



Comprehensive Plan Primer

The City of Sammamish is currently in the process of developing its first Comprehensive Use Plan. This Plan will be the first to be prepared by the Sammamish community, for the Sammamish community, and ultimately approved and implemented in the Sammamish community. As such, it will establish the means by which the existing community character is preserved and enhanced and it will guide the nature, location, and growth rate for new development over the next 20 years.

As a part of this comprehensive planning process, three land use scenarios have been prepared to highlight alternative approaches to preserve and enhance community character and to guide future growth and development. These alternatives will be presented at a series of community meetings so that citizens may comment on them and suggest changes. This information will be incorporated in the alternatives. A detailed environmental analysis will be prepared to identify and assess the probable significant adverse effects that each alternative would have on the natural and man-built environment. By the end of the year 2002, a preferred alternative will be selected,

which may be one of the three alternatives, or may be a combination or hybrid that features the best of each alternative.

The following is a brief description highlighting the distinguishing characteristics of each alternative. In presenting these alternatives, the goal is to highlight a range of options or policy choices, not to prescribe or promote a specific development scenario, so that an informed choice may be made about the future of our community.

Current Zoning (No Action) Alternative

Under this alternative, zoning designations would, by and large, stay the same. The zoning on vacant and undeveloped land may accommodate at least 4,000 new households. Growth controls such as concurrency or metering permits may be used to manage the rate of growth and to ensure that there are adequate public facilities and infrastructure in place to support new development when it occurs.

Gateway or Corridor Alternative

Under this alternative, more intensive land uses would be directed toward the corridor along 228th Avenue between Pine Lake Center and Inglewood Village. This would include new community-scale commercial development and professional offices, a central park and civic center complex, institutional uses such as a hospital, a post office or private schools and mixed use residential developments featuring medium density multifamily units. The layout of new development in this corridor and the development standards to shape it, including specific design standards, landscaping standards and/or view protection standards would be developed through a subsequent subarea planning process. Land uses outside of this



THANKS Senator Rossi

A heartfelt thank you to our own Senator Dino Rossi for his efforts to obtain \$1.5 million for stormwater improvements for our community. Senator Rossi was able to successfully include this fund authorization in the biennial budget recently passed by the State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Locke. This money will be used to help fund stormwater improvements on the next phase of the City's 228th Avenue improvements between SE 8th Street and NE 12th Street and to fund a basin wide water quality and quantity study for the George Davis Creek drainage basin that flows from the Plateau into Lake Sammamish.

This drainage basin is experiencing substantial development pressure resulting in increased peak stream flows, stream bank erosion and water quality degradation. The Basin Study will provide the City with recommendations on how to correct this trend.

Thank you Senator, for the hard work you do for Sammamish and its residents!

Thanks also to our other legislators who include: Glenn Anderson, Cheryl Pflug, Laura Ruderman, Toby Nixon, and Bill Finkbeiner. They joined Senator Rossi in working to help restore a portion of our city's Sales Tax Equalization funds that were slated to be eliminated from the State's biennial budget.

corridor would feature lower density single family developments and as a result, vacant or undeveloped land zoned R-6, R-8, R-12, R-18, R-24 or commercial would be rezoned to R-4 (residential four units per acre).

Revisions to the zoning map and/or the City's development regulations will be necessary to further protect environmentally sensitive areas. This may include designation of additional parcels as R-1 (residential one unit per acre) after further scientific study to determine their

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As we move forward with our comprehensive planning document, we must provide our children with places for social interaction. We need to create an environment in which our children can explore their neighborhoods and their city, as they get older. Excluding them from social diversity—interaction with other children and adults in a variety of settings—can lead to serious consequences for our community. We must provide opportunities for them develop the social skills necessary to be successful in life and to claim ownership of their community.

We are in the middle of completing our Comprehensive Plan that is, by definition, a road map for our city for years to come. We must not develop this plan based solely on economic and limited land use options. Most Comprehensive Plans mistakenly focus on developing commercial and administrative centers that provide limited or no opportunities for children after school hours. Our children need us to provide them with dedicated infrastructure for their social growth.

The lack of pedestrian and family facilities has been the trademark of King County, which

governed our community too long without addressing this shortcoming. For example, there are no safe facilities for children to walk or bike to the library regardless of how close their home is. Consequently, children continue to depend on us to drive them to those places. We need to develop a city in which our children do not have to rely on parents to drive them to their sports events, to parks or to the common places where they socialize with the other kids and adults of our community. Our children should be able to walk or bike to those places in safety, without fear of being hit by a car.

Limited public facilities and lack of a safe way for our children to get to those limited facilities on their own can potentially be the biggest factor in isolating our kids from their community. We don't want them to be seduced into staying home by the appeal of television, electronic games and computers.

If we do not value our real city and provide appropriate resources and opportunities for our children, we automatically promote a "virtual city." We replace our children's direct genuine experiences with "life on the screen." Retreat of our children to a "virtual city" may subject them to an environment that lacks social diversity. It is only in a diverse social environment that children can develop the social skills required to engage in a variety of relationships. Even when we, as parents, give verbal instruction on how to behave with others in social situation, children cannot learn from observing, first hand, their parents and other adults unless exposed to gatherings that provide these social interaction opportunities.

Not providing appropriate activities for our children within our city can have major consequences. Children may fail to develop

social skills and competencies; they may fail to become interested in the infrastructure that makes up a city; and they may potentially fail to care about and be responsible for fellow human beings. Experts have pointed out that drug and alcohol use, aggressive behavior towards each other and towards other community members, are common adverse outcomes of excluding children from the life of cities.



We dare not allow this to happen in Sammamish; the risk is too high and we cannot calculate the loss. We need to design our city with the needs of our children in mind, just as we accept that the needs of the disabled must be considered as a design factor. Our Comprehensive Plan must consider the children in the life of our city, and expose them to the stimulation that its urban resources offer. Our dedicated Planning Advisory Board members are undertaking the major task of drafting our Comprehensive Plan. They need your help and that of your entire family to make this plan inclusive of our children. Please, take the time to let them know what the important things are for our children in the city.

Sammamish is our city. Together with your help, the City Council and the City Manager are committed to making our city a better place in which to live, work and learn... not only for our children, but for all of us.

Keep your taxes low...

We City of Sammamish there a large number of transient vendors that are based elsewhere but into the City to sell services and/or products. These range from housekeepers, yard maintenance's, lawn installers, appliance installers, carpet installers, etc. Please make sure the sales tax you are paying to your vendor is coming back to the City of Sammamish. To the extent vendors are remitting your sales tax dollars to other cities, you are subsidizing the taxpayers of Kirkland, Redmond, Issaquah, Bellevue, etc. If you are paying the tax, you as a Sammamish citizen should receive the benefit.

The rule of thumb on sales tax is that the tax should be reported where the sale takes place or the service is provided. For example, in the event a sale takes place in Bellevue, but the installation by the vendor takes place in Sammamish, Sammamish should receive the benefit of the tax. The City of Sammamish tax code is #1739. If you have questions, or suspect your vendor is not remitting sales tax using the City's location code, please contact the City's Finance Director, Lyman Howard at (425)836-7926 or via email at howard@ci.sammamish.wa.us.

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City approves County permit for trail along East Lake Sammamish

On April 12, 2002, the City of Sammamish approved the permit for the King County trail on the shore of Lake Sammamish. The permit, technically known as a Public Agency Utility Exception (PAUE), was approved with ten conditions that were developed to assure environmental impacts to sensitive areas from the construction and operation of the interim trail were adequately mitigated. The rail bed trail proposal requires more conditions of mitigation than King County offered. The City's decision proposes conditions to mitigate the impacts by "fish-friendly" stream crossings at five locations and wetland buffer plantings. The conditions include:

- Adopt King County's proposed mitigation for 4 wetlands
- Provide 50 foot buffers for 19 impacted wetlands
- Provide 25 foot buffers for 39 impacted wetlands
- Delineate wetlands buffer limits on each stream.
- Provide additional plantings at impacted areas of approximately 81,000 square feet to supplement or enhance existing buffers
- Remove invasive or noxious vegetation and replant with new vegetation
- Limit impervious coverage within wetland buffers to 115,000 square feet total.
- Provide 1:1 wetland replacement at stations 322.2 to 324.5 to an area of 5,000 square feet.
- Provide "fish-friendly" stream crossings at George Davis Creek, Zaccuse Creek, Ebright Creek, Creek 0143L, and Pine Lake Creek.
- Permit is valid for a period of 5 years



The permit is one of two others required before the interim trail is constructed. The other two permits, which are being processed by King County, are a shoreline management substantial development permit and a clearing and grading permit. King County will eventually forward these permits on to the City for disposition, under the terms of the Sammamish/King County Interlocal Agreement of 1999. Washington State Department of Fisheries approval is also required.

A public hearing on the application, attended by over 200 people, was held on January 30, 2002 at Beaver Lake Middle School in Sammamish. The 2.39 mile section of the 7.2 mile portion of former rail corridor located within Sammamish is governed by code section 21A.24.070 (A). It provides that if environmentally sensitive areas would prohibit a development proposal by a public agency, the public agency may apply for an exception to the sensitive areas provisions if: there is no practical alternative to the proposed development with less impact on the sensitive area, and the proposal minimizes the impact on the sensitive area.

In his findings and conclusions Community Development Director Ray Gilmore stated that, under the requirements of the city code, no practical alternative exists with less impact on the sensitive areas that could reasonably be considered. The City's decision is final unless an appeal is filed with the City Hearing Examiner within 14 days of the date of the decision.

The complete text of the decision is available on the City's website: www.ci.sammamish.wa.us.

Joint Committee Established

The Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District and the City of Sammamish recently announced the formation of a joint committee to promote intergovernmental cooperation. The announcement follows months of informal discussions between individual members of the governing bodies and was formalized after a meeting between two District Commissioners and three City Council members on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. The Joint Committee will be tasked with:

- Meeting on a periodic basis to identify potential opportunities to work together to save money and expand operational efficiency for both the ratepayers of the District and the taxpayers of the City.
- Identifying planning opportunities that will allow both local governments to work together for the benefit of the citizens of the Greater Sammamish Plateau.
- Jointly developing an Interlocal agreement to provide for cost saving opportunities and potential merger of the two bodies.

Sammamish Mayor Troy Romero said, "We are very pleased to be able to work with the District Commissioners. We think our cooperative working relationship will yield many benefits for the ratepayers and the taxpayers. We will continue to explore those benefits."

Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District Board Chair Steve Stevlingston added, "We are delighted to be able to work with the City. We are looking forward to establishing a strong relationship with the City to identify common areas of interest to work together for the benefits of our ratepayers."

For further details contact: Ron Little, General Manager, Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District at 425-392-6256; or Ben Yazici, City Manager, City of Sammamish at 425-836-7902.

Planning a City Trails System

Fil enthusiasts in Sammamish, we have some great news. The trail master-planning process will soon be underway!

Through the Park and Recreation Department's Recreation Survey, taken in 2000, it became evident Sammamish citizens love their trails. They love hiking and biking on them; they love to ride horses on them; they love to run and jog on them. When the Parks Commission was created, one of the first things it did was create a Trails Subcommittee. The subcommittee, while enthusiastic and supportive, eventually had to suspend its meetings, as there was only so much it could accomplish without a trails master plan in place.

In February, the City initiated a process to select a consultant to establish a comprehensive trails master plan for Sammamish. The selection committee consisted of staff members from the Parks and Recreation, Planning and Transportation divisions, and representatives from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Trails Subcommittee. Their efforts culminated in the selection of Otak, a Seattle multidisciplinary firm. Council approved the selection at its April 2 meeting, and a kick-off meeting will be scheduled soon.

From their response to Park and Recreation's first master-planning effort for Pine Lake Park, the citizens of Sammamish made it clear they are committed to being involved in the process by which this community develops. It should come as no surprise to those who participated in that park's master planning workshops, that the City is just as committed to providing extensive opportunities for public input throughout this Trails Master Plan effort. There will be public meetings and citizens will be kept up-to-date on the project's progress via newsletters, emails, and periodic updates on the city's website.

Anyone wishing to receive email updates on this project may contact Hope Gibson, Park Planner, at hgibson@ci.sammamish.wa.us. Simply send a blank email with "trails plan updates" in the subject line, and we will add you to our contact list.

Residents take a hands-on approach in refurbishing Pine Lake Park.



Summer Events 2002

Gmusic and outdoor fun come hand in hand here in the Pacific Northwest in the summer time. Here in Sammamish, over 2,000 gathered at Pine Lake Park for the first annual Sammamish Summer Nights in the Park performance series. Citizens of all ages gathered together to watch Shakespeare in the Park performances and listen to lively music, ranging from reggae to swing.

This summer the Parks and Recreation Department is proud to present the AT&T Broadband Outdoor Cinema, in addition to the 2002 Summer Nights in the Park series. Fun for the whole family, the largest free outdoor cinema on the West Coast will visit Pine Lake Park on August 9 and 10. Each evening will feature live musical entertainment and a full-length feature film, shown on a 20x40 inflatable screen.

These summer events offer citizens the opportunity to play and socialize with neighbors while being entertained by a mix of good old-fashioned rock 'n' roll bands and disco/funk/pop of 70s and 80s cover groups. Come spend a day swimming in the lake or picnicking by the playground and support local restaurants and organizations such as Sherms BarBQ, Pine Lake Pizza, and the local Kiwanis chapter. Be a part of a community event and watch as Pine Lake field transforms in to an outdoor amphitheater.

Summer Nights in the Park Concert Series 2002, 6:30-8:00pm

- July 11 Dance Factory (70s-80s Dance Music)
- July 18 MerKaBa (World Music)
- July 25 Little Bill and the Blue Notes (Blues)
- August 1 Beyond the Fringe (60s-70s Gourmet Rock)
- August 8 Sammamish Symphony

Wooden O Theatre Shakespeare, 6:30-8:00pm

- July 20th Two Gentlemen of Verona
- July 27th The Winters Tale

AT&T Broadband Outdoor Cinema, 7:00-10:00pm

- August 9 Family Music and Movie (to be announced)
- August 10 Family Music and Movie (to be announced)

All events will be held at Pine Lake Park, 228th Avenue SE at SE 24th Street. Due to limited parking availability, **carpooling is encouraged.**

Apply now to be on next year's SAMMAMISH YOUTH BOARD

Looking for a forum for youth to voice their concerns, the Council felt it was important to create a Youth Commission. With the help of a number of Eastlake and Skyline students in 2000, the first-ever Sammamish Youth Board was created and is nearing completion of its first year.

As the 2001-2002 school term comes to an end, over 25 local middle-school and high school students are completing their first year of service as Sammamish Youth Board members. The members shared their skills to develop the Board's organizational structure, design a logo and establish a website. Also, planning committees were formed to coordinate community events for youth and family while also giving back to the community. A teen concert for local youth by youth was held at Skyline high school in the fall. The board also partnered with Kiwanis in presenting a Holiday Celebration, consisting of photos with Santa, holiday caroling, and gingerbread house decorating.



SYB members pose for their own Police Trading Card.

Members recognized the interest and need for community service opportunities for youth and therefore organized opportunities to volunteer at local non-profit agencies. At Eastside Baby Corner, middle school youth sorted and organized donated clothes and toys. Also, local youth worked with Hopelink staff to arrange donated furniture and supplies for use in a newly opened child care center.

As the school term comes to an end, first year members look back with a sense of accomplishment and eagerness to progress into the future. Current members are beginning to recruit for the 2002-3 school year in local Sammamish middle schools and high schools. Those youth interested in representing the needs and concerns of Sammamish youth are encouraged to apply.

Applications will be available at City Hall and the schools' main offices beginning April 25 and due to City Hall by May 15. A selection committee consisting of Youth Board members and City Staff will evaluate and select qualified members to serve on the Board for the 2002-3 school term.



FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY HALL NUMBERS

General Reception & Information.....	898-0660
City Council Members	
• Jack Barry.....	837-0060
• Don Gerend.....	392-7531
• Ron Haworth.....	391-8321
• Kathleen Huckabay.....	392-4690
• Ken Kilroy.....	836-9352
• Michele Petitti.....	392-9208
• Troy Romero.....	450-5000
Administrative Services.....	836-7916
City Clerk.....	836-7904
City Manager.....	836-7902
Community Development.....	836-7919
Field & Picnic Shelter Reservations.....	836-7933
Financial Services.....	836-7917
Inspection Request (<i>don't leave voice message</i>).....	898-0660
Parks & Recreation.....	836-7907
Personnel.....	836-7916
Police Dispatch (<i>if storefront is closed</i>).....	206-296-3311
Police Storefront.....	836-5674
Public Works.....	836-7925

OTHER LOCAL (425) NUMBERS:

Electrical Permits.....	990-1400
Garbage Collection.....	814-9240
NE Water & Sewer.....	868-1144
Plateau Water & Sewer.....	392-6256
Puget Sound Energy.....	455-5120
Sammamish Library.....	836-8793

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www.ci.sammamish.wa.us

- City Councilmembers Contact Information
- City News and Special Events
- City Ordinances and Resolutions
- City Staff and email addresses
- Community Links
- Council Meeting Agendas & Minutes
- Department Information
- Employment Opportunities
- Map of City Limits & Zoning Map
- PAB Activities & Meetings
- Public Meeting Notices
- Traffic Updates



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 location and type of protection required. Revisions may also be necessary to the City's overlay requirements in order to better protect streams, wetlands, lakes, aquifer recharge areas, and steep slopes. Additional development regulations may also be required to insure that large parcels zoned R-1 do not attract large-scale developments in conflict with desired environmental protections.

Dispersed Development or Neighborhood Activity Centers Alternative

Under this alternative, more intensive land uses would be directed toward activity centers dispersed throughout the City. The activity centers would be either community-oriented such as the existing Inglewood Village or Pine Lake Center, or more neighborhood-oriented such as the one at the top of the hill on Lakemont Boulevard in Issaquah. Activities directed toward the community centers would include retail, professional services, professional offices, and mixed use multifamily residential developments. Neighborhood activity centers would feature public gathering places such as parks, schools and churches and could include convenience retail and higher density single family and duplex developments.

In addition to the two existing community centers, Inglewood Village and Pine Lake Center, a third community center would be established around a 30-acre City-owned parcel located on the northwest corner of 228th Avenue and SE 8th. This new center, however, would feature a central park and civic center complex including City Hall and recreational facilities but would not include commercial or multifamily development. While this would place the three community centers in the 228th Avenue corridor, some of the existing residential zoning in this corridor would be preserved to provide clear breaks or transition areas between centers.

In conjunction with community centers, it is anticipated approximately four neighborhood centers would be designated. The boundaries and character of these centers will be determined through a subsequent subarea planning process but would focus on the existing center on East Lake Sammamish Parkway, a site(s) within the 212th Avenue corridor around the Pine Lake Community

Center, along 244th Avenue near the unincorporated Urban Growth Area and in the vicinity of Trossachs, generally near Trossachs Boulevard north of Duthie Hill Road.

While new commercial and mixed use development would be targeted to the community and neighborhood activity centers, emphasis on the outlying areas would be on lower density single family development. As a result, vacant and undeveloped land in the outlying areas would be zoned R-4 and R-1 and new commercial and multi-family development would be redirected to the community and neighborhood centers as appropriate. In addition, the community activity centers would be a focal point for circulation and transit improvements. Neighborhood centers would be the focal point for public improvements such as parks and walking trails.

As in the Corridor Alternative, revisions to the zoning map and/or the City's development regulations may be necessary to further protect environmentally sensitive areas. This may include designation of additional parcels as R-1 (residential one unit per acre) in areas supported by scientific evidence. Revisions may also be necessary to the City's overlay requirements to protect streams, wetlands, lakes, aquifer recharge areas, and steep slopes. Additional development regulations may also be required to insure that large parcels zoned R-1 do not attract large-scale developments in conflict with desired environmental protections.

Surveying the City



As part of the City's effort to get as much community feedback as possible, a community survey will be conducted in association with the community meetings in May. Approximately 1,000 randomly selected households will receive a survey in the mail and will be asked to complete 20 Comprehensive Plan related questions. Questions topics will include:

- How to pay for needed infrastructure such as roads and storm water facilities;
- Affordable housing;
- Environmental protection;
- Land use alternatives;
- Transportation;
- Growth rates.

If you do not receive a survey by mail, you may participate by answering the survey questions at the City's website. Although, answers collected on the website will be tabulated separately, the results will be summarized and presented, along with the "statistically valid" mail-in results, to the PAB in a Community Survey Report. This report, along with a similar Community Meeting Summary Report, will be reviewed by the PAB to help arrive at a preferred land use alternative and to draft policies.

House About Sammamish?

Sammamish has developed as a community of distinct neighborhoods and the Comprehensive Plan will include numerous goals and policies regarding housing issues and the City's residential environment. As part of the upcoming community meetings, the PAB will present for discussion a number of draft policies addressing a variety of housing related issues. The topics covered by these policies will include:

- Neighborhood quality;
- Type, variety, and amount of housing;
- Housing affordability;
- Housing for persons with special needs;
- Regional housing needs;
- Implementation of housing regulations.

Policies will give specific guidance on important issues such as:

- The appropriate ratio of single-family and multi-family units in the community;
- Minimum and/or maximum density requirements;
- The allowance and configuration of Accessory Dwelling Units;
- Provision of density bonuses for affordable housing;
- Provision for group homes and other housing for persons with special needs;
- Efforts to meet countywide affordable housing targets.

The PAB needs your input on these and other housing related issues. Please come to the community meetings and share your thoughts.

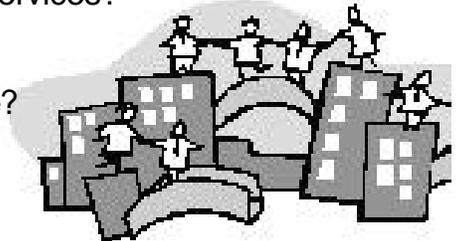
Here's your special invitation to attend one of three **UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS** and discuss the future of Sammamish

Over the past year and a half, the City's Planning Advisory Board has been busy drafting goals and policies for the City's first Comprehensive Plan. The Board now has draft goals and policies covering a number of topics including the environment, housing, transportation, and land use. As part of developing the land use policies, the Board has drafted three alternative land use scenarios and wants your thoughts on which, if any, are right for the future of Sammamish.

Along with the three possible land use alternatives, the PAB also wants to hear your thoughts on the draft environmental, housing, and transportation policies. Please join us at one of the three meeting times and places and share your ideas. Each of the community meetings is designed to cover the same topics and is scheduled to provide a variety of opportunities for attendance by the greatest number of citizens.

What do you think? Over the next 20 years, should we:

- Have more convenience, retail, commercial & professional services?
If so, what kind and where?
- Do more to protect our natural areas and remaining open space?
If so, how?
- Allow more residential density? If so, how much and where?
- Keep the traffic on 228th Avenue or improve other roads to handle more of the traffic? If we should improve other roads, which ones?



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SATURDAY, MAY 18

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Beaver Lake Middle School
25025 - 32nd Street**

2

MONDAY, MAY 20

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**Inglewood Jr. High School
24120 NE 8th**

3

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**Discovery Elementary School
2300 - 228th Avenue SE**

New Roundabout

Completion of the City's first roundabout earlier this year at the intersection of Inglewood Hill Road and 216th Avenue NE, both comments and traffic engineering evaluation indicate the new facility is a success.

To date, 62 % (18 of 29) of the public's comments regarding this intersection improvement are clearly supportive of this roundabout. Positive comments received include such items as:

- never been able to get through this intersection easier,
- it fits with the character of the residential neighborhood,
- it slows down the traffic on Inglewood Hill Road,
- it is quieter,
- like its charm,
- it is aesthetically pleasing,
- like being able to enter from 216th without having to stop,
- much less delay in the intersection now, etc.

Another 28% (8 of 29) of the comments are directed towards operational concerns with the roundabout, such as drivers entering the roundabout not yielding to traffic already in the roundabout, drivers leaving the roundabout not signaling their intent, etc. As drivers get more familiar with this roundabout, these type of concerns are diminishing. Only 10% (3 of 29) of the comments have opposed the roundabout.

Some feedback received indicates that drivers entering the roundabout on 216th Avenue from the south during the evening peak hour were experiencing undue delay. During the evening rush, this leg of the intersection, which has the least volume, is in direct conflict with eastbound Inglewood Hill Road traffic, which has the highest peak hour volume. It is the south leg of the intersection that would be expected to experience the most delay in the roundabout during the evening peak hour.

In response to this concern, the City and its project consultant performed four separate traffic operations field studies during the evening peak hour. From a traffic engineering standpoint, results of these studies are very encouraging and supportive of the decision to install a roundabout at this intersection rather than a standard traffic signal. The actual delay experienced during the evening peak hour is less than half of what was expected with the use of a roundabout, and one third of the time expected if a typical traffic signal was installed at this intersection instead of the roundabout. Even the longest delay at this intersection is likely to be at least half of what it would have been with a traffic signal.

All indications are that this unique intersection improvement is performing better than anticipated, is receiving acceptance by the community and will continue to be a wonderful addition to the City.

The roundabout located on Inglewood Hill Road at 216th (pictured on right) has received mostly positive feedback .

Annexation Anticipation

As reported in previous City newsletters, annexations are an important component of community development and municipal government. Unincorporated property within urban growth boundaries should logically annex to cities. This is addressed under the State's Growth Management Act which finds that "annexations shall only occur in areas designated as urban in local jurisdictions comprehensive plans." The most common method of annexations in Washington State (about 90%) was the petition method, in which owners of property in an area may petition to be annexed and, if the petitioners own at least 60% of the assessed valuation within an area, the annexation could be processed and approved.

Not any more. By a recent ruling of the State Supreme Court in March 2002, the petition method of annexation has been declared unconstitutional as benefiting a "special class" (i.e., property owners) of citizens. The Court found that excluding people who reside (but do not own property) within an area subject to annexation as depriving them of a fundamental right of governance. After all, when an annexation occurs, there is a change in government (from County to City) and citizens have the right to choose the form of local government they desire.

What does this mean? Annexations may continue, but only using the election method. How does this affect pending annexations? At present, only one is pending (Rainbow Ranch) and this annexation will have to proceed under the election method. Because the City must pay for the cost of placing an item on the ballot, the election method is the most expensive and complicated. The City Council will decide if pending annexations will proceed, or be combined with, larger area annexations (more cost effective). As Rainbow Ranch is adjacent to Klahanie, which has also expressed an interest in annexing to Sammamish, the probability of inclusion is very high.

Interested citizens should contact Ray Gilmore, Community Development Director, for more information and any updates as they occur. Ray can be reached by telephone at (425) 836-7903 or e-mail at rgilmore@ci.sammamish.wa.us



East Sammamish/ 244th Avenue Corridor Study

To provide better access to and from the eastern portion of our city, a consultant is being selected to study and identify alternative routes for this north/south transportation corridor. Consultant selection is anticipated by the end of April, with the study commencing in June. This study will include numerous public participation opportunities. Citizens will be asked to provide input on possible locations for this route, as well as in the route's final design and character.

Sanmamish Plateau Access Road (SPAR)

Slated to be complete in late 2003, this project will provide a new access from the Issaquah-Pine Lake Road/Issaquah Fall City Road intersection to the new Sunset Interchange at I-90. This will be done in three segments:

- the North SPAR, for which King County has awarded a construction contract and for which construction has now started;
- the new I-90 Sunset Interchange, under construction for about a year by WSDOT; and
- a central "one-way couplet" to be constructed by the developer of the Issaquah Highlands.

Sammamish staff raised questions about the previously proposed design of the couplet; most of these changes have now been addressed. However, additional review of the current design of this alternative is underway by City staff. The City's main concern is to make sure capacity and travel time commitments made in the Environmental Impact Statement for this corridor are met by the project's final design.

Park & Ride Facilities

A number of activities are going on in regard to park and ride facilities in the Sammamish and Issaquah area north of I-90. Sound Transit is about to begin a study to determine if it will fund and construct a park and ride in the City of Sammamish. Discussions are currently underway in a number of forums regarding expanding the 500-stall park and ride lot to be built by King County in the Issaquah Highlands to 1000 stalls. Park and ride sites will also be considered in selecting a site for a transit center, which Sound Transit is planning to construct somewhere in Issaquah.

228th Avenue Project 1B... SE 24th Street to SE 8th Street

Construction is complete except for some additional miscellaneous items. Signs will be installed to help educate the public that the 12-foot trail (sidewalk) on the east side of the street is a mixed-use bike and pedestrian facility. In response to much public input, every other "pedestrian" level street light along this stretch of road has been disconnected. This is to test the potential implementation of a Public Works staff recommendation to reduce the lighting level in this area and to reuse these street lights on the next phase of our 228th Avenue improvement between SE 8th and NE 12th Streets.

228th Avenue Project 1C... SE 8th Street to NE 12th Street

The second public open house for this project was held March 13 at Eastlake High School. Work continues on project design and right-of-way acquisition. The City is reviewing options for constructing this phase of the multi-year, 228th Avenue improvement project using either one or two construction contracts to be completed over one or two construction seasons. If the alternative to use two contracts is chosen, construction work is expected to begin early this summer. This schedule will be re-evaluated if the decision is made to combine all work into a single contract. Major factors being considered include the need to construct numerous large retaining walls and lack of a good detour and alternative travel routes around the project construction area.



Issaquah-Pine Lake Road.. 231st Lane SE to 234th Avenue SE

Initial studies indicate that a roundabout would be a better choice than a traffic signal at SE 32nd Way, the major intersection involved in this project. More detailed engineering work is needed before Council decides on the final design later this Spring. Construction is planned to start this summer with the goal of completing as much of this project as possible prior to the beginning of school in September 2002.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)

The NTMP is part of the City's commitment to the safety and livability of its neighborhoods. It is a joint effort among residents, the Public Works and Police Departments to reduce the impact of traffic in neighborhoods. The NTMP provides a process for identifying and addressing traffic concerns. The Public Works Department is currently receiving an average of 30 to 40 requests per month for investigation, evaluation and resolution of neighborhood traffic related issues. For more information about the City's NTMP, please contact the Public Works Department at (425) 836-7925.

NEC Invitational - a PGA Tournament ... coming soon!



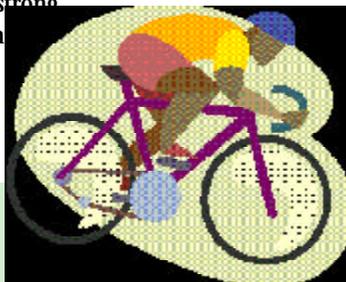
Following the successful Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tournament at the Sahalee Country Club in 1998, the PGA is returning to Sammamish with the World Golf Championship-NEC Invitational in August this year. This is an exciting time for the Sammamish Community, with players from around the world competing in the event.

As in 1998, concerns have been raised as to how the Greater Sammamish Community will fare under the pressure of over 20,000 daily visitors. Building on the successful mitigation efforts in 1998, the City of Sammamish, working with NEC staff, King County, the State, Redmond and Eastside Fire & Rescue has outlined a response plan for the event.

The first goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for the players, their families and the thousands of spectators for the event. The second goal is to maintain the quality of life for local residents. The mitigating actions to be taken for both goals are intertwined and co-dependent.

To mitigate possible impacts, city officials are:

- Participating in planning for vehicle parking – the use of Marymoor Park in Redmond has been confirmed for the bulk of the event parking. Other sites, such as Eastlake High School are also being considered for specialized parking needs.
- Investigating the temporary closure of one local street to provide for enhanced transit access and to improve pedestrian safety.
- Considering prohibiting parking on certain arterial streets to improve access and safety.
- Restricting parking in neighborhoods adjacent to Sahalee. Using “parking only by permit” areas with permits being issued only to residents is a strong possibility. This was used with the PGA Championship in 1998 and proved to be successful.



Police use “pedal patrol”

Spring has arrived! People are out enjoying the weather, working in their yards and bicycling. That includes the Police. One could call them fair weather riders, however, bicycles are an excellent Police tool.

Bicycles allow the officer to get out of the car and really *into* a neighborhood. This allows officers to interact with neighborhood residents much easier. It is great for visibility and, from a Police perspective, *it is quiet!* Riding the bike is a great way to get down alleys and through parking lots in apartment complexes and businesses. This is often where a lot of the property crimes occur—and the “bad guys” don’t see the bikes coming! At night “patrolling by pedal” is even more effective. There is little noise; officers can hear things from quite a distance, then approach in a stealthy manner to determine the cause.

The Sammamish Police Department currently has five bike certified officers and are hoping to get three others trained in the near future. Officers must attend a one-week course that includes skill tests, long distance riding, defensive tactics and firearms use. Firearms training is important for officers so that they understand their limitations. If an officer rides some distance to a call or has chased someone on the bike, a situation might then occur in which they have to use their weapon. Fatigue can dramatically affect an officer’s accuracy. It helps to reinforce the point that officers must remain fit and train on their own to prevent any mistakes.

Another important job while riding the bikes is to help children understand bike safety and the rules of the road. We encourage parents and kids to stop an officer on “pedal patrol” and say “Hi” and ask questions about how to be a safe biker. Enjoy your Spring and stay safe!

Neighborhood Connections Program

Nelected Home Owner Association presidents or representatives are invited to the “Neighborhood Connections” Program. Meetings are held quarterly at City Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Over 72 representatives have signed up to participate and regularly receive mailings (usually by e-mail) from City Departments and Sammamish Police to disseminate among their neighborhood associations.

The April 8 meeting included a presentation by Jeff Watling, Parks & Recreation Manager, on:

- Creating a Sammamish Parks System
- Sammamish Trails Master Plan
- Current Park Improvement Projects
- Summer Events 2002
- Name Your Future Parks Contest

Police Officer Paul Bates provided information on Sammamish Police Services and activities. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8 with a presentation on the upcoming NEC Invitational Golf Tournament.

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CITY HALL CALENDAR

MAY

Monday, May 6
Finance Committee, 12:00 pm

Tuesday, May 7
Public Works Committee, 5:30 pm
City Council Regular Mtg, 7:30 pm

Thursday, May 9
Planning Advisory Board, 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 16
PAB/Public Involvement
Subcommittee, 7:00 pm

Monday, May 20
Parks & Rec Commission, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 21
Community Dev. Committee, 5:30 pm
City Council Regular Mtg, 7:30 pm

Thursday, May 23
Planning Advisory Board, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 28
Sammamish Youth Board, 6:00 pm
City Council Study Session, 7:30 pm

Thursday, May 30
PAB/Transportation
Subcommittee, 7:00 pm

JUNE

Monday, June 3
Finance Committee, 12:00 pm

Tuesday, June 4
Public Works Committee, 5:30 pm
City Council Regular Mtg, 7:30 pm

Thursday, June 6
Planning Advisory Board, 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 13
Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 pm
(location to be determined)

Monday, June 17
Park & Rec. Commission, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, June 18
Community Dev. Committee, 5:30 pm
City Council Regular Mtg, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, June 25
City Council Study Session, 7:30 pm

Thursday, June 27
PAB/Transportation Subcommittee,
7:00 pm

JULY

Monday, July 1
Finance Committee, 12:00 pm

Tuesday, July 2
Public Works Committee, 5:30 pm
City Council Regular Mtg, 7:30 pm

Monday, July 8
Neighborhood Connections, 6:30 pm

Thursday, July 11
PAB/Public Involvement
Subcommittee, 7:00 pm

Monday, July 15
Park & Rec. Commission, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, July 16
Community Dev. Committee, 5:30 pm
City Council Regular Mtg, 7:30 pm

Thursday, July 16
Planning Advisory Board, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 23
Sammamish Youth Board, 6:00 pm
(Sammamish Library)
City Council Study Session, 7:30 pm

Thursday, July 25
PAB/Transportation Subcommittee,
7:00 pm

AUGUST

Monday, August 5
Finance Committee, 12:00 pm

Tuesday, August 6
Public Works Committee, 5:30 pm
Regular City Council Mtg, 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 8
Business Recycling Event
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Eastlake High School)
Planning Advisory Board, 7:00 pm

Monday, August 19
Parks & Rec. Commission, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 20
Community Dev. Committee, 5:30 pm
Regular City Council Mtg, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, August 27
City Council Study Session, 7:30 pm

Watch for information on
these upcoming, citywide

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Thursday, June 13
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 12
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 14
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

(locations to be determined)

Sammamish Recycles!



*Residents discuss composting with worms
at the City's March 16 recycling event.*

Not even snow could keep Sammamish residents from braving the elements to attend the Sammamish Spring Special Collection Event. Six hundred and twenty-two (622) carloads of recyclable material arrived and a total of 114 compost bins and 30 worm bins were sold.

The Alliance of American Veterans collected 8,500 pounds of reusable household goods. Material collected by the Alliance is then resold through Shop and Save retail outlets with the proceeds going to the VA grants program. The Recycle, Waste Reduction and Hazardous materials programs are paid for by grants from King County (2) and the State Department of Ecology. Coordination is provided through the City's Administrative Services Department and actual on-site collection work is done through a contract with specialized service providers.

Future recycling events include a recycling event August 8 at Eastlake High School from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for businesses and a Sammamish resident special recycling event next fall. Contact Laura Shaughnessy @ 425-836-7916 or [email at lshaughnessy@ci.sammamish.wa.us](mailto:lshaughnessy@ci.sammamish.wa.us)

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Council Meeting Highlights

FEBRUARY

Sammamish previously contracted with King County for jail services until the County increased its rates this year. An interlocal agreement with Yakima County to provide jail services was authorized. An agreement with the City of Renton to hold prisoners slated for transport to Yakima was approved. Agreements with these two cities will provide substantial cost savings.

The Land Use Moratorium was extended another six months, until August 2002. This allows the City to continue developing the comprehensive plan without permitting additional housing developments.

Council authorized an interlocal agreement with King County for a \$50,000 grant that will be used to improve City sports fields. A contract was authorized to make improvements to Bill Reams Park.

The first step in the Issaquah-Pine Lake Road improvement commenced as Council authorized a contract for the design of the new roadway. This may include a signal or another roundabout to control the intersection.

Funds were allocated for the completion of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The process includes a citywide survey as well as many public meetings. A contract was authorized to begin development of the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan.

A public hearing was held to obtain public comment regarding the proposed assessment roll for the Beaver Lake Management District. Comments were given and staff was directed to make changes to the roll to allow for contiguous lots to be assessed at one rate.

The Council entered into an interlocal agreement with Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kirkland, Mercer Island and Woodinville to become part of the E-Gov Alliance, which is striving to provide more government services to citizens via the web. Look for more information on this project in the coming months.

The City joined A Regional Coalition on Housing (ARCH), which is a non-profit group helping cities attain affordable housing requirements.

MARCH

Council affirmed the Beaver Lake Management District Assessment Rolls. If you live within the boundaries of the Beaver Lake Management District, expect to receive a bill from King County in April. Please do not send your remittance directly to the City.

Council accepted Rainbow Lake Ranch's Intent to Annex to the City. Due to a recent State Supreme Court decision, this process may take longer than originally expected.

The Council entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Lynnwood to begin using their Shared Small Works Roster to chose contractors from. This is a web-based program that allows for better access for both contractors and cities.

Council authorized the City to contract with King County to provide lifeguard services for Pine Lake Park for Summer 2002.

APRIL

The Council passed a resolution supporting the expansion of the proposed Issaquah Highlands Park and Ride lot from 500 stalls to 1000. The expansion of this lot will be beneficial to residents in both Sammamish and Issaquah.

A contract was approved to provide new aerial photographs of the City. This is a joint operation with the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District. The photos will be used to location the precise location of utilities as well as helping to identify steep slopes and other sensitive areas throughout the City.

Council approved the reimbursement of purchasing additional park property from the proceeds of the bond issuance.

Six new members were appointed the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill vacancies created by expired terms. The Council had many talented candidates to chose from, and after careful consideration, appointed the following local residents: Lynn Rehn, Thomas Schloetter, Patrick Andrew Schlight, Cornell Amaya, Robert C. Armstead, David W. Lee.

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