

# Huckabay chosen as new Mayor

The newly constituted Sammamish City Council unanimously chose Kathleen Huckabay to serve as Mayor in 2004. At the same Jan. 6 meeting, council members also selected Don Gerend to the post of Deputy Mayor.

Huckabay and Gerend, members of the council since the city incorporated in 1999, will serve one-year terms in their new leadership roles. They take the place of former Mayor Ken Kilroy and former Deputy Mayor Ron Haworth, both of whom decided not to run for re-election to the council.

Huckabay, with a Master's degree in tax accounting, is a Certified Public Accountant and Financial Planner. Gerend, a former rocket scientist with Boeing, has a Ph.D. in Astronomy.

City Manager Ben Yazici says Huckabay will bring a lot of commitment and experience to the job.

"Kathy has always been a very hard-working council member," Yazici said. "She is very detail oriented, but never loses sight of the big picture."

The same holds true for Gerend, Yazici said.

"They're both committed to a collaborative approach," Yazici said. "2004 should be another productive year."



*New Mayor Kathleen Huckabay and new Deputy Mayor Don Gerend share some celebratory cake after their election*

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# Three new faces join City Council

Nancy Whitten and Mark Cross, both winners in the November elections, were sworn in as new City Council members on Jan. 6. Then, on Jan. 20, Lee Fellingge was sworn in as a council appointee, taking the place of Troy Romero, who resigned in November.

The three new faces join current members Kathleen Huckabay, Don Gerend, Jack Barry and Michele Petitti on the council. Petitti, who was elected to her second term during the November elections, was also sworn in at the Jan. 6 council meeting.

The three new spots on the council came open due to Romero's resignation, and the decision by two incumbents, Ken Kilroy and Ron Haworth, not to run for re-election.

The new members have already been given their committee assignments. Cross will serve on the Community Development, Public Works and Public Safety committees. Whitten will take her place on the Finance, Community Development and Parks committees. Fellingge is slated to join the Finance, Public Safety and Parks committees.

The council chose Fellingge for the appointed position from among six finalists for the job. The other five candidates were Robert Abbott, Jeffrey Griffin, Robert Keller, Lawrence Schack and Bob White. All six underwent public interviews at Skyline High School on Jan. 10.

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Mayor Kathleen Huckabay

I confess – I love snow. As the white blanket settles on our streets and yards, it transforms our community into a snow park filled with laughing children and parents sledding down hills, creating snowmen, and yes, building snow forts and having snowball fights.

At the same time, it afforded me the time for reflection and thought while observing the myriad birds in our yard. The last four years have just flown by. As one of the original council members elected in 1999, I can look back with pride in what we have accomplished. A small but excellent staff, strong boards and commissions, our own comprehensive plan, improved roads, and renovated parks.

That's a strong foundation for us to build on and we could not have accomplished

that without the hard work and experience of those original council members who have moved on – Ron Haworth, Troy Romero and Ken Kilroy. Their know-how, determination and, yes, their gruff good humor, will be missed.

As I look forward to the next two years, I'm looking ahead with great anticipation to the challenges and opportunities awaiting our young Sammamish. Fortunately, our community has provided us with three exciting, new additions to our council – Nancy Whitten, Mark Cross and Lee Felling. After seeing them in action for just a few days, I know they will continue to accelerate the progress our residents have come to expect.

The new council will continue to build on what we have accomplished and begin to focus on the longer-term goals of creating a strong sense of place and community. Some elements of that vision include creating ever-greater opportunities for civic engagement for our residents, expanding and protecting our park, trail and recreation resources, creating a com-

munity/civic center, protecting and enhancing our environment and playing a strong role in the region.

In the short term, the council will lay the groundwork to respond to your desire to live in an active northwest community - one that enables you to participate in all types of outdoor activities including organized sports, hiking, biking, jogging and the simple pleasures of just enjoying our environment. To that end, we have recently created a new sub-committee of the council that will focus on our parks, open space and natural resources.

2004 is going to be both productive and exciting. I feel privileged, during what promises to be a very special year, to have this opportunity to serve as your mayor.

## Two originals say goodbye

Mayor Ken Kilroy and Deputy Mayor Ron Haworth, a pair of original councilmembers who decided not to run for re-election, were given a warm farewell Dec. 16 by their peers on the council.



Departing Mayor Ken Kilroy accepts a farewell plaque from new Mayor Kathleen Huckabay

Both men received plaques and parting tributes as they took part in their last official council meeting. Kilroy and Haworth each served two terms, coming in to office with the first City Council in 1999.

In brief remarks, Kilroy thanked the community for letting him serve and encouraged the new council to continue the city's pattern of not raising taxes. In his farewell, Haworth encouraged the community to guard against rough political tactics during election season, suggesting that many good candidates don't run because they fear personal attacks.

"Both of these men have worked hard for their community and made big contributions," City Manager Ben Yazici said. "To name just one example, we wouldn't be benefiting from new, expanded police and fire services had it not been for their leadership and determination. We'll miss them."

Haworth's spot on the City Council will be taken by newly elected Nancy Whitten. Mark Cross, another first-time councilmember, will step in for Kilroy.



New Deputy Mayor Don Gerend (left) says goodbye to departing Deputy Mayor Ron Haworth on Dec. 16.



*Six candidates for a City Council appointment (right), take questions from Sammamish City Attorney Bruce Disend during a public interview at Skyline High School on Jan. 10.*



*Lee Felling, a former member of the city's Planning Advisory Board, was appointed to an open council seat on Jan. 13.*



*Mark Cross is sworn in by King County Municipal Judge Mary Ann Ottinger at a Jan. 6 council meeting held at Beaver Lake Lodge.*



*Nancy Whitten takes the oath Jan. 6.*



*Michele Petitti is sworn in for her second term on Jan. 6.*

## Neighborhood Connections

The city's quarterly meeting with homeowners' associations drew a big crowd on Jan. 5, with fifteen neighborhood representatives gathering in a conference room at Fire Station #82.

The residents came out to meet with city officials despite icy streets and a new wave of snow in the forecast.

Eastside Fire and Rescue Chief Lee Soptich led off the meeting with a discussion of roofing materials. Although many neighborhood associations require the use of wooden shingles, Soptich said the research shows that composite shingles and other materials are safer and more durable.

From a firefighter's point of view, Soptich said the less flammable alternatives to wooden shingles are far preferable. He offered to help interested neighborhood representatives to research the subject.

After hearing a briefing on crime from Sgt. Dan Pingrey, the representatives also heard from Operations and Maintenance Manager Glenn Akramoff about a new sidewalk initiative in the city.

The new "sidewalk improvement" program relies on residents to perform



*Eastside Fire and Rescue Chief Lee Soptich (in white shirt) talks to homeowners' association representatives during a Neighborhood Connections meeting on Jan. 5.*

a sidewalk survey in their neighborhood, identifying spots where repairs are needed. When residents do their own survey, it allows city crews to spend more time actually doing repairs, Akramoff said. The program's initial effort, in the Timberline

neighborhood, was proceeding very well, Akramoff said.

The next Neighborhood Connections meeting is set for April 5. Interested residents can call 836-7916 for more information.

## Deputy of the year

Officer Susan Sherwood of the Sammamish Police Department has received the 2003 "Deputy of the Year" award for the King County Sheriff's Office North Precinct.

Sammamish, which contracts for police services with King County, has benefited from Sherwood's service since February 2002.

In addition to her duties as a patrol officer, Sherwood teaches the Police Partners curriculum in all of the city's elemen-

tary schools, and is the founder and lead advisor for the Sammamish department's Police Explorer Post.

Prior to joining the Sammamish department, Sherwood received the highest award bestowed by the King County Sheriff's Office - the Valor Award.

Sherwood received her "Deputy of the Year" award at a Jan. 12 banquet. The North Precinct stretches east from Interstate 405 to the county line and north from Interstate 90 to the county line.



*Officer Susan Sherwood*

## Porous sidewalk reduces runoff

A new stretch of sidewalk along SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street made with a special blend of concrete should be more environmentally friendly than standard pavement.

The concrete, featuring a coarser surface and a multitude of small openings, prevents water from running off into roadside gutters.

The porous concrete is a “growing trend,” said Project Manager John Cowling. “It allows water to penetrate through the concrete into the underlying soils.”

In addition to reducing runoff, the water-absorbing concrete has the potential to reduce city expenditures on

detention ponds, underground vaults and other costly storm water facilities.

“The underlying soils are doing the water quality treatment for you,” Cowling said.

The porous sidewalks don’t work everywhere. Clay soils, for example, don’t absorb the water that comes through the sidewalk.

“You have to have the proper amount of infiltration,” Cowling said.

The 1,100 lineal feet of new sidewalk along the north side of SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street runs from 236<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE to 244<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, with some gaps where sections of side-



*New porous concrete sidewalk near the intersection of SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 239<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE.*

walk were already in place. The estimated project cost: \$320,000.

## Project Updates

### Sammamish Park and Ride

Sound Transit is in the final phase of design work. This project, at the southwest corner of 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and Issaquah-Pine Lake Road, is expected to begin construction in early 2005.

### 244<sup>th</sup> Avenue – SE 8<sup>th</sup> to NE 8<sup>th</sup>

The preliminary engineering and environmental documentation phase of this project will start shortly.

### Roundabout/Issaquah-Pine Lake Road

Construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Issaquah-Pine Lake Road and SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Way will begin construction this summer.

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

The final layer of asphalt, striping and other finishing touches are scheduled for April. The asphalt work requires a temperature of at least 50 degrees. The temperature must also be rising when the work is done.

Other remaining work, including lights and sidewalks, will finish this month.

## Road Warriors



City road crews drew praise from residents for their round-the-clock efforts during the New Year’s snow storm. (Back Row, left to right): Tom Tubbs, Ho Le, Kyle Endelman, Gordon Hanscom, Operations and Maintenance Manager Glenn Akramoff, Dalton Luizzo. (Kneeling): Mike Keller, Jeff Dickinson, Ben Cooper.

## “Fun” a priority for Arts Commission

As it launches its first project, the new Sammamish Arts Commission has decided to focus on entertainment.

According to Pamela Rembold, the Commission Chair, a juggler, two mimes, three typists and a typhoon will take center stage at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 18, at the Eastlake High School Performing Arts Center.

“I think it’s going to be very entertaining,” Rembold said. “I’m hoping we’ll have really good attendance.”

The performances will be offered by four Seattle-based, contemporary theater groups. **Typing Explosion** will provide spontaneous performance poetry, the **Seattle Mime Theater** will perform new works and old favorites, the movement theater of **Thomas Arthur** will offer lyrical juggling and **Poisonous Toy Theater** will deliver humorous fables.

It’s a lineup that should appeal to all age groups, Rembold said.

“All the acts are suitable for families,” Rembold said, “but they will also appeal to theater-savvy urbanites.”

The Arts Commission is funding the performances with a \$5,500 grant from the King County Cultural Development Authority. Now that Sammamish has an established Arts Commission, more such grants should become available in the future, Rembold said.



(Sitting) Carole McCallum, Karen Mathews, Daphne Robinson, Kathleen Redmer.  
(Standing) Kevin Hinkley, Joe McConnell, Pam Rembold.

“We hope these performances and other arts efforts will bring our community together and touch many people’s lives.”

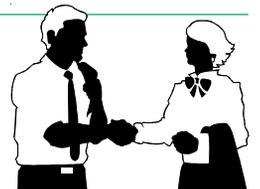
The Arts Commission, which was officially formed in August 2003, is developing a list of other potential programs. Although most of those ideas are in the formative stage, Rembold is excited about the future of art in Sammamish.

“Art can add so much to our daily life,” Rembold said. “It can help make Sammamish a more desirable place to live.”



Retiring Public Works Director John Cunningham and his replacement, Delora Kerber.

## Public Works Director retires



After three years with the city, Public Works Director John Cunningham retired Jan. 15. He has been replaced by Delora Kerber, who moved up from her role as City Engineer.

Cunningham, who spent much of his work life with the city of Olympia, came to Sammamish in February 2001.

“John exuded competence and integrity,” City Manager Ben Yazici said. “He is a genuinely great guy who was extremely popular with the entire city staff.”

“Fortunately, he was especially good at nurturing young talent. We know Delora is ready to go and will also do a great job for Sammamish residents.”

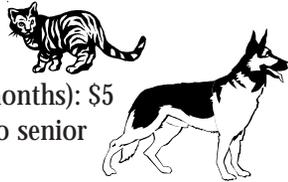
## Pet licenses online

If you would rather get a pet license “online” instead of “in line,” you are invited to participate in a trial run being conducted by King County.

The trial, which runs through April 16, is now underway. Those interested should simply go to [www.metrokc.gov/petlicensesonline](http://www.metrokc.gov/petlicensesonline) to purchase or renew pet licenses with a credit card. The program is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The City of Sammamish, which partners with King County for animal control and pet license services, wants to make it as easy as possible for residents to license their pets. All dogs and cats, two months or older, are required to be licensed. The cost:

- Spayed/neutered pet: \$20
- Unaltered pet: \$60
- Juvenile pet license (under 6 months): \$5
- Lifetime pet licenses offered to senior citizens: dog \$20, cat \$12



A small convenience fee for using Pet Licenses Online will also be charged to cover the transaction servicing costs.

If you have comments or questions, please call King County Pet Licensing at 206-296-2712 or send an email to [pets@metrokc.gov](mailto:pets@metrokc.gov).

## City TV channel 21 goes on the air



In one of its last official acts, last year's City Council cuts a ceremonial ribbon as the city's TV channel goes on for the first time on Dec. 16. From left to right, Ron Haworth, Don Gerend, Kathleen Huckabay, Jack Barry and Ken Kilroy.

## CITY HALL CALENDAR

### February

#### Thursday, February 12

- Planning Commission, 7 p.m.  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

#### Monday, February 16

Presidents Day - City Hall Closed

#### Wednesday, February 18

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.  
*Bellewood, 3710 Providence Point Drive SE*

#### Thursday, February 19

- Sammamish Youth Board, 6 p.m.  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

#### Monday, February 23

- Parks & Rec. Commission, 6:30 p.m.  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

#### Tuesday, February 24

- Finance Committee, 11:30 a.m.  
*Sammamish City Hall, 486 228th Ave. SE*
- Joint Sammamish/Issaquah City Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
*(Location to be announced)*

### March

#### Tuesday, March 2

- Community Dev. Committee, 6 p.m.  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*
- Regular City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

#### Tuesday, March 9

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

*Times and dates are subject to change. Please consult the city website for the most current information.*



*The Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District is located at 1510 228th Avenue NE.*

#### Tuesday, March 16

- Finance Committee, 11:30 a.m.
- Public Works Committee, 5:30 p.m.  
*Sammamish City Hall, 486 228th Ave NE*
- Regular City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

#### Wednesday, March 17

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.  
*Bellewood, 3710 Providence Point Drive SE*

#### Thursday, March 18

- Sammamish Youth Board, 6 p.m.  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

#### Monday, March 22

- Parks & Rec. Commission, 6:30 p.m.  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

#### Tuesday, March 23

- City Council study session, 7:30 p.m.  
*Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer Dist.*

# SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Kathleen Huckabay  
Mayor



Don Gerend  
Deputy Mayor



Jack Barry  
Councilmember



Michele Petitti  
Councilmember



Mark Cross  
Councilmember



Nancy Whitten  
Councilmember



Lee Felling  
Councilmember

## Council Committees

### Finance:

Don Gerend, Chair  
Nancy Whitten  
Lee Felling



### Legislative:

Kathleen Huckabay, Chair  
Don Gerend  
Michele Petitti



### Community Development:

Mark Cross, Chair  
Jack Barry  
Nancy Whitten



### Public Safety:

Lee Felling, Chair  
Kathleen Huckabay  
Mark Cross



### Public Works:

Michele Petitti, Chair  
Mark Cross  
Jack Barry



### Parks, Trails, and Natural Resources:

Nancy Whitten, Chair  
Michele Petitti  
Lee Felling



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Ray Gilmore..... Community Development Director  
Lyman Howard..... Financial Services Director  
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Tim Larson..... Communications Manager  
Bruce Disend..... City Attorney  
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