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**August 2024**

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# Sammamish City Council



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## Council Meetings

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## Coffee with Council

Join us for a cup of coffee and conversation. Coffee with Council happens the first Saturday of every month with rotating councilmember attendance. Meet them at 9:30 a.m. at Metropolitan Market in Sammamish. The councilmembers may be in the outdoor seating area depending on the weather conditions. Otherwise, you will find them in the upstairs seating area near the café. We hope to see you there!

# coffee w/council



**First Saturday of Every Month**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Metropolitan Market**





## Provide feedback on the Comprehensive Plan

The City is nearing the final stages of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update process that we have called Envision Sammamish 2044. The Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year vision and roadmap for Sammamish's future. It guides City decisions on where to focus new housing and jobs, how to improve our transportation system, how to protect our environment and climate, and where to make capital investments such as roads, utilities, sidewalks, and parks.

The update process began in the fall of 2022 and has been centered on developing an updated Comprehensive Plan that reflects the vision of the community while responding to state, regional, and local planning requirements. The key areas of focus for this update cycle have been finding ways to foster more diverse and affordable housing options, creating policies to address climate change at a local level, and creating a Transportation Master Plan.

On July 25, the Planning Commission recommended the 2024 Comprehensive Plan to the City Council for their review. The City Council is scheduled to review the 2024 Comprehensive Plan on Sept. 3, Oct. 15, and Nov. 5, with a public hearing scheduled for Dec. 3 to consider the plan's adoption. Along the way, take a look at the plan on [EnvisionSammamish2044.org](https://EnvisionSammamish2044.org), tune into a City Council meeting, and share your thoughts and feedback.

**For more information on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan, please visit [EnvisionSammamish2044.org](https://EnvisionSammamish2044.org). To learn how to attend City Council meetings and provide public comment, please see [sammamishwa.civicweb.net/portal/](https://sammamishwa.civicweb.net/portal/).**

## Don't forget about our Recycling Events

As the leaves start to turn and the air gets crisper, it's the perfect time to recommit to sustainability. Get ready for our 2024 fall recycling events, where we're making it easier than ever to give back to the planet. Whether you have old electronics or batteries lying around, bring them along and let's work together to create a cleaner community. Let's reduce waste and contribute to a greener Sammamish.

### **At the mini recycling event in June, people dropped off:**

- **10,845 pounds of appliances, electronic equipment, and scrap metal**
- **49,360 pounds of latex based paint, oil based paint and thinners**
- **9,154 pounds of shredded paper**

Let's keep up the momentum and bring even more recyclables to the 2024 fall recycling events! Please keep in mind that some items may require a fee for recycling and remember that these events are cash-only. For a detailed list of accepted items, associated fees, dates, and times for the recycling events, visit our website or our social media platforms.



# Wash Right

Did you know that car washing at home can pose a stormwater problem?

Car washing in your driveway produces wastewater that contains pollutants such as heavy metals, oils and grease. Wastewater that is discharged to the City right of way and not properly managed creates a stormwater pollution problem.

Dirty wastewater from car washing should be captured and disposed of properly. Here's what you can do:

- Use a commercial car wash when possible. If you must wash at home and you have the space; wash on your lawn or gravel area to naturally filter soaps, oils and grease.
- Capture water by placing sandbags or spare towels, to divert wastewater to soil or landscaping.
- Sweep up debris, remaining wastewater and dispose of properly.

Allowing wastewater to flow to the street and storm drain is against Sammamish Development Code and could be subject to clean-up cost recovery charges and water quality penalties.

**For questions contact Lisa Werre at [lwerre@sammamish.us](mailto:lwerre@sammamish.us) or (425) 295-0573.**



*Remember:*

**Only rain down  
the storm drain.**



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# Sammamish Police Provide In-Depth Update About Community Involvement

In the Spring, Sammamish Police provided an update to the City Council about the work the group has done—emphasizing community relationships. You can view the May 7 and listen to the presentation online, [bit.ly/4bhQ3Wt](https://bit.ly/4bhQ3Wt).

All Sammamish officers are commissioned King County Sheriff's Office deputies. The presentation included updated crime information from Police Chief Steven Lysaght along with program-specific information provided by the City's School Resource Officer Matt Martin and the Community Engagement Officer Nathan Greiert.

Officer Martin works with the Lake Washington School District and highlighted the trainings he's provided to students and parents. Recently, he helped a mother get connected to resources so she could learn how to drive and find independence and take her child to school.

Officer Greiert discussed the work he does with HOA's and the trainings he assists with related to water safety and parental discussions about narcotics.

Police also provided a Body Worn Camera demonstration, highlighting their effectiveness. Recently, several officers received life-saver awards for helping a local unconscious man get the help he needed.

Coming up, Sammamish Police will once again offer the Community Academy Sept. 19 - Nov. 14. This course helps people learn how police do their jobs and includes SWAT and K9 demonstrations along with tours and other trainings.

**If interested, please fill out the application: [bit.ly/3Wqr4uK](https://bit.ly/3Wqr4uK).**

**For more information about the Police Department and its programs, visit our website: [www.sammamish.us/government/police/](https://www.sammamish.us/government/police/)**



# Sammamish's Silver Jubilee Event

August 16 - 5:00 p.m.



The City started Jubilee celebrations July 16, hosting a reception for former elected officials and City leaders. **The last Jubilee event is Aug. 16 and will feature a time capsule video, food trucks and so much more. The event starts at 5 p.m. at the Sammamish Commons.** Visit our website for more information: [sammamish.us/our-community/celebrate-sammamish-25th-anniversary/](http://sammamish.us/our-community/celebrate-sammamish-25th-anniversary/)

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# Don't miss the Sammamish Farmers Market

*The 2024 Sammamish Farmers Market is running every Wednesday from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Commons, nestled between City Hall and the Library, until Sept. 25.*

The market is sponsored by the City of Sammamish, Metropolitan Market, BECU, Arbor Montessori, Providence/Swedish, Republic Services, World Tae Kwon Do of Sammamish and TLC Montessori.

The number of vendors wanting to participate in the market doubled this year. At the market, visitors can explore a variety of vendors offering the freshest seasonal fruits and vegetables sourced from local farmers, as well as local artisans showcasing their crafts. Some vendors showcase handmade items and local businesses are present to promote their services.

There's also an array of food trucks serving up various dinner options. This year, attendees can also enjoy weekly entertainment featuring local talent. It's an evening for the whole family to shop, dine, and enjoy outstanding performances while showing support for the community.

## Some of our upcoming events include:

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| <b>Aug. 7</b>   | <b>Sustainable Sammamish Farmers Market</b>        |
| <b>Aug. 21</b>  | <b>Nonprofit Day</b>                               |
| <b>Sept. 18</b> | <b>Welcome Week - Celebrate Cultural Diversity</b> |



## City to move forward with the Arts Strategic Plan

The Parks, Recreation, & Facilities Department is excited to move forward with the Arts Strategic Plan in conjunction with the Arts Commission. The Sammamish Arts Commission became a formal advisory board in 2003 and continues to bring public art to Sammamish today.

Goals and objectives, policies and procedures, financial strategies, and public art plans and programs will be developed through this project. As the project progresses, there will be various opportunities for the community to provide their input and help guide the City and Arts Commission. You can view the project page online or follow the City's socials to get updates.

**Please stay tuned and provide your input and be a part of Sammamish art.**



# Public Works Project Updates



## Construction to start on the Louis Thompson Road Tightline project

Construction will soon begin on the Louis Thompson Road Tightline project. The existing ditch system will be replaced with a new enclosed stormwater system with treatment and detention structures. These new systems will protect against erosion and pollutants while supporting the habitat of Zackuse Creek and nearby critical areas.

The project will also add sidewalks and a bike lane along with a widened shoulder between the project limits of 210th Place Southeast and the intersection at East Lake Sammamish Parkway Northeast, which will receive signal upgrades.

Motorists should expect delays during construction through the fall of 2025. **The work schedule including hours and specific traffic impacts will be posted on the project's webpage:**

[www.sammamish.us/projects/louis-thompson-tightline/](http://www.sammamish.us/projects/louis-thompson-tightline/)

## 2024 Pavement Management Program Efforts

Select streets throughout Sammamish are being resurfaced during the summer. Work varies from full pavement replacement to resurfacing of existing pavement. Residents in impacted areas were notified when on-street parking was temporarily prohibited.

The City is crack-sealing selected streets to extend the service life of the road and improve the condition of the pavement.

Work will likely continue through August, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Work times may differ depending on lane closure restrictions.

## SE 24th Street Sidewalk Project

SE 24th Street between 251st Avenue Southeast and The Lodge at Beaver Lake will be sporting a new sidewalk with curb and gutter on the south side of the street. Stormwater upgrades and will also be installed. Construction will continue through August between the hours of 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**For more information, visit the project webpage.**  
[www.sammamish.us/projects/se-24th-street-sidewalk-project/](http://www.sammamish.us/projects/se-24th-street-sidewalk-project/)

## Guardrail Repairs

As part of the City's ongoing maintenance of infrastructure, the City will be replacing damaged guardrails throughout the City, mainly along East Lake Sammamish Parkway.



## Subscribe to Cone Zone

Do you want to know about projects around Sammamish that impact traffic? By subscribing to Cone Zone, you'll receive alerts about upcoming projects once a week during construction periods. Summer is a busy time for road projects in particular, and 2024 is no different.

**Stay informed so you can plan how to get around Sammamish: [sammamish.us/conezone](http://sammamish.us/conezone)**

Please also remember to slow down when approaching road projects for the safety of workers. Thank you!





## Nonfunctioning signal lights: stay safe when traffic lights are out

When traffic signal lights are out or nonfunctioning, it is crucial to handle these situations to ensure everyone's safety. All drivers must come to a complete stop and then proceed cautiously. People should follow the right-of-way rules to navigate the intersection safely and effectively. Here is a guide on what to do when you encounter a nonfunctioning traffic signal.

### When Signal Lights Fail

Signal light failures can be caused by various incidents such as inclement weather, traffic accidents, power outages, and equipment maintenance. Vehicles entering an intersection without power should consider it as an all-way stop. The following are some steps to stay safe when the traffic lights are out.

**Treat as an All-Way Stop:** When an intersection has an all-way stop, it means that each driver should come to a complete stop before proceeding.

**Proceed with Caution:** Be respectful and careful to workers on site.

**Yield to Emergency Vehicles:** Always give the right-of-way to emergency vehicles approaching the intersection. Every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way.

**Watch for Pedestrians and Bicycles:** Make sure to give pedestrians time to cross safely. Vehicles shall stop and remain stopped to allow them to cross the roadway.

**Report the Issue:** Call the City Hall and provide the details (e.g. time and location) of the nonfunctioning traffic signal light. If it is an emergency, call 911 immediately. For minor issues, use the My Sammamish App to report your concern. Prompt reporting helps us address these issues quickly and improve safety for everyone.

**For more information about the traffic safety, visit City of Sammamish website ([Sammamish.us/government/public-works/traffic-engineering/](http://Sammamish.us/government/public-works/traffic-engineering/)) to learn more!**

# City Budget

The City of Sammamish is planning the 2025-2026 biennial budget, with staff working to overhaul the overall budgeting process with two goals in mind:

1. Improving the revenue and expenditure forecasts and budgets to better align with current level of services. Making this change will improve transparency around the budget and better show the city's fiscal position.
2. Developing a comprehensive citywide Capital Improvement Program (CIP) so the community has a better understanding of the major capital projects over the next six years. This will also help the Council and community understand how decisions made this coming biennium may affect future opportunities and challenges.

With the development of a comprehensive citywide CIP, the City is interested in hearing community priorities on what capital investments should be made. Examples of capital investments include parks, transportation, government facilities, technology and sustainability. The City has developed an interactive tool to allow residents to "spend" capital dollars to indicate investment preferences. Please visit [www.sammamish.us/projects/25-26Budget](http://www.sammamish.us/projects/25-26Budget) to share your thoughts as the budget is being developed over the next few months.

Later this fall, staff will present the draft budget to the City Council, who will ultimately make the decision on the biennial budget and capital investments. There will be opportunities to weigh in at public hearings and through public comment at various City Council meetings. The website will be updated with more information as meetings are scheduled, and you are encouraged to get involved in the budget process!



# Sustainable Sammamish— Energy Smart Eastside

*Is your home's temperature temperamental? Maybe you've been looking to replace or upgrade your heating system or add air conditioning for those hot summer days. Look no further!*

## What is a heat pump?

Heat pumps offer an energy-efficient alternative to furnaces and air conditioners for all climates. Heat pumps use electricity to transfer heat from a cool space to a warm space and vice versa. Because they transfer heat rather than generate heat, heat pumps can efficiently provide comfortable temperatures for your home.

## So, what can Energy Smart Eastside do for you?

Energy efficient heat pumps offer a win-win solution. A heat pump can help:

- Save energy and lower utility bills
- Provide both heating and cooling from the same equipment
- Lower your carbon footprint (by using electricity instead of natural gas)
- Improve indoor air quality (since air is filtered and recirculated)



Scan QR for more information!

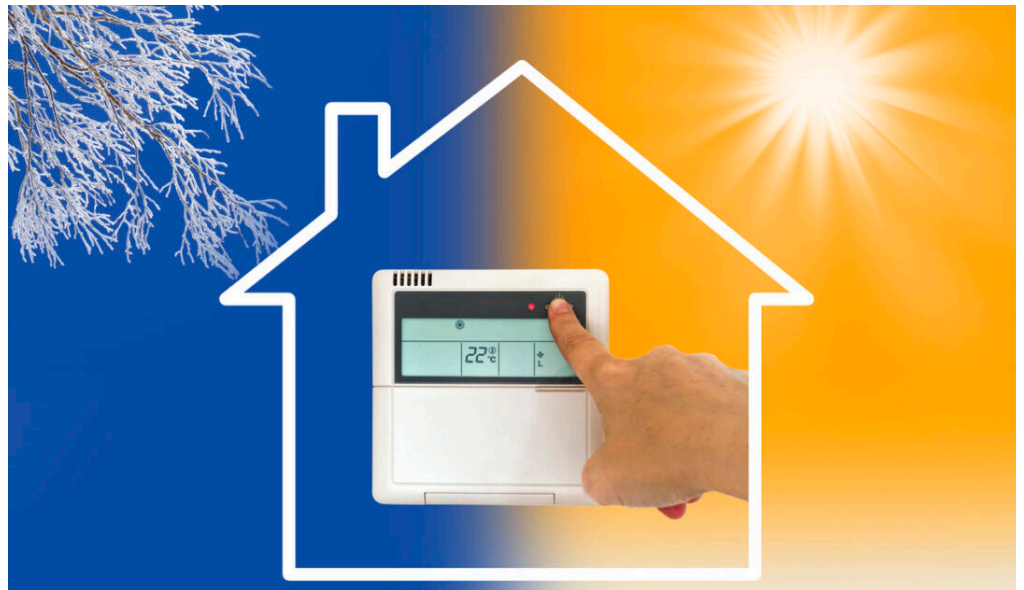
## Energy Smart Eastside

As of July 1, 2024, Sammamish is proud to partner with the Cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Mercer Island, and Redmond on Energy Smart Eastside, a multi-city energy efficiency program that supports the education and installation of heat pump systems.

Approximately 95 percent of natural gas emissions in the City of Sammamish come from residential use, so making residential homes more energy-efficient through programs like Energy Smart Eastside is critical to protecting Sammamish's natural environment.

**Everyone in our community deserves the benefits of a healthy, energy-efficient and comfortable home.** In addition to rebates, Energy Smart Eastside also provides community workshops with information on heat pump savings and benefits, connecting you to qualified, highly trained contractors for quotes, installation, and heat pump maintenance. This is an important step forward in meeting the City's Climate Action Plan emission reduction goals.

Energy Smart Eastside makes heat pumps a more affordable, energy-efficient option for your home. Rebates can be stacked for thousands of dollars in savings for Sammamish residents. To learn more about this campaign, and to see what rebates are available, visit [energysmarteastside.org/](http://energysmarteastside.org/). **Together, we can foster a more resilient, healthy, and sustainable Sammamish.**



*This program was made possible through the Eastside Climate Partnership.*

*In April 2024 at the recommendation of City Council, the City Manager officially signed onto the Eastside Climate Partnership (ECP). As part of this interlocal agreement, the City has an opportunity to partner with ECP cities on initiatives like Energy Smart Eastside. The ECP is made up of the Cities of Sammamish, Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Mercer Island, and Redmond that work collaboratively to create programs that reduce regional sources of climate pollution and advance collective sustainability.*





# 2024 Community Survey Results

The City of Sammamish recently completed its 2024 Community Survey, capturing resident sentiment on ten facets of community livability, including mobility, community design, safety, natural environment, inclusivity and more. The survey results provide valuable insights that will help guide City leaders in strategic planning, policymaking, and budgeting moving forward.

Out of 3,000 randomly selected households, 322 completed the survey, representing a diverse cross-section of the population and resulting in a 95% level of confidence. The company that conducted the survey has worked with over 500 communities nationwide and compared Sammamish's results with those communities. Highlights from the results and a link to view all survey data is shown below.

## Highest-performing areas

- **Natural environment** – Residents overwhelmingly appreciated the natural environment in Sammamish, with nearly all ratings scoring above the national benchmarks.
- **Safety** – Sammamish earned above-average marks for the overall feeling of safety, remaining steady from the City's last survey in 2018.
- **Parks & Recreation** – The overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities, the quality of City parks, and the availability of paths and walking trails all earned favorable reviews that were higher than comparison communities.
- **Mobility** – Assessments for mobility trended upward over the 2018 results in many instances, including the traffic flow, ease of travel by car and bicycle, traffic signal timing, and street cleaning.

## Areas for Improvement

- **Business Environment** – Although results indicated satisfaction with the overall economic health of Sammamish, below-average ratings were noted for the vibrancy of commercial areas, variety of business/service establishments, employment and shopping opportunities, and cost of living.
- **Availability of events, childcare, and adult education** – Declines were seen in the ratings for opportunities to attend cultural/arts events, availability of affordable quality childcare preschool, and adult educational opportunities.

**The City of extends its gratitude to all participants for their input.**

**To view the full survey results, please visit [www.sammamish.us/projects/2024survey](http://www.sammamish.us/projects/2024survey)**



# How to Get Information & Get Involved

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## Sammamish Planning Commission

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## Additional Public Meeting Information

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## Receive Email and Text Alerts

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## City Newsletter

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# RESOURCES FOR SAMMAMISH RESIDENTS

Police/Fire Emergency 911

Police Non-Emergency (206) 296-3311

Eastside Fire & Rescue (425) 313-3200

King County Sheriff (206) 263-9133

King County Animal Control (206) 296-7387

Garbage - Republic Services (425) 646-2400

Sammamish Permit Center (425) 295-0531

Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer (425) 392-6256

NE Sammamish Water and Sewer (425) 868-1144

Community Van [communityvan@sammamish.us](mailto:communityvan@sammamish.us)

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