoreline Police? Are there areas of concern? Are there areas that could be improved or changed? With input from the community, we plan to also hear from police reform experts. We want to ensure that policing in Shoreline is equitable. We recognize that this may mean changes in the way we approach policing. We are committed to making improvements to ensure everyone feels safe and protected by Shoreline Police.

To learn more about how law enforcement is structured in Shore-

## HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT

You may make a complaint about Shoreline Police to the King County Sheriff's Office by phone, by email, or by mail. A form is available on King County's website.

**Phone:** 206-263-2525

**Email:** [iiu.sheriff@kingcounty.gov](mailto:iiu.sheriff@kingcounty.gov)

**Web form:**

[kingcounty.gov/depts/sheriff/about-us/contact/commend-complain-link.aspx](http://kingcounty.gov/depts/sheriff/about-us/contact/commend-complain-link.aspx)

## INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS AND USE OF FORCE DATA

KCSO has launched online tools to view IIU complaints, findings, and discipline and use of force data.

**IIU Complaint Data Dashboard**

[kingcounty.gov/depts/sheriff/on-line-reporting/dash-boards-complaint-data-iiu.aspx](http://kingcounty.gov/depts/sheriff/on-line-reporting/dash-boards-complaint-data-iiu.aspx)

**IIU Use of Force Dashboard**

[kingcounty.gov/depts/sheriff/on-line-reporting/dash-boards-use-of-force-analysis.aspx](http://kingcounty.gov/depts/sheriff/on-line-reporting/dash-boards-use-of-force-analysis.aspx)

## OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT

The Office of Law Enforcement Oversight (OLEO) reviews all internal investigations and certifies the results based in a finding that the investigation was thorough and complete.

You may contact OLEO directly:

**Phone:** 206-263-8870

**Email:** [oleo@kingcounty.gov](mailto:oleo@kingcounty.gov)

line, please visit [shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings](http://shorelinewa.gov/councilmeetings) and read the staff report from the July 27 Council meeting titled "Discussion of the Structure of Law Enforcement in Shoreline and King County, Including Current Policy Changes Under Consideration."



## PREVENT BLUE BIN BLUNDERS

**PAPER TOWELS** cannot be recycled! That is because they are often wet or have food residue, and their paper fibers are typically too short to be used again. Paper towels are made from recycled paper. A sheet of office paper can typically be recycled five to seven times before they become too short to be recycled again, and paper towels and napkins are the last stop in the recycling chain. You can put used paper towels and napkins in your green food and yard waste cart for composting!

## 2020 CENSUS BE COUNTED

Thank you to all of the Shoreline residents who have already responded to the Census! As of August 17, 80% of Shoreline households had responded.

An accurate count for the 2020 Census affects funding, services, and representation for our community for the next 10 years. Please help Shoreline by participating.

Census takers will be knocking on doors of households who have not yet responded, but it's not too late to complete the Census online! Go to [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to submit your information. If you don't have your 12 digit Census ID, you can still complete the form.

**MY2020CENSUS.GOV**



## September is Puget Sound Starts Here month

**ACROSS PUGET SOUND**, cities are coming together this September to celebrate Puget Sound Starts Here Month. Puget Sound is our economic powerhouse, provides endless recreational opportunities, and is home to incredible, iconic, and irreplaceable animals. It's also in trouble.

We say Puget Sound Starts Here because everyday pollutants from our neighborhoods flow through storm drains to nearby creeks, streams, and lakes, which flow into Puget Sound.

If we work together to make small changes, we can significantly reduce pollution in local waterways and Puget Sound. The City has several programs and resources to support these efforts:

- Make your garden a bit more Pacific Northwest – add a rain garden or native plant beds. Rebates available through the City's Soak It Up Program.
- Reduce the need for garden chemicals by using Natural Yard Care methods! Join our webinar series to learn how to grow healthy PNW lawns and gardens.
- Join Shoreline's Adopt-a-Drain team! Commit to keeping a storm drain in your neighborhood free of leaves and debris.
- Report spills and illegal dumping to (206) 801-2700

### More ways to act:

- Choose copper-free brake pads.
- Check for car leaks and fix them as soon as you detect them.
- Take your car to a commercial car wash or wash it on the lawn – never let soap water, even biodegradable soap, go into storm drains.
- Pick up pet waste every time, even in your own backyard. Scoop it, bag it, and throw it in the trash.

### MORE INFORMATION

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# LAWN CARE AND LAWN ALTERNATIVES

## Free Natural Yard Care Webinar Series

**HAVE A DIFFICULT SPOT** in your lawn that needs some extra tender loving care? Or perhaps you want to give your yard a whole new look? Good news – fall is an ideal time to set your yard up for success! We are offering a lawn and garden care webinar series to help homeowners troubleshoot persistent lawn problems, explore lawn alternatives, and create a healthy landscape naturally. Join local gardening experts from the Garden Hotline to learn techniques to green your lawn, as well as options for replacing it with a garden that feels a bit more Pacific Northwest. Sessions will be conducted virtually via Zoom. To learn more or to register, go to [shorelinewa.gov/naturalyardcare](http://shorelinewa.gov/naturalyardcare) or call 206-801-2455.



All webinars are from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

- **September 23**  
Fall Prep for a Luscious Lawn:  
Renovation Practices for a Healthier  
Lawn
- **September 30**  
Honey I Shrunk the Lawn: Turn that  
Ratty Lawn into a Pacific Northwest  
Paradise
- **October 7**  
Talking Dirty: Compost, Mulch, and  
Soil Amendments to Transform Your  
Yard
- **October 14**  
Successful Gardens for the Pacific  
Northwest: Design Attractive Beds  
with Plants that Provide Multiple  
Benefits
- **October 21**  
Fall Garden Prep: Create a Tidy Winter  
Garden that Restores Itself for Spring

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# SHORELINE CLIMATE CHAMPIONS SERIES

## Be the Change you want to see – become a Climate Champion!

**DO YOU WANT TO BECOME** a Shoreline Climate Champion? Then this FREE seven-week climate change education and action program is for you. Washington State University staff, local educators, and experts will teach the series of webinars.

The webinars are open to anyone interested in learning more about climate change, zero waste, renewable energy, and sustainable food. It will include information about rebates, programs, and engagement opportunities specifically for Shoreline residents.

Join us for all seven weeks in this virtual webinar series or just a few—it is up to you! Find more information and sign up online at [shorelinewa.gov/climate](http://shorelinewa.gov/climate).

All sessions will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

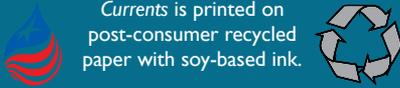
- **September 15** – Climate Change 101
- **September 22** – Climate Resilience
- **September 29** – The Climate Equity Nexus
- **October 6** – Zero Waste Life Hacks
- **October 13** – Electrify Your Life and Your Ride
- **October 20** – Food and Climate: A Recipe for Success
- **October 27** – Communicate Like a Champion



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# NEED HELP WHILE SCHOOL IS VIRTUAL?

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Options for kids and teens!

## REGISTRATION & MORE INFO:

[SHORELINEWA.GOV/REGISTERNOW](http://SHORELINEWA.GOV/REGISTERNOW)

SEPT. 8 - SHORELINE RESIDENTS ★ SEPT. 10 - LFP RESIDENTS ★ SEPT. 11 - GENERAL REGISTRATION

