

City Views @Sammamish

City Purchases Property for Park

The City of Sammamish recently acquired 185 acres, mostly undeveloped, that the City hopes to develop into a community park with open space and trails.

The property, locally known as the Galley Farm, is located east of Sahalee Way NE and south of Redmond-Fall City Road. Currently it is a mixture of pastureland, steep wooded slopes with some wetlands. Of the 185 acres, only a portion would be developed for active park uses. A majority of acreage could remain as open space with passive recreational opportunities.

Parks and Recreation Manager Jeff Watling called the acreage a "dynamic piece of property" with great potential for mix of recreational uses including a trail system that connects to other trails on the Sammamish Plateau. He envisions a 20 to 30-acre community park with ball fields, courts, playgrounds and picnic areas, surrounded by open space and undeveloped wooded areas.

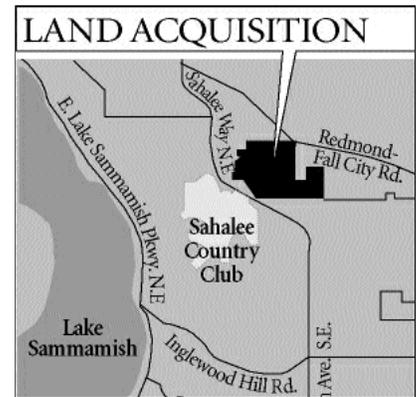
The City was fortunate to acquire the property. The University of Washington and five other parties acquired it earlier this year as a gift. When they put it up for sale, other potential buyers bid for the property. The City's offer was accepted because of its plans for a community park and open space that could be enjoyed by all citizens.

A high priority of the City Council has been acquiring park, recreation and open spaces. This park property will help the Council reach that goal. The shortage of park space was a driving force behind the effort to incorporate. Currently, the City of Sammamish has a ratio of 1.2 acres of parks/open space per 1,000 residents. The standard is for 6 - 10 acres of parks per 1,000 residents.

The City currently has three developed parks totaling about 40 acres that were transferred from King County after incorporation. They are
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The park property includes pastureland adjacent to a wooded hillside.



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Sammamish Awarded Corridor Grant

The City of Sammamish sought and has been awarded a \$1.5 million grant for the next stage of the roadway improvements of 228th Avenue between SE 24th Street and SE 8th Street (Phase1B) The grant is part of the County/City Corridor Congestion Relief Program created by the State Legislature earlier this year.

Councilmembers expressed pleasure at having received the grant, and indicated the funds would be used to solve the congestion and safety problems on 228th Avenue. The project will provide a four-lane roadway with landscaped medians, planter strips, street lighting and a bike and pedestrian trail on the west side. Construction is scheduled for the spring and summer of 2001. Estimated total cost for the project is \$5 million.

Sammamish's project was one of just nine selected to receive a portion of the \$25 million available. Applications came from cities and counties throughout the state, requesting a total of \$490.7 million.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As the Mayor of Sammamish for the first year of the millennium, I have had many wonderful experiences and have been rewarded many times over. Permit me to share with you the reasons.

First, I've had the opportunity to serve you. As your neighbor and friend, I feel exhilarated each time I see you in the neighborhoods, at the shopping centers, in our schools, or at City Hall. I find you to be very energetic, visionary and interested in what the City staff and Council are doing to improve your quality of life. My promise to you is to continue to exercise my best judgment and make the decisions that represent your wishes most accurately!



Jack Barry

Secondly, I've been honored to work with thoughtful and dedicated Council colleagues as we have struggled collectively to establish City systems and procedures. You know them all: Deputy Mayor Troy Romero, an attorney who consistently keeps us on the straight and narrow. Phil Dyer, our first Mayor, who set the stage for leadership in those early days when tough decisions were needed. Don Gerend, whom we have come to know affectionately as Mr. "All About Roads." Ron Haworth, who has negotiated masterfully with our neighboring cities to provide the best in fire protection while saving more than \$1 million in taxes. Kathleen Huckabay, our CPA councilmember who carefully

manicured our budget to reflect the needs of our City while saving us thousands of dollars. And Ken Kilroy, who has used his law enforcement background to increase health and safety protection. Ken has helped Sammamish double police services.

Finally, I'm gratified by our early achievements. We now have a Planning Advisory Board and a Parks and Recreation Commission guiding our Comprehensive and Park Plans. We have a plan to improve roads by increasing the amount we spend from the County's \$1 million to \$10 million annually. We were recently awarded a \$1.5 million grant for roads. We have purchased nearly 190 acres of land we will use to meet the needs of the City at a cost that many consider a 'smoking deal.' We're putting in sidewalks and street lighting as requested. We have met with other city councils and the Issaquah School Board to create new partnerships.

In summary, we have moved quickly to build commissions/advisory boards, start key capital improvements, plan for significant tax savings and maximize service to residents throughout the city. Along with my colleagues on the City Council and committed City staff, I deeply appreciate the opportunity to serve you and help create the improvements in local service and infrastructure you want and deserve.

The future of our beautiful City looks bright, indeed! Warm regards.

Jack Barry

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INTRODUCING . . .

John Cowling

Engineering and CAD Tech
John joined the City from the private sector and Canada. He studied civil engineering at Okanagan University College, and moved to the States about three years ago. In his spare time he enjoys skiing and singing the score from The Sound of Music to front counter staff. He is currently working on Phases 1B and C of the 228th Avenue Project.

Marlene Dunham

Finance Clerk
Marlene and her husband have lived in the city for the past 10 years with their three children (including twins!). She started work on Incorporation Day, but Marlene's extensive experience and bookkeeping background made it all go smoothly. According to Marlene, one of the best parts of her job is . . . the commute!

Emily Harnish

Senior Planner
The amount (and strength!) of coffee Emily drinks might make one think she was born at Starbucks. She was raised in Tacoma (although no relation to the Ford Harnish's) but most recently worked for the City of

Hillsboro in Oregon. Currently, she is working closely with the Planning Advisory Board and on current planning issues.

Matt Micono

Information Services Coordinator
The youngest employee at the City, Matt brings a vast amount of computer and technical knowledge to the position. Another Sammamish resident, Matt can often be seen driving around in his silver Ford Mustang. In addition to his current duties as Information Services Coordinator, he's the Webmaster for the City's new website and attends Bellevue Community College.

Carter Reeve

Public Works Superintendent
With a diverse work background (including a three-year period in the Philippines directing a project for the blind) Carter was a natural choice to lead our Public Works maintenance staff. Besides his excellent work at the City, Carter is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Affairs at the University of Washington. He has been married for over 25 years, is father to three grown sons, and grandfather to one grandson!

City Installs New Sidewalks Serving Two Schools

Children walking to Margaret Mead Elementary School now have a safe sidewalk to walk on along NE 16th Street, from 219th Place to 216th. This is part of a program in the City's annual budget designed to improve safety for children in the vicinity of our schools.

The City's Six-Year transportation Plan includes funds for project that have been identified and prioritized by the Issaquah and Lake Washington School Districts. Residents also will enjoy the new appearance of the vertical-faced curbs, planter strips with Red Sunset maples, and 5-foot sidewalk, with underground drainage that was previously carried in a roadside ditch. Although the City's budget for the work did not permit doing both sides of NE 16th, the new look shows off the City's new standard for local streets. New development, after such time as the moratorium may be lifted, will be required to design streets to this standard.

The second part of last year's school sidewalk projects is east of Sunny Hills Elementary School on the north side of SE 32nd Way, extending to 238th Avenue, to be completed by this past Christmas.

Last year, the City also provided signage and pavement marking improvements at many schools in the City, as well as lighted crosswalk improvements at Christa McAuliffe, Samantha Smith, Discovery, Pine Lake and Beaver Lake schools.



Above, the newly completed sidewalk along NE 16th Street leads to Margaret Mead Elementary School. Right, a sidewalk project was underway in December along SE 32nd Way leading to Sunny Hills Elementary School.

City Nears Completion of Storm Drainage Plan

The Public Works/Finance Department is managing preparation of a stormwater management comprehensive plan for the City, with help from the consulting firm of CH2MHill. This effort started last spring as the foundation of the City's stormwater management program, and is in near-final draft form. It includes:

System Inventory and Drainage Network Basemap: The intent is to produce "as-built" information on the entire drainage system of catch basins, culverts, pipes, detention ponds, and conveyance channels. While time did not permit completion, work will continue following adoption of the plan. This inventory will be maintained electronically so that field staff can access records on laptop or palm computers when out on the job.

Evaluation of Surface Water Modeling Needs: Establishes requirements for flow control, in accordance with King County's Surface Water Design Manual. Reviews past mathematical models of stormwater runoff events correlating with historic rainfall levels, and recommends future analyses supporting Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project design.

Environmental and Water Quality Problems: This section documents potential pollution sources, surface water quality, erosion and sedimentation problems, and habitat issues. It includes recommendations for the restoration of certain sensitive areas and provides guidelines for the City in planning, policy-making, and implementation.

Stormwater Facilities Maintenance: Contains recommendations for the City's facilities maintenance program, and proposes standards for levels of service, costs and implementation of the same.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP): Includes a database of drainage complaints, and develops a list of projects recommended for funding during the next six years. Includes drainage elements of transportation projects.

System Development Charges (SDCs) and Financial Plan: Provides a financial plan projecting operating and capital costs for the next six years. Documents development of SDCs, (special charges levied on new development to help provide the drainage infrastructure necessary to accommodate growth). Compares Sammamish's tax rates with surrounding jurisdictions, and recommends future funding options for the City's stormwater utility.

Stormwater Code and Policy: Proposes changes to the City's Interim Sammamish Development Code for policy consideration, such as the enforcement of "best management practices," erosion and sedimentation controls, and the preservation and restoration of wetlands.

The draft plan was reviewed by the City Council at a December 13 study session. Depending on changes needed in the plan, it will be the subject of a public hearing at a Council meeting in January. A copy of the draft plan is currently available for public review at the City Hall front counter. The executive summary of the plan can be seen on the City's website, www.ci.sammamish.wa.us.

PUBLIC SAFETY

False Alarms – What's The Fuss?

For Sammamish residents and businesses, crime prevention is serious business. That is why so many home and business owners have made the investment to install a security alarm system at their premises. Alarm systems not only report crimes and fires when they do occur, but also serve as an effective deterrent to crime.

Unfortunately, there is a down side to alarms systems: false alarms. A false alarm is an alarm that is activated manually or automatically when no crime or fire event is occurring or is being attempted on the premises. False alarms are a significant issue in Sammamish. City police officers responded to 996 false alarms during our first year as a City. Total time expended responding to these alarms equated to one half of a work year for a police officer! Besides the time expended, responding to false alarms can be dangerous for the officers and firefighters, the home or business occupants, and other people along the way or in the area of the alarm.

Allowing false alarms to continue without being challenged would not be an efficient way to utilize our police resources.

To address this situation, the City has adopted a false alarm ordinance, the purpose of which is to encourage alarm users and alarm businesses to work together to reduce the incidence of false alarms. When an officer responds to a false alarm, he/she leaves a pink door hanger. The second false alarm in a six-month period results in a civil penalty of \$75. The third and succeeding false alarms result in civil penalties of \$100 each. The premises may also be placed on no-response status if there are four or more false alarms within the six-month period.

What can homeowners do to avoid false alarms and fines? First, make sure you have a system that is designed to complement your lifestyle, taking into account family pets. Second, make sure everyone in the home knows how to use the alarm and the proper code to authorize the alarm company to cancel police response. Third, have your system checked for proper maintenance regularly. Finally, if you have a false alarm, have your system checked by your alarm company and send a copy of the maintenance report to the police chief.

Alarm systems are a basic component of any physical security plan. Let's all work together to prevent false alarms.

What Citizens Need To Know

Have you ever wanted to know a little more about your property? Perhaps see what your zoning is? Or wondered if that patch of land to the south of your property was a dry creek bed? There is an informational website sponsored by King County Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) to learn about just these things: www.metrokc.gov/DDES/property.htm.

If you want information on a particular property, next click on the GIS Parcel Locator link. You will be taken through a disclaimer and then into the locator program. Once there, you can search for a property by street address, assessor's parcel number (tax number), or street intersection. Once a property is located, there are different "sets" of information you can request, such as the property's environmentally sensitive areas.

With the possibility of snow looming during the winter months, and there is some concern about who does the street clearing and when the City of Sammamish contracts with King County for snow and ice removal. Sammamish has reserved two snow plows and a road grader for use in our city. The County monitors the weather and prepares for round-the-clock response. This means snow removal crews will respond as soon as weather conditions become a problem rather than waiting until morning.

If you have further questions about snow removal, please go to our website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us and click on the "snow route map" link under City Documents. You can also contact Pam Simmons at 425-836-7925 or Carter

Neighborhood Connections Program

The City hosted the first meeting of the Neighborhood Connections Program on November 13 at City Hall. This kick-off meeting was well attended with over 26 neighborhood association presidents or representatives introducing themselves to City staff and each other. City staff presented the Neighborhood Connections Program concept and invited representatives to identify their neighborhood boundaries on the City map. City staff will utilize this map to notify neighborhoods of activities such as street or utility repairs, street lighting upgrades, traffic studies, etc. occurring in their communities. The Police Department also provided an overview of police services available to the neighborhoods.

The City started the Neighborhood Connection Program is designed to enhance two-way communication between Sammamish's elected and appointed officials and City residents. Communications may include notification to neighborhoods of street or utility work projects, special needs or projects identified within neighborhoods by residents and reported to the City, and other identified needs and projects.

Regularly scheduled meetings with neighborhood leaders – held quarterly on the second Monday of the month – will allow for presentations from staff on such issues as planning and land use, public safety, public works projects, police services, financial concerns, and other topics of interest to area residents.

For more information, please contact Gail Davila, Administrative Assistant at 425-836-7916 or e-mail gdavila@ci.sammamish.wa.us.



CITY HALL CALENDAR

JANUARY		MARCH	APRIL
JANUARY 3 City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	JANUARY 24 City Council Study Session 6:30 pm	MARCH 1 Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm	APRIL 4 City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
JANUARY 4 Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm	FEBRUARY	MARCH 7 City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	APRIL 5 Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm
JANUARY 8 Neighborhood Connections Quarterly Meeting 6:30 pm	FEBRUARY 7 City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	MARCH 14 City Council Study Session Cancelled	APRIL 9 Neighborhood Connections Quarterly Meeting 6:30 pm
JANUARY 10 City Council Study Session Topic: Stormwater Management Comprehensive Plan, 6:30 pm	FEBRUARY 8 Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm	MARCH 19 Parks & Recreation Commission 6:30 pm	APRIL 11 City Council Study Session 6:30 pm
JANUARY 15 Martin Luther King Day City Hall Closed	FEBRUARY 14 City Council Study Session 6:30 pm	MARCH 21 City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	APRIL 16 Parks & Recreation Commission 6:30 pm
JANUARY 16 Parks & Recreation Commission 6:30 pm	FEBRUARY 19 Parks & Recreation Commission 6:30 pm	MARCH 22 Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm	APRIL 18 City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
JANUARY 17 Public Hearing: Formation of Beaver Lake Management District City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	FEBRUARY 21 City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	MARCH 28 City Council Study Session 6:30 pm	APRIL 25 City Council Study Session 6:30 pm
	FEBRUARY 22 Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm		APRIL 26 Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm
	FEBRUARY 28 City Council Study Session 6:30 pm		

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The City of Sammamish currently has four City Council Committees:

Community Development Committee
Finance Committee
Public Safety Committee
Public Works Committee

Committees are comprised of three councilmembers and an alternate. One councilmember is designated the chair. Each committee also has a staff liaison, generally a department director. The committees meet once a month.

City Council committees investigate topics in their specific area that are too complicated or detailed to be addressed at a Council meeting. For example, the Finance Committee reviewed the proposed 2001/2002 Budget at several committee meetings to develop broad philosophies and goals to be achieved in the next two years. After reviewing the subject, and receiving in-depth information from staff members, the committee makes a recommendation to the Council at its next regular meeting. These recommendations are not binding on any other councilmember but are only offered for guidance.

The members of the committees change each year. The Council will be choosing new members for the 2001 committees at the January 3 regular Council meeting. For further information on Council Committees contact Melonie Anderson, City Clerk at 425-836-7904 or email to: manderson@ci.sammamish.wa.us

Recycling Events

The City of Sammamish is in the process of scheduling recycling events for 2001. Two special recycling events will be held, one in the spring and one in the fall. During the spring event, tires, anti-freeze, batteries, used oil and scrap wood will be collected and recycled. In the fall, appliances including refrigerators, freezers, and scrap metal will be accepted. The City will also hold a backyard compost bin sale in conjunction with the Sammamish Spring Special Collection Event. The City, in cooperation with Olympic Environmental Resources, also has plans to prepare a Sammamish Guide to Recycling. This guide will promote alternatives for residents in the reuse and recycling of hard-to-recycle items. The City has recently received recycling grants to provide funding for these events. The City has recently received recycling grants to provide funding for these events.

PARKS & RECREATION

Recreation/Community Facility Update

Dozens of Sammamish residents participated in a series of public workshops this fall to discuss a recreation/community facility. On four different occasions, citizens along with City officials met with facilitators to help answer the following questions:

- Does the City need/want a recreation/community facility?
- If yes, should it be operated solely by the City or in partnership with another agency?
- What are the funding sources to build and operate the facility?

The consensus was that Sammamish is in great need of a centrally located gathering place for residents of all ages. In general terms, citizens want a place where City residents could gather and find something for everyone. There was a group of young men who represented the need for a skate park, people who felt that a swimming pool is a priority, and others who wanted basketball/racquetball courts, and a weight/fitness room for physical sports and activities. The arts were also represented by some participants who expressed the need for arts and crafts rooms, wooden floors for dance classes, a stage for the performing arts, and an outdoor arena. It was suggested the City provide a place for teens to "hang out," play areas for small children, multi-purpose rooms, conference rooms, and a kitchen area.

A report containing those recommendations was presented to the City Council on November 29. The next steps will be for the City to identify a specific location for a community center and hire an architect to put the concepts from the workshops into a plan, and address in detail how the recreation/community facility would be operated, whether entirely through the City or as a partnership. Funding sources also must be identified for recreation/community facility development.

Citizens discuss the community/recreation facility at one of the public workshops.

Property Purchase...

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Northeast Lake Sammamish Park, a 4-acre neighborhood park; East Sammamish Park (Bill Reams), a 19-acre park with three ball fields; and Pine Lake Park, a 16-acre wooded waterfront park with one small ball field. King County has retained ownership of Beaver Lake Park, which has three ball fields.

The newly acquired property won't be developed right away. First, an in-depth site analysis must be conducted to determine what portions of the acreage are available to be developed for recreational use, and what areas such as wetlands should be preserved.

Public access points also must be determined.

A series of public workshops and hearings will be held to determine the design and uses for the property. Public involvement will be a key part of design and development. Funding sources such as grants and tax measures must also be identified before the property can be developed.

The City Council has expressed a desire to move ahead with development of the park as soon as the park plan is completed and funding can be secured.

East Lake Sammamish Trail LIDs Proposed

As the City of Sammamish continues to work with King County in the development of an interlocal cooperative agreement on the East Lake Sammamish trail project, two parties have filed petitions with the City to form Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) to fund alternative trail projects.

Each of these petitions request that the City consider implementing trail improvements on City right-of-way rather than within the County's rail corridor. The first petition, signed by owners of 80 properties, proposes a funding plan to construct a portion of the trail on East Lake Sammamish Place SE. A second petition representing over 40 properties proposes the funding of a multi-purpose trail segment along East Lake Sammamish Parkway from Inglewood Hill Road to NE 187th.

The City intends to enter into an interlocal agreement and partner with King County in conducting community workshops in planning the final trail alignment and trail master plan. Community workshops will explore various alternatives for a multi-purpose trail within both the County's rail corridor and City right-of-way. The trail improvements offered in the proposed LIDs will be reviewed as possible options in the effort to bring the trail users, property owners, the County and City together in a collaborative trail planning process.

City Website Has New Look

Citizens are invited to check out the City's new website. The website contains more information about City departments as well as public notices, meeting agendas, minutes, schedules, and general community information. Visit the website at: www.ci.sammamish.wa.us.

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City May Sponsor Beaver Lake Management District

The Beaver Lake watershed contains many resources including three significant wetlands, streams, and lakes. The existing lake supports fishing, wildlife habitat, swimming, boating, visual aesthetics, waterfront property values, and other beneficial uses.

State law (RCW Chapter 36.61) provides that a lake management district can be formed so that residents can tax themselves to finance lake improvement and maintenance projects. The Beaver Lake community has formed a lake management district. It unanimously adopted a Beaver Lake Community Club resolution and then requested the King County Council to initiate the formation of a Beaver Lake Management District. King County completed and adopted, by ordinance, the first lake-specific management plan – the Beaver Lake Management Plan. It was formed in August 1995 and was valid for a period of five years. Now that the lake is officially within the City of Sammamish, the residents in and around Beaver Lake have requested that the City continue the Beaver Lake Management District for another five-year period.

By resolution, the City Council has declared its intent to consider the formation of the district. It will conduct a public hearing on January 17 to get public input on the issue. If the Council approves a resolution to continue the Lake Management District, the property owners within the management district boundary will vote on the matter in early spring. If a majority of the property owners vote to tax themselves, owners fronting the lake (Zone One) will be assessed \$188 per year while those property owners in Zone Two (within the defined management area) would be assessed \$21 per year.

Revenue generated by the assessment will be used for ongoing water-quality monitoring, community education and a quarterly newsletter, in addition to other projects. Because of City sponsorship, the District will be eligible to apply for state grants for water quality related projects. King County would continue to provide technical support to the Beaver Lake Management District under its interlocal agreement with the City of Sammamish.

Code Enforcement Activities

Community Development has been involved in several code enforcement activities over the past six months. By sheer numbers, illegal signs in the City right-of-way take the lead. With the assistance of the Police Explorers, there have been six sign sweeps and a total of approximately 800 signs confiscated. The “stick signs” have been routinely discarded while the A-boards have been retrieved by most of the owners. Unfortunately, some of these signs have shown-up again in the right-of-way. More sign sweeps are on the way and confiscated signs will now expose the owner of such sign to a \$500 civil penalty citation, per sign.

Other enforcement activities include:

E. Lake Sammamish Parkway SE – owner clearing blackberries on waterfront vacant site inadvertently cut a portion of wetland buffer and wetland. Biologist indicates plants will revegetate without any mitigation. Stop Work issued in late November was released on 12-7-00.

216th Ave SE – owner built a paved area within an existing wetland buffer. Review indicates that the City-issued grading permit for other improvements is to be revised to allow the paving within the outer buffer limits, maintaining 75% of 150-foot wetland buffer to keep paved area. Documentation in progress.

SE 28th Lane – owner reportedly planting non-native plants in wetland buffer. Not investigated yet.

E. Lake Sammamish Parkway NE – voluntary mitigation agreement being finalized with owner to resolve placement of a park unit (manufactured home) on waterfront site without permit and other related code issues.

E. Lake Sammamish Parkway NE – permit submittal in progress with owner to resolve placement of a manufactured home on waterfront site without permit.

Waverly Shores Community Beach – moveable boat lift placed at community beach under investigation as possible shoreline improvement subject to a permit.

Illegal home businesses – two cases pending, one on Beaver Lake Drive and the other on NE 12th Street. Owners have been notified and are working with staff to resolve the issues.

In the Building Division, most enforcement efforts have centered on improper temporary erosion control systems. Most have been resolved by voluntary actions of the contractors. A few have resulted in stop work orders to achieve compliance. There were numerous complaints in October on violation of the construction hours ban during weekends throughout various areas of the city. City Police Officer notified builders in violation of the ban and most complied. Efforts continue to resolve this issue in light of the fact that there is currently no set penalty for violating the construction hours ban. There are several code enforcement issues predating incorporation and that are under currently under evaluation for civil penalty assessments. The most recent complaint concerns possible building and land use violations at 218 Avenue SE, including abandoned vehicles and a relocated house on jacks.

Work Underway on New Planning Advisory Board

The Planning Advisory Board (PAB) has spent its first couple of months learning the basics of the Growth Management Act and the process of adopting a Comprehensive Plan. Board members also spent several meetings familiarizing themselves with the various characteristics and issues of the community. Although each PAB member has specific interest or knowledge about one or two particular issues, it's important to expand everyone's general understanding of the many different issues the Board will be addressing over the next year.

After the first of the year, the Board will really shift into gear with an expansion of the community visioning process. The Board will also establish its various sub-committees, which will begin the work on the various focused topics of the Comprehensive Plan such as land use, transportation, public facilities and environmental protection. The Board will continue to meet as a whole at its regularly scheduled time, the first and last Thursday evenings of the month at 7 p.m. in City Hall. Citizens can now review the Board's upcoming agendas and minutes of past meetings on the City's website, www.ci.sammamish.wa.us.



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Deputy Mayor

City Council Highlights

OCTOBER

■ Held Public Hearing to discuss amending the City's current ordinance to address personal, wireless communications facilities as well as broadcast towers, amateur radio towers, monopoles, satellite dish antennas and other wireless communications facilities.

■ Contracted with an engineering firm to begin survey work on the third phase of the roadway improvement project on 228th Avenue.

NOVEMBER

■ Held two Public Hearing to consider the proposed 2001/2002 budget for the City.

■ Approved a contract with Eastside Fire & Rescue to provide fire and emergency medical services for the next five years. The contract saves the City approximately \$1.5 million while continuing to provide a high level of service to the residents.

■ Signed an interlocal agreement to become part of a regional watershed planning program (Water Resource Inventory Area 8). This will be a key element in the City's compliance with Endangered Species Act requirements.

■ Gave final plat approval for the Arbors at Pine Lake. This project received preliminary plat approval through King County and must be given final plat approval by Council if it has met all requirements set by King County.

■ Held a Public Hearing to consider the 2001 Property Tax Levy.

■ Signed a resolution giving notice of intent to form the Beaver Lake Management District. The district was previously managed by King County. Beaver Lake residents are requesting the City Council put the formation of the district to a vote of Lake residents. A public hearing will be held January 17, 2001.

■ Gave final plat approval to the subdivision Eltovar. This began the permitting process under King County.

DECEMBER

■ Held a public hearing regarding an amendment to the building moratorium to allow for certain types of wireless communications facilities.

■ Passed an ordinance to set the levy rate and establish the amount to be raised in 2001 on the assessed valuation of the property within the City.

■ Granted Final Plat approval to a project started under King County called Beaver Lake Park.

■ Passed an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 02000-68, which extends the building moratorium, by the addition of a categorical exemption for certain wireless communications facilities.

■ Authorized the City Manager to sign an interlocal agreement with King County for District Court Services.

Name the Newsletter Winner

As you can see, we have selected a name for our City newsletter. The newsletter committee (City Manager and selected staff) narrowed the field down to the four best. City Council members and staff were then asked to cast their vote for the one they felt best fit the tone of the publication. There was a clear majority for the winning submission; no recounts or appeals were necessary.

The winner is Peter May, who submitted the name CityNews@Sammamish. Because so many other entries contained the word "views," we took the liberty of tweaking Peter's submission a bit and settled on CityViews@Sammamish. Peter received a basket containing City merchandise: a mug filled with Hershey's hugs and kisses, t-shirt, cap, and ballpoint pen, as well as a can of Cougar Gold cheese!

Thanks to the 25 citizens who participated in the contest.



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