

# SAMMAMISH

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## Will Klahanie vote to join Sammamish?

PROCESS SET IN MOTION  
TO LET RESIDENTS CHOOSE

Although there are still plenty of process hoops to jump through, it would appear that voters in the Klahanie annexation area will be given the opportunity to join Sammamish sometime in 2015.

The new annexation election appears likely thanks to an inter-local agreement that would transfer annexation rights from Issaquah to Sammamish.

Issaquah agreed to make the transfer after Klahanie voters, by a very narrow margin (49.5 – 50.5 percent), chose not to annex to Issaquah during the February election.

“Issaquah and Sammamish had some very productive talks shortly after the election,” Sammamish City Manager Ben Yazici said. “I think both cities maintained a regional perspective and tried to do what was right for the whole area.”

The agreement, which still needs approval from pertinent regional agencies, provides for the following:

*See KLAHANIE, pg. 3*



## Farmers Market returns!!!

Those wonderful Wednesdays – the ones filled with flowers, fresh fruit and farmer delights of all description – will return to City Hall Plaza on Wednesday, May 21.

But this year, the Farmers Market will shift its schedule a bit later in the day – from 4 to 8 p.m.

There will also be one other important tweak. Only true and organic farmers with the freshest produce

will be on hand.

The Sammamish Chamber of Commerce, which operates the market in cooperation with the city, isn't going to allow resellers or cold-pack fruits and vegetables this year.

For more information on the 2014 Farmers Market, which runs every Wednesday through Oct. 1, please go to [www.sammamishfarmersmarket.org](http://www.sammamishfarmersmarket.org).

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**SALLY JEWELL**

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**SHOW ME YOUR LICENSE**

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## Win-Win-Win for Sammamish, Issaquah, and Klahanie

As I write this message, Sammamish and Issaquah have approved an inter-local agreement that will have important repercussions for our region. It sets in motion a process that will likely lead to the annexation of the Klahanie area to Sammamish, by late 2015. It also establishes a framework for our two cities, Issaquah and Sammamish, to work together for the good of the entire area.



*Tom Vance  
Mayor*

Assuming the pertinent county agencies approve the agreement, and the residents of the annexation area vote to join Sammamish, Klahanie will finally become part of a city. Along with lower taxes, the greater Klahanie area will enjoy the enhanced public services that a city can provide. The Klahanie area already has ties to Sammamish, in schools, churches, at the library, and in our public parks and rec-

reation programs. Many Klahanie residents feel they are already part of our community. For those who now feel differently? We will welcome them too. Our agreement with Issaquah also renews a productive relationship that can achieve good things for both cities and the broader region. It will mean, for example, better roads: After many years of waiting, Issaquah-Fall City Road, along with three other projects, moves to the top of our Transportation Improvement Plan. This has to be regarded as good news for residents in Klahanie, as well as residents in Trosachs, Aldarra, and other nearby Sammamish neighborhoods, who use that congested arterial for commuting every day. And working together with Issaquah we can do much to encourage road and transit improvements along the I-90 corridor in the future. That is good for all of us.

As we go forward with this new resolve to find opportunities for better, more cost-efficient services for all of our citizens, we should also reflect on

the good-faith efforts that brought us to this moment.

I want to thank our City Manager, Ben Yazici, for his steady hand during day-to-day negotiations, and Deputy Mayor Kathy Huckabay for her vital communications with members of the Issaquah City Council. I also want to congratulate the Sammamish City Council for being patient as Issaquah worked through its process, and as Ben, Kathy and I worked to keep them informed throughout the talks.

Finally, I am grateful for the graciousness, understanding, and foresight of Issaquah Mayor Fred Butler and City Council President Paul Winterstein. Early discussions with both of them set the stage for a solution to the Klahanie issue that will greatly benefit both cities and the region. We look forward to an excellent partnership, and a shared regional perspective, for many years to come.



## City Council chamber closed until June 10

The City Council and Planning Commission are holding their meetings at the city's Maintenance and Operations Center (MOC) until June 10.

The short-term change of venue was required so significant improvements could be made to the city's emergency management and audio-visual capabilities in the Council



*Maintenance and Operations Center*

chamber and an adjoining conference room.

The MOC is located in the northeast quadrant of the city at 1801 244th Avenue N.E., a short distance to the north of Northeast Eighth Street.

All meetings will remain open to the public while the Council and Planning Commission meet at the MOC.

# CITY OF SAMMAMISH

*KLAHANIE, cont. from pg. 1*

- Issaquah would transfer the Klahanie area into Sammamish's Potential Annexation Area (PAA).

- Sammamish would pass a resolution supporting the Central Issaquah Plan and Issaquah's designation as an Urban Center.

- Sammamish would set aside \$3 million for improvements to Issaquah-Fall City Road, make it a top transportation priority, and promptly apply for state and federal matching grants.

- Issaquah would grant Sammamish full use of its Klahanie annexation study in return for a \$30,000 reimbursement.

- Sammamish would not impose or accept the state's retail sales tax credit for a Klahanie annexation.

The cities must still get approval from the county's Boundary Review Board (BRB) and Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC). Issaquah and Sammamish will also have to make appropriate amendments to their respective compre-

hensive plans.

"We'll have to see how quickly we can work through the process," Yazici said. "And we'll have to make a good case before the BRB and GMPC. But I'm confident Klahanie-area residents will have a chance to express their wishes sometime next year."

If those residents vote to join Sammamish, the city's population would grow to about 60,000. The annexation area has 3,930 residential units, a population of 10,800, and 1.94 square miles of land.



*Entrance to Klahanie from Issaquah-Fall City Road*



*Klahanie street scene*

## City hires new director of administrative services

Successfully recruiting from the upper reaches of Seattle city government, the city has hired Beth Goldberg as its director of administrative services. Goldberg, who served as Seattle's budget director under Mayor Mike McGinn, will join the city on May 19.

"We're delighted that Beth chose Sammamish," City Manager Ben Yazici said. "Her resume absolutely sparkles, and she has a reputation for working really well in a collaborative environment. We've just added a lot of horsepower."

As the director of administrative services,



*Beth Goldberg*

Goldberg oversees human resources, utility contracts, legal contracts and a variety of other administrative functions. She replaces Mike Sauerwein, recently hired as the city manager in Medina.

"Beth has worked for Seattle, King County and in the private sector," Yazici said. "I think her proven talent for collaboration, negotiation and leadership are really going to help our city."

Goldberg has a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Washington. Her undergraduate degree is from the University of California, Davis.

## County closes north end of E. Lake Sammamish Trail YEAR-LONG PROJECT WILL CONVERT GRAVEL TRAIL TO A PAVED SURFACE

For the next year, from Inglewood Hill Road to 187th Avenue Northeast, the East Lake Sammamish Trail will be closed so the county can make significant improvements to the recreational pathway.

The improvements will include a 12-foot-wide paved surface with two-foot soft-surface shoulders on each side. The trail, which currently has a gravel surface, will also benefit from enhanced intersections, clear sight



*The improvements, including a paved surface, have already been made on the Issaquah segment of the E. Lake Sammamish Trail.*

lines and improved drainage.

The Issaquah and Redmond segments of the trail have already been improved. After the northern segment in Sammamish is completed, the county will begin improving the city's southern section of the pathway in 2015.

If you have questions about current construction, call the project hotline at 1-888-668-4886 or email [ELST@kingcounty.gov](mailto:ELST@kingcounty.gov).

## Council to review new tent city code

When Tent City 4 spent three months in Sammamish this past winter, the city decided it needed code improvements so it could better regulate future homeless encampments.

After methodically studying the options, the Planning Commission has arrived at some recommendations it will pass along to the City Council on May 13.

After that handoff, the City Council will hold a public hearing on the matter during its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 20. Council meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Per the current schedule, the new code will be adopted on June 3



*Tent City 4 in Sammamish last winter.*

## Alcohol awareness forum on May 29

### IDEA PROJECT SPARKED BY COMMUNITY CONCERNS OVER HIGH PERCENTAGE OF UNDER-21 DUI ARRESTS IN SAMMAMISH

In the past three years, 40 percent of the drivers arrested for "driving under the influence" in Sammamish have been under 21 years old. To address the issue, a community-based advocacy group – The IDEA Project – has sprung up. IDEA stands for "Impaired, Driving, Education and Action."

As part of its effort, the group is

holding a two-hour, alcohol-awareness forum at the Boys & Girls Club on May 29 at 7 p.m. The forum, designed primarily for parents and community members, has been timed to raise awareness right before prom and graduation parties take place.

For more information, email [sammcomnet@outlook.com](mailto:sammcomnet@outlook.com).



## Sally Jewell releases kokanee at Ebright Creek

The ongoing work of restoring imperiled Lake Sammamish kokanee salmon received high-profile assistance on April 25 when Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell came to the banks of Ebright Creek in Sammamish for a juvenile fish release.

She was joined at the event by local elected officials, elementary school students, and partners of the Kokanee Work Group, a regional alliance devoted to restoration of the Kokanee population in Lake Sammamish.

Sammamish Mayor Tom Vance, Issaquah Mayor Fred Butler and King County Executive Dow Constantine were present at the event, the fifth annual juvenile fish release organized by the Kokanee Work Group.

The Ebright Creek fry release occurred on property owned by Wally Pereyra, whose commitment to Lake Sammamish kokanee restoration earned him a King County Green Globe Award in 2013. Pereyra's work on behalf of kokanee restoration includes installing a fish-friendly culvert and planting native vegetation along Ebright Creek on his property.

At the event, Secretary Jewell announced that Lake Sammamish has been chosen as one of eight pilot partnerships nationwide under the Urban Wildlife Refuge Initiative. The partnership will help connect people in the Seattle metro-area to the great outdoors and, in particular, efforts to restore kokanee salmon runs in the Lake Sammamish Watershed.

"Children have become increasingly disconnected from

nature," Jewell said. "The Lake Sammamish Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership seeks to reverse this trend by



*Sammamish Mayor Tom Vance joins students and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell along the banks of Ebright Creek on April 25.*



*A student prepares to release a juvenile Kokanee at Ebright Creek as Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and King County Executive Dow Constantine look on.*

providing meaningful opportunities for urban residents in the region, especially young people, to get outdoors and engage in hands-on learning."

Before President Obama appointed Jewell as secretary of the interior, the long-time King County resident served as president and CEO of Seattle-based retailer REI. She attended Renton High School and the University of Washington.

The slender fish released last month are the offspring of adult Lake Sammamish kokanee captured from Ebright Creek during the 2013 spawning season and taken to the Issaquah State Salmon Hatchery where they are spawned artificially. While incubating, the fish are kept in water collected from their parents' stream so they will imprint on their home water's unique smell.

The fish grow in the hatchery for two weeks before release back into the stream where their parents were collected. After growing in Lake Sammamish for three to four years, they will return to the same stream as their parents.

The hatchery program is funded primarily by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), which is a part of the Department of the Interior, and is implemented with the support of King County and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Streamside landowners and community groups pitch in to the recovery effort by restoring and preserving habitat, and by tracking adult Lake Sammamish kokanee salmon during the spawning season in fall and winter.

## 2014 SAMMI Awards !!!

As it does every year, the SAMMI Awards Foundation recognized the contributions of several inspirational community members at its 2014 celebration.

This year's event, held on March 28 at Skyline High School, also featured recognition of Dawn Sanders, the recipient of a SAMMI Founders Award.

Sanders was the executive director of the SAMMI Awards when it held its first celebration in 2002. In recent years, she has also served as the volunteer coordinator for the city of Sammamish, marshalling the city's community spirit on behalf of countless projects throughout the year.

That community spirit was very much on display on the evening of March 28. The awardees, in five categories, were:

### *Circle of Service*

Kathie Jorgensen, C. J. Kahler, David Misakian

### *Community Spirit*

Vicki Hoffman (posthumous), Lon Lindo, Jan Bennett

### *Courage*

The Schrier family, Don Pattee, Father Kevin Duggan

### *Environmental Stewardship*

Ann Precup, Stephanie Hibner, Wally Pereyra, Erica Tiliacos

### *Youth Spirit*

Sara Baumert, Amol Gorg, Chirag Vedullapalli, Justin McOmber



*Dawn Sanders accepts the Founders Award*

## Show me your license!

**ALL SOLICITORS MUST CARRY A CITY-ISSUED CARD INSIDE SAMMAMISH CITY LIMITS**

When a solicitor knocks on your door, you should know that they're obligated to show you a license upon request. Also, solicitation is not allowed at homes with a "No Solicitors" sign.

If you think solicitors in your neighborhood may be in violation, please call King County Dispatch at 206-296-3311.

NOTE: Certain charitable, religious or nonprofit organizations or corporations that have received tax exempt status under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) or other similar civic, charitable, educational, political, or non-profit organizations may be exempt from these requirements, but the city does request that they obtain the license.

## Charity car wash good: pollution not so good!

If you have a charity car wash planned this summer, we hope you raise a ton of money! But please don't raise the pollution level in our streams while you're at it. Unfortunately, the oil, grease, dirt and heavy metals that come off cars often go directly into the storm drain system, and from there directly into our lakes, wetlands and creeks, unless special precautions are taken.

What should you do? Please contact the city of Sammamish for an Eco Friendly car wash kit! The kit includes a hose and basin to capture and divert the soapy water onto grass, gravel or into a floor drain that flows into the wastewater treatment system.

To reserve a kit, contact Lisa Were at 425-295-0573. Kits are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis and must be returned no later than two days after the event.

# CITY CALENDAR

## MAY

### *Thursday, May 1*

Planning Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.  
Maintenance & Operations Facility

### *Saturday, May 3*

Volunteer at Sammamish Landing,  
9 a.m.-noon.

Bikes For Africa, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
City Hall

### *Monday, May 5*

Blood Drive, Puget Sound Blood Ctr,  
9 a.m.-3 p.m., City Hall

### *Tuesday, May 6*

City Council Office Hour,  
5-6 p.m., City Hall

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Maintenance & Operations Facility

### *Wednesday, May 7*

Parks and Rec Commission Mtg,  
6:30 p.m., City Hall

### *Thursday, May 8*

Art for Seniors (55+) 4-CLASSES  
Workshop Series, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Boys and Girls Club

Using Soils, Fertilizers in Your Garden,  
6:30-8 p.m., Beaver Lake Lodge

"The Price" by Arthur Miller, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Sammamish Library

### *Saturday, May 10*

Community Day of Service,  
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

### *Tuesday, May 13*

City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.  
Maintenance & Operations Facility

### *Thursday, May 15*

Planning Comm Mtg, 6:30 p.m.  
Maintenance & Operations Facility

### *Saturday, May 17*

Volunteer at Sammamish Landing,  
9 a.m.-noon

Sammamish Walks at Pine Lake,  
10 a.m.-noon

### *Monday, May 19*

Finance Committee Mtg, 4:15-6 p.m.  
City Hall

Committee of the Whole, 6:30 p.m.  
Maintenance & Operations Facility

Arts Commission Mtg, 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall

### *Tuesday, May 20*

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.,  
Maintenance & Operations Facility

### *Wednesday, May 21*

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.  
City Hall Plaza

Samm Youth Board Mtg, 6 p.m.  
Boys and Girls Club

### *Monday, May 26*

Memorial Day  
City offices closed

### *Wednesday, May 28*

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.  
City Hall Plaza

## JUNE

### *Tuesday, Jun. 3*

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Maintenance & Operations Facility

### *Wednesday, Jun. 4*

Farmers Market,  
4-8 p.m., City Hall Plaza

Parks and Rec Commission Mtg,  
6:30 p.m., City Hall

### *Thursday, Jun. 5*

Planning Comm Mtg,  
6:30 p.m.  
Maintenance & Operations Facility

### *Saturday, Jun. 7*

TeenFest, 2-9 p.m.  
City Hall Plaza

### *Tuesday, Jun. 10*

City Council Study Session,  
6:30 p.m.  
Maintenance & Operations Facility

### *Wednesday, Jun. 11*

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.  
City Hall Plaza

Samm Youth Board Mtg, 6 p.m.,  
City Hall

### *Monday, Jun. 16*

Arts Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall

Committee of the Whole,  
6:30 p.m.  
Maintenance and Operations Facility

### *Tuesday, Jun. 17*

City Council Meeting,  
6:30 p.m.  
Maintenance and Operations Facility

### *Wednesday, Jun. 18*

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.  
City Hall Plaza

### *Thursday, Jun. 19*

Planning Commission Mtg,  
6:30 p.m.  
City Hall

### *Saturday, Jun. 21*

Volunteer at Sammamish Landing,  
9 a.m.-noon

Sammamish Walks at Tiger Mountain,  
10 a.m.-noon

### *Wednesday, Jun. 25*

Farmers Market, 4-8 p.m.  
City Hall Plaza

## PLEASE NOTE:

All meetings and events at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Times, dates and locations are subject to change. Please consult the city website for the most current information.



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Theatre by the community,  
for the community!

*Come to the kickoff meeting on  
Friday, May 16, at 6 p.m.  
at the Boys and Girls Club,  
825 228th Ave. N.E.*



The project is open to all ages and any level of interest, as long as you want to help with this community theatre project! For more on this Sammamish Arts Commission initiative, contact Anne Schaefer at [anne@theschaefer.com](mailto:anne@theschaefer.com).

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