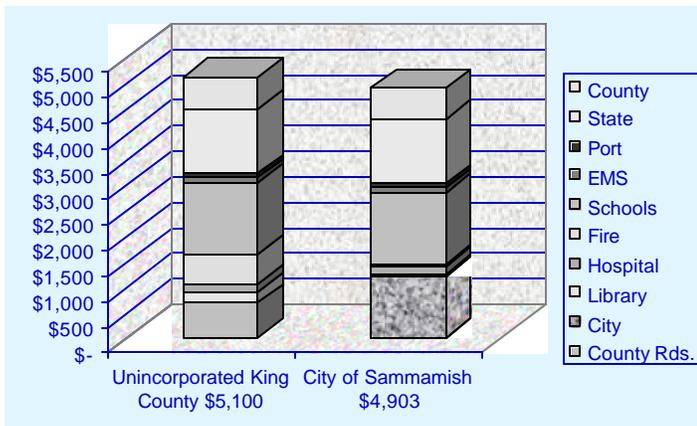


# City Views@Sammamish

## SERVICES HIGHER... TAXES LOWER

Since incorporation, the City of Sammamish has successfully increased City services while lowering the burden of resident taxes. We continue our goal as a City to bring local government services closer to Sammamish residents while reducing the costs that a citizen would otherwise have paid to King County.

City Services can be measured in various forms, from a resident's ability to have elective representation through seven individuals, direct allocation of resident dollars to support residential services, proximity of planning and building services, increased public safety, transportation improvement efforts, and parks and open space planning, for example.



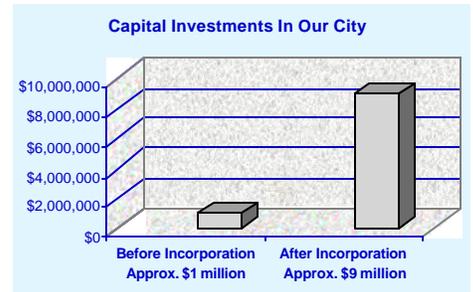
The City had an opportunity to levy taxes with legislative allowed increases between 2-6%. However, as Councilmember Kathleen Huckabay stated, it was Council's objective to "recommend a tax that allows us to go forward to the City and tell them that we have heard the message that [Sammamish residents] want their property taxes kept stable." This resulted in a \$910,584 reduction from the maximum increase that could have been levied. Your savings in 2001 property taxes from those paid in 2000 is reflected in the chart on page 4.

"Additionally, the City's annexation to the Fire and Library districts also contributed to your fiscal year 2001 tax savings," stated Councilmember Jack Barry. When comparing the property taxes of a \$400,000 home, a Sammamish resident will pay approximately \$4,903 compared to \$5,100 paid by a nearby resident who resides in unincorporated King County . . . an average savings of almost \$200 per year.

County and for county highways. "It was uncertain whether your taxpayer dollars, if any, would have been dedicated directly to Sammamish roads," said Councilmember Phil Dyer.

As part of our School Sidewalks program, we have also built 1,380 linear feet of sidewalk on NE 16<sup>th</sup> street near Margaret Mead Elementary and 1,290 linear feet of sidewalk on SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Way near Sunny Hills Elementary. The total of 2,670 linear feet of sidewalk, compared to zero prior to incorporation, excludes continuing work-in-process on 228<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the City has aggressively pursued and received \$2.5 million in grants from the Washington State Department of Transportation, as well as approval for \$10 million of 0.5% trust fund loans for transportation improvements within our city.

At the same time the City has reduced property taxes, we are investing approximately nine times more into the City's capital infrastructure. The



graph directly above shows how the City is spending \$9 million on capital compared to what the County spent prior to incorporation, approximately \$1 million.

"We have more than doubled the police protection in our city," said Councilmember Ken Kilroy. The Police Department currently has a force of twenty-one officers compared to only eight officers prior to incorporation. This larger police force has enabled the City to expand services by dedicating officers to the following duties since incorporation: two traffic officers, a property crimes detective, a pro-active detective, two school resource officers, and ten officers who have been trained in bike patrol.

In addition to enhancing pre-incorporation services such as the Neighborhood Blockwatch and crime prevention programs, the City of

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

When our first City Council was elected, Jack Barry—then deputy Mayor—suggested our government promote a “family friendly, kids safe community.” This theme has stayed with your City Council since the beginning. It serves as a constant reminder of why we do what we do.

Why are we making improvements to 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue? It is not just to make traffic flow smoother so people can make more money. Rather, it is to reduce congestion so families spend less time on the road and have more time together. Why did we buy 185 acres of open space? Was it just to make money? No, we purchased it so we could build parks and preserve open space for our children and grandchildren. Why have we not raised your property taxes for the past two years? So you do not have to spend more time earning money to pay for government and can spend that time with family. The projects the City has undertaken collectively improve quality of life for our families. That is why we do what we do.

We are improving our transportation system and our park and recreation system; we have citizens' boards working to develop comprehensive plans to guide us in the future. We must now address another important element for making our community better. That is the social challenges facing our youth. Issues such as drugs, underage drinking, lack of wholesome recreational opportunities in our city, teen pregnancy, and peer pressure, to varying degrees, are challenges to our youth. To address these challenges we have decided to hold the first ever *Sammamish Family Summit*.



Special guests will include the leaders of all schools, community groups, churches, and youth organizations. We will present a distinguished panel of city youth (the student body presidents of the high schools and junior high schools) to address the challenges and dreams of our city's youth. In addition to listening to our distinguished panel, we will have the opportunity to hear keynote speaker Jeff Kemp, Executive Director of Families Northwest. Retired from playing football for the Seattle Seahawks, Mr. Kemp has been actively involved with Families Northwest, helping families in Washington and now in the northwest. He will give insight on what we can do to strengthen our families. There will be booths in the commons area at Eastlake High for various organizations to share their information.

The Family Summit is scheduled for March 29 at 7:00 p.m., at Eastlake High School Commons. Everyone is invited to attend. We hope that as a result of this family summit, your City government will come away with a better picture on how to facilitate and help organizations that already exist in our community to serve the needs of our youth. The goal is not to replace the schools, churches, and organizations, but rather to encourage and help them in the important opportunities they provide for our families.

On behalf of the City Council, please know of our admiration and respect for each of you and the challenges you face. We hope we are doing what you want to make our community better. That is our primary goal.

Troy Romero, Mayor

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## CITY STAFF UPDATE



**John Cunningham**  
Director of Public Works

Mr. Cunningham joined our staff on February 16 as the Director of Public Works. Most recently, he was employed with the city of Olympia. During his tenure, he was directly involved with the creation of the Public Works Department. As a professional engineer, he has nearly twenty-four years of experience, including administrative and municipal duties along with the requisite engineering responsibilities.

Mr. Cunningham received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington, where he was in the top 15% of his graduating class.

He loves sports, photography, outdoor activities, and aquariums. In fact, he is completing his eighteenth year as a volunteer soccer coach and is the proud owner of a 30-gallon fish tank, which is now housed at City Hall.

We are very pleased John Cunningham has joined the City of Sammamish team.



**Ben Yazici**  
City Manager

The City Council appointed Ben Yazici as City Manager on January 17, 2001. Ben has considerable experience in municipal management, particularly with newly formed cities, and is ideally suited for the position. Before accepting the position, Mr. Yazici served as Interim City Manager and as both Director of Public Works and Finance.

Mr. Yazici was formerly with the City of University Place as both Deputy City Manager and Public Works Director. Ben's extensive background over the past fifteen years includes several management positions in public works and transportation programs at the cities of University Place, Gig Harbor and Bothell. While at University Place, Ben brought national recognition to the city with his efforts in solving significant transportation problems.

Ben has a Masters of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington and speaks several languages.

## TIB Grant Awarded to City

**F** The City of Sammamish was awarded an \$816,000 grant for the roadway improvements on Issaquah/Pine Lake Road. The improvements will cover the area between the end of the current construction at Pine Lake Middle School and the Connemara Apartment Complex, and a point past the intersection with SE 32nd Way. The grant was made by the State Transportation Improvement Board's (TIB) Arterial Improvement Program.

"We are very pleased to receive this grant. We will use these much needed funds to solve the congestion and safety problems on Issaquah/Pine Lake Road in the vicinity of Sunny Hills Elementary School," said Don Gerend, Councilmember and chair of the Public Works Committee.

The new grant funds will extend sidewalk and roadway improvements west on SE 32nd Street to Issaquah-Pine Lake Road and along Issaquah-Pine Lake Road from SE 37th Place to 321st Lane. Also included are intersection improvements at SE 32nd and Issaquah-Pine Lake Road. This extends the recently completed sidewalks on SE 32nd Street extending east from the school to 241st Avenue SE.



Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,019,500, which includes \$815,600 in grant funds and a 20% local matching funds of \$203,900. Design is projected to begin this summer with construction targeted to begin in the Spring of 2002.

## 228th Avenue Update

Much activity is taking place simultaneously on all three phases of the 228th Avenue project.

**Phase 1A: SE 32nd to SE 24th Street** On this King County portion of the corridor improvements, project personnel report the last of the underground utility work was finalized in February; curbs and gutters were poured as well. The roadway paving is scheduled for April and the project should be completed by early July.

**Phase 1: SE 24th to SE 8th Street** This first phase of the City-managed portion of 228th advertised for construction bids in early March with construction to begin mid-April. The City Council decided not to include any roundabouts in this portion of the project, but to look for other locations in the city where roundabouts might be more appropriate. The Public Works Department held a day-long construction review session with various experienced professionals to determine methods by which this phase of the project can be built more quickly and be completed in October 2001. Ideas being considered include temporary closures of 228th Avenue to all but local access traffic to facilitate faster construction.

**Phase 1C: SE 8th to NE 8th Street** Contracts have been awarded and preliminary work has taken place for both survey and right-of-way acquisition for this phase. The schedule calls for this project to go to bid early next year and for construction to be completed by Fall. King County traffic engineering staff is working cooperatively with City staff to develop solutions for traffic operations problems created by accesses previously permitted by King County on 228th Avenue north of NE 8th Street.

## More Sidewalks Completed

**T**hanks to some budget surpluses at the end of 2000, the City Public Works Department was able to extend the school sidewalk program on SE 32nd Way. During late 2000 and early 2001, this program built new sidewalks in the vicinities of Margaret Mead Elementary School on NE 16th, and Sunny Hills Elementary School on SE 32nd Way.

This extension placed 900 lineal feet of additional sidewalk along SE 32nd from 238th Avenue SE to 241st Avenue SE (see photo), and was completed by newsletter press time. This area is a high priority for the Issaquah School District, and will permit them to reduce expensive bussing of school children. The school sidewalk program has met with enthusiastic reception by the schools and parents, and generally by the residents as well. The addition of a planter strip between the curbing and the sidewalk, planted with decorative hardwood maples and sod or ground cover, provides both protection for walkers and an attractive streetscape for walkers, bikers and drivers. The resulting new look is in keeping with the City's new interim Public

Works Standards, which place all sidewalks behind an intervening planter strip to provide for improved pedestrian safety. These new cross sections can be viewed at the City's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us).

The City will build additional high-priority sidewalks in the vicinity of schools again this year, although the funds available do not go very far down the Districts' priority lists. According to Ron Haworth, City Council and Public Works Committee member, "These new sidewalks are instantly popular with school children and their parents, and we have gotten rave reviews from the public in general. We will do our best to continue and even expand this important program."

The City also plans to pursue some grant programs for assistance with future funding of school sidewalks.

*32nd Avenue Sidewalk Project after completion... from Margaret Mead to 238th*



*32nd Avenue Sidewalk Project - before*



## Services Higher *(continued)*

Sammamish has added or is in process of implementing the following new community-oriented programs that did not exist previously: bike patrol, youth partnerships, youth activities, adopt-a-school, anti-loitering, and crime prevention through environmental design programs.

The Community Development department has increased services to the community by providing customer proximity and access to staff, more efficient turnaround of complaints and requests for information, dedicated staffing with local knowledge and experience versus the County-wide perspective on issues, tailored planning and development codes that reflect the local needs and desires of the community, local accountability and enforcement efforts, a stronger relationship between City staff and the community, and the ability for the public to have greater participation and input through the Community Development Committee.

The Parks and Recreation department has increased services to the community by address-

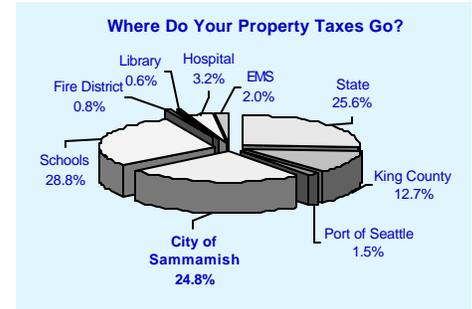
AGENCY/ TAXING DISTRICT	2001 TAX RATE	2000 TAX RATE
State of Washington	\$ 3.14502	\$ 3.30278
King County	1.55218	1.68951
Port of Seattle	0.19029	0.21585
School District	3.52918	4.01758
Hospital	0.38784	0.40685
Emergency Medical Service	0.24624	0.27299
	9.05075	9.90556
<b>City of Sammamish</b>	3.03561	2.22168
<b>Fire District</b>	0.09839	1.4254
<b>Library District</b>	0.07467	0.08651
	3.20867	3.73359
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12.25942</b>	<b>\$ 13.63915</b>

*savings in 2001 property taxes  
from those paid in 2000*

ing Sammamish park deficits within the community, establishing a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that provides direct communication between the City and residents, and by beginning to develop a comprehensive plan that prioritizes the future development of Sammamish Parks. Prior to incorporation, the County focus was on the maintenance of existing parks and not aggressive development.

Since incorporation, the City has also assumed responsibility for several properties previously managed by King County. In addition, the following new properties have been acquired:

- 185 Acres located east of Sahalee Way NE and south of Redmond-Fall City Road, also known as the Galley Farm, was acquire primarily for open space and development of active park space.
- Approximately 10 Acres on 228<sup>th</sup> as potential site for future City Hall and post office space.
- Building on the 2000 block of 228<sup>th</sup> NE for use of a public works maintenance yard.



## NEIGHBORHOOD Connections Program

The second Neighborhood Connections meeting was held January 8 at City Hall and was attended by over 21 neighborhood representatives. The meeting focused on the City's Public Works Business Plan and Capital Improvement Plan with a presentation given by City Manager Ben Yazici. He also fielded questions on goals and objectives for these plans and specifically the 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue construction process.

Several neighborhoods cited speeding and traffic concerns in their areas and requested assistance. The need to remind citizens to comply with speed limits was also discussed. The Neighborhood Traffic Management program is designed to specifically address this issue through use of radar guns and the speed trailer. For more information on Neighborhood Traffic Management or to obtain radar guns or schedule the speed trailer please contact Pam Simmons in the Department of Public Works (425) 836-7925.

The next Neighborhood Connections meeting is Monday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. and will include a presentation from the Community Development Department. For more information, please call Gail Davila (425) 836-7917.

## CITIZEN-FRIENDLY WEB SITE

The City of Sammamish has a redesigned Web Site. To keep the residents informed, the City has added many new features and made the site more "user-friendly." New additions include:

- a complete list of all ordinances and resolutions passed by the City Council since its incorporation;
- full text of all passed ordinances since January 2000;
- a list of all public notices including land use actions and special meeting information;
- a report on each developing subdivision within the City that includes such information as the number of lots in each plat, the plat applicants name and where the plat is in the process of development;
- important news events happening at City Hall such as Mayor Romero's Family Summit;
- forms to request public records or file a Citizen Action Request on line;
- zoning and City limit maps;
- detailed park information including a location map and aerial pictures.

Along with these new additions, you can still find all the information from the previous web site; meeting agendas, minutes, public services, City Council and staff contact information, and links to other government agencies and local schools.

Future plans for the web site include posting the informational items such as the City Newsletters, Resolutions, citizen surveys and, once adopted, the Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

So next time you are wondering what is going on in the City, just connect to our web seil and check it out. If you don't find what you are looking for then send an email to the Webmaster. The City wants this web site to serve the citizens. Please let us know how we are doing.

[www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)

# Parks & Recreation

CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON

## Draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Completed

**T**he Sammamish Parks & Recreation Department has initiated the orderly development of parks and recreation services through a comprehensive parks & recreation planning process. The planning process resulted in a document to be used over the next five years as an administrative and policy tool. The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan serves as a foundational guide for planning and developing public parks and open space management.

The mission of Sammamish Parks and Recreation is to protect the natural beauty of Sammamish through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space and trails; provide citizens of all ages positive recreational opportunities in clean, safe and accessible facilities; and preserve the city's quality living environment for future generations.

As parks, trails and recreation needs are better understood and a foundation level of service was established during this planning process, a set of development and service objectives has been identified to meet that foundation level of service. The following summarizes key elements of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan.

■ At present, the gross amount of properties considered active park- land owned and operated by the City of Sammamish is 39.5 acres, which includes three (3) parks, named: NE Sammamish Neighborhood Park, Bill Reams East Sammamish Park and Pine Lake Park.



■ The current level of service for developed, operational and functional parks owned by the City of Sammamish is about 1.28 acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents. A foundation Level of Service was established at 6.0 acres

per 1,000 residents. This long range goal identifies the magnitude of our current deficit.

■ The initial parks, trails and greenways development objective is to improve existing parks (Pine Lake Park, East Sammamish Park and NE Sammamish Park), acquire parkland and develop two new community parks, six to eight neighborhood parks and designate approximately 21 miles of trails and pathways.

■ Formation of a Trail Commission that will develop a comprehensive trail plan for the city. The development of a trail system that links future parks, provides access and alternative modes of transportation to schools and shopping, and creates accessible recreational opportunities on a system of "linear parks" is a high priority.



■ A Community Recreation/Aquatic Center is identified as another priority project. The facility would be multi-purpose, sized at 60,000 to 80,000 sq.ft. and cost between \$7.5 to \$12.8 million.

■ In the near-term, one effective way to "acquire" parkland and develop recreation facilities is to create school-parks through interlocal agreements with the school districts.

■ Other near-term projects recommended address opportunities for greenway, trails and open space corridors. These projects are identified as:

1. Lake Sammamish Waterfront & Greenway
2. Sammamish Greenspace Connector Park
3. Beaver Lake Waterfront & Natural Preserve Area
4. East Sammamish Park & Greenway

■ A set of policies have been organized, which enables the Department to carry out its mission and develop, administer and maintain the City parks, recreation, trails and open space assets. The policies articulated in the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan are titled:

- Parkland & Acquisition

- Park, Facilities and Trails Planning & Development
- Recreation Programs & Services
- Operations & Maintenance
- Economic Performance & Finance
- Conservation, Open Space, Natural, Cultural & Recreation Values
- Joint Use of Existing Public Resources
- Planning, Development & Use of Trails & Greenways
- Appropriate & Responsive Recreation Services

## How do we begin to address this Park deficit?

**T**he City Council allocated approximately \$5 million in the 2001 budget for parks improvements and land acquisition. This is considerably more than the County spent annually on parks in our community prior to incorporation. Despite the fact that Council places very high priority on parks, the City simply cannot make up the significant parks capital deficit in our community within the existing revenues. We need to come up with creative financing strategies.



The next step is the creation of an Implementation Strategy for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. The Park Plan has outlined a number of development objectives that address the current parkland deficit that exists in the City of Sammamish. The Implementation Strategy outlines and discusses recommendations for implementing the development objectives in the long and short term.

The Implementation Strategy Section will attempt to bridge the community-based development objectives for parks and the realistic funding limitations that are present. This section will contain two sets of recommendations. The first defines long-term goals, and

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the second outlines what we hope to accomplish in the short term. The long term recommendations aim to show generally what is needed to achieve and maintain our level of service goal

(6.0/1,000) in the 20-plus year picture. The short-term recommendations define those specific elements needing close attention to achieve our development objectives. The short term recommendations also identify realistic goals for the next five to ten years.

A realistic look at our parks, recreation and trails needs and the dollars required to fund them makes clear that achieving the goals of this plan and completing the city's parks system will take time. Achieving balance among the competing demands for acquisition, development and redevelopment will be a continuing challenge. In order to meet our current needs and keep up with future growth, the long-term strategy projects how we intend to meet our level of service goal. In realizing the tremendous needs, coupled with our current deficit this long- and short-term approach shows how we intend to reach our level of service goals.

**2001 Projects  
Putting the Plan into Action**

Some of the identified projects for Parks and Recreation in 2001 include the following:

- Evaluate properties and sites for potential parkland acquisitions.
- Formation of Trail Sub-Committee of the Parks Commission.
- Playground Restoration Project: Pine Lake and NE Sammamish Parks.
- Skate Court Feasibility/Design Study. Determine ideal location and begin the design and construction process.
- Resurface tennis courts and basketball court at NE Sammamish Park.
- Begin Master Plan for Pine Lake Park. The beautiful wooded lakefront park is in need of some renovations. The Master Plan will be a public process that will address improvements to Pine Lake Park.
- Series of Summer Events. Bringing the community together!
- Apply for Conservation Futures Grant for the Beaver Lake Natural Preserve project.

**Parks & Recreation Commission**

**C**an you believe our park land deficit is in the area of \$50 million! That's a lot of money! Well, we agree. But that does not mean it needs to cost us \$50 million for developing parks and recreation facilities here in Sammamish. The goal set forth in the draft Parks Plan, of providing six acres of active park facilities per 1000 Sammamish residents, is achievable over time. The goal is a reasonable one. Sammamish residents deserve no less.

Using creative solutions, and recognizing that it likely will take more than 5 years, we believe we can achieve our goal. Partnerships between the city and the local school districts, neighboring jurisdictions and the County can create park and recreational facilities for significantly less than building them on our own. We can also upgrade and expand on existing facilities to increase the quality and quantity of recreational opportunities. We can partner with local businesses and landowners. And we can work with our city's development department to assure wetlands and greenbelts are preserved.

We have a wealth of creative and enthusiastic people in our community. We ask that you join us to find solutions to meet our severe Parks deficit. Did you know that Sammamish has one of the lowest level of service ratios for Parks acreage per 1000 residents of any city in the United States? Over the next few months the Parks Commission and staff will be brain-storming over how we can deliver the quality parks system one would expect in a community like Sammamish. We welcome all of you to join us.

*Bente Pasko and Joyce McCallum, Co-Chairs*

**Vacancy on Parks and Recreation Commission**

**T**here is currently one vacancy on the commission which City Council would like to fill. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall. This commission advises City Council and works with City staff on parks, recreation and trails issues within the City of Sammamish. Citizens interested in serving on this volunteer commission should send a letter of interest and resume to:

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk  
City of Sammamish  
486 - 228th Avenue NE  
Sammamish, Washington 98074



# *Park Plan Open House Meetings*

The Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting two open house meetings to discuss the Park Plan, its development objectives, and the funding challenges we face. Your continued input and feedback is very important as we begin to embark on the development of the Sammamish parks and recreation system! Please plan on attending one of the two dates:

**Monday, April 30 & Monday, May 21, 7:00 to 9:00 pm**  
**Sammamish City Hall, 486 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE**



## **East Lake Sammamish Trail Design Workshop**

The City of Sammamish is hosting a workshop to gather community input on the design and Master Plan of the East Lake Sammamish Trail. The City Council invites you to share your ideas and vision for the trail and how to best make it a functional and beautiful asset for everyone in Sammamish. The workshop will incorporate study groups to identify different adjacent property owner concerns, trail user needs, landscaping and future trail enhancements as well as engineering and greenbelt designs. The facilitator for this two-day event is Dan Burden, world-renowned Director of Walkable Communities, Inc. The City recognizes the importance of bringing the diverse issues and concerns for this trail project together in a dynamic and open public forum. For more information please contact Gail Davila, Administrative Assistant, at 425-836-7916.

**Friday, April 6, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
**Saturday, April 7, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**  
**Trinity Lutheran College - 4221 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE**

Mayor Romero and the Sammamish City Council  
invite the community to attend the...



***FAMILY***  ***SUMMIT***

Thursday, March 29, 2001 at 7:00 pm  
Eastlake High School Commons  
featuring keynote speaker Jeff Kemp

For eleven seasons, Jeff Kemp was a National Football League quarterback with the Los Angeles Rams, the San Francisco 49ers, the Seattle Seahawks and the Philadelphia Eagles. He delivered his best performances in 1984 when he quarterbacked the Rams and led them to the playoffs and in 1986, when he threw eleven touchdowns for the 49ers in six games.

Jeff and his father, Jack Kemp, are one of only two sets of fathers and sons who have played quarterback in the NFL. His father Jack is a former U.S. Congressman, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and ran for Vice President in 1996.

After quarterbacking in the NFL, Jeff, with a bachelor's degree in economics from Dartmouth College as well as an MBA with honors from Pepperdine University School of Business, moved on to his current post as the executive director of Washington Family Council (WFC). WFC is a nonprofit research, education and communication organization dedicated to strengthening family relationships, promoting responsible citizenship and improving public policy in Washington State. In his position, Jeff networks with leaders from all segments of society—business, community, government and media—casting a vision for improved family life in Washington.

Help us create a kids-safe, family friendly city.

# CITY HALL CALENDAR

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
<p><b>April 4 - WED</b> City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>April 5 - THU</b> Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>April 9 - MON</b> Neighborhood Connections Quarterly Meeting 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>April 11 - WED</b> City Council Study Session 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>April 16 - MON</b> Parks &amp; Recreation Commission 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>April 18 - WED</b> City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>April 19 - THU</b> Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>April 25 - WED</b> City Council Study Session 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>May 2 - WED</b> City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>May 3 - THU</b> Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>May 9 - WED</b> Council Study Session 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>May 16 - WED</b> City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>May 17 - THU</b> PAB Land Use Subcommittee 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>May 21 - TUE</b> Park &amp; Recreation Commission 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>May 23 - WED</b> City Council Study Session 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>May 28 - MON</b> Memorial Day HOLIDAY City Hall Closed</p>	<p><b>June 6 - WED</b> City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>June 7 - THU</b> Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>June 13 - WED</b> City Council Study Session 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>June 20 - WED</b> City Council Regular Meeting 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>June 21 - THU</b> PAB Land Use Subcommittee 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>July 4 - WED</b> Independence Day HOLIDAY City Hall Closed</p> <p><b>July 5 - THU</b> Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>July 19 - THU</b> Planning Advisory Board Land Use Subcommittee 7:00 pm</p>

**Mayor Romero & the Sammamish City Council  
invite the community to attend the...**

## ***FAMILY SUMMIT***

**Thursday, March 29, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.  
Eastlake High School Commons**

## Cities Form Electronic Government Alliance

The City of Sammamish has joined approximately twenty cities in King County representing 690,000 citizens to kick off a six-month process to plan for the provision of electronic government services in 2001 and 2002. The group of individual city teams who met together for the first time December 14 and 15 will be called the "E-GOV Alliance."

The cities have come together to plan for the development of electronic government applications for their citizens' and businesses' use on the worldwide web. Examples of the types of services the cities may develop include on-line applications for high volume over-the-counter building permits, park and recreation class as well as space registration and business license application and/or renewal.



The cities hope to reduce the travel and transaction time involved in conducting the most common types of business with a city by giving their customers the option to use the worldwide web from their home, business or a public library.

As most Sammamish residents are aware, traffic is a constant challenge in this area. The City Council is continuously looking for ways to reduce or improve transportation and this may be one way of reducing the number of trips customers make to City Hall. The planning process will be completed in May of 2001.

Member cities include Auburn, Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Clyde Hill, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Medina, Mercer Island, Newcastle, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, Tukwila and Woodinville.

What services would you use or like to see available on-line? Let us know by e-mailing your comments to [manderson@ci.sammamish.wa.us](mailto:manderson@ci.sammamish.wa.us)

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## Recycling Event Successful



The City hosted its second recycling event on St. Patrick's Day at Eastlake High School. A backyard compost bin sale was held to promote back yard composting. In conjunction with the compost bin sale, a special collection event allowed residents to bring tires, anti-freeze, batteries, used oil and scrap wood to be recycled. These items were collected and removed to appropriate recycling centers.

The City of Sammamish, in cooperation with Olympic Environmental Resources, recently published a *Sammamish Guide to Recycling* which was mailed to all residents. Mayor Troy Romero included a special message thanking all citizens for their efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle, buy recycled and compost!

Visit our website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us) for updated information on our recycling program or contact Gail Davila at 425-836-7916.

## City Nears Completion of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

The effort to develop the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan for Sammamish started last summer. Managed by the City's Parks and Recreation Division, the process has been a very public one throughout. Community surveys, workshops and key person interviews have been important tools in the development of this plan. A draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan was presented to the City Council in late February. After further public input, a final draft of the plan is scheduled to be adopted in April. Elements of the Plan include:

**Inventory of Existing Conditions:** It is essential to establish the status of current parks and recreation services to determine the appropriate level of service to be provided by the City. The Inventory of parkland includes city parks, school facilities, and regional parks in the area.

**Public Participation and Needs Assessment:** Meeting the public need for parks, trails and recreation services is largely directed and tempered by community values and priorities. Determining recreation needs and development objectives has been accomplished through a public participation process. A community-wide survey, public workshops, key person interviews and consultation with the Parks Commission

indicated that developing a trail system, acquiring land for community and neighborhood parks, preserving open space, and building a community center/aquatic facility are important issues.

**Level of Service and Park Classifications:** The current level of service for developed parks owned by the city is 1.28 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. The Plan establishes a foundational level of service for the city at 6 acres of developed parkland per 1,000 residents. That means at current population (30,793) our deficit for developed parks is 145 acres. Park classifications identified to meet this deficit are Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks and School/Parks.

**Development Objectives:** The initial parks development objectives is to improve existing parks, acquire parkland and develop two new community parks (30+ acres), 5-6 new neighborhood parks (5-12 acres), and designate approximately 21 miles of trails and pathways. Other near-term objectives include a number of open space and greenway projects. These objectives identify the critical need to acquire land to address these development objectives.

**Parks and Recreation Policies:** A number of policies were established to guide the Parks and Recreation Division in carrying out its public service mandate to provide parks and recreation opportunities to residents.

Copies of the plan are currently available at City Hall for public review. Citizens are invited to view the executive summary on the City's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us).

## Upcoming Summer EVENTS

Planning has begun on a series of fun summer events for residents of Sammamish. A "Summer Concert in the Park" series is scheduled for this August. This four-week series will take place on Wednesday nights and bring a variety of summer music to Sammamish. Concerts will be held in the meadow at Pine Lake Park.

Also in the works is a partnership with the Wooden O Theatre Group to bring two "Shakespeare in the Park" presentations to Sammamish at Pine Lake Park. This group has been performing throughout the County for the past several summers and has received rave reviews everywhere they have performed. Dates for the two performances, *The Tempest* and *As You Like It*, are being finalized.

The goal of these free summer events is to create multiple opportunities for residents to come together in a fun and festive environment. Stay tuned for more details on these great events. If you have questions, call the Parks and Recreation Division at 836-7907.

## Playground Restoration Projects

The new Play Area at East Sammamish Park has opened. With the mild winter, the area is already being used a great deal and has been receiving rave reviews. This project was a terrific partnership between the City and King County. Funds from each jurisdiction were combined to provide an area with multiple play zones to provide recreation for a mix of ages.

One of the projects targeted for 2001 is a playground restoration project for Pine Lake and NE Sammamish Parks. As shown in the parks and recreation survey completed last year, improvements to the play areas at the three parks transferred to the City were a high priority to citizens. NE Sammamish Park would receive a play structure replacing the current play area in this 4-acre neighborhood park. The current wood play structure at NE Sammamish is very old and in need of replacement. The Restoration project at Pine Lake park presents a fantastic opportunity



to enlarge the play space and create a play area with multiple play zones that could accommodate a variety of age groups from toddler to older youth. Pine Lake Park is currently our most centrally located and our most heavily used park (over 50% of residents go there at least once a year according to the survey). Understanding our need to create more places to gather and allow youth to recreate, Pine Lake is an ideal location to put a larger, centrally located, destination play area.

Stay tuned for the upcoming public workshops and these exciting enhancements to Pine Lake and NE Sammamish Parks! If you have questions our want additional details, contact the Parks and Recreation Division at 836-7907.

*Photo at left shows new play area at East Sammamish Park.*

## Planning Advisory Board Schedule

The City of Sammamish Planning Advisory Board has been busy absorbing as much information as possible regarding the major issues facing the City. The PAB conducted 14 meetings over the past five months, most of which centered on topics related to growth management planning and the legislative requirements related to comprehensive plan development. In December, the PAB hosted a short course in local planning, sponsored and conducted by the Washington State Department of Community Development. The Board also conducted two work sessions on the issue of the 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue project design.

This work has been in preparation for an ambitious year to come, including the gathering and review of existing and potential land use patterns, population projections and transportation links.

The spring months will include community meetings designed to bring the City's planning efforts to the citizens and encourage public participation throughout the development of the Comprehensive Plan. The PAB will also develop an existing land use study that will show how the community has developed to date, including all "pipeline" projects (submitted to King County prior to incorporation but not yet built).

Once this task is completed, the PAB will again solicit citizen ideas and comments for use in drafting land use policies that will guide the type, amount, and location of future development. After the land use policies are drafted, the PAB will focus on transportation, housing, and environmental policies—including conservation areas and open space—culminating in a draft comprehensive plan.

To accomplish this work, the PAB has formed several subcommittees: Land Use, Transportation and Public Involvement. In addition to City staff, a team of planning consultants will be working with the PAB from spring to fall. The Planning Advisory Board's updated schedule for 2001 includes the full PAB's regular meeting on the first Thursday of each month (7:00 p.m.) and a Land Use Sub-Committee meeting on the third Thursday of each month (7:30 p.m.). The meetings have time set aside for public comment at both the beginning and end of each meeting.

Additional meetings, times and dates will be available on the City's web site and published legal notices in both the *Eastside Journal* and *Sammamish Review*.

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## Council Priorities

The vision of Sammamish was the reflection of its citizens' opinions expressed during a series of community workshops. The statement was then refined by the Community Development Committee and adopted by Council. From this vision statement, Council established eight goals with specific objectives that have kept it and staff focused on developing Sammamish into the type of city its citizens envisioned. These goals are reflected in the 2001-2002 biennial budget recently adopted by Council. While Council strives during the next several years to ensure staff implements these goals, a number of objectives have already been met.

### **Build Roads/Relieve Congestion**

Anyone who lives in Sammamish should not be surprised this is Council's number one goal. When the City incorporated, it found itself with limited infrastructure with regards to roads. To address this situation, Council has directed staff to aggressively pursue completion of the 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue project, and applied for and obtained a \$1.5 million grant and a \$10 million low interest Public Works Trust Fund loan for Phase 1B.

### **Capital Improvement Projects**

Recent completion of Phase I - the 16<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk project near Margaret Mead Elementary and sidewalks along SE 32<sup>nd</sup> near Sunny Hills Elementary has indeed made this a more kids safe community. The lighting of arterials throughout the city has been completed. As new light poles are installed along 228<sup>th</sup> the old ones will be moved to key intersections within neighborhoods. Both the Capital Improvement and the Six Year Interim Transportation Plans have been completed.

### **Surface Water Management**

The draft Surface Water Management Comprehensive Plan has been completed and the flooding on 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue fixed.

### **Community Communication/Relations**

Council has expressed its desire to keep the lines of communication open with citizens. With the publishing of the City's newsletter, *CityViews@Sammamish*, Council and staff can update community residents on important projects, meetings and events. By alerting readers to these dates, citizens can take advantage of these public participation opportunities to voice their opinions. A user friendly City web site also provides citizens with current information on Council decisions, meeting dates, city services, and a convenient means to contact both Council and staff via e-mail.

*"The vision of Sammamish is a community of families. A blend of small-town atmosphere with a suburban character, the city also enjoys a unique core of urban lifestyles and conveniences. It is characterized by quality neighborhoods, vibrant natural features, and outstanding recreational opportunities. A variety of community gathering places provide numerous civic, cultural, and educational opportunities. Residents are actively involved in the decisions that shape the community and ensure a special sense of place."*

### **Parks and Recreation**

Council is well on its way in meeting the two major objectives it set in this area. A draft Park Comprehensive Plan has recently been completed and presented to Council for its review. The final plan will provide the

foundation for the development of a parks and recreation program for the Sammamish community. Included in the draft Comprehensive Plan is a recreation/community facility. A survey was distributed to a representative segment of the community. Results of the survey, presented last November, will provide input to Council as it makes decisions to meet the needs and desires of citizens for a recreation/community facility.

### **Community Development/Land Use**

One of the most critical tasks a city must face is the development of a Comprehensive Plan, which addresses growth management. Council appointed community members to the Planning Advisory Board to oversee this process. After months of meetings and a variety of public participation opportunities, the Board will provide recommendations on a number of areas—land use, transportation, housing, essential public facilities—to Council for its approval. At Council's direction, Community Development is also addressing another concern... that of signs. Several "sign sweeps" have proved successful in reducing the number that have been improperly posted. A brochure has been developed that clearly explains what is permissible and what is not. This can also be viewed on the City's web site.

### **Public Safety**

At Council's direction, staff negotiated a new Fire Services Agreement that has resulted in a significant savings to taxpayers. (See page one.) A Police Services Contract with King County was also signed.

### **Budgeting/Funding Services**

Council's recent adoption of the 2001-2002 biennial budget and the passage by Sammamish voters of the Library annexation measure met two of the objectives for this goal.

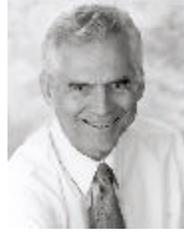
## SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



**Jack Barry**  
Councilmember



**Phil Dyer**  
Councilmember



**Don Gerend**  
Councilmember



**Ken Kilroy**  
Deputy Mayor



**Ron Haworth**  
Councilmember



**Kathleen Huckabay**  
Councilmember



**Troy Romero**  
Mayor

## Council Meeting Highlights

### JANUARY

- At the first meeting in January Council elections were held. H. Troy Romero was elected as Mayor for 2001 and Ken Kilroy was elected as Deputy Mayor. Former Mayor Jack Barry will continue as a Councilmember until his term (and all other Council positions) expires at the end of 2001.
- Two hardship exceptions to the Land Use Moratorium were granted: one to the owners of the property at 3602 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE (Thomas) and the other to the owners of the property in the vicinity of SE 8<sup>th</sup> and 203<sup>rd</sup> Street (Scindia).
- Council appointed Ben Yazici as the new City Manager.
- A public hearing was held to consider, at the request of Beaver Lake residents, the continuation of the Beaver Lake Management District.
- A hardship exception to the Land Use Moratorium was granted to the owners of the property located at 22021 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street (Fowler).
- Final Plat approval was given to the King County vested subdivision of Highlands Ridge II.

■ New Council committees were formed. A new committee, the Legislative Committee, was formed to study state and county legislative issues that may affect the City of Sammamish.

■ A public hearing was held to take public testimony regarding the final design of the 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue Phase 1B transportation improvement project.

### FEBRUARY

- A public hearing was held to take public testimony regarding the extension of the Land Use Moratorium.
- Council made the final design decision on 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue Phase 1B design. The design will not include any roundabouts. Left turn opportunities will be provided at SE 13<sup>th</sup> Street as requested by the residents living near there. Plans will be made to install a roundabout somewhere in the City.
- Council passed ordinance O2001-77 extending the land use moratorium until August 2001.
- Council voted against contributing funds to support a lawsuit opposing I-722.

### MARCH

- Council held a public hearing for the Draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan. There will be further Open House meetings scheduled for April and May. The dates will be announced later.
- A hardship exception to the building moratorium was granted to the Steadman property located at 22510 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for a four-lot short plat.

■ Council adopted an ordinance declaring a state of emergency in the City of Sammamish due to damage caused by the February 28, 2001 earthquake. This ordinance will assist the City to obtain state and local disaster relief funding.

■ Final Plat approval was given to the King County vested subdivision of Columbia at Sammamish Highlands (formerly Cedar Park).

### COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2001

Mayor Troy Romero and the City Council formed new Council Committees for 2001 at the January 17 regular meeting. Council committees meet at City Hall unless otherwise noted. The Legislative Committee meets as needed and is composed of: Troy Romero, Phil Dyer and Ken Kilroy. Other committees include:

#### Public Safety Committee

*(Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month, 5:30pm)*  
Ron Haworth, Chair  
Ken Kilroy, Vice-Chair  
Jack Barry, Member  
Troy Romero, Alternate

#### Public Works Committee

*(Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month, 5:00pm)*  
Don Gerend, Chair  
Ron Haworth, Vice-Chair  
Phil Dyer, Member  
Troy Romero, Alternate

#### Community Development Committee

*(Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month, 6:30pm)*  
Phil Dyer, Chair  
Jack Barry, Vice Chair  
Kathleen Huckabay, Member  
Troy Romero, Alternate

#### Finance Committee

*(Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month, 5:30pm)*  
Kathleen Huckabay, Chair  
Don Gerend, Vice-Chair  
Ken Kilroy, Member  
Troy Romero, Alternate



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