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Address change? Not necessary!

**ANNEXATION AREA ZIP CODE
WILL REMAIN THE SAME**

Although Klahanie proper and several adjacent neighborhoods are about to leap from unincorporated King County into the city of Sammamish, residents there will make the transition without having to change their addresses.

Their homes will stay on the same foundations, the street names will remain the same, and even the zip code – 98029 – won't change.

"We've been getting persistent inquiries from people who want to know when they have to alter their addresses," Tim Larson, the city's communications manager, said. "But the post office tells us that won't be necessary.

"As long as your street address and zip code are correct, it doesn't really matter whether your return address says Sammamish, Klahanie, or Issaquah."

Based on current planning, residents in the annexation area are scheduled to join Sammamish on Jan. 1, 2016.



An artist's rendering of the Sammamish Community and Aquatic Center.

Completion just a few months away for Community & Aquatic Center

Over the years, when City Council candidates knocked on doors during their campaigns, they reported that residents would often ask them, "Why don't we have a community center? And why don't we have a public swimming pool?"

It took a lot of work, a lot of planning, and a positive advisory vote from the people, but those questions

are no longer necessary. The Sammamish Community and Aquatic Center, rapidly taking on its final shape, will become a reality next year.

"It's been a great project," City Manager Ben Yazici said. "From our point of view, Porter Brothers Construction has performed well. They've anticipated issues, adapted well, and

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An important transition is underway in Sammamish

CITY MANAGER BEN YAZICI'S IMPENDING DEPARTURE TRIGGERS METHODOICAL PROCESS

When City Manager Ben Yazici announced earlier this year that he was going to leave the city's employment next February, I think everybody on the City Council probably took a deep breath.

Not just because we value the great job Ben has done over the past 14 and a half years, but because we knew that we'd be facing a very important task – hiring a new city manager!



*Tom Vance
Mayor*

In many cities with a Council/City Manager form of government, that happens quite frequently. In fact, Ben jokes that all city manager publications have the same ad inside the front cover – for U-Haul trailers!

It really is a tough job that normally produces a fair amount of turnover, but here in Sammamish, thanks

to Ben's highly productive tenure, we haven't had to hire a new city manager since January of 2001.

Fortunately, the methodical and measured approach we've taken has produced a really good result.

To start off, Ben led a long public discussion at our April 21 City Council meeting regarding the advantages and disadvantages of both internal and external searches. After thinking about it, the Council decided to pursue the internal option first but retain the option of going external if that seemed appropriate.

No surprise, our deputy city manager, Lyman Howard, had the dubious pleasure of going through a lengthy interview process with members of the Council. Given his 10 years as our award-winning finance director, and his more recent four years as deputy city manager, Lyman was a logical internal choice.

After discussing his qualifications in executive session – standard pro-

cedure when it comes to personnel matters – we took a public vote in favor of offering him the job on May 19.

Then, after successful contract discussions were concluded over the course of a few days, we spent some time at our June 16 Council meeting discussing Lyman's excellent qualifications, and followed that up with a unanimous vote to seal the deal!

So, beginning in March, Lyman Howard will be our new city manager. And beginning right now, that deep gulp of air we took a few weeks ago can give way to normal breathing!

To be honest, I didn't really doubt that things would go well. We followed a proper process, we're proud of the choice we made, and I think every member of the City Council is eager to see Lyman Howard thrive in his new role.

Here's to a great transition!



Lyman Howard set to become city manager in February

In a unanimous vote on June 16, the City Council approved a contract agreement with Lyman Howard and officially made him Sammamish's next city manager. He will succeed the current city manager, Ben Yazici, when he leaves the job in February.

"I was very happy to see the Council express so much enthusiasm for Lyman," Yazici said. "After watching him work as our finance director for years, and then as our deputy city manager since 2011, the Council obviously made this choice with a lot of confidence."



Lyman Howard

Before joining Sammamish in 2001, Howard worked in finance with both Seattle and Kirkland.

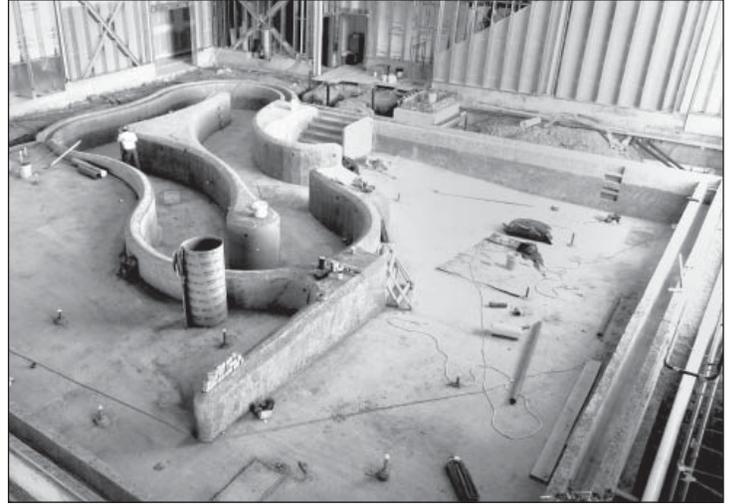
Howard has an M.B.A. from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, and an undergraduate degree from Albion College in Albion, Michigan. He is a resident of Sammamish.

"In addition to having the respect and confidence of the Council, Lyman is very well-liked by the staff," Yazici said. "They know from personal experience that he's a very smart, experienced manager who's good with people."

CITY OF SAMMAMISH



This large space will house one of two gyms.



The leisure pool takes shape.

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really moved the project along.”

That means the city, in partnership with the YMCA, will swing the doors open on the new facility in the early part of next year.

The 69,000-square-foot, two-level facility, located just west of City Hall and the library, will feature, among other things, two gyms, two swimming pools, fitness areas, locker rooms, an elevated jogging track, a weight room, multi-purpose spaces, meeting areas, child care and other amenities.

When the building is finished, the YMCA will provide furnishings, all the equipment, and a staff to run the day-to-day operations. The Y also contributed \$5 million toward construction costs.

The total anticipated project cost, including demoli-

tion, contingencies and other expenses, is \$33,885,000. The entirety of the city’s expenditure will be funded by existing financial reserves. No new taxes were imposed to pay for the facility.

“Partnering with the YMCA means we don’t have to expand the city staff,” Yazici said. “And not having to take on any debt for construction is another huge plus. This is going to be a great, cost-effective amenity for the community.”

Membership fees, services and programs will be modeled on those available at nearby YMCAs. Access to the building will be provided by an expansion and reconfiguration of the roads currently serving the library and City Hall.

The facility will feature approximately 185 vehicle spaces in a parking structure and another 114 spaces of surface parking.



Looking at the Community Center construction site from City Hall Plaza.

Please don't leave me in a hot car this summer!

IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH



Every summer, animals left in parked cars suffer brain damage or die from heatstroke, even if the windows are cracked and they're left alone only for a short while. Dogs and cats can't perspire.

Please call 206-296-PETS (7387) if you see an animal in a hot parked car!

List of recycling options

Recology/Cleanscapes has notified the city of Sammamish that they are no longer accepting recyclable materials at their Gilman Village store from people who live outside of Issaquah.



Some Sammamish residents have relied on the Recology/Cleanscapes store in Issaquah to dispose of recyclable materials that are not collected at the curbside.

Fortunately, there are a number of other establishments that continue to accept recyclable materials. For a list of options, go to the city website (www.sammamish.us) and click on the "quick links" menu in the upper, right-hand corner of the home page.

Stop household pollution

Despite your best intentions, there may be times when your home is the source of pollution! Here's what you can do to reduce your impact on the environment:

- Never wash chemicals, cleaning solutions or solvents into the storm drain.
- Sweep your driveway instead of hosing it down and running pollutants into the storm drain.
- Wash your car on your lawn or at a licensed facility.
- Fix those vehicle leaks so they don't wash into our lakes.
- Pick up litter.
- And remember to call your spill hotline at 425-295-0500 if you see any illegal dumping!

Volunteers needed in July!

July 11 – Restore the Lower Commons wetland
9 a.m. to Noon

July 14-17 – Trail work at Soaring Eagle Park
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July 29-Aug. 1 – Trail work at Big Rock Park
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

More information at www.sammamish.us/volunteer

The Sammamish Town Center is breaking ground! THREE SEPARATE PROJECTS ARE GETTING UNDERWAY THIS SUMMER

It took a few years to plan the Town Center, and then another few for the economy to bounce back after the 2008 financial crisis, but the stars have finally aligned and the earth is moving along 228th Avenue.

The first to break ground was “Southeast Village,” Ichijo USA’s mixed-use project located just north of the Lutheran Church at 228th Avenue and Southeast Eighth Street. This 4.5 acre site, which will feature 75 townhouses (including 13 live-work units) and 6,500 square feet of commercial space, got rolling last month.

Next up is TRF Pacific’s “The Village” project. Located on the west side of 228th Avenue at the intersection with S.E. Fourth Street, this development will feature a Metropolitan Market grocery store, 159 living units, and 115,000 square feet of commercial space. At press time, this six-acre site was due to break ground in early July.

Later this summer, a third project is expected to get underway. It goes by



An artist's rendering of “The Village,” a TRF Pacific mixed-use project located on the northwest corner of 228th Ave. S.E. and S.E. Fourth Street.

the name Plateau 120 and is being built by American Classic Homes.

Located on 2.84 acres just west of Eastside Catholic High School, the five-story development will blend 92 apartment units with 14,515 square feet of ground floor office space.

“We’re excited to see things get

rolling,” City Manager Ben Yazici said. “Our community set up a very nice framework for a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly, work-live-play Town Center.

“Now that the economy is driving things, we’re very pleased to see the private sector filling that frame with well-thought-out projects.”



Plateau 120, a mixed-use project by American Classic Homes.



The “Southeast Village” project by Ichijo USA.

SammamishParks is where it's @

TWITTER, INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK AND MORE KEEP PARKS & REC FANS IN THE LOOP!

A reminder: The fun, fitness and learning opportunities available through the Sammamish Parks & Rec Department can be funneled your way through many portals. Please note the icons to your right!

Whether it's a summer concert, Shakespeare in the Park, or a self-improvement program, let us notify you via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media tools perfectly suited to the task.

"As we've grown over the years, we've always tried to keep our residents up to date," Parks Director Jessi Bon Said. "The parks and rec guide we fold into the city newsletter three times a year has been very useful, but we also want to encourage people to use these other great tools as well.

"If people haven't gotten into the swing of things with social media, they should know it's really pretty easy. Just ask a friend if you don't know how to get started."

For more information, contact Sarah Kimsey at skimsey@sammamish.us.



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Summer Entertainment Schedule!

Concerts in the Park

Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m., at Pine Lake Park

July 9 - Richard Allen and the Louisiana Experience

July 16 - Cloverdayle, Country

July 23 - Big Dog Revue, 70s Old-School Dance

July 30 - Sly Mr. Y, 60s, 70s & 80s Classic Rock

August 6 - The Kings of Hollywood, Eagles Tribute

August 13 - Hall Pass, Classic to Today's Rock Hits

August 20 - Sammamish Symphony

August 27 - The Mark DuFreshne Band, Blues

- July 21 - Duo Finelli, comedy, East Sammamish Park
- July 28, 2-3 p.m. - Knights of Veritas, City Hall Plaza
- August 4 - Alex Zerbe, comedy, juggling, City Hall Plaza
- August 11 - The Not-its! children's music, Beaver Lake
- August 18 - Rick Huddle, Songs, skits City Hall Plaza
- August 25 - Tim Noah, music, East Sammamish Park

Wooden O Shakespeare Plays

Saturdays, 7-8:45 p.m

Pine Lake Park

July 18 - Henry IV part 1

July 25 - As You Like It

KidsFirst! Performance Series

Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m. (Except for July 28)

July 7 - Eli Rosenblatt, children's music, City Hall Plaza

July 14 - Harmonica Pocket, Beaver Lake

CITY CALENDAR

JULY

Wednesday, July 1

-Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall
-Parks and Rec Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 3

-City offices closed/Independence Day

Saturday, July 4

-Fourth on the Plateau,
6-10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7

-KidsFirst!, 1-2 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall
-City Council Office Hour, 5-6 p.m.
-City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8

-Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall

Thursday, July 9

-Family Volunteering: Native Plant Garden,
10 a.m.-noon, Lower Commons
-Finance Committee Mtg, 2 p.m.
-Planning Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.
-Concert in the Park, 6:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

-Volunteer at Lower Commons Park,
9 a.m.-noon

Tuesday, July 14

-KidsFirst!, 1-2 p.m.
Beaver Lake Park
-City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15

-Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall

Thursday, July 16

-Concert in the Park, 6:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, July 18

-Sammamish Walks - East Lake
Sammamish History, 10 a.m.-noon
-Shakespeare in the Park, 7-8:45 p.m.

Monday, July 20

-Committee of the Whole, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21

-KidsFirst!, 1-2 p.m., East Sammamish Park
-City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22

-Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall

Thursday, July 23

-Family Volunteering: Native Plant Garden,
10 a.m.-noon, Lower Commons
-Planning Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.
-Concert in the Park, 6:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, July 25

-Shakespeare in the Park, 7-8:45 p.m.

Monday, July 27

-Arts Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28

-KidsFirst!, 1-2 p.m., City Hall

Wednesday, July 29

-Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall

Thursday, July 30

-Concert in the Park, 6:30-8 p.m.

AUGUST

Tuesday, Aug. 4

-KidsFirst!, 1-2 p.m., Plaza at City Hall

Wednesday, Aug. 5

-Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall
-Parks and Rec Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 6

-Family Volunteering: Native Plant
Garden, 10 a.m.-noon
Lower Commons
-Concert in the Park, 6:30-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 11

-KidsFirst!, 1-2 p.m.
Beaver Lake Park

Wednesday, Aug. 12

-Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall

Thursday, Aug. 13

-Concert in the Park, 6:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 15

-Sammamish Walks - Evans Creek Preserve,
10 a.m.-noon

Tuesday, Aug. 18

-KidsFirst!, 1-2 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall

Wednesday, Aug. 19

-Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall

Thursday, Aug. 20

-Family Volunteering: Native Plant Garden,
10 a.m.-noon, Lower Commons
-Concert in the Park,
6:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 22

-Rotary Club Challenge Race/Soap Box Derby,
7 a.m.-2 p.m., S.E. 24th Street
-Sammamish Day's Celebration, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall
-Sammamish Nights, 6-10 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall

Monday, Aug. 24

-Arts Commission Meeting,
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

-KidsFirst!, 1-2 p.m.
East Sammamish Park

Wednesday, Aug. 26

-Farmer's Market, 4-8 p.m.
Plaza at City Hall

Thursday, Aug. 27

-Concert in the Park,
6:30-8 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE:

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