



## The Road to Good Transportation

When someone expresses concern about transportation, it is important to ask a follow-up question to understand what the actual issue is; lack of wide shoulders, sidewalks, trails, bike paths, public transportation (buses), park and ride lots, street lighting, pavement markings, signage and traffic signals, congestion (traffic moving too slow), neighborhood traffic problems (traffic moving too fast), safety, design and construction of projects, funding and finances, and planning.

Soon after incorporation, the City Council designated transportation as a high priority. The Sammamish area has been one of the most rapidly growing areas in the state over previous decades and the provision of transportation infrastructure and services has lagged far behind the population growth, creating a huge list of unmet needs. What has the City been doing about this transportation issue? A lot!

The City was successful in securing a \$10 million loan at .5% interest from the State Public Works Trust Fund and a \$1.5 million grant from the State's Congested Corridor Relief grant program to help fund the 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue project. Next year we will complete the last of a multi-stage project improving approximately three miles of 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Pine Lake Middle School to NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

The City was also successful in securing a \$816,000 grant from the State Transportation Improvement Board to construct improvements on Issaquah-Pine Lake Road next year, which includes a turn lane and sidewalks in front of Sunny Hills Elementary School and an intersection roundabout at SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Other transportation improvements the City has completed in its brief history include construction of a roundabout at 216<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE/Inglewood Hill Road, a installation of street lights at high priority safety locations, street overlays, various repairs, including major earthquake damage on East Lake Sammamish Parkway, and numerous street and neighborhood safety improvements, most of which involve signing and street markings.



The new metro express bus is well used by commuters.

The City successfully worked with Metro Transit to get a new express commuter bus service providing five morning and four evening buses directly to and from Sammamish.

However, many more transportation needs exist in the City. Identifying and prioritizing those needs and deciding exactly what, when, where and how to provide facilities and services to meet those needs all fall under the area of transportation planning.



Girls pose on the new play structure at Pine Lake Park.

## City Parks... taking it one bite at a time

Anyone who has ever built a home knows firsthand the mammoth amount of work involved before a spade of earth is ever turned. First, there's finding just the right plot on which to build—and which doesn't break your budget. And then you have to find the right architect, and work with them to design your dream home. At this point you're only dozens of "minor" revisions, scores of materials samples, hundreds of decisions and even more dollars away from the perfect home.

It's not really that much different for a city building a new park, except the dream has to accommodate not three or four people's dreams, but thousands. From the time a park is just a gleam in the community's eye to its groundbreaking, there are seemingly countless meetings to be held, compromises to be made, plans to be developed, and, yes, regulations to be met.

Right now, the City is undertaking master plans for two brand new parks and the redevelopment of an old favorite. While this flurry of activity is belied by the quiet, bucolic appearance of the new park sites, and the business-as-usual feel at Pine Lake Park,

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**S**ammamish incorporated in August of 1999 so that its citizens could make decisions regarding issues directly affecting them: uncontrolled development, lack of adequate road, parks and storm drainage infrastructure. We have accomplished much since our city's incorporation, but there is much more to do.

Some of our neighbors in unincorporated King County saw our accomplishments and asked to be a part of Sammamish. This request to start the annexation process was welcomed. However, both Issaquah's and Sammamish's comprehensive plans first needed to be amended to make those areas part of our Potential Annexation Area (PAA). This would allow all Klahanie and Rainbow Ranch residents to vote to determine if they want to annex to Sammamish.

Unfortunately, this decision-making process was denied because the City of Issaquah chose not to amend its PAA. Consequently, affected residents will not be

allowed to vote for or against annexation into Sammamish.

Should Klahanie be part of Sammamish? The Council and staff thought carefully about this before saying yes. We want to make sure that no annexation becomes a liability. Annexations should not lower current levels of services; they should complement existing services. Annexations should generate sufficient revenues to pay for needed services, and should be decided by the citizens of annexation areas.

Incidentally, this issue became law with the recent ruling of the Washington State Supreme Court. Cities can no longer annex by petition; residents of those areas must vote on it.

Within the above stated guidelines and principles, the City identified the following factors before saying yes to Klahanie and Rainbow Ranch residents.

Geographically, these communities are located on the plateau as is Sammamish. The majority of Klahanie's boundaries are directly adjacent to the City of Sammamish. Our kids go to the same schools, the same utility companies serve us, and we share the same transportation opportunities and challenges in regards to getting off and on the plateau. Sammamish can help solve Klahanie's local transportation problems.

We can provide better and less expensive public safety services to Klahanie than those of any other jurisdiction. We are certainly closer and a more effective local government than King County. The list goes on.

For these reasons, we believe the Klahanie and Rainbow Lake Ranch areas are a logical part of Sammamish and told the Board of Directors of both communities we would be happy to work with them to provide an opportunity for their residents to vote on the annexation. Currently, these residents are unable to vote regarding annexation to Sammamish because neither area is within our PAA.

The City of Issaquah indicated no interest in annexing these areas in the near future and told the City of Sammamish it would go through a public information process to remove these areas from its PAA.

If removed from Issaquah's PAA, the City of Sammamish would be able to include these areas in its own PAA. Unfortunately, the

Issaquah City Council was pressured by some Klahanie residents to keep them in Issaquah's PAA; Issaquah honored their request.



While we believe both cities can provide superior services to Klahanie and surrounding areas than those currently received through King County, we are confident Sammamish can provide the best service at a lower cost.

Our financial analysis indicates residents of these areas would pay lower taxes and receive better services from Sammamish. We are unclear if that would be the case with Issaquah; we have not heard from Issaquah on what services it would provide and at what cost.

We are proud of our City and the many accomplishments that have been realized over our short period of existence. We have truly enjoyed the benefits of incorporation by improving and expanding municipal services during the last three years. We welcome any of our neighbors to enjoy these same benefits.

Although the Sammamish City Council and staff remain open to further dialog regarding a potential annexation, the tone and style of some of the previous meetings and debates were disturbing.

There were many displays of angry and harsh emotions, name-calling, attempts to discredit other speakers, and political maneuvering during the entire process. I hope that future annexation discussions can be conducted in a more positive manner.

The next step, however, is up to these citizens. If unincorporated residents want more control over the future of their communities, they are encouraged to contact Issaquah City Council members and request an opportunity to continue the annexation process and ultimately vote on whether or not to become part of the City of Sammamish.

Whatever the outcome, the City of Sammamish is committed to remaining a good neighbor.

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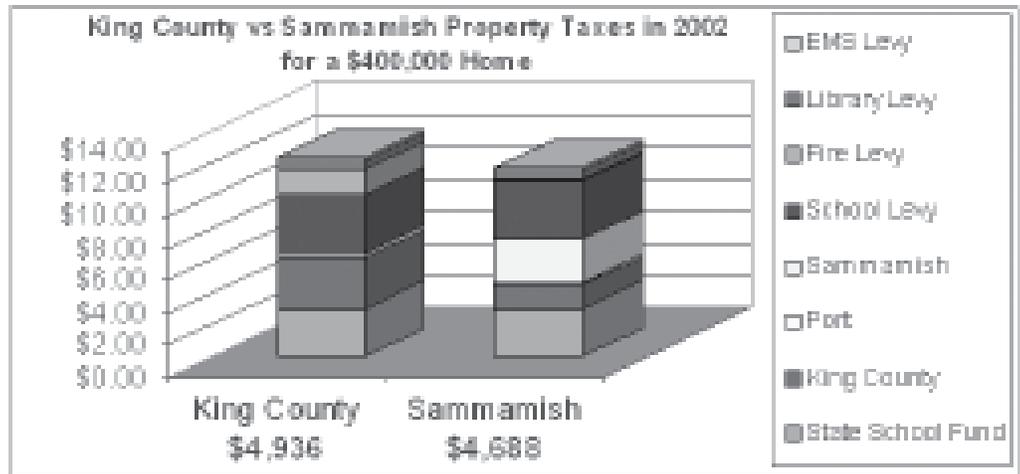
## SAMMAMISH GETS HIGH FISCAL MARKS!

The City of Sammamish issued its first councilmanic debt to pay for the acquisition and development of the property recently named *Sammamish Commons*. The \$4.06 million in bonds was very well received both by local and other investors - over 10% of the bonds were sold to Sammamish Citizens.

The bonds have an underlying rating of AA- as issued by Standard & Poors. According to Banc of America, this rating was the highest that any new city has achieved in Washington State. This puts the City's credit on par with the established cities of Kirkland, Redmond, and Bellevue and ahead of our neighbor Issaquah. The bonds were, in fact, guaranteed to achieve an issuance rating of AAA, the highest possible rating. Standard & Poor's cited several of the following factors as contributors to its confidence in the City:

- Condition of the City's Finances
- City's Fiscal Policies as set by the Council
- Quality of City Management
- Revenue Potential and Stability

Property Taxes are the largest source of revenue to the City's General Fund. It is a very stable source of revenue; other Cities do not have this benefit. Sales taxes, business taxes, utility taxes and other similar taxes tend to be much more volatile and subject to



general business conditions. Sales Tax contributes only 5% of Sammamish's General Fund. The City currently has no business taxes or utility taxes.

Since incorporating in 1999, citizens have been paying property taxes at a lower rate under local municipal control. The property taxes paid by Sammamish citizens are \$11.72 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The City's portion accounts for only \$2.60 of this. The other 78% goes to Washington State, King County, Port of Seattle, Emergency Medical Services, the two school districts, the library system, and in certain areas, the water district and hospital levy.

Residents in unincorporated King County just outside City of Sammamish are paying Property Taxes of \$12.34 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. For a \$400,000 home this equates to \$4,936. This is \$248 or 6% higher than the \$4,688 paid by the comparable Sammamish homeowner.

Other Cities, King County and the State of Washington are feeling the volatility related to other sources of revenue and related, severe shortfalls in revenue. The City of Sammamish has been and continues to be very careful with spending your tax dollars. Your priorities have been primarily roads, parks and other long neglected capital infrastructure needs. The programs other cities are cutting, we are slowly implementing according to our ability and priority to pay.



### *Good Transportation* (continued from page 1)

A major transportation planning activity currently underway is developing the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. This element of the Plan will provide a "big picture" blueprint of the various transportation systems the City will create over the next 20 years and the goals and policies governing how those systems should be developed and implemented to best fit with the character and vision of the community.

The public will have additional opportunities to review and comment on the Transportation Element. Starting this Fall and extending through the first part of next year, the entire Comprehensive Plan will go through an environmental review process and various public meetings and hearings leading up to anticipated adoption by the City Council.

Additionally, every year the City updates its Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The public is welcome to comment at any time during the year on projects they think should be in-or not be in-the TIP. The public can also formally testify on the Six-Year TIP at the annual City Council public hearing held in June to adopt the yearly TIP update.

Transportation planning also involves single, specific projects. Two of those in the active planning stages include the East Sammamish/244<sup>th</sup> Corridor and Sound Transit's study for constructing a park and ride facility in our city.

Much of the planning work undertaken by the City involves regional transportation issues and projects outside the City limits. This regional coordination effort is important to Sammamish residents for a number of reasons:

- The worst congestion points exist outside our borders and affect getting to and from Sammamish. It is important to work with

other jurisdictions to assure that projects and plans in those communities benefit our residents. A few examples of the types of projects City staff worked on include: the SPAR (Sammamish Plateau Access Road) road through the Issaquah Highlands, the new Sunset Interchange at I-90, plans for a third arterial crossing of I-90 in Issaquah, WSDOT's widening of SR-202 from Sahalee Way to East Lake Sammamish Parkway and improvements to the I-90/SR-900 east-bound exit ramps.

- In addition, most State and Federal transportation grant funds go to projects that have been coordinated with and given a high priority by various regional transportation agencies such as the Puget Sound Regional Council and the Eastside Transportation Partnership. The City works with these agencies—as well as directly with the grant agencies themselves—on an on-going basis to position City projects to compete favorably for these funds.

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that is going to change in the next few months. Once the master plans are complete and the construction documents for the first phases for these parks are drawn up, City staff will put the projects out for bid. Then, the guys and gals in hard hats will descend to put the vision in place.

**Pine Lake Park**

Pine Lake Park has been a favorite community gathering spot for decades, but during that time little at the park has changed. That is not entirely a good thing. The restroom building is showing its age, as are the picnic shelters. After a couple of rains, serious drainage issues makes the sport field virtually unusable.

A series of public workshops were held this past winter, seeking the community's input on a series of design alternatives for

the park's redevelopment. The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the feedback, and worked with the consultant to revise the Master Plan in ways that would best balance the goals and priorities expressed throughout the process. The resulting Master Plan preferred alternative was presented to the City Council. The Council, expressing a concern over the lack of active recreation facilities in Sammamish, instructed the consultant to prepare an additional alternative, showing an expanded ball field area, for further consideration.

The two alternatives were then submitted to Community Development staff for SEPA environmental review and findings are expected to be issued soon.

After selection of a final alternative, the consultant will proceed on construction documents, and Phase I will be put out for bid. It is hoped the first phase will be under construction sometime in 2003.

**Ebright Creek Park**

This spring, the City sought ideas for names for its new park properties through a contest. Several citizens suggested that the planned neighborhood park at 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and SE 13<sup>th</sup> Place be named for the creek that runs through it. "Ebright Creek Park" was accepted by Council, and now has the proud distinction of being the first new neighborhood park being planned by the City. A landscape architecture firm is designing the park and currently conducting the site inventory and analysis phase of the project. Next, they will work with the Parks Commission to develop design alternatives. The City will seek community input on the alternatives through a series of meetings tentatively scheduled for this fall.

Citizens are welcome to contact Jeff Watling, Parks and Recreation Manager; or Hope Gibson, Park Planner, at 425-898-0660, with questions or comments regarding these projects.



*Families enjoy an evening concert at Pine Lake Park.*

**Summer was a lark at the park!**

Whether you spent time walking your dog in the park, running around the play-ground with the kids, or packing up the family for an evening concert at Pine Lake Park, City parks provided a variety of recreational opportunities for residents this summer.

One of the summer programs was a partnership between the City and Skyhawks to provide a variety of sports camps. Over 400 youth, ages 4-14, attended. Young aspiring athletes improved their skills and sportsmanship in tennis, soccer, basketball, baseball, roller hockey, flag football and golf, all graduating with a T-shirt, a ball and a great sense of accomplishment.

Park use was up significantly this summer; this was quite evident at Pine Lake Park. Thousands of residents cooled off at the park, with lifeguards on duty from noon until 7:00 p.m., through the Labor Day weekend. Residents played at the newly-installed playgrounds or waded along the shore of Pine Lake, while barbecuing dinner at the many picnic sites throughout the park.

On July 11, over 1,000 residents helped to kick-off the second year of *Summer Nights in the Park*. Each following Thursday featured a live local band, ranging from blues, classic rock to our very own Sammamish Symphony, brought to you by the generous support of Key Bank. Along with the concerts, two Shakespeare in the Park events and two outdoor cinema events were very well attended. Combined, over 8,000 people enjoyed the 2002 summer concert series with picnicking, dancing, and games of frisbee in the grass.

With these new programs, improved park maintenance services, and free community events, the City of Sammamish provides a safe and relaxing day at the park.

In June, many SYB members worked washing cars to raise money for local youth Micah Monroe and Trevor Price, raising over \$800. This community outreach opportunity gave the Youth Board members a first hand look at the value of community.

The City and Godfather's Pizza hosted *Tuesday Night Live* teen nights over the summer, attracting students to come listen to music, play games, and, of course, enjoy pizza; all in a supervised and safe environment.

**SAMMAMISH Youth Board News**

One of the highlights of the *Summer Nights in the Park* events was the SYB concession stand at the AT&T Outdoor Cinema, which handed out Youth Board trading cards and sold a variety of candy and glow necklaces. Thanks to everyone who stopped by!

SYB held a retreat for all members and hosted its second annual teen concert at Skyline, September 21.

SYB holds monthly meetings the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Sammamish Library from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## COMP PLAN UPDATE

The City of Sammamish is nearing the completion of our community's first Comprehensive Plan. This plan will serve as a blue print for the City's future and will guide land use and resource allocation decisions over the next 20 years.

As reported previously, the Sammamish City Council initiated the comprehensive planning process through the preparation of a vision statement. This process included a community-wide survey and a series of public workshops in December of 1999 and the first part of 2000. The results of these workshops and the community survey were reviewed by the Council's Community Development Committee, which then drafted a proposed statement describing the ideal future for the community. Council then formally adopted the vision statement and ideals in August 2000, which emphasized a community with a family orientation, quality neighborhoods, vibrant natural features, excellent recreational opportunities, community gathering places with civic, cultural, and educational opportunities, a unique core of urban lifestyles and conveniences, and active citizen participation.

The City Council then appointed a Planning Advisory Board (PAB) to take the lead in drafting a Comprehensive Plan consistent with the vision statement and in accordance with the principles of the

Washington State Growth Management Act. Meeting regularly between July 2000 and May 2002, the PAB has been preparing and guiding policy formulation on a variety of topics including land use, housing, transportation, environmental resources, public services, utilities, and facilities.

The PAB also developed three alternative land use scenarios, designed to highlight significant land use policy options. These alternative land use concepts, key goals, and policies were presented at a series of public meetings in May 2002. Over 400 people attended these meetings, which provided the PAB and the City Council invaluable information regarding community priorities. In addition, a second community survey was conducted to gather more information on selected issues of particular interest. Using the community meeting and survey feedback, the PAB has been developing a preferred land use alternative and revising the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

The environmental impacts of these alternatives, including the preferred land use concept, and the revised goals and policies contained in the draft Comprehensive Plan are currently being reviewed in a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). Both a Public Review Draft Comprehensive Plan and the corresponding Environmental Impact Statement are anticipated to be available for public review and comment later in the Fall of 2002.

Following the completion of the public review and comment period for the Environmental Impact Statement, the PAB will finalize its recommendations to the City Council. It is anticipated the City Council will conduct its final analysis and prepare the Comprehensive Plan for final adoption in early 2003.

For updates on the Comprehensive Planning process, please check the City's website (<http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us/>) or contact Ray Gilmore, Community Development Director, at 425-836-7903 for more information.



## Klahanie Annexation A No-Go For Now



On September 3, the Issaquah City Council declined to amend the Potential Annexation Area for Klahanie, effectively barring an annexation to the City of Sammamish. The Issaquah City Council is considering an economic feasibility study for the Klahanie annexation in 2003. (See Mayor's Message on page 2 for more details.)

The City of Sammamish continues to pursue a PAA for the Aldarra Farms area and the area north of the City which includes the city-owned "Galley" property. The Galley property was purchased in 2000 for parks and recreation purposes and will be the subject of a parks master plan in 2003-2004.

## Trails, Bikeways & Paths Master Plan

Sammamish residents enjoy a wide range of recreational pursuits. Many of those pursuits require linear facilities, such as trails, bikeways and paths. This spring, the City began to develop a comprehensive Trail, Bikeway and Paths Master Plan. Under the direction of the Trails, Bikeways and Paths Subcommittee of the Parks Commission, a planning firm was selected and work on the Master Plan began.

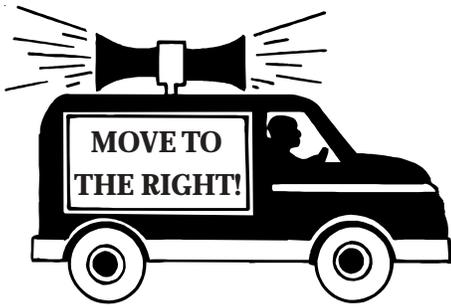
The consultant divided up the city into 15 sections and, with the help of the subcommittee, went out and assessed existing trails according to a number of factors, including surfacing material, slope and quality of trail experience. They then took these assessments and created a preliminary inventory of existing trails in Sammamish.

This inventory was presented at the first public meeting, held July 9, at Skyline High School. More importantly, the consultant also invited participants to fill out and return a questionnaire regarding individuals' trail-related priorities.

About fifty residents attended the first meeting, and expressed an interest in a variety of trail types and uses. In addition to the opportunity to share their opinions on the questionnaires, attendees were able to share their ideas in small groups; and then each group had a representative summarize their group's comments to the entire assembly.

The consultant has combined the feedback received at the first meeting with other information, and is creating a Master Plan first draft. This first draft will be presented for public comment at the next public meeting, tentatively scheduled for late Fall. As soon as details are confirmed, the information will be posted on the City's website; so check back for additional information regarding this project.





We all know how difficult it can be at times to get through the traffic in our growing city even on a good day; however, have you thought about how difficult it can be for your emergency services personnel? Eastside Fire & Rescue has teamed up with the Sammamish Police Department in getting the word out, *Move to the Right for Lights and Sirens*. Here are a few guidelines to remember:

**At Traffic Lights**

If an emergency vehicle is approaching from behind, wait for the light to change in your favor and move to the right. When approached from the front, be cautious and move to the right as soon as safely possible. The emergency vehicle might need to make a right or left-hand turn.

If the emergency apparatus is approaching from the side, hold your position at the traffic light. An important point to remember is that the emergency apparatus might have to use the oncoming lanes. If you are already committed and into the intersection, move safely to the right as soon as possible.

**At the Roundabout**

If the emergency apparatus is behind your vehicle, proceed through the roundabout until you are able to move to the right shoulder safely.

In general, safely pulling over to the shoulder will allow the emergency apparatus to proceed down the middle of the roadway as stated in RCW 46.61.210. We recognize that not all roads allow a driver to pull safely to the shoulder. Be cautious and move to the right as soon as possible. Help us help you...

**move to the right  
for lights and sirens**

**NO PLACE FOR BULLIES  
IN SAMMAMISH**

Bullying is a range of behaviors, both verbal and physical, which intimidates others and will often lead to antisocial and unlawful acts. Neighbors, students, and parents/guardians need to understand bullying is a pervasive problem that can lead to violence. A child is bullied when he or she is exposed repeatedly to negative actions by one or more peers. It should neither be thought of as “kids will be kids” nor accepted as a way of life. Bullying implies an imbalance in power or strength; failure to deal with its impact can be devastating, as recent school shootings have proven.

Physical bullying includes behavior that is mild (pushing and shoving), moderate (taking some-one else’s property), and severe (threatening with a weapon). Bullying with words includes behavior that is mild (gossiping), moderate (setting someone up to take blame), and severe (threatening a person with total isolation).

Kids who are bystanders usually know who the bullies or victims are, but don’t intervene. Although much bullying happens where adults can’t see or hear it, it also occurs when adults are present. Often, adults don’t do anything to stop it. Girls can be bullies too, but the behavior is more likely to be verbal aggression. Often, bullies are abused at home and are much more likely than non-aggressive young people to grow up to become batterers. Bullies have learned that it works, and they bully to feel powerful and in control.

In most school districts, bullying falls under the violation of harassment. Students may be subject to an emergency expulsion and/or suspension for a first offense. Law enforcement may be informed of the violation and, if deemed criminal in nature, an arrest may be made.

If you know someone who is being bullied, whether in school or the neighborhood, report it to an adult such as a parent, teacher, neighbor, or School Resource Officer; ignoring it can be serious. Schools need to be a safe place to learn, and our neighborhoods a safe place to live. For more information on working within your community to create a bullying-free environment, contact the King County Community Organizing Program at (206) 296-5250.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT  
TREE & VEGETATION REMOVAL**

- Tree removal and preservation regulations are found in Chapter 16.82, 21A.16, 21A.24 and 25 of the Interim Sammamish Development Code.
- Native trees and vegetation should remain, unless a specific use is permitted. View clearing is not specifically allowed or encouraged, yet may be allowed, after a review of all factors.
- Trees & vegetation are regulated to conserve water, create wildlife habitat and maintain water quality in streams/wetlands/lakes under federal, state and local regulations.
- Permits are required for tree removal, for tree trunk size over 8” diameter for evergreen conifers (Douglas fir, cedars) and over 12” diameter for deciduous trees (maples).
- Landscape improvements (new trees, new shrubs) and tree trimming (up to one third of canopy each year) are normally permit exempt. Removal of trees may also be restricted by private codes, covenants and restrictions, applicable codes for sensitive areas, erosion control or stormwater. Tree topping or tree hat racking is discouraged.
- Most “weekend” small backyard landscape projects are permit exempt, while most “weekday” professional commercial or large residential projects typically require permits. Projects needing review include: those that have walls or rockery over 4 feet height, 5,000 square feet of new paved areas, decks, clearing, connection to storm-water drainage systems, runoff to wetlands or streams, changes to surface water patterns or any hillside, stream or wetland clearing and grading.
- Unauthorized activity or work without permits may result in fines of \$500 to \$2,500! Call 425-836-7937 for code enforcement.
- Be sure about permit requirements! Call 425-836-7921 to verify permit regulations. File a Clearing & Grading Permit for review, if there is any doubt.



**HAZARD TREE REMOVALS  
& PERMIT FOR REMOVALS**



- Requires that a private certified arborist at landowner’s expense makes any hazard tree determination.
- Tree removal review & permit costs \$130.50, unless a major sensitive area review is required. The completed Clearing & Grading Permit application (1 page) and site plan is required, along with an arborist report (if applicable). The permit applicant must own the site or be authorized by property owner.

# CITY HALL CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

- Tuesday, October 1
- Public Works Committee, 5:30pm
  - City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Thursday, October 3
- Planning Advisory Board, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, October 10
- Planning Advisory Board, 7:00 pm
- Monday, October 14
- Neighborhood Connections, 6:30pm
- Tuesday, October 15
- Community Development Committee, 5:30pm
- Monday, October 21
- Parks & Recreation Commission, 6:30pm
- Tuesday, October 22
- Sammamish Youth Board, 6:00pm  
(at the Sammamish Library)

## NEC Tournament puts Sammamish in the News!



National and international news media have showcased Sammamish and its world-class golf course due to Sahalee hosting the NEC Invitational August 20-25.

The City and its public safety providers geared up for the event with additional police and fire/medic personnel assigned to work inside Sahalee and on the streets immediately surrounding the area. All costs for the extra personnel and equipment will be born by the NEC.

Concerns over negative impacts to nearby neighborhoods were largely addressed by a parking permit system and close management of the busses used to transport thousands of spectators from Marymoor Park in Redmond to Sahalee. With a total of 23,000 people (including volunteers and employees) present on the final day, Sunday August 25, the transportation management system was tested... and passed.

City officials will use these experiences to explore how future events (a PGA Golf Tournament is anticipated in 2010) can be tailored to reduce neighborhood impacts while enhancing spectator and employee transportation.

## NOVEMBER

- Tuesday, November 5 - *Election Day*
- Public Works Committee, 5:30pm
  - Finance Committee, 6:00pm
  - City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30pm
- Monday, November 11**  
**VETERANS DAY**  
**City Offices Closed**
- Tuesday, November 12
- Council Study Session, 7:30pm  
(If necessary)
- Monday, November 18
- Parks & Recreation Commission, 6:30pm
- Tuesday, November 20
- Community Development Committee, 5:30pm
  - City Council Regular Meeting, 8:00pm
- Tuesday, November 26
- Sammamish Youth Board, 6:30pm  
(at the Sammamish Library)
  - Council Study Session, 7:30pm
- Thursday, November 28**  
**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
**City Offices Closed**
- Friday, November 29**  
**City Offices Closed**



## DECEMBER

- Tuesday, December 3
- Public Works Committee, 5:30pm
  - Finance Committee, 6:00pm
  - City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30pm
- Tuesday, December 10
- Council Study Session, 7:30pm  
(If necessary)
- Monday, , December 16
- Parks & Recreation Commission, 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, , December 17
- Community Development Committee, 5:30 pm
  - City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Wednesday , December 25**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**City Offices Closed**



Tentatively Scheduled...  
East Sammamish/244th Corridor  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
Wednesday, November 13, 6:30pm  
Check City Website for Updates  
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## Sammamish Commons Update

What is happening with the Commons and potential park development, a city hall and police station? Three community meetings have been held in the last several months to assist with determining what the Commons should include and where. The highlight of these meetings included developing a community vision and values for the 30-acre tract; addressing hopes, dreams and fears about the development and finally, exploring options for the site and prioritizing them. Based on public input, the latter stages have seen the presentation of concepts and the narrowing of these concepts from eight, to four and finally down to two.

The two concepts selected were presented to the City Council on September 10 at which time the design team and City staff received additional direction from the Council. Strong consideration was given to preserving the view shed to the west, keeping transportation and utility costs reasonable, preserving land for future buildings at the site, and acting on a staff recommendation to increase the gross building size to an ultimate build-out of 45, 000 square feet to accommodate future space needs.

The design team took this input and is further refining concept sketches for another discussion with the City Council. This discussion, scheduled for October 1, will also include input from the Parks & Recreation Commission that was gathered on September 16. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend any public meeting. Sammamish Commons is a long-term project that anticipates construction starting in fall of 2003 and completion in 2004.

## SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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## City Council Highlights

### JULY

- Council accepted as complete the project to improve the East Lake Sammamish Park. The project included drainage improvements around the ball fields and the installation of an asphalt path. Council also approved the roundabout project at the intersection of Inglewood and 216<sup>th</sup> as complete.
- Three City parks were named as a result of a Council-sponsored contest. The winners received \$250 (split among multiple winners) if their name was selected. The results were: the property located at 212<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 13<sup>th</sup> Street was named *Ebright Creek Park* as suggested by Saress Prentice, Jim Bachesta, Kristin Bryant, Eric Robinson, Sammamish Kiwanis, Helen Mills, and Faye Sween. The park property located at 228<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street was named *Sammamish Commons* as suggested by Helen Mills. The park property commonly referred to as the "Galley property," located at 3809 and 3829 224<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE was named *Evans Creek Preserve* as suggested by Saress Prentice.
- The City was authorized to purchase its first dump truck. The truck will also be fitted with a plow to be used for snow removal when necessary.

### AUGUST

- The building moratorium was extended another six months and will expire in February of 2003. The

moratorium will probably remain in place until adoption of the City's first comprehensive plan.

- Three board members were appointed to the Beaver Lake Management Board. They are Beaver Lake residents Bob White, Sheldon Fisher and Ray Petitt. They will serve for the duration of time the District is in effect.

### SEPTEMBER

- Council approved two new staff positions; an additional Plans Examiner to review building plans and a Communications Manager to enhance and improve communications between the City and its residents. Both positions should be filled before the end of the year.
- Council approved a resolution in support of Referendum 51. Referendum 51 is a measure on the fall election ballot which, if passed, will provide funding for many state-wide transportation improvement projects.

### OCTOBER

- The City is currently in the process of acquiring Beaver Lake Park from King County. This park, has long been a significant recreation resource for Sammamish residents. The transfer, will not only help the park to avoid future shut-downs, but also bring more local control to an important community resource.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Newly elected Home Owner Association presidents or representatives are invited to join the Neighborhood Connections Program. Meetings are held quarterly at City Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, usually on the first Monday of each quarter (January schedule may be one week later).

Over 72 representatives have signed up to participate and receive periodic or neighborhood specific e-mail notifications from City Departments and Sammamish Police to disseminate among their neighborhood associations.

The next meeting, set for Monday, October 14, will feature updates on the progress of the City's first Comprehensive Plan dealing with land use and how citizens can provide further input. Previous meetings this year featured:

- Planning, Land Use and Development,
- Park and Recreation plans
- NEC Invitational Golf Tournament (see an after-event report elsewhere in this publication).

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