



Update on 228th Avenue Project

Phase 1B (from SE 24th to SE 8th Streets) is on schedule to be completed by the end of October—a full year less than construction time for King County’s Phase 1A project. Final landscaping will be finished in November. The \$7.5 million 1B project is substantially larger than 1A and it includes the additional complications of converting overhead utility wires to underground.

This amazingly abbreviated construction schedule was achieved through hard work, careful planning and a partnership process. Project participants came together for an all-day meeting prior to construction to discuss problems, develop solutions and establish on-going working relationships.

Those familiar with award criteria have mentioned the 228th Avenue Phase 1B project is a likely candidate to receive an engineering award—in part for the fast construction schedule, and in part for the “state-of- the-art” design features.

When completed the project will have:

- Excellent traffic flow and safety characteristics with two travel lanes in each direction and turn pockets at signalized intersections.
- Sidewalks on the west side of the street and a bike and pedestrian trail on the east side.
- Center landscaped median and landscape strips along each side of the roadway.
- Drip irrigation system for significant water conservation.
- Complete storm water collection, retention and treatment system, reducing water runoff and pollution problems by retaining and treating all roadway water runoff.
- Decorative street lighting – high level lights for the roadway and lower pedestrian level lights along the sidewalks and trail, for improved safety.
- Relocation of overhead utility lines to underground, except for the electrical transmission lines, which are cost-prohibitive to underground.
- Handicapped ramps and bus stops designed for loading and unloading wheelchairs.
- Traffic signals that detect emergency vehicles and turn the signal green for quick passage.
- Traffic signal communications to coordinate and synchronize all traffic flow along the corridor.
- Special conduits for future high speed/high volume communication systems to serve cityresidents.



Sammamish residents are all too familiar with the various challenges that the current construction on 228th Avenue presents.

mize inconvenience to the public caused by this construction, traffic delays did occur. Ironically this was often because of the fast-track construction schedule intended to reduce long-term inconvenience by cutting a year off the construction time.

Councilmember and Public Works Committee Chair Don Gerend, commented, “The completed Phase 1B project should be an attractive and safe roadway which residents of the City can be proud to call Sammamish’s ‘Main Street’.”

Phase 1C of the 228th project is the third and final phase. The City anticipates awarding the construction bid by mid-March 2002. Meetings with business property owners and adjacent property owners were held last month.

The first general public open house on this project was held the third week of September. Additional public meetings are planned for various stages of the project.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy birthday Sammamish! It has now been over two years since we officially became a city. In recognition of this day, I wanted to express thanks to several groups of folks who have helped and/or continue to help in making Sammamish not only a kid safe, family friendly, community but also, one of the best places to live on earth!

THANKS to those of you who worked hard to get our city incorporated. We appreciate so much your vision of the future and your assistance in helping all of us see that local control is so much better than King County control.

THANKS to an incredible city staff—especially City Manager Ben Yazici—who have done an incredible job of starting from scratch and developing one of the leanest yet most effective city governments in our state.

THANKS to the Parks & Recreation Commission members who have tirelessly worked to develop a comprehensive parks and recreation plan that will help make our city a leader in providing parks and open space for its citizens.

THANKS to the Planning Advisory Board members who have worked and continue to work so hard to put together a comprehensive plan that will not only establish but encourage the growth and development of our community in a fashion that the vast majority of our citizens will not only accept, but embrace.



THANKS to leaders of our community and church groups who quietly work behind the scenes and help strengthen families and especially our youth, the next generation of our city.

THANKS to the parents of 35.7 percent of population who are 19 years or younger. We know the challenges you face and appreciate your efforts to teach and train the children of our city.

THANKS to the “Founding Fathers/Mother” of our city, our first ever City Council. I have

worked very closely with these fine people and I can tell you they have given literally hundreds and hundreds of hours—from building this city government from scratch and trying as best they can, to pursuing the vision we all share for our community—making this the best place to live!

Finally, **THANKS** to each of you for being residents of Sammamish and for caring about our community. People ask me what makes Sammamish unique. I tell them two things. First, we have more children per capita than any city in the greater Puget Sound Area. Second, we have one of the most educated and concerned citizenry of any city in our state. Our residents care about what is going on. They let us know.

THANKS for your part in making this city great. Keep up the good work. Working together, we can make Sammamish the best place to live on earth!

Troy Romero, Mayor

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Waterfront Property Donated to City

The City of Sammamish recently announced its receipt of the first property donation in the City's history. This major donation is valued at \$4.8 million for the 1,400 linear feet of pristine, undeveloped waterfront land on Lake Sammamish. It is the largest donation of land to a municipality on the east side.

The City of Sammamish owes a debt of gratitude to Councilmember Phil Dyer, through whose efforts and awareness this contribution was made possible. Dyer stated, "This donation helps meet our growing recreation need for Sammamish families and we are very grateful for the donors' generous gift today." The donors bought the property for family recreation use; all five children learned how to swim and played at the site. "We just wanted to share with others the lakefront that our family has enjoyed for 41 years," explained one of the donors.

The site is located along East Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, just south of 187th Avenue NE, near the northwestern limit of the City of Sammamish. The site is adjacent to land held by the City of Redmond, purchased between 1997-99. The City of Sammamish will work closely with Redmond on any development plans of the property located next to the donated land.

Current unmet needs for City of Sammamish, WA includes 176 acres of new parks and trail sites. Recently, the 175-acre Galley Property along Sahalee Way NE was purchased. Also, the Bachesta Property located on 212th Avenue SE and the 57-acre Beaver Lake Preserve (Jolly Property) have been purchased. With the donation of the 1,400 linear feet of waterfront, the City of Sammamish is well on the way to meet the long range goals for 2010 and beyond.

The next steps include planning for suitable immediate and long term uses of the property as well as ongoing stewardship of the shoreline environment.

AFTER INCORPORATION... SERVICES ARE HIGHER BUT TAXES ARE LOWER

Citizens of Sammamish are enjoying the benefits of incorporation. They are experiencing greater input to spending priorities and benefits from their tax dollars following the City's incorporation. Prior to incorporation there was a perception among some citizens that becoming and running a city would result in higher taxes. The actual figures do not bear this out.

County residents living just outside the city pay property tax at a rate of \$13.19 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. City property owners are paying \$12.26 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Along with this savings, the City is providing the community with higher level of services.

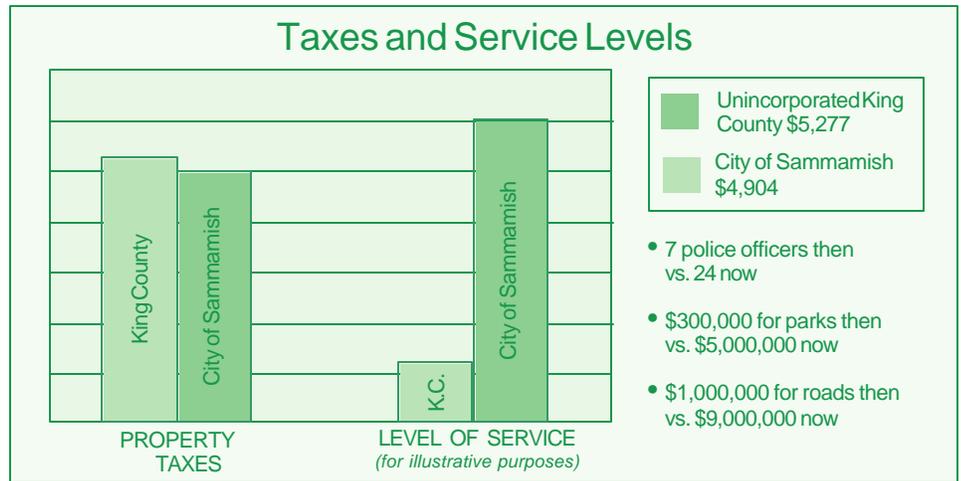
In addition, the local portion of the sales tax paid in our area was sent to King County prior to incorporation. The County determined how it wished to spend this money; taxes paid locally could be spent anywhere within the county. Due to incorporation, this amount (.085% of the 8.8% sales tax) is now distributed directly to the City.

Citizen involvement in the decision making process is much higher when compared to trying to be heard at the county level. The work of the Planning Advisory Board and the Parks & Recreation Commission has, and will continue to be, instrumental in determining citizen priorities, defining the City's identity, and establishing both short and long-term goals. The formation of the Sammamish Youth Board brings the City closer to meeting the needs of its youth.

Citizen access to their elected officials has also been greatly enhanced. The elected councilmembers are a visible and accessible part of our community; they live here, shop here, and recreate here. It is here they are involved. It is here they are our friends and neighbors. It is here that decisions are made, not Seattle.

The level of Public Safety has improved. There is added police protection and enforcement. Prior to incorporation there were 7 officers to cover the area; now there are 24. New public safety services include Neighborhood Traffic Management and Speed Watch Programs involving the use of radar trailers. Police services also include an outreach program to the youth of our community.

Fire protection now costs the taxpayer less since the City negotiated a contract with Eastside Fire



and Rescue for fire protection and investigative services. Prior to incorporation the Fire District assessed the property owners directly at a higher rate.

Residents have access to planning development and building permits locally. There is an improved quality of life through local land use decisions and code enforcement. Prior to incorporation response to enforcement issues was minimal. Responding to citizen concern about uncontrolled development coupled with inadequate infrastructure, the City implemented a building moratorium. This will allow the City an opportunity to make improvements in the roads and parks to allow for current and future needs.

The Comprehensive Plan is being drafted by the Planning Advisory Board, which is composed of citizens. This document will provide the blueprint for the City's growth management. There is a Surface Water Management Plan, which was virtually non-existent before incorporation. Both these plans are needed in order to manage the growth we are experiencing here on the Sammamish Plateau.

Parks and recreation needs are being responded to. Prior to incorporation, parks investment was only about \$100,000 per year. While the City's parks investment is \$3,000,000, or approximately 30 times as much, the City's Parks and Recreation Department is developing a recreation and maintenance program to serve citizen needs. A visible example was the Park's summer concert series, held at Pine Lake Park. Other evident examples are the improved levels of cleanliness and maintenance at our community parks and the improvements taking place at Pine Lake and NE Sammamish Parks.

Investments are being made in much needed road improvements. Prior to incorporation, the County invested approximately \$1,000,000 per year in road infrastructure. While the City is spending approximately \$9,000,000 per year, one exciting program is the School Sidewalk Program. The City is installing sidewalks at some of the area schools to increase the safety of our children who walk to and from school. Citizens lacked this basic safety feature while they resided in unincorporated King County.

Citizens will continue to see and experience a higher level of service at a lower cost.

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This is just some of the information you can obtain on the City's website:

- Capital Improvement Projects Status
- City Councilmembers Contact Info.
- City News and Special Events
- City Ordinances and Resolutions
- City Staff and email addresses
- Community Links
- Council Meeting Agendas
- Council Meeting Minutes
- Department Information
- Developer Activity
- Employment Opportunities
- Map of City Limits
- Planning Advisory Board Activities
- Public Meeting Notices
- Public Records Request
- Snow Route Map
- Traffic Updates
- Zoning Map



Regional Transportation Authority Tax



There has been a great deal of confusion and concern surrounding the RTA (Regional Transportation Authority), to which Sammamish residents may or may not be subject. Due to the diligent efforts of several of our citizens, we have discovered the district boundary lines, as drawn, may not be entirely accurate.

This difficulty is partially a result of boundary lines being drawn several years prior to the City of Sammamish incorporating. The majority of the city is in the RTA and subject to the tax; however, some parts of the city are outside of the district and not subject to the tax. The boundaries were to be drawn by voter precinct. Only voters who voted on the tax should be included in the district.

Our RTA covers what is considered the most congested urban areas of the Central Puget Sound region—Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties. It is a special district created by the voters, enabled by the State legislature in March 1992. In general, the transit district boundaries were to follow the urban growth boundaries as set by each county.

The RTA is administered by Sound Transit, the mission of which is to “*build and provide for the operation of the regional express bus, commuter rail and light rail services and facilities as described in Sound Move to create an integrated regional high-capacity transportation system serving the three-county RTA Sound Transit District. Do so in partnership with public agencies and jurisdictions, relevant private-sector and other interests, and the citizens we serve.*”

The RTA has a 2001 budget of \$734 million and is not associated with the City of Sammamish. The board of directors is comprised of 18 members; 17 are local elected officials appointed by the respective county executive. Each County gets one representative per 145,000 citizens. The City of Sammamish has no representation on the board at this time. Citizens of Sammamish contribute to the RTA financially and receive no direct benefit, which concerns the City Council.

The RTA tax consists of two components. The first is a sales tax component of .4%. The second is a motor vehicle component of .3%. The voters within the RTA district approved this tax in November 1996. A similar measure had been put before the voters in March of 1995 and was defeated. Later, in 1995, a regional advisory panel was formed to craft a new proposal, modifying the boundaries and setting the timeline to put it before the voters again in November 1996. This time it passed.

There were immediate issues related to the collection of taxes within the boundaries, as the boundary lines were not consistent with zip codes or other means of accurately identifying certain areas that were on the periphery of the district.

Through the use of improved computerized mapping and other geographic information systems (GIS), the database has become more accurate over time. This computerized technology brought some individuals into the District boundaries. Some of these individuals are correctly included within the boundary and some addresses are listed as being within the boundary and should not be.

There are two web sites that you can access to determine whether you are subject to the RTA sales and excise tax. The first allows the entry of your address and tells you if your address is within the RTA area. This web site, www.dor.wa.gov/gis/default.asp, is maintained by the State of Washington Department of Revenue. The second site is also maintained by the Department of Revenue and is a map that allows the user to zoom in at a great level of detail to see the boundaries of the RTA and the taxes that apply. The site address for this map is www.dor.wa.gov/gis/map/default.asp.

The customer service representatives at Sound Transit may also verify your district status via telephone at (206)398-5000. If you prefer, you may email them with your home address at main@soundtransit.org.

City staff is working with Sound Transit to identify and correct several neighborhoods incorrectly identified as being within the District. If you feel that you have been included in the district boundaries in error, contact Paula Henderson at Sound Transit at (206) 689-4943, who has been helpful in the past .

Parking Near Skyline

When citizens notified the City regarding the high school spillover-parking problem in the neighborhoods near the school, Public Works staff took two approaches to the issue. They first met with school and school district officials to determine if Skyline could improve its on-campus student parking management to provide additional parking in the school facility. Staff also tried to coordinate with Skyline, the school district, and the two adjacent churches (Mary Queen of Peace and Sammamish Hill Lutheran Church) to explore the possibility of sharing the churches' parking lots for student parking.

At the same time, public works staff looked into the possibility of implementing a residential parking management program (RPMP) in the neighborhoods impacted by student spillover parking. After researching other cities and their existing programs, a draft RPMP was developed.

On August 21, the City hosted a public meeting at Skyline High School to further address the residential parking issue. Approximately fifty area residents attended. City staff, Sammamish Police, Skyline's Principal, the School District Assistant Superintendent, local residents, and representatives from the two adjacent churches provided their perspective on the issue. The proposed RPMP was also introduced to the residents at the meeting.



On August 31, fifteen signs reading “No Parking Except Local Residents, 7am to 3pm Except Holidays” were installed in the Redford Ranch and Hedgewood neighborhoods. The City will issue two free parking permits to each household within the parking restriction area. Local residents were notified at the August public meeting that permits could be picked up at City Hall immediately following the installation of the “No Parking” signs.

A map indicating restricted parking areas was also sent to Skyline High School for distribution to the students. Sammamish police will enforce the parking restriction as often as possible during the first few weeks of school. After that, enforcement will be a complaint-only basis.

Beaver Lake Preserve Update

In October 2000, the City announced that it was awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the state IAC (Interagency for Outdoor Recreation) funds to acquire the Beaver Lake Preserve. Since that time, the City has been awarded a second grant in the amount of \$350,000 from King County Conservation Futures for the acquisition of this conservation area and is that much closer to completing the acquisition. The King County Conservation Futures is a county-wide grant program that targets monies for the acquisition of land for habitat preservation and conservation purposes.

The Beaver Lake Preserve is a 57-acre property that lies between the northern shoreline of Beaver Lake and the Hazel Wolf Wetlands. This land would be preserved as a wildlife habitat and provide a conservation area with soft-surface trails for recreational use. A future trail system would connect to the trail system in the Hazel Wolf Wetlands to create a number of loop trails through this serene natural area.

Combining these funds with the IAC funds and other local donations will allow this area between Beaver Lake and Section 36 (future Soaring Eagle Park) to become a passive use park / wildlife preserve for Sammamish residents with an integrated trail system connected to the Hazel Wolf Wetland trails and hopefully in the future to the Soaring Eagle Park trail system.

Using grant funds for this 57-acre conservation area allows the City to focus our limited local parks capital funds to address and meet our many active park needs such as Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks and ballfields.



Sammamish was recently awarded \$350,000 for the Beaver Lake Preserve project.



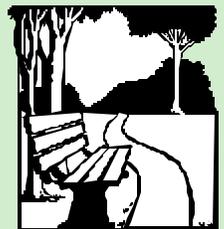
Negotiations with the current owner are in the final stages. Once the purchase and sale agreement is signed and the acquisition is complete, a stewardship and trail plan for the 57-acre park will be initiated.

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Parks & Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission serves as advisory group to the City Council on issues relating to the delivery of parks and recreation services to the citizens of Sammamish. The Commission meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall. The members include:

- Joyce McCallum
- Bente Pasko
- Doug Penner
- Paul Brodeur
- Nels Nelson
- John Rossi
- Russ Sanderson
- Chris Svensson
- Chris Leyerle



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AWARD OF DISTINCTION

The City of Sammamish is pleased to be a sponsor of the first annual Sammi Awards celebration, the purpose of which is:

- recognizing outstanding contributions to the community,
- celebrating unsung heroes in our city,
- promoting volunteerism,
- supporting music and the arts,
- recognizing outstanding educators/promoters of learning, and
- creating a positive community spirit and values.

The first awards ceremony is tentatively scheduled for January 2002. Nominations for the award will be accepted throughout October. Nomination criteria and a ballot will be published in the Sammamish Review. A Blue Ribbon Committee, chaired by Karen Armstead, is composed of community leaders and will determine award winners in the following categories:

- **Business** - an owner or manager of a Sammamish enterprise who donates, energy, time or resources for community causes.
- **Learning Promotion** - a person whose enriching and inspiring contributions create enthusiasm for learning.
- **Unsung Hero** - a person who goes beyond expectations in an inspirational and positive manner.
- **Youth Advocate** - a person who inspires and supports Sammamish youth, advocating for their interests in the community.
- **Arts** - a person who enriches the arts in our community.
- **Spirit of Sammamish** - a person who embodies the highest level of commitment to the community.
- **Courage** - someone who overcomes great obstacles to live life to the fullest and inspires others to meet challenges.



*Honoring people,
lifting our community
spirit in Sammamish*



Pictured above (standing): Jesse Stucky, JoAnna Smith, Megan Brewster, Asiya Khaki, Courtney Paine, Elizabeth Cochrane, Megan Colver; (sitting): Shirley Hu, Laura Knudsen, Lysondra Ludwig, Sarah Kliff, Celia Kerr, Will Voinot-Baron, and Ali Khaki.

Council Appoints First Youth Board

Most Sammamish citizens would agree there are limited recreational facilities and opportunities for youth on the Plateau. Events such as the Family Summit and skate park workshops have allowed the public to voice their recreation needs and concerns. Now, one Eastlake student's senior project has developed into a teen-run youth board to serve as a voice.

Thirty-three high school teens have earned their merits as official Youth Board members for the City of Sammamish. As of June, both Eastlake and Skyline High School students convene the fourth Tuesday of each month at Sammamish Library to exercise their various leadership skills and desire to take action.

This body of young adults originated with the intent to promote mutual respect between youth and the community and commit to providing integral activities for youth. While examining this goal, the Youth Board already planned and held a back-to-school event, specifically a music concert, consisting of all local teen bands to recognize the teens of the Plateau and to support the offering of positive recreational activities.

The City Council supports this organization that provides local youth a voice, a vision, and a resource for developing new activities and programs.

Councilmember Jack Barry voiced his support saying, "I strongly believe the Youth Board will help the Sammamish City Council stay in touch with the concerns and needs of the youth in our city. At the same time, this helps our youth to become full participants in a working democracy."

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Sammamish Youth Board Members include:

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| Ali Khaki | Ali Kowall |
| Andrea Gorder | Asiya Khaki |
| Celia Kerr | Chris Bohner |
| Courtney Paine | Danny Godbout |
| Eileen Walsh | Elizabeth Cochrane |
| Elliot Easton | Emily Harvey |
| Erik Ball | James Leo |
| Janna Ott | Jenny Schulte |
| JoAnna Smith | Katie Nielsen |
| Lars-Erik Olofsson | Laura Knudsen |
| Lysondra Ludwig | Marcie Peterson |
| Matt Chambers | Matthew Peteshel |
| Megan Brewster | Meghan Culver |
| Ryan DiBello | Ryan Face |
| Sarah Kliff | Shirley Hu |
| Stephanie Kao | Steven Howell |
| Will Voinot-Baron | |

Summer Nights at the Park

Summer time in the Pacific Northwest is typically filled with lively entertainment, delectable food, and thrilling games. This year Sammamish residents were able to participate in these activities right here in our own Pine Lake Park.

The City of Sammamish Parks and Recreation Department organized the first summer concert series, *Summer Nights at the Park*. These events consisted of local music groups and Shakespeare in the Park performances. Not only were all the bands from the local area, they also attracted a total attendance for the events of over 2,500 people, crossing many generations.

Lines of conga dancers paraded around the field while ShowBrazil shared music from their homeland. A few couples took center stage to show off their swing talents during the 16-person Jazz orchestra, Mach One. Boogie Brown Band invited young children to hop, skip and jump to their reggae beats.

Only one performance had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. The Dance Factory, featuring music from the 70s and 80s had been scheduled to perform on August 23.

The music events were held Thursday evenings on August 2, 9, and 16th. Shakespeare in Park events were held on Saturdays. “The Tempest” was performed on July 21 and “As You Like It” on August 4. Councilmember Kathleen Huckabay attended all the performances. She stated, “These events represent what it means to bring the community together to enjoy each other.”



City residents dance off some energy while enjoying a concert at Pine Lake Park.

Parks Property Purchased

City Council recently approved the purchase of a 12-acre parcel of property for a future neighborhood park. The property is located at 212th Avenue SE and SE 13th. This area of Sammamish has long been without public park space and this neighborhood

park will provide that area with local opportunities for recreation and open space enjoyment.

The property is a mix of large open meadows, mature forest and Ebright Creek. The creek runs in a northerly direction across the western portion of the property. There is a wooden bridge over the creek in the southwest corner of the property. The site also supports a healthy stand of maple, cedar, hemlock and fir trees, most of which are 30 to 40 feet tall.

This neighborhood park site offers great potential for a variety of public park and recreational uses. Any man-made enhancements to the site will complement the natural amenities of the property. As with any future neighborhood park development, a community based master plan will be undertaken to gather input as to the interests and park needs of the surrounding neighborhoods. With community involvement and creative planning this 12-acre park could include a mix of active and passive opportunities.

Potential for future trail links through the park could provide alternative modes of transportation to and from the park. One important item that has come out of the park planning process as been an interest to connect the current and future Sammamish Park System with trails and pathways.

“ This park acquisition is another important step in the development of a vibrant park system for the residents of Sammamish,” said Mayor Troy Romero.

The yet unnamed park will provide much-needed recreation space for the citizens of Sammamish.



Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan Updated

On August 1, 2001, City Council adopted the annual update of the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 2002 to 2007. This followed the Council's previous public hearing on the matter. Under State law, the City is required to have an adopted plan outlining potential transportation improvements. The City is also required to annually update that plan.

While projects in the later years of the plan – 2006 and 2007 – are not yet well-defined and subject to changes in scope, costs and schedule, there are a number of important projects planned over the next two years which are expected to proceed as listed. The first project in the TIP is 228th Avenue Phase 1C, which is discussed in a separate article in this newsletter.

The second project in the TIP is 244th Avenue Phase 1 – SE 8th Street to NE 8th Street. Although the design study for this project has not yet begun, the project is currently envisioned as a two-lane urban street (one lane each direction), with turn lanes where needed, sidewalks, bike lanes and landscaping. However, the City is planning on several meetings and hearings to gather public input before this project moves forward. 244th Avenue is seen as an important project to provide traffic circulation and a secondary emergency access for the eastern portion of the city. The current schedule for this project calls for construction to begin in the year 2003.

The TIP's third significant project is SE 32nd Street/Issaquah-Pine Lake Road. This project will extend street improvements from the Pine Lake Shopping Center to just past SE 32nd Street and will include not only street improvements, but sidewalks and bike lanes as well. Grant funding for this project, in the amount of \$816,000, has been obtained from the State Transportation Improvement Board. The intersection of SE 32nd/Issaquah-Pine Lake Road has been one of the highest accident locations in the City and is a likely candidate for the City's second roundabout. An evaluation of the relative benefits of a traffic signal versus a roundabout will be addressed in the design process and public meetings to be held this Fall. Construction of the SE 32nd/Issaquah-Pine Lake Road project is scheduled to commence in the late summer of next year.

More School Sidewalks Under Construction

The City has contracted with Ortiz Construction, a minority-owned business enterprise from Tacoma, for the construction of sidewalks near City schools. A short segment of sidewalks are being constructed on the north side of NE 16th Street, just west of 216th. This will complete a good inventory of sidewalks for children attending Margaret Mead Elementary School. The project also will place sidewalks on the south side of NE 14th Street, beginning at 228th Avenue NE and proceeding east to meet the existing walks at Samantha Smith Elementary. In both cases, the design will include square curbing, a five-foot wide planter strip containing decorative maple trees, a five-foot concrete walk, and associated drainage. The project should be completed by early December. The consulting firm of Gray & Osborne provided design assistance.

Last year's sidewalk program was a big success. The City has received many compliments from citizens as well as the school districts, on both the appearance and functionality of the walks. For two consecutive years the City has budgeted funds for walkways, and supplemented the budgeted amounts with savings from other programs.



Each school district is asked to identify its highest priority areas for improving the safety of pedestrian routes to schools, and the City jointly selects the project areas. A side benefit is that the school districts often can reduce their transportation costs if they are able to provide better walking conditions. The City hopes to expand this program in future years.

The sidewalk on NE 16th provides pedestrian safety, and enhances the aesthetics of the street as well.

New Transit Service Proposed



Efforts by Sammamish over the last year are starting to pay off. City staff has been working with regional agencies to get improved transit service for Sammamish residents.

A new express commuter bus service for Sammamish residents, Metro Transit Route 216, is slated to begin in February 2002. It will run along 228th Avenue and access I-90 at the SR-900 interchange for a direct trip to Seattle, making one stop only for transfers to Bellevue. Four buses will run to Seattle in the morning; four buses will make the return trip in the evening. Sammamish residents will no longer have to drive through Issaquah and hope to find a parking spot at the Issaquah Park and Ride in order to access commuter bus service.

The City has also approached Sound Transit to allocate \$10.7 million in existing, but not yet budgeted, Sound Transit funds to provide additional improvements in transit facilities and services for Sammamish.

Sammamish's proposal includes a 200-stall park and ride lot near the intersection of 228th Avenue SE and Issaquah-Pine Lake Road, the extension of Issaquah-Pine Lake Road to access the park and ride, and three intersection improvements to help speed transit movements.

The bus service request to Sound Transit includes three elements:

- additional peak-hour express bus service to provide more buses, more frequently over a longer period of time;
- an expansion of the current Route 269 to provide a bus running every half hour from early morning to late evening along 228th Avenue and connecting to park and ride lots in Issaquah at the south and Redmond at the north;
- an expansion of the Dial-A-Ride-Transportation (DART) Route 927 to run later into the evening and on weekends to serve the Klahanie area just to the south of Sammamish and to connect riders to the new proposed Sammamish Park and Ride.



It's been a busy summer for the Planning Advisory Board and much of progress has been made on drafting the City's first Comprehensive Plan. In May, the Planning Advisory Board's Land Use Subcommittee developed the draft goals for the Plan's Land Use and Open Space Elements. The goals, as recommended by the sub-committee, were then amended and unanimously approved by the full PAB in June.

The subcommittee then began the task of drafting the many policies that will give guidance to decision makers for the purpose of achieving each goal's desired result. Drafting these policies will continue throughout September. The Land Use Subcommittee will be meeting twice a week in September in order to complete their task and present the Planning Advisory Board a set of recommended land use policies on October 4th. You can find the sub-committee's schedule of meetings on the City's website. As with all of the Planning Advisory Board's meetings, the Land Use Subcommittee's meetings begin at 7:00 pm in City Hall and are open to the public. Please come and share your thoughts and ideas with them.

While the Land Use Subcommittee was focused on land use issues, the Transportation Subcommittee was busy gathering public input and began the work of drafting of transportation goals. To get started, the subcommittee invited the public at large to participate in a "round table

discussion" for the purpose of identifying and discussing the transportation issues most important to the community. The subcommittee then used the issues identified in this "discussion" combined with the PAB approved land use goals to draft transportation goals for recommendation to the Planning Advisory Board in September. On September 6, the Board approved the recommended goals and the subcommittee is now working on drafting the transportation policies for consideration by the Board in November.

The Public Involvement Subcommittee has also been busy working on ways to keep the community informed and involved. The subcommittee has distributed several information handouts at various community business locations and continues to work with the City's webmaster to improve the information available on the City's website. Some of the items you can now find on the website is a schedule of all Comprehensive Plan related meetings, highlights and summaries of past meetings and workshops, progress to date, and an opportunity to send your comments on the future planning of



The Planning Advisory Board recently met with the City Council to provide an update on the Comprehensive Plan process.

Sammamish directly to the Planning Advisory Board.

Planning Advisory Board members, including the four alternate are:

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| Bill Baldwin, Chair | Sally Jarvis, Vice Chair |
| 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 | John Davis (alt.) |
| Brad Forslund (alt.) | Jon Griffin (alt.) |
| Catherine Kendall (alt.) | |

Annexations... Becoming an Official Part of the City of Sammamish

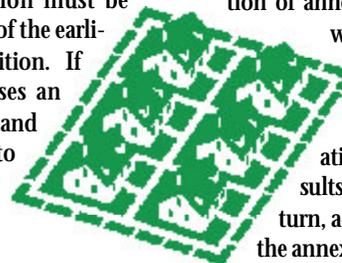
AnneXation is the term used to describe the process of an unincorporated area in the county becoming a part of a city. Before an annexation may commence, the area proposed for annexation must be within an "urban growth area." This is a State requirement that is also reflected in County-Wide Planning Policies.

The City of Sammamish, as a "code city," has several annexation methods available. The 60 percent petition method is the most common method used. In this process, a petition expressing an intent to annex is submitted to the City Council for consideration. The peti-

tion must be signed by property owners within the area to be annexed and must represent at least 10% of the assessed evaluation of the proposed annexation area. If the City Council agrees to consider the annexation, another petition must be submitted which bears the signatures of property owners of at least 60% of assessed property evaluation within the annexation area. By law, a petition must be submitted within six months of the earliest signature date on the petition. If successful, the Council passes an ordinance annexing the area and the annexation is submitted to the County Boundary Review Board for consideration and approval.

The election method is another process that is not that commonly used. It is expensive and most cities and petitioners find it extremely

cumbersome. It starts with a petition signed by owners of at least 10% of the assessed valuation requesting that the issue be placed on a general or special election ballot. If the Council agrees, it goes on the ballot. Only those within the annexation area may vote on the question of annexation. The second election method can be initiated by the City Council, placing the question of annexation to a vote of the owners within the annexation area. The Count tabulates the results of the election and if the vote is affirmative (in favor of annexation), the County certifies the results and notifies the City, which in turn, adopts an ordinance providing for the annexation.



For additional information on annexations, please contact the Sammamish Department of Community Development, 425-836-7919.

Are You Calling 911?

People often ask, "When should I call 911?" Even when a crime is witnessed with suspects on the scene, people often don't call 911 because they don't feel it's an emergency. The bottom line is that 911 is the easiest and quickest way to have an officer respond to your location or obtain a police case number over the phone. The Communications Center is set up to quickly route you to a non-emergency Call Receiver. A secondary number to use for non-emergency incidents is **206-296-3311**.

Officers are not dispatched from the Sammamish Police Storefront. Except for traffic complaints and vacation house check requests, reports are not normally taken over the phone at the Sammamish Police Storefront. However, you can call the Sammamish Police to get general information at either **206-296-5036** or **425-836-5674**.

If you come to the storefront (located next to City Hall) during regular business hours (8:30 am to 5:00 pm), officers can take your report. If you have possible evidence at the scene, please do not touch it; **call 911** and have the Police come to you.

If the Police have taken a report and you would like a copy, contact the King County Sheriff's Records Unit at **206-296-4190**. To avoid frustration, allow approximately ten working days for the report to be routed through the system.

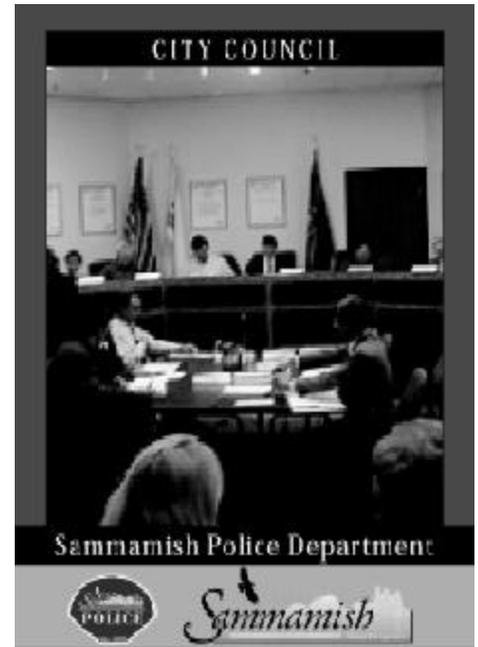
Police Trading Cards

Hey, kids! Police trading cards are here! Collect all 25! With all the fanfare they can muster, Sammamish Police Officers are now carrying their own trading cards, and they want to distribute them to as many kids in Sammamish as possible.

There are 25 total cards in the set; 1000 copies of each card have been printed. The design and printing were paid for by grants from the King County Community Organizing Program and the 3FLAGS traffic safety program. The program is aimed at elementary school and junior high-aged youth. Each card has the picture of an officer or other item relating to the police or city government. The back of the card has the officer's biography and a personal message from the officer.

Public Works employees carry a card featuring the Radar Readerboard Trailer, and the City Hall and Police Department counter staff have "City Council" cards, which explain the form of government utilized in Sammamish.

Police Chief Dick Baranzini, who designed the program, is really excited about it. Its primary goal is to help the City's youth and police officers meet and get to know each other as people. A second goal is to help young people understand the organization of city government and to think about their personal choices relating to alcohol, drugs, traffic safety, violence, and criminal involvement.



City Council has its own trading card.

Join Neighborhood Connections Program

Newly elected Home Owner Association presidents or representatives are invited to join the "Neighborhood Connections" Program. Meetings are held quarterly at City Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This program was initiated to enhance two-way communication between the City and neighborhood groups. Over 72 representatives have signed up to participate and regularly receive mailings from City Departments and Sammamish Police to disseminate among their neighborhood associations.

The July 9th meeting included a presentation by John Cunningham, Director of Public Works on the Transportation Improvement and Neighborhood Improvement Projects. Janet Sailer, Water Conservation Coordinator with Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, addressed the mandatory watering regulation. Police Sgt. Bonnie Soule provided an update on the June Party Patrol, Fourth of July activities and Neighborhood Block Watch. The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, with a presentation from Eastside Fire & Rescue on reducing wildfire danger. For more information, please contact Administrative Assistant Gail Davila at 425-836-7916 or e-mail: gdavila@ci.sammamish.wa.us.

Change Your Clock & Battery on October 28

A home fire impacts the life of an American family every 85 seconds. By providing an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape, smoke alarms cut in half your family's risk of dying in a home fire...but only if they work. The "**Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery**" national home fire safety campaign does just that. When you turn your clocks back on October 28, also make a lifesaving change in your household...change the batteries in your smoke alarms. This simple habit takes just a moment, but is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire.

Now in its 14th year, the "**Change**" program continues to identify families with children as our key target audience. Children are at twice the risk of dying in a home fire. Approximately 1,000 children under the age of 15 die each year in house fires...an average of three per day. Eighty-two percent of those deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Established to help reduce the tragic number of home fire deaths and injuries, "**Change**" urges Americans to change smoke alarm batteries when changing clocks back to standard time each fall. Remember..."**Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery**."

CITY HALL CALENDAR

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
October 2 - WED, 5:30 pm Public Works Committee	November 1 - THU, 7:00 pm Planning Advisory Board	December 4 - TUE, 5:30 pm Public Works Committee	January 2 - WED, 5:30 pm Public Works Committee
October 2 - WED, 7:30 pm City Council Regular Meeting	November 6 - TUE, 5:30 pm Public Works Committee	December 4 - TUE, 7:30 pm City Council Regular Meeting	January 2 - WED, 7:30 pm City Council Regular Meeting
October 4 - THU, 7:00 pm Planning Advisory Board	November 6 - TUE, 7:30 pm City Council Regular Meeting	December 11 - TUE, 7:30 pm City Council Study Session	January 3 - THU, 7:00 pm
October 8 - MON, 6:30 pm Neighborhood Connections Mtg.	November 8 - THU, 7:00 pm Planning Advisory Board	December 17 - MON, 6:30 pm Park and Recreation Commission	January 8 - TUE, 7:30 pm City Council Study Session
October 9 - TUE, 7:00 pm PAB Transportation Subcomm.	November 13 - TUE, 7:30 pm City Council Study Session	December 18 - TUE, 5:30 pm Finance Committee	January 15 - TUE, 5:30 pm Finance Committee
October 11 - THU, 7:00 pm Planning Advisory Board	November 15 - THU, 7:00 pm Planning Advisory Board	December 18 - TUE, 6:00 pm Sammamish Youth Board (at Sammamish Library)	January 15 - TUE, 7:30 pm City Council Regular Meeting
October 15 - MON, 6:30 pm Parks & Rec Commission	November 19 - MON, 6:30 pm Parks and Recreation Commission	December 18 - TUE, 7:30 pm City Council Regular Meeting	January 21 - MON, 6:30 pm Park and Recreation Commission
October 16 - TUE, 5:30 pm Finance Committee	November 20 - TUE, 5:30 pm Finance Committee	December 25 - TUE Regular Meetings Cancelled	January 22 - TUE, 6:00 pm Youth Advisory Board (at Sammamish Library)
October 16 - TUE, 7:30 pm City Council Regular Meeting	November 20 - TUE, 7:30 pm City Council Regular Meeting		January 23 - TUE, 6:30 pm Community Development Comm.
October 18 - THU, 7:00 pm PAB Land Use Subcommittee	November 27 - TUE, 6:00 pm Sammamish Youth Board (at Sammamish Library)		January 23 - TUE, 7:30 pm City Council Study Session
October 23 - TUE, 6:00 pm Sammamish Youth Board (at Sammamish Library)	November 27 - TUE, 6:30 pm Community Development Committee		
October 23 - TUE, 7:00 pm PAB Public Involvement Subcom.	November 27 - TUE, 7:00 pm Planning Advisory Board 7:00 pm		
October 24 - WED, 6:30 pm Community Development Comm.	November 27 - TUE, 7:30 pm City Council Study Session		
October 24 - WED, 7:30 pm City Council Study Session			
October 25 - THU, 7:00 pm PAB Transportation Subcom.			



Sammamish Continues Reducing, Reusing & Recycling

A successful Sammamish Special Collection Event and Backyard Compost Bin Sale was held at Eastlake High School on September 29, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This was the third Special Collection Event the City of Sammamish has sponsored since incorporation. Scrap metal, appliances, sinks, toilets, electronic equipments and batteries were among the many items Sammamish recyclers disposed of at the event.

The City is now in the process of applying for \$125,000 in grant funding with King County Solid Waste Division and the Washington State Department of Ecology to promote future waste reduction and recycling events for City and nearby unincorporated residents. The City, in cooperation with Olympic Environmental Resources, is currently scheduling two collection events in 2002 and 2003 as well as introducing a new business owners recycling event for retail and in-home businesses.

Please visit our website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us for updated information on our recycling program or contact Gail Davila at 425-836-7916 to obtain a copy of the *Sammamish Guide to Recycling*.

Past city-wide recycling events have been very successful.



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Council Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

JULY

■ Council appointed 33 Sammamish high school students to serve on the first Sammamish Youth Board. The Board will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Sammamish Library. Members will serve a one-year term.

■ A contract was awarded to construct the 2001 School Sidewalk Program. The sidewalks will be constructed around Margaret Mead and Samantha Smith Elementary Schools. The projects are chosen from a list of priorities established by both school districts.

AUGUST

■ The Land Use Moratorium was extended to another six months. A change was made from the previous moratorium which will allow for a categorical exception for two-lot short plats. This moratorium is in effect through February 16, 2002. Council may consider an additional amendment which would allow for the exemption to build senior-assisted housing units.

■ The Six-Year Transportation Improvement program was approved for 2002-2007. State law requires that each jurisdiction in charge of public transportation facilities adopt and annually update a six-year transportation improvement program. The program includes 32 projects. This is considered an "interim" document that allows the City to move forward with clearly identified and needed projects in the interim until the City's full GMA Comprehensive Plan is adopted.

■ The Council's Community Development Committee held a joint study session with Issaquah's Major Development and Regional Affairs Committee (MADRAC), as well as representatives from Providence Point and the Klahanie neighborhood. The topic of the study session was potential annexation areas.

■ A resolution was passed requesting Sound Transit to provide funding for the construction of transit services and facilities to the City of Sammamish and adjacent areas.

■ Council passed a resolution to form a Technology Committee, which will be comprised of knowledgeable volunteers from the community. The Commission

will advise Council on matters relating to technology.

■ A contract was awarded to begin improvements to NE Sammamish Park and Pine Lake Park play facilities. The contractor will prepare the area and new play structures will be installed by citizen volunteers.

SEPTEMBER

■ Council passed an Ordinance to amend the Interim Sammamish Development code reducing the number of allowable shortplats from 9 to 4 and from 13 to 8 on contiguous lots and reducing the allowable time for re-shortplating from ten years to five.

■ Council authorized the purchase of twelve acres of property located on 212th Avenue SE and SE 13th Street. The property will be used for future park land.

■ A contract was awarded to install the first City Roundabout at the intersections of Inglewood Hill Road and 216th Avenue NE.

Meetings Days Change to Tuesdays

Beginning in October, the City Council will move its meeting day from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. The Council holds regular meetings to conduct business twice a month and study sessions as needed to review subjects in depth. All meetings are held at City Hall, 486 228th Ave. NE at 7:30 p.m. Agendas are posted the preceding Thursdays at City Hall, the Sammamish Library, the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District and on-line at the City's website: www.ci.sammamish.wa.us

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Overlake Hospital is beginning to look at potential sites for a hospital or other types of medical services in the city. It is forming a Citizen's Advisory Group. If interested, call Jan Meriwether at 425-688-5447.



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