

SAMMAMISH

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CITY NEWSLETTER

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BEE INSPIRED



Bee Inspired

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

The Lodge at Beaver Lake
Saturday, April 21 - 10 AM to 1 PM

Come join us for a family-friendly Earth Day celebration and volunteer work party.

Learn how to become a more bee-friendly community with information on caring for native plants, renting bees and how to remove invasive plants.

ACTIVITIES:
Petting Zoo • Scavenger Hunt • Bird House Building • Nature Walks

FOOD: Delphino's Pizza • Daddys Donuts

MUSIC:
Ella Bella Bee and the Pollinators

FREE BAG OF COMPOST FOR FIRST 100 VISITORS

SPONSORED BY:
CEDAR GROVE
City of Sammamish
Sammamish Plateau Water

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <http://bit.ly/SammamishEarthDay2018>
or Chris Jordan, Recreation Manager, at cjordan@sammamish.us or 425-295-0524

The City of Sammamish Parks and Recreation Department invites you to *Bee Inspired and Celebrate Earth Day* on Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lodge at Beaver Lake.

This family-friendly Earth Day celebration and volunteer work party will include opportunities to learn, participate, and celebrate our natural environment. Many of the activities will focus on how we can all do our part to become a more bee-friendly community. Activities include learning about caring for native plants, information about renting bees, and lessons on properly removing invasive species. The first 100 attendees to the

event will receive free organic compost from Cedar Grove so that they can return home and nourish their own bee-friendly garden.

The event will also feature plenty of activities for children of all ages including the opportunity to get acquainted with animals such as wallaby, Patagonian mara, dwarf goats, sheep, a little pig, bantam chickens and a rabbit! Children can also participate in a scavenger hunt around Beaver Lake Park where they can explore nature and win a special prize to help them plant their own garden at home. Other activities include learning to build a bird house, nature walks, food trucks, and a musical performance by Ella Bella Bee and the Pollinators.

If you're looking for a more active way to give back for Earth Day, join one of our volunteer work parties and help to create wildlife habitat and remove invasive plants in Beaver Lake Park.

The City would like to thank Cedar Grove and the Sammamish Plateau Water for their support of the event. More information on the *Bee Inspired Earth Day Event* can be found at <http://bit.ly/SammamishEarthDay2018>. or by contacting Chris Jordan, Recreation Manager, at cjordan@sammamish.us or 425-295-0524.

FOREST PHOTO CONTEST

The City wants to showcase your fabulous photos of our beautiful forests as part of our Urban Forest Management Plan! Finalists' photos will be on display at City Hall and voted on by the public. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card to buy native plants and trees to beautify their yard or garden. Read the contest rules and submit your photo via our form at <http://bit.ly/MySammamishForest>, or post it to our City of Sammamish Facebook page. Photos must be submitted by May 25 at 11:59 pm. No entries will be accepted after the deadline. Voting will kick-off May 30 at the Sammamish Farmers Market and will continue online May 31-June 15. For more information contact communications@sammamish.us.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

There's certainly a lot going on in the City right now! Often conversations at City Hall can use technical terminology that is not familiar to everyone. While these terms may not seem important, the topics they represent can impact your experience of living in Sammamish. So, if you live in this City--- and you drive, walk, ride a bike, play, work, care about the environment, love our bodies of water, or any combination---then I'd encourage you to become familiar with the following three terms:

3 TERMS TO KNOW IN SAMMAMISH

1. **Comprehensive Plan:** This plan establishes the City's future vision and policy direction. There are several elements in the plan including transportation, housing, land use, environment & conservation, utilities, parks, capital facilities and shorelines. The document plans for the future of the city over a 20-year time period. The Comprehensive Plan is updated every eight years, and can be amended once per year. The Council is planning to potentially amend several elements in 2018, including the transportation and parks elements.

2. **Moratorium:** Sammamish is currently under a building moratorium. The moratorium halts new development that has not already been vested. Sammamish initiated a six-month moratorium on October 3, 2017. In early March 2018, the City Council voted to renew the current building moratorium an additional six months to allow us additional time

to consider amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and regulations to address transportation concurrency and traffic impacts related to development and growth. More information on the moratorium can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moratorium2017>.

3. **Concurrency:** Concurrency is required for planning under the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) The GMA requires jurisdictions to have strategies or a financial commitment in place concurrent with development and to complete those improvements or strategies within six years of development impact, which occur at the time of occupancy. Jurisdictions are required to develop a Comprehensive Transportation Plan including establishing levels-of-service (LOS) standards for the transportation network. Currently, the Council is looking at altering our LOS to assist in identifying our list of capital improvements and to monitor concurrency.

These terms have been simplified for the purpose of defining them. These topics are a part of ongoing conversations occurring at City Council. You can view



Mayor Christie Malchow

the City Council meetings in-person, on Channel 21, on the City's YouTube channel or on the City website at <http://bit.ly/WatchSammamishCouncil>. If you want to know more, if you have questions on these terms, or any other topics, I encourage you to reach out to me and my fellow City Councilmembers (while I have the term "Mayor", I'm also a Councilmember). You can reach all seven Councilmembers by emailing us at: citycouncil@sammamish.us or find each of our email addresses on the back of this newsletter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Christie Malchow'.

SIGN-UP FOR WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES FROM THE CITY

There is always a lot going on at the City of Sammamish--- from traffic improvement projects, to fun family-friendly events, to opportunities to provide public input on a variety of issues. We want to make sure that you are receiving timely and thorough information on issues of importance to you. While the City will continue

to provide a mailed newsletter to your house every other month, starting Friday, April 13 we will be launching a weekly e-newsletter-Sammamish Weekly. You can sign-up now to receive the first edition of our weekly email newsletter at <http://bit.ly/SammamishWeekly>.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: IT TAKES A NEIGHBORHOOD

Numerous hazards threaten Sammamish including earthquakes, severe winter weather, and wildfires. In the event of a large, catastrophic disaster, it could take up to a week or more before professional responders can provide assistance. In this type of scenario, it will be important for neighbors to work together as a team to evaluate the situation and take the necessary actions to take care of each other.

The City of Sammamish has adopted a **5 Step Neighborhood Action Kit** to help neighborhoods prepare to respond and recover from any disaster. The program will also prepare your neighborhood to pro-

vide support to your neighbors that may need additional assistance after a disaster.

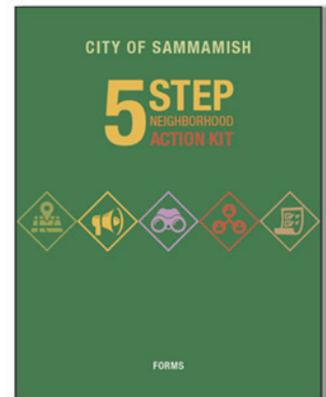
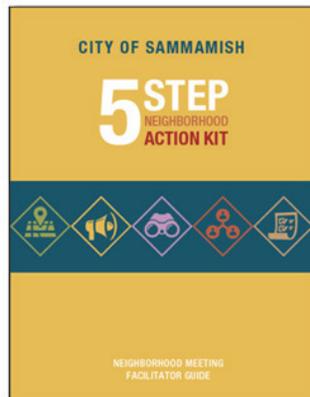
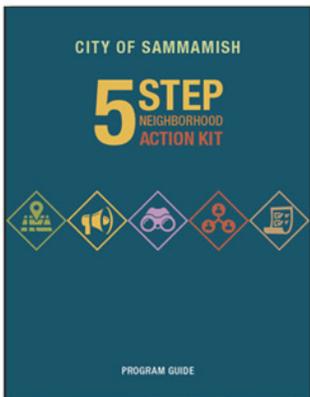
Creating a neighborhood plan doesn't have to be an overwhelming endeavor. The Sammamish Office of Emergency Management recommends that you take these five simple steps to be prepared:

- **Define your area** – Identify a manageable area you can organize with ease.
- **Recruit leaders** – Develop a team of neighborhood leaders who can build the plan and carry it out when the time comes.
- **Scout your area** – Assess what resources you have, and identify hazards, threats and risks.

- **Build your team** – Find out who lives in your area, how they can help, and who may need extra help.

- **Plan your approach** – Create a plan outlining what your neighborhood will do before, during and after a disaster.

Get started by visiting <http://bit.ly/SammamishPrepares> and download the 5 Step Neighborhood Action Kit. There you will find guidance, templates, and other resources to create a plan that is specific to your neighborhood's needs. Document your planning event and share some photos to the City Facebook page to inspire other Sammamish neighborhoods to get prepared.



Bring the Family to Rig-A-Palooza

Come explore vehicles while interacting with community helpers to discover how they keep our city safe, clean and FUN-ctioning! This is a free event. Food will be available for purchase from onsite food trucks and there will be bouncy houses and a rock climbing wall for the kids! More information at: www.sammamish.us/parks-recreation/special-events.

Sat, May 19

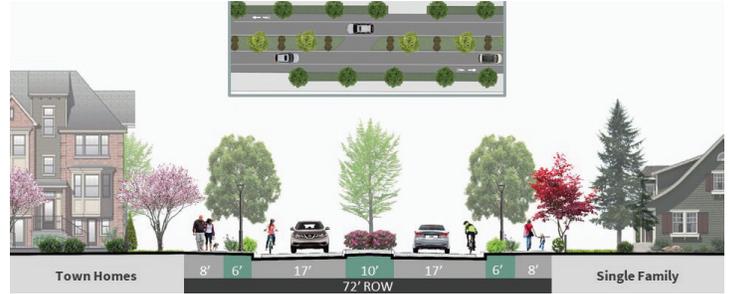
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Commons Plaza, 801 228th Ave SE, 98075



We're Under Construction

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES FOR SPRING 2018



Construction Update 212th Way SE (aka Snake Hill) Repair:

We anticipate that 212th Way aka Snake Hill will reopen this May. Our contractors are currently working diligently, including Saturdays, to complete the much needed repairs.

However, much of the remaining work is weather dependent, and our contractors have been doing their best to keep the project on schedule while dealing with what have been less than ideal spring weather conditions.

Watch here for more information about opening date! For more information please visit the project website: <http://bit.ly/SnakeHillRoad>

SE 4th Street Improvements

The City is scheduled to begin improvements to SE 4th Street from 228th to 218th later this Spring. Improvements

include sidewalks, bike lanes, street lighting, landscaping, roundabouts, and sewer and water main upgrades. We anticipate this project will last through Spring of 2020. More information about the project is available at: <https://www.sammamish.us/se4thimprovements>.

The road will remain open to traffic for most of the construction. There will be times during work when only one lane will be open and flaggers will be managing traffic. Construction efforts will be coordinated with residents and businesses during the occasional periods of construction when access is impacted.

Citywide Restriping

Citywide Restriping is scheduled to begin in June of this year. This work is weather dependent.

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS 2018 PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE (PRO) PLAN

The adopted 2018 PRO Plan will serve as a road map for how the City invests in parks, trails, open space, recreational programs, and facilities over the next six years. Development of the PRO Plan took 12 months and included extensive public engagement, ranging from input received at the Farmers' Market to a series of Open Houses to multiple community surveys. The community input gathered indicated open spaces, tree preservation, and athletic fields are the highest priorities.

City staff was able to use the com-

munity's input to recommend areas of focus and investment for the next six years. A few of the projects in the adopted 2018 PRO Plan include:

- Improvements to Big Rock Park Parcel B that will result in the area being open to the public in 2020.
- Enhancements to the lakeside portion of Beaver Lake Park including a new playground and parking improvements, estimated to be completed by 2020.
- \$13 million in investments in land acquisition with land preservation

as the highest priority, efforts are currently underway.

- Completion of a Klahanie Park Master Plan to help prioritize investments for this community park, which was recently transferred to Sammamish as part of the 2016 annexation.
- Athletic Field Study to help prioritize future investments in field upgrades and expansions.

To view the adopted PRO Plan visit the City website: <http://bit.ly/2018PROPlan>.



UPDATES ON TOWN CENTER PROJECT

Earlier this month, Innovation Realty Partners, LLC announced that they had secured \$30 million in financing from The Benaroya Company to facilitate its continued assemblage of land located within the Sammamish Town Center. According to Innovation Realty Partners, the firm currently owns or controls approximately 77 acres within the Town Center.

Innovation Realty Partners is working with the City of Sammamish and the community to implement the Town Center plan adopted by the Sammamish City Council in 2008. The Town Center is envisioned as a gathering place for social interaction, with well-designed mixed-use development, cultural and recreational opportunities. The transit-oriented lifestyle center will include long overdue retail and commercial space, a variety of housing choices, parks and open space, and new roads and other infrastructure, from regional storm water management,

regional parking solutions, pedestrian-friendly street networks and other low-impact development techniques

Innovation Realty Partners is working on its master plan for a phased Town Center development. In addition to providing a variety of retail and housing opportunities, the master plan will include innovative, site sensitive designs to protect surrounding natural areas and incorporate significant new open spaces to connect the Town Center to the existing trails and recreational opportunities in the Sammamish Commons. As another sign of momentum, Innovation Realty Partners also announced that Ace Hardware had recently signed a letter of intent to occupy space in the future Sammamish Town Center.

The Sammamish Town Center district is roughly bounded on the north by East Main Street, on the south by SE 8th Street, on the east by 233rd Avenue and

on the west by 222nd Street. The area also includes the 30-acre Sammamish Commons which is home to City Hall, Sammamish Community and Aquatic Center, Library and park.

The City of Sammamish has begun upgrading its infrastructure to accommodate the Town Center and make the mixed use commercial and high-density residential development possible. Major improvements are underway to SE 4th Street, the backbone of the Town Center Plan, which will increase capacity through the installation of two-way left turn lanes, separated sidewalks and bike facilities on both sides of the street. These capacity and non-motorized improvements connect with and extend existing improvements located along 228th Ave SE, the City's principal arterial roadway.

For more information on this project visit: <https://www.sammamish-towncenter.com/>.

HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS ASSESSMENT

After a year of research, the City Council has adopted its first Human Services Needs Assessment. The completed assessment will be used to assist the City in prioritizing human service investments in the community, to develop strategies to address unmet needs, and to inform other planning efforts being undertaken by City staff.

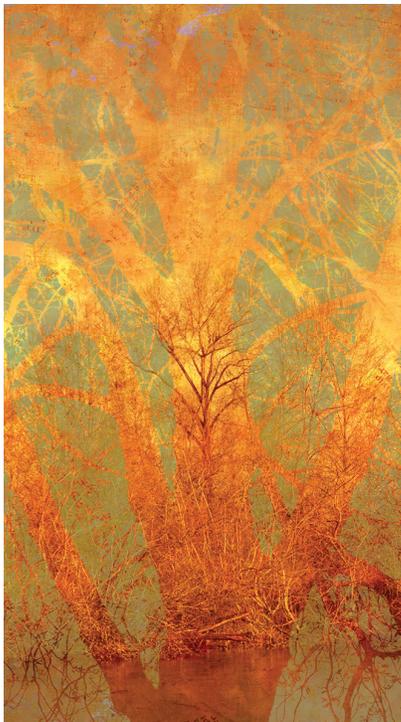
The report identified five local priorities including mental wellness, seniors, domestic violence, basic needs (such as shelter, food, etc.), and cultural inclusion. The report also identified two regional priorities of affordable housing and transportation. The final version

of the report is available on the City website at <http://bit.ly/HSNeeds>.

BERK Consulting will now work with City staff to develop a strategic plan to address the identified needs. The strategic plan will be reviewed by the Human Services Commission this summer and is scheduled to be completed sometime this fall. Community members are encouraged to be involved with the development of the strategic plan by attending and providing comment at the Human Services Commission meetings.

LEARN HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR TREES AT HOME

On Thursday, April 26th, the City is excited to host the third and final public education workshop associated with the Urban Forest Management Plan - "Home Tree Care 101," which will be led by one of the City's consulting arborists, Bob Layton, District Manager for American Forest Management and an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist. The workshop will be held at City Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, and will cover a number of topics about tree care, including best management practices for home tree care, how to identify and manage tree disease and native species, and how to select the proper tree for your site. The session will end with an "Ask an Arborist" session, during which attendees may ask questions about tree care.



Sammamish Arts Commission
presents Commons Gallery Exhibit
LAYERS

Sammamish City Hall Commons
Gallery on view

April 23 – July 20, 2018.

An artist's reception will be held on
Thursday, May 24th from 6-8:00 pm.

an exhibit of work by regional artists
including Liz Ruest, Cheryll Leo-Gwin,
Claire Putney, Iskra Johnson,
Phil Stoiber, Aaliyah Gupta and
Amanda Knowles

LAYERS, overlapping, superimposed,
connections, tiers, transparency,
photography, printing, digital, painting.

Need Volunteer Hours? *Touch a life, inspire your own.*

Roll up your sleeves, give back to your community and have FUN!
Help organizations on the Eastside that serve others daily!

Students: Rack up those community service hours!



JOIN US!
MAY 19TH!



- Opportunities for all ages
- Various times slots throughout the day
- Help for 1 hour or all day

Sign up with your friends or family.
Register at dayofservice.info

CITY CALENDAR

APRIL

Tuesday, Apr. 10

City Council Study Session
6:30 pm

Wednesday, Apr. 11

Human Services Commission
6:30 pm

Sunday, Apr. 15

Spring Recycling Event & Bin Sale
9 am - 3 pm

Tuesday, Apr. 17

City Council Regular Meeting
6:30 pm

Wednesday, Apr. 18

Sammamish Youth Board
6 pm

Thursday, Apr. 19

Planning Commission Meeting
6:30 pm

Saturday, Apr. 21

Sammamish Earth Day,
Beaver Lake Park (on the Lodge side)
<http://bit.ly/SammamishEarth-Day2018>
10 am - 1 pm

Monday, Apr. 23

Arts Commission Meeting,
6:30 pm

Thursday, Apr. 26

Urban Forest Management Plan
Workshop: Home Tree Care 101
6:30 pm

Monday, Apr. 30

City Council Joint Study Session
with Planning Commission
6:30 pm

MAY

Tuesday, May 1

City Council Regular Meeting
6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 2

Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting
6:30 pm

Parks and Recreation

Commission Regular Meeting
6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 8

City Council Study Session
6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 9

Human Services Commission Meeting
6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 15

City Council Special Joint Meeting
with Planning Commission followed
by Regular Meeting
6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 16

Sammamish Youth Board
6 pm

Saturday, May 19

Rig-A-Palooza
10 am - 1 pm

Thursday, May 24

LAYERS Exhibit - Artist Reception
6 pm

Planning Commission

Special Meeting
6:30 pm

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day - City offices closed

JUNE

Friday, Jun. 1

Skate Competition,
<http://bit.ly/SammSkateComp>
5 pm

Monday, Jun. 4

City Council Joint Study Session
with Planning Commission
6:30 pm

Tuesday, Jun. 5

City Council Regular Meeting
6:30 pm

Wednesday, Jun. 6

Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting
6:30 pm

Thursday, Jun. 7

Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
6:30 pm

**All meetings and events are at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Times, dates, and locations are subject to change.
Please check the city website for the most current information.*



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