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WINTER WEATHER

Are you ready?

Recent national and global events have demonstrated the importance of disaster preparedness, both by service agencies and individuals. The city's Emergency Manager, Andrew Stevens, says the silver lining from headlines about hurricanes and earthquakes is they motivate local citizens to make emergency planning a top priority.

"It's everyone's responsibility to have plans and resources in place to respond to potential hazards—community preparedness begins with the individual," said Stevens, who's been training city staff in All-Hazards Incident Management.

While many disasters are unpredictable, there is one event certain to cause difficulties in the Pacific Northwest: winter weather. Check inside this issue for Stevens' guide for winter preparedness before temperatures really dip!

More than 700 people attended the city's Disaster Preparedness Fair in September.

More Metro Service!

Route 269 now runs every half hour

The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round, round and round—all through the weekday in Sammamish! In September, Metro expanded service levels on Route 269, the city's main public transportation line, so buses now run every 30 minutes Monday through Friday, from about 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Previously, buses only came during peak morning and evening commute times.

Courtesy of King County Department of Transportation

"It's really big news," said Cheryl Paston, Deputy Director of Public Works. "This gives people a lot more transportation options and the ability to access consistent bus service throughout the day."

Much of the credit for the expanded service goes to Sammamish City Council members Kathy Huckabay, Bob Keller, Tom Odell, and Don Gerend, who steadfastly advocated for residents. As King County Metro started developing a plan for service levels through the year 2040—including restoring some of the deep cuts made in 2014—our city leaders were consistently there at the table. Paston said there were more than a half-dozen official meetings between the two jurisdictions in the past year.

"They worked hard, and we are thankful to Metro for the partnership," Paston said.

So what's next? More good news: Coming in May 2018, Metro expects to add similar every-30-minute service to Route 269 on the weekends.

Get on the bus!

New to Metro service? Visit http://bit.ly/2gQpq5G for route info.

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A Metro map and look at how three Sammamish residents might use Route 269 on a typical weekday.

Did you know?

- Metro buses have bicycle racks.
- Transfers are free between the bus, Link light rail, Sounder, the Seattle streetcar, and Water Taxi.

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Building Moratorium *Story on page 3*

CWU-Sammamish Offers Learning for All

It's official: We're a college town! Central Washington University-Sammamish hosted a ceremonious ribbon cutting in October, and—with the snip of the giant scissors—one of our city's most audacious goals became one of our greatest accomplishments.

This higher-ed collaboration is the culmination of exhaustive work by council and staff. It all began when city leaders decided to pursue a local partnership with an accredited college. Little did we know how difficult the journey would be; the path from then to now was anything but clear. Our council and city administration became unwitting experts in the nuances of Washington state higher education! Ultimately, my fellow council members and I were faced with a moment of critical decision in 2015, when the former Mars Hill Church property became available.

Why? Just like many of you, I can recall my parents saying, "To get ahead in life, go to college." That's what CWU-Sammamish represents for all community members: Opportunity. This is not simply an extension of Central's program, it's also promise—a promise that the City of Sammamish is a place where residents can grow, thrive, and innovate. Having an accredited, four-year university offer courses in the heart of our community adds value and expands quality of life for all residents.

Mayor Bob Keller

In this day and age, access to higher-education is directly linked to equity and opportunity. We think of basic city services in terms of utilities, permitting, and parks. But in Sammamish we want to do more; we want to provide citizens the pathway to advance their economic and intellectual futures.

CWU Sammamish offers something for everyone. Teens can now enroll in Running Start and ride the bus or walk to their college courses, which allows them to be much more flexible in staying connected to their high-school campus experience while earning undergraduate credits. Adults can pursue a degree, continuing education, or certificate programs. Even our own city staff members are exploring ways to increase their skills and knowledge with CWU-Sammamish offerings.

If you're unsure how you personally might fit into this new, local university program, I want to highlight the (free!) Sammamish Speaker Series. Open to all, this series is meant to showcase Central's talented faculty as they discuss topics based on their research and expertise. Most impressively, these presentations seem tailor-made for local residents. The series kicked off with "Bridges for Wildlife: Reconnecting Populations and Ecosystems along I-90" in late October; next up is "The Significance of Juvenile Play" Nov. 9 from 7-8 p.m. and "The Real James Bond: The League of Nations and Undercover Investigation of the Traffic of Women in the 1920s" Nov. 30 from 7-8 p.m.

Please go online at to www.cwu.edu/sammamish/ and checkout all that CWU-Sammamish has to offer. I hope you'll be inspired and you're as excited to be a Wildcat as I am!

Bob Keller

Officials cut a ribbon to ceremonially open Central Washington University-Sammamish on Oct. 12: (from left) Sammamish Council Member Don Gerend, State Senator Dino Rossi, State Representative Larry Springer, CWU Associate Provost for Extended Learning and Outreach Gayla Stoner, Sammamish Council Member Tom Odell, Sammamish Mayor Bob Keller, Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib, CWU Executive Director of Extended Learning Melanie Palm, CWU-Sammamish Site Director Elyane Harney, CWU Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Life Katherine Frank, Sammamish Council Member Ramiro Valderrama, Central President James Gaudino, Sammamish City Manager Lyman Howard, and King County Council Member Kathy Lambert.

Moratorium on New Development

City Council Will Continue Discussion in November

In October, Sammamish City Council members approved an emergency ordinance that halts most new construction until they consider potential amendments to the city's planning policies related to development.

Council members specifically want to complete their work revising the traffic concurrency policy. They voted in July to make traffic their number-one priority, and the emergency ordinance provides them time to do an in-depth analysis of current and future conditions. City leaders are working with a consultant to explore alternative concurrency models or refinements to the current model. They expect to select a preferred approach and begin looking at related implications in upcoming public meetings.

Because this is an emergency ordinance, the Council must hold a hearing on it within 60 days from taking action. That hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017.

Additionally, the Council planned to discuss the moratorium and its implications at its Nov. 7 meeting; due to the print schedule of this newsletter, please go online to www.sammamish.us for the most up-to-date information. There is also moratorium frequently asked questions and the complete ordinance language under the Permits & Regulations tab.

Please note: The Council and staff are working closely to explore concurrency alternatives, and they may deliberate and make adjustments to the moratorium language as their work progresses. Continue to check online at www.sammamish.us for updates.

Emergency Ordinance Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the emergency ordinance to halt most new development on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

- Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.
- City Hall, 801 228th Ave. S.E.

Volunteer Opportunities

Tree Planting at Lower Commons Park

- Sat., Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 550 222nd Pl. S.E.

Volunteers will help enhance habitat by planting and mulching native trees and shrubs.

Community Continues to Shape PRO (Parks)Plan

Draft Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PRO) Plan almost ready for public release

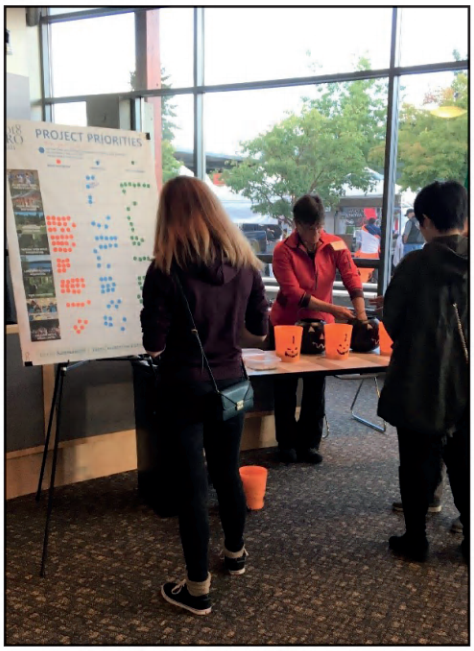
Thank you to everyone who has already participated in shaping the future of Sammamish's parks and open spaces! If you haven't done so, there's still time to make your voice heard.

The City of Sammamish's Parks & Recreation Department is hard at work on its community-driven Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PRO) Plan. In late September, staff held an open house to get feedback from residents about what programs, projects, and other improvements should be included. Participants voiced strong support for preserving natural open space and said that youth and adult programs should be a top priority.

Armed with that feedback, as well as data and input from prior community-engagement sessions, the city is now preparing to host another open house on November 13 to share the draft PRO Plan.

"The feedback we heard at the September open house has been extremely helpful in preparing a draft plan for the future of our parks," said Angie Feser, Parks & Recreation Director. "We think we're on the right track for meeting the changing needs of our community and look forward to confirming that in November."

The upcoming open house will be the third opportunity for the public to weigh in on the PRO Plan. The City will refine the draft plan after receiving public input and will provide it to the city's Parks & Recreation Commission in December.



September open-house attendees used dots to prioritize projects for the PRO Plan.

The final steps needed for the city to formally adopt the plan include a public hearing on January 18, 2018, and review and approval by the Sammamish City Council in late February.

Since the PRO Plan was last adopted in 2012, Sammamish has experienced rapid growth and annexation. The PRO Plan will ensure that the city is keeping pace with growth and reflecting the community's evolving priorities for parks, open space, and recreational facilities and programs.

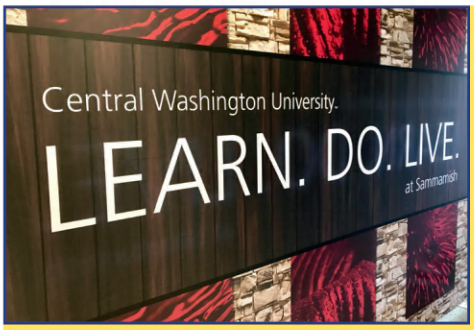
More information about the PRO Plan and ways to get involved can be found on the PRO Plan webpage: www.sammamish.us/proplan. The draft PRO Plan will be posted there in mid-November.

2018 PRO plan

Share your input on the

Draft PRO Plan!

- 6-8p.m. Monday, Nov. 13
- Sammamish Community & Aquatics Center, 831 228th Ave. S.E.



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FREE! Register at cwu.edu/sammamish/

How to Prepare for Winter Weather

Know what to do before, during, and after a Storm

Winter storms can damage infrastructure and cause power outages that last hours or days. They can make roads and walkways extremely dangerous and shutdown critical community services like public transportation, childcare, and health programs. Injuries and deaths may occur from exposure, dangerous road conditions, carbon monoxide poisoning, and other winter storm conditions. To avoid these hazards, know what to do before, during, and after inclement weather.

Before

- Sign up for local alerts and warnings.
- Create and test emergency communication plan(s).
- Stock emergency supplies and install battery-powered or battery backed-up carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors in your home.
- Get trained on specific health needs your family may have.
- Consider joining a local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
- Identify a place nearby where you can safely warm up should you lose heat in your home.
- Clear storm drains in front of your house of leaves and debris.

During

- Stay indoors and off the roads. If you must drive, keep emergency supplies in your car.
- Dress in layers and use blankets to stay warm.
- Bring pets into a warm place and out of the storm or severe cold.
- Never use a generator, camp stove, charcoal grill, or gasoline or propane heater indoors as these items can start accidental fires, cause electric shock, and/or cause deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Never heat a home with a cooktop or oven.

After

- Only drive if necessary. Even walking can be hazardous in ice or amid debris.
- Remove snow and ice from your tailpipe before starting your car and check regularly if idling
- Clean all snow and ice from your car before driving.
- Dress in warm clothing, stay dry, prevent prolonged exposure to cold and wind, and avoid overexertion clearing/shoveling snow. Overexertion can lead to a medical emergency.
- Monitor local news and alerts for emergency information and instructions.

Winterize Your Vehicle Now!

1. Keep Vehicles Serviced. A proper pre-winter check will ensure fluid levels, wipers, tires, etc., are in top shape to help avoid winter hazards and breakdowns.

2. Have a Good Set of Jumper Cables. A 16-foot long set is ideal, but a 20-foot set may be needed for larger trucks or SUVs.

3. *Carry a Flashlight.* Get one that will allow you to change a tire or inspect your vehicle at night. Carry extra batteries.

4. *Know How to Change a Flat.* A jack and lug wrench are essential. Take the time now to replace any missing parts, and ensure your spare is inflated properly.

5. *Carry a Vehicle Fire Extinguisher.* Look for a dry-chemical extinguisher that is rated ABC; learn how to use it.

6. *Emergency Signaling Is Critical.* An emergency-signaling device alerts drivers to your presence on the roadside and acts as a distress signal in an emergency.

7. *Have Provisions.* Keep bottled water and MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) on hand if you become stranded.

8. *Carry a Blanket and Extra Clothing (Hats, Gloves, Coat).* These will greatly assist you in staying warm if stranded.

9. *Keep Basic Tools* like a small socket and wench set, a pair of pliers, duct tape, spare fuses, a folding shovel, and phone charger.

10. *Traction Control.* Snow chains (learn how to put them on before winter) and a good set of winter tires with adequate tread depth are a must for winter driving.

Have a plan. Build a kit. Stay informed. Get involved.

Download the new Sammamish Emergency Preparedness Guide by visiting sammamish.us and searching for "emergency preparedness resources."

King County METRO

ROUTE 269— A DESTINATION FOR EVERYONE!

The increased frequency of buses running on Route 269 is good news for everyone! Here's a look at how three Sammamish residents might plan a trip on Metro during a typical weekday.

COMMUTER

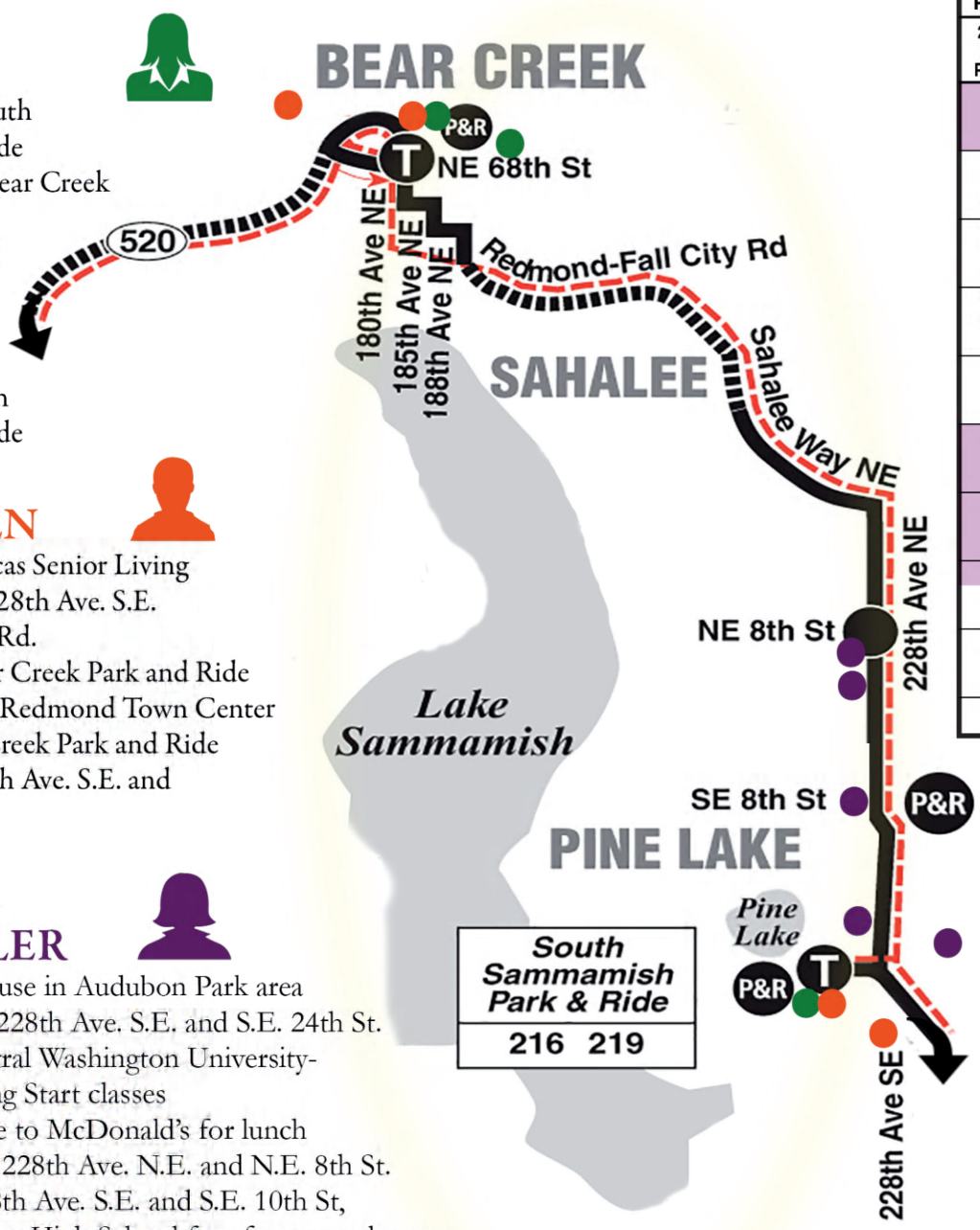
- 7:15 a.m. Depart the South Sammamish Park and Ride
- 7:39 a.m. Arrive at the Bear Creek Park and Ride
- Walk 0.7 mile to SpaceX for work
- 5:08 p.m. Depart Bear Creek Park and Ride
- 5:32 p.m. Arrive at South Sammamish Park and Ride

SENIOR CITIZEN

- 9:35 a.m. Walk from Lucas Senior Living
- 9:40 a.m. Catch bus at 228th Ave. S.E. and Issaquah-Pine Lake Rd.
- 10:04 a.m. Arrive at Bear Creek Park and Ride Walk to Target, Costco, Redmond Town Center
- 2:50 p.m. Depart Bear Creek Park and Ride
- 3:14 p.m. Arrive at 228th Ave. S.E. and Issaquah-Pine Lake Rd.
- Walk home

HIGH-SCHOOLER

- 6:45 a.m. Walk from house in Audubon Park area
- 6:55 a.m. Catch bus at 228th Ave. S.E. and S.E. 24th St.
- 6:58 a.m. Arrive at Central Washington University-Sammamish for Running Start classes
- 10:50 a.m. Walk 0.4 mile to McDonald's for lunch
- 11:36 a.m. Catch bus at 228th Ave. N.E. and N.E. 8th St.
- 11:40 a.m. Arrive at 228th Ave. S.E. and S.E. 10th St, walk one block to Skyline High School for afternoon classes
- 3:09 p.m. Catch bus
- 3:12 p.m. Arrive home



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November

Friday, Nov. 10
- City Hall closed for Veterans Day

Monday, Nov.13
- PRO (Parks, Rec, Open Space) Plan Open House, 6-8 p.m., Community & Aquatics Center, 831 228th Ave. S.E.

Monday, Nov. 13
- City Council Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m

Wednesday, Nov. 15
- Sammamish Youth Board, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 16
- Finance Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18
- Gen-Fusion FusedGlass Workshop, 1 p.m., Teen and Recreation Center, 825 228th Ave. N.E.

Tuesday, Nov. 21
- City Council Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Public Hearing on Building Moritorium Emergency Ordiance)

Thursday, Nov. 23
- City Hall Closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday

Friday, Nov. 24
- City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Monday, Nov. 27
- Arts Commission Regular Meeting, 6:30p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 28
- Technical Meeting on Concurrency/Transportation Planning, 12-3 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 30
- Public Safety Committee Meeting, 10 a.m.

December

Friday, Dec. 1
- Very Merry Sammamish, 5-7:30 p.m., City Hall, 801 228th Ave. S.E.

Monday, Dec. 4
- City Council Study Session, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 5
- City Council Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 6
- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Please Note:

All meetings and events 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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VERY MERRY SAMMAMISH!

Dec. 1, 5-7:30 p.m.
Sammamish City Hall,
801 228th Ave. S.E.

This festive family fun event is a perfect way to kick off the holiday season. Enjoy a petting zoo, face painting, crafts, live entertainment, and treats. The festivities are free with food available for purchase. A special guest will be on-site for photo-ops.

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