



# Building a Park System “One Bite at a Time”

“How do you eat an elephant?” the old riddle goes. “One bite at a time” is the answer. Well, that particular question is what comes to mind in trying to explain the exciting, challenging, and sometimes overwhelming charge of building the Sammamish Park System.



*Fun at Pine Lake Park: kids enjoy a new play area!*

For years, the plateau, and now Sammamish, has made do with a small scattering of local parks. For an area rich in natural beauty, there have been few public spaces to go to experience it. In a way, it was hard to complain, with expansive Lake Sammamish State Park and splendid Marymoor Park, and all their recreational opportunities, just a short drive away.

However, if you were looking to join in on a pick-up basketball game, or if you wanted to take the dog on a quiet walk away from traffic, well, those pursuits were a bit more challenging. And trying to participate in organized sports in Sammamish required copious amounts of creativity and patience in trying to find places to play or practice that weren’t already overscheduled.

## A Whole New Ball Game

Three years later, it might seem that little has changed. In reality, it’s a whole new ball game, you could say. The City Council, the Parks Commission and City Staff have all been pushing hard on working through the myriad of tasks involved in laying a solid foundation for a vibrant municipal parks system. We have acquired 278 acres of park property since incorporation. Even while we’ve been land-banking for future parks (see sidebar on page 6); master-planning two new parks and one park redevelopment; working on a Parks, Open Space and Recreation Comprehensive Plan; and recently beginning efforts on a Trails, Bikeways and Paths Master Plan; we’ve made several small, but important, improvements to the city’s existing parks.

## An Organized Approach

The wide-ranging efforts are actually individual components of an organized, methodical approach to improving and growing our parks system; and they fall under four primary objectives:

- Creating new parks and building new facilities for organized recreation pursuits;
- Taking care of and updating those parks that we have;
- Establishing new trails and providing links to existing trails; and
- Providing open space for passive recreation pursuits.

## Sammamish Awarded High Bond Rating

The City of Sammamish was recently awarded the Bond Rating of AA- by Standard & Poor’s. This rating will be applied to the approximately \$4 million dollars in bonds the City is in the process of issuing to pay for the acquisition and development of what is referred to as the “Central Park” Property.

According to our Banc of America, the City’s underwriter, this is the best rating any new City in Washington State has achieved. This puts the City’s financial rating on par with such established Cities as Redmond, Kirkland and Bellevue, and ahead of our neighbor Issaquah for this type of debt. Standard & Poor’s cited 3 major factors in giving the City such a good rating:

1. Quality of Management
2. Condition of the City’s Finances
3. Revenue Potential

The highest rating possible is AAA. According to Standard & Poor’s the City’s Bond rating of AA- differs from the highest-rated obligations only in a small degree. The obligator’s capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.

In looking at existing active recreation parks, it was clear that the city is currently best served at the two ends of the parks spectrum: the mini parks—those little pocket parks that typically provide play structures and picnic areas; and the large regional parks, like Marymoor. The in-between parks—the neighborhood and community parks—are the types of parks in which the community is most lacking.

These are the types of parks currently being planned. The Central Park master plan is underway, with the intent being to create a

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Since incorporation, one of City Council's highest priorities has been to invest in transportation and parks. Our deficits in these two categories are significant and we have been working hard to catch up on years of neglect. This issue of *City Views* updates you on some of the hard work and accomplishments we have made in the area of parks and recreation. In our task of retrofitting a park system, we have focused on land acquisition, master planning new parks, and making improvements to our existing parks.



The lack of community parks and public gathering places led to our policy of land banking property for future development. Through a combination of donations, acquisitions and grants, the City has banked over 278 acres of land for future parks and open space. These properties are spread throughout our city and collectively have a market value of over \$11 million.

Acquiring this land is an important step, but only the first step in creating a future park with recreation facilities for us to enjoy. As a next step, we have started to master plan a number of these

properties for development. These new parks will become public gathering places where we can recreate as a community. Two master plans under way this summer are the "Central Park" project located at 228<sup>th</sup> and SE 8<sup>th</sup>, and the 212<sup>th</sup> neighborhood park project located at 212<sup>th</sup> and SE 13<sup>th</sup>. In our continued commitment to encourage public involvement, multiple workshops are scheduled for both of these master plans. If you are interested in getting involved in the design process, please check our website for workshop dates.

Another top priority has been making improvements to our existing parks. As we continue to master plan for new parks, it is just as important that we are good stewards of our existing parks and increase their recreational opportunities. A Restoration Plan to improve and update Pine Lake Park is underway. A number of improvements at NE Sammamish Park have transformed it from a very tired facility to a vibrant and well-used park. The sports fields at East Sammamish Park have been significantly improved through a turf renovation and improved maintenance practices. These are just a few examples of some park improvements we have initiated. There is more to do, but the increase in park use we have seen tells us that we are headed in the right direction.

The current budget crisis in King County is another issue impacting our current and future park system. Sammamish took a leadership role among regional cities in voicing the perspective of municipalities as the County wrestles with the future of its park system. Beaver Lake Park is a County park within our city that faces potential closure. In a desire to ensure this facility remains open for our residents, we negotiated with King County for the transfer of this park to the City of Sammamish. Beaver Lake Park will be an important piece of this community's park system for years to come.

Our dedicated Parks & Recreation Commission is to be commended for its work the past three years. It is encouraging to know we have such a committed group of citizens working closely with the City Council and staff on the important endeavor of building a park system.



East Sammamish Park sports field improvements



I hope you take the time to read more about parks and recreation goals and accomplishments. We have made some great strides in three short years, but recognize there is much more work to do. Despite the considerable growth in recent years, no new neighborhood or community parks were developed here in decades. This deficit will take years for us to catch up. We will continue to work hard, and step-by-step build a Sammamish Park System that meets the many interests of our residents.

Take the time to get involved in the creation of your park system. I also encourage you to get out and enjoy your parks and hope to see you at one of our summer events in Pine Lake Park.

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### Sammamish Demographics

The results of the year 2000 nation-wide census have been released for Washington State. Since Sammamish was incorporated in August of 1999, this was the first census conducted in our city. This census gives us an interesting perspective on the characteristics of our citizens. The typical citizen is young, affluent and well educated. Median household income is \$101,592 which is 192% of King County average. The average per capita income is \$42,971 (\$29,521 in the county). The median age of residents is 35.3 years. Other statistics include:

- College Graduates or Higher ..... 61.5% (40% county-wide)

- High School Graduates ..... 98.3% (90.3% county-wide)
- Graduate Degrees ..... 20.5% (13.3% county-wide)
- Own Their Home ..... 90.1% (59.8% county-wide)
- Families Living in Poverty ..... 1.6% (5.3% county-wide)
- Family Units ..... 86.7% (59.1% county-wide)
- Median Home Sales Price ..... \$367,995 (117% of county-wide)

Other census results may be retrieved online from:  
[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

# NEC INVITATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP - FAQs

## NEC Invitational Golf Championship Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** I keep hearing about a BIG golf Tournament coming to Sammamish. What is this about?

**A:** The NEC Invitational will bring up to 25,000 visitors daily to Sammamish during the week of August 20-25, 2002.

**Q:** Where will the event be held?

**A:** The Sahalee community is the host for this event.

**Q:** When will the Tournament take place?

**A:** This summer, August 20-25.

**Q:** Where will the visitors park?

**A:** The City of Redmond's Marymoor Park will handle the majority of visitors. A smaller facility at Eastlake High School is designated for corporate sponsors, the handicapped and volunteers. Busses will operate from both sites to reduce traffic in the City.

To discourage visitors from parking in the neighborhoods, parking by permit only will be instituted. Parking passes will be mailed to affected neighborhoods in early August. Parking at the Bill Reams East Sammamish Park will be limited to park users as well as the faculty and visitors of Margaret Mead School.

**Q:** How are City of Sammamish's public safety expenses being handled?

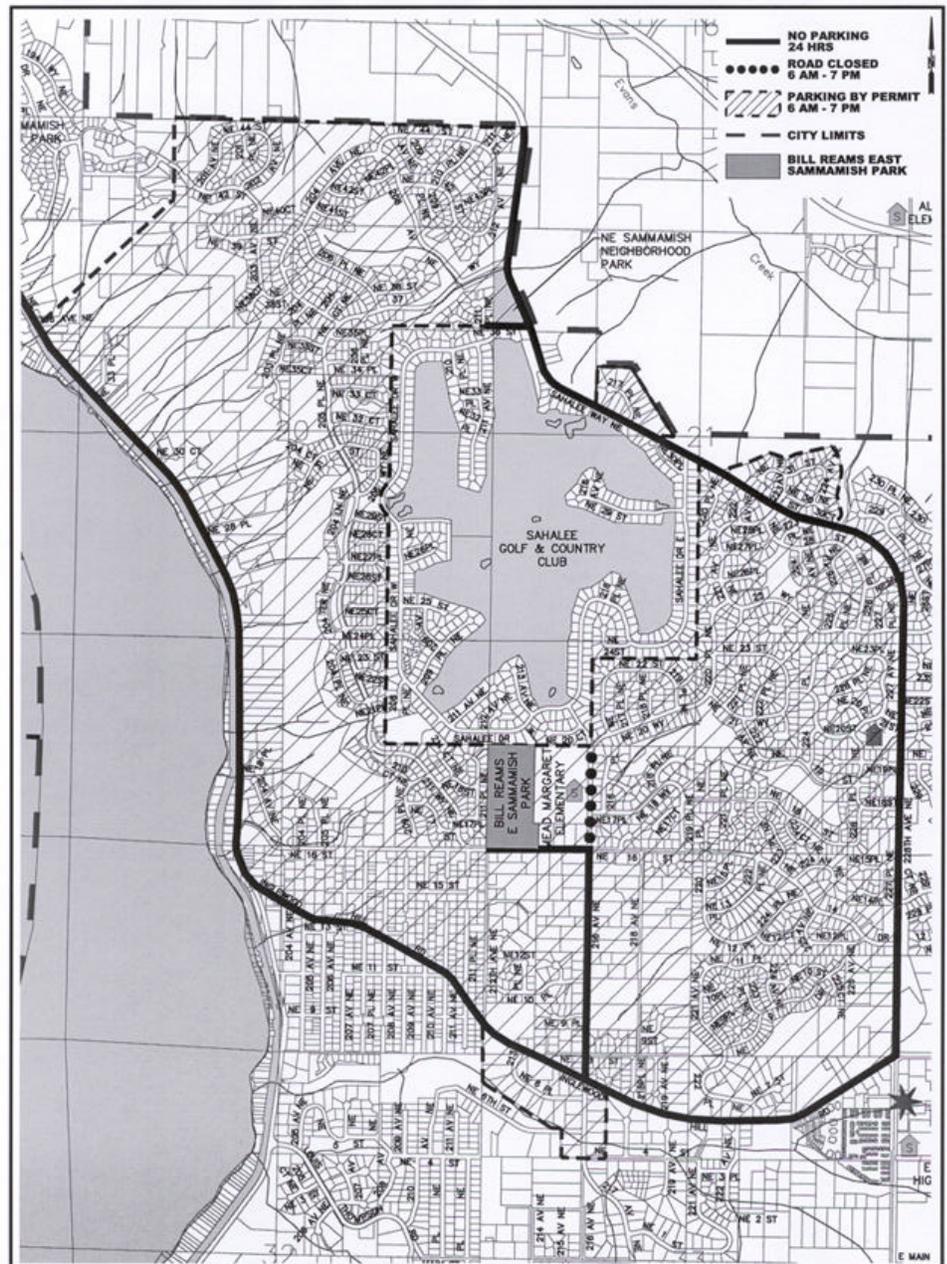
**A:** The services you already pay for will not be diminished. There will be a regular compliment of firefighters/ medics and police officers on duty in the City each and every day of the tournament. Uniformed personnel from several public safety agencies inside the tournament gates are to be paid for by the tournament.

**Q:** Whom can I contact for additional information?

**A:** Call Laura Shaughnessy, City of Sammamish, 425-836-7916 or email [lshaughnessy@ci.sammamish.wa.us](mailto:lshaughnessy@ci.sammamish.wa.us)



*The map below indicates those areas that will be affected by the tournament in August.*



## East Sammamish/ 244th Corridor Study

The Corridor Study, which will identify route alternatives for this north/south minor arterial in the eastern area of the City, is underway. The Consultant was brought on board in May and a project kick-off meeting was held shortly thereafter. The first of several community open houses, which will be an information gathering meeting, is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 7:00 pm at Skyline High School. Plan to attend this information meeting.

Other public meetings are scheduled for September, October and January. As the project progresses, information about the study will be posted on the City's website. It is anticipated the Corridor Study will be completed by March 2003.

Citizens Action Requests may be completed online at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us).

- downed street signs
- traffic lights out
- potholes
- street lights out
- speeding through neighborhoods

If you prefer to report the situation by phone, please call the City's main reception number at 425-898-0660

## Potholes

If you see, or drive through a dangerous pot-hole on a Sammamish city street please call the City at 425-898-0660 and report it. If it is after office hours (8:30 am to 5:00 pm), on a weekend or a holiday you can contact King County directly 24-hours a day.

- (206) 296-8100
- 1-(800) 527-6237 (toll-free)
- #FIXIT for AT&T Wireles Services subscribers
- (206) 296-0933 TTY
- Or contact them via the web at

<http://www.metrokc.gov/emergency.htm>



## Catch Basin Stenciling Takes Off

Sammamish has developed a program for stenciling catch basins along our streets and parking lots. This program was established to help deter the dumping of inappropriate material into our storm drainage system. It is not always immediately obvious, but storm drains convey water, and whatever is dumped into it, directly into surface streams, wetlands, or Lake Sammamish. Examples of improper dumping include: vehicle wastes (oil and other fluids), chemicals, paints, cleaners and wash water, and lawn clippings. Lake Sammamish and the streams entering it may contain protected salmon and other game fish and important aquatic vegetation.

A recent article in *The Sammamish Review* about the City's catch basin stenciling program has sparked a lot of interest in the program. Currently, all five of the City's stenciling kits are checked out, and interested parties are waiting to check them out. The volunteer program is raising the awareness of pollution and its impact on stormwater.

The stencils read, "DUMP NO WASTE DRAINS TO STREAM" and "DUMP NO WASTE DRAINS TO LAKE." The City's goal is to eventually stencil every catch basin with the help of concerned citizens.

Information on the stenciling program can be obtained at City Hall, or by calling the City's Drainage Engineer, Eric LaFrance, at 425-836-7943, email: [elafrance@ci.sammamish.wa.us](mailto:elafrance@ci.sammamish.wa.us) Participants to date include homeowners, students and a Cub Scout troop.

## East Lake Sammamish Parkway at I-90 Project

King County will be constructing roadway improvements this summer on East Lake Sammamish Parkway from Issaquah-Fall City Road to I-90. The project will widen the existing five-lane roadway to add a south-bound high occupancy vehicle lane (HOV), an additional northbound right-turn lane onto Issaquah-Fall City Road and minor channelization improvements north of Issaquah-Fall City Road.

The improvements include designing an enclosed drainage system to tie into existing, bioswale, wetland mitigation, and modified signal system. The project will also include ongoing coordination with Washington State Department of Transportation on I-90 ramp improvements. The project is needed to help alleviate the heavy congestion in this corridor. Average daily traffic exceeded 59,000 in 1997.

## Interested in TRAILS?

The City of Sammamish is getting started on its *Sammamish Trails, Bikeways and Paths Master Plan*. We want to tell you what we're doing and hear about what is important to you. Featured topics for this first public meeting include:

- What is involved in this Plan?
- What can bikeways and paths do for the community?
- What currently exist in the community?
- What types of trails, bikeways and paths are under consideration?
- What are *YOUR* non-motorized transportation priorities?

Tuesday, July 9, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Skyline High School  
1122 - 228th Avenue SE

For further information contact: Hope Gibson, Park Planner, 425-837-7928

## *The Process of Building a Vision has Started!*

Long a goal of community leaders, Central Park as a City wide gathering place and site of a future City Hall is coming closer to reality. There are several steps to make this happen:

The City has already acquired 30 acres at a site along 228<sup>th</sup> AVE SE, near the intersection with SE 8<sup>th</sup> ST. The 30 acres has access to 228<sup>th</sup>, features views of the Seattle skyline, has a small pond and partially encloses an area with native trees, shrubs and ground cover that is protected by a native growth protection easement.

The City Council has set aside funds in the 2002 Budget to do planning, design and construction for the new Park and a City Hall.

A Master Plan for the Park and City Hall development is the next step. This process has just begun by hiring a regional architectural firm with added expertise in engineering,

environmental review and public process to move the Master Plan work forward. The process will include three public meetings that will focus on various areas to enlist the widest responses. One meeting was held in late June. Additional meetings are planned for Thursday, June 18, 7:00 p.m. and Monday, August 19, 7:00 p.m. Both meetings will be at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, located at the corner of 228th and 8th SE (near Skyline HS). A postcard announcement on the specific place, time and topics was recently mailed. Your input is important to help shape what the “Central Park” can be.

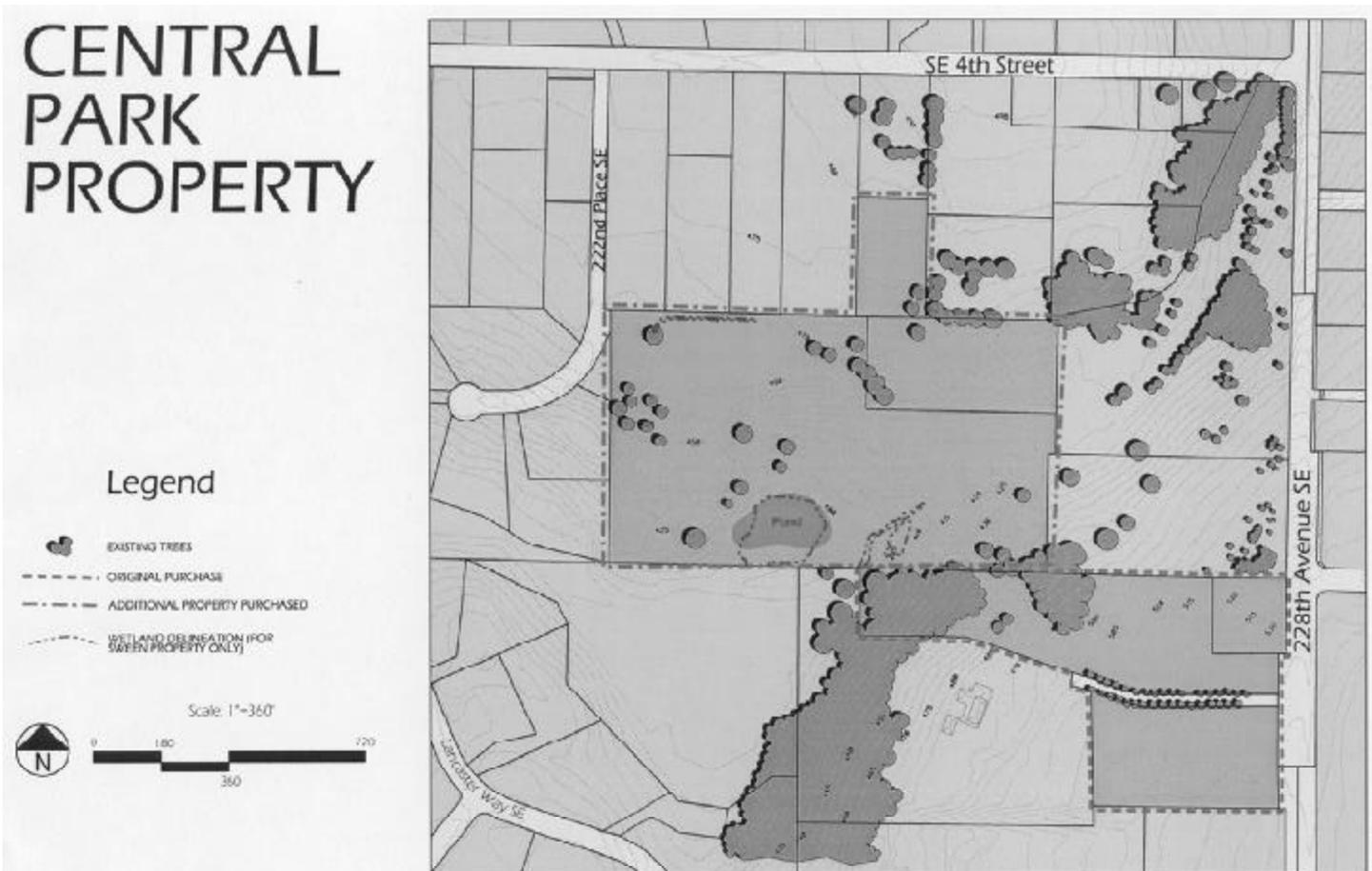
After the public input on a Master Plan has been completed, the City Council will make a final selection of the Plan elements so that Park and City Hall design can continue. The goal is to have the site available for use during the summer of 2004. This is a tight schedule but one necessary to get the greatest benefit for the community as soon as possible.

### **PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE UPCOMING SUMMER MEETINGS:**

**Thursday, July 18, 7:00 p.m. and Monday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.**

***Both meetings will be at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church.***

***located at the corner of 228th and 8th SE (near Skyline High School)***



## Building a Park System - Continued

community park and a central gathering place that can accommodate a range of community events and activities. The other new park being planned is a neighborhood park at 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and SE 13<sup>th</sup> Place. That park, set on a beautiful 12-acre site, will focus on the recreational needs of its surrounding neighborhood.



Volunteer tree-planting project at Pine Lake Park. Arbor School students.

At the same time we are planning new parks, we're also focusing on the needs at the parks we already have. We've completed several small improvement projects at those parks (see sidebar on page 6), and have more improvements on the way. We've already begun to receive feedback from the community regarding some of the new facilities in place, and that feedback has been encouraging. It's even more exciting to see park usage up in those areas we've improved. In addition, many members of the community have attended our Pine Lake Park Restoration master plan workshops, as we seek to address issues in that park that need to be looked at in a more holistic fashion. We hope to start construction on the first phase of those improvements sometime next year.

Besides the need for active play areas that has been evident, the community has expressed a longing for more trails and open space. The citizens of Sammamish are involved in a wide array of activities, and a number of those activities depend on access to linear facilities such as trails, bikeways and paths. The Parks Commission appointed a Trails Subcommittee to begin the task of creating a Trails, Bikeways and Paths Master Plan to try and address the community's needs in this area. And we've been land banking open space, trying to capture key pieces of land while they are still available, and taking advantage of grant opportunities.



Volunteer project at East Sammamish Park. Inglewood Junior High students.

## A Higher Level of Service

Before new facilities come on-line, planning has to be done, and resources set aside, for the operation and maintenance of these facilities. Through planning documents like the Parks Comprehensive Plan and the Parks Operation Plan, the city is seeking to address the challenges and issues of developing and implementing a higher level of service in our parks. Our mission is to determine the most cost-effective and efficient manner of providing high quality management and maintenance of our City parklands. Our higher level of maintenance practices, frequencies, and responsiveness are showing in our improved park facilities and the increase in park use.

Because we are fortunate, as a community, to have a wealth of citizens who not only value using our parks, but are committed to giving something back, there have been a number of volunteer projects completed in each of our parks. Participating groups include Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, Eastlake Little League, Inglewood Junior High and Canon. The Parks Maintenance staff has worked with these groups to coordinate and oversee a variety of improvement projects, from playground installations and planting projects to ballfield improvements.



BEFORE... NE Sammamish Park - June 2000

## ONE BITE AT A TIME

**Improvements Completed at our Existing Parks:**

**East Sammamish Park**

- rehabilitated sports field turf
- installed safety netting at ball fields
- rehabilitated infields
- added new play area
- improved drainage by ball field
- created new paved path to baseball field

**Pine Lake Park**

- installed new play area
- improved restrooms
- created new entry from SE 24<sup>th</sup>

**NE Sammamish Park**

- installed expanded play area
- rehabilitated turf areas
- resurfaced tennis courts
- rehabilitated basketball court
- cleared underbrush
- added planting beds

**Land Acquisitions and Donations Since Incorporation:**

- Galley Farm.....175 acres
- 212th Neighborhood Park..... 12 acres
- "Central Park" properties.....30 acres
- Waterfront Donation..... 4 acres
- Beaver Lake Preserve..... 57 acres

## City Residents Value Their Parks

Through the many volunteer efforts to enhance existing parks, attendance at parks-related public meetings, and individual communications, city residents are demonstrating the value they place in their parks. We are listening, and working hard on several fronts to create a suitable park system for this active, energetic community. City staff will continue to listen as the dialogue with the community continues.



AFTER.. NE Sammamish Park - June 2002

# Summer Nights At the Park

## Sammamish Summer Concert Series

Thursdays  
6:30-8 pm  
Pine Lake Park



King County Arts Commission  
HOOD/MELO/TON PARK



## Summer Concert Series



- ♫ July 11 Dance Factory (70-80s dance music)
- ♫ July 18 MerKaBa (world music)
- ♫ July 25 Little Bill & Blue Notes (blues)
- ♫ Aug. 1 Beyond the Fringe (gourmet rock)
- ♫ Aug. 8 Sammamish Symphony

## Wooden O Theatre Shakespeare



Saturdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- ♫ July 20 Two Gentlemen of Verona
- ♫ July 27 The Winters Tale

## AT&T Outdoor Cinema



(sponsored by AT&T)

Friday/Saturday, music @ 7; movies @ dusk

- ▣ Aug. 9 Close Encounters (of 3rd Kind)
- ▣ Aug. 10 Shrek

All events will be held at Pine Lake Park, 228th Avenue & SE 24th Street. Picnicking begins at 5:00 p.m.

### For Ages 4-14

The City of Sammamish is partnering with Sky-hawks to offer a variety of sports camps for youth ages 4-14. All camps will take place in Sammamish schools and City parks. To register, log on to [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com). Activities will include:

- tennis
- soccer
- basketball
- baseball
- roller hockey
- flag football
- golf

### For Teens

The City will be partnering with Godfather's Pizza to offer "Tuesday Night Live" three Tuesdays out of the summer months. The back room of the restaurant will turn into a teen center for middle school and junior high students with live DJs, games and prizes. Mark the dates on your calendar:

**Tuesdays June 25, July 23, August 20 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Free Admission at Sammamish Godfather's Pizza**

### Lifeguarding at Pine Lake

This summer the City will be partnering with King County to continue Lifeguard Services at Pine Lake Park. Lifeguards will be present from noon until 7:00 p.m. beginning Sunday, June 16 through Sunday, August 25 and then again over Labor Day weekend, August 31-September 2.

**Come spend a day picnicking and swimming in Pine Lake Park**



As the end of the school year approaches, the Sammamish Youth Board looks back on the year with a great sense of accomplishment. The Board has shared their interest and energy with the community while partnering with local groups such as Kiwanis and the Sammamish Police. Each member's hard work and dedication has contributed to a very successful first year.

Some achievements include:

- Coordinated local community service opportunities for youth
- Planned and managed '847 Decibels', a teen concert for youth
- Sponsored a holiday giving tree to benefit local needy families
- Participated in quarterly meetings with the Lake Washington School Superintendent

Current members will be welcoming 19 new members in the Fall to work on goals for the 2002-3 school year. Selected members range from 9-12 grade and represent Sammamish schools.



*Pictured from left to right: (back row) James Leo, Courtney Paine, Ali Khaki, Celia Kerr, Elizabeth Cochran, Lars-Erik Olofsson, Katie Nielsen; (front row): Megan Brewster, Laura Knudsen, Sarah Kliff, Will Voinot-Baron.*



*Due to its budget crisis that threatens the closure of many of its parks, King County is in the process of transferring Beaver Lake Park to the City of Sammamish.*

## Beaver Lake Park Transfer Negotiated

The City of Sammamish has reached a preliminary agreement with King County in negotiating the transfer of Beaver Lake Park. The current budget crisis that the County is faced with has threatened to the future closure of the Park. Last winter Beaver Lake Park was one of the dozens of parks that the County closed for four months.

This transfer allows Sammamish to provide an improved level of park maintenance at Beaver Lake consistent with the standards we are implementing at our other parks. Also, the City Council is interested in this transfer as it gives the city an opportunity to consider expansion of recreation space in the park as a potential method of addressing our current deficit of sports fields.

## Parks and Recreation Commission

We want to recognize and thank former Park Commissioners, Christine Svensson, Bente Pasko and Russ Sanderson who completed their two-year term. We all appreciate their thoughtful contributions and time. We now welcome the new members of the Park Commission who are: Lynn Rehn, Pat Schlight, Tom Schloetter and alternates Cornell Amaya, Robert Armstead and David Lee. We look forward to working together on the exciting development of our new park system.

Park systems include many different qualities to meet the needs of citizens of all ages with many different interests. The master planning process for Pine Lake Park is an excellent example of neighbors, staff and planning experts working together to develop the special character of an individual park. This positive process will be practiced as we plan the development of each parcel of park property owned and acquired by the City. Meeting members of the community as we planned Pine Lake Park was fun! We invite you to participate in planning workshops in the future. Your City Council, staff experts, and members of the Park Commission really listen to your excellent ideas.

Today, developing a systems of parks reflects the concepts of Fredrick Law Olmstead who designed Central Park in New York, the national Capitol grounds, and several parks and connections in Seattle. He believed natural scenery was important for psychological well-being. He invented the concept of a parkway along which green spaces extended the landscaping of parks along the city arterials. In fact, you can see in Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue and Issaquah, as well as our own City, that "greening" public space is reflected by public landscaping. Eastside cities consider the plants and trees within public green space to be part of the park system.

As you read this newsletter, please share our excitement and pride in the invention of an entire system of parks that includes ball fields, play grounds, paths, trails, and public landscaping. Please contact us with any ideas and suggestions you want us to consider. Thanks to each citizen for all your participation. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.



*Interested citizens participate in one of three public meetings held to provide information on the Comprehensive Plan*

## Overview of Public Meetings

The City of Sammamish is currently preparing its first Comprehensive Plan, which will guide local land use decision making and the allocation of public and private resources.

Based on more than two years of effort, the City's Planning Advisory Board (PAB) has prepared land use plan and policy alternatives to highlight policy options regarding the location and character of future growth and development. To further develop the plan concepts, the City of Sammamish held three public meetings in May 2002 to obtain input regarding the plan/policy options.

The open houses on May 18, 20, and 22 were conducted to obtain comments on Draft Land Use Alternatives and range of goals/policies/proposals related to land use, housing, environment, transportation, and parks. The handout presented at these meetings is available online ([www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)). Meetings were held at various locations/times for the convenience of the public. The estimated attendance was:

- Saturday, May 18, Beaver Lake Middle School: 56 persons
- Monday, May 20, Inglewood Junior High: approximately 35
- Wednesday, May 22, Discovery Elementary School: 164 persons

The agenda was as follows:

1. Review boards - 10 minutes
2. City and Consultant presentations
3. Form small groups, quick review of alternative boards
4. Small group discussions

## 5. Group Reports and Wrap Up

Small Group discussions focused on answering these questions:

- What do you like, dislike, or think is missing from the land use alternatives?
- Which land use alternative best meets the City's stated vision for the future?
- Would you like to see additional new development, including:
  - Commercial... if so, where?
  - Post Office... if so, where?
  - Medical Facilities... if so, where?

In addition to obtaining comments through small group discussions, participants received a copy of a "comment sheet" they could fill out at the meeting or return to the City via mail or other method. The requested return deadline was May 28.

## Purpose of Summary

The comments summary is intended to provide some review of general themes that emerged from public meetings, and to transmit meeting notes and written comment sheets/correspondence received as a result of public open houses. While reviewing the summary, public meeting notes, and comment sheets/correspondence, the reader should keep the following in mind:

- Summary results are presented in terms of general or common themes, and are not intended to be thought of in statistical terms, as the participants "self-selected" their participation and were not part of a random "survey."
- Several attendees participated in more than one meeting.

- Additional public input to be considered include results of the City's random phone and mail-in survey conducted in May 2002.

Through public meeting and questions on the comment sheets, the following pages of this document provide a summary of general themes as interpreted by the consultant team. This summary is provided for reference and convenience. Readers are encouraged to review the full list of comments and comment sheets/correspondence, provided in the appendices, to understand the context of discussions and the full comments that participants provided. These are available at City Hall and copies may be purchased for a nominal charge.

## Next Steps

As a public service, a copy of the first draft of the Plan has been printed and posted on the City's website as a reference document. It is expected this working draft will be revised to reflect comments from the three public meetings and as a result of an environmental review conducted by the City. Ultimately, a preferred land use scenario will be selected that may be one of the three land use alternatives presented, or more likely, a hybrid that contains the most desirable features of one or more of the alternatives. Additional public meetings and a public hearing will be scheduled.

It is anticipated a final draft of the Comprehensive Plan and corresponding Environmental Impact Statement will be formally circulated for public review and comment in September 2002.

## Parks, Police and You!

Our City parks are a great place for you, the citizens, to get out and enjoy nature, meet with your neighbors, do a little fishing or watch a great Little League baseball game. The parks need to be safe and clean, and cooperation between all of your City departments ensures that this happens.

Your Police Department enjoys those safe parks as well and wants to make sure we do our best to keep them that way. As the summer months approach and the weather finally improves, you will see an increase in park patrol by all of our officers. We will be doing so by car, on bikes and on foot.

There are several things we look for that can impact your enjoyment. They include alcohol in the park, loud music, reckless driving and improper use of any of the facilities. We also assist animal control by monitoring compliance with dogs on a leash and assist Washington State Fish and Game with enforcement of fishing licenses. We would ask that you call 911 if you see any type of illegal activity taking place in the parks and contact the Parks & Recreation Department with any concerns you have about the facilities themselves. Please take the opportunity to say "hello" to one of your City officers when you see them in the parks and have a great summer!

### MANAGING PINE LAKE BASIN

An informal group of Pine Lake Basin residents, the Association for the Protection of the Pine Lake Environment (APPLE), has been formed to educate and involve lake basin residents and all Sammamish citizens in an effort to measure, attain, and maintain an optimum level of water quality for this historic environmental and recreational asset. Through surveys, informal gatherings, and informal releases; and through further lake studies, it is hoped the residents of that area might consider establishing a lake management district for Pine Lake. This would facilitate developing a scientific and organization infrastructure similar to that which is in place in the Beaver Lake Basin. For those interested in more information about the process, please contact City Clerk Melonie Anderson at [manderson@ci.sammamish.wa.us](mailto:manderson@ci.sammamish.wa.us) or 836-7904.



*The City of Sammamish recently acquired this property along 212th; it will be used as a neighborhood park. The Master Plan process begins this summer.*

## Neighborhood Connections & Town Hall Meetings

*Neighborhood Connections* is a chance for neighborhood associations, homeowner's associations and other organized neighborhood groups to interact with City staff on matters of mutual interest. The meetings are held quarterly with the major topics for presentation developed by the attendees and the City staff. This year's first meeting, in January, featured a briefing on the development of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and how citizens could participate in the process.

The Second meeting in April focused on, the creation of a Sammamish Parks System. Information presented included the Parks & Recreation Open Space Plan, the (upcoming) Trails Master Plan—currently under contract—recent park improvements and this summer's scheduled Concerts in the Park.

The next meeting, set for Monday, July 8, will be devoted to the upcoming NEC Invitational Golf Tournament and its expected impacts on the community.

Because *Neighborhood Connections* meetings focus on organized groups, the City has recently instituted *Town Hall Meetings* to provide citizens with information on current municipal activities. These meetings are held quarterly at a central location with all residents of Sammamish invited to attend. The City's five department heads and the City Manager attend these meeting to present various topics and give citizens an opportunity to ask questions as well as voice concerns.

The first three meetings were held in April, May and June, which featured respectfully, Public Works and Parks & Recreation (twice) and Community Development and Public Safety. Future meetings (see the *CityViews* Calendar elsewhere in this issue) will be on September 12 and November 14.

### FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY HALL NUMBERS

General Reception & Information.....	898-0660
City Council Members	
• Jack Barry.....	837-0060
• Don Gerend.....	392-7531
• Ron Haworth.....	391-8321
• Kathleen Huckabay.....	392-4690
• Ken Kilroy.....	836-9352
• Michele Petitti.....	392-9208
• Troy Romero.....	450-5000
Administrative Services.....	836-7916
City Clerk.....	836-7904
City Manager.....	836-7902
Community Development.....	836-7919
Field & Picnic Shelter Reservations.....	836-7933
Financial Services.....	836-7917
Inspection Request ( <i>don't leave message</i> ).....	898-0660
Parks & Recreation.....	836-7907
Personnel.....	836-7916
Police Dispatch ( <i>if storefront closed</i> ).....	206-296-3311
Police Storefront.....	836-5674
Public Works.....	836-7925

### OTHER LOCAL (425) NUMBERS:

Electrical Permits.....	990-1400
Garbage Collection.....	814-9240
NE Water & Sewer.....	868-1144
Plateau Water & Sewer.....	392-6256
Puget Sound Energy.....	455-5120
Sammamish Library.....	836-8793



# CITY HALL CALENDAR

## JULY

**Monday, July 1**

- Finance Committee, 12:00pm

**Tuesday, July 2**

- Public Works Committee, 5:30pm
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30pm

**Thursday, July 4**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**  
*City Offices Closed*

**Monday, July 8**

- Neighborhood Connections, 6:30pm

**Tuesday, July 9**

- Council Study Session, 7:30pm (*If necessary*)
- Trails, Bikeways & Paths Meeting, 7:00pm (*Skyline High School*)

**Thursday, July 11**

- PAB Transportation Subcommittee, 7:00pm

**Monday, July 15**

- Parks & Recreation Commission, 6:30pm

**Tuesday, July 16**

- Community Development Committee, 5:30pm
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30pm

**Thursday, July 18**

- Planning Advisory Board (PAB), 7:00pm
- Central Park/ City Hall Meeting, 7:00 pm (*Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church*)

**Tuesday, July 23**

- Sammamish Youth Board, 6:00pm (*Sammamish Library*)
- City Council Study Session, 7:30pm

## AUGUST

**Thursday, August 1**

- Planning Advisory Board, 7:00pm

**Monday, August 5**

- Finance Committee, 12:00pm

**Tuesday, August 6**

- Public Works Committee, 5:30pm
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00pm

**Wednesday, August 7**

- East Sammamish Corridor Meeting, 7:00pm (*Skyline High School*)

**Thursday, August 8**

- PAB Public Involvement Subcommittee, 7:00pm

**Tuesday, August 15**

- Council Study Session, 7:30 (*If necessary*)

**Monday, August 19**

- Park & Recreation Commission, 6:30pm
- Central Park/ City Hall Meeting, 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, August 20**

- Community Development Committee, 5:30pm
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30pm

**Tuesday, August 27**

- Sammamish Youth Board, 6:30pm (*Sammamish Library*)

## SEPTEMBER

**Monday, September 2**

**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**  
*City Offices Closed*

**Tuesday, September 3**

- Public Works Committee, 5:30pm
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30pm

**Thursday, September 5**

- Planning Advisory Board, 7:00pm

**Tuesday, September 10**

- Council Study Session, 7:30pm (*If necessary*)

**Thursday, September 12**

- PAB/Public Involvement Subcommittee, 7:00pm
- Town Hall Meeting, 7:00pm (*location to be announced*)

**Monday, September 16**

- Park & Recreation Commission, 6:30pm

**Tuesday, September 17**

- Community Development Committee, 5:30pm
- City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30pm

**Tuesday, September 24**

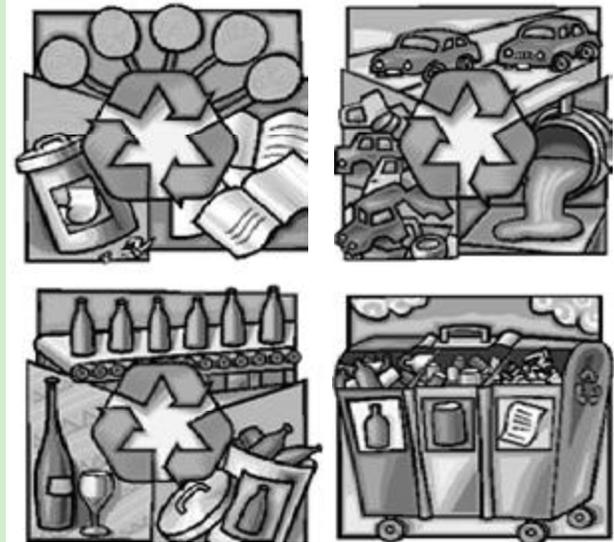
- Sammamish Youth Board, 6:00pm (*Sammamish Library*)
- City Council Study Session, 7:30pm
- Park & Recreation Commission, 7:00pm

**Citizens are encouraged to attend any public meeting and provide comments.**

## ***Sammamish to Host Business Recycling Collection Event***

Many Sammamish businesses need assistance finding opportunities to divert recyclable materials from the landfill. Because of this, the City of Sammamish is sponsoring a Sammamish Business Recycling Collection Event specifically for ~~the City commercial sector~~. All Sammamish businesses are invited to attend the Sammamish Business Recycling Collection Event. At this event, Sammamish businesses can divert materials from the landfill by recycling and reuse. This saves landfill space and helps the City achieve a higher level of recycling.

- **What:** Sammamish Business Recycling Collection Event
- **When:** Thursday, August 8, 2002, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Where:** Eastlake High School Parking Lot - 400 228th NE
- **Fees:** \$10 fee for computer monitors, \$25 fee for refrigerators. All user fees will be cash only.



## SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Jack Barry  
Councilmember



Don Gerend  
Councilmember



Ken Kilroy  
Deputy Mayor



Ron Haworth  
Councilmember



Kathleen Huckabay  
Councilmember



Michele Petitti  
Councilmember



Troy Romero  
Mayor

## Council Meeting Highlights

### APRIL

■ The Council passed a resolution supporting the expansion of the proposed Issaquah Highlands Park and Ride lot from 500 stalls to 1000. The expansion of this lot will be beneficial to residents in both Sammamish and Issaquah.

■ A contract was approved to provide new aerial photographs of the City. This is a joint operation with the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District. The photos will be used to location the precise location of utilities as well as helping to identify steep slopes and other sensitive areas throughout the City.

■ Council approved the reimbursement of purchasing additional park property from the proceeds of the bond issuance.

■ Six new members were appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission to fill vacancies created by expired terms. The Council had many talented candidates to chose from, and after careful consideration appointed the following local residents: Lynn Rehn, Thomas Schloetter, Patrick Andrew Schlight; and Cornell Amaya, Robert Armstead, David Lee as alternates.

### MAY

■ Council approved the a number of streets for resurfacing sometime this summer in the 2002 Street Surface Overlay Program. A specific schedule for the affected streets will be posted on website.

■ A long-term jail contract with Yakima County was approved. Earlier this year the Council approved a short-term contract with Yakima County as a stop-gap measure to provide jail services after being notified by King

County that their rates for this service would be greatly increased in the next contract. The Yakima County contract provides for transportation and other services as needed for the maintenance of prisoners.

■ The Council entered into a contract with ARC Architects to provide several different concepts for the proposed Central Park which will include a city hall and other park features. There will be a series of public meetings at which time concepts will be presented for comment.

■ On May 14 the City Council met with State Senator Dino Rossi, State Representatives Glenn Anderson, Toby Nixon, Cheryl Pflug, Laura Ruderman and King County Council Representative Kathy Lambert. Council requested help and cooperation from our representatives concerning Sales Tax Equalization, Transportation issues, Annexation laws and County Park acquisition.

■ A consultant was chosen to design alternatives for improvement of the 244th Street corridor. This street has the highest priority in the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan as approved by the City Council.

### JUNE

■ On June 4 the Council awarded a contract to Wiscomb Landscape Architecture Services to design the master plan for the 212<sup>th</sup> Street SE Neighborhood Park. The master plan process for this Neighborhood Park will include community participation and input at key stages, Parks & Recreation Commission review and input, and City Council review and input through-out the project.

■ Nineteen new members were appointed to the Sammamish Youth Board. These students represent all Junior and Senior High Schools in both districts. This is the second year the Youth Board has been in existence.

For more information contact Lynne Handlos, Recreation Coordinator at (425) 836-7933.

■ After holding public meetings with the residents and having discussions with school district representatives and fire department officials a decision was made to pursue the option of a roundabout at the intersection of Issaquah Pine Lake Road and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE.

■ A study session was held in June to begin planning for the 2003/2004 City budget.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?



The City is forming an **Arts Task Force** to explore options for deciding what mechanism it might use to provide public art to the community. Citizens who would like to serve on the task force should send a letter of interest and resume to:

Lola Nelson-Mills  
City of Sammamish  
486 - 228th Ave. NE  
Sammamish, WA 98074



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