



# **BAM!** COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## **June 29**

[Volunteer at Ebright Creek Park](#)

[Sammamish Walks - Beaver Lake Park](#)

[EF&R Fire Preparedness Forum](#)

## **July 1**

[City Council Study Session](#)

## **July 2**

[City Council Regular Meeting](#)

## **July 4**

[Fourth on the Plateau!](#)

City Hall Offices Closed

## **July 9**

[Kids First! - Rick Huddle](#)

[City Council Joint Study Session with Sewer Districts](#)

**July 10**

[Sammamish Farmers Market](#)

**July 11**

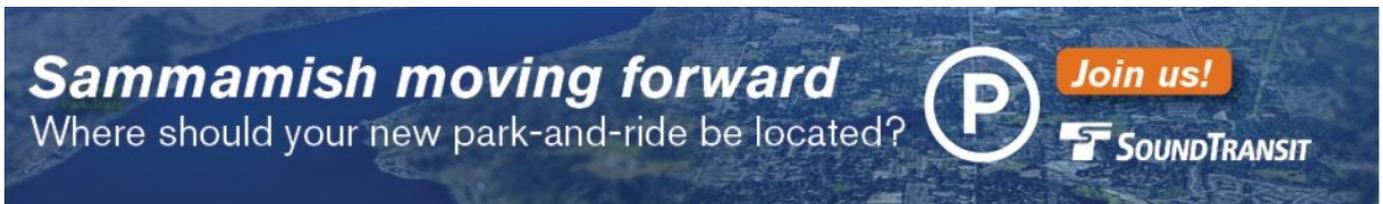
[Concerts in the Park - Steve Kelly & the Cherry Cherry Band](#)

**July 12**

[Outdoor Movie on the Plaza](#)



[North Sammamish Park & Ride Open House at City Hall on July 11](#)



The City and Sound Transit have been working together to study options for where to locate a park-and-ride in the northern end of the City. We want to hear from you. The park-and-ride will include up to 200 spaces and connect to local and regional transit options.

**Date:** Thursday, July 11, 2019

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm – Presentation at 6:30pm

**Location:** Sammamish City Hall, 801 228<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA

More info is available on Sound Transit's website: <https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/north-sammamish-park-ride>.

## [Fireworks Regulations Provide Protection for Our Community](#)

With Independence Day festivities next week, we want to remind residents that it's been illegal to use personal fireworks in the City of Sammamish for years – to help protect people from injury and also to protect property.

Please play it safe and leave the fireworks to the professionals – join us for a fantastic show at the [4<sup>th</sup> on the Plateau!](#) This FREE event at Sammamish Commons kicks off at 6 p.m. with live bands, food trucks, bouncy houses, and more; the fireworks show begins at 10 pm.

To report fireworks in your neighborhood please use the non-emergency dispatch number 206-296-3311.

In 2018 the City of Sammamish made changes to its fireworks regulations; the changes outline who can be held responsible for illegal possession and discharge of fireworks. Under these regulations, the discharge of fireworks by any “responsible person” will result in a \$1000 penalty for the first violation, \$5000 for the second, and \$10,000 for a third violation.

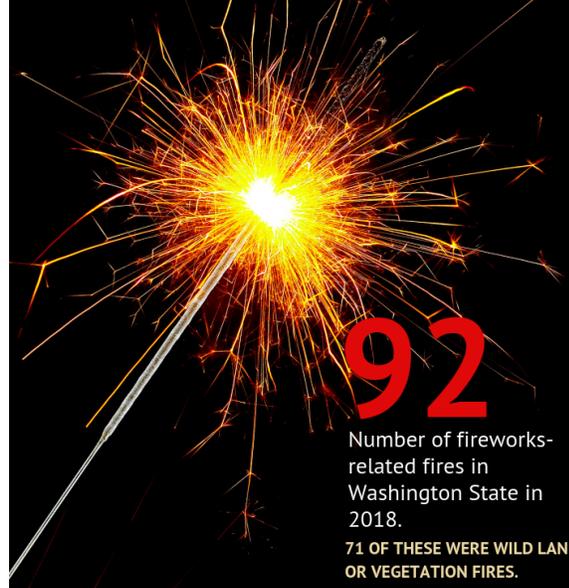
For more information on Sammamish’s fireworks Ordinance visit

<https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Sammamish/html/Sammamish08/Sammamish0810.html#8.10>

# FACTS ABOUT FIREWORKS

**209** Number of fireworks-related injuries reported by hospitals, clinics, and fire agencies in Washington State in 2018.

DATA SHOWS THAT 88 OF THESE INJURIES WERE CAUSED BY HOLDING THE FIREWORKS - INCLUDING SPARKLERS - TOO LONG ONCE LIT.



**92**

Number of fireworks-related fires in Washington State in 2018.

71 OF THESE WERE WILD LAND OR VEGETATION FIRES.

**\$161,475**

Cost of damages caused by fireworks-related fires in Washington State in 2018.

**\$1,000**

Fine for the first violation of Sammamish's firework regulations.

Please, play it safe and leave the fireworks to the professionals.



## Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? Now There's One Page to List Them All!

The City of Sammamish has a new webpage that makes finding and signing up for volunteer opportunities faster and easier than ever! And it's not just about volunteering, the page (<https://sammamish.galaxydigital.com/need/>)

also has upcoming events and lists several local service agencies. It's a one-stop shop for getting more involved in our community - check it out today!

## Sammamish Summer of Safety: Family Emergency Plans



An important facet to family safety is having a plan and being prepared in case an emergency strikes, and talking about it with every member of your family.

It doesn't take long, and a good plan can increase everyone's personal sense of security and peace of mind. There are easy templates available at <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

Remember: Emergencies can happen at any time and your family might not be together. Knowing what you will do to get in contact with one another, as well as how and where you will meet up is key.

Be prepared, have a kit, a family plan and always stay informed.



# THE CONE ZONE

## Public Works Updates for June 28 - July 5, 2019

### Verizon 5G

The work crews will continue to install the underground fiberoptic conduit along 228<sup>th</sup> near Central Washington University. This work is being done by directional drilling a the small mobile drill rig off the side of the roadway.

### Curb Ramp Retrofits and Sidewalk Repairs

Work continues on our annual [Curb Ramp Retrofit and Sidewalk Repair Project](#). The work within Klahanie should be finishing up early next week, and crews will then be moving to 211<sup>th</sup> Way NE.

You can find a handy map of all the sites [here](#).

### PSE Gas

PSE continues to work on the patching and overlays in the locations of the gas main and residential service lines off of NE 25<sup>th</sup> Way. The final paving along NE 25<sup>th</sup> Way is currently scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### SE 4th Street Improvements

The contractor will be working Monday through Wednesday and will be off July 4 and 5. They will be concentrating on storm drainage work and clearing the site in preparation for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

### Advance Warning for July 6: Eastside Triathlon

On Saturday, July 6, **the Eastside Triathlon will be occurring along East Lake Sammamish Parkway from the City Limits up to the intersection with Inglewood Hill Road. The race event will be between the hours of 6:50 am and 8:30 am.** During the race event time there will be no westbound to southbound turning movements allowed at the Inglewood Intersection. This means the downhill direction traffic headed towards the Lake will be unable to make a left hand turn at the intersection to head towards Issaquah. There will be uniformed police officers at the intersections of Inglewood Hill Road and ELSP, Louis Thompson Hill Road and ELSP, and 212<sup>th</sup> Way at ELSP. For more information regarding the race, please visit their web page at <http://www.eastsidetri.com/>

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As we approach the celebration of our country's independence, it's important to remember that America was founded as an experiment. At the time, the idea of creating a society governed by ordinary citizens was audacious...and an act of treason. We fought a war for this experiment; people lost their homes, their loved ones, and their lives protecting and defending the ideals of equality, liberty, justice, and opportunity for all.

Thomas Jefferson, the principal author of the Declaration of Independence, later wrote, "The flames kindled on the 4th of July, 1776, have spread across too much of the globe to be extinguished..." Sadly, though, these days we are seeing some of the flames grow dim:

- American voter turnout ranks near the bottom among democratic nations – in general, fewer than half of our citizens actually take advantage of their right to vote.
- Even though the Greater Seattle area scores pretty well in the national [Civic Health Index](#), the report notes "There are great disparities in our community's civic participation corresponding to disparities in education, income, race, and physical health."

Civic health is defined as "**the strength within a community to work together to tackle collective problems.** It's having places—parks, public squares, museums—and times—holidays, elections, football games—where we connect with one another. It's having means to express our values and voices and being informed and open to others' priorities and experiences. It's partnering with and redressing our government. It's power and mutual responsibility."

Why is it important? Strong **civic health** positively affects all of us as individuals; it impacts our career prospects, our physical well-being, and our relationships with neighbors. It also **affects our community's resilience and prosperity.**

I'm not saying that working on improving civic health is easy; it takes commitment. In the period leading up to the American Revolutionary War about 20 percent of the colonists remained loyal to the British monarchy, and public debates about allegiance, freedom, taxes were common.

After the war was over there was even more public discourse about what form the new government should take. But these discussions were held. People got involved. They spoke their minds. Printed pamphlets. Talked with neighbors. Yup; even way back in 1783, they knew that when people are involved and engaged, their lives and their communities are improved and enriched.

In an ironic twist, it seems the best way to celebrate our Independence (and honor those who fought for our freedoms) is to work together.

The premise of our democratic form of government – a government of the people, by the people and for the people – is that government is legitimate only when the people as a whole participate in their own self-rule.

As always, if you have a questions or comments about this newsletter I hope you'll reach out - you can send an email to [Communications@sammamish.us](mailto:Communications@sammamish.us) . You may also text or call us at 425-606-7435.

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