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From: City of Sammamish <sammamish@service.govdelivery.com>

Subject: City News, Events & Updates: Your weekly eNews from the City of Sammamish

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A promotional graphic for "VIRTUAL SAMMAMISH Holiday Contests". The background is dark green with white snowflakes and yellow stars. The text "VIRTUAL" is in a yellow box, and "SAMMAMISH Holiday Contests" is in white and yellow. Below the title, it says "Prizes given out to the winners in each category - Contest runs all month of December". At the bottom, there are four categories with images: "Most Festive Pet" (a pug), "Best Holiday Treat" (a bowl of cookies), "Best Holiday Outfit" (a smiling child), and "Best Holiday Display" (a decorated table). A URL "More information at https://connect.sammamish.us/" is centered at the bottom.

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Please Note

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Winter Driving Preparation and Tips

WITH SAMMAMISH POLICE OFFICER DEREK JONES

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the Y YMCA

NOV 15 - DEC 24
Drop off at the **Sammamish Community YMCA**

Benefiting **Friends of Youth and Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank.**

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SAMMAMISH COMMUNITY YMCA
831 228th Ave SE Sammamish, WA 98075
206-382-5022 seattleyymca.org

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Join us in a winter clothing drive! All items should be new or gently used. Adult and Teen sizes are preferred but all sizes are allowed.

Accepted Items Include:

- Winter Coats
- Warm Gloves (synthetic preferred)
- New Winter Hats (no used hats)
- Warm Socks (synthetic preferred)
- New Thermals / Long Underwear (synthetic preferred)
- New Underwear

Everyone is welcome. The YMCA of Greater Seattle strengthens communities in King and south Snohomish counties through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Financial assistance is available.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF KING COUNTY

SAMMAMISH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Holiday Toy/Gift Drive

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: **SAMMAMISH KEYSTONE CLUB**

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO **YWCA FAMILY VILLAGE IN ISSAQUAH**

Donation Drop Off:

Sammamish Boys & Girls Club
825 228th Ave NE
Sammamish, WA 98074
M-F 10:00 am-6:30 pm

Nov 17th -Dec 17th

A teal poster with white and yellow starburst graphics. The text reads: "SAMMAMISH ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTS: Sammamish Star Gazing". Below this, it says "Create a star to celebrate the New Year. Stars will be displayed in the windows of Sammamish City Hall." It includes the Sammamish Arts Commission logo and the "4 CULTURE" logo. The deadline is "Deliver your star to City Hall on Wednesday, January 5, 2022". At the bottom, it says "Please ensure that your star can be hung by: tape, suction cup, or provide your own stand." and provides the URL "https://www.sammamish.us/government/commissions-boards/arts-commission/".

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Shapes, Colors & Counting

Concept and reasoning development begins very early for children and is a key component for preschool and kindergarten readiness. In Snapology Junior's Shapes, Colors, Counting program, your little one will begin to identify basic shapes, where those shapes appear in their environment, and recognize colors and numbers in a variety of ways.

Age: 3 - 4
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Animal Explorers

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Discovering Dinosaurs

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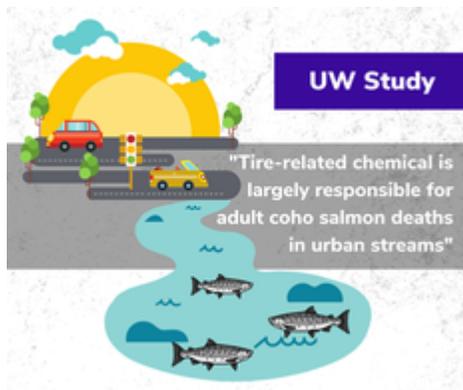
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When?

- At least **2 months** after the Johnson & Johnson vaccine
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Public Health
Seattle & King County

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