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Mayor Christie Malchow

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Three Easy Ways to Engage the Council

I often hear our residents don't have the time to give their elected officials input or don't know how or when to do it. If you had a concern, or desired to engage with your City Councilmembers, would you know how or who to reach out to on the seven member Council? In an ongoing effort to make it easier for you to engage with your City government, I wanted to provide you with a few easy ways that you can get your questions or concerns addressed by the City Council.

For residents with lots to say, but little time, there are many ways to connect with policy makers. Council office hours occur once per month, at 5pm the first Tuesday of the month. For one hour, up to three Councilmembers are available to speak on any subject you desire. If a Tuesday evening meeting doesn't work, you can contact us by email, each of our email addresses are on the back of this newsletter, or email all of us simultaneously at citycouncil@sammamish.us.

If email is not your preferred communication method, consider giving public comment at a City Council meeting. We typically take public comment at the beginning of meetings. Individuals have three minutes to speak, and recognized community organizations have five minutes. If you desire to present photos or a powerpoint, those need to be submitted by 5pm the day of the meeting to manderson@sammamish.us. The City Council meets three to four times per month and meetings are typically on the first three Tuesdays of each month. We also meet the first Monday of each month for a Study Session, but public comment is not taken during this meeting. Meetings typically begin at 6:30pm, but check the City's calendar online to confirm and view the agenda.

If evening meetings don't work with your schedule, each Councilmember is willing to sit down with you one-on-one. Sometimes the more casual setting of a local coffee shop and the diminished constraint of three minutes is a better means to address a Councilmember. Email any one of us to set up a meeting.

In 2018 and beyond, I hope you will engage with us. The more we are all informed and involved, the better Sammamish will be!

4 WAYS TO BE *HEARD*

1. ***EMAIL*** the full council: **citycouncil@sammamish.us**
2. ***ATTEND*** Council office hours
3. Give ***PUBLIC COMMENT*** at Council meetings or Commission meetings
4. ***REQUEST*** a one-on-one meeting

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Make It a Glass Day!

The City of Sammamish Arts Commission invites you to Make It A Glass Day! This hands-on glass mosaic project event pairs students who have special needs with a teen/tween volunteer as a mentor for the day. The event takes place on Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Sammamish Teen Center on 825 228th Ave NE.

Students, ages 6-18, will work under the direction of professional artists/instructors to create a fused glass project, a tumbled glass mosaic project, and an interactive mural to be displayed in our community. This is a FREE inclusive event, and parents are welcome to join for coffee/tea to meet other families and share insights, encouragement and resources.

Register online at http://form.jotform.com/73176617160153

For information please contact Lin Garretson, Sammamish Arts Commissioner at specialartssammamish@gmail.com or Chris Jordan, Recreation Manager, at cjordan@sammamish.us or (425) 295-0524

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer at Ebright Creek Park

DATE AND TIME

Saturday, February 24, 2018
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Saturday, March 10, 2018
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

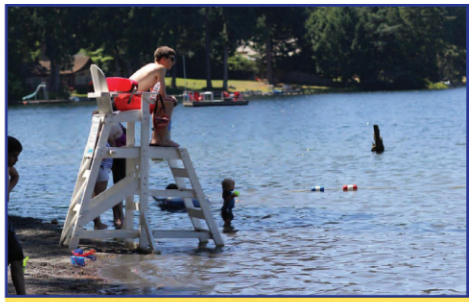
LOCATION

Ebright Creek Park
1317 212th Ave SE
Sammamish, WA 98075

Ebright Creek is a salmon bearing creek which runs into Lake Sammamish. The City of Sammamish is partnering with the Sammamish YMCA and volunteers with the Washington Native Plant Society to restore this important creek by removing invasive weeds and planting native trees and shrubs. Give back to your community, learn about native plants and enhance salmon habitat!

SIGN UP!

Staff Contact
Elby Jones, Volunteer Coordinator, (425) 295-0556



Summer Jobs Available

Thinking ahead to summer employment? Pine Lake Park needs a beach manager and junior and senior lifeguards. We will train you! Contact lhandlos@sammamish.us for more information.
www.govjobstoday.com

Klahanie Park Drainage Improvements

Drainage improvements to the baseball field at Klahanie Park were completed in fall 2017. This project consisted of the removal and replacement of the existing natural turf surface, modifications to irrigation, construction of a new warning track and installation of new bases. Klahanie Park was transferred to the City as part of the Klahanie annexation in January 2016.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Whether you're a small company, a well-established business, or a high-profile agency, you can partner with the City of Sammamish to bring fun, family-friendly events to Sammamish residents, all while increasing your brand awareness.

5 reasons to partner with the City

1. Build community goodwill and have your brand associated with fun, family-friendly events such as The Fourth on the Plateau, Pine Lake Summer Concert Series, Sammamish Days, Very Merry Sammamish, KidsFirst!, and Rig-a-Palooza.
2. Unique opportunities for face-to-face interaction with potential customers.
3. A chance to enhance your brand in ways that your storefront or website can't.
4. Be a hospitality host, become part of the community fabric and experience these special events from the inside.
5. Network with other local businesses.

To view the sponsorship opportunities visit: bit.ly/sammamishsponsorships.

Contact Chris Jordan at (425) 295-0524, or cjordan@sammamish.us to identify just the right opportunity for you.

Stormwater

Why is Erosion and Sediment Control Important?

Are these black silt fences really needed? Do I really have to cover my dirt piles with plastic? Do I have to cover my exposed soils? Do I really need a construction entrance? The answer to all of these questions is **yes**.

Construction run-off is one of the primary contributors to water quality degradation in the greater Puget Sound area and is regulated under federal, state and local laws and ordinances. In addition to harming our water quality, construction run-off is harmful to our aquatic environment. With the rainy season upon us it is important to take extra precautions when exposing bare soils to the elements. Even during our dryer summer months, we still get the occasional rain shower, so it is important that we're always vigilant about protecting our waterways.

Here are some tips to help avoid erosion and sedimentation control problems during the rainy season:

- Check and repair perimeter erosion control prior to every rainfall event.
- Cover stock piles and exposed soils at the end of the work day and prior to weekends or holidays.
- Keep in mind that plastic coverings require maintenance.
- Wind can blow away or tear up plastic cover making it ineffective. Be aware that these plastic coverings can collect rain water in large volumes and accelerate the run-off; therefore it is important that you have a place for this run-off to go.
- Monitor and maintain your construction entrances.

Remember weather can change very rapidly and can be unpredictable. Keep extra supplies of erosion control materials on site (i.e. plastic, straw bales. etc.) so they are available when the need arises.

City Manager's Office

Employee Appreciation

City staff work around the clock to make sure that Sammamish remains a beautiful, safe and vibrant community. On January 4th, the City took a moment to honor a few outstanding employees at our annual staff breakfast. This year's awardees were Sammamish Police Department Deputy Kyle Rip for Officer or the Year, Eastside Fire and Rescue Captain Pete Sandford for Firefighter of the Year, and City Clerk, Melonie Anderson for Employee of the year. The Team of the Year was awarded to The Fourth on the Plateau planning team, who managed the Independence Day celebration with thousands of people seamlessly. Thank you all for your contributions to the great City of Sammamish!

City Launches Branding Effort

The City of Sammamish has recently begun a research-driven, community-wide branding initiative to define and highlight what is distinct and special about our beloved Sammamish home.

Next week the City will launch the first step in our community branding initiative, conducting research to figure out what Sammamish's existing reputation is. City staff and branding consultant, North Star Destination Strategies, will reach out to a variety of community leaders representing a broad spectrum of the population (e.g. civic leaders, environmental advocates, historians, and representatives from arts and culture) to determine and validate Sammamish's greatest strengths and assets. The research collected will allow the consultants to describe our community's story based on our greatest strengths, and develop creative tools, strategies, and advocacy programs that help close the gap between the two.

The City of Sammamish branding effort is possible due to a $61,250 grant from the Port of Seattle. To bring outside objectivity to the project, Sammamish has partnered with Nashville-based North Star Destination Strategies. North Star has helped develop community brands for over 200 communities in 45 states nationwide. The final product from North Star will include a refreshed logo, wayfinding, and a variety of deliverables that will help the City develop materials that have a consistent and professional look and feel.

If you are interested in learning more about Sammamish's branding initiative, visit SammamishBrand.com. You can register there to be notified when the community-wide survey is available. To learn more about North Star Destination Strategies, go to northstarideas.com.

City Receives Awards for Excellence in Financial Transparency and Reporting

The City of Sammamish is pleased to announced that once again the Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the City Finance Department with the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

This is the seventh consecutive year the City has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, and the eighth consecutive year the City has received the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award.

"I want to acknowledge the dedicated staff of the City's Finance Department, and their continued commitment to achieving the highest standards of financial planning and transparency," said City Manager Lyman Howard.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award reflects the City's commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well a budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

For more information on the CAFR visit http://bit.ly/SammamishCAFR.

Sammamish's New Human Services Commission

The City Council recently approved the formation of a seven-member Human Services Commission to provide guidance regarding human service needs in and around Sammamish. The Commission will continue the work of the Human Services Task Force including determining human services priorities, managing human service grants and funding requests, and investigating emerging human services issues or concerns. The Human Services Commission's regular schedule is to meet the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at City Hall in the Council Chambers. To avoid a conflict with Valentine's Day, their first meeting will be held the third Wednesday – February 21, 2018. These meetings will be open to the public but will not be recorded or televised. For more information about the Human Services Commission visit http://bit.ly/SammamishHumanServices.

Know Before You Grow

Invasive plants are species that are not native to an area and whose introduction is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. These plants can be destructive to the local ecosystem because they out-compete native plants that animals rely on for food or shelter.

Over 100 species of harmful invasive plants have been identified throughout King County. Known as noxious weeds, these species were introduced by humans though a wide variety of sources such as contaminated seeds, mud on vehicles, ornamental garden plants, wildflower mixes, yard waste dumping, aquariums, and water gardens.

Here are 4 ways you can help stop the spread of invasive plants in your community:

1. **Know before you grow**. Information and maps for invasive species commonly found in Sammamish are available at Kingcounty.gov.
2. **Replace invasives with native plant species**. Be sure to follow best management practices for safe removal and disposal: bit.ly/KingCounty-Invasives
3. **Avoid introducing invasives to new areas.** Don't agitate invasive plants when berries or seeds are present. Be sure to clean hiking boots and gear between trips. Compost unwanted house plants instead of tossing into nearby parks or woods.
4. **Get involved**. Volunteer for upcoming events to plant native trees and shrubs at Evans Creek Preserve and Ebright Creek: bit.ly/Sammamish-Volunteer/. Share information about environmentally friendly weed control with your neighborhood or community group.

Tansy Ragwort, an invasive noxious weed found in Sammamish.

For additional information and resources, please visit www.sammamish.us and search for Integrated Pest Management and Stewardship Programs.

CITY WELCOMES NEW COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Please join the City of Sammamish in welcoming our new Communications Manager, Kellie Stickney. Kellie most recently comes from the City of Bainbridge Island where she served as the Communications Manager for the past four years, and was instrumental in developing the City's communications program. Kellie earned a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Washington Evans School, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Additionally, she brings experience in marketing, brand development, social media, website redesign, wayfinding, facilitation, event planning, and media relations.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to serve the Sammamish community," said Communications Manager Kellie Stickney. "I look forward to working closely with City staff, Council, and community leaders to develop a robust communications program that both informs and engages community members."

If you're interested in learning how you, your community group, or your business can better engage with the City of Sammamish, please contact Kellie Stickney at kstickney@sammamish.us or at 425-295-0555.

CITY CALENDAR

February

Thursday, Feb. 1
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Joint Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Meeting

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, Feb. 5
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
City Council Study Session

Tuesday, Feb. 6
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
City Council Regular Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 7
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting - Canceled

Saturday, Feb. 10
all-day
Special Arts Sammamish presents: "Gen~Thriller"

Friday, Feb. 9th
7:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Special Arts Sammamish presents: "Gen~Thriller"

Saturday, Feb. 10
9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Volunteer for Chinese New Year!

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sammamish Chinese New Year Cultural Celebration

Tuesday, Feb. 13
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
City Council Study Session

Thursday, Feb 15
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, Feb. 19
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
President's Day (Observed) - City offices closed

Wednesday, Feb. 21
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Human Services Commission Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 24
10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Build It Sammamish LEGO Event

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Volunteer at Ebright Creek Park

Monday, Feb. 26
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Arts Commission Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 27th
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
City Council Regular Meeting

March

Thursday, March 1
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, Mar. 5
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
City Council Study Session

Tuesday, Mar. 6
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
City Council Regular Meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 7
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Saturday, Mar. 10
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Volunteer at Ebright Creek Park

Tuesday, Mar. 13
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
City Council Study Session

Tuesday, Feb. 20th
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm
City Council Regular Meeting

Thursday, Mar. 15
6:30 am - 8:30 am
Planning Commission Meeting

Saturday, Mar. 17
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Special Arts Sammamish presents: "Make It A Glass Day!"

Wednesday, Mar. 21
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Sammamish Youth Board

Monday, Mar. 26
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Arts Commission Meeting

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

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