

SAMMAMISH

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CITY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2014

Fireworks return on the 4th of July!

THIS WILL BE YEAR EIGHT FOR FOURTH ON THE PLATEAU

Planning for the city's Independence Day celebration – featuring food, fun, friends and the all-important fireworks – is nearly complete, and the community's hard work promises to bring one of the best experiences ever to the thousands who gather every year at Sammamish Commons.

"We've got great music, food, pyrotechnics and a terrific group of community volunteers who pitch in to make this a great event each and every year," City Manager Ben Yazici said. "We're looking forward to another great 4th of July gathering."

Thanks to the late-setting summer sun, the fuses on the fireworks won't be lit until 10 p.m. or so, but that leaves all the more time to enjoy the bands, play areas, gastronomical delights and other attractions that turn City Hall Plaza and the lower bowl of Sammamish Commons into "the place to be" starting at 6 p.m. every 4th.

As most Sammamish residents

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City pleased with bids for Community & Aquatic center PORTER BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC., WINS JOB WITH A BID OF \$25,574,258

Barring any unexpected developments, the city will break ground this month for its new Community and Aquatic Center.

At press time, Porter Brothers Construction, Inc. had been awarded the contract and was preparing to begin work as soon as possible.

"We want them to get an early start

so we can get a lot done before the rain comes back in the fall," City Manager Ben Yazici said. "We're going to do everything possible to open this facility for public use by early 2016."

Per the awarded contract, construction of the 69,000-square-foot recreational amenity will cost \$25,574,258.

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Dogs are welcome in Sammamish parks!

Unfortunately, recent media reports have given some the impression that your City Council does not care much for dogs and wants to ban them from our parks. Not true!

My recent poll indicates that among our members, the Council can count as many as nine dogs in their households.



*Tom Vance
Mayor*

And they very much enjoy walking with them in our city parks. We love dogs!

Here's what actually happened:

Under our old ordinance, dogs were not allowed at swimming beaches, play areas, picnic areas or in buildings. The Council approved some minor changes.

We removed the words "picnic areas" and substituted "picnic shelters." I think you can appreciate what changed and what remained. On a dry, sunny day just about anywhere in our parks and preserves could be considered a "picnic area." In fact, there are open picnic tables at Beaver Lake Preserve.

We narrowed that restriction to include only the shelters. I think you can

understand why we would keep that part of the ordinance. The shelters need to be clean and, well, appetizing for our park patrons who reserve them for picnics and bar-b-ques. Net change: more freedom for dogs.

In practice, dogs were not allowed on any of our athletic fields, but that was not specifically captured in our code. So we made that clear. And this continuing restriction is absolutely necessary. Kids and adults use those fields for soccer, softball, football, baseball and more. Athletic fields need to be free of dog remains and dogs interfering with play, although you can still have your leashed dog on the sidelines with you during games.

However, we did decide to allow for one exception: dogs are allowed on the Pine Lake Park athletic field for summer concerts and Shakespeare in the park. At future concerts and plays a sign will be posted: Leashed Pets Allowed. Net change: more freedom for dogs.

Here's the one change that affects dog freedom in the parks: Like most cities, Sammamish prohibits dogs from swimming beaches and public docks. The revised ordinance expands that to include all public shorelines. Although

this is one minor additional restriction for dogs, it better protects sensitive native shoreline plants and the animals, including waterfowl and fish that inhabit the shore and adjacent waters.

The problem? Many of the reports on these minor changes were from our "first reading" of the ordinance at our April 15 general meeting. At that meeting, Parks staff introduced potential changes to the law. And the Council had a chance for questions and answers, discussions of various alternatives, and an opportunity to send up a few "trial balloons." It may sometimes be confusing and even misleading, but we need that discussion to help us refine our thoughts and come to a final consensus.

On May 6, at our "second reading", the Council voted on the final revisions. We approved an ordinance that is easier to understand and enforce and which is, overall, less restrictive for dogs.

The net result: More than 90 percent of our parks remain open to your leashed pets. Welcome!



Steady progress on update to comprehensive plan

After working its way through housing, parks and recreation, open space, shorelines and a number of other comprehensive plan elements, the Planning Commission is about halfway to its goal of handing off recommendations to the City Council.

That handoff, expected next spring, will lead to the adoption of an updated comprehensive plan by the Council sometime in 2015.

The Planning Commission still has several topics to review, including land use, transportation and capital facilities.

As that review proceeds, the city will continue its public outreach, setting up a booth at the Farmers Market, gathering input in other public venues, and taking in comments via email and other means.

For information on the meeting schedule and the update process, or to leave a comment, go to www.sammamish.us and click on the "Sammamish Comprehensive Plan 2035" tab. Answers to questions can be obtained by sending an email to Sammamish2035@Sammamish.us.

Klahanie residents visit City Hall for annexation briefing CITY MANAGER OUTLINES PROCEDURAL PATHWAY AT MAY 7 DINNER

In last February's election, Klahanie residents by a narrow margin voted against annexation to Issaquah. That opened the door for Sammamish, and on May 7, the city welcomed a cross-section of Klahanie residents to a special dinner at City Hall.

"We wanted to get everyone together, hear from all sides, and let everyone know what steps Sammamish needed to take toward annexation," Sammamish City Manager Ben Yazici said. "It was a very congenial dinner. Even though some of the guests had worked very hard on behalf of annexation to Issaquah, everyone seemed to have an open mind about the possibility of joining Sammamish."

Providing Klahanie residents with the opportunity to join Sammamish

will take a lot of regional cooperation. Among other things, Issaquah will have to transfer Klahanie into Sammamish's "potential annexation area," or PAA. And that step will require the blessing of two or three county entities.

"In the end, the comprehensive plans for Issaquah, Sammamish and King County will all have to be amended to make this possible," Yazici said. "We have a few hoops to jump through."

But the signs are good. Issaquah and Sammamish signed an interlocal agreement pledging cooperation, and the reaction at the county level so far has been positive. If things go smoothly, an election for annexation to Sammamish could be held sometime in 2015.

The Klahanie PAA, made up of Klahanie proper and several adjoining neighborhoods, contains almost 4,000 residential units. If voters there decide to annex to Sammamish, the PAA's 10,800 residents would raise Sammamish's population to about 60,000.

"Based on the feedback we received at the dinner, I'm confident this is going to happen," Yazici said. "Klahanie residents will pay less in taxes than they are now, receive better services, and become part of a city that really values them."

The city plans to hold two public meetings in Klahanie and one in Sammamish as part of a broader outreach effort over the coming months. Dates for the meetings have not yet been set.



Attendees at the May 7 dinner at Sammamish City Hall included (from left): Chris Jensen, Rob Young, Sara Jensen, Mike Foss, Mayor Tom Vance, John Dimtroff, Karen Dimtroff, Mark Seely, George Garvey, Julie Pai, Councilmember Don Gerend, David Kappler, Dino Guzzetti, Councilmember Tom Odell, Richard L'Heureux, Kirsten O'Malley, City Manager Ben Yazici.

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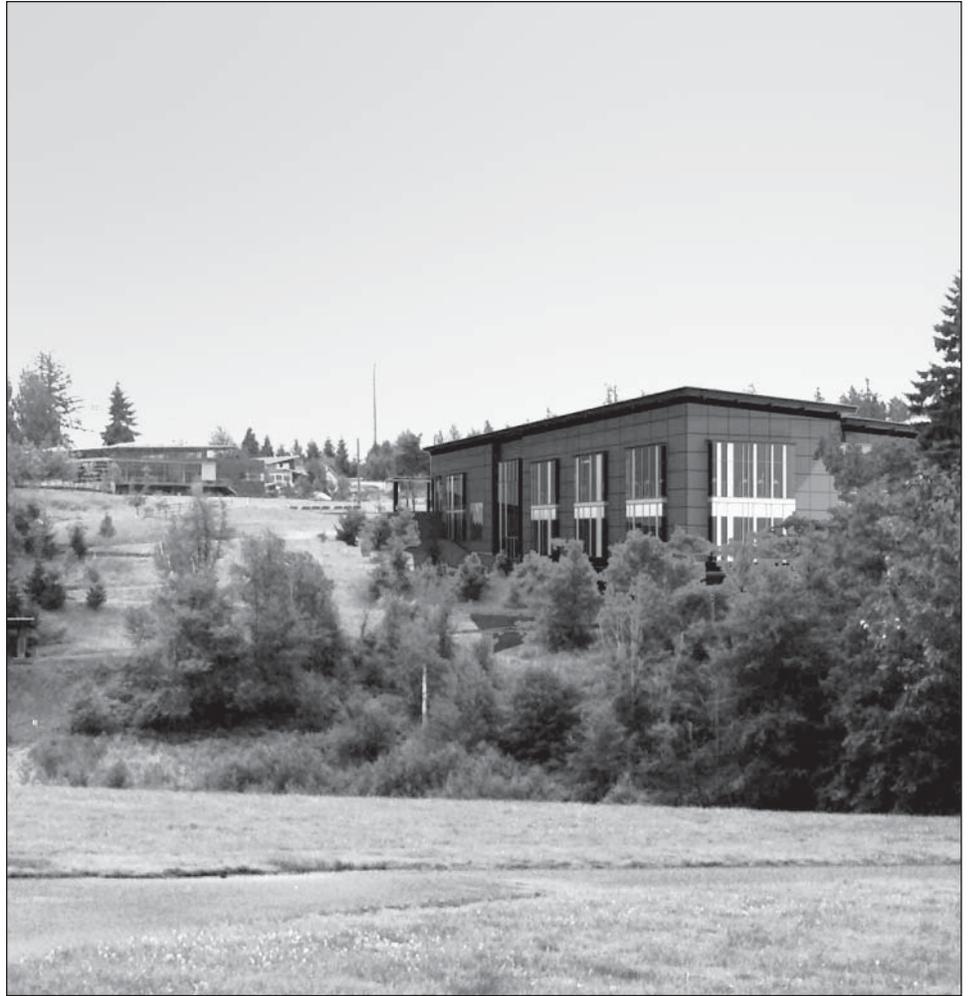
Other costs include the following:

- 9.5 percent sales tax - \$2,429,554
- Demolition of the pre-existing home on-site - \$77,656
- Design, permitting and other costs - \$3,003,436
- 5 percent authorized contingency - \$1,400,190
- 5 percent potential additional contingency - \$1,400,190

(The expenditure of the additional 5 percent contingency, if needed, would require further City Council authorization.)

Add all those numbers together, and the total project cost comes to a rounded figure of \$33,885,000, less than the \$34,500,000 the City Council budgeted for the project.

“This is a real milestone for Sammamish,” Yazici said. “Our City Council heard so many requests for a facility like this over the years, they asked for an advisory vote. After the vote came out in favor of the project, the Council really led the way and brought us to this moment.”



In this artist's rendering, looking from the lower bowl of Sammamish Commons, the Community and Aquatic Center is in the foreground right, City Hall in the background left.

Eight miles of resurfacing from June to September

It's going to be a hot and busy summer for paving crews in Sammamish. All together, including major resurfacing work on Trossachs Boulevard, the city will put down eight miles of new pavement on existing city roadways.

“We do this every year to make sure our roads are well maintained and don't develop serious problems that are more expensive to fix,” Public Works Director Laura Philpot said. “Our annual budget for resurfacing and patching is \$3 million.”

Flyers have already been sent out to affected neighborhoods, and the contractor will notice residents when specific work dates are set. For more information, go to www.sammamish.us and click through *departments*, *public works*, and *pavement management program*. Project Manager Jim Grueber can be reached at 425-295-0566 or jgrueber@sammamish.us.



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know by now, parking for the event is scattered. For \$5, parking is available at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, Mary Queen of Peace Church and Skyline High School.

Free parking is available at Eastside Catholic, Pine Lake Covenant Church, Discovery Elementary, Safeway Shopping Center, Pine Lake Park, Sammamish Park & Ride and Eastlake High School. For free parkers especially, good walking footwear is a must.



A scene from a past Fourth on the Plateau

To help with traffic flow before, during and after the July 4th event, no left turns will be allowed onto or off of 228th Avenue between N.E. Main St. and S.E. 20th St. from 4 p.m. to midnight. Northbound drivers can turn left or make a u-turn when they reach N.E. Fourth St. Southbound drivers can turn left or make a u-turn when they reach S.E. 24th St. NOTE: S.E. Fourth St. will be closed to vehicular traffic after the fireworks to allow residents to exit the Lower Commons.



Thank you Fourth on the Plateau Sponsors



A special thanks to all *Fourth on the Plateau* Volunteers

Summer entertainment just around the corner!

Concerts in the Park

6:30-8 p.m., on Thursdays, at Pine Lake Park

July 10 - Wings n Things - The music of Paul McCartney

July 17 - North Country - Bluegrass

July 24 - 3 Trick Pony - Classic to current rock hits

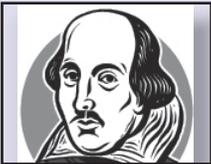
July 31 - The Delphi Band - Jazz/Funk/R&B

August 7 - Junkyard Jane - "Swampabilly Blues"

August 14 - Petty Fever - Tom Petty Tribute

August 21 - Sammamish Symphony

August 28 - The Remnanz, Classic rock and roll



Seattle & Wooden O Shakespeare plays, 7-8:45 p.m., at Pine Lake Park

July 19 - Julius Caesar

July 26 - Two Gentlemen of Verona

Kiwanis "Kids First" series

July 8 - Noon - Eli Rosenblatt, musician - Beaver Lake Park next to the lodge

July 15 - 1 p.m. - Jeff Evans, magician - City Hall Plaza

July 22 - Noon - Eric Herman and the Thunder Puppies - East Sammamish Park soccer field

July 29 - 1 p.m. - Eric Ode, music entertainer - City Hall Plaza

August 12 - 1 p.m. - Alex Zerbe - comedy juggler - City Hall Plaza

August 19 - Noon - Matt Wells, magician - Ebright Creek Park meadow

Swim at Pine Lake Park!



June 14 through Sept. 1

Lifeguards on duty Noon to 7 p.m.

Keep the lawn green, the water blue!

Using too much fertilizer can cause water pollution! Other lawn care products can do the same. So, less is always more when it comes to water quality.

Here are some practical tips to help you limit the pollution that goes into our streams and lakes:

- Apply fertilizer in the fall when it is most beneficial to cool-season grasses and least likely to be washed into our waterways.
- Avoid leaving fertilizer on hard surfaces such as sidewalks and driveways. Sweep them onto your lawn or garden where they won't be so easily washed away.
- If possible, avoid applying fertilizer just before a rain storm.

Fertilizer consists of nutrients that help plants grow and reproduce. Unfortunately, these same nutrients also feed naturally occurring algae in the water and can produce massive algae blooms.

CITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Tuesday, June 3

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.

Parks and Rec Commission Meeting,
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 5

Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 7

TeenFest, 2-9 p.m.
City Hall Plaza

Tuesday, June 10

City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.

Sammamish Youth Board Mtg, 6 p.m.

Monday, June 16

Arts Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.

Thursday, June 19

Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 21

Volunteer at Sammamish Landing,
9 a.m.-noon

Sammamish Walks at Tradition Lake,
10 a.m.-noon

Wednesday, Jun. 25

Finance Committee Mtg., 2 p.m.

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.

JULY

Tuesday, July 1

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 2

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.

Parks and Rec Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 4

Fourth on the Plateau, 6-10 p.m.

Tuesday, July 8

Kiwanis KidsFirst!, noon-1 p.m.
Beaver Lake Lodge

Study Session, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.

Thursday, July 10

Concerts in the Park, 6:30-8 p.m.
Pine Lake Park

Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 14

Finance Committee Mtg. 3:30 p.m.

Joint meeting w/Issaquah City Council
4:30 p.m.
Issaquah City Hall

Tuesday, July 15

KCLS sponsored Kiwanis KidsFirst!,
noon-1 p.m., City Hall Plaza

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.

Thursday, July 17

Concerts in the Park, 6:30-8 p.m.
Pine Lake Park

Saturday, July 19

Volunteer at Sammamish Landing,
9 a.m.-noon
Children's Walk at Big Rock Park,
10 a.m.-noon
Shakespeare Plays, 7-8:45 p.m.
Pine Lake Park

Monday, July 21

Arts Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22

Kiwanis KidsFirst!, noon-1 p.m.
East Sammamish Park

Wednesday, July 23

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.

Thursday, July 24

Concerts in the Park, 6:30-8 p.m.
Pine Lake Park
Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 26

Shakespeare Plays, 7-8:45 p.m.
Pine Lake Park

Tuesday, July 29

KCLS sponsored Kiwanis KidsFirst!,
12-1 p.m. City Hall Plaza

Wednesday, July 30

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.

Thursday, July 31

Concerts in the Park, 6:30-8 p.m.
Pine Lake Park

PLEASE NOTE:

All meetings and events at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Times, dates and locations are subject to change. Please consult the city website for the most current information.



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Farmers market!!!

Every Wednesday, 4-8 p.m.,
at City Hall Plaza, through Oct. 1

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