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CITY NEWSLETTER

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S.E. Fourth Street will close in July

DEVELOPER WILL INSTALL WATER AND SEWER MAIN

TRF Pacific, the development company building “The Village at Sammamish Town Center,” will install new water and sewer mains under Southeast Fourth Street next month.

After taking the steep slope of the roadway and the depth of the sewer main into account, it was decided the safest – and quickest – way to get the job done would be to close the street for about three weeks. At press time, Southeast Fourth Street was scheduled to close on July 5 or shortly thereafter.

The TRF Pacific development is just north of Southeast Fourth Street and just west of 228th Avenue Southeast. The six-acre development in the northwest quadrant of that intersection will feature a Metropolitan Market, office space, living units and other aspects of the mixed-use vision the city’s Town Center Plan calls for.

“Sometimes a road can stay open while this kind of work is done,” City Manager Lyman Howard said. “But that often requires the temporary instal-

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Community Center update! IT’S A VERY POPULAR WORK IN PROGRESS

The staff at the Sammamish Community Center is using a low-tech tool to gather feedback on its brand-new, state-of-the-art facility – sticky notes!

Users are leaving the notes – full of suggestions – at the front desk so the staff can quickly make adjustments, add classes, change activity locations, etc.

Dave Mayer, who heads up the YMCA staff that runs the day-to-day operations of the community center,

likes what he sees.

“It’s been going great,” he said. “We’ve been having a great time getting everyone involved.”

Although the facility is still on a bit of a shakedown cruise – it’s only been officially open since April 30 – the Y staff is already getting ready for an array of summer programs.

City Manager Lyman Howard says

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Creative juices are flowing in Sammamish!

Last month I was blown away by a course being taught at Eastlake High School called Sammamish Start-Ups. Upperclassmen come together from the Business, Computer Science, and Engineering pathways to tackle real world problems, using their individual skill sets to work together. During the first semester, the focus is to begin learning and applying the design process through various design challenges. One of the first design challenges included a partnership with Evergreen Health. Students were posed real problems that Evergreen Health was facing and challenged to come up with real solutions. Students' initial pitch was at Evergreen Health to the CEO and other board of director members and they were impressed with solutions that were suggested and have since begun implementing them. The results were so impressive that Sammamish Start-Ups students were invited to present their solutions at a Sammamish Chamber of Commerce Luncheon in December.

During the second semester of the course, students are expected to find their own problem and mentor(s) being coached by the course's team teachers, Brittanie and Scott Petersen. The 3-4 member teams defined the problem to be solved, designed a solution and in most cases brought forth a prototype working model that was explained and demonstrated to the public at the

Sammamish Start-Ups Showcase last month at Eastlake.

Fifty years ago or so, boys in high school took a year-long shop course (wood shop, machine shop, print shop, drafting) while girls took home economics. I learned how to plane wood, make holes in metal, set type and use a compass and T-square. I didn't learn how to cook or mend my clothes, which I later regretted! Now fast forward back to 2016, or experience the intervening half century of life and then revisit high school, and discover this exciting new way of preparing students for addressing life's journey. Tackling problems in a team structure,



A display of the Kokanee Restoration Project

using mentors and business world contacts, and using the latest technology such as 3D printers.

The results were eye-popping. There were nine team projects with these descriptive names: Key Kase, Boom Case, Helix phone case, iSnail, Gyro cup holder, TAJ Chairs, Hose Box, Lock n' Trak and Kokanee Resto-

ration. In my humble opinion, many of these prototypes are ready to take the next step and engineer the final design and head for the marketplace. For example, I suggest that any new home contractor in Sammamish should contact the designers of the Hose Box and begin using this invention in their new construction!

One project that is very timely to the City of Sammamish was the Kokanee Restoration done by students Erik Anderson, Nick Marien, Ryan Barney and Connor Loveall, along with support from mentor Wally Pereyra. They researched needed environmental improvements to Zackuse

Creek which could help expand the spawning grounds for the native run of kokanee in Lake Sammamish.

This course is just one of the exciting programs making the schools in Sammamish amongst the best on the West Coast. Supporting our schools through parent involvement, community involvement and partnerships with the city is so essential to guiding our youth along

the way to becoming successful and contributing members of our society. I am grateful for the opportunity to have witnessed and been a part of such a great experience for high school students.

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he's pleased the startup hiccups are being dealt with quickly.

"This is a great new enterprise for us," Howard said. "We'll keep working on it and make it the best experience we can."

One feature that will be improved over time is the narrow roadway that passes the north side of City Hall on its way to the community center. More road width will be added there when the adjoining property is developed as part of the Town Center plan.

The 69,000-square-foot, two-level community center features two swimming pools, two gyms, multiple exercise areas, child-care facilities, meeting rooms and much more. For more information, go to www.seattlemca.org/Locations/Sammamish.



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lation of big metal plates for vehicles to pass over.

"With that steep slope and more rain coming, we were afraid we might end up with a slip-n-slide on our hands."

The closure will affect about a quarter mile of Southeast Fourth Street just west of 228th Avenue Southeast.

Drivers who normally use that section of the road will be guided to alternative routes by detour signs.



Southeast Fourth Street, on the left side of what will be "The Village at Sammamish Town Center," rises up the hill from 228th Avenue.

The installation of the new water and sewer mains will be done by Abbott Construction, the same company working on the larger development. Inspection duties along the way will be the responsibility of the Sammamish Plateau Water District.

For more information on the closure of this city street, contact Sammamish City Engineer Andrew Zagars at 425-295-0561 or azagars@sammamish.us.

A new role for Jessi Bon, and a new face in public works

When Lyman Howard was hired as Sammamish's new city manager, one of his first jobs was to fill the deputy city manager position he had just vacated.

He did that early last month, announcing that Parks Director Jessi Bon would take over his role as deputy.

"In addition to knowing our com-



Jessi Bon with Claire and Casey

munity, residents and staff better than anyone, Jessi has an easy, energetic and effective management style we've all come to appreciate," Howard said. "She's done a great job as parks director, and we're expecting more of the same going forward."

Bon, the mother of young twins, joined the city in 2006 as parks director. Before that she was the executive director of the Si View Metropolitan Park District. Bon has a masters degree in public administration from Seattle University.

The public works director's office also has a new occupant. Steve Leniszewski, most recently a public works director and city administrator in Duvall, joined Sammamish in early May.

He is the permanent replacement for Laura Philpot, who left the city last June. John Cunningham has served as interim public works director since September.



New Public Works Director Steve Leniszewski

"With all the roads in our work plan, we're going to keep Steve really, really busy," Howard said. "Based on his track record, we know he'll do a great job."

Leniszewski (pronounced lenuh-SHEFF-ski) has a B.S. in civil engineering from Washington State University.

Charity car washes can create water pollution

If you are involved with a charity car wash this summer, please contact the city of Sammamish to learn about pollution prevention practices during your event. The city is working to ensure charity events do not inadvertently harm the environment.

Washing multiple cars at a single event releases pollutants from vehicles that then enter the storm drain system. Oil, grease, dirt, and heavy metals come off vehicles when washed. When these pollutants go down the storm drain, they are not treated and run directly into the nearest stream, lake or wetland.

To help protect our water resources, the city has an Eco Friendly Car Wash Kit you can use. To reserve a kit, just call Lisa Werre at 425-295-0573. Thank you!

Dental Mobile Van will be nearby on June 27

To help low-income children and adults, along with the disabled and homeless, a mobile dental van sponsored by Eastridge Church and the Sammamish and Issaquah Rotary clubs will be coming to the area on Monday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The location: Eastridge Church, 24205 S.E. Issaquah-Fall City Road.

The services include basic dental care, teeth cleaning and treatment of pain, dental infections, cavities and the prevention of future tooth decay and associated complications.

**To make an appointment, call
425-392-4123, ext. 4.**

Big Rock Park Grand Opening!

Despite the rainy weather, the grand opening of Big Rock Park on May 21 was a very bright day indeed for people who appreciate meadows, ponds, trees and an exceptionally generous spirit.

Donated by Sammamish resident Mary Piggott, the 6-acre parcel right in the middle of the city has undergone its first phase of improvements, which include trails, boardwalks and informal gathering spaces. Also unveiled was the

city's first "nature-play" playground with a zipline, an earth mound with a tunnel going through it, a human-sized nest made out of twigs and branches, and plenty of open space for creative recreation.

Volunteers, interested residents, city staffers and members of the City Council and Parks Commission were all present for the big day.

To see Big Rock Park for yourself, go to 21805 S.E. Eighth Street.



Posing with a twiggy Sasquatch!



Project Manager Kellye Hilde welcomes everyone to Big Rock Park.



Even on Grand Opening day, volunteers were putting up fencing.

Pine Lake Park lifeguards will go on duty June 18

If you've been looking forward to some slow days on the beach at Pine Lake Park, it's time to get your sun protection supplies ready!

Lifeguards, a sure sign that swimming season is here, will go on duty on Saturday, June 18. They will watch over the beach and dock complex at Pine Lake Park every day from noon to 7 p.m. through Sept. 5.

For more information on Pine Lake Park, go to www.sammamish.us/departments/parksandrec/parks/PineLakePark.aspx.



FOURTH *on the* PLATEAU

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Mon, July 4
6-10:30p
Fireworks 10p

New Fireworks Launch Site

Trail between Upper & Lower Commons will remain open entire event

Upper Commons

801 228th Ave SE

Live Music

Randy Linder Band 6-8 pm
Wally and the Beaves 8-10 pm

Skate Park

Small Playground

Limited Seating

Food Sales

Lower Commons

550 222nd Pl SE

Kids Area

Bouncy Toys 6-9:30 pm
\$5 Unlimited Access

Playground

Spray Park

Preferred Seating

Food Sales

Parking in off-site lots along 228th Ave

Sites nearest to City Hall charge \$5 per car



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CITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Wednesday, June 1

Sammamish Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
City Hall Plaza
Parks and Recreation Department Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 2

Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 3

Skate & Big Screen, 5-10 p.m.
Skate Park & City Hall Plaza

Tuesday, June 7

Joint Meeting City Council/Planning Commission, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8

Sammamish Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
City Hall Plaza

Saturday, June 11

Master Gardener Workshop: Garden Pests and Diseases, 1:30-4 p.m.
City Hall

Tuesday, June 14

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

Wednesday, June 15

Sammamish Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
City Hall Plaza

Thursday, June 16

Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 18

Sammamish Walks, 10 a.m.-noon
Big Rock Park

Tuesday, June 21

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22

Sammamish Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
City Hall Plaza
Sammamish Walks, 4-6 p.m.
Lower Sammamish Commons

Monday, June 27

Arts Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29

Sammamish Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.

JULY

Monday, July 4

Fourth on the Plateau, 6-10:30 p.m.
Sammamish Commons

Tuesday, July 5

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 6

Sammamish Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
City Hall Plaza
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 7

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

Saturday, July 9

Sammamish Walks, 1-3 p.m.
Yellow Lake, Klahanie

Monday, July 11

David Allison Art Exhibit,
Through Oct. 7

Tuesday, July 12

KidsFirst!, 1-2 p.m.
City Hall Plaza
City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13

Sammamish Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
City Hall Plaza

Thursday, July 14

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

Friday, July 15

Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
City Hall

Saturday, July 16

Shakespeare in the Park, 7-8:45 p.m.
Klahanie Park

Tuesday, July 19

KidsFirst!, 1-2 p.m.
East Sammamish Park
City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20

Sammamish Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
City Hall Plaza

Thursday, July 21

Exhibiting Artist Reception,
David Allison, 6-8 p.m.
Concerts in the Park, 6:30-8 p.m.
Pine Lake Park

Saturday, July 23

Sammamish Walks, 10 a.m.-noon
Sammamish Landing
Shakespeare in the Park, 7-8:45 p.m.
Klahanie Park

Monday, July 25

Arts Commission Meeting,
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26

KidsFirst!, 1-2 p.m.
City Hall Plaza

Wednesday, July 27

Sammamish Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
City Hall Plaza

Thursday, July 28

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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Washington Recreation & Parks Association (WRPA) awards come to Sammamish!



WRPA honored City Parks Director Jessi Bon (left) with the “President’s Award” for her exceptional influence and involvement. Sammamish Parks Commissioner Pauline Cantor received WRPA’s “Citation of Merit” for her contributions to the field of parks and recreation through legislative action.

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