



228th Ave. Project Still On Schedule

The first phase of the 228th Avenue improvement project currently under construction from Issaquah-Pine Lake Road to SE 24th is still scheduled for completion later this fall, despite continuing difficulties relocating and resolving conflicts among underground utilities.

Much of the work on utility lines is done at night and is not seen by the public driving through the site. Also unseen is the considerable work by the City to redesign portions of the project, which will not be visible until the final stages of the roadway construction. The City's vision, developed in community workshops in June, includes landscape strips and a landscaped center median for the typical roadway section. There will be sidewalks and turn lanes on 228th Avenue along Pine Lake Middle School south of Issaquah-Pine Lake Road. Another design change undertaken by the City has been to move the entrance road to Pine Lake Park to line up with the intersection at SE 24th Street, to provide a much safer and convenient entrance.

The City Council has initiated an aggressive, fast-track schedule of design and right-of-way acquisition aimed at constructing the next phase of the project, from Discovery Elementary at SE 24th Street north to SE 8th Street, by the fall of 2001. Preliminary design work will begin soon for the third phase, Phase 1C, from SE 8th Street to NE 8th Street, scheduled for construction in 2002.

The 228th project will implement innovative urban street design concepts developed in the community workshops. Two innovative elements include "roundabouts" and an urban trail. Roundabouts offer intersection circulation superior to traffic signals under certain conditions of traffic flow. The urban trail concept arose out of significant community concern for children, or other beginning bike riders, using bike lanes along the roadway, as initially proposed. Instead, a 12-foot trail for bicyclists and pedestrians will be designed along the east side of 228th Avenue, connecting the three schools along that side of the street. On the west side, an extra-wide sidewalk of 8 feet is provided.

Watch for information about a community meeting that will be held later this fall to give the public a closer look at how all of these design concepts have been incorporated into the 228th Avenue project. Residents living along 228th Avenue will get a "sneak preview" of the preliminary plans as part of the process of purchasing right-of-way and securing easements necessary to build the 228th Avenue project.



This "before" photo of 228th Avenue show the two-lane rural road design, with no landscaping, no bike or pedestrian facilities, and little management for turning.



The "after" design of 228th shows landscaping along each side of the roadway and a landscaped median in the center, the type of "streetscape" that encourages walking and bicycling. The landscaped center reduces storm water run-off and controls the number of locations where left-turns can be made.

Citizens Encouraged to Attend Budget Hearings

The City is in the process of developing the City of Sammamish's first "biennial" budget for fiscal years 2001-02. This important fiscal and policy document will also include a six-year planning component that will identify future programs, projects and goals to be accomplished by the City. The budget will address the enhancement of delivery of services/programs within fiscal limitations of City revenues by focusing on those City Council priorities such as: public safety services (police and fire), street and sidewalk improvement projects, regional transportation, comprehensive land use planning, and park and recreation programs and facilities development. The City Council will conduct public hearings on the budget on November 1 and 8, 7:30 pm. Citizens are encouraged to attend the hearings and provide their suggestions on City spending. Copies of the proposed City budget will be available for public review on October 23.

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Young People Have Much to Contribute

At this time of year, the opening of school brings into sharp focus the problems and opportunities we face as citizens of Sammamish.

Public education has the responsibility for providing an appropriate education to all children from diverse cultures, races and religions. Our schools are among the best anywhere and we strive to support both families and schools with responsible attention to the needs of youth. I believe we in Sammamish can be proud of what we have. The road has not always been easy, nor smooth, nor without a change of direction. The changes have been many and we sometimes forget where we've been or what it was like. And I think those around us sometime forget too.

When I was in high school, my teachers were mostly women from middle and upper income families. Boys who could afford college usually were encouraged to become doctors and lawyers; therefore, there were not many male teachers. My teachers, like my parents, lived through the Great Depression. This meant that the value they placed on a dollar and a day's hard work had strong meaning and they told us about it often.

Today growing up in this world is much different.



Jack Barry

Educators today have much higher standards and expectations. Young people are much more in tune to the environment, social issues, economics, family values, and world problems.

The Sammamish City Council knows and understands what young people have to contribute to this city, community, state, country and world. That is exactly why it has established two positions for student representation on the Council. This year's representatives are Lin Yang (Eastlake High School) and Mary Vinelas (Skyline High School.) These representatives don't get to vote on City matters, but they do provide input and a youth perspective. Their input will help make this City the "family-friendly, kid-safe" community we strive to achieve. Their input is timely and relevant. This Council recognizes the importance of their contributions. We will have a "youth advisory board," and we will have avenues of communications to address the needs of young people in Sammamish.

This is just one of many ways this Council will reach out to our citizens for input. We think you, your family, and your neighbors – everyone is important. We want your input. We invite you to attend our Council meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, to visit our Web page www.ci.sammamish.wa.us, request minutes of our minutes, attend our public hearings and join our network of committees. This Council welcomes input that is constructive, diverse, and directed towards making Sammamish the "best it can be!"

Jack Barry, Mayor

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INTRODUCING . . .

The City would like to introduce some of its staff members.

Kurt Aldworth, Building Inspector
Kurt comes to the City of Sammamish from Sultan where he spent time as both an inspector and a code compliance officer. A former Sammamish Plateau resident, he now resides in Monroe with his wife, Amy and two daughters, Ashley and Lauren.

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk
A Washington native and WSU graduate, Melonie was the former Deputy City Clerk/Webmaster at the City of Newcastle. She is excited to be the first "official" City Clerk. If she isn't busy keeping the Council on its toes, Melonie spends time at home with her husband and two teenage daughters.

Lee Haro, Senior Project Engineer
A descendant of the pioneer families who settled this area over 100 years ago, Lee brings the City over 20 years experience as a transportation professional. Previously the Transportation Planning and Programming Manager at the City of Renton, Lee was selected to work on all aspects of City transportation, including the \$17 million 228th Avenue Project.

Erin Richards, Permit Coordinator
A graduate of the University of Miami, Erin returned to her hometown of Sammamish a little over a year ago. As Permit Coordinator her major responsibilities include the issue of building permits, continual upkeep of the permit and building files, and keeping the front counter staff entertained.

Mark Rodriguez, Associate Planner
Mark spent his formative years in the Middle East and Europe, and is a graduate of Western Washington University. His various duties involve working with citizens on zoning issues and site plan reviews. If you ask, Mark may even give you a tip on where to find the best snow, or waves, for boarding.

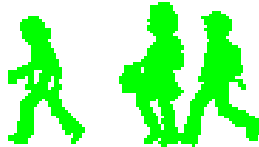
Janie Smith, Receptionist
Janie is a former Licensed Massage Practitioner, so it was only natural she take over the City's Wellness Program as part of her duties. She lives on a big farm with her two horses, many cats, two dogs, two kids, and husband. Janie is almost always found at the front counter at City Hall with a big smile and warm welcome for any citizen.

PUBLIC WORKS

School Sidewalk Projects Identified

The City budgeted \$200,000 this year for construction of sidewalks having the highest priority for local school safety. The Lake Washington School District identified the south side of NE 16th Street from 216th Avenue SE east to 219th Place NE, near Margaret Mead Elementary School. The Issaquah School District selected SE 32nd Way from Sunny Hills Elementary east to 238th Avenue NE, on the north side of the roadway. The City Council early on asked that the school sidewalk program get underway as soon as possible.

These two projects received enthusiastic support from local residents who were provided with "before and after" cross-sections of the roadways, ditches and shoulders, so they could visualize how their



property frontage might look after construction. These are the first projects to be built according to new Public Works standards. For a "local street" like Northeast 16th, this includes a vertical-faced curb, a 5-foot-wide planter strip for grass and trees, and a 6-foot sidewalk. Drainage now in ditches will be routed into catch basins and pipe. SE 32nd Way will have the same configuration, with a 5-foot bike lane added along the curb, an amenity not now present. The planter strip in the City's new standard design affords a degree of protection between the curb and the sidewalk for pedestrians, and presents a more attractive setting.

Bid opening was held September 14 with construction now underway. Work will be completed in early November, depending on the weather and the selected contractor's ability to do both segments of the project at the same time.

212th Ave. Flood Work Project Completed

Following many years of repeated flooding on 212th Avenue SE near SE 14th Place, the City has completed an emergency reconstruction of the roadway adjacent to "Wetland 17". The roadway surface has been raised 2 feet through the area of flooding. Hopefully, no more will the orange diamond-shaped signs be displayed as drivers approach this stretch of this attractive, rural roadway. The serious threat of vehicular accidents due to ponded water should be gone too.

Cooperation between the City and County made the difficult permitting process go smoothly. All work had to remain within the footprint of the existing road and shoulders, to avoid impacts to the wetland in accordance with requirements of the Endangered Species Act. The design was completed by King County Department of Transportation for the City.

The construction was completed in just one weekend, and only three days after receipt of permits and approval by the City Council. Raising the road permits water in the wetland to move through the coarse rock base and additional culverts under the roadway so

that overtopping of the roadway is no longer anticipated. Concrete jersey barriers are placed on the edge of the expanded paved surface. Curbing on one side provides some protection for bikers and pedestrians on the narrow roadway. The City's Six-Year Transportation Plan calls for reconstruction of much of 212th to "minor arterial" status in four or five years, so the repair and raising is considered "temporary".

The project cost was under \$100,000 for engineering, design and construction. The roadway was closed for only two days and nights for the construction.



Flooding in a low area of 212th Ave. SE near SE 14 Place should be alleviated now that the roadway has been raised.

What Citizens Need to Know ?

Contacting the appropriate person for assistance with your problem or issue can sometimes be a frustrating experience. Here is a list of direct dial numbers we hope citizens will find useful.

■ For a police-related issue, please continue to call 911 for all emergencies. If you believe your issue is not an emergency, but you would still like police action, please call the King County Dispatch line at (206) 296-3311 and tell them you have a non-emergency issue. If you have general questions, please call the Sammamish Police Department at (425) 836-5674.

■ To report building code violations, please call Building Official Steve Wilcox, (425) 836-7908. Land or planning-code violations should be directed to Special Projects Manager Matt Mathes, (425) 836-7910. Finally, for any public works code violations (right-of-way, construction delays over 20 minutes) please call Public Works Supt. Carter Reeve, who can be reached through Administrative Assistant Gail Davila at (425) 836-7916.

■ For questions about the City Council, to set an appointment with a council member or to find out about Council meetings, schedules, calendars and other Council related issues, please call City Clerk Melonie Anderson, (425) 836-7904.

■ To set up a building inspection, call the main line, (425) 898-0660, the business day before you need the inspection. Inspections for the next day will only be scheduled until 4 p.m. after which time they will be scheduled for the day after.

■ To reserve a playfield or picnic shelter or for general information about the City's parks programs, contact Parks and Recreation Manager Jeff Watling, (425) 836-7907.

■ For questions regarding permit processes, status, or review, please call Permit Coordinator Erin Richards, (425) 836-7921.

■ To ask about current Public Works projects or issues, which include the 228th Avenue project and drainage issues please call Administrative Assistant Gail Davila, (425) 836-7916.

Workshops Held on Community Center

The City is holding series of public workshops is being conducted this fall regarding a Public Recreation/Community Center in Sammamish.

The goal of the four workshops is to answer the following questions:

- Does the community want a public recreation/community center?
- If so, what type of facility? What amenities?
- What would it cost to build and operate? How would the City fund it?
- Would a public/private partnership be something of interest to the citizens of Sammamish?

The workshops are being held at Discovery Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room. Although some workshops already have been conducted, a few are scheduled for October. They are Tuesday, Oct. 3, and Tuesday, Oct. 10. The workshops begin at 7 p.m.

Citizens are encouraged to attend any or all of the workshops to help decide this important community issue. Recommendations from the workshops will be developed into a final report and presented to the City Council.

Survey Prioritizes Community's Parks Needs

In early June, a survey was sent to a sample group in the City to help determine what citizens of Sammamish want in the way of parks and recreation facilities. The survey was sent to of 1,000 randomly chosen households. It had a return rate of nearly 50 percent, giving parks officials a clear indication of the community's needs and wishes.

The highest priorities, according to survey results, were:

- Develop community parks space
- Preserve open space
- Create citywide trail system



Other projects/activities of importance listed by the survey respondents included a swimming pool, community recreation center, improvements to parks transferred from King County to City of Sammamish, and activities/programming for teens.

Survey results have been presented to both the Parks Commission and City Council for their review. Information from the survey will be a key component of the City's Parks Plan and which will guide development of the City's parks and recreation system.

Besides the initial 1,000 households, the survey was later sent to the remaining several thousand households in Sammamish as an informational piece. Those who returned the survey indicated similar needs and priorities as the respondents in the first distribution.

State Funds Likely for Beaver Lake Preserve

City of Sammamish acquisition of a 57-acre parcel on the northwest corner of Beaver Lake is a step closer following a successful application for \$1.5 million in state IAC funds. The Beaver Lake proposal ranked third out of 11 projects competing for state funding and will likely be fully funded when money is allocated from the 2001 Legislative session. The \$1.5 million from the state will pay for about 50 percent of the acquisition costs.

The Beaver Lake preserve is a portion of an important green space/wildlife corridor of the Laughing Jacobs Creek and Beaver Creek watersheds. Potential public use of the land could be walking trails and interpretive areas. For further information, call Parks and Recreation Manager Jeff Watling at (425) 836-7907..

East Lake Sammamish Trail Interlocal Agreement

The City of Sammamish has proposed to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with King County for the purposes of defining responsibilities in the planning, funding and future development of the East Lake Sammamish Trail project.

Although King County has proposed the development of the trail for interim use on the existing rail corridor, the City is not supportive of interim use of the trail until the master trail plan or final trail alignment have been approved. The main focus of the final trail alignment would be to adequately address the many public safety concerns of the trail.

Of the 12-mile trail that extends from Lake Sammamish State Park to Marymoor Park, 7.5 miles crosses through or by 450 waterfront lots in the City of Sammamish. Although the City strongly supports the trail's development, the City Council believes the effort to plan and construct the trail improvements must be done in "partnership" between the County and City.

The purpose of the proposed agreement would to address such issues as trail alignment and trail master plan, zoning, permits, easements/rights-of-way, trail maintenance, public safety responsibility, SEPA, funding, and pending legal actions. This agreement is intended to be "all-encompassing" and a positive step forward in resolving the many pending trail use and public safety issues. The collaborative approach will make this project a successful partnership between King County and City of Sammamish resulting in the timely development of a first-class trail system.





CITY HALL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 3

Park & Recreation
Community Center
Workshop, 7 pm
(Discovery Elementary)

OCTOBER 4

City Council Regular
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 5

Planning Advisory Board,
7 p.m.

OCTOBER 7

Composting Bin Sale,
Eastlake High School
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 10

Park & Recreation
Community Center
Workshop, 7 pm
(Discovery Elementary)

OCTOBER 11

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

OCTOBER 16

Parks & Recreation
Commission, 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 18

City Council Regular
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 25

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

OCTOBER 26

Planning Advisory Board,
7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1

City Council Regular
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2

Planning Advisory Board,
7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 8

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

NOVEMBER 15

City Council Regular
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 20

Parks & Recreation
Commission, 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 22

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

NOVEMBER 30

Planning Advisory Board,
7 p.m.

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 6

City Council Regular
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 7

Planning Advisory Board,
7 p.m.

DECEMBER 13

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

DECEMBER 18

Parks & Recreation
Commission, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 20

City Council Regular
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY

JANUARY 3

City Council Regular
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 4

Planning Advisory Board,
7 p.m.

JANUARY 10

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

JANUARY 15

Parks & Recreation
Commission, 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY 17

City Council Regular
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 26

Planning Advisory Board,
7 p.m.

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Neighborhood Groups Sign Up

The City is implementing a new program to involve neighborhood associations in the community decision-making processes. This program will actively seek participation from neighborhood homeowners associations in working with the City on a variety of issues such as traffic improvements, parks development and public safety. Public involvement is a crucial component in the development of successful programs, and the City recognizes the importance of neighborhood associations and their input on community issues.

The first step in this program is assembling a list of neighborhood associations/groups within the City of Sammamish. The City requests that neighborhood groups contact Dennis Richards, Director of Administrative Services and identify their association's president or contact person. He may be reached at (425) 836-7901 or e-mail at: drichards@ci.sammamish.wa.us

VISIT THE CITY'S WEB SITE
www.ci.sammamish.wa.us

Compost Bins Available for \$15

The City of Sammamish in cooperation with Olympic Environmental Resources will hold a one-day compost bin sale to Sammamish residents, Saturday, October 7, at Eastlake High School, 400 228th Ave. NE, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. or whenever the bins run out. The City is sponsoring the event to promote backyard composting. Some 240 bins will be available for purchase for \$15 on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of two per household. Olympic Environmental Resources staff will provide educational materials and will be available to answer questions.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sammamish to Join Eastside Consortium

As of January 1, 2001, the City of Sammamish will join the Eastside Fire and Rescue consortium for future fire and emergency medical services delivery. The City Council approved a five-year service agreement to establish this long-term fire services arrangement with Eastside Fire. In addition, the City of Sammamish joins the cities of Issaquah and North Bend and Fire Districts No. 38 and No. 10 as partners in the fire services consortium. This service agreement will maintain or enhance the current level of fire and emergency medical services within Sammamish. In addition, the City of Sammamish joining Eastside Fire and Rescue will result in a much stronger regional presence and collaboration in providing fire and emergency medical services and strengthen the delivery of service through the area.



Residents of Sammamish are currently being assessed \$5 million a year for fire and EMS services through their fire district taxes or levy. The cost to the City of Sammamish for these services will be \$3,700,000 for 2001. Thereafter, the Eastside Fire Board will develop an equitable formula for determining the cost-sharing by using population, area, assessed valuation and calls for service as components of the criteria rather than strictly using property assessed valuation. The City will have two representatives on that board.

The agreement sets forth that Eastside Fire and Rescue will have no less than nine on-duty firefighters within the City of Sammamish at any time and also work to maintain a minimum of 30 trained volunteer firefighters. The three fire districts serving the City currently have eight firefighters on duty and no minimum standards for volunteers. A Fire Administrator/Liaison will be selected to directly serve the City in an administrative support capacity. Sammamish will take ownership of the three fire stations and designated equipment within Sammamish, coordinate future improvements to service delivery, and determine new stations locations and equipment purchases.

Radar Trailer Aims to Alert Drivers

The City's Traffic Radar Trailer that displays the speed of approaching vehicles is designed to create awareness of actual driving habits and to educate drivers.

The Traffic Radar Trailer is one element of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP). The NTMP for neighborhood streets represents the commitment of the City to the safety and livability of residential neighborhoods. It is a joint effort between residents, the Public Works Department, and Sammamish police to reduce the impact of traffic on neighborhoods.

Currently the trailer is scheduled to be in various locations around the City through November 2000. The radar trailer is an important and efficient educational tool. The effectiveness of the trailer is enhanced the more it is integrated into the NTMP. To date over 20 copies of the Neighborhood



The Traffic Radar Trailer displays the actual speed of passing vehicles.

Traffic Management Program have been distributed to concerned residents to help them address their traffic concerns.

Active involvement by all is key to the success of a NTMP. For more information please call Carter B. Reeve, Public Works Superintendent at (425) 898-0660 or Traffic Officer Tim McClung at (425) 836-5674.

Block Watch: Neighbors Watching Out For Neighbors

Your Sammamish Police Department has access to the latest in crime-fighting technology and practices: Community-Oriented Policing and Problem-Solving; 800mhz trunked radios; new Ford Crown Victoria "Police Interceptor" patrol cars; the LIVESCAN inkless fingerprint machine, linked directly to King County's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) computers; and laptop computers assigned to each police officer. But our residents are showing renewed interest in a fairly old concept, that of Neighborhood Block Watch.

What is Block Watch? Quite simply, Block Watch is a formalized expression of the aged-old concept of "neighbors looking out for neighbors." Neighbors who live in a geographically defined area pledge to work with the police to fight crime, not literally, but by being aware of who belongs in the neighborhood and committing to call the police when they see something suspicious. Block Watch obviously fits in well with the three "P's" of Community Policing: Partnerships, Prevention, and Problem-Solving.



How is a Block Watch formed? It's easy. Just call our Police Community Resource Officer at (425) 836-5674. The officer will schedule a short orientation meeting for you and your neighbors where he will bring you up to date on your police department and crime trends affecting your neighborhood, explain the concept of Block Watch and give a host of hints to improve the physical security of your home. The officer will explain "Operation Identification", which provides means for residents to permanently engrave identification numbers on valuable items. When at least 50 percent of your members have completed participation in Operation Identification, we'll help you post official Block Watch signs to warn would-be criminals that yours is a neighborhood that cares and won't put up with crime. Periodic crime trend newsletters and crime alert bulletins are also sent to keep you and your neighbors informed.

King County Projects Still in the Pipeline

Development applications, which vested in King County prior to the incorporation of the City of Sammamish – “the pipeline projects” – have been in the review process since September 1, 1999. With an estimated 2,186 lots in the pipeline on September 1, approximately 497 lots have been reviewed for approval to date. This leaves 1,589 lots in the pipeline. In addition, the City added 25 lots when it granted hardship exemptions to the moratorium.

Some of the “pipeline projects” are staffed by the King County Department of Development Services (KC DDES), with decisions required by the City of Sammamish, as per the interlocal agreement. The following are examples of the projects that will be processed over the next several months:

- King County staff is currently reviewing Beaver Dam Reserve Tract E, this project will be in SEPA and preliminary plat hearing in November. The project is located between Section 36 proposed water tanks and the new aquatic/tennis recreation center located at the Plateau Golf Course.

- Norris Estates is ready for Preliminary Plat Hearing in late November, based on staffing by KC DDES. This is one of the three largest remaining proposed pipeline projects (226 proposed lots). An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was required, which is now completed.

There are only a few pipeline projects that are fully staffed by City of Sammamish:

- The Laurels is currently in the EIS phase; this 117-lot development will be ready for preliminary plat hearings in November 2000.

- The Crossings at Pine Lake, a 132-lot development, is nearing completion of a combined plat and appeal hearing process.

- Chestnut Lane is a 35-lot development also nearing completion of a combined plat and appeal hearing process.

For more information on “pipeline projects”, please contact Matt Mathes, Special Projects Planner, Department of Community Development, at (425) 836-7910.

Building Division Meeting the Challenge

With the City's incorporation last year, a substantial amount of King County's Department of Development and Environmental Services activities is now being routed through the City of Sammamish's Building Division.

The Building Division is working daily to improve its operations both for efficiency and general customer service.

During the past quarter (June - August), the Building Division processed the following work: 335 Permits Issued; 328 Permits Received; 1,355

Regular Called Building Inspections.

Due to the volume of permits issued this summer and other projects known to be starting, the normally anticipated dip in building inspections activity is not anticipated this winter, although a leveling of work is expected.

The Building Division reminds anyone contemplating a building project that if you have any doubts that a permit may be required, please contact the Building Division staff before you start moving dirt or hammering nails.

Council Renews Moratorium

On August 16, 2000, the City Council renewed the City's moratorium on applications for land use development approvals and permits in the City. The purpose of the moratorium is to allow time for the City to continue the development of its Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. This is the second six-month renewal of the moratorium and it will be in effect until February 16, 2001, unless earlier repealed.

As before, the moratorium identifies certain types of projects that are “categorically exempt” from the moratorium. As an example, permits and approvals for a single-family residence are exempt as is a project that applied for a water certificate prior to August 25, 1999, and is now in danger of losing its certificate due to the moratorium. However, unlike previous renewals, these “categorical exemptions” no longer apply if the proposed project includes any division of land. Individuals still have the opportunity to request a “hardship exception” from the City Council for any project, if it can be shown that the moratorium has created an “unusual or unreasonable hardship” on the applicant. If you have any questions about the City's moratorium or the comprehensive planning process, please call the Community Development Department at (425) 836-7919.

Introducing the Planning Advisory Board

City Council appointed the City of Sammamish Planning Advisory Board on July 12. The 19-member citizens advisory board is charged with the responsibility of conducting open public meetings on the comprehensive land use plan, working with staff and technical advisors and recommending a comprehensive plan and development regulations to the City Council. The top priority issues are land use and transportation.

The board will spend the next two months reviewing the legal and technical aspects of comprehensive planning such as the requirements of the Growth Management Act, the Shoreline Management Act and the

Open Public Meetings Act.

The Planning Advisory Board meets every first and fourth Thursdays of each month starting at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Interested persons are invited to attend the meetings.

The Planning Advisory Board includes: Chairman Bill Baldwin; Vice Chair Sally Jarvis; members Sandra Barrett, Ken Baugh, Vali Eberhardt, Lee Felling, Scott Hamilton, Jolie Imperatori, Robert Keller, Karen Moran, John Rose, Jeff Roush, Will Sadler, James Sanders, Dale Snyder; and alternate members John Davis, Brad Forslund, Jon Griffin, and Catherine Kendall.



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City Council Highlights

JUNE

- Appointed New Student Liaisons for 2000-01 School Year: Lin Yang from Eastlake High School and Mary Vinuelas from Skyline High School
- Approved a contract with Puget Sound Energy for improved arterial street lighting.
- Participated in City-sponsored two-day Design Workshop for 228th Avenue Improvements. The intent of the workshop was to gather citizen ideas for the design of the improvements.

JULY

- Passed an ordinance to place on the November ballot the option to annex the City to the King County Rural Library District.
- Approved a contract for the development of the Park and Open Space Comprehensive Plan.
- Appointed 15 members and four alternate members to the Planning Advisory Board. Board will be meeting 1st and last Thursdays of every month.

- Approved a contract to begin the design of 228th Avenue, Phase 1B improvements.

AUGUST

- Amended the ordinance for automatic sprinkler system requirements.
- Adopted an interim Surface Water System Developer Deposit.
- Extended the moratorium on the filing of applications for development permits within the City limits.
- Held a joint meeting with

the City Council and the Planning Advisory Board

- Gave approval for the City Manager to sign a joint agreement for the operation of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

SEPTEMBER

- Adopted civil penalties of \$250 per day for Stop Work Orders issued by the Building Department for violations of the Building Code.
- Granted three Hardship Exceptions to the Land Use Moratorium.

What's in a Name?

A lot, we hope! We'd like some help in naming the City newsletter. Creative, cerebral, corny – please submit your suggestion no later than November 1. If your name is chosen, you'll receive a gift basket containing City of Sammamish merchandise: mugs, t-shirt and lots of hugs and kisses – that would be the Hershey variety! And, of course, you'll receive the proper acknowledgment in the next issue of the newsletter. Mail your suggestion to: Name the Newsletter, City of Sammamish, 704 228th Avenue NE, PMB 491, Sammamish, WA 98074.

New Look, New Address for City Web Site

Be sure to check out the City of Sammamish's newly redesigned Web site at the new location (below). The Web site contains regularly updated City informa-

tion of interest to City residents such as road closures, meeting schedules, community events, City Council agendas and minutes, and information from the Police Department and Eastside Fire and Rescue.

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