



# Report to the City of Shoreline

from King County Councilmember

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## Dear Neighbors:

It is an honor to represent you on the King County Council. I write with an update for Shoreline residents about how the County Council is working every day to improve your quality of life.

While the Shoreline City Council oversees your local government services like city roads and parks, the King County Council oversees regional services that also benefit you directly. Whenever you flush the toilet, hop on a Metro bus or have your day in court, you are taking advantage of regional services the county offers directly to you.

Throughout this newsletter, you will find detailed and timely examples of the ways we are harnessing the resources of King County government to benefit Shoreline even more. Find out how we are preserving regional open spaces right in your backyard, helping North King County small businesses thrive, expanding classes for seniors and immigrants and patching up Shoreline's human service safety net.

Bringing the services of King County government directly to the people of Shoreline is one of my top priorities. I will continue to work for you, and welcome your suggestions, comments and thoughts. Send me an e-mail: [bob.ferguson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bob.ferguson@kingcounty.gov), call my office at (206) 296-1001 or send me a letter (my address is above).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

**Bob**

Bob Ferguson  
King County Councilmember, District 1



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## Shoreline Human Service, Arts And Environmental Projects In The King County Budget

As chair of King County's budget committee, I worked to protect and improve Shoreline human services. I secured funding for the following groups:

- **\$50,000 for the Shoreline YMCA Youth Wellness Program** to support recreational activities for our kids at the soon-to-be-built Dale Turner YMCA near Echo Lake. I enjoyed attending the groundbreaking ceremony for this exciting facility.
- **\$25,000 for the Center for Human Services** for the Out of School program helping refugees and low



*Bob (center right) shoveling dirt at the Dale Turner Shoreline YMCA groundbreaking.*

income residents of North King County connect with learning opportunities.

- **\$10,000 for the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Senior Center** to support programming for senior citizens including classes, hot lunches, health monitoring, exercise classes, Senior Rights Assistance and support preparing taxes and Medicaid documents.
- **\$10,000 for the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Program** to help businesses operate in environmentally-friendly ways.
- **\$5,000 for the New Space Theater** Shoreline's first professional performing arts center.

## Councilmember Ferguson Hosts Small Business/economic Development Summit

A vibrant small business community creates family-wage jobs and a sense of place that contributes to Shoreline's quality of life. Economic development requires sustained—and sustainable—innovation through proactive planning and partnership across the private, public and non-profit sectors. I am proud to have helped foster some of these partnerships by sponsoring the 2007 North King County Economic Summit.

As the presenting sponsor, King County partnered with Forward Shoreline and the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, community leaders, employers and government officials from Bothell, Kenmore, Woodinville, Lake Forest Park and Shoreline to hold a successful summit. The event highlighted collaborative ways to improve the economic future of North King County. This economic development program targeted small business owners with survey results on the economic climate in North King County, a panel discussion on economic

development and workshops on community retailing, the streamlined sales tax, transportation and human resource management, and the presentation of a heritage tourism map identifying community landmarks across our district.



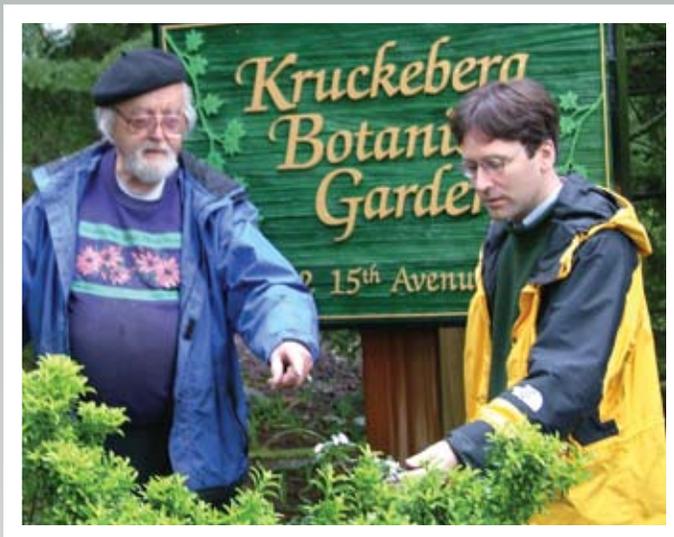
*Economic Development Summit for North King County Draws Capacity Crowd.*

## Conservation Futures Trust Helps Preserve Major Regional Open Spaces In Shoreline

As an avid hiker and birder, I appreciate the need to save the remaining pockets of nature within our cities. King County wisely allocated Conservation Futures Trust funds in the amounts of:

- \$300,000 to help the City of Shoreline purchase South Woods located near Shorecrest High School.
- \$100,000 will support the City's purchase of the astonishingly beautiful Kruckeberg Botanic Garden.

We also secured a \$50,000 Youth Sports Grant for Cromwell Park, a 2006 Shoreline Parks Bond project.



*Bob and Art Kruckeberg*

## Shoreline Recycling/transfer Station Update

The Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station is closed for major renovations and is scheduled to reopen in early 2008. The station has served Shoreline well, but it can no longer provide for today's service needs. It must be updated to meet current building standards and accommodate projected future growth in the existing service area, which also includes Lake Forest Park, Kenmore and Bothell. The efficiencies planned for this station will help keep disposal rates as low as possible when King County's remaining landfill reaches capacity.

The transfer station is expected to become one of the first LEED-certified industrial buildings in the United States. LEED emphasizes state-of-the-art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Some of the sustainable building features to be incorporated into the new facility include:

- Passive ventilation
- Natural daylighting
- Rainwater harvesting
- Recycled content building materials

I am excited about this project and appreciate your patience while the Transfer Station is undergoing major maintenance.

### County Van Finds New Use In Shoreline

I recently donated a "retired" King County Metro Vanpool van for the City of Shoreline Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department. The van will transport participants—including people with low income and disabilities—to adult programs, affordable summer camps and local parks and libraries.



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## Community Update



## IN THE COMMUNITY

One of the best things about being your representative is getting to meet you. If you would like me to come speak with your neighborhood group, please give my office a call. Last year I held two town halls in Shoreline, and hope to do so again in 2008. We are still in the planning stages for the town hall schedule. As the information becomes available, it will be on my website.



*Councilmember Ferguson and Bob Phelps at the Ronald All-School Reunion in June 2007.*