

# SAMMAMISH

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## Economic development

### CITY ASSESSES ITS BUSINESS POTENTIAL

Sammamish is a suburban community famous for its safe streets, excellent schools and family-friendly amenities, attributes which regularly place it on Money Magazine's list of "best places to live."

But like all similar communities, it wants to have a healthy economy that spins off jobs and sales tax revenue without altering the essential character that made the city so attractive to begin with.

To gain some perspective on that challenge, the city invited Barry Bluestone, Dean of the Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University in Boston, to visit Sammamish. At a Feb. 6 presentation, Bluestone helped local business leaders, environmentalists and other stakeholders review the university's Economic Development Self-Assessment Tool, or EDSAT.

As the name implies, it asks com-

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*After improvements are made, this road (233rd Ave. N.E.) will be designated as Stan Chapin Way and serve as a second entrance to Eastlake High School this fall. Ofc. Chapin, the School Resource Officer at the school for 12 years, passed away unexpectedly in late January.*

## The future Stan Chapin Way

When School Resource Officer Stan Chapin passed away unexpectedly in late January, the students he worked with at Eastlake High School and Inglewood Junior High honored him with flowers, notes, photos and other spontaneous displays of affection and sorrow.

At a celebration of his life at Eastlake High School on Feb. 6, a full

house laughed and cried as students, school officials and colleagues shared funny stories and offered up their favorite memories of a man who devoted 12 years of his life to helping students stay on the right path.

And now, thanks to a City Council resolution, students who enter the Eastlake High campus through a new,

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## Raising funds a vital task for Boys & Girls Club

### DONORS CAN HELP PAY FOR ONGOING OPERATIONS AND A NEW GYMNASIUM

Four months after its grand opening, the Sammamish EX3 Teen & Recreation Center is continuing to welcome visitors of all ages. Located in the old library building, at the intersection of 228th Avenue Northeast and Northeast Inglewood Hill Road, the rec center now has 137 paid memberships.

“On Wednesday, when the schools have an early release, we usually have about 75 kids dropping by,” said Jane Ronngren, executive director of the Redmond/Sammamish Boys & Girls Clubs. “Fridays are also a popular day.”

During after-school hours, the rec center focuses on programming for teens. When the teens are in school, the rec center focuses on residents of all ages.

To help the membership continue to grow, the Sammamish EX3 Teen & Recreation Center is offering a \$10 discount on its annual membership fee. To get the discount, just register your teen online at [www.SammamishEX3.org](http://www.SammamishEX3.org) and then present the attached coupon at the teen center. The center offers ping-pong, pool, video games, meeting areas, a music stage, technology lab, teaching kitchen and a variety of other resources.

Ronngren is encouraging residents to help with fundraising efforts in a variety of ways. To raise money for ongoing

operations, there are two events on the horizon:

- New 5k/10k Run – This event is scheduled for Sunday, April 22. The run kicks off at 7:30 p.m., and will start and end at the teen center.
- Annual Fundraising Dinner – UW basketball coach Lorenzo Romar will be the keynote speaker at this event on Tuesday, May 8, 6 p.m., at the Sahalee Country Club. For more details on both of these important fundrais-

ing initiatives, contact Jeremy Peck at 425-250-4786 or [jpeck@positive-place.org](mailto:jpeck@positive-place.org).

Raising money to add a new 7,000-square-foot gymnasium to the teen center is also in the works. To spearhead that effort, Ronngren is forming a steering committee. Residents who would like to participate should

contact Ronngren at 425-250-4781 or [ironngren@positive-place.org](mailto:ironngren@positive-place.org).

The new rec center is the product of a partnership between the city and the Boys & Girls Club. The city provided the building (at a \$1 per year lease rate); the Boys & Girls Club renovated the interior and is responsible for running the day-to-day operations. For more information on the rec center, go to [www.SammamishEX3.org](http://www.SammamishEX3.org).



*Teens test out the pool table at the Boys & Girls Club.*

# Coupon:

*Present this coupon at the Sammamish EX3 Teen & Recreation Center and receive a \$10 discount on an annual membership.*

## *EDSAT, cont. from pg. 1*

munity members to fill out a questionnaire that helps assess their city's strengths and weaknesses. After Bluestone and his team review the Sammamish responses, the city will receive a draft report later this month.

"Bluestone said he was very impressed with our city," Deputy City Manager Lyman Howard said. "Our strengths are pretty obvious. Among other things, we have great schools, a beautiful environment, and a well-educated population."

The EDSAT process will take the entire city into account, but will also pay attention to the city's adopted Town Center Plan. This plan, which covers 240 acres just north of City Hall, envisions a mixed use environment featuring office, commercial, residential and public space, all tied together by a pedestrian-friendly character.

When submitted, the draft report will be reviewed by the City Council's Economic Development Committee.



*Barry Bluestone addresses EDSAT attendees.*

## ECA review begins

The Planning Commission is scheduled to begin its substantive review of the proposed update to the city's Environmentally Critical Areas (ECA) regulations with an open house on March 15 and a public hearing on April 5. Both sessions will begin at 6 p.m. and provide ample opportunity for public input.

The commission's March open house will focus on the critical aquifer recharge area, frequently flooded areas, and seismic hazard areas. The same topics will be covered in early April during the commission's public hearing.

The schedule is subject to change as the city continues its review, so if you are interested in more information as we move through this process, please sign up for Email Alerts on this topic.

To do that, just go to the city website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us), click on the Email Alert icon in the upper, right-hand corner of the home page, and then follow the prompts.

Additional information and updates will also soon be posted on our ECA webpage. That webpage address will be [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us/departments/communitydevelopment/CriticalAreas.aspx](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us/departments/communitydevelopment/CriticalAreas.aspx).

## *CHAPIN, cont. from pg. 1*

second entrance next fall will approach the school along Stan Chapin Way.

"The council thought this would be a great way to memorialize Stan," City Manager Ben Yazici said, "so they decided to designate this section of 233rd Avenue Northeast as Stan Chapin Way."

Prior to his assignment at the two schools, Chapin was the D.A.R.E. officer for the greater eastside (Issaquah, Lake Washington and Northshore school districts). Over the course of his career, Chapin also served as a patrol deputy, detective, and member of the Seattle FBI's Fugitive Apprehension Team. And just this January, the city named him the Sammamish Police Department's "Officer of the Year" for 2011.

"Stan was a remarkable man," Sammamish Police Chief Nate Elledge said. "He really put his heart on the line for the students he helped and the community he served."



*Sue Chapin, Stan's wife, thanks the City Council for designating part of 233rd Ave. N.E. as Stan Chapin Way.*

## Sheriff's Office ready to move in upstairs at City Hall

When the King County Sheriff's Office chose to consolidate its command staff for the Kenmore and Maple Valley precincts, an open space on the second floor of Sammamish City Hall, conveniently located between the two, became quite attractive. The result: The city will receive an annual lease payment of \$104,000, with adjustments for inflation, over the course of a 30-year agreement. Both the city and the tenant have the right to terminate the agreement at the end of each 10-year period.

Office workers and deputies are expected to move in to the 5,200-square-foot space by the end of March. Approximately 36 King County Sheriff's Office personnel are expected to use the Sammamish location as home base.

The consolidated precinct will be responsible for the unincorporated area east of Interstate 405, from Woodinville to Enumclaw to Snoqualmie Pass.



*Precinct Commander Jerrell Wills tours the new facility with architect Sevda Baran as final preparations are made for move-in day.*

## March into Spring with the Arts Commission!

As we admire the tulips and rhododendrites blooming, don't forget to seed your own imagination with terrific spring activities from the Sammamish Arts Commission.

Make sure to mark your calendar for the following:

- March 9 – June 29: "Come Sit a While," an art exhibit at City Hall featuring paper cut artwork from acclaimed artist Hannah Viano.
- April 9 – May 21: Join a "Seniors Making Art" class, 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays at the Sammamish Teen Center. This free class will be taught by renowned regional artist Gail Baker.
- Saturday, April 14 – "Haiku in the Woods" with poet Michael Dylan Welch. This free event includes a course in Japanese poetry plus a walk in Beaver Lake Park. Check

the city website for details.

- Tuesday, April 17 – A free gallery tour and presentation of the "Come Sit a While" exhibit at City Hall beginning at 6 p.m.



*"The Near Shore"  
Paper cut by Hannah Viano*

- Thursday, April 19 – A reading of the "Pittman Painters" by The ACT Theater at the Sammamish Library.

This hilarious and timely look at art, class and politics lasts two hours and begins at 7 p.m. It's free.

More information on the Sammamish Arts Commission is available on the city website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us). Just go to the "advisory boards" tab on the left side of the home page and click on "arts commission."

There are several ways to receive automatic notifications on upcoming opportunities to enjoy art here in Sammamish:

- Go to the city website, click on the Email Alerts icon in the upper, right-hand corner of the homepage, and follow the prompts.
- On Facebook, "like" the Sammamish Arts Commission.
- Follow the Arts Commission on Twitter @SammamishArts.

## Light traffic on SE 32nd after barricade removal

After all the discussion that preceded the removal of a barricade on Southeast 32nd Street, the results have been a bit anti-climactic. Traffic volumes are lower than expected, and vehicle speeds are well within the normal range for residential streets in Sammamish.

The barricade was removed in August 2011. A traffic count at that spot in October 2011 showed an average of 427 vehicles passed through each day.

“We’re really pleased that the process produced a nice, quiet residential street, no different than hundreds of others throughout Sammamish,” City Manager Ben Yazici said.



*Barricade in place along Southeast 32nd Street.*

The city made several improvements to the road section before the barricade was removed, adding curb extensions, sidewalk segments, traffic circles, and road striping.

The city has a number of other barricades still in place, all of them left over from the pre-incorporation era. In many cases, they were erected at the end of stub streets, but were left in place even after the road extensions were completed.

Over the coming years, a number of other barricades may also be looked at. The city has not yet decided which barrier it will evaluate next.



*Same street with barricade removed.*

## Cities around Lake Sammamish work to save Kokanee

Lake Sammamish Kokanee, fresh water cousins to sockeye salmon, are still present in the lake and its feeder streams. But they’re barely hanging on.

About ten years ago a late summer run became extinct, and the remaining native runs are in precarious shape.

To help preserve the remaining runs, a group of citizens (including Trout Unlimited), agency staffs (King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) and representatives of the four cities bordering Lake Sammamish formed

the Kokanee Work Group some five years ago.

As part of the group’s plan to save the little red fish, some of the Kokanee returning to the creeks have been captured and allowed to spawn in hatcheries over the past three winters. The goal: to supplement the native spawning.

Last winter very few kokanee returned, but this season the numbers were significantly higher (over 500 in Lewis Creek, 600 in Laughing Jacobs Creek, 300 in Ebright Creek and some 36 in Pine Lake Creek were counted).

In November, the scientists collect-

ed about 70 broodstock for the hatchery, which yielded some 64,000 eggs. In April the fry will be released in the local streams. We should see the first hatchery spawned fish returning to the streams in the fall of 2013, four years after the supplementation program began.

For more information about the program to save the Lake Sammamish Kokanee, go online and search for “Kokanee Work Group.”

Along with important information about the program, the Kokanee Work Group website offers excellent videos of the Kokanee working their way upstream.

## Global Washington comes to Sammamish

Bookda Gheiser, executive director of Global Washington, will visit Sammamish City Hall on Tuesday, March 13, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. During the brown bag lunch event, Gheiser will share what her organization is doing to help support businesses and non-profits that have projects in the developing world.

Global Washington's goal is to make this state a recognized center of influence and innovation in the arena of global development. The organization is composed of more than 150 businesses, large and small non-profits, foundations, academic institutions and individuals.

This special event is free and open to the public.

## Volunteer work party at Evans Creek Preserve

Trail and plant stewards will be leading a work party on Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Evans Creek Preserve. If you would like to help out with planting and restoration efforts, register as a volunteer by contacting Dawn Sanders at [dsanders@ci.sammamish.wa.us](mailto:dsanders@ci.sammamish.wa.us) or 425-295-0556.

Volunteers will need to wear heavy shoes (it's muddy in spots), bring work gloves and dress for the weather. The work will go on rain or shine.



*Walking along one of the new trails at Evans Creek Preserve.*

## Website info available on two summer projects

If you would like information on the Inglewood Hill Road sidewalk project or the N.E. Eighth St./233rd Ave. N.E. roundabout project, go to the city website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us), click the "projects" tab, and then select "public works." For email notifications on new project developments, click on the Email Alert icon in the upper, right-hand corner of the home page and follow the prompts.

The sidewalk will be built on the south side of Inglewood Hill Road between 222nd Avenue and the roundabout at 216th Avenue. Approximately 2,000 feet of new sidewalk will be constructed.



*Roundabout location at N.E. Eighth Street and 233rd Ave. N.E.*

The other project, also to be built this summer, will install a new roundabout at the intersection of Northeast Eighth Street and 233rd Avenue Northeast, and make road improvements south of the roundabout along 233rd Avenue Northeast. After the improvements are made, 233rd Avenue Northeast will serve as a second entrance to Eastlake High School.

That section of 233rd Avenue Northeast will be designated as Stan Chapin Way in honor of the School Resource Officer who died unexpectedly in January. (See story, pg 1.)

## Clarification:

In last month's newsletter, there was a reference in the Mayor's Message to the use of a propane cook stove during January's winter storm. It was not clear in the text that the stove had been used outdoors. REMINDER: Never use portable propane heaters, or charcoal or gas grills indoors. These uses have the potential to create deadly carbon monoxide levels indoors.

# CITY CALENDAR

## MARCH

*Thursday, Mar. 1*

Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

*Tuesday, Mar. 6*

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

*Wednesday, Mar. 7*

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

*Thursday, Mar. 8*

CANCELED: Community Garden

Steering Committee Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

*Saturday, Mar. 10*

Passport Day in the U.S.A.

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

*Monday, Mar. 12 - Friday, Jun. 8*

“Come Sit a While” art exhibit

Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.,

*Tuesday, Mar. 13*

Global Washington, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

*Wednesday, Mar. 14*

Sammamish Youth Board Mtg, 6 p.m.

*Thursday, Mar. 15*

Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

*Saturday, Mar. 17*

Volunteer at Evans Creek Preserve,

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

*Monday, Mar. 19*

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

*Tuesday, Mar. 20*

Public Safety Committee Mtg, 4-6 p.m.

City Council Council Office Hour,  
5:30-6:30 p.m.

*Saturday, Mar. 24*

Volunteer Event at Lower Commons  
Park, 9 a.m.- noon

SE 4th Street and 222nd Place SE

## APRIL

*Monday, Apr. 2*

Donate Blood at City Hall,

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

*Tuesday, Apr. 3*

City Council Meeting,

6:30 p.m.

*Wednesday, Apr. 4*

City Council Council Office Hour,

5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

*Thursday, Apr. 5*

Planning Commission Mtg,

6:30 p.m.

*Tuesday, Apr. 10*

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

*Thursday, Apr. 12*

Community Garden Steering

Committee Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

*Saturday, Apr. 14*

Haiku Walk in the Wods,

10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Beaver Lake Lodge

Free Computer Recycling Drive,  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

*Monday, Apr. 16*

Finance Committee Mtg, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

*Wednesday, Apr. 18*

Sammamish Youth Board Mtg, 6 p.m.

*Thursday, Apr. 19*

Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

ACT Theatre - The Pitman Painters

Community, 7-9 p.m.

Sammamish Library

*Saturday, Apr. 21*

Sammamish Walks, Location TBA,

10 a.m.- noon

Earth Day Celebration,

12-3 p.m.

Beaver Lake Lodge

*Saturday, Apr. 28*

Volunteer Event at Illahee Trail,

9 a.m.- noon

NE 8th and SE 35th PL NE

### 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.

## Washing your car can dirty our streams and lakes!

Few people realize that washing a car in the driveway is one of the most environmentally unfriendly chores they can do around the house. The suds run down the driveway directly into a stormdrain and then on to our streams and lakes.

And it's not just the suds. It's grease, rust, benzene, chromium, elements from brake linings, and other nasty things toxic to fish and wildlife.

How can you help?

- Use a commercial car wash.
- Use waterless cleaning products.
- Wash your car on gravel, grass or another surface that absorbs water.
- Divert your wash water onto a surface that absorbs water.
- Use a bucket and sponge. Deposit the dirty water in a sink or tub.
- Use a hose nozzle to reduce runoff and conserve water.

Did you know there are NO acceptable detergents or soaps that can be discharged into streams or lakes without treatment? Even non-phosphate “biodegradable” soaps must not be allowed to enter surface water directly.

These products contain ingredients that may cause unsightly foaming in streams and lakes. They can also be toxic to sensitive stream organisms, even in small concentrations.



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# March volunteer event!

Saturday, March 24

9 a.m. to noon

With the help of stewards and city staff,  
volunteers will remove invasive plants and add  
native plants to the Lower Commons plant garden.

This project is perfect for students who want to add  
community service hours, and great for families as well.

For more information, contact Dawn Sanders at  
[dsanders@ci.sammamish.wa.us](mailto:dsanders@ci.sammamish.wa.us) or 425-295-0556.

Note: First time volunteers need to fill out  
the city's Volunteer Agreement by going to:  
[www.ci.sammamish.wa.us/volunteer/volunteer\\_agreement.aspx](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us/volunteer/volunteer_agreement.aspx)

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