



Mayor Ken Kilroy

# MAYOR LEADS DELEGATION TO OLYMPIA

City officials gained solid support on two important community issues during a productive visit with state legislators recently.

Led by Mayor Ken Kilroy, the city delegation met at length with Senator Dino Rossi, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, on traffic congestion at the north end of the city.

Rossi told city officials, including Councilwoman Michele Petitti and City Manager Ben Yazici, that he would support funding for a flyover ramp and other improvements to the intersection of State Route 202 and State Route 520.

"We were very pleased with the support we received," Kilroy said. "Everybody seems to recognize that something needs to be done about this chokepoint along State Route 202."

City officials also met with Representatives Cheryl Pflug, Glenn Anderson, Toby Nixon and Senator Bill Finkbeiner during their two-day February visit.

All agreed to sign a letter to Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn requesting federal funding for improvements to the SR202 and SR520 interchange.

Several of the legislators also agreed to back a bill that would allow Sammamish to contract with other cities for court services. This change in the law is vital now that King County has announced it will stop providing 16 cities with court services effective Jan. 1, 2005.

"The new bill, if it's passed, will allow cities to band together and share a court – and all the related expenses," Kilroy said. "Our city, by itself, doesn't generate enough cases to justify the cost of a Sammamish-only court."

The end of court service announcement comes on the heels of a previous county decision to reorganize its array of judges. That change, also a cost-saving effort, would move Judge Mary Ann Ottinger out of her role as Sammamish's primary judge.

The impact of King County's budget-cutting measures have raised questions in Kilroy's mind.

"We pay \$7.6 million in taxes annually to King County," Kilroy said. "At some point, you need to ask what services we're receiving for that money."

# Big Turnout for Comp Plan Hearing

Sammamish residents showed up in force to comment on the city's first proposed comprehensive plan. A two-part public hearing at Discovery Elementary on Feb. 18 and March 18 drew a total of around 300 people.

"The turnout left us all smiling," said Director of Community Development Ray Gilmore. "It's great to see so many people engaged in the process."

The proposed comprehensive plan was produced by the Planning Advisory Board (PAB), a group of volunteer residents who put in thousands of hours of work over more than two years. Among other things, the 300 page document will provide guidance on growth, land use, transportation, housing and environmental issues.

After considering public comments, reviewing the document and making any necessary adjustments, the City Council is expected to adopt the plan in May.

At the public hearing, resident comments focused on two primary concerns.

The first was the proposed expansion of East Lake Sammamish Parkway between Inglewood Hill Road and State Route 202. The draft version of the comp plan recommends expanding the roadway's curb-to-curb width to 50 feet. Among other things, opponents of the change said the expansion would affect the environment, increase noise and cost too much for too little benefit.

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# Apply Before It's Too Late!

## *Candidates Sought for Planning Commission*

If you would like to become a member of the city's first Planning Commission, you are strongly encouraged to submit a letter of interest by the close of business on April 6, 2003.

In this vital role, you will provide recommendations to the City Council on land use, planning and development issues. You will also review the city's comprehensive plan on a periodic basis and advise the City Council on potential amendments.

In the course of this work, planning commissioners may also hold public hearings, create liaisons with regional planning agencies and pursue other tasks as directed by the City Council.

The Planning Commission will consist of seven members. Initially, four of the new members will serve four-year

terms. The three other members will serve two-year terms. Term lengths will be determined by lottery.

The selection process will begin with each council member nominating one candidate. All candidates will require ratification by the full council. Appointments are scheduled for the first week in May.

If you're interested, please submit a letter of interest, a brief resume, and a completed questionnaire to City Clerk Melonie Anderson no later than the close of business April 6. Materials can be submitted in person at City Hall, 486 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, or via e-mail to [manderson@ci.sammamish.wa.us](mailto:manderson@ci.sammamish.wa.us). The questionnaire is available at City Hall and on the city's website: [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us). For further information, please call 425-836-7904.

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## Trail Hearing Underway

As this newsletter went to press, King County attorneys were scheduled to submit 136 exhibits and present 26 witnesses in their appeal of the city's environmental requirements for the East Lake Sammamish Trail.

The county claims the city attached excessive stream and wetland protective conditions to a trail permit it granted the county in April 2002.

The hearing, slated to begin March 25, features an appeal by a group of trailside homeowners as well. They were scheduled to submit 124 exhibits and present 14 witnesses. Among other things, homeowners claim the protective measures required by the city are insufficient.

"We're in the middle," said City Manager Ben Yazici. "One set of lawyers says we didn't ask for enough. The other set says we asked for way too much."

After listening to arguments that could run the better part of two weeks, Hearing Examiner John Galt is expected to issue his decision sometime in April.

The county's proposed 11-mile recreational trail along the eastern shore of Lake Sammamish stretches from Redmond to Issaquah. Seven miles of the trail fall inside Sammamish city limits. The trail path, along an old Burlington Northern rail bed, will route hikers and bikers past approximately 350 homes, the vast majority of them in Sammamish.

Although the city and the homeowners both offered to enter into mediation with an impartial third party, the county decided to proceed with litigation. In a letter to Yazici, King County Executive Ron Sims wrote that the hearing examiner process would be the best way to "dispose of all appeal issues."

But Yazici thinks the hearing examiner's decision will simply lead to more appeals. "I think we could get a trail built more quickly if all parties sat down at a table with a professional mediator," Yazici said.



City Manager Ben Yazici

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**Q: Since the last city newsletter came out in February, what have you been hearing about from the residents of Sammamish?**

**A:** As you might expect, I always get a lot of feedback.

On a positive note, I think people are pleased that our city finances are in such great shape and our community's first comp plan is now before the city council.

In the concern department, I've received feedback on the city's plan for a Little League field at Ebright Creek Park, and the Planning Advisory Board's recommendation for the East Lake Sammamish Parkway.

**Q: Tell us first about the ball field at Ebright Creek Park.**

**A:** Based on community-wide surveys, public meetings and countless conversations with residents, our City Council has decided to include a combination baseball/soccer field for kids as one part of this new 12-acre park.

The community has made it clear it wants more recreational opportunities for children. Parents don't want to have to drive their kids out of town to play ball.

**Q: Who has expressed concern?**

**A:** A few of the nearby homeowners and a group of community activists came to my office recently and said the ball field would damage Ebright Creek and create too much noise and traffic.

When I asked them what the city could do to address their concerns, they said the only solution was to eliminate the ball field from the park plan.

**Q: Will the field damage Ebright Creek?**

**A:** No. It's unfortunate some people have circulated erroneous information that we're going to cut trees down next to the creek. That's not true.

The nearest affected tree is 140 feet from the creek. Most of the affected trees are 200 to 400 feet from the creek. Tree shade changes will have no impact on water temperatures for the salmon.

Plus, we're planting at least two new trees for every one that comes down.

**Q: What about other environmental issues?**

**A:** Our plan for water runoff, and all other aspects of the park, will meet or exceed every applicable standard called for by environmental regulations.

Our ecological consultants, engineers, park commissioners and park staff are developing a meticulous plan.

**Q: And the traffic and noise?**

**A:** We're building a park, naturally, with the hope people will use it. There will be some additional traffic, and some parents cheering for their kids.

But this is a small ball field that will close at dusk. No lights, no night games – just families arriving during the day so their kids can use a single field.

**Q: How do you expect the activists to respond?**

**A:** During their visit with me at City Hall, they said they would block the ball field with their attorneys if we try to build it.

**Q: Will attorneys have to battle this out?**

**A:** I truly hope not. Taxpayers don't want their money spent on lawyers' fees.

**Q: Tell us about the East Lake Sammamish Parkway issue.**

**A:** The citizen volunteers on our Planning Advisory Board (PAB) have just completed the massive job of producing our city's first proposed comprehensive plan. The amount of time and work they put in over more than two years is mind-boggling.

But as with any broad plan, there are specific implications some people are going to object to. That was certainly

the case with the PAB's recommendation that the parkway be widened north of Inglewood Hill Road.

We had a lot of people at our two public hearings who said the widening recommendation was too ambitious, too expensive, and so on. The City Council listened carefully to those points and will keep them in mind as they proceed with their own review of the plan.

To me, the main issue is safety. We need to provide drivers with enough room to make left turns. Since incorporation in 1999, we've had 86 accidents along that section of the parkway.

**Q: There was a story in a local newspaper suggesting the PAB might have used the wrong traffic projections to develop its recommendation. What's the story there?**

**A:** The PAB made a good-faith recommendation based on the best traffic numbers they had available from a consultant.

Since then, other numbers have been given to the council. If the council concludes the alternative numbers are important, they still have plenty of time to make adjustments to the comp plan.

This is the way the process is supposed to work. I'm excited we had so many people at the comp plan hearings, and so many well-expressed perspectives.

**Q: As you look ahead over the course of this year, what do you see on the horizon?**

**A:** Well, our staff is pushing ahead steadily on many fronts, making progress on roads, parks, storm water drainage and many other important challenges.

But I think residents will draw special satisfaction from the completion of the final phase of the 228<sup>th</sup> project. When it wraps up later this year, probably in November, we'll have three miles of new road right through the heart of the city.

After years of frustration before incorporation, this boulevard will be a wonderful affirmation of our residents' decision to form a city.

## “Meet You at the Commons”

The day when residents from all over Sammamish can meet at a beautiful, well-designed, central gathering place is drawing closer.

With work proceeding briskly on master planning, the Sammamish Commons project could begin construction in early 2004.

“Sammamish Commons” is more than just a catchy title for a new, 30-acre park. The name really speaks to the essence of what city leaders envision for this public space.

Located in the physical center of the city, it has the potential to become the heart of the community – a place where generations of families will remember growing up, attending fun community events, and relaxing with their families.

Along with a new City Hall/police station building, the site will feature an amphitheater, a public plaza, park facilities and trails – and a beautiful view of the Seattle skyline and the Olympic Mountains.

The park is still in the planning stage. Based on a wealth of public input gathered during visioning workshops, conceptual plans will be presented to the City Council this spring. Once a preferred concept is identified, final design of the park will begin.

Keep an eye on this 30 acre site across from Skyline High School. The city is doing its best to shape this very special place so that, years from now, it will be hard to recall a time before you could say, “Meet you at the Commons!”



*Scheduled to be completed this fall, Ebright Creek Park, located at 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and SE 13<sup>th</sup> Place, will be the city’s first neighborhood park.*

*This park will provide a mix of active and passive recreational opportunities to meet the diverse interests of residents along the 212th corridor.*

## Other Park News

### *Ebright Creek Park*

Planning for this new park, at 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and SE 13<sup>th</sup> Place, is well underway. A preferred concept design featuring a mix of active and passive recreation uses was identified by the City Council and Parks Commission late last year.

In January, the City signed a contract with Wiscomb Landscape Architecture Services to continue to refine the design and create construction drawings for the project.

Staff members have been working with the entire design team, which includes ecologists and engineers, to address environmental and other community concerns.

The goal is to begin construction this summer so that by fall, after a long

dry spell, the residents of Sammamish can remember what it’s like to celebrate a brand new park.

### *Pine Lake Park Improvements Scheduled for Fall*

To accommodate summer use of Pine Lake Park, much needed improvements to the facility won’t begin until September.

Restrooms, parking, traffic circulation and the baseball/soccer field will all be upgraded. Additions include a new loop trail and a play area with swings. A sewer connection will also be installed.

After school starts in September, some temporary closures of the park will be likely.

Watch for announcement boards to be posted in the park this spring and summer. If you have any further questions about this project, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 836-7907.

## 2003 Summer Event Series

The Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with Bank of America, is proud to present the third consecutive season of "Summer Nights at the Park." This cultural performance series is scheduled to kickoff on Thursday, July 10 at 6:30 pm in Pine Lake Park.

Each Thursday evening will include a variety of music along with food and beverages available from local vendors. Our finale music performance falls on the city's incorporation date, August 28, marking Sammamish's fourth birthday. We invite you to join with family and friends to celebrate your young city.

The summer nights series will also feature Shakespeare. Wooden O will perform two plays: *Much Ado About Nothing* on July 19, and *Henry V* on July 26.

More contemporary drama will be provided by Comcast, formerly known as AT&T Broadband. They will bring their 30 x 50 inflatable screen for movies under the stars. Mark August 9 and 10 on your calendar and bring your neighbors for these outdoor movies.

As the summer approaches, we will have more information on specific per-



formers. If you have any questions, you can call 425-836-7933 or visit our website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us).

All events are free and open to the public. These are popular events so please plan to carpool if possible.

*Sammamish residents of all ages take advantage of a "Summer Nights at the Park" event last year. 2003 events are scheduled to begin July 10.*

## Skate Park Options Expected this Month

The best design options for the community's new skate park will be presented to the City Council in April.

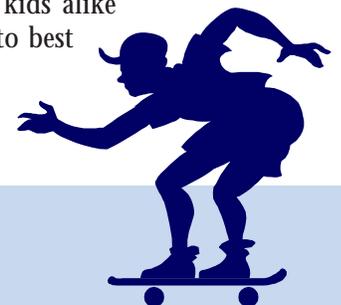
Members of the city staff are comparing and contrasting skate parks in Issaquah, Redmond, Renton and Bellevue to gain insight into what would make for the best possible Sammamish skate park.

The new facility will be constructed on city property just west of Skyline High School. A new City Hall/police station building and a park complex, to be known as Sammamish Commons, will also be built on the 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue site.

The history of skate parks in other cities indicates that the best results are achieved when the facilities are inte-

grated into a central location with a positive adult presence nearby.

In considering the options, the staff will also draw on information garnered from three public meeting held in 2001. In those sessions, parents and kids alike offered their thoughts on how to best design a skate park.



## We Take Identity Theft Seriously

One of the unintended consequences of technology in our 21st century is an increase in the crime of Identity Theft.

Like other parts of the country, Sammamish is seeing more identity theft. It often starts with the theft of mail, which allows criminals to obtain identifying information. It then moves on to the fraudulent use of that information for financial gain.

Your Sammamish Police Department is trying to be more proactive, helping you to protect yourself and, if you are victimized, providing you with resources to assist you in minimizing your loss and stress.

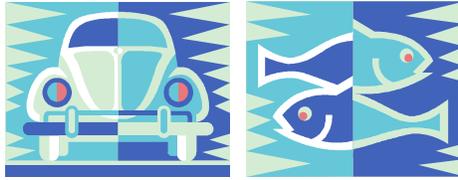
On February 12th, we hosted a city-wide Identity Theft Seminar at Skyline High School.

Robert Morgan, who recently retired as the Chief Postal Inspector for Seattle and the Northwest, spoke about identity theft in general and touched specifically on mail theft. Sammamish Detective Bill Albright also spoke, focusing on crime trends here in Sammamish.

Our Sammamish Highlands Key Bank also partnered with us, providing a corporate fraud investigator to discuss resources for victims. These included assistance from banks for customers and non-customers who've been victimized by identity theft, credit card theft, check fraud and the like.

On March 19th, we partnered with the same bank again on another identity theft seminar, this one aimed at helping the Sammamish business community.

If you would like to find out more about this problem, feel free to come to the Sammamish Police station at 482 228th Avenue NE. We have brochures and pamphlets from Key Bank, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Washington State Attorney General's Office – all on the subject of Identity Theft, and all free.



## Wash Your Car, NOT THE FISH!

Wash water contains dirt, road grime, oils and soaps that can harm fish and destroy water quality. Storm drains are meant to carry uncontaminated rainwater to the nearest natural body of water.

If you put oils, detergents or other stuff into the storm drain, it's just like dumping it into a stream, lake, wetland or Puget Sound. To prevent this:

- Don't let wash water run into storm drains. Wash your car on a gravel or grassy area.
- Use less soap and wash only the BODY of the car, not the engine.
- Conserve water; use a sprayer with an on/off trigger.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash.

## Spring Cleaning Ahead for You?

If your clean-up project generates paint, solvents, thinners, household chemicals or cleaning products, you need a way to safely dispose of them. Placing them in your household garbage is not safe.

Appropriate options include: taking them to the Factoria Transfer Station or using the Hazardous Wastemobile service when it visits the Sammamish area. Here are the details:

**Factoria Transfer Station:** King County's Solid Waste Division is offering a NEW service for drop-off of these wastes Thursday through Sunday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (holidays excepted).

**Hazardous Wastemobile:** the next visit to Sammamish is scheduled for July 2003.

Additional information on both options can be obtained by phoning 206-296-4692, or on-line at: [www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/wastemobile](http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/wastemobile).

*(This website includes driving directions.)*

## SUMMER Construction Projects:



Summertime, when rain and school traffic lighten, is the traditional season for substantial construction in most cities.

The summer of 2003 in Sammamish will see its share of projects:

- **228<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phase 1C** - This four-year-long project will go into its final phase this summer. Final paving will get underway in May and be completed before the end of the year.
- **Issaquah-Pine Lake Road** - This widening project between 231<sup>st</sup> Lane SE and 234<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE will include a roundabout at SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Way.
- **SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk** - The goal is to build a sidewalk on the north side of SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street that will stretch from 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Beaver Lake Park. The first segment is slated for this year, with the remainder scheduled for 2004 construction.
- **Street Overlays** - The city will continue its street repaving program this summer. Among other places, overlays are scheduled for 236<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NE 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street and SE Duthie Hill Road.

# CITY HALL CALENDAR

## APRIL

### Tuesday, April 1

- Public Works Committee, 5:30 pm  
*Sammamish City Hall*
- Community Dvmnt. Committee, 6:00 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

### Monday, April 7

- Neighborhood Connections, 6:00 pm  
*Fire Station #82*

### Tuesday, April 8

- Council Study Session (if necessary) 7:30 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

### Tuesday, April 15

- Finance Committee, 6:00 pm  
*Sammamish City Hall*
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

### Monday, April 21

- Park & Rec. Commission, 6:30 pm  
*Sammamish City Hall*

### Tuesday, April 22

- Public Safety Committee, 6:00 pm  
*Sammamish City Hall*
- Sammamish Youth Board, 6:00 pm  
*Sammamish Public Library*
- City Council Study Session, 7:30 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

## MAY

### Tuesday, May 6

- Public Works Committee, 5:30 pm  
*Sammamish City Hall*
- Community Dvmnt. Committee, 6:00 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

### Tuesday, May 13

- Council Study Session (if necessary) 7:30 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

### Monday, May 19

- Park & Rec. Commission, 6:30 pm  
*Sammamish City Hall*

### Tuesday, May 20

- Finance Committee, 6:00 pm  
*Sammamish City Hall*
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

### Monday, May 26

- Holiday - City Hall Closed

### Tuesday, May 27

- Sammamish Youth Board, 6:00 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*
- City Council Study Session, 7:30 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

*Sammamish City Hall, 486 228th Ave. NE  
Sammamish Library, 825 228th Ave. NE  
Sammamish Plateau W&S, 1510 228th Ave. SE  
Fire Station 82, 1851 228th Ave. NE*

## JUNE

### Tuesday, June 3

- Public Works Committee, 5:30 pm  
*Sammamish City Hall*
- Community Dvmnt. Committee, 6:00 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

### Tuesday, June 10

- Council Study Session (if necessary) 7:30 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

### Monday, June 16

- Park & Rec. Commission, 6:30 pm  
*Sammamish City Hall*

### Tuesday, June 17

- Finance Committee, 6:00 pm  
*Sammamish City Hall*
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

### Tuesday, June 24

- Sammamish Youth Board, 6:00 pm  
*Sammamish Public Library*
- City Council Study Session, 7:30 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

## COMP PLAN

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The other major theme that emerged during public comment was a desire on the part of some residents for increased density along the 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor. Several expressed interest in developing commercial and retail ventures along 228<sup>th</sup> that the draft comprehensive plan prohibits.

Both the Draft Comprehensive Plan and the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) are available for viewing at City Hall, 486 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, and the Sammamish Public Library, 825 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. They can also be viewed on the city's website:

Copies of the comp plan and DSEIS are on sale at City Hall for \$30 and \$24 respectively. Copies of both are available at City Hall on a single CD for a total of only \$10.

If you would like more information on the comprehensive plan process, please call 425-836-7938 or visit the city's website, [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us).

## PHOTO CONTEST!



Help! Sammamish needs your artistic talent to spruce up the city website. Please send us your best photos so we can share the beauty of Sammamish with everyone!

As a small inducement, the city will award a cash prize of \$300 for first place, \$200 for second and \$100 for third. Winners may be selected on the basis of an individual picture or on the overall quality of several pictures. No more than five photos may be submitted by a single contestant.

All photos must be submitted by the end of business on May 1. Pictures may be dropped

off at City Hall, 486 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE; digital photos can be e-mailed to [photocontest@ci.sammamish.wa.us](mailto:photocontest@ci.sammamish.wa.us).

Any and all submitted photos, whether they're prizewinners or not, will become city property and may appear on our website or in city publications. No pictures will be returned.

City employees and their family members are not eligible to enter. For more information, please call 425-836-7902.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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*Deputy Mayor*



Jack Barry  
*Councilmember*



Don Gerend  
*Councilmember*



Kathleen Huckabay  
*Councilmember*



Michele Petitti  
*Councilmember*



Troy Romero  
*Councilmember*

### FEBRUARY

■ Council voted to extend the moratorium on the filing of development permits and approvals until August 2003. This will allow for final completion and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. The moratorium prohibits the filing of most development permits and approvals within Sammamish.

■ Honorable Judge Mary Ann Ottinger was appointed by ordinance to be the city's municipal judge. She has served the city in this capacity since incorporation. The city would like her to continue despite the fact that King County has transferred Judge Ottinger to the Northeast District.

■ A contract was authorized for the restoration of Pine Lake Park. The primary goal for the restoration is to find the balance between preserving the natural character of this lakefront park while increasing and improving the recreational opportunities within the site. Phase 1 will consist of a number of improvements throughout the park intended to make the park a safer, and more usable place.

Major components of Phase 1 are the development of a new multiuse sports field and a formalized parking lot located at the existing tennis courts. The parking improvements will keep the parked vehicles away from the lake and thus create a more pedestrian-friendly waterfront zone.

■ A contract was authorized to being design work on improvements to the Issaquah Pine Lake Road in connection with a proposed Park and Ride facility planned by Sound Transit.

■ The city has contracted with TrueGreen Lawncare to provide landscapes services in the parks this summer. They will be providing services in the lesser-used parks, while the city maintenance staff will continue to provide landscaping services in the other parks.

■ The first of two public hearings was held at Discovery Elementary School on February 18 to take comment on the Planning Advisory Board's proposed comprehensive plan and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. The second hearing was held on March 18. Around 300 people attended the two sessions.

■ Council established a seven member Planning Commission. Community volunteers will staff this commission. Terms will be for four or two years. Contact City Hall if you are interested in serving on this commission.

### MARCH

■ Council authorized the purchase of some basic heavy equipment necessary for the development of the Public Works Operations Business Plan. This equipment will allow the city to perform more of the street maintenance and have less reliance on King County to perform these tasks.

All equipment was purchased off the State Purchasing Contract and most run on diesel fuel.

■ Council authorized the approval of a contract for architectural services for the design of the new City Hall. The current proposal is to design a 40,000 ft. building with one floor of underground parking and one lot above ground.

■ The Council will consider ordinances that change current boating policies on Pine Lake, changes in DUI laws, and changes to the fines imposed for parking in fire lanes.



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