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Parks Bond Parks Levy fact sheet inside

**VOTERS WILL DECIDE
ON NEW INVESTMENTS**

As provided for under state law, the city is today publishing a "Fact Sheet" on two parks measures that will be on the ballot Nov. 4. The fact sheet can be found inside this newsletter.

The Sammamish City Council voted unanimously to place the two measures on the ballot during their meeting on July 21.

Proposition 1 is a \$19 million bond that would pay for new parks and recreational facilities inside the city. Proposition 2 is a property tax levy lift that would pay for the programming and operation of the new facilities.

The two measures are linked; if the levy lift for programming and operations does not pass, the city will not build the facilities described in the bond.



"Captain Bogg and Salty" play before residents and public safety personnel on Aug. 5.

National Night Out draws a crowd KICKOFF EVENT AT CITY HALL PLAZA LEADS THE WAY AS NEIGHBORS, PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL SAY HELLO

Sammamish families turned out in generous numbers Aug. 5 at the City Hall kickoff event for National Night Out, an occasion when neighbors and public safety personnel across the country get together at barbecues, block parties and an array of other events to reinforce community connections and enhance safety.

"We had a nice turnout for the

City Hall event," Sammamish Police Sgt. Bob Baxter. "It's getting better each year."

In addition to vintage police cars, a King County Sheriff's Department armored personnel carrier, a firetruck and a lot of public safety information, the crowd was also treated to the music of "Captain Bogg and Salty," a "pirate rock band."

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



*Lee Felling
Mayor*

Over the many years that our City Council has discussed a parks bond, we have consistently received feedback from you, the residents of Sammamish, that you would welcome the opportunity to approve or reject such a bond. This November, with two related measures on the ballot, you will have the chance to do just that.

On one measure, you will vote for or against a \$19 million bond to build new parks and trails, to acquire more park land, and to convert and expand the current library into a recreation center for residents of all ages.

On the other measure, you will vote for or against a levy lift to pay for programming and operations at the new facilities. The city won't proceed with the bond unless the levy lift is also

approved.

Since incorporation in 1999, the city has invested heavily in parks and recreation. The new artificial turf fields at Eastlake High School and Skyline High School are just two examples. We've also opened Ebright Creek Park, a brand new facility on the west side of town, and refurbished the existing facilities at Pine Lake Park.

As we made these and other improvements to the city's recreation inventory, some voices in the community have asked for more. Other voices have said enough is enough. Given that we live in a democracy, and the choice in question involves additional taxation, it seems only right to place the decision where it belongs – in your hands.

The bond package we've put on the ballot distributes the facilities and benefits throughout the city in a geographically balanced way. I invite you to look at the remainder of this city newsletter

to see for yourself what the additional revenue will be used for.

As a city, we are charged with providing you with accurate information. I trust we are succeeding in that effort. As a city, however, we are not allowed to advocate for or against the ballot measures. That's why the material in this message and throughout all city-funded communications will be factual – and neutral.

I do hope, however, that you will take some time, examine the information on the parks ballot measures, and be prepared to make an informed choice on Nov. 4. Whatever decision the community makes, we'll be a better place if the choice is made on the basis of solid information.

See you at the ballot box!

Open house slated for revised 244th roundabout

A re-designed roundabout planned for the intersection of 244th Avenue and East Main Street will be the focus of a City Hall Open House on Thursday, Sept. 11. All city residents, especially those who are likely to use this intersection, are invited to drop in anytime between 6 and 8 p.m. The roundabout designer, along with city staff, will be present to answer questions and provide information.

For those willing to take a "test drive," a small-scale model of the roundabout, fully equipped with model cars, will be available to illustrate the real-life functioning of the new design. City staffers have also prepared a short presentation on roundabout safety attributes.

For more information before the event, please contact Project Manager Jed Ireland at 425-295-0563.

Sammamish Landing master plan meetings begin Sept. 17

RESIDENTS WILL PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED WATERFRONT RECREATIONAL FACILITY

The city will kick off a series of public meetings this month on Sammamish Landing, a project proposed for a thin strip of shoreline at the northern end of Lake Sammamish. If it's built, the recreational park is expected to feature picnic and swimming facilities, a canoe launch area, and easy access to the East Lake Sammamish Trail, among other things.

The first meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m., will be held at City Hall, 801 228th Ave. S.E. At this and other meetings, as part of the master planning process, residents will be invited to share their thoughts, questions and concerns. As another option, residents may also fill out an online survey, and learn more, by going to the project webpage at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us/SammLanding.aspx.

PLATEAU NOTES:

Safety and Preparedness Fair

The Sammamish Citizen Corps, Eastside Fire and Rescue, and the City of Sammamish are co-sponsoring the fifth annual "Safety and Preparedness Fair" on Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Eastlake High School.

Food, fun for the kids, and door prizes are just some of the attractions. The fair will also feature emergency kits, the supplies to build your own, and lots of safety information for everyone.

Eastside Catholic opens

The newest high school and middle school in Sammamish will open on Sept. 2 when the Eastside Catholic School debuts at its brand-new campus at 232 228th Ave. S.E. To help

celebrate the first few days of classes, the school will stage a 3-mile run/walk along 228th Avenue on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 9 a.m. Police officers will help with traffic control along the run/walk route, which stretches along the 228th Avenue sidewalk from the school campus to Southeast 20th Street.

Volunteers to work on city's native plant garden

Volunteer work parties are scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 in the Sammamish Commons native plant garden. The work, which will include the laying down of a special wood mulch, is being done in partnership with the Native Plant Society and Sammamish Garden Club.

To volunteer or obtain more

information, contact Dawn Sanders, the city's volunteer coordinator, at 425-295-0556 or dsanders@ci.sammamish.wa.us.

Recycling event Sept. 27 at Eastlake High School

Residents are invited to bring their tires, motor oil, batteries, propane tanks, TV sets, computers, refrigerators, cardboard and a variety of other difficult to dump items to Eastlake High School, 400 228th Ave. N.E., on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Not all items will be accepted. For more information, go to the city website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us/files/document/4787.pdf. The recycling event is co-sponsored by the city of Sammamish and King County.

CITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Monday, Sept. 1

Labor Day
City offices closed

Tuesday, Sept. 2

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Sammamish Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 4

Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Volunteer Opportunity, 9-11:30 a.m.
Beaver Lake Lodge

Tuesday, Sept. 9

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

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Sammamish Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.
Parks and Rec Comm. Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11

Open House, 6-8 p.m.
244th Ave. Roundabout

Monday, Sept. 15

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

Tuesday, Sept. 16

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

Sammamish Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.
Sammamish Landing Public Mtg. #1
Hopes, Dreams & Fears, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18

Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 22

Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
Location TBA

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Sammamish Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27

Recycling Collection Event, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Eastlake High School

Volunteer Opportunity, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sammamish Lower Commons Park

OCTOBER

Thursday, Oct. 2

Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Lower Commons Park Volunteer
Opportunity, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008

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

Tuesday, Oct. 14

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

Thursday, Oct. 16

Planning Commission Mtg, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Recycling Event, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunny Hills Elementary School

Monday, Oct. 20

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

Tuesday, Oct. 21

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 30

Planning Commission Mtg, 5:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE:

All meetings 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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More buses on route 269 EXPANDED SERVICE BEGINS SEPT. 22



Thanks to a funding partnership entered into by Sammamish, Redmond, Issaquah and Microsoft, the 269 bus will run three times per hour during peak hours beginning Sept. 22. Currently, the 269 only runs twice per hour between 6 and 9 a.m. and 3:30 and 7 p.m. The King County Metro bus runs between the downtown Issaquah park-and-ride and the Overlake park-and-ride in Redmond, passing through Sammamish along the way.

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