



NEWSLETTER

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**NEW MAYOR, DEPUTY
MAYOR SELECTED**

**SAMMAMISH POLICE
INTRODUCE NEW OFFICER
APPOINTMENTS**

**CITY KICKS OFF FEASIBILITY
STUDY FOR BUILDING 120**

February 2026

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Sammamish City Council



Josh Amato
Mayor



Debbie Treen
Deputy Mayor



Roisin O'Farrell
Councilmember



Amy Lam
Councilmember



Kent Treen
Councilmember



Pamela Stuart
Councilmember



Michael Boyer
Councilmember

Council Meetings

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To contact the Sammamish City Council, email citycouncil@sammamish.us.

Coffee with Council

Join us for a cup of coffee and conversation. Coffee with Council happens the first Saturday of every month with rotating councilmember attendance. Meet them at 9:30 a.m. at Metropolitan Market in Sammamish. The councilmembers may be in the outdoor seating area depending on the weather conditions. Otherwise, you will find them in the upstairs seating area near the café. We hope to see you there!

coffee w/council



First Saturday of Every Month

9:30 a.m.

Metropolitan Market

On Mezzanine Level (upstairs from the Cafe)



New Mayor, Deputy Mayor selected

Three new councilmembers were sworn into office Tuesday, Jan. 6—Josh Amato, Michael Boyer and Debbie Treen. Amy Lam was re-sworn into her position, as well. Josh Amato was selected as Mayor and Debbie Treen was selected as Deputy Mayor.

Cities do not function the same way as the State and County, and even between Cities, our forms of government can vary. Sammamish is a Council-Manager form of government, meaning the Mayor is not elected to the seat but chosen by their peers on Council. This also means the Mayor serves a ceremonial role, chairing Council meetings, facilitating communication between councilmembers and serving as a key representative in intergovernmental relations.

Sammamish's Mayor is not a full-time Mayor and does not direct City staff. Instead, City Council hires a professional City Manager, who is responsible for City operations and implementing Council's policies.

Councilmembers represent Sammamish regionally through committee appointments

City Councilmembers were selected to regional groups where they will represent Sammamish. With new Councilmembers sworn in, these appointments were redone.

A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) Liaisons

Debbie Treen

Amy Lam (Alternate)

Eastside Fire and Rescue - Board of Directors

Kent Treen

Pamela Stuart

Josh Amato (Alternate)

Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP)

Josh Amato

Michal Boyer

Pamela Stuart (Alternate)

K4C Elected Official Work Group

Pamela Stuart

Roisin O'Farrell

Kokanee Working Group

Kent Treen

Debbie Treen (Alternate)

Salmon Recovery Council - Water Resource Inventory

Area 8

Roisin O'Farrell

Kent Treen (Alternate)

SCA Public Issues Committee

Debbie Treen

Josh Amato (Alternate)

YMCA Advisory Board

Roisin O'Farrell

Issaquah School District Liaison

Amy Lam

Roisin O'Farrell

Lake Washington School District Liaison

Pamela Stuart

Michael Boyer

Snoqualmie Valley School District Liaison

Kent Treen

Sammamish Plateau Water District

Josh Amato

Debbie Treen

NE Sammamish Sewer & Water District

Debbie Treen

Kent Treen



City kicks off feasibility study for Building 120

City Council has approved a contract with Opsis Architecture to help plan the future of Building 120 (the City-owned facility at 120 228th Ave. NE formerly leased to CWU). Opsis was selected through a competitive process last fall, with many responding to the City's request for proposals. Staff unanimously recommended Opsis based on their experience in community-centered planning and feasibility studies.

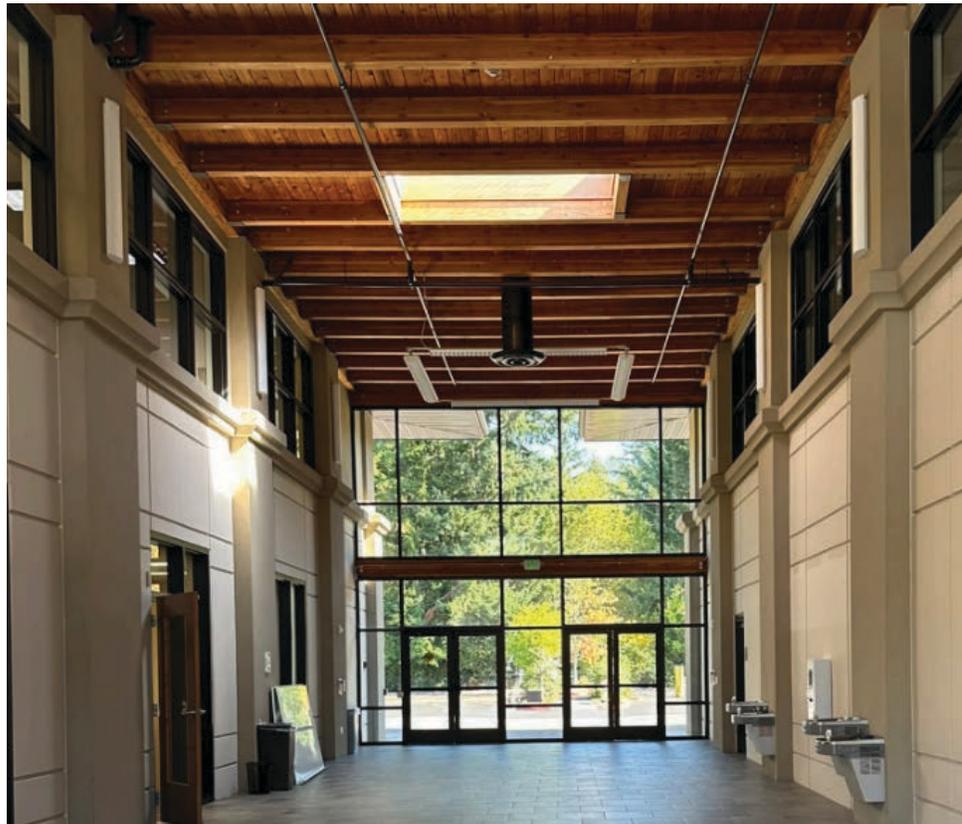
Work on the project will take place now through fall 2026 and will occur in three phases, with Council review at key milestones. Phase 1 focuses on a detailed evaluation of the building and site. This process is scheduled to be completed in late spring.

If Council approves the project to continue, Phase 2 will take place in late spring and summer and will focus on community engagement and potential uses for the site.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed on project progress and opportunities to share their ideas by checking the City's website throughout this phase:

www.sammamish.us/projects/building-120/

The final phase, anticipated in late summer through fall, will result in a final feasibility plan outlining concept options, costs, and potential next steps, which will be brought back to Council for consideration.



Sammamish Youth Board Applications Open

The Sammamish Youth Board (SYB) is a City Commission composed of middle school and high school students who reside in Sammamish. The City values the unique perspectives and contributions of its youth and relies on SYB members to address the issues, concerns, and needs of young people in our community.

SYB members take the lead in organizing community service projects, volunteering at City events, and initiating other projects that benefit Sammamish residents. Serving on the Board offers students a meaningful opportunity to earn volunteer hours, develop leadership skills, and gain hands-on experience in the workings of local government.

Applications are open through Sunday, March 8 for the next service year which will begin in September 2026 and run through August 2027. **Find more information and the application online at sammamish.us/SYB.**

Contact SYB Staff Liaison Britt Bowman
bbowman@sammamish.us with any questions.



Sign up for Alert King County

King County delivers messages in the event of an emergency, including earthquakes, road closures, etc. Residents should sign up for the quickest way to receive news.



Watch King County's video by scanning this QR code.

Sign up for alerts by scanning QR code.



To learn more about evacuations, watch King County's video about how these alerts work: <https://vimeo.com/1115526244?fl=pl&fe=sh>

Sammamish 101: Maintenance crews keep City safe, beautiful, and moving

Do you know how your local government works? We've shared a lot of information about the role and responsibilities of various positions in local government. Now, we are highlighting some of the departments and divisions within the city and the work that they do.

Our **Public Works Maintenance division** includes 15 people who work in the Public Works Department. They keep our infrastructure safe, functional, and looking its best. Their work is broad and essential, often behind the scenes, but it touches nearly every aspect of daily life in a city.

Some of their responsibilities include:

- Repair potholes, cracks, and damaged pavement and maintain sidewalks, curbs, and gutters
- Install and repair street signs and pavement markings
- Clear debris, leaves, and hazards from roadways including snow in the winter

Our **Parks Maintenance division** includes 16 people who work under the Parks Department. Their work combines landscaping, facility care, and community support — ensuring that public spaces stay beautiful and functional year-round.

Some of their responsibilities include:

- Mow lawns, trim trees, and care for landscaping
- Maintain playgrounds, athletic fields, and picnic areas
- Empty trash and recycling bins in public areas
- Repair park structures, benches, and signage
- Maintain Irrigation citywide for streets, parks and facilities



Sammamish Police introduce new Community Resource Officer, Community Engagement Officer

Sammamish Police Department introduced a new Community Engagement Officer, Matthew Martin and Community Resource Officer, Kedrick Anderson at a City Council meeting in January.

Anderson primarily works out of Eastlake High School but visits the nearby elementary schools and middle school for Lake Washington School District. He previously worked as an officer in Louisiana before working for the King County Sheriff's Office. During his time with the King County Sheriff's Office, he has worked in unincorporated King County and later worked for the Special Assault Unit.

"The leadership in Sammamish is great," Anderson said. "The transition has been smooth. A lot of the kids are already comfortable with me. I get to really help here and hopefully keep kids out of our criminal justice system."

His background working with victims and vulnerable people made him a perfect fit for the Community Resource Officer role.

Martin was the former Community Resource Officer, who is now the Community Engagement Officer. He served in the Australian army and was deployed to Afghanistan. Martin also spent years as a police officer in Sydney, Australia, before relocating to the United States. He's also a marine rescue driver and crisis/hostage negotiator.

"I'm looking forward to solving problems," Martin said. "I have a way of getting people to see that they need help."

Martin's role involves community engagement, assisting HOA's, working with faith-based organizations, and partnering with Community Resource Officer Anderson.

If anyone has questions related to crime prevention or need connecting to information and assistance, please email Martin directly at mamartin@kingcounty.gov.



Learn more!



Non-emergency
number:
(206) 296-3311

Sustainable Sammamish:

Climate action at home



Power Up: Sammamish Join the challenge!

PSE's Green Power program offers a simple and affordable way to match your electricity use with renewable energy like wind and solar.

Easily reduce your environmental impact while growing demand for more renewable energy, starting at just \$4 per month. When you enroll, PSE purchases renewable energy from independent resources on your behalf. Any level you choose, you're doing right by the planet, and you can cancel at any time.



Did you know the first Sammamish Climate Action Plan (CAP) was adopted by City Council just over two years ago? In that time, Sammamish has made many accomplishments as we work towards ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets.

In the first two years of Climate Action Plan implementation, the City completed a study to electrify its fleet, installed a renewable-diesel fuel tank for City vehicles, adopted a sustainable purchasing policy, updated our pest management policy, achieved Tree City recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation for 2024 and 2025, joined regional partnerships for climate action, and enrolled all City facilities in PSE's Green Power program, which matches up to 100% of electricity use with renewable energy like wind and solar from right here in the West.

While the City can set precedence, protecting our environment and achieving our goals requires collective efforts from all community members. You may be asking yourself, "how can I help?" Consider adding a sustainability goal (or three!) to your 2026 to-do list:

Cut back on emissions from energy use.

- Join the City of Sammamish by enrolling in PSE's Green challenge. Reduce your environmental impact with local renewable energy. <https://www.pse.com/en/green-options/Renewable-Energy-Programs/green-power>
- Explore heat pump rebates and free 1:1 advising with Energy Smart Eastside. <https://www.energysmarteastside.org/>

Reduce Waste.

- Recycle and compost right using the republic services guide. <https://www.republicservices.com/municipality/sammamish-wa>
- Participate in community recycling events. <https://www.sammamish.us/news/events/recycling-event/>

Make sustainable transportation choices.

- Find or create a new carpool group for school, work, and other activities.
- Try Metro Flex. <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/metro/travel-options/metro-flex>



Volunteer with the City!

In 2025, community volunteers helped us plant almost 2,400 native plants, but we need your help to beat that number in 2026!

If you enjoy being outside or want to help in Sammamish parks, please join us at one of our volunteer events. We host events year-round (rain or shine) and have many opportunities for volunteers. If you would like to receive alerts about upcoming volunteer opportunities, sign up for events and track your hours you can visit: sammamish.galaxydigital.com/need

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 7	Evan's Creek Trail Decommissioning	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 14	Evan's Creek Trail Decommissioning	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 21	Evan's Meadow Prep	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Plus more events coming up in April for Earth Day and Spring Break!

If you have any questions about volunteering, please reach out to Francine Sanchez, Volunteer Coordinator fsanchez@sammamish.us



New commissioners were sworn into office in January

Sammamish has various boards and commissions that play an important role in shaping City policies and decisions. Each board and commission are comprised of volunteer residents who bring their expertise and perspectives to the table. They work alongside city staff to provide recommendations and advice to the City Council.

Keep an eye out for future vacancies and consider applying.

Planning Commission

Ajay Chakrapani
Mazahir Poonawala

Sustainability Commission

Stephanie Velea

Human Services Commission

Jisha Govin

Parks & Recreation Commission

Anna Yorba
Henry (Hank) Klein

Arts Commission

Jonathan Gerace
Heather Pfister

To Learn more about our boards and commissions visit:
sammamish.us/government/commissions/



New art exhibit on display at City Hall

City Hall is featuring new artwork from Pavithra Sundarajan. Pavithra is an acrylic-based textured artist who lives in Sammamish.

These works of art are on display until March 31. She is inspired by the nature and life around the Pacific Northwest as well as the textures and colors we see around us. Artwork is displayed on the first and second floors of City Hall.

The City of Sammamish showcases a rotating art exhibit in City Hall, curated by the Sammamish Arts Commission. This program highlights local artists, giving them an opportunity to share their work with the community in a highly visible public space. Exhibits include two-dimensional artwork in a variety of media—painting, photography, fiber art, and more—and are refreshed up to four times a year to feature new voices and perspectives.

Contact Britt Bowman if you have questions about local art, bbowman@sammamish.us.



Report issues to the City

Do you know about My Sammamish? My Sammamish is run through See Click Fix and lets YOU report issues to the city like potholes, fallen trees on public right of way, and so much more.

We had a busy 2025 with our crews receiving **2,494 requests**. Last year the most common issue reported was for a sign installation or repair. It took the City an average of 10.7 days to close a request in 2025. Other common requests included repairs for streetlights and other road issues.

Download the My Sammamish app on the Apple or Android App Store to make a request or visit https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/QBxqViq8MvTZhgcgak3NKXnV/report to make a request on a browser.

Sammamish Police can help you learn how to install car seats

Installing a car seat for younger children and babies can be a challenge. Installing car seats properly is critical because a correctly installed seat dramatically reduces the risk of serious injury or death in a crash. Even high-quality car seats can fail to protect a child if they're loose, incorrectly angled, or not secured to the vehicle as designed. The Sammamish Police Department has two certified child-passenger safety technicians who can check to confirm car seats are installed correctly. During your 1-hour appointment, you will be shown how to use and install a car seat on your own and how to properly buckle your child into their seat for safe travel.

To book an appointment, visit our website:
<https://www.sammamish.us/government/police/car-seat-safety-inspections/>

To view a video we did previously with information about car seats, watch:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3Xj5B0kIVU&feature=youtu.be



How to Get Information & Get Involved

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Sammamish Planning Commission

Sammamish Planning Commission meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 pm. For agendas, minutes, and meeting videos, go to sammamish.us/planningcommission. To contact the Sammamish Planning Commission, email planningcommission@sammamish.us.

Additional Public Meeting Information

Stay informed on city government with CivicWeb Portal. See a schedule of meetings, get meeting agendas, and view past meetings at sammamishwa.civicweb.net

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City Newsletter

Suggestions or concerns? Contact communications@sammamish.us

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RESOURCES FOR SAMMAMISH RESIDENTS

Police/Fire Emergency 911

Police Non-Emergency (206) 296-3311

Eastside Fire & Rescue (425) 313-3200

King County Sheriff (206) 263-9133

King County Animal Control (206) 296-7387

Garbage - Republic Services (425) 646-2400

Sammamish Permit Center (425) 295-0531

Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer (425) 392-6256

NE Sammamish Water and Sewer (425) 868-1144



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The City of Sammamish is hiring and currently looking to fill multiple positions across various departments. Whether you're an experienced professional or just starting your career, there may be a role that's right for you.

Explore open opportunities and apply today at:
www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sammamish/

Join a team committed to public service, innovation, and the future of Sammamish!