



# City pushes for trail mediation as venue battle looms

In April, the hearing on the East Lake Sammamish Trail ended with a ruling that King County should consider an alternative path proposed by traiside homeowners.

Hearing Examiner John Galt ruled that the East Lake Sammamish Community Association (ELSCA) route was both practical and more environmentally friendly than the county route.



The county has appealed Galt's decision to King County Superior Court. But

ELSCA, differing with Galt's environmental mitigation rulings, is appealing the decision to Snohomish County Superior Court.

Legal arguments over the proper venue will begin in Snohomish on June 13, and are scheduled to continue in King County on July 11. Once the venue is chosen, it's expected the appeals will be heard later this year, perhaps in October or November.

The county wants the trail to follow an old Burlington Northern rail bed along the eastern shore of Lake Sammamish. ELSCA has proposed an alternative route that would take the trail off the rail bed in some sections. Galt's

ruling effectively threw out a city-issued permit that allowed the county to build the trail exclusively on the rail bed.

City Manager Ben Yazici has continued to encourage informal discussion between the homeowners and county officials, hoping to bring about mediation with the help of a neutral third party.

"I firmly believe a professional mediator could bring the county and the homeowners to a mutually agreeable solution," Yazici said. "I think both sides could bring some flexibility to the table under those circumstances."

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# Council considers parkway plan revision

The city's proposed comprehensive plan calls for the widening of East Lake Sammamish Parkway between Inglewood Hill Road and the northern city limits.

The proposed widening would allow the road to accommodate three lanes in the short term, and, if needed, four lanes in the long term.

But at a May 13 study session, the City Council discussed limiting the changes to a maximum of three lanes. The potential adjustment to the comprehensive plan is based on the thought that three lanes may provide an adequate level of service over a 20-year planning horizon.

The council discussion followed spirited public comment on the issue at two comp plan hearings on Feb. 18 and March 18.

Other aspects of the proposed comprehensive plan will be reviewed at several additional council study sessions. The next such session is scheduled for June 10.

The draft comprehensive plan was produced by the Planning Advisory Board, a group of volunteer residents who put in thousands of hours of work over more than two years.

Before adoption, expected later this year, the City Council will hold one last public hearing on the thick planning document.

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Mayor Ken Kilroy

Although it may not be readily apparent to visitors passing through our peaceful, suburban community, one of the great features of life in Sammamish is the civic zeal of its people.

Our community is engaged and active. We see it in volunteer organizations, neighborhood associations, city commissions and, of course, during our policy disagreements.

Whatever your point of view on transportation, development, parks or any other issue, the people of Sammamish will keep you sharp. In this town, venture forward with sloppy thinking at your own risk.

And that's the way it should be.

As Mayor, I would like to thank all of you for participating in the creation of our city's future. Residents who serve on our park commission, planning advisory board and many other civic entities deserve special gratitude. They back up their point of view with many hours of hard work.

The planning advisory board (PAB) is one of the best examples. After two years of work and thousands of hours of determined effort, they have produced our first comprehensive plan.

This thick document, which the council is reviewing before adoption later this year, is a testament to the commitment of our "best and brightest." The 17 members and alternates on the PAB, drawn from all walks of life and blessed with a healthy diversity of perspective, have given us a great start.

But the comprehensive plan isn't set in stone. A volunteer planning commission, now being formed, will recommend updates to the comp plan on an annual basis. We on the council will rely on their good work to address the imperfections identified by our discerning community.

I look forward to the continuing contributions of our highly-motivated, well-educated population. Whether you make your presence felt on a city board, a neighborhood group, or simply limit yourself to public comments before the City Council, I thank you for being part of the action.

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Yazici has been asking for settlement talks between homeowners and county officials for almost two years.

"Litigation burns through time and money," Yazici said. "Why not try mediation so we can build this trail sooner rather than later?"

Seven miles of the proposed trail between Redmond and Issaquah fall inside Sammamish city limits. Some residents along the trail say the county's rail bed path is unsafe and overly intrusive in some areas.

Initially, the county plans to build an interim trail – a gravel surface appropriate for hikers and mountain bikes. If funding becomes available, a paved version of the trail will eventually be built.

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With City Manager Ben Yazici

**Q: We're heading into summer. How is the city doing?**

**A:** I think we're making terrific progress in many areas. Among other things, we're going to wrap up improvements to 228<sup>th</sup> this year, we're building and improving parks, and our comp plan is on its way to adoption.

I'm also very excited about the funding the legislature approved for the flyover ramp at SR 202 and SR 520. That should really help our traffic flow to the north.

**Q: The city went to Olympia to lobby hard for that flyover ramp. Why was that such a high priority?**

**A:** In the end, no matter how much we improve transportation inside Sammamish, we're still going to be heavily affected by regional bottlenecks.

This flyover ramp will allow Sammamish residents travelling west on SR 202 to drive directly onto SR 520 without having to fight the traffic lights at that Redmond intersection.

**Q: Is the city's influence in regional affairs starting to grow?**

**A:** Yes. Along with defining our borders, incorporation has also helped us to define our goals, interests and strategies.

That was certainly evident when city officials went to Olympia this year. We were very well received by Sen. Dino Rossi and numerous other legislators when we pushed for the flyover funding.

With 35,000 residents, we're not a small city. Over time, I think our council and staff will continue to build the city's profile in regional affairs.

**Q: What about building the city's sense of community. How is that going?**

**A:** I would invite everyone to come out this summer to our concert and entertainment series at Pine Lake Park and make their own assessment.

The concerts were a big success last summer and I expect the community to gather even more enthusiastically this year.

And it's going to get better.

When we complete Sammamish Commons near the end of next year, we're going to have one of the finest community gathering places anywhere.

We'll have parks, paths, public plazas and a city hall/police station building all in one place. It's going to be a wonderful focal point for the community.

**Q: Speaking of community assets, when is the East Lake Sammamish Trail going to be built?**

**A:** As you know, that's a county project, so we're not in a position to make it happen.

But we've taken concrete steps to bring county officials and trailside homeowners into settlement talks. If they can work out a mutually agreeable alignment and settle other issues, the trail will become a reality.

That will be a very happy day.

## Business licenses now required

Like Redmond, Issaquah, Bellevue and Kirkland, the city of Sammamish now requires businesses to have a license. This applies both to entities located in Sammamish and to those who come from outside the city limits to do business in Sammamish.

The city is working in partnership with the Washington State Master License Service (MLS) to streamline the application process. MLS can be reached at [www.dol.wa.gov/mls/startbus.htm](http://www.dol.wa.gov/mls/startbus.htm) for more information.

Businesses may also apply for a license by filing a Master Application at Sammamish City Hall, 486 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E. That application can also be obtained online at: [www.dol.wa.gov/forms/700028.htm](http://www.dol.wa.gov/forms/700028.htm).

A primary benefit of the new requirement is the city's ability to make sure sales tax revenue generated in Sammamish returns to the city. The licenses will also aid the city in its efforts to support economic development and intelligently create zoning regulations.

The annual \$15 license fee is not a B&O tax on businesses; it is a registration fee.

More information on the city's business license requirement is available on the city's website:

[www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)

## Flyover flies Governor signs transportation bill

The traffic bottleneck at the north end of the city will widen a bit thanks to a \$102 million road project Governor Locke signed off on last month.

A flyover ramp that will allow westbound drivers on SR 202 to join westbound SR 520 without having to navigate traffic lights at that intersection is part of a larger project that will improve the Redmond intersection.

The big improvements north of town were included in the \$4.2 billion transportation package passed by the legislature this session.

City officials met with Sen. Dino Rossi and other legislators earlier this year in a successful effort to gain funding for the flyover ramp.



Ozzie Anderson gets a new "leash on life."

## Summer reminders

### *Keep the leash on!*

Our four-legged friends are welcome in city parks. But safety and respect for other park users requires that dogs be kept on a leash at all times in all areas of our parks. Also note that dogs are not allowed in the public swimming area at Pine Lake Park. One final note, remember to pick up your pet's poop. If you forget a baggie for the job, each of our parks has a doggie station, complete with baggies to assist you in the task!

### *Park Reservations*

If you want to have a group picnic or birthday party in one of our city parks, picnic shelters accommodating up to 100 people can be reserved on the city's website: [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us). To learn more about your city's park facilities, please call your recreation coordinator at 425-836-7933.

### *Lifeguards at Pine Lake*

Once again, the city will provide lifeguards at the Pine Lake Park swimming area. Beginning Saturday, June 21, lifeguards will be on duty at Pine Lake from noon to 7 p.m. That schedule will hold through Labor Day, September 1, 2003. Enjoy!

## Park project updates

### *Ebright Creek Park*

Although construction has not yet been approved, design and environmental analysis is progressing on the future 12-acre park. The environmental checklist required by SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) was submitted in May. The city also applied last month for a \$50,000 grant to help pay for creek restoration measures.

### *Pine Lake improvements*

Construction is scheduled to begin in the first week of September. Park closures will occur during the construction period. Improvements include a formalized parking area, a new multi-use sports field, new swings, a loop trail, and restroom enhancements.

### *Sammamish Commons*

Based on public input received last summer, two park concepts were developed for this ambitious project. The two concepts were reviewed earlier this month at an open house held at the site on June 7. Members of the Parks Commission,

parks staff and the consultant were on hand to discuss the concepts, get feedback and answer questions.

### *Trails, Bikeways & Paths Master Plan*

Public input meetings in different quadrants of the city were held May 21, 28 and 29. Eventually, a list of potential projects will be developed. Those priorities, however, won't take shape until a master plan is completed for the city's non-motorized transportation routes.



Sammamish Youth Board members have been instrumental in planning numerous youth-oriented events within the community.

## Sammamish Youth Board

As another school year comes to an end, the Sammamish Youth Board is wrapping up its second year of existence. Fueled by high hopes at the beginning of the school year, the youth board staged several events, coordinated community service projects and provided resident youth with a voice.

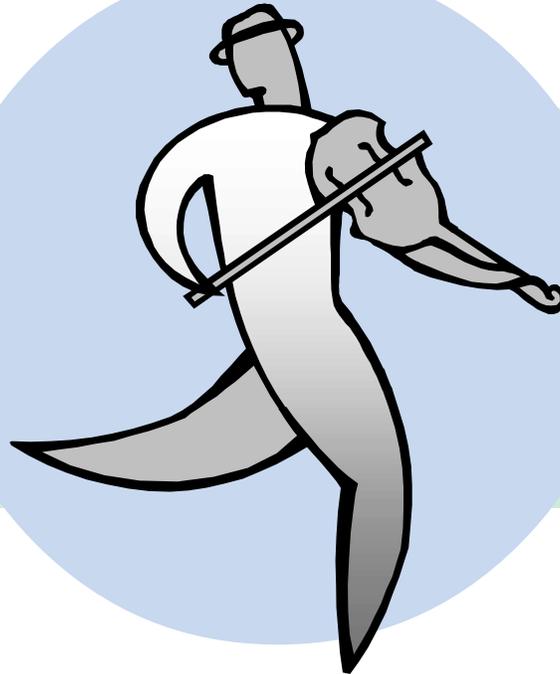
We salute our dedicated members and congratulate our graduating seniors: Ali Khaki, Sarah Kliff, Elizabeth Cochrane, Alexa Hambleton, Stephanie Sinclair, Shirley Hu, Jaleh Taheri, Will Voinot-Baron, Courtney Paine, Laura Knudsen, Danielle Bernard and Katie Nielsen. Good luck to you all in the fall.



Swim safely this summer at Pine Lake.

# SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE PARK

The city of Sammamish Parks and Recreation Department, along with Bank of America, is excited to bring you another summer of entertainment at Pine Lake Park. Already in its fourth year, this popular



series has quickly become a Sammamish tradition. With food vendors on site and plenty of picnic space, residents of all ages are encouraged to come and enjoy the following events on a warm summer evening:

## Summer Concert Series

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- ♫ July 10  
Kevin Juma (Rockin' Country)
- ♫ July 17  
The Casuals (Pop Dance Music)
- ♫ July 24  
Danny Godinez (Cuban Rock)
- ♫ July 31  
Guarnari Underground (world music)
- ♫ Aug. 14  
Timeless Soul (Motown Classics)
- ♫ Aug. 21  
Dr. Funk (Funk & Groove)
- ♫ Aug. 28  
Sammamish Symphony

## Wooden O Theatre Shakespeare

Saturdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- 🎭 July 19  
Much Ado About Nothing
- 🎭 July 26  
Henry V



## Comcast Outdoor Cinema

Friday/Saturday, music at 7:00 p.m.; movies at dusk

- 🎬 August 8  
The Dudley Manlove Quartet (Lounge Grooves)  
Movie TBA
- 🎬 August 9  
Left Hand Smoke (Jammin' Rock)  
Movie TBA



All events will be held at Pine Lake Park, 228th Avenue at SE 24th Street. Carpooling is encouraged; overflow parking is available at Discovery Elementary School.

## Natural yard care takes root in Sammamish

The city of Sammamish and King County teamed up this spring to bring the county's Natural Yard Care Neighborhoods program to the Pine Lake and Beaver Lake communities. The program shows homeowners how to use easy and inexpensive natural processes instead of hazardous chemical fertilizers and pesticides.



A series of three training sessions kicked off on March 13. The sessions filled Beaver Lake Lodge to standing-room-only capacity, breaking all attendance records for the county program.

"These neighbors were drawn by a growing awareness of the fragile plateau environment as well as concern for the health and safety of their families and pets," said Gail Twelves, a long time organic gardener who serves as the program coordinator in Sammamish.

"There has been a gradual shift away from using yard chemicals, but not always the knowledge needed to garden differently. This program teaches how easy it is once you get the basics of what makes healthy plants and soil."

The workshop series helped residents understand the environmental and health impacts of their yard care habits. First, they learned how using herbicides and pesticides kills all the good bugs and bacteria. That, in turn, prevents the soil from sustaining healthy plant life and leads to continuous "IV" chemical feeding.

Residents also learned about building healthy soils, smart water-

ing and the value of mulch mowing, which recycles vital moisture and nutrients back into the soil.

"Our participants were so enthusiastic over what they learned, that they've requested we start up



an organic gardening club to learn more, Twelves said. "And that's exactly what we're doing."

Residents who want more information on the program can reach Gail Twelves at 425-392-1312 or at [gtwelves@aol.com](mailto:gtwelves@aol.com).

## Roadwork Update

### 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue

The final phase of work on 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue was scheduled to begin May 27. Thomco Construction, recipient of a \$4.7 million contract from the city, is expected to start paving and lighting the roadway later this month. The final segment of improvements, which will mirror work done elsewhere on 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue, will extend from Southeast Eighth Street to Northeast 12<sup>th</sup> Place.

This phase of construction, which will also install sidewalks, planter strips and landscaped medians, is scheduled to finish up in early November. Improvements near Eastlake High School are scheduled for substantial completion by Sept. 1.

The project manager on this phase of improvements is Shahram Pourazari, P.E., the city's Senior Project Engineer.

### Roundabout/Issaquah-Pine Lake Road

Construction is scheduled to start in late June with completion anticipated in October. In addition to a roundabout at the intersection of Issaquah-Pine Lake Road and S.E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Way, other improvements will include new curbing, sidewalk and landscaping between 231<sup>st</sup> Lane S.E. and 234<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.E. The road will also be widened to include a turning lane.



### Road Overlay Work

The repaving of existing roads will begin on June 15 and run through August 15. Roads scheduled for work include:

- 236<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E. - From N.E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street to N.E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- N.E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street - From 216<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E. to 211<sup>th</sup> Way N.E.
- N.E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street - From 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E. to 213<sup>th</sup> Place N.E.
- N.E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street - From 213<sup>th</sup> Place N.E. to the end of the cul-de-sac.
- 211<sup>th</sup> Way N.E. - From N.E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to N.E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- S.E. Duthie Hill Road - From Beaver Lake Road to the city limits.

# CITY HALL CALENDAR

## 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.*

### Saturday, June 7

- Sammamish Commons Open House  
9:00 a.m. to Noon *lower portion of Sammamish Commons site, 22505 SE 4th Street*

### 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.*

## JULY

### Tuesday, July 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.*

### Friday, July 4 - HOLIDAY

Independence Day, City Hall Closed

### Monday, July 7

- Neighborhood Connections, 6:00 pm  
*Fire Station #82, 1815 228th Avenue NE*

### Tuesday, July 8

- Council Study Session (if necessary) 6:00 pm  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

### Tuesday, July 15

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

### Monday, July 21

- Parks & Recreation Commission  
*Sammamish City Hall*

### Tuesday, July 22

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

## Sparklers only on the Fourth

With Independence Day less than a month away, it's time for a reminder on the city's fireworks rules.

- ◆ Fireworks may be used only on the Fourth of July.
- ◆ The only fireworks allowed in Sammamish are stick sparklers, flitter sparklers, cone sparkling fountains and cylindrical sparkling fountains not more than ¾ inches in diameter.
- ◆ No other fireworks are allowed – not even those listed as “Safe-and-Sane.”
- ◆ The legal fireworks above may be sold in Sammamish only from noon on June 28 to 5 p.m. July 4.

### LOCATION ADDRESSES:

*Sammamish City Hall, 486 228th Ave. NE*  
*Sammamish Library, 825 228th Ave. NE*  
*Sammamish Plateau W&S, 1510 228th Ave. SE*  
*Fire Station 82, 1815 228th Ave. NE*

## ARTS SURVEY

The Sammamish Arts Task Force wants to know how to best incorporate art into our community. Your input would be much appreciated.

Please check what you would like to see more of in the City of Sammamish:

- Visual Art (exhibits, workshops, etc.)
- Performance Art (plays, musicals, etc.)
- Literary Art (book readings, poetry readings, essay/poetry contests, etc.)
- Musical Events (concerts, choral performances, etc.)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Rate the next two questions on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most preferred and 1 being the least.

Would you like to see the arts integrated into our community?

(least) (most)  
Circle one: 1 2 3 4 5

How important do you feel it is for the City of Sammamish to help preserve historical sites for community art events?

(least) (most)  
Circle one: 1 2 3 4 5

Would you support city funding for the arts in our community?

Yes  No

Yes, I would like to find out more information about arts related activities and the Sammamish Arts Task Force. (Please print clearly.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.  
Please mail your completed form to:

Tim Larson  
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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - MAY 2003



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In May the Council awarded nine grants for Human Services. The organizations receiving awards were:

- Eastside Legal Assistance
- Kindering Center
- Northwest Mentoring
- Eastside Adult Day Services
- Friends of Youth
- Youth Eastside Services
- Providence Marianwood
- Issaquah Schools Foundation and
- Athletes for Kids

Human Services Grants are awarded annually. To apply for 2004 please request an application by calling City Hall at (425) 836-7904. The deadline for submittal of the application has not been determined yet.

The Council also approved a contract to study the George Davis Creek Basin and they signed an agreement with Sound Transit for design of the extension of the Issaquah Pine Lake Road in conjunction with the building of a Park & Ride lot.

## Construction hours: How to report violations

Construction work in Sammamish is limited to the following hours:

- **MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
**7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**
- **SATURDAYS & HOLIDAYS**  
**9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- **SUNDAY**  
**No construction**



If you want to report a violation, please call City Hall at 425-898-0660. If you call outside of normal business hours, please leave a message.

The city will get in touch with the offending contractor during normal business hours.

A citizen action request can also be submitted on the city's website: [www.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.sammamish.wa.us). The appropriate form can be found under the "Contact Us" link.

Do not call 911 to report construction hour violations. If an urgent response is required, call the King County Police dispatch line at 206-296-3311.



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